

Chicago Vocational High School



The ROAD to SUCCESS is BLUE & GOLD



2019 Hall of Fame Induction



Faylesha L. Porter, President
CVS Hall of Fame Committee



Dr. Roy Lacey, Vice President
CVS Hall of Fame Committee

WE, The Chicago Vocational Hall of Fame Committee, give a **RESOUNDING** Cavalier congratulations to **ALL** of our new inductees.

We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and contributions both in and beyond high school. Now, as they unite with their fellow Hall of Famers, we are excited about their plans, going forward for the betterment of our students, our school, and our community.

We are honored to have them and be part of an organization created to uphold the strong foundation and rich fabric of our school, Chicago Vocational.



"We're so glad we went to CVS, singing Glory Hallelujah, we're so glad!"



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As Principal of Chicago Vocational High School, it has been my pleasure to share in the history of cVs through my associations with our alumni. There is a commonality of Cavalier pride that exudes from every individual of every class I have collaborated with. Their voices burgeon with it as they impart countless anecdotes of the teachers, coaches, counselors, and staff who impacted their thinking and as such, set them on the path that changed their lives for the better.

I am also committed to giving my students all the support they need to stay the course and find the right path to success no matter what challenges they are facing. I have called on the alumni to assist me in the commission of my mission and thankfully, they have responded. cVs alumni, giving back to their alma mater has been a necessary blessing. Our students need to hear and see alumni members standing before them as living examples that no hardship, obstacle, or bad decision is too overwhelming or everlasting as long as they rely on their Cavalier Pride to sustain them.

The cVs Hall of Fame was established to honor alumni who have distinguished themselves through their achievements in career, scholarship, athletics, and/or community service. As we celebrate this new class of cVs Hall of Fame inductees, we know it is only a microcosm of the best of cVs represented before us. These Hall of Famers will pass the torch to the alumni of the future then carry on with their good works; teaching, counseling, and mentoring.

Congratulations, Chicago Vocational 2019 Hall of Fame inductees! May you continue to fulfill the legacy of Cavaliers with pride for life.

Douglas Maclin

Principal

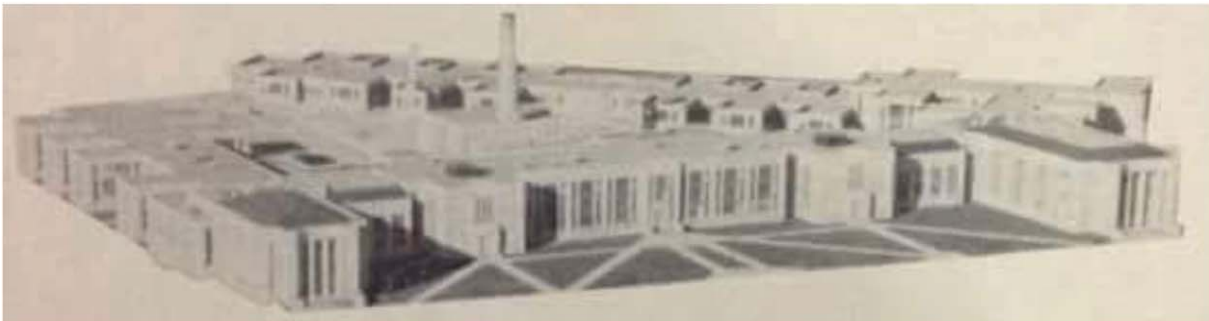


Diamonds are Forever

The Rich History of Chicago Vocational High School

Planning for **Chicago Vocational Career Academy** (commonly known as **CVS**, **CVCA**, or **Chicago Vocational High School**) began in 1936 with the need for a new vocational school on the South Side of Chicago. School board president James B. McCahey asked leaders of the south side to form a committee to work with the board in planning the school and its vocational courses. Earl E. Moore, General Superintendent of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company was named chairman of the committee. Along with Moore, Frank M. Stanley, president of the South Chicago Chamber of Commerce, William E. Gibson, executive committee chairman of the Chamber, George Wardley, industrial relations superintendent for Carnegie-Illinois, L.B. Robertson of Wisconsin Steel company, F.B. Thatcher of Interlake Iron company, Wilson Frankland of South Chicago Trades, John Hanberg, managing editor of the Daily Calumet, Dr. T.E. Urbanek and 10th Ward Alderman William A. Rowan began a year long investigation of the best vocational and trade schools around the country.

The dream of these leaders and other stakeholders was to have a school that could "train boys so they will be adapted for work in south side industrial plants and have an educational background which will fit them for executive positions." After more than a year of study and planning, the Board of Education announced plans for the new school to be located on 22 acres of land bordered by Anthony and Chappel Avenues and 87th Street. John C. Christensen, chief architect for the board, released final plans for the structure on June 25, 1938.



The school board bought the land for the school for \$257,000 through condemnation proceedings. The initial plans for the building put the cost of construction and furnishing at \$3,150,000 though the final cost would rise to nearly \$4,000,000 by the time the school opened. The project was partially funded through the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in Washington, D.C. The remainder of the cost was paid from the school board building fund.

Architectural plans called for a main administrative building that would have academic classrooms and a separate one-story wing that would house shop classes in factory-type buildings connected by a corridor. The separate wing would eliminate the noise coming from the shops from interfering with the academic classes in the main section.

The administrative section was three stories tall facing 87th Street and Chappel Avenue, include 40 classrooms, a library, 12 drawing rooms, two art rooms, two study halls, a lecture room, a chorus room, band room, auditorium, gymnasium, natatorium and lunch room.

The shop section extending along Anthony Avenue would have 57 one-story shops but allowed for further expansion. Some of the shops would be outfitted for heavy industries such as a steel foundry. The architect's plans also called for the construction of an athletic field at the 85th street end of the triangular land holding and the construction of a stadium.

Construction of the new school was scheduled to begin in the fall of 1938 and take about a year. Ground was officially broken for construction of the new school on December 9, 1938. Chicago Mayor Kelly, Superintendent Johnson and Board President McCahey were scheduled to speak at the groundbreaking. Construction delays pushed the completion of CVS to September 1940. CPS Superintendent William H. Johnson said that CVS would be able to accommodate 9,000 students and would be the largest vocational school in the country.

The new school was finally ready for students in September 1940. One newspaper report indicated that the new school opened in September but remained empty for nearly the full year. Of course, this was during WWII and the dreams of a vocational school had to be put on hold as young men and women turned their focus to the war effort.

CVS didn't stay a vocational high school for very long. On June 1, 1941, most of school was turned over to the Navy. Students were trained in naval aviation mechanics and workers were employed in the rearmament industries. The goal was to 'graduate' 1,000 naval aviation mechanics every four months. The opening of similar mechanic schools across the country moved ahead full steam to meet the needs of the war effort.

The U.S. vocational training program, under the direction of U.S. Education Commissioner Dr. J. W. Studebaker, also contributed to the war by funding additional training programs at CVS. Basic machine shop operations would be taught to 3,000- 4,000 youths. Additional machinery and equipment that the school had been unable to get previously was sent to the school and paid for by the defense priorities board.

As the war continued, the need for constant work began to drain trained workers. The Buick airplane motor plant was being forced to increase production requiring an additional 20,000 trained skilled workers. Some CPS vocational schools were working through the night to train new workers for these industries. Training courses at the school lasted from six to eight weeks and nearly every worker upon graduation was able to get a job that paid roughly \$1.00 an hour.

In addition to the mechanics courses, CVS also provided teacher-training and national defense courses. The Navy spent an additional \$500,000 for an addition to CVS to house the Navy trainees (second floor of the Anthony wing).

By the end of the 1941-42 school year, the entire facility was turned over to the Navy. In order to continue regular educational courses for high school students, CPS moved the students from CVS to the Westcott branch of Calumet High School at 8023 South Normal Avenue in time for the new school year in September of 1942.

By the end of the 1945 school year, CVS said goodbye to Westcott and returned to its 'Palace'. Additionally, a greenhouse was installed in January of 1945. There was a CVS Father's Club and Alumni Association. There was even intramural boxing.

To get CVS ready for their homecoming, the board of education set aside more than \$22,000 for a face lift including repairs to the roof, sheet metal work, cleaning, painting and general decorating of the interior.

September 1946 saw two major events happen in CVS history - students were welcomed back into the original building and 87th street was extended all the way to its eastern limits. The extension of 87th street was celebrated by ceremonies on September 22, 1946 which included a parade winding its way to the speakers stand at Russell Square Park. A huge sign erected by the school proclaimed "Two Great Openings: CVS and 87th Street." There was finally a normalcy that the school had virtually never known, with the Navy officially "handing back the keys" to the school on April 30, 1946. 1948 or 1949 was when the first females were admitted to the school.

The building, now with two floors on the Chappel and Anthony wings, was ready for it's first freshman class in nearly seven years. With the flood of veterans entering the work world, the increasing general school enrollment and its relationship with factories retooling to meet the demands of a post-war America, CVS began running classes nearly 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For many years, CVS had two graduating classes - a smaller one usually in January and the larger class in June.

Veterans who wanted to complete their high school education and workers employed by factories in the burgeoning south shore area headed over to CVS in the evenings-not only for regular academic courses but for vocational training as well. The graduating class of January 1949 spent their freshman and sophomore years at the Westcott campus and entered CVS in 1946 as juniors. There were 111 graduates in January 1947 and World War II vets made up nearly half of the class.

The January 1949 class president was Henry Paskiewicz, Charles Kompare was the vice-president, Harry Boekeloo was the secretary and Warren Baker was the treasurer. During 1951, officials of C.V.S. began appealing to the federal government and the military for a branch of the junior Reserved Officers Training Corps (R.O.T.C.). It would be another ten years before the R.O.T.C. unit was approved.

The 1949 year book, the first for the school, was (and still is) called The Technician. It won a national award for publishing excellence. There were many pieces of information in the Technician that gave insight into the 'goings-on' at the school. The Chappel wing was called 'Hogan's Alley' and International Harvester ran an employee apprentice and off hours program at the school in association with CPS. Several of the guiding forces behind the building of CVS wrote recollections in The Technician about how many cities were visited in the pre-planning of the facility and how it was an invaluable aid to the training of men for the Navy during the war.

The campus was described as having "23 acres, 54 shops, 64 classrooms, 18 drafting rooms, 6 gyms, 36,553 panes of glass on the outside windows, a club room, a bakery and a rifle range in the basement." There are four main entrances to the building, which are 87th Street, Chappel Avenue, and two on Anthony Avenue. There's a myth that says the basement or dungeon leads all the way across 87th Street South to the Park, west to the Dan Ryan, and east to the lakefront. The cafeteria can hold up to 1,000 students at one time. The Navy had left behind an aircraft hangar, making CVS the only high schools in the country to have its' own fully operational airplane hangar. The Navy also left a small number of relatively intact aircrafts, keeping aviation maintenance in the school's curriculum until 1995. This was highlighted in 1948 when students managed to restore a Stinson monoplane to working condition. Rather than dismantle the plane and shipping it to an airport, the school received permission to wheel the plane on to nearby Anthony Avenue, and arranged for a pilot to take off and fly it to what is now Midway Airport; all in front of cameras for WGN-TV.

Shop rooms at CVS were huge - 40 by 70 feet with 16 foot high ceilings and extra-length windows on three sides for better ventilation. There were 47 such rooms with another 16 shop rooms of varying sizes. Students received general education courses during their first and second years along with some basic vocational courses (architectural drafting was require among others). Students entered their shops during their third and fourth years. Shop classes lasted three hours each day resulting in over 1,200 hours of training. Courses were from the 'Smith-Hughes' vocational curriculum program.

In 1949, 1,000 freshmen entered the building for the first time. There were 140 teachers-compared to just 20 when the building first accepted students in 1941.



cVs MASCOT: THE CAVALIERS

Our team name, **CaValierS**, was selected from hundreds of colorful names submitted by students and teachers. It was designed to faithfully reflect f the high standards of conduct and sportsmanship characterizing our players and teams “Prestige and Honor”

cVs INSIGNIA: THE GEAR TORCH

(Insignia means emblem, symbol, or badge of honor)

Our insignia, a very appropriate and attractive one, has been a part of the cVs story since its earliest days. It represents the spirit and objectives of the school. Included in the design is the outline of a **GEAR**, which is symbolic of “Industry” and the **TORCH**, **which** is symbolic of “Knowledge”, which characterizes an institution of learning.

