47TH ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC BETHUNE-HEIGHT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.



"Stronger Than We Look: 'Conquering Today's Critical Challenges'"

A Virtual Event

Saturday • November 13, 2021

Mary McLeod Bethune Founder Dorothy I. Height President Emerita Johnnetta B. Cole NCNW Chair





Greetings

National Council of Negro Women, Inc. 47th Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune Height Recognition Hwards Program

October 2, 2021

As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am pleased to extend greetings to the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), on the occasion of your 47th Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune-Height Recognition Awards Program.

The Bethune Recognition Program was established in 1974. It was renamed the "Bethune-Height Recognition Program" in 2010 after the loss of NCNW's legend and the grandmother of civil rights, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, to pay tribute to Dr. Height.

The Bethune-Height Recognition Program honors the work of these two women, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and Dr. Dorothy I. Height, who shared a dream of bettering the lives of African American women and their families. This national program of the NCNW recognizes women, and men, for their work to promote the welfare of African American communities through education and activism.

I applaud NCNW for organizing this annual event. May you continue your work, promoting the welfare of African American communities.

On behalf of the 712,000 residents of Washington, DC, you have my best wishes for a successful and productive event.

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of the County Executive

"Prince George's Proud"



Angela D. Alsobrooks County Executive

October 2, 2021

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens and residents of Prince George's County, it is my great pleasure to extend warmest greetings to members, guests and honorees of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) as you gather to celebrate your 47th Annual Bethune-Height Recognition Awards Program. We proudly salute you for your organization's steadfast efforts to benefit our communities.

This year's theme, "Stronger Than We Look! Surviving Critical Challenges of Today," is befitting as you celebrate the legacy of your organization, address the problems that face us today, and renew your commitment to the future of NCNW and the communities you serve.

I applaud your dedication to the continued improvement of educational opportunities for women, which will have a long-lasting impact. You have done an extraordinary job over the years through your national and community-based services and programs. You deserve much credit for your tireless dedication, advocacy and leadership, which have significantly improved the lives of women, families and communities across our region.

You have my best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

Sincerely,

Angela Alsobrooks

Angela Alsobrooks County Executive

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

633 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest



Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., it is my honor and pleasure to congratulate the Mid-Atlantic Region on their 45th Annual Bethune-Height Awards Recognition Program and Luncheon. This annual celebration recognizes community leaders who are continue to follow in the footsteps of our ancestors, by continuing to strive for the betterment of African American women, their children and their families.



This year's ceremony theme reminds us just how blessed The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. has been to have countless, *women empowered to serve*; including our founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, the iconic Dr. Dorothy Irene Height and countless others who have worked and fought to bring about positive change in our communities. We continue to look into the mirror of history and learn from NCNW's history and all Black history to help make changes and propel us forward.

Today, in the spirit of great leaders throughout our history and herstory, we pay tribute to those who continue to respond to these words, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" Your leadership has led to positive outcomes in NCNW communities. We are profoundly grateful to you for your commitment and service.

There is a Swahili proverb that says: "It does no harm to be grateful." Indeed, I am deeply grateful to the planning committees, who have given so generously of their time and effort to ensure that this is a successful and wonderful event.

A special thank you to each NCNW member, affiliate organization, partner and guest attending today's luncheon. NCNW could not continue its work, without your support.

I join with all in our NCNW family in being grateful to the Mid-Atlantic Region for its work to advance NCNW's mission.

Warm and hearty congratulations on your Bethune-Height Awards Recognition Program and Luncheon!

Onward!

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Johnnetta Betsch Cole, Ph.D. National Chair and 7th President

Founder: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune

National Chair and President: Johnnetta Betsch Cole, Ph.D.

Executive Director: Ms. Janice L. Mathis

Affiliated with: National Council of Women of the United States International Council of Women/National Assembly for Social Policy & Development *Contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.* On a personal note, I am Johnnie M. Walker, the mother of five beautiful children, oldest of three siblings, Member of Jackson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Hempstead NY. And in that order is where my priorities lie. God, Family and Church. That's the summation of my existence. However, it does not describe me as a whole person.

