



2015 BLACK HISTORY HONOREES
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District 1 – Eleanor Foreman

District 1's nominee is Eleanor Foreman, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, the only child of Jeannette and Dowan Johnson. Mrs. Foreman's early educational journey began at the tender age of three at Lincoln Elementary, then Jackson Junior High School and she graduated with high honors from Central Colored High School. She attended Municipal College (now Bellarmine University) where she excelled in English and Business Law. She pursued further educational studies in financing, realty and negotiations at the Universities of Indiana and Illinois. She was the first African American Woman Negotiator for the United States Corps of Engineers. Mrs. Foreman is most notably known as the owner and operator of Eleanor L. Foreman Real Estate, located at 2300 W. Broadway, for many years as a realtor. She was a member of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, the segregated part of the real estate industry, during the time when African Americans were not allowed to be realtors. The Board of Realtors later honored her for 50 years of service as a realtor.

Some of her many accomplishments and memberships are:

- Louisville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- President of Elder Serve, Inc.
- Chairman of the Oak and Acorn Board
- Chairwoman of the Board of Zoning

- Member of Olmstead Parks Conservancy Board
- President of the National Council of Negro Women
- Written about in the United States House of Representatives as first to break the color barrier

Mr James T. Foreman, her husband of 51 years, are active members of Lampton Baptist Church. They are parents of three sons, a wonderful daughter-in-law, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



District 2 – Cameron Brown

Cameron Brown, the youngest of nine siblings, born to Rusan and Myrtle Brown on February 5, 1964, had a modest childhood growing up in Newburg, where he still lives in the same home of his childhood. He is a graduate of Marion C. Moore High School and a veteran of the United States Navy, having served in the Gulf War aboard the USS Nimitz. Cameron received an Honor Graduate Certificate, an honor reserved for those individuals who exhibit exceptional academic achievement and exemplary military conduct while serving as a student in the United States Navy. His initiative and dedication to duty reflected great credit for himself and the United States Navy. Cameron is one of the founders of Newburg's Community Day Picnic, and proudly serves his community in every way possible.



District 3 –Charlene Hampton Holloway

Mrs. Charlene Holloway, is a native of Louisville, was born at the old Red Cross Hospital to Leon H. Hampton, Sr. and C. Thelma Whitlock Hampton on April 26, 1947. Mrs. Holloway attended the Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School, Henry B. Manly Junior High School and Louisville Male High School and pursued her dream to become a Registered Nurse. Mrs. Holloway spent her early years as an activist in the Civil Rights Movement where she participated in protests, marches, demonstrations and was even arrested at the age of 13 for civil disobedience at Kupie’s Restaurant and the old Fontaine Ferry Park. Her activism has placed her in the company of many civil rights leaders, most notably Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on some of his visits to Louisville in the sixties.

Mrs. Holloway has served in many capacities, memberships and educational areas.

- Board of Directors at Park DuValle Health Care
- Board of Directors of Well Spring
- VNA Executive Manager of Mental Health Department
- Volunteer – First Responders Medical Team at St. Stephens Baptist Church
- Ambassador to University of Louisville’s A & S
- Mentoring Program at Shawnee High School
- Volunteer at KYANNA Division of National Black Nurses Association
- Louisville Branch NAACP Executive Committee\\

Mrs. Holloway is a proud descendant of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Whitlock, maternal grandparents, who owned the first African American Florist Shop in Kentucky. She has donated an original 1800’s coffee grinder belonging to her great-great grandmother to the Smithsonian Institute to be placed on exhibit at the National African American Museum of History & Culture when it opens in 2016. Mrs. Holloway and her husband, Chet Holloway, have been married 48 years; have three adult children, six grandchildren, a set of fraternal twin great-grandchildren. St. Stephens is their place of worship where she sings in the choir.



District 4 Benjamin K. Richmond

Benjamin K. Richmond is serving his 27th year as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Louisville Urban League. He has also served five years as President & CEO of the Battle Creek Area Urban League in Battle Creek, Michigan. He began his Urban League career in 1979 at the Madison Urban League in Madison, Wisconsin.

Currently he serves on the following Boards:

- Board of Directors for the Center for Interfaith Relations
- Greater Louisville, Inc.
- Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Spirit of Louisville Foundation/Bell Awards
- 55,000 Degrees/15K Degrees
- University of Louisville Board of Overseers
- US Bank Advisory Board

Mr. Richmond was named Louisvillian of the Year 2004. He is a recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Award by Louisville Metro Mayor, and he has an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree from Simmons College of Kentucky. Mr. Richmond is a member of Broadway Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Psi Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the Rotary Club of Louisville and the NAACP. Mr. Richmond is a native of Durham, North Carolina, but was raised in Jackson, Mississippi. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Tougaloo College and a Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin (Madison).