NICKNAME for the school: “THE PALACE” and THE “V”

The name is a very distinctive one, featuring as it does the capitalizing of the school letters, cVs, as they occur in the word. Sometimes sportswriters call our team “the Students from the **PALACE**,” which is also appropriate, and blends perfectly, since our CaValierS are among the royal gentlemen of the world of sports and because of the size of the school. It is presently called “the **V**” because of the first letter in Vocational and being Victorious.

The NEWSPAPER & YEARBOOK are CALLED: The Trademaster & The Technician

The school newspaper was known as ‘**The Trademaster**,’ and the yearbook was known as the ‘**Technician**,’ is still being used today. The name of the yearbook and newspaper were used to reflect cVs being a vocational school.



**FAMILY
AFFAIR**

**SUNDAY
AUG.25,2019
3:00PM**

**GATELY
STADIUM**

"Let's Go Blue"



**C.V.S.
CAVALIERS**

VS

**JULIAN
JAGUARS**

COME ON AND SUPPORT YOUR CAVALIERS!!!!!!

9x Chicago Public League Champions
2x Prep Bowl Champions
13x IHSA State Qualifiers

Chicago Vocational High School's
Hall of Fame Banquet

“The Road to Success is BLUE and GOLD”

Thursday, May 2, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
Lake Shore Café – 4900 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

Introduction of MC

Muriel Currie - Williams

~Master of Ceremonies~

André Morgan

Invocation

Rev. Duane E. Porter

Welcome/Acknowledgment of c/o 2019 Inductees

Faylesha L. Porter, President

Chicago Vocational Alumni Association

Tawanda Perkins McWilliams, President

How About Chicago Vocational . . .

Douglas Maclin, Principal

Dinner

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Linda Bryant, c/o 2019 Inductee, Treasurer

How About Those Cavaliers . . .

Michelle A. Harris, 8th Ward Alderman

Closing: Thank you and prayer

André Morgan

Pastor Watson Jones III

**Mix and Mingle Cavaliers . . . See you Friday, May 3, 2019
at the Induction Ceremony**

Chicago Vocational
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Friday, May 3, 2019 – 11:00 am
Programme

**Chicago Vocational, Hall of Fame
Induction**

Faylesha L. Porter, President, '89

- Welcome and Introduction of MC:

Master of Ceremonies:

André Morgan, '75

Processional March:

2019 Hall of Fame Inductees

Posting of the Colors:

• Pledge Allegiance

Chicago Vocational J.R.O.T.C Color Guard

Invocation:

Rev. Duane E. Porter, '93

Special Guest:

**Marcus C. Evans, Jr., State Representative
33rd District**

Introduction of the Inductees:

**Cicely J. Porter Adams, '90
Glasetta Barksdale, '84
Dr. Latasha Taylor, '92
William 'Dock' Walls, '75
Joseph C. Ziegler, Jr., '82**

**Passing of the Torch & The C.L.E.A.R
Charge:**

The Inductees & Marcus Jefferson, '78

Acceptance of C.L.E.A.R Charge:

Chicago Vocational Honor Team

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:

Douglas L. Maclin, Principal – Chicago Vocational

Keynote Speaker:

**Shawn A. Taylor, '78,
Special Advisor to The Chairman &
Former Partner of the Houston Astros**

Closing Remarks:

Douglas L. Maclin, Principal – Chicago Vocational

Recessional (all stand):

**Our new members of the Chicago
Vocational
HALL OF FAME – 2019**



Hello cVs Cavaliers. Presenting our Class of 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees!

Stephen Adams '69
Vynessa Alexander '75
Derrick Allen '80
Craig A. Brown '90
Linda Bryant '80
Victor A. Buford '76
Byron Dean '89
Anthony Frazier Sr. '84.
Kurt Farquhar '76
Lance Hall '03
Drew Hunter '87
LaMarr Johnson '70
Marsha Y. Johnson '78
Watson Jones III '02
Donnie A. Kirksey '81
Vanessa Melton '80
Michael L. Mims '78
Annette Nance-Holt '82
Ron Pennick '77
Terrycita Perry '91
Donnell C. Peterson '75 (Posthumously)
James Reynolds '72
Curtis Rowe '84
Charles Scott '77
Ametra Self '85
Reginald Sykes '78
Kenneth Taylor '78
Cylvia Weaver - Gibbs '83
Isiah Williams '06
Marlon J. Williams '03
LeRoy Willis '93
Jarvis Windham '75
Lissa Woodson '84



We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and contributions both in and beyond High School. They represent the Cavaliers well.

We look forward to celebrating their Induction on Friday, May 3 at 11:00a.m. at cVs

Again join us as we, the cVs Hall of Fame Committee, honor our highly esteemed Cavaliers!

Faylesha L. Porter

Faylesha L. Porter,
cVs Hall of Fame, President
c/o 1989

Stephen Adams

Class of 1969

Stephen Adams, aka 'Big Steve' was co-captain of the cVs Football team in 1968 and 1969. The team's motto in 1968 was "Open the Gate in 68," which reflected the dream of every high school football player – the opening of Soldier Field's gate for the City Championship Games. The 1968 team was young and unproven, yet they had something that was strong enough to overcome inexperience and injuries: That something was the desire to win. And that desire proved itself as that year, CVS was the Public School League Champions. Steve was one of the school's top twelve athletes; he was selected most improved player in 1969.

Additionally, Steve a Sheet Metal major, used his leadership skills to help bring together a newly integrated school. Everyone loved Steve, and he never met a stranger.

On the home front, Steve always worked at Ted's Auto Parts & Sons, a family owned business. He was the top seller at Ted's Auto Parts and Sons and after high school he became the manager at Ted's.



Later, Steve enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and became a service man in May 1971. While a member of the Armed forces, Steve married Vernita and had three children: Quan, Stephanie, and Latisha. After being honorably discharged in 1975, he moved back to Chicago with his family and went back to work at



the family business, resuming his position as Manager. Steve's leadership skills helped Ted's Auto Sales & Sons become the largest used auto parts and sales dealership in the state of Illinois. Steve worked at Ted's for 35yrs, working 6 days a week with no vacations.

Since retirement, Steve is an active member at Compassion Baptist Church and participates in various social activities. Steve's first love is God. He gets joy out of helping his family and praising the Lord.

Vynessa Alexander

Class of 1975

Vynessa Alexander, a member of the Legendary Class of 1975 with a major in Accounting, is currently Vice President of Engineering Operations at InforNexus, a business unit of Infor, Inc.

She has over 30 years of experience in Operations and Technology management.

While at cVs her leadership skills were on display early as she was the Editor of the nationally award winning Technician Yearbook and also elected Most Talkative by her Cavalier classmates. In addition Vynessa was a member of the National Honor Society and the Senior Girl's Council.

At InforNexus her skills and abilities are focused on Operations and Technology and is highly regarded for her approach to customer service, technology support and quality assurance. Prior to InforNexus she spent 20 years in banking with Bank of America where she earned the highest award for her leadership, the CEO Eagle. During the past 18 years, Ms. Alexander has been awarded with several outstanding achievement awards with InforNexus for her accomplishments She is most proud of her 2015 Leadership Circle Award for Outstanding Performance. Ms. Alexander is active in several community and faith-based organizations.



She serves as the National Treasurer (CFO) for Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc a community service organization that sponsors Top Teens of America, a youth leadership program, where she was recently named "Top Lady of the Year" for her exemplary volunteer work. Vynessa is the Chair of the Information Technology ministry at Trinity United Church of Christ working to bridge the digital divide in our community. Vynessa has been named "Outstanding Treasurer of the Year, by Jack and Jill of America. She lives in Chicago and is married to Matthew Williams. They have one son, Sterling who is married and lives in Charlotte, NC with their grandson Sterling II. Vynessa loves to travel, is an avid reader, loves card games and is a fan of crime drama.



Derrick Allen

Class of 1980

Derrick Allen is a lifetime resident of Chicago where he was raised by his parents along with his five siblings.

Allen's was selected by his peers at Stagg Elementary as Mr. Stagg during his 8th grade year. He was asked by the principal to deliver a speech at the graduation ceremony. That opportunity made a lasting impression on Derrick and became a prelude to a successful high school experience.

Allen became a student athlete at Chicago Vocational and his junior season was selected team captain. Leading the 1980 varsity baseball team to a undefeated regular season record, the Cavaliers won the Chicago Public League Championship played in Comiskey Park. If that wasn't enough, the team subsequently advanced to the Illinois High School (IHSA) state quarterfinal playoffs.

Allen was named the All City Shortstop by the Chicago Public League and was selected to play in the annual CPS All Star/All City Baseball Classic. Additionally he was scouted by Major League Baseball and in particular the Kansas City Royals and the California Angels.

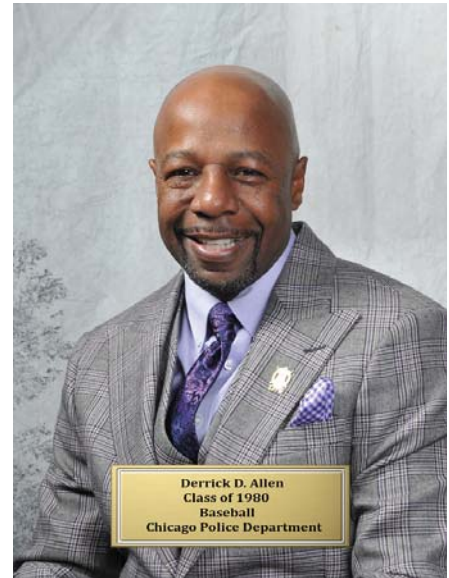
After graduating with the Class of 1980, Allen accepted a full athletic baseball scholarship to attend perennial local baseball powerhouse, Lewis University. At the same time Allen pledged Omega Psi Phi fraternity, against his baseball coaches advice. Completing one year towards his undergraduate degree, Allen returned to Chicago thus ending his promising baseball career and accepted a position as a bus operator with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA).



While on his CTA route one night Allen was confronted by a criminal wielding a handgun. Soon after this life-changing incident, Allen joined the Chicago Police Department (CPD) spending 29 years in law enforcement, initially working as a beat cop. After a few short years, Allen was promoted to Sergeant, CPD Ambassador, Policy Analyst, Investigator in the elite Bureau of Internal Affairs and Police Agent.

Allen returned to the classroom completing his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from National Louis University and Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University.

Allen retired from CPD in May 2017 following many years of distinguished and decorated service while maintaining concern about the over adjudication of men of color as both a citizen observer and a law enforcement professional. Outside of his professional interest and in addition to being married, Allen helps in providing care for his aging mother, maintains fulfilling relationships with his adult siblings and their families. He mentors his nephews and nieces, is an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and the Apostolic Faith Church, and of course, his love of sports continues



Craig A. Brown

Class of 1990

Craig A. Brown is a graduate of the class 1990, majoring in Machine Drafting. While attending cVs, there were many opportunities to be a part of the many successful sports teams but, he chose to be a part of the well-known football powerhouse, cVs Cavaliers. His 1989 team was able to be the first ever in cVs history to reach the 6A Illinois State Quarterfinalists.

After high school, Craig went into the workforce, entering many different fields of security, from Retail Loss Prevention Manager to Security Site Facilitator.

Craig received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Westwood College. He also continued his athletic career playing Semi-Pro Football for 15 years.

He returned to cVs to work as a Educational Support Personal for CPS. During his time at cVs, Craig has worn many hats from security, counselor, teacher or parent.

The biggest hat he currently wears now is the Head Football Coach of the power house he once played for. Craig is also the Boys Track and Field Head Coach.

Craig currently uses the coaching platform he has to reach out to all Cavaliers and assist them with remembering that the "The Pride of Chicago" is still at 2100 e 87st.



