

*Oklahoma
African American Educators
Hall of Fame, Inc.*



Dr. Donnie L. Nero Sr.

“Thoughts from the President”

One of the greatest motivational concepts accessible to mankind is “Recognition.” Recognition is the action or process of recognizing for being recognized in particular. Two synonyms for recognition are remembrance and acknowledgement. Thus, we pause tonight to remember and acknowledge the accomplishments of ten outstanding African American contributions in the field of education.

Education has and always will be the ingredient which provides opportunities for the masses, while stimulating the individuals to press onward fulfilling their potential. The inductees this year have served in various capacities within the realm of Oklahoma education and their influence is evident by the successes attained by their fruit.

Along with three distinguished educators who’s credentials speak for themselves and remain with us, seven honorees will be honored posthumously for their dedication and service. It is imperative to collect, preserve, and share their stories as their relatives and colleagues are mindful of their impact. As a state, nation, community, and school district, we are always one generation from loosing the history of our trailblazers.

The educational system in Oklahoma has and continues to flourish because of the character of those recognized tonight. The sacrifices of our inductees make it possible for the new generation of educators to enjoy the conveniences, accommodations and compensations they receive today. Please take time to acknowledge these inductees by saying, “Thank you.”

The Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame, Inc. museum, located in Clearview, Oklahoma, has become a historical tourist destination, attraction, and place of interest for history enthusiasts. The Town is one of the original Thirteen All-Black towns of the Oklahoma and is centrally located between Tulsa and Oklahoma City in Okfuskee County, accessible from Interstate 40. This is a “must see” museum.

May we all hold firm to the belief in all people and embrace the vision of the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame, Inc. which remains: “Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.” Proverbs 3: 27.

This evening would not be possible without the dedicated OAAE Hall of Fame, Inc. Board of Directors and Committee Members. Please recognize their efforts throughout this event. I sincerely hope you enjoy the occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donnie Nero".

Dr. Donnie L. Nero Sr.
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