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## **ADAP Advocacy Association Seats Board Members**

"New Faces include Guy Anthony"

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 10, 2017) – The <u>ADAP Advocacy</u> <u>Association</u>, also known as <u>aaa+®</u>, today announced that it has seated its Board of Directors for 2017-2019. Newly seated board members include Guy Anthony of New York, NY.

"Guy Anthony has been actively involved with our organization for the last several years – including keynoting at our Annual ADAP Conference – and his addition to our governing body further strengthens our ties to advocates at the community level," said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. "He is widely recognized for his work to promote treatment adherence and achieving viral suppression, which is consistent with much of our national advocacy efforts."

ada+® is governed by a dedicated, diverse volunteer board of directors. The organization now benefits from the combined experience of seven HIV-positive members, two ADAP recipients (plus three former ADAP recipients), one physician, one pharmacist, nine influential community activists, and two disability/diversity rights champions. The board of directors includes:

Michelle Anderson of Dallas, Texas; Guy Anthony of New York, New York;

William E. Arnold of Washington, DC; Wanda Brendle-Moss of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Elmer L. Cerano of Lansing, Michigan; Eric Flowers of Oakland, California (Ramsell Corporation corporate representative); Darryl Fore of Cincinnati, Ohio; Philip A. Haddad, MD of Shreveport, Louisiana; Hilary Hansen of Washington, DC (Merck corporate representative); Jen Laws of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Glen Pietrandoni of Deerfield, Illinois (Walgreens corporate representative); Joey Wynn of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Brandon M. Macsata (ex-officio) of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Guy Anthony is Co-Founder and President of Black, Gifted & Whole who is a well-respected HIV/AIDS activist, community leader, and author. Diagnosed with HIV as a teen, Guy has dedicated his adult life to the pursuit of neutralizing global HIV/Aids-related stigmas. He released Pos(+)tively Beautiful: Affirmations, Advocacy & Advice on World AIDS Day in 2012. This collection of inspiring narratives, raw imagery, and affirming anecdotes have earned Guy much acclaim, including being named one of the top 100 HIV prevention leaders under 30 by POZ Magazine and as one of the top 100 Black LGBTQ/SGL Emerging Leaders to Watch by National Black Justice Coalition.

Guy served as a Program Manager/Coordinator for the Treatment Adherence program at Us Helping Us, a local AIDS service organization serving Black communities in the Washington, DC area for two years. In his role at US Helping Us, Guy worked with newly diagnosed Black gay men to help them come to terms with their status, navigate the complex health care system so they can access care, and develop plans for them to adhere to their treatment regimen and achieve viral suppression. Guy also served on Washington, DC's Metropolitan Ryan White Planning Council, overseeing millions of dollars in HIV funding for the city for two terms and is a regular contributor to AIDS.gov and POZ.com. Guy serves as a brand ambassador to ViiV Healthcare, one of the country's largest pharmaceutical companies. He is the President/CEO the Black, Gifted & Whole Foundation, a two-fold intermediary organization that provides scholarships to Black gay men attending Historically Black Colleges & Universities.

Guy is currently focused on providing mentorship and financial assistance to the six Black, Gifted & Whole HBCU ambassadors from across the country.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or its Board of Directors, please email <a href="mailto:info@adapadvocacyassociation.org">info@adapadvocacyassociation.org</a>.

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