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Leigh R. Carter



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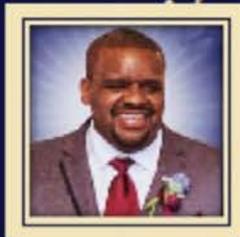
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Dr. Weldon McWilliams IV



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The Third Annual Amistad Gala

The Guest Speaker

Dr. Gemar Mills



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Greetings,

The Bugg Foundation continues our journey that began in 2015 to strategically invest in our communities through gun-violence awareness, serve the homeless population and advocating for mental health outreach. Our most precious prize is adopting parks to provide a haven for our children. We know we are not alone on this journey; rather, we are accompanied by countless organizations and individuals such as Growing in Grace Counseling Groups, Willie Peterkin Foundation, Bridget Arrick & PIFFY Award Organization, Muture Sisters, Created Unique, Robert Statuto, Tyrone Collins Family, Eastside Neighborhood Association 2.0, Paterson Community Policing, Vera Ames-Games, Gail Van Rensalier, Gilman Choudhury, Prospect Park Councilwoman Esther Perez, Anthony Wilson, Raheem Smallwood, Colleen Ryan-Santiago, Lisa Adams, Nicole Hampton, Tonia Addison, Raleena Bush and Troy Oswald and together we are creating a mark to make a difference for our future.

We are solidly grounded in the legacy and the value of our ancestors, and we are humbled to be a part of the effort of the Paterson Amistad Community Committee. Our hearts were overjoyed to witness the declaration on February 28th as Amistad Day in Paterson, New Jersey, the first in the state. On June 12, 2021, it was an honor to witness the renaming of Vreeland Triangle Park to the Amistad Park. Today, we mark another historical moment in remembering our ancestors with the Second Amistad Gala. We are proud of this effort, and it's focus on ensuring that African American history and the many contributions and experiences are adequately recognized and remembered. There is evidence-based data that supports when individuals are taught their history and recognized for their significant contributions made by their ancestors, pride, encouragement, and care is taken in those highlighted projects and areas. As the President, I want to personally thank the Paterson Amistad Community Committee, Raheem Smallwood, Willie Peterkin Sr., and Sharrieff Bugg. The support and contributions of our own Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter, Congressman Donald Payne, and Passaic County Sheriff Richard H. Berdnik.

Lastly, I want to thank my family and friends who have supported our mission in working to eliminate disparities in our community and achieving equity throughout our city by supporting our projects.

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William M. Brown

The Amistad Lifetime Achievement Award

William M. Brown III, FAIA, NOMAC is a compassionate architect who advocates for and advances the architectural profession through dedicated leadership, mentorship, and community service. A registered Architect in the State of New Jersey, Bill is retired but remains actively engaged in the community. He has over 40 years of architectural experience in commercial and residential design and brings intuition, understanding, compassion, creativity, and problem-solving skills into his architectural designs.

Over the course of his career, Bill chaired and served on several committees, received several awards, and has held several offices within the American Institute of Architects of New Jersey (AIANJ) and the local chapter, AIA Newark and Suburban Architects. Bill served as the second African-American President in both organizations. His father, William M. Brown Jr. preceded him as the first African-American President in both organizations. In addition, Bill served as the first President of the National Organization of Minority Architects Chapter of New Jersey (NOMA-NJ, 2010-2014) and was inducted into the American Institute of Architects, College of Fellows (FAIA) in February 2021. He is currently serving as Scribe to NOMAC, the Counsel for the NOMA National Board of Directors.

Bill has a long history of community service - mentoring youth, sharing architectural expertise, and making a difference in various organizations and capacities. Bill currently serves as Second Vice President for the NAACP Oranges and Maplewood Unit, Chair of the Unit's ACT-SO Program (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics), mentor/advisor for the ACT-SO architectural category, and as a member of the Unit's Environmental and Climate Justice Committee.