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My beginnings were easy and have been

repeated in every Journal since my appointment in 1993 by the Northeastern Episcopal Prelate of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Bishop George W.C. Walker. I was appointed as the Long Island District Representative of "The Women Home and Overseas Missionary Society" which is a Large Affiliate and supporter of NCNW. Not knowing of NCNW, I was sent to Washington, DC to a NCNW Convention to learn of the organization. I sat at the feet of Dr. Height in her suite at 11:30 PM to be taught. After learning of NCNW and meeting other likeminded women, I immediately made a payment towards a Life Membership. After which I made a commitment upon my return to Long Island to start a section to enlighten and encourage other women to join NCNW. I was informed and shown that NCNW was an all-inclusive Organization of women who wanted to help carry out the mission of NCNW by helping to make a better life for Minority women and their families through Education, Health, Advocacy and Civic Engagement. Long Island Cross County Section was Chartered in 1995. I continue to encourage our section members and others to R.E.A.C.H. throughout your communities to expand our membership beginning with youth at ages 12 through. There is so much to be done and as Dr. Bethune said, if you touch someone with a finger, they may not feel it, but if you make a fist with all five fingers, you can deliver a mighty blow. The Women of NCNW has the collaborative power, it is time for it to be unleashed. Black women are the force that rocks the cradle of all society, IT'S OUR TIME, LET'S DO IT! May God continue to bless all of us as we continue to be a blessing to others.



GWENDYLON E. JOHNSON, BSN, MA, RN

Chairperson, Mid-Atlantic Bethune-Height Recognition Program

October 2, 2021

Greetings Everyone

Welcome to the 47th Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune Height Recognition Program.

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Incorporated is an organization of Organizations whose mission is to lead, empower and advocate for women of African descent, their families and communities. Our Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune-Height Recognition Program Committee's theme this year is "Stronger Than We Look" as we give reverence to the strength and resilience of women of African descent and their families. In the past two years, we have met the challenges imposed by a pandemic, multiple social justice assaults and the freedom to exercise the most important right of Democracy, the right to vote. And yet, we stand strong, we endure, and we do what we must to overcome. Today, in this virtual environment we say thank you.

Today's recognition program will honor 2020 and 2021 Legacy Life members, Life Members and Bethune-Height Achievers.

We gratefully acknowledge our distinguished guest: Dr. Johnetta B, Cole, Chair of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated, The Honorable Janice Mathis, Executive Director of NCNW, the National Co-Chairs of the Bethune-Height Recognition Program, Mrs. Johnnie Walker and Ms. Dawna M. Fields and our Honorary Chairperson this year, the Honorable Patricia Latimore. We also congratulate Mrs. Hettie T. Fleming, a member of the Montgomery County Section as this year's Outstanding Volunteer and Ms. Catrice Vandross, a member of the New Dominion Section as this year's Outstanding Educator. Thank you also to our area's legislators for their support.

Thank you for joining us as we honor these NCNW Sisters who faithfully exhibit NCNW's mission as set forth by our Founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, our late President Emeritus, Dr. Dorothy I. Height and the many other past and current leaders in NCNW who strive to create opportunities for our families and our communities.

Finally, I must honor and say thank you to the committed and determined members of the Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune-Height Recognition Program Committee and the community based Sections, Affiliates and leaders who worked tirelessly to make this virtual 47th Annual Recognition Program a success. The Committee's Co-Chairs, the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, the Secretary and the Section and Affiliate representatives who rose to the challenge of the occasion as Sub-Committee Chairs and the Greater Washington Life Members Guild worked for two years to ensure the continued success of this region's program and today's virtual presentation. Their work, their wise advice and commitment make all the difference!



Greetings,

I'd like to welcome all that have gathered here today for our virtual recognition to celebrate the 2021 Mid-Atlantic Region's 47th Bethune-Height Recognition Awards Program. We are "Stronger Than We Look: Surviving Today's Critical Challenges" which is our theme for this year's program, and countless challenges were presented to us...but we are still standing Strong!