District 5 William Gatewood

William Gatewood, better known as Bill Gatewood, is a long-time resident of the Shawnee Neighborhood and is a very active volunteer in the Shawnee Neighborhood Association (SNA) and District 5 Advisory Council. Bill is a graduate of University of Louisville and began his career in organizing and raising funds to build the Park Duvalle Community Health Center and as the Director of Community Health Action. He has served in various advisory positions throughout his long career in community services. Presently he is Executive Director of the Metro Housing Resource Center which provides help primarily to West Louisville residents. This agency provides planning and economic development services to non-profit organizations, foundations, government agencies and private developers.

Bill is widely known for his services and contributions to the following organizations:

- Shawnee Neighborhood Association Plan
- West Market Street Corridor Project
- U of L Nucleus Advisory Board
- Development Director and Assistant to the Mayor
- Executive Director of the Presbyterian Community Center
- Founding member of the YMCA's Black Achievers Program
- Vice President of Property Services for the Presbyterian Church USA

To name just a few...

District 5 is richly enhanced by the generous contributions of Bill Gatewood.



District 6 Dreema D. Jackson

Dreema D. Jackson is an Ages and Stages Parent Advocate with Metro United Way. In this role she mentors parents with children under the age of 3. She provides them with the tools they need to follow the progress and growth of their children. Ms. Jackson is an educator, facilitator, community mentor and a Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She holds a degree in Elementary and Special Education from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky. She was a teacher for eleven years in the Bullitt County School system before becoming involved in her community. Ms. Jackson was a Resident Organizing Coordinator for The Network Center for Community Change (NC3), and is still a powerful member of the network that grew out of that organization. A big believer in “Making Change Together”, Dreema supports her California Community by supplying a place where anyone who knocks on her door can use the computers in her household to apply for a job, college, fill in a FAFSA, etc. She has been the treasurer of the California Block Club Federation under her mentor, Mrs. Robbie Bell. She has organized back-to-school activities, given out school supplies to more than 3500 neighborhood children over the years, facilitated workshops, parent cafes and community conversations that informed and set others into action to improve themselves and their community. Dreema and her husband of forty years, Gerald Jackson, have raised six amazing children and now also have two cherished grandchildren. Gerald Jackson Accepted the Award in her absence.



District 7 Charla Young

Charla Young is an author, blogger, motivational speaker, internet radio show host and the television talk show host of an empowerment reality studio show. Power to Change TV aired initially on a Louisville FOX news affiliate connecting with more than 150,000 viewers in the first six months. The show empowers people through executive coaching, leadership development training, strategic planning, team building and business protocol and attire training for corporate companies, and now viewed in thirteen countries. Charla's journalistic experience includes runs with ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX news affiliates in three states. Her reputation as a community and consumer advocate crosses state lines and she is known for her intensity, compassion, strategic thinking and effectiveness on behalf of "the least of them." As a "Troubleshooter" for the NBC affiliate, she recovered over \$5,000,000 for viewers whose complaints were pursued and processed in less than three years. Today, Charla has a thirty minute weekly broadcast combining studio excitement and stories of "transformation" shot on location throughout the South and Midwest. Charla hails from the magnolia state of Mississippi where she grew up in the small railroad city of Amory (population of three thousand). She is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of arts degree in radio, television and film with a double minor in Spanish and English. She also completed her Masters of Business Administration from Mississippi State University. Her Recognitions, Commendations and Service Awards include:

Associated Press, National Association of Black Journalists, Emmy Award for news coverage. She also serves the Board of Directors of Norton Healthcare Foundation and her own non-profit organization, Charla's Angels. She is married to James Lipsey and has one son, Tyler Christian Young. Councilwoman Leet accepted the award in her behalf.



