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**Black United Fund Awards Exec. Dir. Sheila Venson**



YCCS Executive Director Sheila Venson received the 2011 Torch Flame of Excellence award for her leadership at Youth Connection Charter School from the Black United Fund on October 8 at the Parkway Ballroom. The Black United Fund is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the African-American experience through community partnership. The award honors individuals who have found exceptional success and made a significant positive impact in mentoring African-American youth.

Ms. Venson was one of twelve visionaries who received a designer statuette with the acknowledgement "whose leadership and accomplishment shine as a bright light in the Chicago community."

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