As Co-Chair of this year's program, it gave me great pleasure to work closely with some of the most *Amazing Women*. Together we put

in all we had to offer, and arrived here today to celebrate more *Amazing Women* for their contributions to our organization and community.

Congratulations to all of this year's Special Awardees, Life, Legacy Life Members, and Bethune-Height Achievers, who express great love and support for this organization and what we do. Without all of you, and your support, we would not be able to provide the services to our communities as we do. Three cheers to all of us, and again Congratulations to all of you!

Lastly, kudo's to all the wonderful strong minded women of the 47th 2021 BHRP Committee. *"Team Work* is the *Dream Work"* and that's what it takes to execute such a rewarding virtual event put together for you today. Thanks to our Colligate Sections here today volunteering, as your services are invaluable to us and all that we do. Many Thanks to anyone and everyone who helped us to make this virtual event special. Looking forward to seeing you in person next year!

Sincerely, Vicky E. Stanley, Co-Chair 2021 M-A BHRP Committee



HONORARY CHAIRPERSON



PATRICIA WATKINS LATTIMORE

Patricia Watkins Lattimore, a native Washingtonian, experienced a successful 38-year career with the Federal Government, 14 years as a member of the Federal Senior Executive Service, with two Presidential Rank Awards. Her final stint was serving as a President Clinton appointee, Assistant Secretary of Labor (DOL) for Administration and Management at the United States Department of Labor, under the 23rd Secretary Alexis M. Herman. Lattimore previously served as the Assistant Deputy Secretary at DOL, Acting Director and Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and Director of OPM's Office of Federal Investigations. Her post retirement activities included being an independent consultant with New Ventures LLC, with major corporate clients i.e. Coca Cola, Cummins, Entergy, MGM International, Toyota; serving as CEO for the Delta Research & Educational Foundation from 2014 to 2020; and currently the Interim Director for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated's Maryland Educational Opportunity Center, Baltimore, Maryland.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



MARGARET SMITH PERKINS

Margaret joined the DC Section 2 of the National Council of Negro Women in 1993. She became a Life Member at the Mid- Atlantic Bethune Recognition program in July 1994. She was the Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune Height Recognition Program for Forty- third and Forty- fourth celebration luncheons (2017-2018) She currently serves as the parliamentarian for DC Section 2.

Margaret is a member of Ward Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is a member of Women's' Missionary society which is one of the 33 Affiliate Groups. As a member of the Tullie Quinn Missionary Society [1989] was elected as the Director or Promotions and Missionary Education, Worship Director, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary and is currently the First Vice President. She is also the Financial Secretary of I. Alphonso Miller Scholarship Committee.

Margaret has Community Affiliations as a Member National Association of Parliamentarians where she is a past president of District of Columbia Association of Parliamentarians; past president of the McCaskill Unit; Chairman of the Peola H McCaskill Legacy Scholarship Committee; became a Registered Parliamentarian in July 2021, She is member of the Prince George's Chapter of Bowie State University Alumni Association; and an alumni and supporter of Virginia State University, further she supports Benedict College, Columbia, SC and supports of Bennet College, Greensboro, NC. She also supports the Maryland Public Television and is a member and supporter of the Kennedy Center.

Margaret is a proud graduate of the two Historically Black Colleges and Universities. She holds a Bachelor of Arts, [History & Political Science] Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA and Master of Arts, [Public Administration] Bowie State University, Bowie, MD

Margaret was employed by U.S. Government and retied after 40 years of service Margaret is the proud mother and grandmother of: Bruce A. Smith (Melinda), Ph.D.; Rashad N. Perkins (Candice), Kenya Barnes, MSG Benson Barnes (Bethsabe); and 10 grandchildren

Margaret is a strong believer in Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." KJV

HETTIE T. FLEMING HONOREE: OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER



Hettie is a highly regarded and skilled Independent Executive Consultant providing outstanding services to organizations in the Washington Metro area. Her consulting services started after an early retirement as Director of Network Operations - Training and Development with Verizon Communications Inc. in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. An expert in her field, she has over 35 years' experience in the areas of the Telecommunications and Information Technology.

