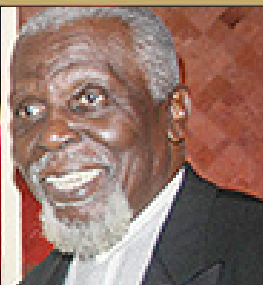


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2022 Portrait Award winner



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GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

They say seven is a lucky number. So, this is the seventh annual Philadelphia Legacies Community and Portrait Awards and I feel lucky! To date we have created 24 portraits of those who made major contributions in helping to solve Philadelphia problems. We want these problem solvers at the forefront of our communities so that we can refer to them as we face new problems or older problems that have come back to the surface. A legacy winner is someone whose life's work has had a lasting impact. We honor unsung heroes in the community because many times they are the glue that holds everything together. They simply do what they do because it simply must be done. We celebrate a young person-to-watch to give us hope that leadership in the future will be thoughtful and strong.

This year we will be having another mayor's race during an important time in our city. The Philadelphia Black Journalists Association*, founded by Pulitzer Prize winner Acel Moore—a 2018 Philadelphia Legacy Portrait Award winner, will host a debate at the Revolutionary Museum. We encourage everyone to listen carefully to all of the candidates before you decide for whom you will vote. This year we and many cities across the country face problems such as escalating crime and violence that we have solved in the past. Philadelphia Legacies honored both Queen Mother Falaka Fattah and the Quakers who helped reduce both crime and violence in Philadelphia when it seemed dire. We hope thoughtful discussion about these past accomplishments and how they may fuel problem solving in the future will take place. At Philadelphia Legacies we endorse no candidate, but we do strongly endorse education.

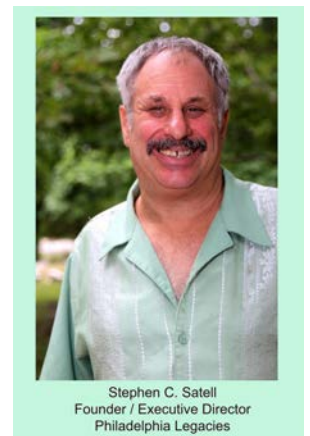
Philadelphia has had grand accomplishments that have had ripple effects worldwide. The Blockson Collection is the fifth largest African American Collection in the world. We have honored both its founder Charles Blockson and the Blockson Collection's lead curator, Diane Turner. Dr. Molefi Asante was honored last year. He started the first African American Doctoral Studies program in the world. We have honored Philadelphia sports icons such as the legendary Coach John Chaney, Dick Allen, Tina Sloan Green, Wilt Chamberlain, and Eagles owner Jerry Woman. We have honored fine artists such as Cal Massey and musicians such as Bootsie Barnes. We honored former Secretary of Veterans Affairs, David Shulkin, the first African American weather person and news anchor, Trudy Haynes, and a pioneer in Black radio, Mr. Cody Anderson. This year our honorees Dr. Nikki Franke champion coach, renowned drummer Robert Kenyatta, Frank Green editor, coach and businessman, Glenn Bryan who has brought the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia community together, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake who is a champion of health and a true model of courage and inspiration, and community rooted entrepreneur Jeff Brown who creates vertical paradigms and supply chains by partnering with the Philadelphia local creators, small businesses, and community organizations continue this great tradition of strong people who have had a lasting effect.

This year Philadelphia Legacies has continued our vision by implementing the Landmark Legacy Historical Tours component. Expanding Philadelphia tours to include Philadelphia neighborhoods and important history that has been left out has always been a part of our vision. This summer community members and leaders stayed at the Holiday INN on 13 and Walnut for three nights and for three days they experienced historical workshops and tours of historic Philadelphia. Philadelphia Legacies will provide students and families with tours through out the year.

In closing (the opening remarks 😊), I want to acknowledge those who we have honored who have recently past. Those include Cal Massey, Bootsie Barnes, Cody Anderson, Trudy Haynes, Dick Allen and Sam Reed, who we have not yet honored but who gave us great music at our events. Please enjoy the fruits of our community for as long as they last and help us ensure that they last a long long time even after they have left us.

Thank you for your support!

