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PhD student Kareem Willis recently received the Rodney Gilbert Award at the Newark PROUD Awards. Award presenters Sharronda "Love" Wheeler, president of Newark Gay Pride and Kenrick Ross, president of Urban+Out offered this sentiment

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"The Rodney Gilbert Award commemorates Rodney's contributions to the arts and culture of Newark, and to Newark Gay Pride and the Newark PROUD Awards, specifically. The obvious choice for the first award recipient was Kareem Willis. In his activism, achievements, and flair, Kareem mirrors Rodney's own passions and presence, and in stewarding Yendor Productions, he ensures an incredible legacy."

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