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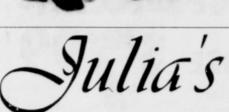


Vessels features vibrant dinnerware patterns designed by Blackowned companies including Cross Colours Home, Ethnicware, African Home and Carter-Runnels Design. Vessels offers Bridal Registry, and Afro-centric wedding invitations and gift wrap.



Vessels owner Phyliss Gaines and store manager Athena Hampton greet friends and guests at a preview party held for the new store on Friday, September 23. Vessels, "Tableware With Meaning," specializes in Afro-centric dinnerware, glassware, flatware and decorative accessories for the dining room, bath and kitchen. Located at 2605 NE MLK Jr. Boulevard corner of NE Russell, Vessels officially opened the following day.





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