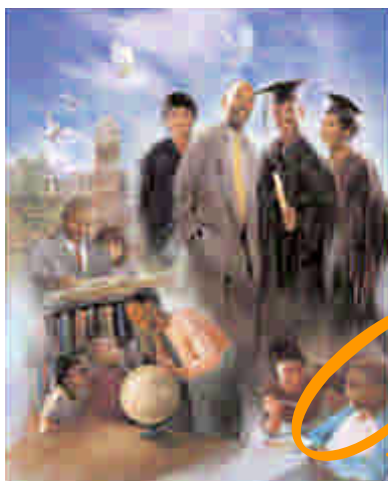


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Celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Past. Present. Future.

Celebrating the many achievements of our African-American community, and honoring those who are making a difference in promoting cultural awareness in our state.

Wednesday, January 31, 2007
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OCRC Central Office
Continental Room
1111 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Commissioner Jeanine Donaldson

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr.

Presentation of Plaque

Chairman Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr.

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Gavyn Partlow, Northwestern Elementary School

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Agathya Corbin, Dayton

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Bernice Rumala, Toledo

Marian Spencer Cincinnati

Closing Remarks

G. Michael Payton, OCRC Executive Director

Opening & Closing Songs

Columbus State Gospel Ensemble, Director Emma Easton



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DR. FRANK W. HALE, JR.

Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr. is Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University where he served from 1971 to 1988. A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Hale completed elementary and secondary schools in Topeka, Kansas, where he graduated from Topeka High School. Hale is a graduate of the University of Nebraska where he was awarded the B.A. and M.A. in Communication, Political Science, and English in 1950, and his Ph.D. in Communication and Political Science from The Ohio State University in 1955.

Dr. Hale has authored and edited eight books and more than fifty articles in professional journals. He has lectured at more than 250 colleges and universities and at 50 state and national conferences.

Hale has received numerous awards and citations. To name a few, he has received the United Negro College Fund's Distinguished Service Award, The PUSH for Excellence National Recognition Citation, the Charles E. Weniger Award for Excellence, the Governor's (Ohio) Award for Community Action, Ohio State University's Distinguished Affirmative Action Award, and the Frederick Douglass Patterson Award, the United Negro College Fund's highest award.

As a scholar, researcher, author, teacher, administrator, consultant, and civil rights crusader, Hale was the engineer of many new initiatives at The Ohio State University. He founded the Graduate and Professional Schools Visitation Days program in 1971 and its undergraduate counterpart, the Minority Scholars Program in 1982. He also founded The Ohio State Mu Xi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society. As a capstone to his illustrious career, The Ohio State University Board of Trustees voted him Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus, naming in his honor the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black Cultural Center and designated the building in which it is housed as Hale Hall.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ART, ESSAY & MULTIMEDIA CONTEST

Each year thousands of Ohio schools from every county participate in the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC) Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay & Multi-Media Contest. The theme of this year's contest is "Living the Legacy."

Contest participants in grades 3-12 were asked to submit entries according to grade level in the form of art, essay and multi-media presentations to demonstrate someone in their lives that is continuing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year, we received over 900 entries from students across the state.

The purpose of this contest is to encourage children to reflect upon Dr. King's life and work, as well as the civil rights movement, and think about how civil rights and diversity affects their lives. Winning entries were judged on originality, relevancy to theme, effective expression, grammar, and presentation.

We congratulate every student and school who participated in this contest and we are proud to present you with the winners of this year's contest.