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Portrait Awardees

DR. NIKKI FRANKE (artist: Tayid Muhammad)

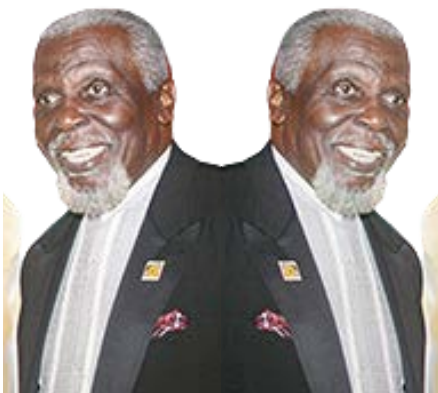


Nikki Franke How can a sweet gentle person possess the confidence and fortitude to become a champion fencer and fencing coach? How can a woman who was the first in her sport to coach win championships and at the end of her career still be the only NAACP fencing coach in college sports? How can a young woman who grew up in Harlem faced racism at every turn maintain her confidence to still be a loving and gentle person along with nearing a thousand wins.

Sports was not her dream. She however knew that she wanted to be a teacher early on. I have always believed that coaches are the best teachers because they never get away from the fundamentals. Nikki Franke's name sounds like the greatest movie star in the twentieth century. As an athlete and as a Coach or even teacher, One would have thought she would have been a rival of Betty

Davis. However acting was not her calling, teaching was and here she simply excelled. Nikki credits her mom for being her biggest supporter. Coach Franke was a member of the 1976 and 1980 U.S. Olympic fencing teams and a two-time U.S. Fencing Association national foil champion. She launched Temple's women's fencing team from scratch, building what had been a club team into an NCAA Division I powerhouse. She was the first Black woman ever to coach an NCAA fencing team (and remains the only Black woman to do so). Her Temple teams have earned 874 victories in NCAA competition, making her one of the winningest collegiate coaches in the sport. She coached Temple to an NCAA championship (a women's foil team championship in 1991-1992). She co-launched a nonprofit organization, the Black Women in Sport Foundation, to encourage more Black women to become leaders in the world of sport at all levels. And after nearly half a century of coaching, she's still pushing Temple fencing to new heights. Just last season, Temple fencing defeated top-ranked Notre Dame on the way to achieving a No. 5 national ranking, the highest in team history.

FRANK GREEN, JR. (artist: Damien Bain)



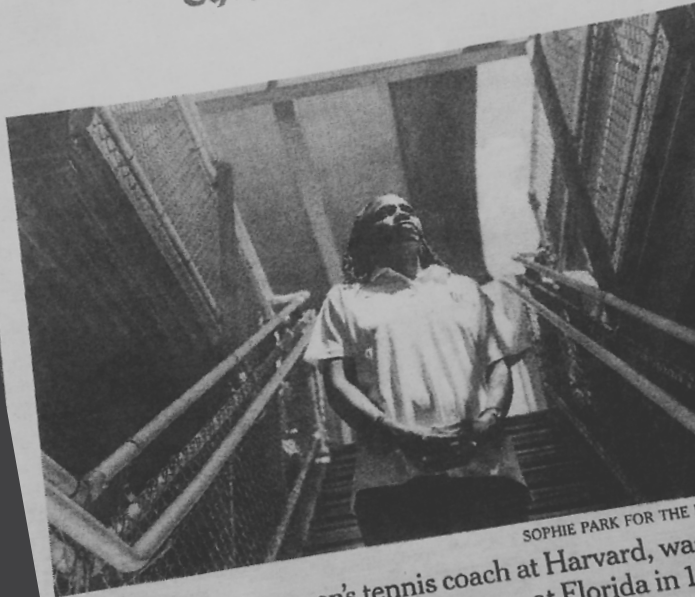
was a stand out athlete at Tuskegee playing four sports. He is in the Hall of Fame there. His expertise is in math and stats. He used this understanding to successfully coach both his daughter and son in tennis. His daughter Traci is two years older than Venus Williams. Their father Richard came to Philly in the summer and the children played together. Traci after winning many championships became the first African American tennis coach at Harvard. She has been there for seventy years. Frank Jr. is a sought after coach in Philly.