Bill earned a Bachelor of Architecture from Howard University in Washington, DC. He is a member of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, NJ and is appreciative of and inspired by his faith and the love of family and friends. He enjoys engaging, encouraging, and mentoring youth for the profession of Architecture or their chosen professions. He leads by example and is inspired by the words "May the Work I've Done, Speak for Me."



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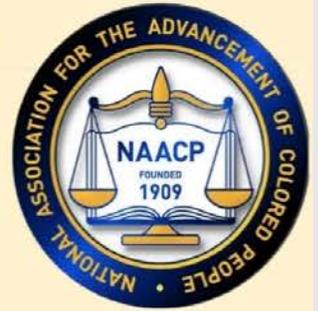
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Our Heartfelt Congratulations to
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the 2024 Amistad Lifetime
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Michael Ajagbe

The Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu Award

Michael Ajagbe is a Social Worker who has worked with an array of populations in a variety of settings for over 14 years.

He holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Fordham University, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and a Certification in Child Advocacy from Montclair State University. He is currently pursuing a second Master's in Educational Leadership.

Michael is an avid speaker and committed to social justice. Michael is passionate about advocating for those whose voices are not heard. He can be found speaking at conferences and Universities on Racism, Racial Trauma, and various other Inequities. Michael also teaches at the Graduate Level of Social Work Education at Fordham University.

He is currently a school Social Worker in the Bogota School District. He is dedicated to mentoring and empowering individuals from all walks of life. His inspiration for entering Social Work came from his start reaching some of the most marginalized youth in a partial hospitalization program in Newark, NJ. It was there that his passion for this work was born.

Michael believes that change happens when people are given the guidance they need to draw on their own strengths and realize their full potential to live fulfilling happy lives. For this reason, Michael is the Founder & CEO of Lighthouse Life Strategists & Consultants: a company whose sole purpose is uplifting people into their full potential.

Michael's most prized title is the father of two amazing boys. Michael draws his power from his unwavering Faith in God. His favorite quote is drawn from the book of Matthew Chapter 5, Verse 14: "You are the light of the world like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."

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Leigh R. Carter **The Booker T. Washington Award**

I am Leigh R. Carter, a dedicated and compassionate social worker and program manager committed to driving positive change in communities. Holding a Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Science in Human Services from the University of Hartford, I bring a rich educational background to my endeavors. My journey in Social Work is defined by a passion for making a meaningful impact. Through a combination of education, hands-on experience, and a commitment to community service, I continue to strive for excellence in creating positive change and fostering community relationships. My ability to manage complex programs, engage in effective counseling, develop and lead initiatives has equipped me to address the diverse challenges within the social work landscape. I am dedicated to fostering a resilient, supportive, and empowered community, one step at a time.

I have extensive experience in educational settings, currently serving as a School Social Worker in South Orange/Maplewood School District for Columbia High School, after six years in Paterson Public Schools with Public School #10. I also serve as Lead Teacher in the Michael Wanger After School Program for Oasis Haven for Women and Children for the past three years.

I am the loving and caring husband to my beautiful wife Latita, and a supportive foster father to Jeremiah. I am totally committed to making a lasting impression through academic, social and community development.

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David Cozart Jr.

The Amistad Assistant Superintendent Award

Mr. David Cozart Jr., is the son of Dr. David Cozart, Sr (deceased) and Gloria J. Cozart. Raised in Spring Valley, New York. He knew the value of obtaining a quality education. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Finance from Virginia State University and additional Master's Degrees from Coppin State College, Baltimore, MD and New Jersey City University, Jersey City, New Jersey.

He is a proud educator and leader who has devoted twenty-nine years of service to the City of Paterson – Paterson Public School District community. During the last twenty-three years, he served in many administrative roles including school and district-level positions. He is a man of faith and integrity who is extremely passionate about instilling hope and pride in the lives of the Paterson Public School District stakeholders. Serving others is part of his core belief and guiding principles.