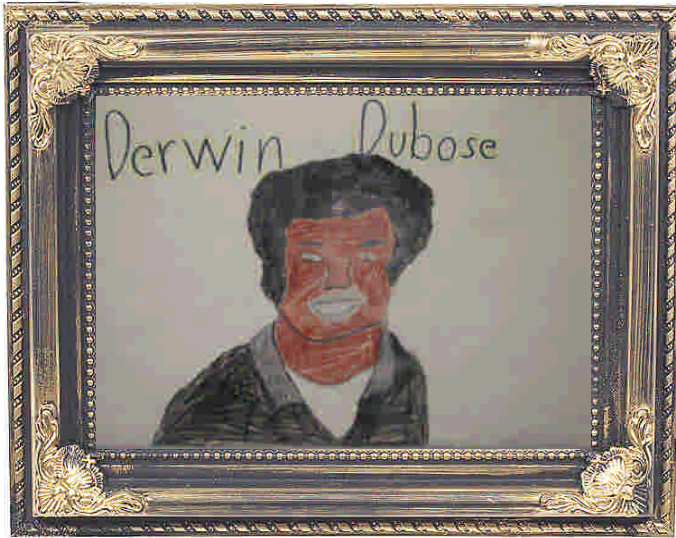
Living the Legacy





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Art Contest Winners



Art Contest Winner, Grade 3

Gavyn Partlow

Northwestern Elementary School

New Carlisle, OH

Ms. Cynthia Pierson, Principal

Ms. Elaine Garrison, Teacher

"Derwin Dubose is a 19 year old student. He was inspired by the book *"Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?"* He made a difference by taking a leading role in the race relations organization at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. What changed his life was when he spent two weeks in Washington D.C., at a youth leadership development conference where he got to know youth of all races, ethnicities and backgrounds. I think he is continuing Martin's dream."



Art Contest Winner, Grade 4

Samantha Miller

Whittier Elementary School

Massillon, OH

Mr. Matthew Plybon, Principal

Ms. Jennifer Albrecht, Teacher

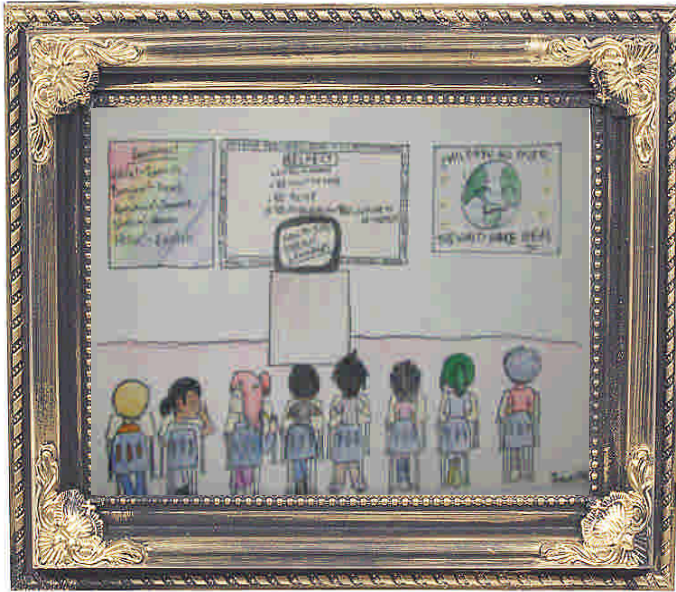
"Coretta Scott King was the founder of the community outreach program. It has played a vital role in Dr. King's teachings. Through her speeches, writings and messages, Mrs. King has interpreted Dr. King's life and teaching to people all over the world. It is important to educate young people about Dr. King's methods of nonviolence. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968."



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Art Contest Winners



Art Contest Winner, Grade 5

Treva Mathis

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Academy

Toledo, OH

Mr. Thomas Williams, Principal

Ms. Lora Barnhiser, Teacher

"My artwork shows how important diversity is and what is continuing peace. School is one of the main things in a person's life. It shows you about peace, freedom and has many different people. Diversity is important because people wouldn't be able to learn different languages and cultures. Peace and diversity are important in school, life, and everything around us."





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6th Grade Essay Contest Winner

Chanan Brown

Rubyville Elementary School
Portsmouth, OH

Tony Piguët, Principal
Ms. Emily Howard, Teacher

“Remembering The King”

“I have a dream.” Does this statement sound familiar? Dr. Martin Luther King recited this speech during a rally to protest equality between blacks and whites. Martin Luther King Jr. was a fighter. A fighter for justice, and a warrior for peace. He fought for blacks to be treated equal. His cause was known and his life is remembered. Eugene Collins is currently following the footsteps of Martin Luther King Jr. down a long and pugnacious road of equality between human beings everywhere.