Frank Green was an early advertising business man in the black community here in Philadelphia. He was a standout here in Philadelphia. He was a standout editor

at the New Observer for many years. As accomplished as Frank has been he only holds one title dear to him and that is family man. Frank's wife Tina Sloan Green along with Nikki Franke, the standout fencing coach, founded Black Women in Sports. Both Nikki and Tina contend that it is much harder for a woman to make it in coaching sports without the support of their husbands. Both Nikki and Tina are very thankful that they had supportive husbands.

Sports

The New York Times



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Traci Green, the women's tennis coach at Harvard, was a member of an N.C.A.A. championship team at Florida in 1998.

Title IX, Racial Gaps

SPORTS

Tennis Coach Traci Green Is 1st Black Female To Head A Sports Team At Harvard

Former University of Florida (UF) tennis champion Traci Green was recently hired as the head coach of Harvard University's women's tennis team.

Green, 28, who was mentored by Arthur Ashe, is the first Black woman to head any coaching staff for any Harvard University sport.

The Philadelphia native has been a player on the court since the age of 9, and her proficiency in the game led to two national Collegiate Tennis Association championships during her tenure on the UF championship team.



Traci Green

Green is the former coach of the women's tennis team at Temple University in Philadelphia. Her coaching abilities and eye for talent are credited with the turnaround of the team.

In 2007, Temple University's Women's Tennis team was nationally ranked for the first time in history.

While she coached at Temple University, she received a master's degree in sports administration in 2004. She has since started work on a doctorate in education administration. □



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Portrait Awardees

REV. DR. LORINA MARSHALL-BLAKE (artist: Laurie Cooper)



a breast cancer survivor and beloved soul of Philadelphia, is the president of the Independence Blue Cross Foundation (the Foundation) and also the vice president of community affairs at Independence Blue Cross (Independence). In her role for the Foundation, she leads strategic, programmatic, and operational efforts to fulfill the Foundation's mission to lead sustainable solutions that improve the health and wellness of the community. While overseeing grant-making work, Marshall-Blake steered the Foundation to be a collaborator, innovator, convener of diverse organizations, and thought leader in addressing emerging health needs in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Rev. Marshall-Blake is devoted to her church and is passionate about giving back to the community. As the vice president of Independence community affairs, she develops and manages relationships with community partners to advance

Independence's social mission efforts. Marshall-Blake also serves as associate minister at Vine Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia and is involved in more than 30 professional and civic organizations. These organizations include the Anti-Defamation League, the United Negro College Fund, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. where she served as the 28th president of the Omega Omega Chapter. listed among the Philadelphia Business Journal's Power 100, she has been recognized for her leadership, community service, and positive outcomes produced by diverse organizations such as the NAACP, the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Tribune, and the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

An Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, Rev. Marshall-Blake currently serves on more than 25 non-profit boards and committees including the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association — Corporate Responsibility Committee, The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia's Paradigm Award & Scholarship Committee, the Urban Affairs Coalition, and the Urban League of Philadelphia. Marshall-Blake also serves on Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions Executive Advisory Council and Rutgers School of Nursing — Camden Dean's Leadership Circle, and the National Advisory Council on Nursing Education and Practice.

JEFF BROWN (artist: Terrill Johnson)



his father and grandfather owned grocery stores. Jeff began working there at an early age before developing his own successful model of finding successful ways of making it work in what had been known as food deserts. Jeff Brown believed in working with unions so that his employees would get both competitive and living wages. Jeff listened to his customers and provided clean stores where stores in the areas he worked had been dirty and the food was overpriced. Jeff found ways to buy food cheaper and to provide high quality food at a fair price. He made sure to have plenty of ethnic food that his customers wanted. Jeff hired from the community and a good percentage of his employees were felons who could not get a job. Jeff trained them, gave them a chance and promoted them. Jeff partnered with the government to make sure there were health centers inside of the stores.

Jeff Brown's non profit UPLIFT gives away food to those who need it. Everything in Jeff Brown's playbook is a question of organization and reorganization. Finding out how to structure things so that they work for everyone. Creating the right partnerships and being accessible to both customers and the community. Jeff Brown prides himself as a problem solver and the first step he takes in trying to solve any problem anytime is to listen and find ways to create workable solutions. This is why his stores have grown and continue to get community support. After the rioting several years ago when Jeff's stores were damaged it was the community who came in to help him rebuild. It was Jeff's model of building instead of exploiting that took hold in the community and they wanted to become a part of a culture of rebuilding instead of destroying.