She received a degree in Biology from Norfolk State University, a Masters Certificate in Information Technology Project Management from George Washington University, a certificate from Wharton School of Business Leadership Program and completed graduate studies of Information Systems and

Technology at John Hopkins University.

A long time resident of Montgomery County, Maryland, Hettie is a passionate community advocate for the homeless and families in need. She worked tirelessly during the COVID -19 pandemic in serving our local shelters, food pantries and families by purchasing and providing food and supplies during a critical and much needed time. Her volunteer work has advanced the community presence of the Montgomery County Maryland Section of the National Council of Negro Women (MCMD - NCNW), and her Church, Mount Calvary Baptist of Rockville, MD; as well as her own personal ministry. Hettie has partnered over 10 years with Montgomery County's 'Homeless Resource Day' and her participation and promotion of this event has resulted in multiple organizations joining the cause.

Hettie volunteered over 1000+ hours in 2020 in purchasing, delivering, packing, sorting, assembling, collecting goods and supplies for those in need. This work happened during the 'height' of the pandemic getting help from husband, Deacon Kenneth Fleming in traveling from site to site and helping in delivering critical COVID - 19 supplies to our community partners and many familiies.

Her support includes working with Montgomery County Homeless Coalition, Interfaith Works, Community Reach, Stepping Stones and Helping Hands Shelter, just to name a few. She established programs to include food for our community food pantries, clothing and supplies for the homeless and families. Her 'Welcome Home Baskets' for those transitioning to housing are filled with household items and cleaning supplies, have been a wonderful 'welcome' to many new households.

Hettie's volunteer service has received many accolades from her community partners and those she served. Her work with People in Crisis and her Church has been cited on multiple client's websites, Facebook, community newsletters, on radio interviews as well as on "Let's Talk DC". She received the 2020 Humanitarian Award from the Women's American Baptist Ministry at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, and was nominated for 2021 Montgomery Serve Award by MCMD - NCNW. As a Director with Verizon, she was also awarded with numerous "Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards" and received grants for the organizations she served.

CATRICE VANDROSS HONOREE: OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR



Catrice is a visionary leader, humanitarian, and outstanding educator, for more than thirty years. She began her career in Prince George's County, Maryland. She is currently a special education teacher in Arlington Public Schools. She finds joy, ensuring that children's educational, social, cultural, and recreational needs are met. She has dedicated her life to helping students discover their potential. Professionally her priority is helping children develop a plan to achieve their dreams and life goals. Her new focus is providing children of color and their families

opportunities to travel aboard for educational, cultural, and historic enlightenment. She is a dedicated member of several organizations. She served as Worthy Matron of Prince Hall Chapter No 5, Order of Eastern Star – Prince Hall Affiliation in 2012 and 2014. As a member of Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, OES - PHA of the Jurisdiction of Washington, DC. She feeds the homeless, walks for various causes, gives toiletries and warm clothing items to disadvantaged youth and sanitary items and toiletries for homeless women. She has served as Grand Youth Directress since 2015. During her tenure, she has sustained and transformed the organization into a premier organization for the youth of the District of Columbia, organizing a weekly tutorial program, golf lessons, chess lessons, monthly Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, (STEAM) experiences, etiquette, and financial literacy workshops. She is proudest of organizing a Cotillion for 24 underserved D.C. youth, attended by over 300 guests. Under her leadership the fraternity has given away over 675 duffle bags filled with a book, underclothes, and pajamas to children transitioning through the foster care system and has awarded over 15,000 in scholarships to deserving youth. She was the founder of Future Educators of America at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and a founding member of Maryland State Future Teachers of America. She has been a Girl Scout Leader and a Teen Advisor for Jack and Jill of America, Inc., NOVA Chapter. She has also organized HIV prevention workshops. She is humbled to God for the opportunities and blessings offered to her as she strives to create guality programs that will empower and positively transform the lives of children throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Mary Mc eod Bethune



Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the National Council of Negro Women and Bethune-Cookman College, was an extraordinary educator, civil rights leader, and government official.