There have been many civil rights leaders in the United States, but Martin Luther King Jr. was by far one of the greatest. Many people in society over the years have contributed to a civil rights cause. Jesse Jackson, Ruby Bridges even Oprah Winfrey are fine examples of this contribution. Civil rights includes many different issues but they all involve rights of people. Martin Luther King Jr. was a just man who led rallies, wrote speeches and led America into the beginning of equality between blacks and whites. His famous speech “I have a dream” was a genuine article that triggered the white community to let the black people through their terrible walls of hatred.

Martin Luther King Jr. led the fight for blacks and whites to be equal. He was one of the greatest leaders in American history. He helped racism through all of America. He opened our nations eyes to see what cruelty was taking place. He was a true patriot of freedom.

Eugene Collins is a local man of Portsmouth, Ohio who helps children that are interested in business to become entrepreneurs and create their own private business. He helps children to expand in the corporate world. The children get help and support from their personal mentor who owns a local business. This is a great way for kids to make a living throughout their whole lives. There are currently thirteen businesses in the program. The program normally supports under-privileged children who have less of a chance of going to college.

Mr. Eugene Collins is also the former president of an organization called the NAACP. This is an organization of black people that helps African-Americans to be heard just as white people are. He is also part of his local community action program that helps all throughout the community and has programs such as “meals on wheels” that helps people with low or no income to get food.

Martin Luther King Jr. and Eugene Collins are the same in many ways. They both are highly respected leaders. Eugene Collins has carried on this journey in which Martin Luther King Jr. started, a journey of equality. In my opinion Eugene Collins is a strong, thusworthy man who deserves respect and honor, just as Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a husband and a father of civil rights, and it’s cause. He left his life, and his mark in 1968.



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7th Grade Essay Contest Winner

Timieka Fips

*Hope Academy West
Cleveland, OH*

Sharon Durant, Principal
Sharon Washington, Teacher

“Continuing the Journey”

My Aunt, Dr. Lorrie Oldham has continued the journey of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She has “overcome” and has put herself in a position to be admired, looked up to and to be a role model to all of us who follow in her footsteps.

Aunt Lorrie was born on May 5, 1958 in a Chevy Bellaire automobile on Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. Those witnessing her journey may have said that this was an appropriate entrance for a person who would continue a forward movement in her life.

As a child, Aunt Lorrie walked to school everyday. She attended Brooklawn Elementary, Carl F. Shuler Middle School and John Marshall High School. In middle school she learned to sew and was very proud of this new skill. Aunt Lorrie learned there was no money for college so she began to run track to earn scholarships for college. She worked hard in school and could often be found reading and studying while other children played outside. Aunt Lorrie told her parents that she wanted to be a doctor. They were very proud of her and had high hopes for her to be the first female black doctor.

While running track, she found that she was an excellent runner and had hopes to compete in the 1976 Olympics. This goal was not accomplished as the Olympics were boycotted that year. Running track did earn her college scholarships. She attended Ohio State College where she studied medicine. Early on she set high standards for herself and she promised to never earn less than a “B” in her studies. Her lowest grade ever earned was a “C”, and she only got one. After Medical School, Aunt Lorrie joined the United States Army. In the Army she paved the way for other black females. Aunt Lorrie was the first burn surgeon in the Army. In 1981 aunt Lorrie became the first black trauma surgeon in the Army. Aunt Lorrie says that one of the best things she enjoys about her accomplishments is being the first black females to tell people what to do.