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Portrait Awardees

GLENN D. BRYAN (artist: Laurie Cooper)



lifetime achievement honoree

is a West Philadelphia native and University of Penn alumni. Glenn has been responsible for connecting the Penn Ivy Tower with the Philadelphia community through the First Meetings he built from the ground. These meetings started with just a few people and now on a monthly basis over 150 people attend. These meetings are linked to many aspects of the university including health. Glenn is also a Penn proud parent. Glenn has been on the staff of the University of Pennsylvania since 1996 and since 2000 has served as the Assistant Vice-President of Community Affairs. Outside of his day job and extensive community work,

Glenn is also a classically trained keyboardist who has

jammed with the likes of Carlos Santana and the late Grover Washington, Jr. He helped establish the Jazz for King performance that is held during Penn's annual commemoration of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bryan is also one of the supporters of the Curtis Organ 11th-large pipe organ in the world which is now housed in Penn's Irvine auditorium.

ROBERT KENYATTA (artist: LaReine Nixon)



is a master percussionist and educator who started out by playing on his mother's oatmeal boxes and graduated to her pots and pans. Robert is also known for having played in his high school bathroom. Kenyatta came a long way from his days of stealing Stan Strutter's lunch money in elementary school.

Kenyatta was once known as the best drummer in the world and played with diverse bands from John Coltrane, Marvin Gaye the Beach Boys and Wilson Pickett. In 2014 Kenyatta won a Grammy award for his contribution to the album, "Offerings." Today Kenyatta who turns 80 this year loves to teach young people the framework of successful drumming. He quickly gets them to play together and their confidence grows before your eyes. Kenyatta is a master storyteller who researched stories from

a grant he obtained from mayor Wilson Goode in the 1980s. Also, an accomplished visual artist, Kenyatta design the trademark logo for Rev. Leon Sullivan's OIC.

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The University of Pennsylvania
congratulates our colleague and alumnus

Glenn Bryan



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Lifetime Achievement
Award

Artist Lifetime Achievement

"Art is my love, my passion, my purpose."

Terrill Kevyn Johnson



has been painting from the womb! Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Terrill was nurtured creatively with the soulful music of his father, an amazingly gifted jazz musician. That artistic ambience fostered his love of creating art.

This love of art led him to the Hussian School of Art College, where he studied Illustration and Design, and later attended Bloomsburg University, where he graduated with a degree in fine arts and printmaking. Terrill has studied with masters such as Cal Massey and is an established art educator.

Terrill, an abstract expressionist artist, conveys his art by drawing and painting figurative representations of human form to tell a story of the human condition. His technique is to push patterns, textures and color in a very harmonious manner until reaching a place of solitude, which creates heart wrenching images. These images speak in rhythms that flow off the canvas lyrically.

Terrill is best known for his Mural Arts Program which reflects his emotion and character through his bold use of colors and illustrations which are vividly displayed on various walls throughout the city of Philadelphia. He is also known for his portrait paintings, most notably those of Wilt Chamberlain, Cal Massey, and Emma Chappell, all which can viewed in the Philadelphia Legacies Community Awards winner gallery.

Terrill's creative talents are not limited to canvas. As an entertainer, he sings and is a comedic artist. He has toured the Country performing for the UniverSoul Circus, a highly interactive combination of circus arts, theater, and music, where Terrill showcased his humoristic, juggling and physical comedy abilities. Johnson's philosophy is to love and to live life passionately to its fullest while expressing the artistic gifts that are placed within him. Without the ability to actualize an idea or concept, art would not exist.

According to Terrill, "When I am painting, I open my eyes to endless possibilities as I have a conversation with the canvas, abstract shapes, patterns, and textures as they start to move me like the improvisation of great jazz music. Once I make a mark, it's just layers of unknown happy moments on the canvas. With my artwork, I aim to provoke thought and engage my audience intellectually. If a viewer stops for a minute and reflects on my piece, I get excited knowing that I've succeeded in my work".