He is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., with thirty-five years of service. He is a member of the N.A.A.C.P. the Oranges/Maplewood Chapter, Virginia State University Alumni Chapter and worships at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. He served as financial treasurer for various organizations such as First A.M.E. Zion Church Paterson, New Jersey, Dr. Frank Napier Jr, Scholarship Fund, Friends of Benjie E. Wimberly and Paterson TEAM HOPE. Malcolm X stated, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

This quote served as spark that led him to change career fields and pursue a career in education: "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul." (Excerpt of Invictus, by William Ernest Henley) is a reminder that the power to excel and achieve is within us. It is our responsibility as educators to nurture students to develop their voices and fuel their passion.



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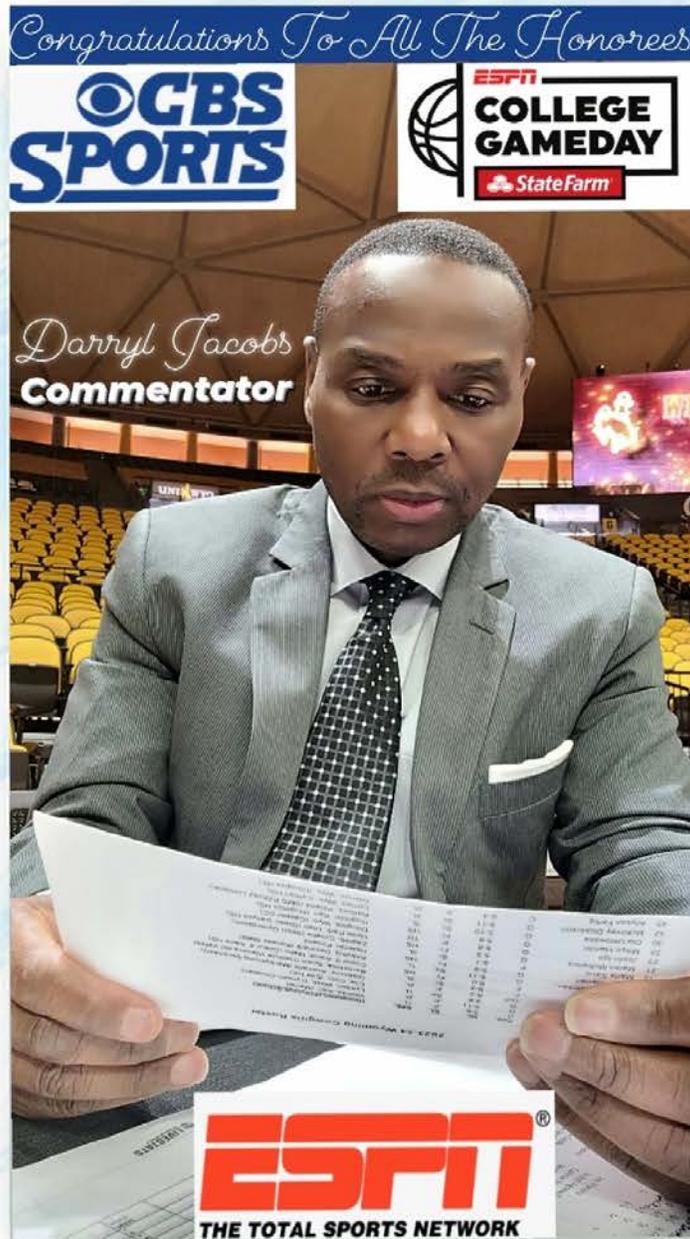
The Amistad Distinguished Educator Award

Born and raised in Newark, NJ. A graduate of Central High School in Newark. He's a graduate from Caldwell University with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Criminal Justice. After graduating, he took pride in being an integral figure in the same community he was raised in. He currently served as Attendance Counselor and the Boys' Varsity Coach at Central High School. Brother Shawn formed his own basketball team for kids in his neighborhood ages 10-12 when he was only 16 years old. Once graduated from college, he started the Zoo Crew Basketball Program for kids. He started the program to give inner city youth an outlet. The program is still currently operating and has served thousands of youth through the program. The program had made extensions within its program in 1988 by adding the Zoo Crew Summer League. The league started with 8 teams and we have ballooned to a high of 92 teams one summer. We offer 9 divisions, and the league is very competitive. Some notable players to have played in our Summer League, Kyrie Irving, Karl Anthony Townes, Kyle Anderson, Darique Whitehead to name a few. Brother Shawn is no stranger in fighting while being the underdog, going into overtime to assist a youth, drawing a foul to protect the safe space of our young people. He shared those experiences in autobiography entitled "One Foot In, One Foot Out" in 2016.