Aunt Lorrie recently served in Iraq and currently works in a hospital in Michigan. Aunt Lorrie says that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Made it possible for her, a black person to attend college and become the “first” in her field at many things. Aunt Lorrie says that the message she wants today’s youth to understand is that a person should always strive to be the first. The first person in the family to attend college is always remembered in the family’s history. There are still many opportunities that a person can be the “first” at. Always set high standards for yourself. As far as those firsts go, there still has not been a black U.S. President yet. Someday even I can be the first black female President of the United States.





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8th Grade Essay Contest Winner

Kate Hindrichs

J.A. Smith Middle School

Chillicothe, OH

Mr. Robert Crabtree, Principal

Ms. Lisa Clark, Teacher

“Seeing Is Not Always Believing”

“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality...I believe that unarmed and unconditional love will have the final word.”

Imagine having to use a separate bathroom from everyone else because of the color of your skin. Imagine having to send your children to a different school because of your ethnic background. What about getting stiffed on your rights because of your sexual preference? Can you imagine it? It shouldn't be that hard. In our nation today, the same nation that has been called “the Land of the Free”, we are the bearers of prejudice for anything and everything from our opinions to our hair color.

Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. He dreamt that one day our nation set aside their differences and unite in a county of freedom. Freedom, whether is is of religion, opinion, body mass, skin color, or income. Everyone in this nation has someone in his or her life that passes on Dr. King's words of wisdom. For me that just so happens to be a former teacher of mine.

Aside from teaching us how to conjugate verbs and how to recognize the plot of a story, Mrs. Hall taught us about Prejudice. Prejudice. For a word so small is possesses great value and meaning. While she made sure we knew its meaning: Intolerance or hatred toward other races, religions, opinions, etc. Mrs. Hall was never prejudiced to anyone. She didn't even show when she was biased about a topic that came up in class. While other teachers could go on and on with arguing an opinion, she lets us debate amongst ourselves while she sat back and watched us express ourselves. She was also never cross with us and she never held a grudge. Sure, she might get upset with you for, lets say, cheating on an AR test bu she was very forgiving. Forgiveness. Now there's a word that our nation doesn't know the definition to. For a nation that can so easily be forgiven they can't seem to return the favor.

“He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps penetrate it.”

One lesson that I feel I will remember for the rest of my life is the



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one about fighting in the halls. Mrs. Hall came in to the room very upset. Apparently there had been a fight in the halls and someone ended up getting hurt because no one said anything to anyone about it. Most people just stood around and watched as two kids beat the crap out of each other. I remember her telling us that standing there watching and egging on makes you just as guilty as if you were in the fight yourself. I can relate that to so many things that go on in the nation every single day. While this fight for world peace goes on there are people who see hatred being spread but do nothing about it. Some people even go along with it, making them just as guilty as everyone else.

This is where prejudice is brought up again. As it goes on outside the walls of our school, it also goes on inside. The hating that goes on inside the school is equal to half the actual amount that goes on through the U.S. Imagine being made fun of because your slightly over weight. Imagine getting your books knocked out of your hands in the hall every day because of what you ear. Imaging being called a slut because you have more guy-friends than girl-friends, or being accused of being gay because you haven't had a girlfriend lately. Sure your thinking "oh its just a little bullying." Well duh! What do you think was happening when blacks had to give up their bus seats when a white wanted a place to sit instead of standing while the bus drove a whole block to their stop? It's bullying of a different matter but its all basically the same.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