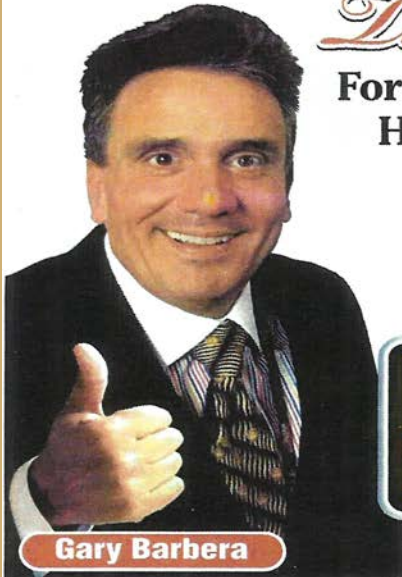
Terrill is the 2022 portrayer for portrait awardee Jeff Brown

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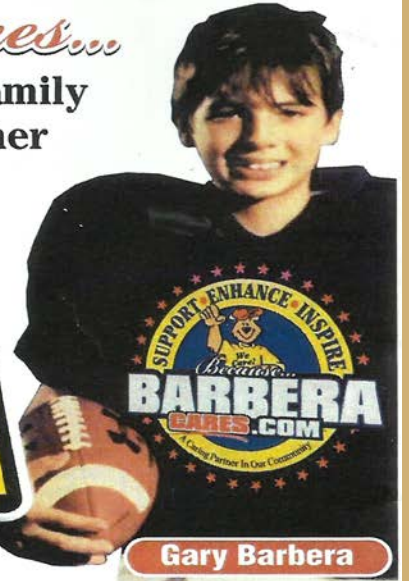


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Portrait Artists

LaReine Nixon (Robert Kenyatta)



La Reine Nixon is a lifetime resident of Philadelphia, PA. She has owned and operated a full service Art Gallery and Custom Framing business for 15 years The 49TH Street Art Gallery. She is single and has a beautiful daughter Alicia. After collecting and selling Fine Art for many years she uncovered her own ability to paint. Her name "La Reine" means The Queen in French hence, The Queen Paints. She has produced hundreds of original paintings and prints and has done 10 book covers including The Vance Legacy by F. Haywood Glenn (AmbiancePub.com)

Laurie Cooper (Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake & Glenn Bryan)

is an artist who was born and raised in Philadelphia. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of the Arts and her Master degree in Fine Arts from University of Pennsylvania. Laurie Cooper strives to highlight the inner and outer beauty of everything she paints. She works diligently to showcase the special qualities of the black race. Her paintings are known for their inherent strength of character, strong unique facial features and richness of skin color. Collectors of her work include Dr. Samuel F. Quartey, Dr. Carey Tucker,, and Dr. Pete Smith.

pictured: Face Reality by Laurie Cooper



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Portrait Artists



Damon Bain (Dr. Molefi Asante)

Damon Bain Graduated from Capa, a Philadelphia high school for the arts. Damon was chosen to paint Tina Sloan Green for the Legacy Awards last year. Damon has become known as one of the most versatile artists in Philadelphia. Bain studies the human form from the Renaissance masters of old. Bain has a wide spectrum of artistic styles to convey thought through his powerful images. His inspiration comes from music and an inner passion to convey a wide spectrum of human emotions. It has been important to Damon to mentor younger artists and he will remain an important resource for Philadelphia Legacies.

IVBENTAQIY Visual Artist



(Dr. Nikki Franke)

Philadelphia native IvbenTaqiy has created art for over 30 years. Taqiy's entrepreneurial journey began at age of 7 when he illustrated his first book. Since then he has not stopped following his dreams to be a master artist.

IvbenTaqiy attended The Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts, where he graduated top of his class. By 2003 IvbenTaqiy started being commissioned to do portraits and murals throughout the city of Philadelphia. Upon completion of high school, IvbenTaqiy attended the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland.

After leaving the Maryland Institute College of Art IvbenTaqiy began a full-time career as a freelance artist. Over the past 8 years, IvbenTaqiy has accomplished working with and creating art for others such as Vanessa Bryant & Mamba brand, Philadelphia Mural Arts, Lauryn Hill, Jay-Z, Kevin Hart, and many more.