As a child of former slaves, Mrs. Bethune believed that education was key to the advancement of her race. Her background as a teacher inspired her in 1904 to open the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in Daytona Beach, Florida, with just five students. Eventually the school blossomed to include a farm, high school, and nursing school. The school became the co-educational Bethune-Cookman College in 1929 after merging with Cookman

Institute, and it was fully accredited in 1943.

Mrs. Bethune proved her expertise not only as an educator, but also as an organizer and fundraiser through her work with the college. In 1935, she employed her diverse talents in founding the National Council of Negro Women. She envisioned NCNW to be an "organization of organizations" that would represent the national and international concerns of Black women. It would also give Black women the opportunity to realize their goals for social justice and human rights through united, constructive action.

In addition to being an educator and an organizer, Mrs. Bethune was also a political activist. She was the first African American woman to be involved in the White House, assisting four different presidents. But she had the most significant influence on Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal program following the Great Depression. From 1936-1945, she served as the informal "race leader at large" for the administration. Mrs. Bethune was also one of the most influential African American leaders in the Black Cabinet, which organized the Federal Council on Negro Affairs. She also served as Director of Negro Affairs for the National Youth Administration, where she tirelessly worked to secure funds for youth and help them find jobs.

In 1974, Mrs. Bethune became the first Black leader and the first woman to have a monument, the Bethune Memorial Statue, erected on public park land in Washington, DC, in honor of her remarkable contributions. She also became the only Black woman to be honored with a memorial site in the nation's capital in 1994 when National Park Service acquired the Council House, Bethune's last official residence and the original headquarters of NCNW. Today the Council House offers a variety of educational programs and exhibits.

Mary McLeod Bethune's legacy of education, civil rights, and leadership continues to endure. Since 1943, Bethune-Cookman College has graduated more than 13,200 students. In addition, the college offers 36 undergraduate degrees and 7 Master's degrees.

Today, NCNW consists of over 39 national affiliates and over 240 sections, connecting more than 4,000,000 women to the organization! Mrs. Bethune's dedication and remarkable achievements continue to inspire the mission and work of NCNW.

It is our pledge to make a lasting contribution to all that is finest and best in America, to cherish and enrich her heritage of freedom and progress by working for the integration of all her people regardless of race, creed, or national origin, into her spiritual, social, cultural, civic, and economic life, and thus aid her to achieve the glorious destiny of a true and unfettered democracy.

- Founder Mary McLeod Bethune's Pledge for NCNW

Sorothy Trene Height



Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, celebrated human rights leader, dedicated her life to service and leadership. Recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom among hundreds of other honors, Dr. Height worked on every major advancement in civil rights and justice for women and people of color dating back to the 1930s until her passing in 2010. She gave counsel to every American president from Dwight D. Eisenhower to Barack

Born on March 24, 1912, Dr. Height awakened early to the social injustice of segregation and became active with organizations as a teenager. As a young social worker in her 20's, she helped New York City resolve the Harlem Riots of 1935 and helped organize protests against lynching. She went on to work for the desegregation of the armed forces and for access for all people to public accommodations.

For more than three decades beginning in the mid-1940s, Dr. Height served on the staff of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, spearheading their racial justice initiatives. She was also elected as the 10th National President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (1947-1956) and helped that organization expand its social activism in the U.S. and abroad.

As the only woman leader on the United Civil Rights Leadership Council (which included Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, A. Phillip Randolph, John Lewis, and James Farmer), Dr. Height played a critical role in helping her colleagues put aside their factional differences and forge a united front.

Dr. Height began her association with the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) as a volunteer under her mentor Mary McLeod Bethune in 1937, and went on to head her beloved organization for five decades. With NCNW, Dr. Height devoted her energies to advancing quality-of-life issues for African American women and their families, impacting health, education, and economic empowerment. Many African American women who have achieved high positions of leadership are quick to acknowledge a profound debt to her efforts.