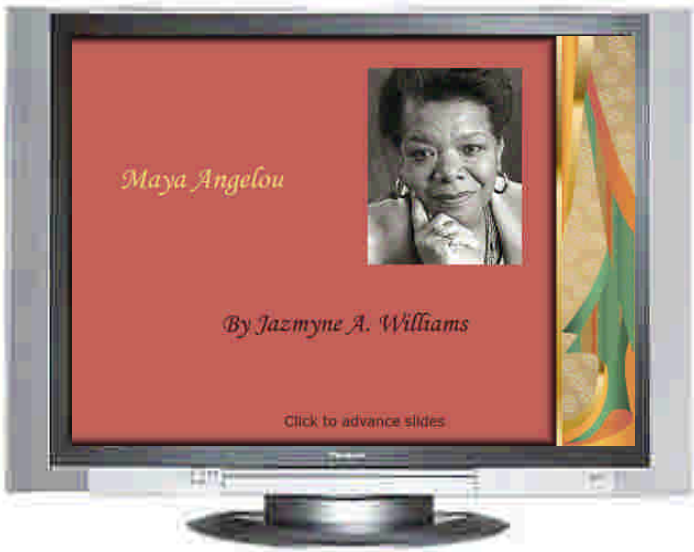
Mrs. Hall not only taught us the meaning of prejudice, but she also voluntarily did her best to make sure that it ceased to happen. Sure it might happen behind her back without her knowing, but if she saw it she said something about it. Not only did she pass on the peace, but also she is still passing in on everyday that she teaches. If it weren't for Mrs. Hall I wouldn't be able to pass on the words and dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. (I also wouldn't get the good grade that I might possibly get in language.) So thanks, Mrs. Hall for all you've done and taught. I feel that there need to be more people like Mrs. Hall in our world.





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Multimedia Contest Winners



Jazmyne Williams

International College Preparatory Academy
Cincinnati, OH

Mr. Derrick Shelton, Principal
Ms. Crystal Collier, Teacher

Media Type: PowerPoint Presentation

Title: Maya Angelou

Phillip Washington

Margaret Ireland Middle/High School
Cleveland, OH

Ms. Deborah Franklin, Principal
Ms. Cynthia Beachum, Teacher

Media Type: Song/Rap

Title: Dr. King



Ryan Fernandez

Ross High School
Hamilton, OH

Mr. Keith Klinefeltzer, Principal
Ms. Robin Baker, Teacher

Media Type: Video/DVD

Title: *"The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lives"*



MICHAEL E. CRUTCHER
is the Spirit of

Frederick Douglass Frederick Douglass

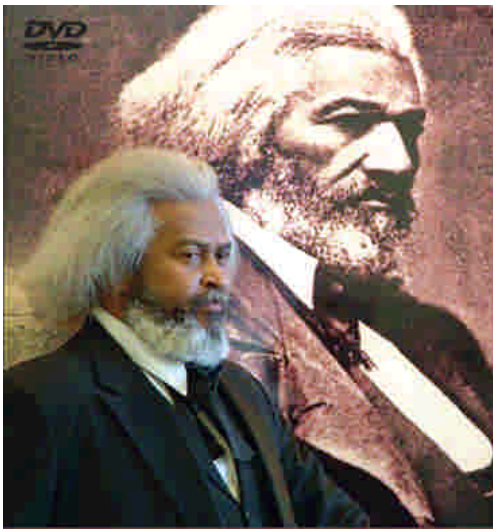


Frederick Douglass was born a slave around 1817 or 1818 in Tuckahoe, Maryland. Enduring slavery for 20 years, he escaped to freedom on September 3, 1838. Self-taught, he became the most prolific and influential black man of the nineteenth century.



An eloquent and powerful orator, he was known as the lion of Washington and is regarded by many as the grandfather of our civil rights

movement. His role as a leader of the anti-slavery movement was internationally known. He was also an advisor to Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War



era and the first man to stand up for women's rights and suffrage. Before there was Marcus, Malcolm, Mandela, Martin, and Rosa. . . there was Frederick—champion of freedom, liberty,



Lift Every Voice & Sing

*Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the
dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the
present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day
begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had
died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place
for which our fathers died?
We have come over a way that with
tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the white gleam
of our bright star is cast.*





Community Honorees

FANNIE L. BROWN, PH.D.

Civic leader and non-profit executive Fannie L. Brown, Ph.D. was born on June 29, 1954 in Montezuma, Georgia and raised in Akron, Ohio. After graduating from Akron Public Schools, she earned a B.A. degree in business management from Malone College in 1990, her M.S. degree in technical education from the University of Akron in 1991, and a Ph.D. in secondary education from the University of Akron in 1995. She assumed her current duties as executive director of The Coming Together Project USA in 1997.