IvbenTaqiy has continued his artistic journeys with new and innovative ideas in art with his themed shows and colorful indoor and outdoor murals throughout businesses, the entertainment industry, recreations, and homes. Every year IvbenTaqiy has been known for his amazing themed Art shows. Art Jam, Michael Jackson Art Show, and Ali Art Show have produced record-breaking numbers and broadened the knowledge of artistic culture within an urban demographic within Philadelphia.

Menu & Program

5:30 pm: Networking Reception

Jazz Music by STARLENE BEY BAND

Assorted Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar / Viewing of Philadelphia Eagles Game

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7:00 pm: Fine Dining / Viewing of Philadelphia Legacies' History

Salad & Borshch; Salmon with Broccoli; Sweet Potato Dessert

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HOST, DR. MICHAEL JACKSON

Introduction of Founder / Executive Director, Stephen C. Satell

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WELCOME & THE VISION

Stephen C. Satell, Founder / Executive Director

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VIEWING OF PHILADELPHIA LEGACIES' HISTORICAL TOURS

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AWARDS CEREMONY

Presentation of Young Person-to-Watch Award

Introduction by Cathy Hicks, President, Philadelphia NAACP

Presentation of Community Leadership Awards & \$500 Donation Check

Presentation of First Artist Lifetime Achievement Award

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PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT AWARDS:

DR. NIKKI FRANKE introduced by Tina Sloan Green

FRANK GREEN introduced by Traci Green

GLENN BRYAN introduced by Bob

REV. DR. LORINA MARSHALL-BLAKE introduced by Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode

JEFF BROWN introduced by Ducky Birts

ROBERT KENYATTA introduced by Alfie Pollitt

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Dessert & Closing Remarks

Your Host

DR. MICHAEL JACKSON



Dr. Michael Jackson, is recognized as the curriculum and program design architect for Grambling State University's (first HBCU to offer the Sport Administration Program) and Temple University's Sports Administration/Management programs. He is nationally recognized for his contributions to professional preparation, strength and conditioning of high-performance athletes and entertainers, athletic readiness, facility management, and to the field of Sport administration/management. Over the years he has often been called upon to evaluate sports administration curriculums and college-level athletic programs. He has been interviewed by media and is often quoted and interviewed in major newspaper and publications on issues related to the sports industry, Sport in American society, athletic/recreational facilities, sport managers (agents), and college athletics. Dr. Michael Jackson, has served as an expert witness before municipal and state legislative bodies concerning sport related issues, risk management, facilities and stadium/arena funding. He has special interest in the areas of facilities, photography, security & safety, administration and

supervision of sports programs. With his expertise in designing sport and recreation areas and facilities, he is often sought for consultation on new construction projects. His presentations at professional conferences, such as those given at the Stadium Managers Association and International Association of Assembly Managers, are numerous and varied on sport industry topics.

His recognition within the sport/recreation industry in the U.S. has led to teaching, speaking and consulting opportunities internationally. Dr. Jackson, presently serves on the Stadium Managers Association Foundation Board, chairing the Scholarship Committee; Member of the Philadelphia Zoo Board of Directors, Emeritus. He was presented Temple's School of Sport, Tourism & Hospitality 2012 Outstanding Faculty Service Award; Received Special Faculty Recognition from the College of Public Health/Kinesiology in 2018. Dr. Michael W. Jackson was honored with The 2020 Stadium Managers Association Lifetime Honorary Member award.

Dr. Michael Jackson is married to wife Judith with two daughters Megan and Michelle, both graduates of Temple University and pursuing their career choices. He retired from Temple University 2018.