Linda A. Bryant

Class of 1980

Linda A. Bryant is a graduate of the Class of 1980, majored in Bookkeeping and was involved in organizations such as Student Council, Library Aide, Photo Club, F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leader of American) and the Prom Committee.

Linda is a lifetime resident of Chicago, where her mother raised her along with three sisters. She attended Woodson South & North Elementary Schools and graduated from Forestville Upper-Grade Center. Although Linda's three sisters attended Dunbar, she was a rebel enrolling at cVs, staying true to the Blue & Gold.

After graduation, Linda attended Western Illinois University majoring in Accounting. With thirty-five years of business experience, Linda worked in accounting within the advertising and investment fields. Currently, Linda works for the City of Chicago.

After taking classes in event planning, Linda realized her passion. Linda's vision to create superb events developed into her company, Exquisite Planner Inc., an event planning company that specializes in special occasion events. Linda is the ultimate event organizer when it comes time to plan the Christmas in the Wards annual toy giveaway – where hundreds of Chicago's youth benefit from her successful execution of this event.

Linda is also an avid international traveler, who has a knack for fine dining and cooking delectable cuisines that rival professional chefs.



A public servant at heart, Linda lives by the quote "service is the rent one pays to live on earth." Through this philosophy, she gives back by volunteering her time as the Treasurer to cVs Hall of Fame Committee, and Vice President on the Jesse Owens Park Advisory Council. Also, Linda serves as Treasurer for Women Inspiring Success and Hope in Girls, an organization that mentors young girls on the south side of Chicago.

Although Linda does not have any biological children, many young people in Chicago have adopted her as their "Mentor."

Linda's motto: "Be very specific in what you pray for and be prepared to receive it."



Linda Bryant
Class of 1980
City of Chicago
HOF Treasurer

Congratulations

TO THE

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HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES



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Congratulations
to my Classmates

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Dr. Victor A. Buford

Class of 1976

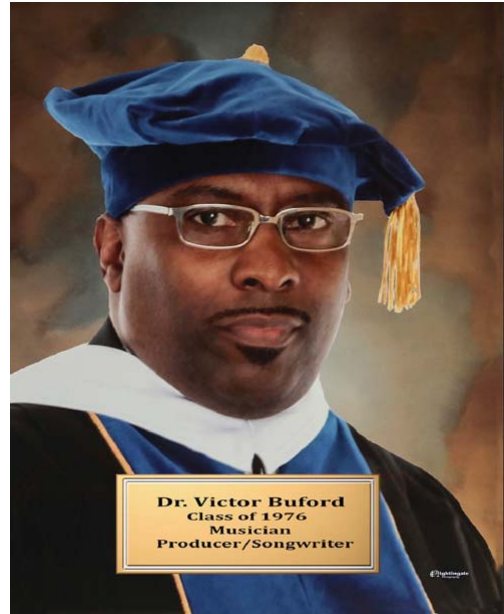
Dr. Victor A. Buford, a member of the cVs Class of 1976, is nicknamed “The Bass Angel of Love – The Prince of Mercy”. He is a musician, songwriter, producer, arranger and the CEO of Deity Records, Inc. Victor is an accomplished bass player and a multi-instrumentalist with proficiency in Bass, Moog Bass, Piccolo Bass, Oboe, English Horn, Kalimba and Kora.

Victor learned how to play bass at an early age. He honed his bass skills and received training on two additional instruments: Oboe and English Horn, at cVs under the direction of the late Dr. Joseph Miller, Orchestra Director. Victor is a member of cVs’ first, four-year, Vocal Music Major Program graduating with an emphasis in Orchestra Music.

Victor has entertained at various venues and opened for legendary acts such as Chaka Khan, The Manhattans, Confunkshun, Brick, Alicia Myers and shared the stage with Bootsy Collins. He is known for the African attire he wears during his performances to honor his African heritage and his custom-designed, extended range, Conklin bass guitars.

Victor earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Chicago State University, a Masters Degree in Intercultural Studies from Governors State University and a Ph.D. in Human Services from Walden University.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Prince Hall Affiliation Masons, North Star Lodge, Royal Arch, Royal and Select, Knights Templar, 32nd Degree, and the Shriners. Dr. Buford is also a retired psychotherapist and the founder and Executive Director of BVJ Intervention Mental and Behavioral Health Care Services.



Dr. Byron Dean

Class of 1989

Dr. Byron Dean is a member of the cVs Class of 1989 majoring in Welding. He was one of only two freshman to make the sophomore baseball team and was the Co-Captain of the baseball team by his sophomore year.

In 1989, following High School, Byron joined the United States Army as an Infantry Soldier where he ascended to the ranks of Sergeant, seeing action in Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Liberate Kuwait, Freedom Iraq, and the Afghanistan war.

Returning home Byron graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in Microbiology and a minor in Chemistry. Byron continued his post education career, graduating from medical school, completing residency training and became board certified in Family Medicine.

Byron is currently still in the military serving as a Medical Officer in the US Army Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He owns and operates a successful medical practice and is the medical director of Vitas Healthcare in central Florida along with several other medical entities.

Byron is a Hospice and Primary Care Physician, seeing patients in office, skilled nursing homes, assisted living facilities and private homes. He provides transitional care and comfort to terminal patients and their families.

As Medical Director for Vitas Healthcare, Byron manages and oversees other providers, creates protocols for specific disease management, conducts peer to peer evaluations and consults with his entire team daily to discuss diagnosis and treatment plans for all patients under his care. He is a member of the National Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, American Medical Association, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and Florida Osteopathic Medical Association.



Byron has been an active member in the United States military for 29 years where he currently serves with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as a medical doctor in the Army Reserves. His unwavering commitment and compassion for patients is evident in the care he provides and as such, he is commonly sought after among patients and medical practices throughout central Florida.



Kurt Farquhar

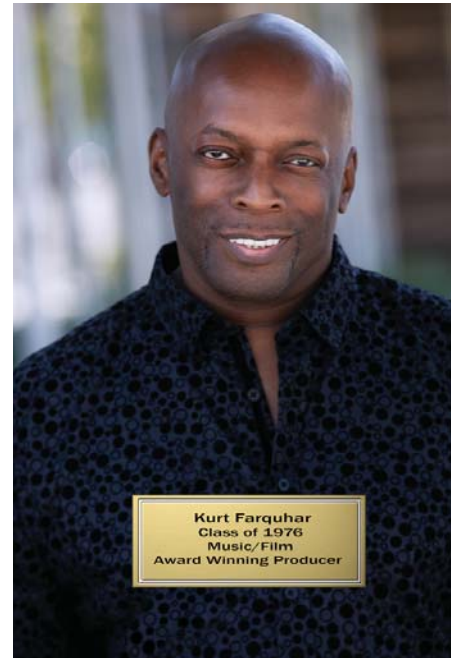
Class of 1976

Kurt Farquhar is a member of the Class of 1976 and majored in the famed cVs Music Department, specializing in the Orchestra, under the direction of the late Dr. Joesph Miller.

Kurt is now a Los Angeles based–television and film composer, songwriter, producer, and founder/CEO of True Music, a prominent music licensing company. He has scored more primetime television series than any other African-American composer throughout his 30-year career. In early 2018 Farquhar entered the superhero genre with the launch of CW’s Black Lightning.

Kurt is a seven-time BMI award winner, for his work on The King of Queens, Being Mary Jane, and The Game.

Kurt was called ‘the musical voice of BET’ for his work on genre-defining series for the network for shows like American Soul, Games People Play, The Quad, Being Mary Jane, Real Husbands of Hollywood, and In Contempt.



A native of Chicago, Kurt is the youngest of five children. He began playing drums at 8 and wrote his first symphony at 12, writing over 5000 pieces of music by his mid-20s. His musical education took him from the streets of Chicago to the famed Berklee College of Music in Boston, The National Conservatory of Music in Versailles, France, and Eastern Illinois University, where he studied with noted percussion teacher Johnny Lane.

After a song that he wrote became the end-title for the pilot episode of Livin' Large, produced by Stephen J. Cannell, Farquhar made the jump to writing music for film/TV. Kurt went on to create theme songs and scores for a multitude of feature films and television shows including The King of Queens, Girlfriends, Sister, Sister, Moesha, Soul Food, In The House, Not Easily Broken, Stickers, and Ned and Stacey – often writing on multiple series simultaneously.

Kurt credits his incredible productivity to the fact that ever since he was a child, “I hear music all the time.” Once he learned about music theory, orchestration, and writing it was “a relief, as I learned how to write everything down.”



Anthony Frazier, Sr

Class of 1984

Anthony Frazier Sr., a cVs graduating member of the Class of 1984, is a Battalion Chief with the Chicago Fire Department and has been a firefighter for 33 years.

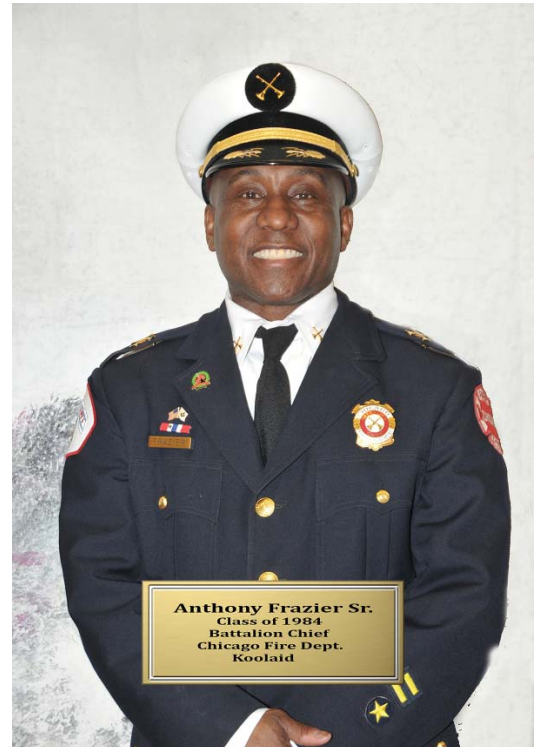
He is a devoted family man with a wife and four children. Anthony is a native Chicagoan growing up in the Auburn/Gresham area of the city. He attended Gresham Elementary, Harold Washington College and DeVry University, is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and is a Prince Hall Mason.

Anthony has impressive leadership skills and takes great satisfaction in helping to save lives and improve the condition of those who are in need. He is a member of Salem Baptist Church, has served as a member of the Chicago Park District Advisory Board, the PTA, and the Local School Council. In addition, he volunteers part of his time teaching fire safety to political organizations, local schools and senior citizens.

For the past forty years Anthony has made many well-known appearances at the Annual Bud Billiken Parade, riding on his unicycle with his team. He has also participated in the Kenwood Academy High School's Annual Brotherhood Basketball Tournament.

Even with his busy schedule, Anthony further gives of himself by mentoring young people whenever possible, believing that "no child should be left behind." From a personal perspective he has always enjoyed being involved in youth activities, in the past coaching basketball and baseball.

Anthony is passionate about living life to the fullest and strongly believes in doing all he can to benefit his family and community.



Lance Hall

Class of 2003

Lance Hall graduated with the Class of 2003 while majoring in Horticulture.

Lance was the first in his family to finish undergrad college and completed his master's degree in Project Management as well at Western Illinois University in 2005.

He got involved in computers while being in the United States military as a Computer Administrator.

To date, Lance has 13 years of professional IT experience. In 2013, Lance started an I.T. firm with an idea and a dream, and now is the C.E.O. of Hall Group Solutions LLC., a Minority Certified and Veteran Owned Chicago technology base company that specializes in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Training, and Content Development.



Lance is also the C.E.O. of Access Granted Chicago.

AGC is a Party Bus transportation company servicing Illinois and Indiana. What began as one vehicle and a very small driving staff has transformed into four customized buses, a security staff, and a solid driving staff. AGC has won the Groupon of the Year Award twice. Lance recently added an extension to the company for Mirror Photo-booth services.

Over the years because of Lance's desires to give back to his community, he was able to become a mentor/guest speaker for Sullivan Elementary school, providing scholarships for the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Most Improved students. He has continued to do this annually since 2012.