District 8 Gregory Alan Dow

Gregory Alan Dow is a native of Louisville, Kentucky. He received his education as St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, received AS degree in Drafting Design and a BS degree in Industrial Education from Murray State University. His military education is expansive and includes Courses in Air Assault, Signal Officer Basic, Standardize Comsec Custodian, Quartermaster Advance. Contracting Officer's Representative; Combined Arms and Services Staff School and Command and General Staff Officer College Phase I and II. He proudly and actively served in the United States Army in various capacities from August 1988 to his retirement in 2013. Greg has worked for Louisville Metro Government since January 1992. During his tenure with Louisville Metro Government, Greg served in the Army Reserves in which he was deployed on numerous occasions. Greg was deployed to support Desert Shield/Desert Storm; he supported the Global War on Terrorism by serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005-2006 where he was awarded a Bronze Star. Greg was deployed to the Republic of Georgia and also to South Korea where he participated in several Combined Military Exercises between South Korea and the United States. In 2011 Greg participated in the drawdown of Iraq while deployed to Kuwait and served in Bahrain in 2012. After 24 years of service, Greg retired in 2013 from the United States Army Reserves at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



District 9 Hosea Mitchell

Mr. Hosea Mitchell is a resident of the Crescent Hill neighborhood, and he has lived in District 9 for over 11 years. Mr. Mitchell serves as the President & Chief Executive Officer of The Slice Charities of Louisville, Inc. This is an inner-city focused nonprofit charity that raises funds and makes grant awards and/or donations to assist local nonprofit social services organizations in West Louisville and Portland which provide emergency food, prescription medicines, housing and utility assistance, after-school youth programs and vocational education.

Concurrently, Mr. Mitchell served as the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Louisville Enterprise Group, Inc., the nonprofit community development affiliate of the Louisville Development Bancorp and its subsidiary, Metro Bank, Inc., until its recent wind-down in 2014. Mr. Mitchell's community and government board service includes the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky, Inc., the Louisville Metro Government Ethics Commission, the Louisville Metro Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Nativity Academy, Inc. at St. Boniface, Presentation Academy, Inc. and the Flaget Alumni Association.



District 10 Vicky L. Layne

Originally from Pikeville, Kentucky, Vicky relocated to Louisville 14 years ago and has lived in District 10 for the last seven. Vicky received her Bachelor of Science Degree from The University of Kentucky in Biology in 1992. She continued her education at East Tennessee State University receiving a MAT degree in Elementary Education in 2000. Most recently she received a Masters of Education in Elementary Reading Education in 2011. She holds state certifications in elementary education and reading and writing endorsement. She is currently employed as a literacy coach at Engelhard Elementary. As an educator she has served as a mentor to teacher interns. Vicky has participated as a Team Captain for the Walk to End Lupus Now for the Lupus Foundation of America, served as the newsletter editor for the Greater Louisville Alliance of Black School Educators and is an active member of St. Stephen Baptist Church. Vicky is President of the Breckenridge Orchard Neighborhood Association. It was in this role that she joined the District 10 Advisory Board to make a positive impact on her community.



District 11 Michael E. Cowherd

Michael Cowherd grew up in the Newburg area of Louisville, and attended St. Xavier High School, where he was very active in athletics, participating in track, cross country, wrestling and football. In 1978, he was High School State Champion in the 440 yard Dash. He continued his education at Bellarmine College/University, earning a B. A. degree in Chemistry, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Michael's professional career began as a chemist for several local companies: AAPER Alcohol, BF Goodrich, Colgate-Palmolive and Jim Beam Brands. He has been with Brown-Forman for over 18 years and serves as the Environmental and Quality Control Manager for the Brown-Forman Cooperage organization. Michael volunteers as track coach at St. Pius X Catholic Church and Bellarmine University; served on the Varsity Club Board of Directors at Bellarmine, Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority Board of Directors, Kentucky Shakespeare Festival Board of Directors, March of Dimes Board of Directors and presently serves on the Bellarmine Board of Overseers and is a Bellarmine Alumni Mentor.

Achievements:

- Eagle Scout; YMCA Adult Black Achiever
- Past President of the Louisville Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc.
- NCAA Division II All American Honors in the 800m
- Induction into the Bellarmine College Athletic Hall of Fame
- Bellarmine's Gallery of Distinguished Graduates
- Featured in Who's Who in Black Louisville – Inaugural Edition
- First African American inducted into the St. Xavier High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Michael and Latosha, to whom he has been married for more than 31 years, are the proud parents of three children and grandparents of two grandchildren