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Young Person-to-Watch

ZYMIER BRUNSON



"Zymir Brunson recently graduated from Temple University's Boyer College of Music with a Bachelor of Science in Music. He served as Co-Vice President for the Temple University Progressive NAACP Chapter. Along with his duties with the NAACP, Zymir is a former choir member of Temple Gospel Ministries, where he led as the Student Music Director. Also, he was a former radio host for the University's student-run radio station, WHIP. He learned professional theatre after spending four years at the New Freedom Theatre of Philadelphia. In his many musically related talents, Zymir has performed across the tri-state area and beyond. Outside of his education and musical enjoyment, he loves cooking and baking. Zymir's career plans include becoming a voice teacher, musician, and cook. Through his work and passion for social change, he hopes to move the needle on important political and economic issues facing hard-hit communities. Zymir is currently in the position

of Vice-President of the Philadelphia NAACP Youth Council. In addition, he has been on the To God Be The Glory Broadcast and Ms. V. Norris' "Lady V What's Going On Show" several times speaking on such topics as Education and sharing information of the NAACP Philadelphia Branch's Education Committee. One of his passions is to improve the reading literacy of Philadelphia Black men at an early age.

Philadelphia Legacies Launches It's First Historical Tours tracing the lives of Its Portrait Award Winners



Philadelphia Legacies Award Tour 2022

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Community Leadership



ABU EDWARDS

is among Millennials in Philadelphia who believe that the City of Philadelphia can truly be a global leader in many areas, Abu is rallying young people interested in politics, good government, and the non-profit sector to develop strategies and solutions to advance the city. Whether he is running a citywide campaign, sleeping outside of City Hall in solidarity with homeless men and women, or making his case for funding for community policing, Abu is strongest when he is working the crowd and rallying people to his position in public policy. From gun control to full and fair funding for education, Abu never sleeps when there is work to be done. Most recently, as an aide to State Representative Rosita Youngblood, Abu has made a reputation for solid community service. Among the “young Turks” in Philadelphia, Abu is certainly one of the serious ones to watch. He has quietly amassed the right friends inside and outside of politics. He clearly sees that the government and the private sector work hand-in-glove to improve a community. He is a leader that we would do well to watch. He has raised thousands of dollars for Christmas turkeys at Salem and our youth programs. He never looks for credit, like most leaders, he would rather serve than get attention.



MECCA ROBINSON

Mecca Robinson - A West Philadelphia native; Mecca Robinson is carrying the world on her shoulders by running three homeless shelters. Mecca is the founder and CEO of Forget Me Knot Children and Youth Services. Mecca has a background in child development, mentoring foster care youth and working with at-risk youth. She is an expert in youth issues and is constantly seeking creative ways to foster a dynamic learning environment and promote high quality service using a holistic and personal first approach to equip young people to return to a trauma-free life. Throughout her lustrous career, Mecca has touched thousands of young people with her maternal approach, straightforwardness and dedication.

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Community Leadership



CHARLOTTE GREER-BROWN

has worn many hats. Over the past 10 years, she's been pushing tirelessly for positive change in the city she loves. Her work in the community ranges from youth, community activism and advocacy to job creation, education, supporting special needs, Intellectual/physical disable and providing safe haven for displaced youth of all walks of life. One of Philadelphia's toughest challenges and an issue very close to Mrs. Greer-Brown's heart is the public health crisis of gun violence. We are a city losing our young people at epidemic rates – and Mrs. B, as she is affectionately known, has taken on the mantle to assist with saving our children. She has inserted herself into the fiber of the community with the intent to make real and sustainable change.

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Community: via NCVS facilitated and organized Communities That Cares for four cities: North Central Philadelphia, Fair Hill Southeastern Strawberry Mansion and Girard Avenue • Civic Engagement: Voter Education and Voter Registration • Proposed and implemented after hour Safe Zones for older youth and children with grassroots organizations • Effective Community Outreach Strategies Initiative and Workbook • Philadelphia District Attorney's Youth Aid Panelist • 39th PDAC Member • Recipient of the 2021 D.I.V.A.S Ministry Group Non-profit Organization's Gun Violence Prevention Advocate Award

Economics: Assist with Insecure Housing for Families, Seniors and Veterans • Job Creation and Job Readiness • Trades, Careers, and Entrepreneurship • Urban Development • Youth Job Training • Youth Entrepreneur and Small Business Sessions/Workshops



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MONIQUE DUDLEY



"They see redemption in her eyes." Real. Philadelphia native Monique "Remy" Dudley, is a Millennial, a natural mother of three, a block parent of many, a committee person in the 4th councilmatic district, an entrepreneur whose company Over All Training Workforce Development is an appointed US Apprenticeship Ambassador and a beloved teacher with a lyrical cadence that's bananas. While life for Monique has "not been no crystal stairs," God keeps helping her make lemonade out of life's lemons from childhood horrors to society's deemed "hard to handle," discarded and neglected

students and communities. She is a strong proponent for acknowledging and addressing the impact of the crack epidemic on Black families as a road to recovery for some of the societal ills our communities are now facing.