Lance was also able to build a team to generate four \$1000 scholarships to his former high school, Chicago Vocational and has also serve as a guest speaker for the Cavaliers Graduation Ceremony.

He has used opportunities to utilize his companies to give back to the community. Lance offers the buses from AGC to hold events for the children in the community, as well as hold free courses to train those from the community for a chance to break into the I.T field.

Lance strives to be a beacon of hope by inspiring through vision and display that despite where you may start - it is not where you must end.

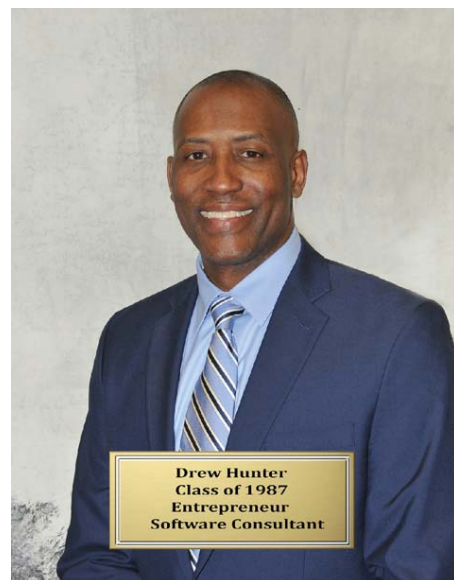
Drew Hunter

Class of 1987

Drew Hunter was born to parents Drew Sr. and Ernestine. He attended Fridtjof Nansen Elementary school. While in the 8th grade at Nansen, Drew showed early signs of his brilliance, placing in the Chicago Public Schools Orator & Speech Contest.

Drew, enrolling at cVs in 1983, participated in several school organizations and varsity sports. He was elected President of the Senior Boys' Council, selected to the National Honor Society and was a member of the National Beta Club. Drew was captain of the Cavaliers' CPS Quarterfinal Basketball team in 1987.

In addition, Drew was also the captain of the 1987 CPL Baseball City Champions. That year, the unranked Cavaliers, playing at Comiskey Park, won their third CPS title in history, qualified for the state championship and finished #8 in the State of Illinois. Drew, an All City player was a key part, playing centerfield, catcher and pitcher for the Cavaliers. He was selected to the Chicago All-City Baseball game vs the Chicago Catholic League All-Star team as the starting centerfielder.



Drew majored in Computer Science, graduating with an academic ranking of #8 in the 1987 Senior Class along with a robust 3.8 GPA.

Enrolling at North Central College in the fall of 1987, Drew was on the College Deans' List all four years. Drew pledged and became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He was captain of the Cardinals basketball team and received the MVP award his senior season. A collegiate two sport athlete, he was also the starting centerfielder on the nationally 10th ranked baseball team. Drew graduated in 1991 with a 3.2 GPA. He completed a grueling double major, garnering both a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics.

Drew began his professional career working for ERP Software provider SAP while living in Heidelberg, Germany. He worked for SAP over 20 years as the company grew to become the #1 ERP software company in the world. Drew eventually started his own company, DHunter Consulting, LLC., and is currently President where he provides project expertise and consulting for Fortune 500 companies utilizing SAP to run their business.

As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Drew donates his time helping with service projects and working as a youth mentor. Drew's hobbies include playing golf as much as possible and an occasional game of basketball. Drew belongs to a golfing organization of minority golfers who enjoy networking and still competing with athletes from all sport genres.

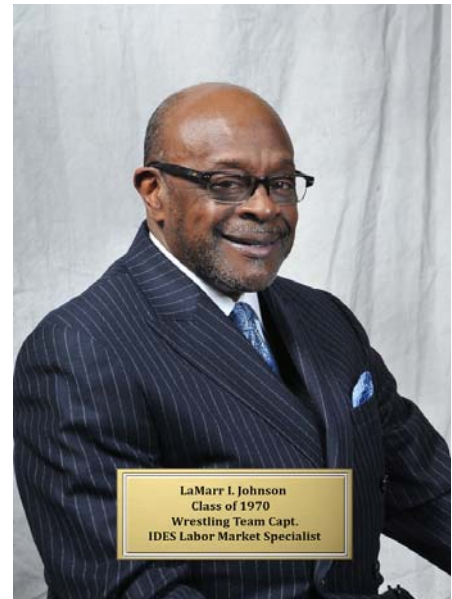
Drew has two children, son Jalen (b.2001) and daughter Jasmyn (b.2003), that he is extremely proud to see them doing very well academically and athletically.

LaMarr Johnson

Class of 1970

LaMarr 'Marty' Johnson is a South side native that took full advantage of his cVs experience. His Major was Machine Shop. Among the many student activities he was a part of, his most fond memories were serving as Captain of the Wrestling Team and being the R.O.T.C. Drum & Bugle Corps Commander in his Senior Year 1969-70.

LaMarr attended Kennedy-King City College before earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business/Finance from Northern Illinois University where he served as the first Minority Relations Adviser for the Student Association as well as a SA Senator. LaMarr embraced his employment as a Labor Market Specialist/Economist with the Illinois Department of Employment Security, Economic Information & Analysis Division. He also held positions of Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Manager and Regional Outreach Liaison.



LaMarr's career has spanned many areas including; Bank Accountant, Real Estate Sales Agent, City Colleges of Chicago Adult Education Lecturer and Youth Motivator Volunteer.

LaMarr is currently an Illinois Real Estate Broker and Deacon at New Covenant MB Church, Chicago. Also he is the Labor Market Information Manager for Point of Success Workforce Solutions specializing in the recruitment and referral of qualified military veteran candidates for employment. LaMarr is also the Treasurer for the cVs Alumni Committee Classes 1968, 69 & 70.



Marsha Y. Johnson

Class of 1978

Marsha Y. Johnson, born in Chicago, and while attending Medgars Evans Elementary, always wanted to attend cVs. Several of her family friends had attended and made her excited about the possibilities of attending. Her time as a Cavalier was very rewarding to her. It was at cVs that she discovered her passion for photography. Under the tutelage of the late Henry Messiah, Marsha's photography skills developed from a passion to a future profession. She excelled in her classes graduating in the top 10% of the class of 1978.

Immediately after high school, Marsha began working in a clerical position at Sears Roebuck & Co. She also continued her love for photography by marketing herself as a wedding and modeling portfolio photographer.

In 1998, she moved to New Orleans working for a national natural snack company, assisting the President of the company as an Administrative Assistant.

Eventually, Marsha took over the design department and began creating a variety of items for other clients outside of her position. The owner of the company, recognized the graphic design talent Marsha displayed and encouraged her to become an entrepreneur. In fact, the company owner fired Marsha as her employee, and hired her as a contractor. She paid for Marsha to have an incorporated company, purchased her first office equipment, computer, software, and all other supplies, while giving Marsha an office in her building and even recommended her to friends to become Marsha's clients.

Once Marsha started her career as a business owner, she began passing on the help that was given to her, mentoring others to help them find their inner business owner self.

Marsha spent 6 years in New Orleans, eventually moving back and living in Chicago for the past twenty one years. Marsha has a daughter Tamara, a son, Ronnie, a granddaughter, Jasmine, three grandsons, Ronnie Jr., Alex, and Nathan, and a great granddaughter, Nyla.

"The four years I spent at CVS, were four of the best years of my life."



Rev. Watson Jones III

Class of 2002

Watson Jones III was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago. At the age of 14, Watson made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ his freshmen year of high school. It was then that Watson began to discern a call into the ministry and began preaching and teaching the bible soon after. Out of a passion for God and deep compassion for people, Watson started a Bible club at his high school.

Although Watson began preaching at the age of 14, he was licensed to preach at the age of 19, making him the youngest minister at his home church, Salem Baptist Church of Chicago.

After graduating high school in 2002, Watson attended Trinity International University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Marketing. During his time at Trinity, Watson served in various leadership roles including the Student Government Association. In 2006, Watson was awarded a President Discretion Award and scholarship to attend Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, earning a Masters degree in Divinity. While studying at Trinity, Watson worked in Student Development as the College's Director of Multicultural Development.

Upon completion of seminary, Watson joined the ministerial staff at his home church—Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. At Salem, he served as Children's Pastor and eventually Youth Pastor, while leading a group of 1,000 members in various church-wide activities.

In 2012, Watson entered a joint pastoral leadership and Church planting residency with Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock, Arkansas and Epiphany Fellowship Church in Philadelphia.

After raising a half-million dollars from churches all over the country, Watson started Restoration Church of Philadelphia in 2015. Watson's journey of starting Restoration Church was featured on NPR's This American Life, and the entrepreneurial business podcast Start Up.



In 2018, at the age of 34, Watson became the Senior Pastor of Compassion Baptist Church.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Watson is a student in the inaugural cohort for the first-ever Ph.D. in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He currently serves in the Chicago chapter of the AND Campaign, where he and others pastor organized the largest forum in the 2019 mayoral election. Watson has written and published in Christianity Today.

Watson is also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated. Watson has written and published in Christianity Today. He is married to Kelli Jones and is the proud father of Yeshaya Nicee Jones, Watson Jones IV, and Ellison Samuel Benedict Jones.



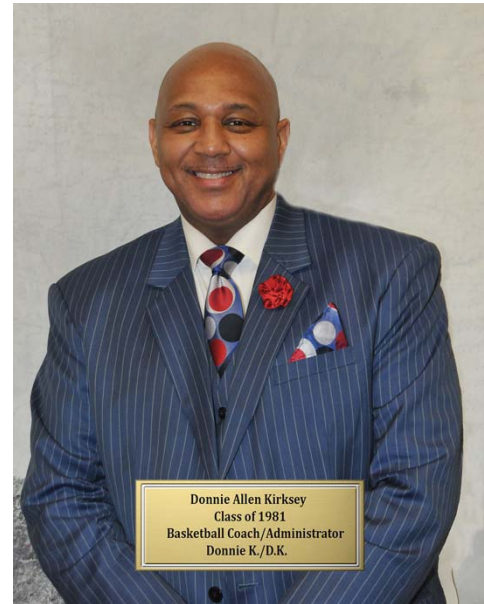
Donnie Allen Kirksey

Class of 1981

Donnie Allen Kirksey was born in Chicago, Illinois and is a product of the Chicago Public School System graduating from Parkside Elementary in 1977 and Chicago Vocational with the Class of 1981. Donnie excelled in sports and was an outstanding basketball and football player.

Donnie went on to college, played basketball from 1983-'85 and graduated from Roosevelt University with a bachelor's Degree in Business Administration / Management. He also is Certified in Sports and Entertainment Law.

Donnie has worked for Nike, Reebok, and Adidas athletic companies. He has been a NCAA Division I assistant basketball coach at DePaul University, Chicago State University and the University of Illinois (Chicago). Donnie is the former Head Men's Basketball Coach at Chicago Dunbar, Julian and Hyde Park high schools.



He is currently the Administrator over Culture and Climate and the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Chicago Vocational. He is responsible for maintaining a positive atmosphere and ensuring the safety of over 900 students on a daily basis.



Donnie was named the 2010 Chicago Region IBCA Coach of the Year and in 1992 was featured in the Dollars and Cents Magazine as one of America's Best and Brightest Young Business Professional Men. Among other distinctions in the educational field, Donnie received the award for Saving Black Males / Par Excellence in Education June 2009.

Donnie has assisted and mentored a multitude of young men from all over the country. He has encouraged them and assisted them in enrolling in Institutions of Higher Learning. With his assistance they engaged in a variety of basketball programs and Donnie helped them graduate from various colleges across the country. Donnie is also a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Lastly, in his free time he enjoys serving at his church and caring for his family including his beloved wife Dionne, daughter Nadia, grandson Kahliel and his dog Dior

Vanessa N. Melton

Class of 1980

Vanessa N. Melton is a graduate of the Class of 1980, majoring in Secretarial Practice – Gregg Shorthand. She took Honors-level courses, and finished with 21 credits by completing an added year of Math and two years of Foreign Language, Spanish. She was also a Writer for the school's newspaper, The TradeMaster. During her Senior year, she worked as a Tutor for 6-8 grade students.