District 12 Allen Evans

Allen Evans is a native Louisvillian, graduating from Shawnee High School in 1975. After graduation, Allen committed to playing football for the University of Louisville. Allen Evans has worked security for Pleasure Ridge Park High School (PRP) for 20 years. An outstanding role model for students, teachers, and staff, he exemplifies the model we all aspire to be. Allen is caring, strong, and committed to the mission of helping our students become productive citizens and happy individuals. He and his wife have accompanied students on numerous field trips, serving as chaperones and safety ambassadors. Allen has the ability to communicate with students, show them respect, earn their trust and convince them to do the right thing. Students seek him out to ask for advice and to vent their concerns. He listens, sympathizes, and, when appropriate, shares his opinion. Allen Evans has the rare quality of drawing people to him. Athletes, scholars, and struggling students seek his approval. He listens, watches, and protects. PRP is a better place for students because of his dedication. Allen and Delphine Gordon Evans married in 1982. They are parents of two children, and grandparents of four wonderful grandchildren. Allen was called to the ministry and has served as the Senior Pastor at St. James Missionary Baptist Church since 1981. When not serving students and staff at PRP High School or parishioners at St. James, Allen can be found on the golf course or watching his favorite NFL Team, The Browns, and his favorite college team, The University of Louisville.



District 13 – Laura Simpson Woods

Born in Louisville, Kentucky while her family was visiting during the 1937 Flood, Laura grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana and received her education as a teacher. Her teaching career began in New Orleans. In 1965 she returned to Louisville and taught in several schools throughout the district. She retired after 34 years of service. Presently, Laura is the Nutrition Site Supervisor of the Fairdale Senior Nutrition Center where she has served for six years. This position is part of the Louisville Metro Community Services and Revitalization which serves the senior members of the Fairdale Community and District 13. In addition to her work with the Nutrition Center, she involves herself with Metro Parks senior tournaments and games, organizes holiday parties, and prepares and sends greeting cards to those in need. At one time, Mrs. Woods operated a small business that designed and fabricated jewelry. She is an active member of Coke Memorial United Methodist Church. She is the proud mother of Germaine Bell and grandmother of Jeremiah Woods-Anderson. She also boasts of having taught Dawne Gee, Darrell Griffith and many other outstanding citizens of Louisville.



District 14 Faith Stroud

Faith Stroud is a proud product of the Jefferson County Public School System, having graduated from Eastern High School, Class of 1995, and the University of Louisville with a degree in History, with an emphasis in African American Studies and a minor in mathematics. Her Master's degree is from Bellarmine University in Middle Grades Education with an emphasis in Mathematics and Social Studies. She has a Principal Certificate from the University of Louisville. She began her teaching career as a math teacher at Iroquois Middle School and taught at Stuart Middle School. She has served as both Assistant Principal and Principal at several schools through out the district. A strong believer in life-long learning, she is currently working on a doctorate, PhD, in Education Leadership from the University of Louisville. Her goal is to become a superintendent so that she can make a difference in the lives of many scholars, present and future. Faith is married to Romanus Stroud and they are parents of two incredible daughters. Her motto is "Our kids are worth whatever it takes!"



District 15 Donnetta Bibb Owens

Donnetta Bibb Owens, a native of Louisville, KY, is the daughter of James Bibb and Ella and John Holland. Her early years were spent in the West End of Louisville at 23rd and Maple Streets. She is a graduate of Valley High School, Class of 1985. For eight years, Donnetta proudly served her country as a medical administrative specialist in the United States Air Force and Kentucky Air National Guard. After spending fifteen years with PricewaterhouseCoopers, as administrative assistant in the tax and audit departments, Donnetta became an entrepreneur. She and her husband, Arthur Owens, Jr., became real estate investors. She became involved in the neighborhood in which she owns property. From the time she bought property in the Hazelwood Neighborhood nearly six years ago, she has been involved in the block watch program and participates in neighborhood cleanups, walks and monthly meetings. She is a concerned property owner who works to better the neighborhood for her tenants and the community. Donnetta is a member and serves as a church treasurer at First Gethsemane Baptist Church, and the Women's Committee. Donnetta and her husband of more than ten years share the joys and challenges of a blended family of three children and six grandchildren. District 15 is fortunate to have such an active and responsible landlord like Mrs. Donnetta Owens.



District 17 Glenn Sea

Glenn Sea has been a resident of the City of Worthington Hills since 1993. In 1994 he served on the Worthington Hills Board as a commissioner. In December 2012 he became Mayor and was re-elected this past November 2014 to a four-year term. In his capacity as mayor, he led the charge to construct an entry sign for the city, landscape the city islands and automate the city's record-keeping system.