Monique's company, Over All Training (OAT) Workforce Development, is an innovative workforce development agency which specializes in training and assisting in developing state and national registered apprenticeship programs as a tangible, results driven avenue to create jobs and foster business growth within under-served communities. Her key accomplishments include being a dental assistant instructor for over 8 years, a curriculum developer, and being the first Black apprenticeship group sponsor for the Department of Labor. She is also developing her lifestyle brand, Unapologetic 4BN Me and is really an introvert who prefers being in her garden and sipping hot chocolate around the firepit with her children.



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JAY BAGLEY



has been coaching and teaching math and science classes for over 40 years on both the high school and college level. Jay was a standout basketball player at Overbrook High School and was mentored by Wilt Chamberlain. Wilt and his entire family were dedicated to education and community service. This rubbed off on Jay so when he is not teaching in the institution Jay can be found in the community teaching and mentoring. On weekends he is many times working in the community with 76ers standout champion Wali Jones doing workshops.

Jay has traveled the United States and the World extensively as a Delegation Leader for People to People Ambassador Program led by Past President Eisenhower Daughter for 14 years. He has won the following awards: Outstanding Young Men Of America, M.I.T. (C.E.U.), Past President of American Association of Physics Teachers South Pennsylvania ,High School and Higher Education, as well as American Association of Physics Teachers National Chair for High Schools Physics.

Jay appeared in the movie “Fish That Saved Pittsburgh” which starred Dr. J (Julius Irving). During the beginning of the WNBA,”Jay won the National AAU championship with the Philadelphia Belles Girls Basketball Team. Presently Jay works with community partners and has donated over 1000’s of desktop and laptops.



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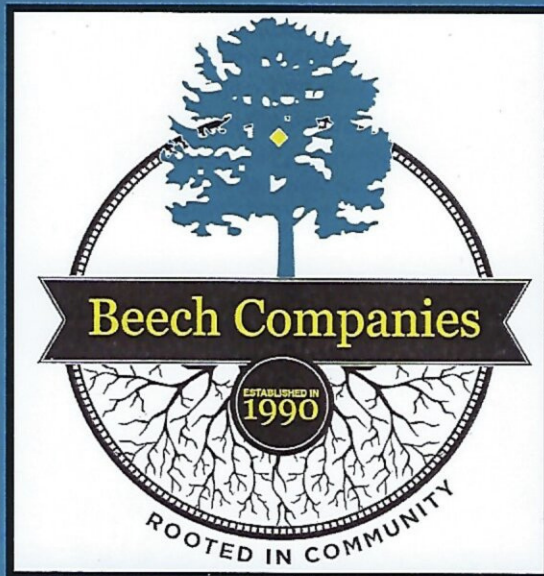
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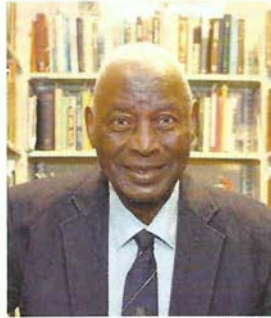
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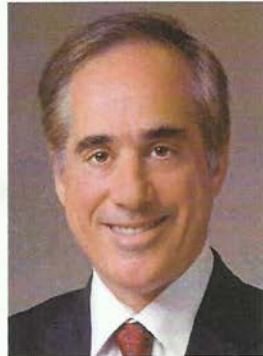


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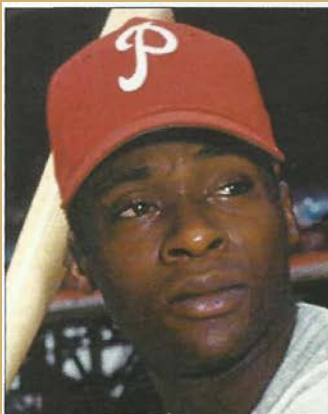


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