After graduation, Vanessa began her 20-year career at the Harris Bank as a Secretary III/Word Processor. Over the course of her career, she held positions as a Word Processing Specialist, Secretary I, Word Processing Work Coordinator, Technical Writer, and Senior Technical Writer/Team Lead. She was active in the Bank's Bowling and Women's Softball Leagues, as well as, serving stints as Chairperson of the Bank's Word Processors Users Group and as member/alumni of the Operations Department Black Resource Team.

In addition to her work career, Vanessa attended evening courses at both Loop College and Chicago State University, majoring in Business Administration, Information Technology. She continued her education later in life and received her Associates Degree in Accounting from Purdue University Global. She made the Dean's List for Payroll Accounting and Federal Tax Preparation.

Currently, she works as an Accounting Associate with VacayHome Connect LLC. Also, Vanessa is the sole proprietor of Melton Bookkeeping & Tax Services, offering bookkeeping and tax preparation services to individuals and small business owners.

She is a proud Cavalier and is very active in Alumni activities, serving as the Class Leader for the Class of 1980. Additionally, Vanessa has served as the Class of 1980 Reunion Committee Chairperson for their 10th, 30th, 35th, and 40th Class Reunions.



Michael L. Mims

Class of 1978

Michael L. Mims graduated with the cVs Class of 1978, majoring in Architectural Drafting. He is president and CEO of Mims Construction Company, a general contracting firm founded in 1989 providing commercial and industrial general construction and construction management services in central Indiana. Michael is a result driven construction professional with over 30 years experience in the industry with a solid track record for the successful completion of multi-million dollar projects through coordinating trades, developing partnerships, and building positive rapport with architects, engineers, local officials, vendors, and clients, while controlling time quality and cost.

Mims Construction Company has been recognized for its leadership and quality efforts in the industry by several organizations including the Center for Leadership Development.

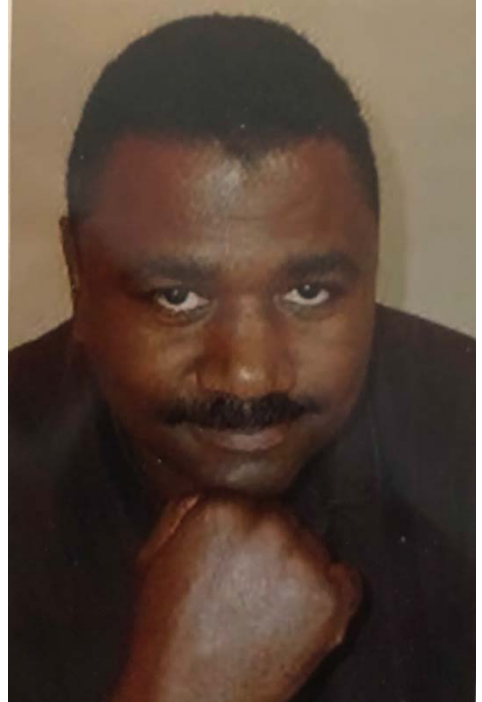
Following high school Michael attended Washington State University where he continued to pursue his dream of playing football at the collegiate level, playing wide receiver for the WSU Cougars while studying architecture. Later, he traded in his Cougars helmet for one with a Jayhawk as he transferred to University of Kansas continuing his collegiate career as a wide receiver for the KU Jayhawks while changing his field to study civil engineering.

In 1983 Michael would settle in Indianapolis Indiana, ultimately continuing his education at Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Technology (Construction Management).



Michael and his wife Rhonda of 29 years have raised their two daughters and son in Indianapolis, where he has been active in the community. He has served as a coach for youth athletics for basketball, football, and gymnastics and acted as den leader for local Boy Scouts of America troops.

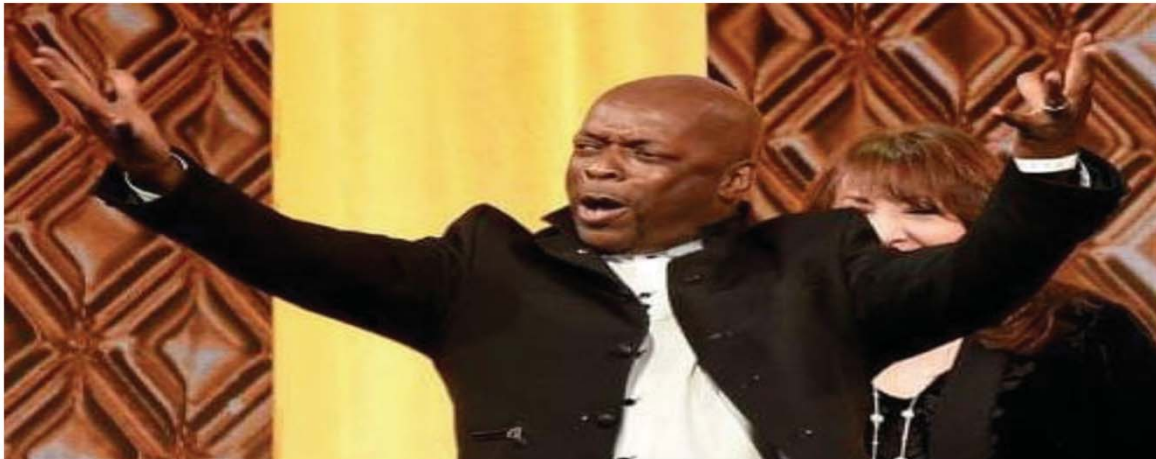
Currently, Michael is heavily involved in cVs high school alumni social groups, boosters, and committees, assisting in the awarding of legacy gifts and student scholarships.



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Dear Kurt,

I never went to your school, never met you in person, but you inspired me to follow in your path in certain ways: By simply doing something that you love!

You enjoyed making music & made a career out of it.

I enjoy working on computers, I've even built my own computer from scratch and made a career out of it as well.

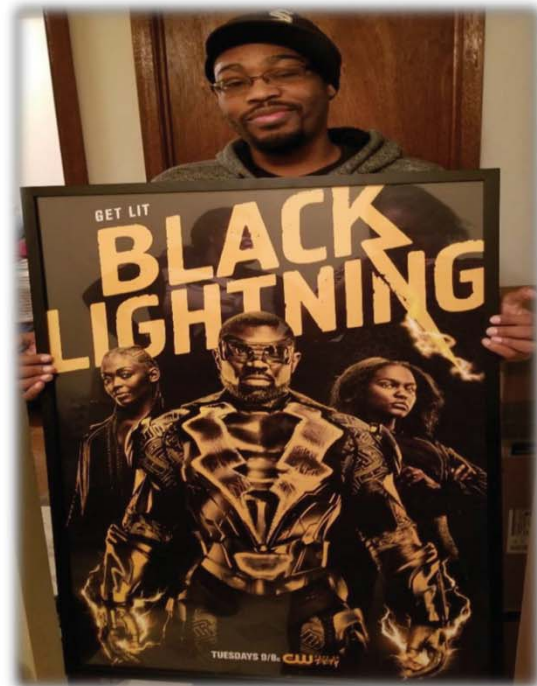
Although we've never met or even went to the same school, I've heard about you and it is inspiring to do something you enjoy & make a living off of it.

I want to thank you just for doing something that you love and paving the way for the younger generation to follow their dreams as well.

Sincerely,

Calvin

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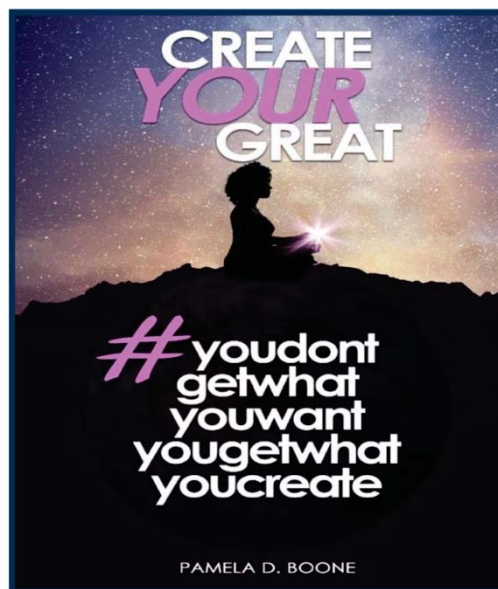
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Annette Nance-Holt

Class of 1982

Annette Nance-Holt, from the cVs Class of 1982, is a 1st Deputy fire commissioner and a 28 year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department (CFD). As the 1st Deputy Fire Commissioner, she is responsible for the day to day administrative and operational oversight of the country's second largest fire department overseeing a budget of approximately \$578 million and a workforce of 4846.

The first woman to hold this rank in the history of the CFD, Annette has steadily progressed through the ranks of Training Instructor, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy District Chief, to her current position.

She holds numerous credentials and professional training certificates that include the Northwestern Public Safety Management Certificate, the Outside Chicago Fire Department Oral Boards and Assessment Centers, FEMA Unified Command and the FEMA All Hazards. She is steadfastly committed to life safety and protection of property for all residents and visitors of Chicago in addition to the safety and continuing education for all CFD members.



A native of Chicago, Annette was raised in the Maple Park community and attended both parochial and public schools. She learned of responsibility at an early age, having worked at the family-owned grocery store on the south and west sides of Chicago Illinois. While studying and working full-time, she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Chicago State University.



She also worked eight years on the corporate environment before joining the CFD in 1990.

In her personal life Annette's passion has become the passing of common sense gun legislation. In June 2007 tragedy hit Annette when her 16-year-old son Blair Holt was fatally shot on his way home from school. Since Blair's death, Annette has supported parents who have lost a child to gun violence with the creation of her nonprofit organization - Purpose over Pain - an advocacy organization that supports parents who also lost children to gun violence. It provides safe and positive outlets for children and youth, advocating and promoting safer communities in Chicago.

Annette is a member of Saint Sabina Church, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters and the African-American Firefighters & Paramedics league, where she once served as President and Vice President.

Still achieving, Annette obtained her Masters in Public Administration in Fire and Emergency Services in 2018.

Ronald (Ron) Pennick

Class of 1977

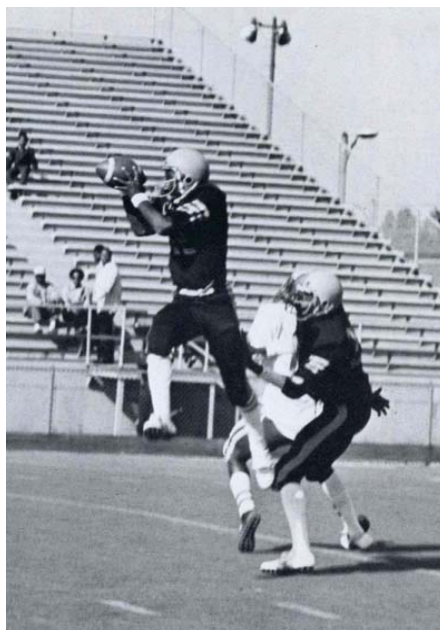
Ronald (Ron) Pennick was born in Chicago, IL to Earline Pennick. His father, Henry Pennick, died in an auto accident shortly before he was birth. Ron grew up in the Englewood community where he was raised by his mother, aunt, grandmother, and siblings.

While at CVS, Ron often called 'Poonie' by his peers, was a prominent member of three CPS City Championship football teams. During his senior year Ron had a 60 yard pass reception at Soldier Field, for the deciding touchdown in the prestigious Mayor Daley Prep Bowl, leading the Cavaliers to victory. That 13-6 win over St. Rita broke a 20 year losing streak by the Public League over their rivals, the Catholic League. For his efforts that day, Ron was selected as the Prep Bowl Most Valuable Player, becoming the first African American to be so honored. The previous week in the Chicago Public League Championship he had three interceptions and a 90 yard kickoff return for touchdown against Lane Technical to send the victorious Cavaliers to the Prep Bowl. Ron went on to be named to his second All City team, the Sun Times All Area team, Illinois All State team and the Streets & Smith's High School All American team.



Ron attended Bass Elementary, Juliette Low Upper Grade Center, and Indiana University - Bloomington, the University of Hawaii, Aerospace Space Institute , and the School of Pharmacy Technology.