Mayor Glenn and his wife, Cassandra, volunteer at the West End School reading to first and second grade boys, assisting in tours of the school, and recruiting others to help with the middle school boys. Glenn served in the United States Army for three years, and worked for thirty-four years at General Electric Company. Glenn and Cassandra have been married since 1979. They are the proud parents of five children and five grandchildren.



District 18 Sonja Grey

Sonja Grey, the Executive Director of Louisville Economic Chamber of Commerce since 2013, is a native of Danville, Kentucky and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, with a Fashion Merchandising Degree. Her professional career began as the Agenda Consultant for Stein Mart where her responsibility was to establish relationships in the community by networking with a variety of social organizations, businesses, and nonprofits. Also, she coordinated promotional events through formal outreach events such as fashion shows, seminars, and other private events. She was recruited by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana as Partnership Development Specialist. During her employment with Exceptional Teens & Adults Inc., Sonja served as the Director of Marketing and Fund Development, where she was successful in enhancing the organization's image and promoting community understanding and support for the organization.

Sonja is a member or has served on the Boards as:

- President and Vice President of the Louisville Urban League Young Professionals
- Leadership Louisville Board, Fourth Street Stakeholders Advisory Board
- Greater Louisville Inc. Board, African American Business Alliance Board
- River City Housing Board, Friends of Ali Board
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, Olmstead Academy South and Brightside
- Vice President of the Board of Directors with Clothe-A-Child and Dress for Success
- Who's Who of Black Louisville

Sonja is a very positive role model and as she grows in her professional career, she continues to help others.



District 19 – Hydia Lockhart

Hydia Lockhart has been an Officer with the Louisville Metro Police Department since February of 1999. During her career with LMPD she has worked as an undercover Flex detective, a D.A.R.E instructor, a District Resource Officer focusing on community relations, a Patrol Officer, and had the pleasure of working with Recruitment. Prior to Officer Lockhart joining the Louisville Metro Police family she was a painting major at Savannah College of Art and Design, and continued her studies at University of Louisville and Spalding University. Despite Officer Lockhart's field of study she felt compelled to contribute more to bettering society by serving on the community level, in hopes that even one person can make a difference. As a resident of Jefferson County, Officer Lockhart will continue that quest with Louisville Metro Police Department as her vessel.



District 20 OJ Oleka

OJ graduated from the University of Louisville in May 2010 with a degree in Marketing and a minor in Political Science. While at UofL, OJ was involved in the Association of Black Students, Society of Porter Scholars, Student Orientation Staff and Student Government. During his senior year, OJ served as Student Body President and Chairman of the Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents. After graduation, OJ joined Teach for America and taught middle school math to low income children in North City St. Louis, Missouri. It was here where he really began to understand how a quality education could change the lives of any and all persons, no matter of their skin color, income, or circumstance. When he finished his two-year commitment, OJ became the Kentucky Recruitment Manager for Teach for America. During his two years in recruitment, OJ spread the message that great leaders must become great teachers, and use their skills to transform their communities and our country. OJ now works as a campaign staffer for Hal Heiner, a candidate running for Governor of Kentucky. He also serves as the Chair for the Louisville Young Republicans. Councilman Stuart Benson accepted the award for Mr. Oleka.



District 21 Michael L. Jones

Michael L. Jones is an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in the Louisville Eccentric Observer (LEO), the Courier-Journal, and the Louisville Defender. The Louisville Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists honored him in 2012 for outstanding minority and women's affairs reporting. Michael is the author of two books, "Second Hand Stories: 15 Portraits of Louisville" and "Louisville Jug Music: From Earl McDonald to the National Jubilee." The latter book documents the history of a pre-World War II folk music style that was pioneered on steamboats along the Ohio River. Michael sits on the Board of Directors of the National Jug Band Jubilee, an annual festival that celebrates Louisville's jug music legacy.



District 22 - Shameika M. DeVane

Mrs. DeVane is the Foster Parent Coordinator at Kentucky's oldest child welfare agency, Maryhurst, and is charged with recruiting, training and licensing therapeutic foster homes for the state's severely abused and neglected children from birth until 21 years old. Shameika is directly responsible for opening 71% of the agency's foster homes. A veteran in the public service field, Mrs. DeVane is a National Urban Fellows recipient and served as the apprentice to the Chief of Staff at the largest health network system in the United States. While there she created a teen health clinic, organized a child welfare conference for 150 medical providers, managed a family obesity prevention initiative in the poorest Congressional district in the United States and coordinated the efforts that led to a \$500,000 awarded grant. Additionally, Mrs. DeVane assisted in the coordination of a mission trip to Togo, West Africa. There, she and her cohorts provided 50 scholarships to girls, established a health clinic and donated medical and school supplies to a small village. Mrs. DeVane holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Baruch College in New York City. Additionally, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Hampton University and a Master's Certificate in Organizational Leadership from Villanova University. She has worked at the direct service arm at Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kaplan, Inc. and ITT Technical Institute. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, a public service organization. Currently, she resides in Louisville with her husband, Kentucky Colonel Derrick, and their two children.