Dr. Height's first book, a memoir entitled Open Wide the Freedom Gates, was published in 2003 by Public Affairs. Her second book, Living with Purpose, was published in 2010, and a 100th Birthday Edition was published in 2012. Both editions were published by The Dorothy I. Height Education Foundation. The books demonstrate her lifelong commitment to service and excellence, and they continue to provide inspiration to many.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING By James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us, Facing the rising sun of our new day begun Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand. True to our God,

True to our native land.

Program

National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune-Height Recognition Program (MARBHRP)

Margaret Smith Perkins

Mistress of Ceremonies

Introduction of the Mistress of Ceremonie	vicky E. Stanley 2021 MARBHRP Co-Chair
Mistress of Ceremony	Margaret Smith Perkins DC Section 2
Welcome and Statement of the Occasion	Gwendylon E. Johnson 2021Chair MARBHRP
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Angela Shannon Mitchellville-Bowie Section
Black National Anthem	"Lift Every Voice and Sing" James Weldon Johnson
Litany	Katirah Howell, NCNW-MSU, Section President, Senior Alanna Brandt, NCNW-MSU, 1st Vice President, Senior
Greetings by Dr. Johnetta B. Cole President, NCNW	Janice L. Mathis, Esq. NCNW Executive Director
Greetings & Proclamations	Margaret Smith Perkins
Musical Selection	Eugene Campbell, Saxophonist
Introduction of the 2021 Honorary Chair	Vicky E. Stanley
Greetings from the Honorary Chair	The Honorable Patricia W. Latimore NCNW National Board Member

History of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Video Presentation

Program (continued)

Musical Selection

Introduction of Vendors

Vendor Break

Introduction of Outstanding Volunteer

Outstanding Volunteer

Introduction of Outstanding Educator

Outstanding Educator

Introduction of Mrs. Johnnie M. Walker National BHRP Co-Chair

Greeting and Remarks

2020 Legacy Life Members

2020 Life Members

2020 Achievers

Poem

2021 Legacy Life Members

2021 Life Members

Eugene Campbell, Saxophonist

Brenda Drayton-Hays 2021 BHRP Vendor Committee

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> Catrice Vandross Secretary, MARBHRP New Dominion Section

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The Honorable Patricia W. Latimore

Margaret Smith Perkins

Millie West Wiggins

The Honorable Patricia W. Latimore

Margaret Smith Perkins

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In Memoriam Video Presentation
Door Prize Drawing Delphine Motley
Prince George's County Section
Closing Remarks Gwendolyn Johnson

This Little Light of Mine

Benediction

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Rev. Dr. Angela Shannon

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Mary McLeod Bethune's Legacy to Her People and the Nation

LEADER: Sometimes I ask myself if I have any other legacy to leave. Truly, my worldly possessions are few. Yet, my experiences have been rich. From them, I have distilled principles and policies in which I believe firmly, for they represent the meaning of my life's work. They are the product of much sweat and sorrow. Perhaps in them there is something of value. So, as my life draws to a close, I will pass them on to Negroes everywhere in the hope that an old woman's philosophy may give them inspiration. Here, then is my legacy.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU LOVE.

RESPONSE: Love builds. It is positive and helpful. It is more beneficial than hate.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU HOPE.

RESPONSE: The Negro's growth will be great in the years to come. Yesterday, our ancestors endured the degradation of slavery, yet they retained their dignity.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN ONE ANOTHER.

RESPONSE: As long as Negroes are hemmed into racial blocks by prejudice and pressure, it will be necessary for them to band together for economic betterment.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU A THIRST FOR EDUCATION.

RESPONSE: Knowledge is the prime need of the hour.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU A RESPECT FOR THE USES OF POWER.

RESPONSE: We live in a world which respects power above all things. Power, intelligently directed, can lead to more freedom. Unwisely directed, it can be a dreadful, destructive force

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU FAITH.

RESPONSE: Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible. Faith in God is the greatest power, but great, too, is faith in oneself.



Mary McLeod Bethune's Legacy to Her People and the Nation

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU RACIAL DIGNITY.