Ron is married to Sue Bartolutti. He has two daughters, Rachel Pennick and Master Sergeant Kristin J. Taylor and a granddaughter, Rain Gipson. He has lived in Minneapolis, MN since 1994 and currently works at Fairview Health Services/University of Minnesota Medical Center



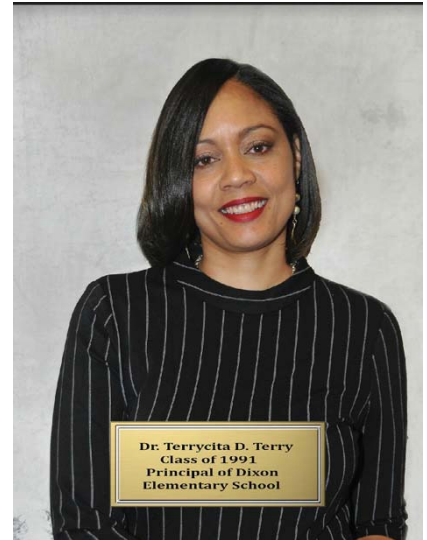
Dr. Terrycita Perry

Class of 1991

Terrycita Perry was born and raised in Chicago Illinois. She is a product of the Chicago Public School System, attending Arthur Dixon Elementary School and Chicago Vocational High School. At cVs she majored in Plastics graduating with the Class of 1991.

Terrycita holds a bachelor's in Special Education, from Chicago State University; a Masters in Early Childhood Development from Chicago State University and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Loyola University-Chicago. Terrycita has 4 years of experience as a principal, 10 years of experience as an assistant principal, 7 years of experience as a special education teacher, and 5 years of experience as a daycare teacher and teacher assistant.

Terrycita is the principal of (her Alma Mater) Arthur Dixon Elementary School. She works collaboratively with teachers to ensure that students achieve academically in a safe learning environment.



A former three-time teaching Golden Apple nominee, Terrycita was the 2002 recipient of the Comer's Award for Teacher of the Year. She is a valued member of the CPS Principal Advisory Council and she is the Network 12 Principal of the Year for 2018. Her school is ranked at a CPS Level 1 +, ranking #7 in the city of Chicago as one of the best in Chicago and Dixon Elementary is considered one of the best schools in Network 12. Her school leadership abilities have been certified by the Harvard University Graduate School of Education and recognized by the City of Chicago's Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Terrycita is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Her recent travels to Alaska, Rome and China to observed the culture, people and the educational system have broadened Terrycita's knowledge and exposed her to new and different strategies and ways of life to bring back to her teachers and students..

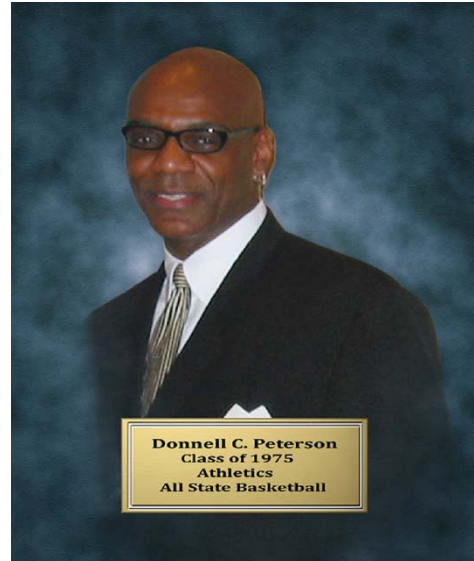


Donnell C. Peterson

Class of 1975

Donnell Charles Peterson, affectionately known as Pete, used his natural charm, compassion and debonair style to become a leader among his peers in the Legendary Class of 1975.

Majoring in Wood Shop, Donnell worked hard to become a student-athlete worthy of statewide recognition and publicity. He was given the nickname “Pistol Pete” for his undeniable skill on the basketball court. Donnell earned city and state recognition for basketball including All City, All Area, Honorable Mention All State, and Top 10 cVs Athlete of 1975. He was a powerhouse on the basketball court and standout player on the baseball team. In addition to athletics, Donnell was an active member of the Student Council and Lettermen’s Club. In his senior year he was voted Most Popular Male and Homecoming King along side his high school sweetheart, Homecoming Queen and future wife, Mae Wilson.



After graduating from CVS, Donnell accepted a full athletic scholarship to Tuskegee University and attained his bachelor’s degree in Accounting from Chicago State University. Donnell made several stops on his professional journey. He worked at Marcy Newberry, the Chicago Board of Trade, INROADS, Chicago State University, coached basketball at the elementary and high school levels, and was the first Road Manager for his close friend, comedic entertainer and fellow Legendary ‘75 Cavalier, Bernie Mac.

Donnell’s creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, and savvy business acumen led to the establishment of his own company - The Director’s Chair. For twenty-seven years, Donnell mastered his video and media skills to become a sought-after videographer and producer. In 2004, Donnell co-founded the Donald Peterson Foundation (DPF) on a mission to “touch the hearts and minds of our youth.”



His work with and through the foundation was a fitting testimony of Donnell’s life. He served as Executive Director of DPF for nearly 10 years. He mentored youth through the DCFS Transitional Living Program and shaped and groomed dads through the National Fatherhood Initiative. Under Donnell’s leadership, DPF established itself as a nationally recognized nonprofit organization.

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Donnell was a champion of Fatherhood and made that a major part of his life’s work. While cherishing his two daughters, he always made time to express unconditional love, encourage and empower all young people, especially young men. Donnell was the perfect example of a “Real Man.” His mantra was, “This journey is

not for me, but for those watching.” Though Donnell passed away in 2015, his legacy is still alive and well!

James Reynolds Jr.

Class of 1972

James Reynolds Jr., is a graduate of the cVs Class of 1972, majoring in Radio and Telephone Repair. James morphed himself from a average C student in high school to a college Dean's List graduate. He became the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Loop Capital starting the company in 1997 with a simple model as a guide to provide client service to beyond expectations. The model still serves as the foundational driving force of the firm. James currently overseas all aspects of Loop Capital including investment banking, brokerage and financial advisory services.



A 30 year veteran of the financial service industry, James held a senior level positions at several global Wall Street firms prior to founding capital – then a main municipal bond firm. Since Loop Capital has grown into one of the most dynamic in diversified investment banking firms in the country, expanding into corporate finance, global equity trading, taxable fixed income trading, tax exempt fixed income trading, mergers and acquisitions, public finance, infrastructure investments and financial consulting. As chairman and CEO, James spearheaded the accelerated growth and diversification of the firm, which is now one of the largest privately held investment banks in the United States.

A passionate advocate of giving back to the community, James currently serves on the boards of directors.. Additionally, James is Vice Chairman of the Board for the Chicago Urban League and a member of the CFA Institute. In May 2017, he was appointed by Illinois Governor Rauner to serve on the Intersect Illinois Board. In February 2013 he was chosen by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to co-chair the board of Get IN Chicago, which aims to prevent violence through intensive mentorship an intervention in the lives of at risk youth.

James holds a master's of Management and Finance from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. He received his chartered financial analyst designation from the AIMR in 1991 and holds series 7, 24, 53 and 63 licenses.



Curtis Rowe

Class of 1984

Curtis Rowe is a business man that has been a franchisee for the past ten years of Checkers Drive-In Restaurants on Chicago's south side and south suburbs.

Curtis is a graduate of the cVs Class of 1984 majoring in Business. He was a prominent member of the Cavaliers baseball program and skilled enough to earn a scholarship to Jackson State University.

Curtis graduated from Chicago State Univ in 1989 with a B.S. in Business. While at CSU he was able to secure a summer intern job with Johnson & Johnson Baby Products Division for two summers and credits that for jump starting his career.



He started his first business at the age of twenty eight after working several years in Sales for Fortune 500 companies Abbott Laboratories and Warner Lambert Co. Curtis' corporate career provided him great training to help him take the leap of faith into becoming an entrepreneur at such an early age. His personal fulfillment was finally achieved after he started his first business which was a snack food distribution and brokerage company. He later ventured into becoming a real estate investor and his portfolio included 100 apartments that he personally managed.

Curtis was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1987 while at CSU, ran for Student Government President and played shortstop as a member of the Cougars baseball team during his time there. He received the Mr. Future Business Executive Award from Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity and Student Leadership Award from Chicago State University.



His greatest joy today is being in a position to have a positive impact on his community by providing jobs and life skills to young people. Curtis feels gratification knowing that he and his business is the reason that nearly 100 people are able to pay their rent, mortgage and car notes each month.

Curtis has many times contributed back to cVs without questions asked when called upon by school administration or the alumni association. He is often at Cavalier events lending personal support as well.

Curtis resides in the south suburbs along with his beautiful wife Victoria, they have been married over 18 years and are proud to have raised two wonderful sons, Curtis(26) and Ramon(29)

Charles Scott

Class of 77

Charles (Charlie) Scott was born in the Chicago and is a graduate of the cVs Class of 1977 majoring in Foundry. Coming from a large family he was the sixth of seven children. His mom told him that she took his bottle away the day that he started throwing rocks up in the air and hitting them with his bottle. An early sign that he would become a very good baseball player.

Playing baseball all of his adolescent years, Charles while attending cVs varsity lettered four straight years in baseball. Charles received the MVP award his sophomore year and was the winning pitcher in the 1976 CPL City Championship game his junior year. Pitching a complete game, he defeated Curie 2-1 in the final for cVs first ever title. He and also came in relief in the semi finals to get the win against Public League powerhouse Clemente and send the Cavaliers to the championship game.

Graduation took him to Jackson State University in Mississippi..In his first year 1977, he received Pitcher of the Year Award, beating out five college seniors. In 1981 he was drafted into Major League Baseball by the Montreal Expos. His first season he did well winning ten games and only losing twice. However, after two and a half seasons the pro baseball dream was over and he was released.

While doing various jobs in sales, Charles married and received two beautiful children, Brittani and Charles Jr. from that union. Charles remarried to Arnita still is at this time.

For the last twenty five years he's been a firefighter for the Chicago Fire Department, a job that he loves and hopes to retire from soon.



Ametra Self

Class of 1985

Ametra Self (Gibson) majored in Accounting, graduating with the cVs Class of 1985. While at The Palace, Ametra was voted Miss Junior Homecoming Queen. She was born and raised on the south side of Chicago in the Pill Hill community.

During her time spent at cVs her favorite class was Drama. She directed the hit student play, Sorry, Wrong Number. Since the age of 4, her desire was to become a Writer, News Anchor and an Actress.

She attended Chicago State University and later decided to study Television Production. She trained at Chicago Access Network Television, became a Certified TV Producer in July 1997 and began producing local cable television shows.

In 2007, Ametra, began working as a Production Assistant on a film produced by Robert Townsend. The movie co-starred Angela Bassett, Victoria Rowell, Faizon and Bobby J. In 2008, she wrote and directed her first feature film IT TAKES A VILLAGE, which was selected for screenings at the ICE Cinema Theater Community Day event in Chicago.

Additional movies she has produced include: AJAYLA The Nubian Princess (2009), Battered Clergy (2010) Cyber Hoax (2011), Love Story (2014), There's Hope (2015) and Double Fatal (2019). Ametra has produced several cable television series including Elevate, The Exchange, The Moopy Show and Now Television Network game show, Just Say the Word.

Ametra is also a Playwright, producing and writing an original musical, PINK PRINCESS on breast cancer awareness.

She's a published author of the novel Clean Heart and has also broadcast live on 102.3 FM Rejoice Radio in Chicago. Ametra is married and has introduced her 3 children to performing arts at an early age.