The Coming Together Project was created following a 1993 year-long series in the Akron Beacon Journal called "A Question of Color." The series analyzed the difficult state of race relations and the disparity of opportunity between blacks and whites in Akron. At the end of the series, the newspaper called on the community to work together to address the challenges addressed in the articles. After operating for an initial year under the auspices of the newspaper, the Coming Together Project attained its own autonomous standing as a nonprofit organization.

In addition to her work with the Coming Together Project, Brown is a board member for Books for Africa, and the University of Akron College of Business Diversity Board. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the 2000 Gimbel Child and Family Award, and her appointment to the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission by Governor Bob Taft. Brown and her family reside in Norton, Ohio.

MARY COFER

Mary Cofer is the Director of Diversity and Culture for American Electric Power, one of the largest energy providers in the nation, employing approximately 20,000 employees in its 11-state service area. As Director, Mary is responsible for all HR activities related to EEO/Affirmative Action policies and compliance. She is also responsible for all employment activities including test

development and validation and college relations as well as all of AEP's work/life programs. Mary also directs AEP's Strategic Diversity Management Program and provides counsel to upper management on all related issues.

Mary holds a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York. She has numerous professional licenses and certifications, serves on the Board of community organizations such the King Arts Complex, Ancestral House – an organization that exposes inner city youth to the arts and Jifunza Theater Company. In 2001, Mary founded EXCEL (Excellence Through Cultural Education and Leadership) – to develop and implement culturally based programs to recognize achievements of inner city youth. The organization has awarded approximately \$140,000 to 122 graduating seniors of African descent.

Mary has received several awards including Individual "Champion of Diversity" by the United Way of Central Ohio's Collaborative Committee on Race and Diversity, the 2006 Dream Award by the King Arts Complex in Columbus, Ohio and the AEP/UNCF Legacy Award.

Mary is the proud mother of two children, the late Jerome Gray, a graduate of Ohio State University and Ayana Cofer, a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta. Ayana is currently enrolled at Georgia State where she is pursuing a PhD in sociology.

AGATHA CORBIN

Agaytha Corbin has developed a stellar reputation for being a pioneer in the Mortgage Industry. During her 11 years of work in the banking industry, Agaytha developed and managed the Dayton area Emerging Market (low-moderate income housing market) Office for Wells Fargo National Bank. She holds certifications as a HUD certified Homebuyer Counselor, a CRIAA Certified CRA Community Development Counselor and



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Seeing the disparity not only in minority homeownership, but also in access to capital for small businesses, limited resources for small grassroots agencies and the many emerging predatory lending practices overtaking her community, she became the principle driving force behind the Community Development Corporation Resource Consortium (CDCRC) whose vision is to become a community-based vehicle providing collaborative opportunities that will leverage community resources, create platforms for economic change, increase capacity for non-profit organizations and strengthen micro-enterprise development opportunities in underserved areas. As the President and CEO of the CDCRC, she has jointly facilitated the development of the Dayton Area Community Grant Center and is co-founder of the Dayton Area Small Business Roundtable Monthly Business Forum Series.

As a Community-based educator teaching Financial Literacy to low-moderate income residents is one of her greatest passions. She has recently taken her passion to another level through the development of a new financial literacy program; "Creating Community Wealth." The principles of utilizing homeownership as a foundation for wealth creation, guarding yourself against predatory lending practices, using micro-enterprise development as a wealth-building tool, understanding and protecting your credit and your assets are taught through this community-based education program.

As Senior Consultant for N'Tegrity Training and Development Solutions, Agaytha has several years of Corporate and Community-based Training experience in the areas of: -Housing Discrimination, CRA Requirements, A-1 Customer Service, Diversity Training, Organizational Leadership, Financial Literacy Education and Board Development Training.