RESPONSE: I want Negroes to maintain their human dignity at all costs. We, as Negroes, must recognize that we are the custodians as well as the heirs of a great civilization.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU A DESIRE TO LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH YOUR FELLOW MEN.

RESPONSE: The problem of color is world-wide. It is found in Africa and Asia, Europe and South America. I appeal to American Negroes--North, South, East and West--to recognize their common problems and unite to solve them.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU FINALLY A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

- **RESPONSE:** The world around us really belongs to the youth, for the youth will take over its future management. Our children must never lose their zeal for building a better world.
- **ALL:** If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving. As I face tomorrow, I am content, for I think I have spent my life well. I pray now that my philosophy may be helpful to those who share my vision of world Peace, Progress, Brotherhood and Love.



2020 Regacy Rife Members

Greater Baltimore Hazel Brodie Kylis P. Winborne (Associate)

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Washington Section Patrice Clement

Greater Baltimore Section Carlene Randolph Julia Winborne

Montgomery County Section Valerie Hall Crystal Lee

Reston-Dulles Section Cypriana McCray

Washington Section Thelma H. Johnson

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Prince George's County Section Shirley McKenzie Loretta Tillery

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2021 Regacy Rife Members

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Potomac Valley Section Cynthia S. Bolton

Washington Section Erma J. McCray Theresa Melton

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September 12, 2021

Dear Ms. Johnson and Ms. Stanley,

I am beyond proud to provide this letter to recognize Ms. Catrice Vandross' selection as the NCNW's Distinguished Educator for 2021. I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Vandross for the past 15 years at Wakefield High School in Arlington, Virginia.

Ms. Vandross is a dedicated educator who cares deeply for her students and consistently goes above and beyond to support them. Her students know that she has their best interests at heart and appreciate her work on their behalf. She makes herself available to them outside class time which has allowed her to build even stronger positive relationships with students.

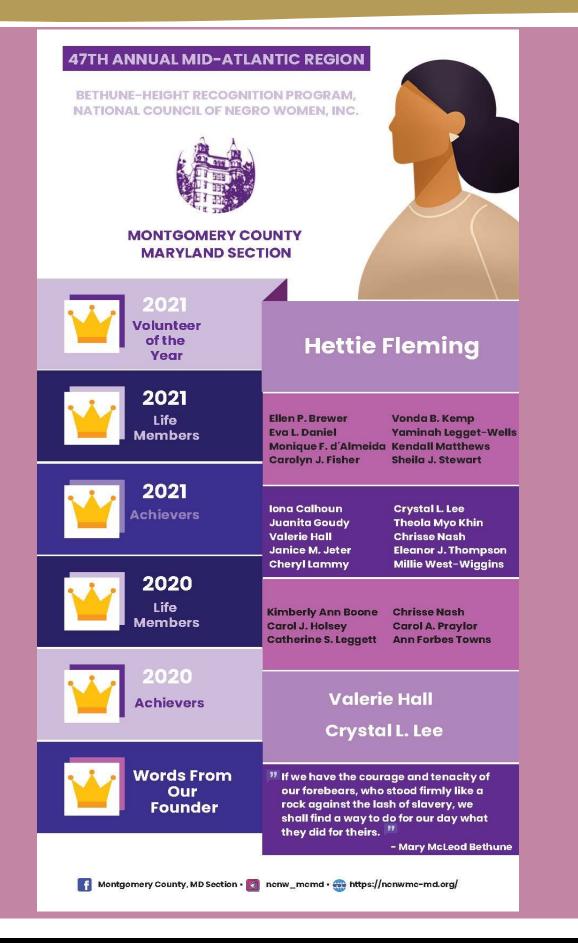
Ms. Vandross' colleagues respect her experience and her willingness to help out whenever and however needed. She brings a positive attitude to all that she does which is much appreciated in challenging times.

The NCNW's mission "to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families and communities" is essential to the betterment of our country, and Ms. Vandross works daily to make that mission a reality.