District 23 Kevin L. Smith

Kevin is currently a Ph. D. candidate and an assistant professor of preaching at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 2006, he became the first African-American ever elected Vice President of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has planted a church in Tennessee, pastored in both Tennessee and Kentucky, where he currently serves as the Teaching Pastor at Highview Baptist Church in Louisville. Kevin has also served on multiple mission teams in the Caribbean and Africa. Kevin is a gifted communicator who leads with boldness and humility. He has a heart for people, a warm sense of humor and likes the University of Louisville Cardinals. Kevin and his wife Patricia have been married for 22 years and have five children. When he is not preparing a sermon for Sunday, he can be found on the back of his Harley. Councilman James Peden's Legislative Assistant John Torsky accepted the Award for Rev. Smith.



District 24 Monetinea Haggard

Monetinea is a model student at Southern High School where he maintains a 3.2 GPA and a 27 on his ACT. During his tenure at Southern High, he has been very active as captain of the football team, a Who's Who Recipient, Western Kentucky University Senior Honors Student, member of the school orchestra. Also, he is in the National Honor Society, Beta Club and the advanced program at Southern. Monetinea participates and volunteers at the school's concession stand and National Honor Society activities outside the school.



District 25 Angela Walker

Angela Walker, a native of Stanford, Lincoln County, Kentucky, is the youngest of four children. Her mother was an educator for the Lincoln County Board of Education, where she taught children with special needs for 27 years. She graduated with a B.S. in Education from the University of Louisville. After teaching for a few years, she returned to the University of Louisville and received her Master's degree and Rank 1 in reading. She is presently the Reading Recovery teacher at Layne Elementary School, working to help struggling first grade students read at or above grade level. She has taught at Layne Elementary for the past 30 years. She is a member of the Instructional Support Team and collaborates with the classroom teachers to help students in all grades become proficient readers. Angela served as the coordinator for an eight-week summer enrichment program at Canaan Christian Church from 1998-2013. Currently she is tutoring students from Maupin Elementary School three days a week. The students are participants in the Champion Scholar Investigators (CSI) program located at the Baptist Fellowship Center. Angela is a leader and is highly respected by the staff at Layne Elementary School. It is not unusual for teachers to seek her out for advice or teaching suggestions. Whether teaching students in her classroom or in the community, Angela's goal is the same – to help her students learn to read so they read to learn and become lifetime readers.



District 26 Billy Pearsall

Billy Pearsall, a native of Dudley, North Carolina, was born in 1951. Upon graduation from high school, he joined the United States Army, where he made a career as a specialist in logistics. He retired in 1992 as a Staff Sergeant from Fort Knox. He is a graduate of Simmons College of Kentucky with an Associate's degree. He and his wife, Kimberly, met while he was in the Army. After his retirement he and his family remained in Louisville, residing in the Bon-Air Estates neighborhood, where they are very active. Billy and Kimberly are the proud parents of three children and five grandchildren. His wife is an administrative secretary for the State, working in the L&N Building. Billy is an avid reader and a member of the Israel of God Church of Chicago, Illinois.

The Communications Trophy



The Simmons Saturday Morning Solution Show

The Saturday Morning Solutions Show is a weekly radio Broadcast committed to not only talking the talk but teaching its listeners how to walk the walk to improve their inner-city communities and the people who live in them. The show, hosted by Rev. Clay Calloway, Gayle Strange and DeVone Holt, is sponsored by Simmons College of Kentucky and airs live every week from 11:00am to 12:00pm on WLOU 104.7FM /1350AM and on wlou.online.com

Special Honor



Gloria Moorman

Gloria Moorman is a retired Metro Government employee who thoroughly enjoys singing praises. She positively influences all persons of whom she may have some form of interaction. Those who know Gloria can best describe her as encouraging, willing to help, spiritually grounded and able to find a positive element in what might seemingly be a negative situation. Gloria is no stranger to the black History month program she has provided several musical selections over the years for this program.