Reginald Sykes

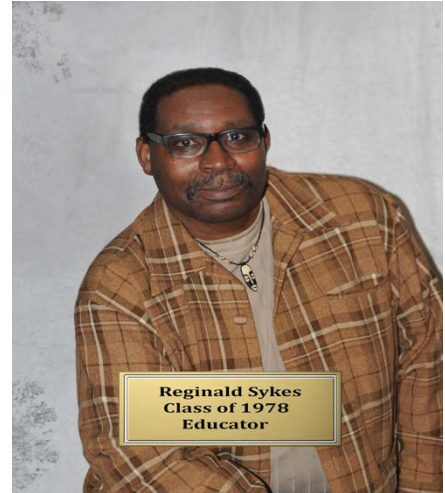
Class of 1978

Reginald Sykes graduated with the cVs Class of 1978 while majoring in Horticulture. He participated in the Drama Club and also worked on both the Trademaster and Technician staffs. He was the third and last child born to Herman and Juanita Sykes.

He graduated from Ruggles Elementary School prior to becoming a cVs Cavalier. He then attended Eastern Illinois University and is a graduate of Columbia College.

He started his professional work career as a Credit Analyst for Allinet Communication and transitioned into educational teaching in 1994. Reginald is currently a Computer Lab teacher at John Harvard Elementary in the Chicago Public School system.

Reginald mentors youth in his community and has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America, is a Sunday School Teacher, youth mentor, choir director, conducts teacher workshops and many other community activities. In 2014 he was recognized for his service in the community and received the "Someone You Should Know" award in the 6th Ward of Chicago. Reginald also serves on his cVs reunion committee for the Class of 1978 and is the proprietor of his own plaque and trophy company.

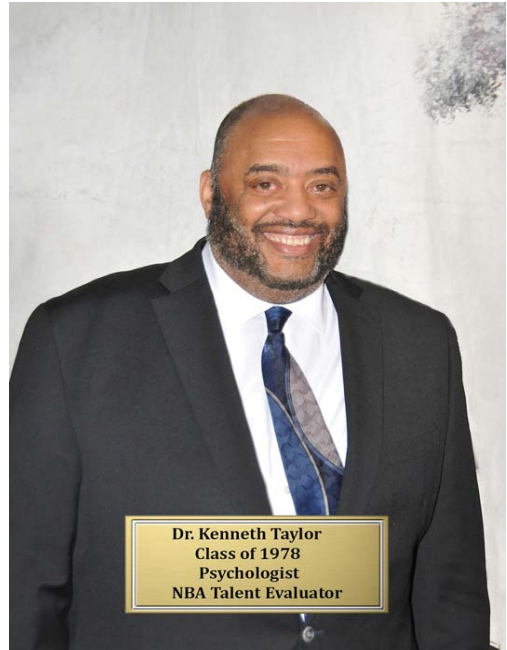


Dr. Kenneth Taylor

Class of 1978

Dr. Kenneth Taylor has over 30 years of public service in social services. He has invested his time and energy into mentoring and empowering young men and fathers to rise above socioeconomic barriers that plague the inner cities. While at CVS, he competed in the city-wide science fair in which he repaired a heavily damaged car, which was sold at auction to benefit disabled teens.

Kenneth majored in Auto Body and Fender, graduating with the Class of 1978. An accomplished basketball player as a youth, Dr. Taylor played collegiate basketball, graduating from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Social Work. Pursing his master's education at the University of Notre Dame, Kenneth culminated his academic studies there as well by earning his Doctoral degree, both in Psychology. Currently he is the President of the Chicago Leadership and Mentoring Consortium in Chicago.



Kenneth has been an Associate Minister on the south side of Chicago since 2002 and is the lead host of a weekly religious radio broadcast. He is also a professional basketball talent evaluator and scout for the National Basketball Association.

A United States Naval officer veteran, Kenneth is a father to one daughter, Kendria and has six grandchildren. His wife, Beverly is also a graduate of CVS, Class of 1978.



Cylvia Weaver - Gibbs

Class of 1983

Cylvia Weaver-Gibbs, graduated with the Class of 1983, majoring in D.E.C.A. She participated in school organizations but enjoyed the Red Cross Club the most. This was one of her first opportunities to learn hands on and developed her passion, helping the community.

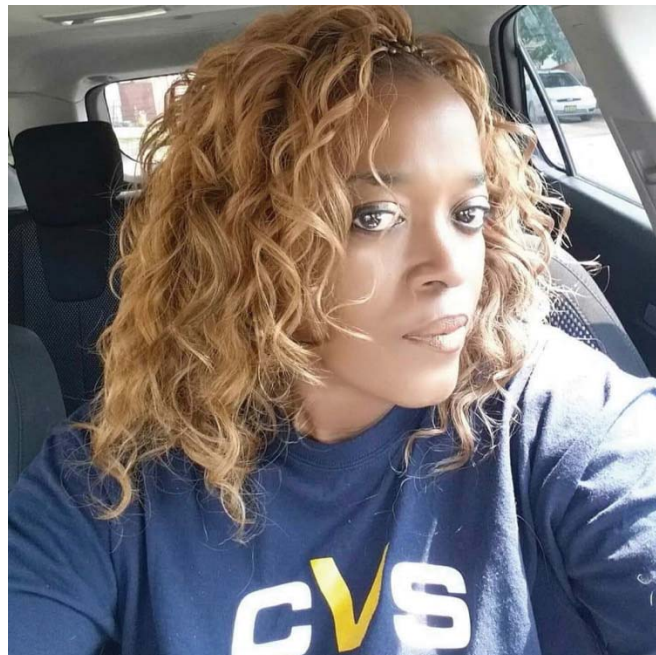
Upon graduation Cylvia continued her education at Malcolm X College, becoming a Medical Laboratory Technician. Graduating with honors, she has worked in the medical field for over 30 years.

Cylvia volunteered as a coach for the Jackie Robinson West Little League, including 12 years as an Assistant Manager and the Women Auxiliary Board. During this time, she also focused on helping players get into high schools and college.

Cylvia is considered a valuable source of information and heavily involved in alumni and reunion activities with her class of 1983.

Cylvia has been a member of the Alumni Association since December 2011, beginning as a member of the Mentoring Committee branch of the association. Her organizational skills were recognized, for in 2012 she was elected to the Board of Directors as Vice President and the following year became president of the Alumni Association through 2015.

Cylvia comes from a long line of Cavaliers: cousin Robert Ross, cVs 1973, Pretrina Ross, cVs 1974, Dolpha Fowler cVs 1978, and Ladonna Slaughter-Brown cVs 1982, 2 siblings, Clarence Weaver and Carol Weaver-Houston cVs 1978. Cylvia has 3 children, Cornelius Jr, cVs 1998, Demetris, and Jerald, and 6 Grandchildren.



Isiah 'Juice' Williams

Class of 2006

Isiah 'Juice' Williams attended cVs from 2002-2006, graduating as an excelling student-athlete. Williams garnered national recognition as a standout football player, earning honors as an All-American quarterback and ranked as the #3 high school quarterback in the country. His dominance on the field and work ethic in the classroom lead to receiving over 75 scholarship offers from major NCAA Division-1A universities around the US. Ultimately, Williams chose the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as his collegiate home.

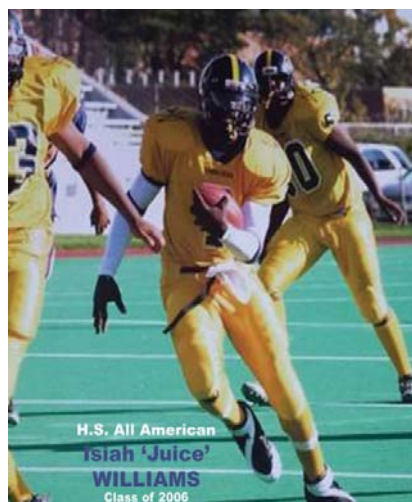


There, Isiah saw similar success on the football field, being recognized as one of the best quarterbacks in school history – breaking several Illinois football records and leading his Fighting Illini team to the prestigious 2008 Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, California. He's recognized as arguably the most dynamic quarterback in the last century at the University of Illinois.

Upon leaving Illinois, Isiah was invited to attend Rookie Mini-Camp with the Chicago Bears in 2010. Later that year he was released by the Bears but found a new home within the indoor football league. As the Chicago Slaughter premier player, Williams earned several league awards and honor, including First-Team All-IFL and Player of the Year.

Today, Isiah runs his own financial advisory business, based in Washington, D.C., which focuses on comprehensive financial planning to help clients pursue their goals and build generational wealth. His main clientele consists of NBA & NFL athletes, working professionals, and families nationwide. Williams and his wife are parents of three children and currently live in the DC Metro area.

He is currently the youngest Cavalier to ever be inducted into the cVs Hall of Fame.



Marlon J. Williams

Class of 2003

Marlon J. Williams is a graduate of cVs with a Certification in Plastics Fabrication in 2003, has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Rust College in 2008, and obtained a Masters of Education in Education Technology from Strayer University in 2013.

Marlon is currently a Business Data Analyst for Fiserv Lending Solutions in Atlanta, GA. He completed the “Java Boot Camp” training program at Cooks Systems International in 2012 in Memphis, TN,

He is a member of Black Men Code, Inc., which provides a wide range of opportunities for black men to participate in the information technology fields.

Marlon volunteers as an assistant instructor with the eXcelerate SQL database training program. He is a member of the Urban League of Young Black Professionals of Atlanta as well as a member of Men of Georgia.



He is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Germantown Alumni Chapter. He authored and published in August of 2012 his first poetry book entitled “Silence of a Lonely Room” which is available on amazon.com and kindle.com. Marlon in 2016 was featured in B.A.R.E Magazine Classic Man’s “Classic Man” edition. He was on ESPN’s “First Take” show and debated with controversial host Stephen A. Smith in April 2018

Marlon married his beautiful Rwandan queen, Dr. Olivia U. Williams in July 2016, and brought into the world the most beautiful daughter, Madeline Jade Williams in September of 2017. In addition, he became a first-time homeowner on his 33rd birthday in November 2017.



LeRoy Willis

Class of 1993

LeRoy L. Willis was born in Chicago and grew up in a tough Englewood community during the 1980's. He graduated from cVs with the Class of 1993, majoring in Computer Science.

Following high school he attended Illinois State University, majoring in Criminal Justice and Sociology with hopes of becoming a United States Marshall or Forensics Specialist. LeRoy went on to work at several social service agencies while applying and testing for the Illinois State Police and other local police departments. After being rejected several times he decided that this was no longer the road he wanted to continue to pursue; therefore, LeRoy switched career paths. His passion for homes and real estate is what he decided to follow as his professional career.

As a displaced child who attended six different schools before graduating 8th Grade he had one true desire which was to have his own bedroom. Little did he know that this desire burned in him, peaking his interest in real estate. After becoming licensed, he worked for various large brokerages where he learned the foundation of running a real estate company. LeRoy started his own company, LeRoy Willis Realty in 2013, an independently owned and operated real estate firm. LWC is dedicated to serving the needs of their clients with the utmost professionalism, quality customer services and attention to detail. In addition, he added to his professional portfolio and founded LW Dream Appraisal in 2017, a residential real estate appraisal company.



Along this successful journey, he married his wife, Tashyna and they have three sons, Rod, Sean and Jaden. LeRoy also became a member of Eureka Lodge #64 (F&AM), as well as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

LeRoy continues to inspire children that look like him, come from similar circumstances and aspire to accomplish the goals that they set for themselves. He coaches kids in both youth basketball and football, as well as participates in career workshops throughout the Chicagoland area and suburbs.

One of LeRoy's biggest mantras is understanding your beginning does not determine your destination. He lives by the notion of, "WHY NOT ME?"

Jarvis Windham

Class of 1975

Jarvis Windham graduated cVs with the Legendary Class of 1975 – a generation identified as “The Baby Boomers,” where some were the first in their families to ever attend and graduate from college. Jarvis is among this unique group.

While at cVs, Jarvis was a Co Captain and standout player on the 1974 CPL City Championship football team. His leadership helped return the title back to The Palace after a six year hiatus which also began the first of three city championships for the Cavaliers. Jarvis was selected as a Top Five Senior student based on overall contributions to the school in grades, events and clubs. In addition, Jarvis was selected by his peers as one of the Top Ten Athletes for the Cavaliers. Majoring in Machine Drafting his many activities included National Honor Society, Senior Boys Council, Letterman’s Club and the Drama and Math Clubs.

In 1980, after obtaining a B.S. degree from Tuskegee Institute (HBCU), he began his career employment in Dallas, Texas.