Respectfully,

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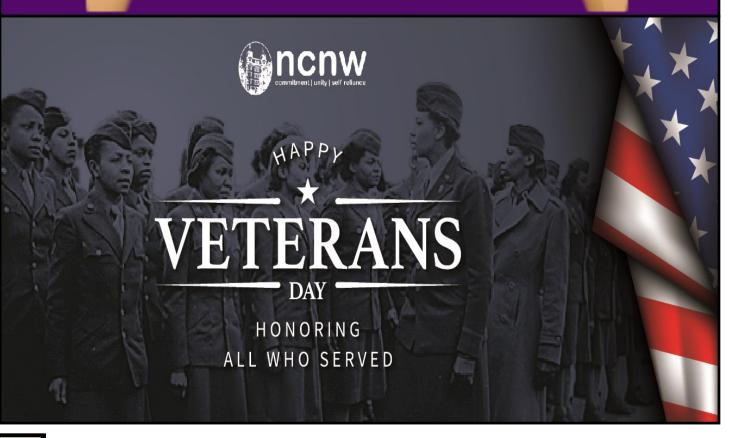
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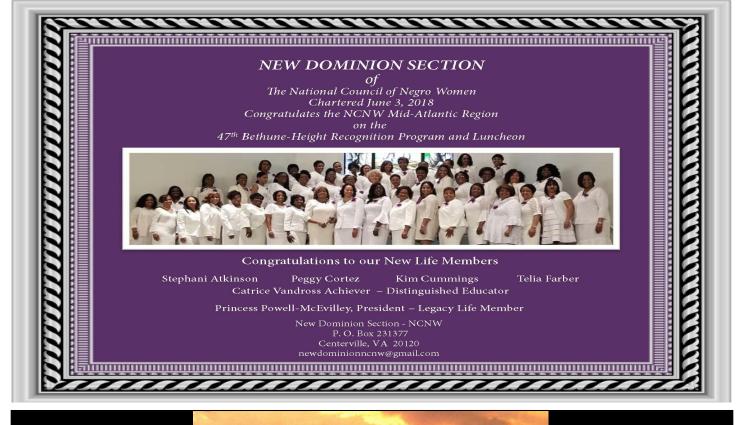
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The National Council of Negro Women is an "organization of organizations" (comprised of 300 campus and community-based sections and 32 national women's organizations) that enlightens, inspires and connects more than 2,000,000 women and men. Its mission is to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families and communities. NCNW was founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, an influential educator and activist, and for more than fifty years, the iconic Dr. Dorothy Height was president of NCNW. Johnnetta Betsch Cole was elected Chair of NCNW in 2018, ushering in a new era of social activism and continued progress and growth for the organization. Today, NCNW's programs are grounded on a foundation of critical concerns known as "Four for the Future". NCNW promotes education with a special focus on science, technology, engineering and math; encourages entrepreneurship, financial literacy and economic stability; educates women about good health and HIV/AIDS; promotes civic engagement and advocates for sound public policy and social justice.





The Bethune Recognition Program was founded in 1974 and has grown into a great national movement. Its uniqueness comes from the annual opportunity it gives individuals to live the legacy of NCNW's Founder, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune by contributing to the work for which she dedicated her life.

November 2010, during the NCNW 75th Anniversary Convocation, Dr. Barbara L. Shaw, Chair, officially announced that the Program would be renamed "**Bethune-Height Recognition Program**" in honor of Dr. Dorothy I. Height, NCNW Chair/President Emerita.

Proceeds from the Program help to undergird the vital work of the National Office by broadening and strengthening the financial base that is so crucial to NCNWs survival and its ability to affect much needed change.

The Bethune– Height Recognition Program honors Bethune-Height Achievers (persons who contribute \$300.00 or more), Life Members, and Legacy Life Members who contribute, join or upgrade through the Program.

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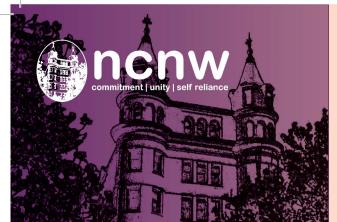
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