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We, The Christ Temple Baptist Church of Paterson, NJ would like to congratulate our Pastor, ***Dr. Weldon M. McWilliams, IV*** on this prestigious honor.

Thank you to the ***Bugg Foundation*** for this recognition and congratulations to you at your celebratory gala. You are in our prayers as you continue to “Engage, Enrich, and Educate” the Paterson community.

“Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.” Proverbs 9:11-12





Dr. Weldon McWilliams IV The Carter G. Wilson Award

Weldon McWilliams IV is a product of the Wappingers Central School District, in Wappingers Falls, NY, graduating in 1997. Received his B.A. in Africana Studies from SUNY Stony Brook in 2002; an M.A. in African American Studies from the Department of African American Studies at Temple University in 2004; and a PhD from the same department in 2010.

Since 2012 Dr. McWilliams has been a part of the History, Government and Economics Department at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY where he currently serves as an Associate Professor of History.

Dr. McWilliams has been a part of several community organizations. He is a founding member of the Rockland (County) Clergy for Social Justice, founding member of Black Lives Matter Rockland/Orange County Chapter, and also a member of the Spring Valley, NY branch of the NAACP just to name a few.

After serving as an Associate Minister under his father, Pastor Weldon McWilliams Jr., for 6 years, in December of 2017, Dr. McWilliams was voted in as pastor-elect of the Christ Temple Baptist of Paterson, NJ. He was installed as pastor in May of 2018 where he still serves as the spiritual leader today. Membership has grown since McWilliams pastorate. He is not only committed to his church but also to the community in which it resides.

In December of 2018, Dr. McWilliams called for a mass meeting to be held at Christ Temple to address and create a Black Agenda in the city of Paterson. The meeting would lead to the creation of a grassroots organization, Platform Over Party. The mission is to address the numerous social ills within the Black community and address one issue at a time. Dr. McWilliams and Platform Over Party pushed and led the call for a Living Wage and a Guaranteed Income to come to Paterson residents who are hovering around or living below the poverty line. Dr. McWilliams was appointed by the mayor on the Guaranteed Income Task force. The work of Dr. McWilliams and Platform Over Party did not go unnoticed and as a result of the persistent work, the city of Paterson began taking applications for a Guaranteed Income Pilot that launched in July 2021.

Dr. McWilliams is also, currently the Chair of the Department of Black Studies at SUNY (State University of New York) New Paltz since June of 2021.

Dr. McWilliams is a proud father of three daughters and one son and has served on several panels and served as speaker to many events nationwide. His research interests include Black Liberation Theology and the African American religious experience, Black Manhood, and Political and Social Movements.

Nicole R. Hampton

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David B. Murphy

The Mike A. Williams Award

David Murphy was born to Thaddaus and the late Bishop Melynn Murphy in Paterson, New Jersey. He is the eldest of three siblings, Evelyn (Murphy) Torruella and Michael Murphy. He is the loving husband of Nicole Murphy and the uncle of Ariana Booker.

After graduating from PS #20 in Paterson, his family moved to Totowa and later West Paterson, where he would attend Passaic Valley Regional High School. While there, he played football and was a thrower on the track and field team.

After graduation from Passaic Valley, David was awarded the James K. Dorsey Scholarship and attended Kean University. During that time, he played football for three seasons, and spent the Spring of his Junior Year at the University of Northumbria upon Tyne in Newcastle, England. David earned his Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology and would later attend Fairleigh Dickinson University where he would earn his Master's of Arts in Educational Leadership.