From 1980 – 1999 several positions in the Engineering Industry included Sperry Flight System, Avionics Communication Systems, Field Service Engineer and Rockwell International. In 1986 he earned his Masters Degree in Marketing.

April 24, 2012, Jarvis became a Heart Transplant Recipient, after having suffered heart disease in 1999. Seven years after receiving his transplanted heart, he has no heart complications and as a result re-entered the world of work with a renewed focus; giving back and or paying forward. He currently serves as a Life Coach for Athletes for Change. This Residential Treatment Center (RTC) provides male youth identified by the Judicial System an opportunity to reform, and become an integral asset in the community.

Jarvis credits Jesus Christ as his Savior and Provider of life, and he gives HIM honor and praise for his achievements.



Lissa Woodson

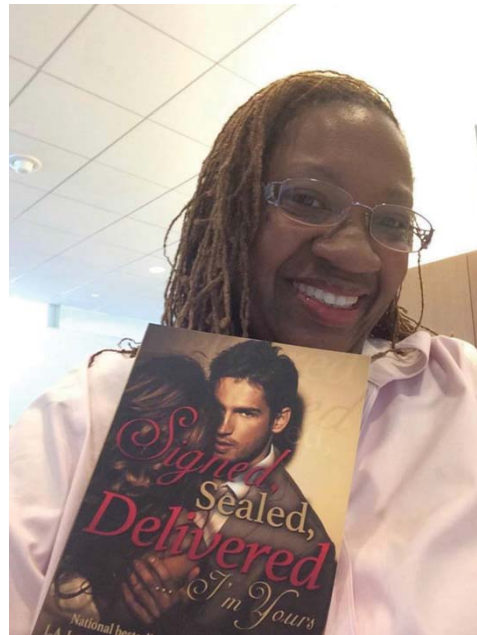
Class of 1984

Lissa Woodson, is a member of the cVs Class of 1984, where she majored in Business. Her pen name is Naleighna Kai. She is a national bestselling and award-winning author of several controversial novels including, *Every Woman Needs a Wife*, *Slaves of Heaven*, and also *Was it Good For You Too?* which is dedicated to and includes members of the cVs Class of 1984. She is a contributor to a New York Times bestseller, a Mercedes Benz Mentor Award Nominee, the E. Lynn Harris Author of Distinction, a Black Pearl of Excellence Award Recipient, and AALBC's Top 100 Black authors.

In addition to successfully cracking the code of landing a deal with a major publishing house, she continues to "pay it forward" by organizing the annual Cavalcade of Authors which gives readers intimate access to the most accomplished writing talent today. She also serves as CEO of Macro Marketing & Promotions Group which offers aspiring and established authors assistance with ghostwriting, developmental editing, publishing, marketing, and other services to jump-start or enhance their writing careers.



Lissa (Naleighna) also founded NK's Tribe Called Success that helped the majority of her clients in becoming national bestsellers. For more info on Naleighna or her current novels visit www.naleighnakai.com



HALL OF FAME SELECTION PROCEDURES

Every three years in November the Hall of Fame Committee accepts nominations. Anyone that is a graduate of cVs can nominate another Cavalier. You can not self nominate. The nominating procedures and qualifications are posted on all social media and key class information pages. Applications are sent to nominated Cavaliers to turn in by December 31st. The HOF Nominating Committee meets in January to research and select future HOF members. Key criteria includes achievements while at cVs and beyond. There is a fee attached with membership. Among expectations is service to the current students and assistance at the school as needed. The next nomination process will begin November 2021.



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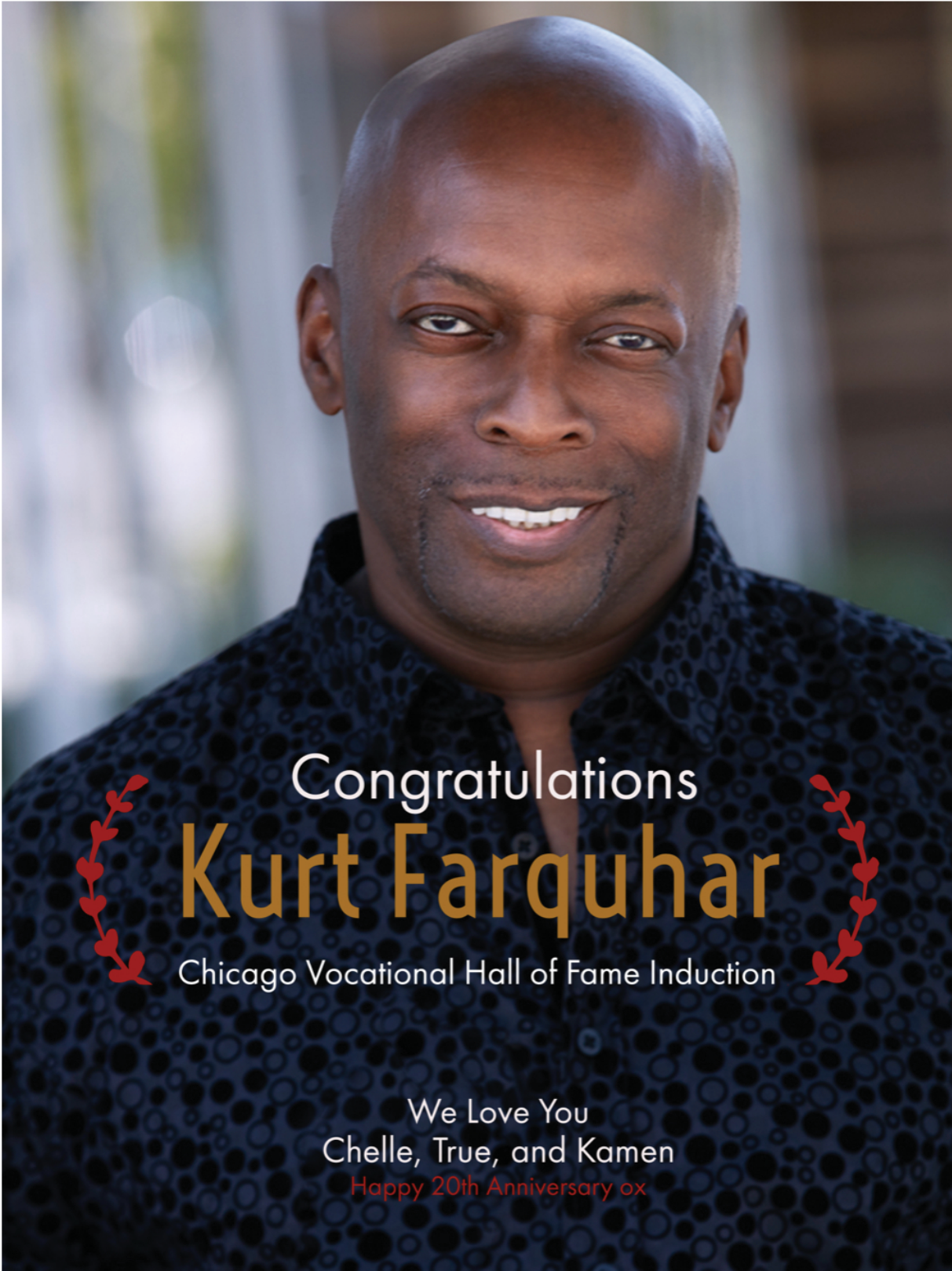
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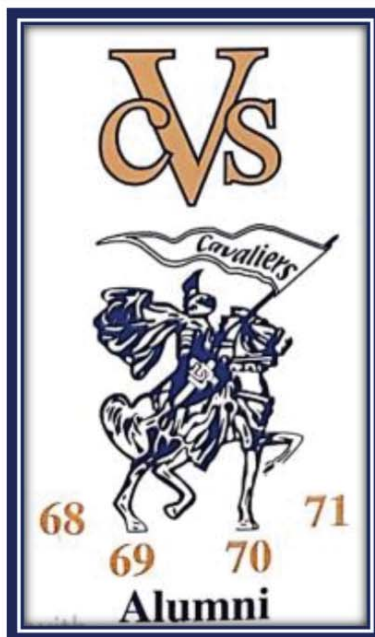
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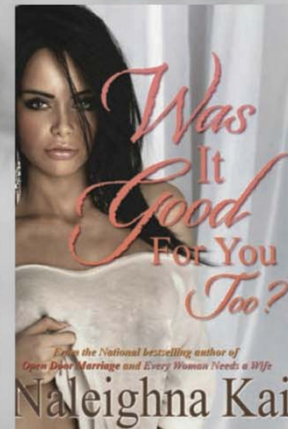
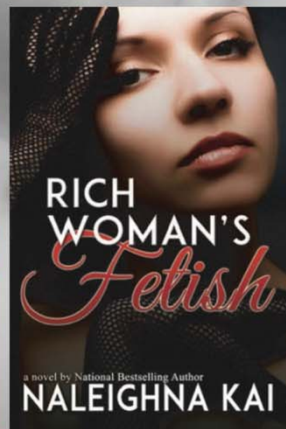
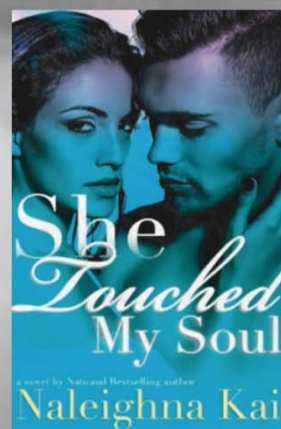
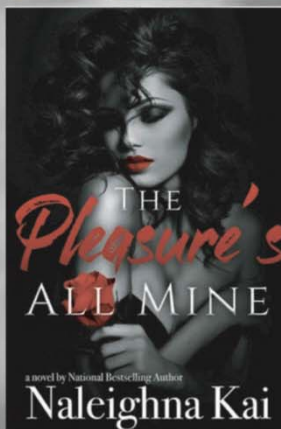
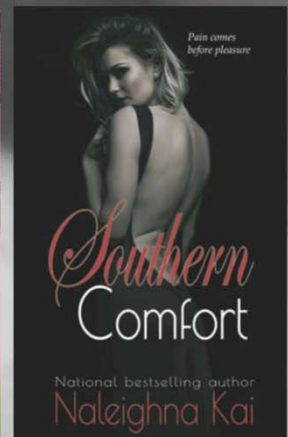
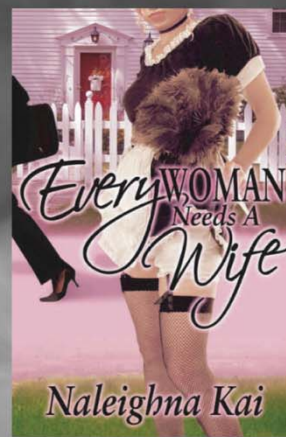
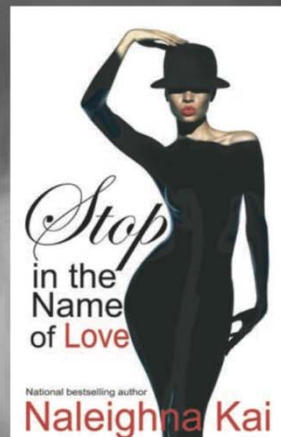
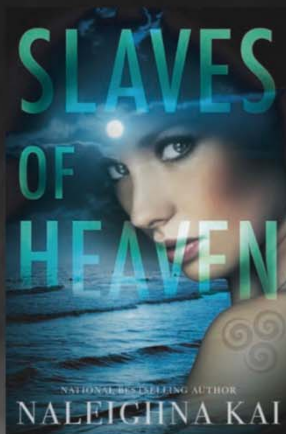
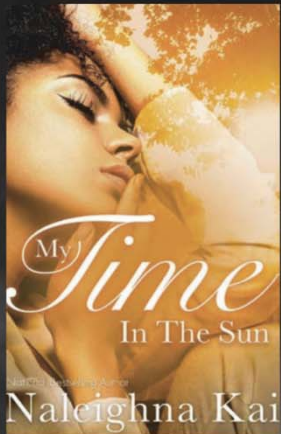
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