

What to Expect at the 2025 PAL Awards Gala

We can't wait to have you join us for the **57th Annual PAL Awards Gala** on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**, at **Switch House in Penn Treaty Park**.

While many elements of the evening will feel familiar, **the venue and flow of the event have changed** this year. Please review these important details to help you prepare for an inspiring evening celebrating this year's honorees and supporting PAL's mission of *Cops Helping Kids*.

Please note: If you have not yet submitted the names of your guests, please email to palawards@phillypal.org to assist with registration and name tag preparation.

Event Details

Venue: Switch House - 1325 Beach Street, Philadelphia PA 19125

We recommend using the address instead of the location name, as the venue name can bring you to another location.

Parking:

Complimentary valet parking will be available on-site. Please stay straight on Beach Street and do not turn into the gate.

If you are using rideshare, please turn into the gate for signs towards Switch House.

Attire:

Cocktail or business professional is recommended.

Program and Reception Overview:

This year, we are leading the evening with impact first, beginning with the Awards Program. Dinner and networking will directly follow.

A few important reminders:

- As in past years, **this is not a sit-down dinner and there are no assigned tables** (*during the program certain sponsors will have reserved auditorium-style seating*).
 - Following the program, the event will transition to a networking-style reception with high-top and small rounds for guests to enjoy the gourmet food stations. This format is designed to encourage movement, conversation, and deeper connections throughout the evening.
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Evening Schedule

5:00 PM – VIP Reception

Guests are invited to join us for an intimate cocktail reception to connect with the Honorees, the city's top civic and community changemakers, featuring an open bar, Cescaphe signature seafood extravaganza and passed hors d'oeuvres.

**** Reception tickets were given starting at the Bronze level sponsorship**

5:30 PM – General Admission Doors Open

All guests are welcome as doors open. Please grab a glass of wine, enjoy a signature “PALTini” and butlered hors d'oeuvres before finding your seat for the program.

**** Gold level sponsors and above will have reserved seating, the bar will open for the post-program reception only.**

6:00 PM – Awards Program Begins

Our impactful program will highlight the inspiring achievements of PAL youth and honor our three outstanding community leaders **Timothy J. Abell, Ryan N. Boyer, Sheila Hess, and Lew Klein PAL Officer of the year Jackie Little, Wynnefield PAL**

Keynote Addresses will be delivered by:

- **Mayor Cherelle L. Parker**
- **Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel**

The program will be emceed by **Denise Nakano**, KYW Newsradio, alongside PAL Scholarship recipient **Aaron Foy**.

7:00 PM – Dinner Reception Begins Directly Following the Program and Live Auction

8:30 PM – Mobile Bidding Ends and Silent Auction Closes

Live and Silent Auction

PAL has over 150 amazing items to bid on during the auction. All bidding will be done through mobile bidding app. [Click here to view the items and pre-register if you are not already.](#)

Live Auction once-in-a-lifetime experiences, include:

- A private dinner for eight with Eagles Super Bowl Champion **Brandon Graham on Thursday May 22, 2025**
- Luxury vacations to **France and Portugal**
- Philadelphia Police Department behind the scenes **Reality-Based Training experience**

Auction Pre-Registration

To participate in the evening's silent auction, we encourage you to pre-register by texting **2025PALAWARDS** to **243725**.

Thank you again for your support! If you still have any questions regarding the evening, please contact palawards@phillypal.org or charris@phillypal.org

Your attendance directly benefits PAL's vital programs, which offer free educational, athletic, and mentorship opportunities for thousands of young people throughout Philadelphia.

We look forward to celebrating with you and honoring the incredible achievements of our youth and community champions.