



Our Authors Study Club of Los Angeles, Inc. Senior Legacy Recognition Program

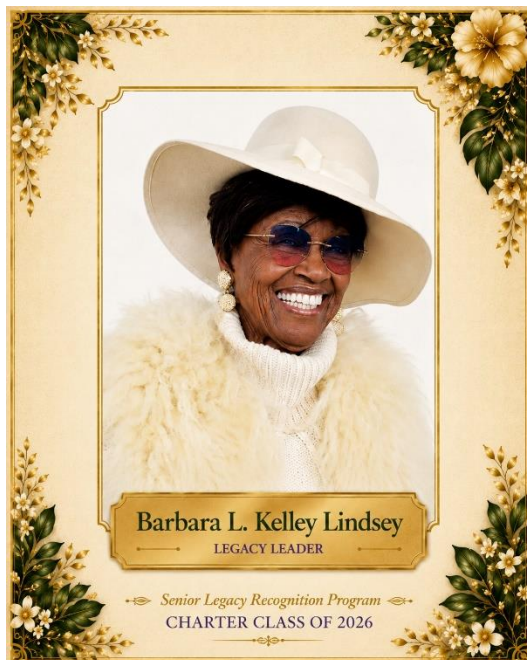
Name: Barbara L. Kelley Lindsey

Recognition Category: Legacy Leaders

Recognition Class: Charter Class of 2026

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Barbara L. Kelley Lindsey is a retired educator, mentor, and community advocate whose life has been dedicated to serving, encouraging, and uplifting young people. Born in Washington, D.C., she was the eleventh of twelve children born to Sarah and Robert Kelley and was raised in a family that valued faith, perseverance, education, and service to others.

After graduating from high school, Ms. Lindsey relocated to Pasadena, California, to assist her sister, Anna Mallory, and brother-in-law, Dr. George Mallory, with the care of their children. During her years in Pasadena, she attended Pasadena City College and worked with youth through the historic Scattergood Club, a community organization dedicated to mentoring and supporting young people. These early

experiences helped shape her lifelong commitment to education, leadership, and community service. She later moved to Los Angeles and eventually settled in Inglewood, where she has lived for many years.

Ms. Lindsey devoted more than fifty years to education and youth development. Throughout her career, she served young people in a variety of settings, including the Scattergood Club, Idyllwild School, Los Angeles Recreation and Parks programs, Shaw

Junior High School, Fremont High School, Morningside High School, John Muir Middle School, Crozier Junior High School, Monroe Middle School, and the Inglewood Unified School District. As a physical education teacher, dance instructor, coach, mentor, and role model, she inspired generations of students to believe in themselves and strive for excellence.

Known for her energy, creativity, compassion, and enthusiasm, Ms. Lindsey was much more than a teacher. She became a trusted mentor and advocate for countless young people, especially those who felt overlooked or marginalized. She encouraged students to recognize their own strengths, develop confidence, and pursue their goals. Many former students remember her not only for the lessons she taught in the classroom and on the athletic field, but also for the kindness, encouragement, and support she provided throughout their lives.

As a young woman, Ms. Lindsey dreamed of becoming an actress and briefly appeared in the 1968 motion picture *Uptight*, co-written by Ruby Dee and directed by Jules Dassin. Although her path ultimately led her away from Hollywood and into education, she carried her love of performance, movement, and the arts into her teaching career, inspiring students through dance, physical education, and creative expression.

Teaching was never simply a profession for Ms. Lindsey, it was her ministry. For decades, she nurtured, coached, encouraged, and uplifted young people, often becoming a second mother, mentor, and source of support to those in need. Her life's work reflects a deep commitment to helping others discover their value and potential.

Today, Barbara L. Kelley Lindsey's legacy lives on through the generations of students, families, colleagues, and community members whose lives she touched. Her story is one of faith, resilience, compassion, service, and an unwavering belief in the power of education to transform lives.