After graduating from Kean University, David began teaching at PS #15 in Paterson and completed the Alternate Route Program. He would later be employed within the Englewood Public School District where he would spend 13 years. While there he fulfilled various roles, such as Mathematics Teacher at Janis E. Dismus Middle School, Dean of Students at Dwight Morrow High School and Vice Principal at the Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School. Next, he became the Director of Athletics and Supervisor of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education within the Teaneck Public School District.

During his tenure as a teacher, David was a high school football coach as well. He spent time serving in the role of assistant coach at Clifton, Passaic Valley and Emerson Junior/Senior High Schools. Subsequently, he became the Head Coach at Emerson Junior/Senior High School and Dwight Morrow High School. Additionally, he was the throwers' coach for the track and field team at Dwight Morrow High School during the spring season in 2015.

Recently, under the leadership of Dr. Tyeshia Reels, Prospect Park has opened its doors to a Middle School, giving its seventh and eighth grade students the opportunity to have a true middle school experience. Mr. Murphy has been entrusted to lead this endeavor as its Lead Administrator while serving as the district's Supervisor of Mathematics Instruction.

David was an original member of the Mount Zion Full Gospel Church in Paterson, New Jersey under the leadership of the late Bishop Melynn Murphy. He is currently a faithful member of Grace Gospel Church, also in Paterson, under the leadership of Pastor Sarah Anthony and Pastor Emeritus Yvoma Butler.

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Shelton J. Prescott

The W.E.B. DuBois Educator Award

Shelton Jermaine Prescott, hailing proudly from Paterson, N.J., distinguished himself as an exemplary scholar and high school football talent within the Paterson Public Schools system. As a class of 1992 graduate from John F. Kennedy High School, he earned an academic/athletic scholarship to Syracuse University, achieving both academic and athletic excellence. Shelton graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Child and Family Studies, earning accolades such as the Bill Maxwell Award, Athletic Director's Academic Honor Roll and First Team All-Big East. Returning to John F. Kennedy High School as a Special Needs teacher, Shelton has dedicated close to 27 years to education and the service of children, while obtaining a Master of Arts degree in Special Education from NJCU.

His impact spans academic and community realms, mentoring and facilitating initiatives like the Boys Leadership Conference and the Youth Empowerment Seminar. Active in fraternal and civic circles, Shelton served as the 88th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey (2015-2017), founding initiatives like the Prince Hall Community Day Festival and My Vote is Power coalition with the Newark NAACP and Peoples Organization for Progress. Currently, Shelton holds the position of Historian for Delta Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, chairman of the "Footprints in Paterson" partnership with the Paterson Museum, and contributor to the Paterson Juneteenth Committee on education and history. Additionally, he is a faithful member of Messiah Baptist Church in East Orange, NJ, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Dana P. Owens. Shelton is happily married to Mrs. LaVosha Payne-Prescott for over 19 years.

He is guided by the wisdom of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois: "Children Learn More From What You Are Than What You Teach." Be the Example!



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Sundjata Sedou Frederick Douglass Educator Award

"Blood of a slave, heart of a king," lyrics by Nasir "Nas" Jones, encompasses the heart, soul, and essence of Sundjata Sekou, a "dope" third grade teacher in Irvington, New Jersey. His journey as an educator who educates with purpose, determination, and fire began with his mother in Jamaica and her story of resilience. She is his first inspiration.

Mr. Sekou's advocacy centers racial justice at the core of learning in and outside of the classroom.

He has authored and co-authored several articles, featuring a cover story published in the NJEA Review magazine, a publication that has roughly two hundred thousand readers, which included topics about race, racism, white supremacy, and the refusal of New Jersey schools to educate children on how Black societies like Ancient Egypt, Ancient Ghana, Mali, Songhai and other African nations contributed to civilizations in areas of writing, mathematics, science, religion, music and the arts.

He organized members to speak at board of education meetings encouraging district leaders to hire more Black and Brown teachers in Dover, support inclusive curriculums in Pleasantville, and advocated for Black and Brown students in Glassboro.