STANLEY MILLER

A Cleveland native and graduate of Kent State University, Stanley Miller serves as Vice President for External Relations at Ameritech Ohio, with statewide responsibility for stakeholder management, local government affairs, sponsorships, support for customer hosting, economic development, education, and community relations. He has held this position since September, 1993. He returned to Cleveland following assignments in Canton and Columbus, Ohio, where he served as District Manager Service Operations and Director of Public Affairs, respectively. He began his career with Ohio Bell in 1967.

Community activities and public service have played an important part of his life. He has served as a member and president of the Warrensville Hts. Board of Education, and secretary to the Canton Civil Service Commission. He has held positions on the Presidents' Advisory Committees at Stark Technical College, Mount Union College, and Walsh College. He has served as a member of the Meridia Suburban Hospital Board of Trustees, the Stark County United Way Board, the Executive Board of The Greater Canton Chamber of Commerce, Stark County NAACP and the Columbus NAACP. He has also served on the Board of the Columbus Urban League and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Agency.

Currently, Mr. Miller is a Board Member of United Way of Cleveland, Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland, and the Citizens League Research Institute. He is also a member of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association and Cleveland Rotary; President of Blacks in Management, and on the President of the Cleveland Branch NAACP.

BERNICE RUMALA

Bernice B. Rumala is a medical and graduate student at the Medical University of Ohio at Toledo. conducting research in the area of diabetes





Community Honorees

MARIAN SPENCER

and obesity, both disease which disproportionately impacts the African American community in terms of quality and quantity of life. Born in Harlem, New York City Bernice attended the City College of New York, CUNY where she received her Masters in Health Education with a concentration in health disparities at Columbia University. She matriculated at the Medical University of Ohio in August 2005. She has two younger brothers and her Mother (who works for the NYPD) and her father live in Jackson Heights. Bernice was blessed here in Toledo by being adopted by Mrs. WilliAnn Moore who serves as her mentor. “Mrs. Moore has been instrumental in every aspect in truly making Toledo a home for me” say Ms. Rumala. “As a Christian, I believe without a doubt that God brought me to Toledo for a specific purpose and I give him all the glory for everything that he has done so far.”

Since matriculating at MUO in August of 2005, Bernice has initiated a number of activities to fulfill her passion in bridging the health disparities gap. Through the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), she authored a proposal, which was presented to the SNMA executive body, the Office of Institutional Diversity, and the Medical school admission’s office. This proposal outlines strategies to help in the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority students through involvement of SNMA. Bernice has a desire to give back to the underserved through clinical practice and a career in academic medicine. Furthermore, it is her aspiration to contribute in bridging the health disparities gap through recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority students, mentoring and exposing students to science and medicine through pipeline programs, community health service initiatives and through projects related to health disparities research. Her activities in SNMA reflect an effort to bridge the health disparities gap in the aforementioned areas. Our future is safe in the hands of young people like Bernice Rumala and with the guidance of Mrs. WillieAnn Moore, we are even more assured that we will be hearing great things from Bernice in the future.

Marian Alexander Spencer graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1942 with a degree in English literature. She has been an activist and a volunteer in her Cincinnati community ever since.

She was recognized for her community contributions and service on more than 25 occasions. Her honors include The Cincinnati Enquirer’s 1972 Woman of the Year; NAACP President’s Award; National Social Workers Award; one of Cincinnati’s “50 Most Influential Blacks;” and induction into the Ohio Women’s Hall of fame.

Some of Marian’s volunteer endeavors include serving with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; the Urban League; the Congress of racial Equality; the American Civil Liberties Union; Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; and the American Red Cross.

Marian was the first African-American woman elected to Cincinnati City Council, and Cincinnati’s first African-American female vice mayor. She was president of the Cincinnati chapter of The Links, Inc. from 1968 through 1970, and a trustee for the University of Cincinnati from 1975 through 1979. She was chairwoman of Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission under Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Reagan, and Bush.

She is married to Donald A. Spencer, Sr., and they have two sons, Donald Andrew Spencer, II and Edward Alexander Spencer.



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