Mr. Sekou has facilitated workshops at local, county, state, and national education associations and has also presented at various conferences including the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) Convention, NJEA Equity Alliance, Princeton University, and at the National Education Association on topics such as race, racism, equity, white fragility, and protecting Black children and Black adults in educational and union settings

His most popular workshop title is "Racial Literacy Circles: The Hip-Hop Edition." In this workshop, Mr. Sekou explores how Hip-Hop is used to talk about how to cultivate genius in Black and Brown students, critique the American justice system, study the effects of poverty on communities, and how to have "fulljoy" in education settings.

When asked "Who will stand up for Black women, men, and children in education and union spaces?," Sundjata boldly and uncompromisingly says "I WILL DO IT!"



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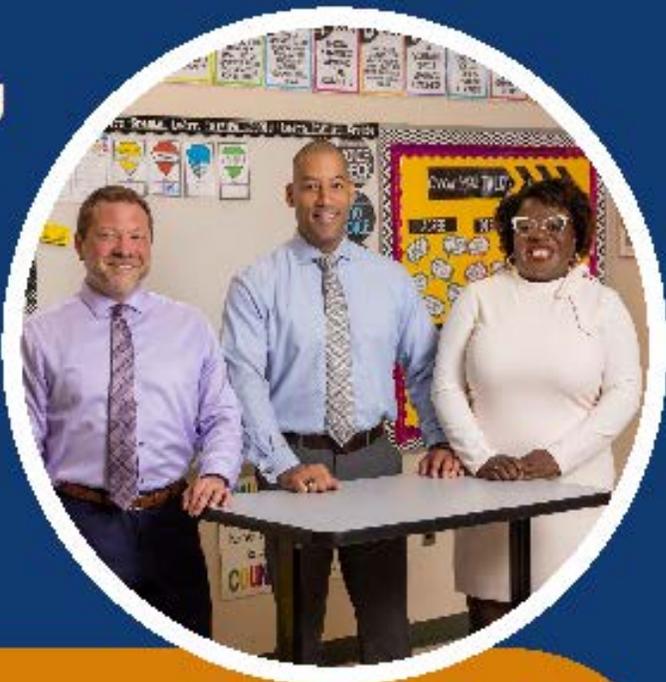
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Jenabu C. Williams, MPA, M.Ed **The Amistad Principal of the Year Award**

Mr. Jenabu C. Williams was born and raised in Newark, NJ. He is a product of Newark and East Orange, NJ public school education. In 1992, he graduated from Clifford J. Scott High School, where he excelled in Track and Field throughout high school and college. Upon graduating from high school, Mr. Williams attended Montclair State University (MSU), where he became a Division III All-American in Track and Field. Mr. Williams graduated from MSU with his BA in Sociology.

Mr. Williams also obtained his first Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Rutgers University and a second Master's in Educational Leadership from Montclair State University. Mr. Williams is in his 3rd year of his Doctorate in Educational Leadership program at KEAN University. Mr. Williams truly enjoys educating and empowering youth and has worked with youth and families throughout his professional career. He is the former Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Newark, Associate Executive Director of the YMCA of Eastern Union County in Elizabeth, NJ, and Special Education Supervisor in Paterson Public Schools.

Mr. Williams is a champion for educational equity, and he is currently the Principal at the Essex County Vocational Schools – Newark Tech HS in Newark, NJ. As a result of his leadership, Principal Williams believes that Newark Tech will set the standard for CTE and Academic Excellence and become the number one school of choice in Essex County.

Mr. Williams truly believes in the Nelson Mandela quote, "Education is the most powerful tool we can use to change the world." Because of this belief, Mr. Williams spends countless hours educating, motivating, inspiring, and encouraging youth to do their best and manifest their destiny. Mr. Williams resides in Essex County, New Jersey, with his loving wife, Bennay, of 22 years, and their two wonderful sons, Addae and Joshua.



Congratulations to the honorees of the 2023 Amistad Gala, recognized as Black Male Educators. Your dedication to being catalysts for change in the lives of African American students is a commendable contribution to the legacy. - HLAA Essex County Chapter

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