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# *Legacy of Excellence*

# AGBM



## ANNIVERSARY

A Good Black Man, Inc.

# *Special Souvenir Journal*

A Good Black Man, Inc. is a non-profit organization honoring outstanding African-American males for their contributions to family and the community.

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for 10 years of community service



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Sociology

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Master of Science  
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## Message From The President

*Photo by Eddie B Tombs IV*

Ten years ago, a small group of committed individuals gathered in a modest Black-owned art gallery with a simple message to Black men. That message was: "Thank you." Quite a lot has happened since then. A Good Black Man, Incorporated has honored more than 52 Black males or their efforts to educate and empower their families and communities. Through our summer camps, we have sought to expose young Black males to Black men and women who have made positive contributions to their communities and to society at-large. All the while we were presenting to them proof positive that success also looks like them.

We have done our best to create partnerships with more than 40 like-minded businesses, institutions and individuals willing to help spread the gospel of "good Black men." We have said farewell to our mentor and father, Dr. John T. Chissell. We have welcomed more than 30 men and women into the AGBM family. We have much to celebrate.

This tenth year anniversary celebration will hopefully serve as a spring board for the next 10 years. On behalf of the board of directors of A Good Black Man, Inc., enjoy the festivities and be as inspired as we are by the work of the award recipients. As I said 10 years ago, most importantly, we hope that when you leave this event it will be with a sense of resolve, purpose and commitment not only to AGBM, but to the Black community at-large.

Peace and Blessings,

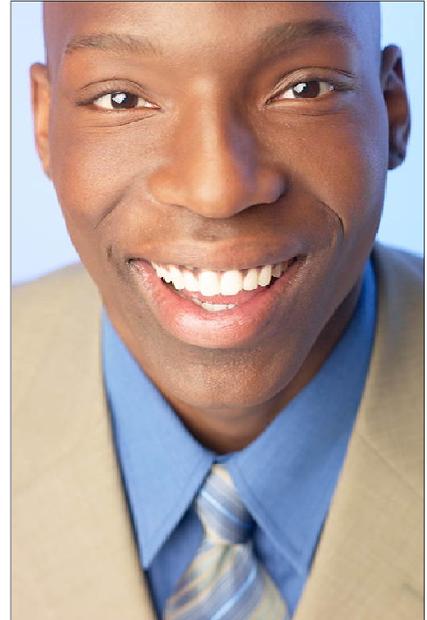
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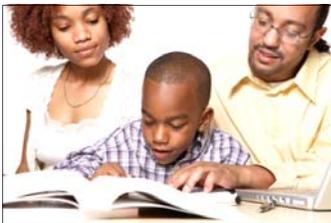
# Join The AGBM *Revolution*

**A**GBM, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose ongoing mission is to enhance the life options for African American males and to provide a global forum to dispel the myths that demonize Black males by creating a safe haven void of the unkind criticism, persecution and degradation sadly too often seen in the media and society-at-large. Supporting AGBM is as simple as:



- Becoming a sponsor of or mentor at our Legacy of Excellence (LOE) Summer Enrichment camp.
- Placing an annual ad in our commemorative Legacy of Excellence Awards Celebration Souvenir Journal
- Making a tax-deductible donation today online at [www.agoodblackman.com](http://www.agoodblackman.com)
- Buying (and wearing) AGBM, Inc. Pride Wear and other merchandise online now at [www.agoodblackman.org](http://www.agoodblackman.org).
- Partnering today with AGBM in community outreach initiatives.
- Including AGBM in your professional network.
- JOINING THE AGBM FAMILY TODAY THROUGH YOUR MEMBERSHIP

## Membership *Benefits*



**A**s an AGBM member, we will ensure that in our organization, African American men will be widely portrayed in ways that reflect their humanity and that transcend the negative stereotypes offered by mainstream media. Our programs and community initiatives will uplift, support, and buttress against negative peer pressure faced by African-American boys and young men. Your AGBM membership includes:

- Reduced rates on AGBM online advertising
- FREE subscription to our electronic newsletter, VOICES
- FREE listing and link back from our web site.
- Reduced rates on promotional merchandise from AGBM.
- Updates and information about our Networking Mixers

**BE A PART OF SOMETHING POWERFUL, POSITIVE AND EMPOWERING!**

# What AGBM, Inc. is

## All About



AGBM Founder and President  
D. Anne Browne

**A**goodblackman.com (AGBM) is an actual web site online at: **www.agoodblackman.com**. This web site was conceived, designed, created, launched and maintained by Baltimore web developer, author and entrepreneur, D. Anne Browne in response to the criticism: "There are no good Black men." The motivation behind the construction of this site is to first, silence the critics. Second, it is to provide a place for Black males to go where they will not be criticized unkindly, persecuted unjustly or judged unfairly. The AGBM family places a great deal of emphasis on the history of people of African descent. We do this because we recognize how important it is to re-educate ourselves. We believe that we must reconcile ourselves with the past in order to understand the present and prepare for the future.

We created [www.agoodblackman.org](http://www.agoodblackman.org) as a companion web site that provides information and updates about our nonprofit organization, A Good Black Man, Inc. (AGBM, Inc.) With your support, since 2001 we have promoted the countless numbers of Black males out there who have devoted their lives to building strong communities, families and relationships. Together, we will continue to salute those Black males with positive messages to convey.

## AGBM, Inc. Membership

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AGBM Membership is valid for 1 year

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# A Good Black Man

*Isn't hard to find...*

## COMMENTS FROM VISITORS TO WWW.AGOODBLACKMAN.COM

"This is an absolutely outstanding website. As an African American woman, I found it absolutely refreshing to not be inundated with negative news reports about brothers. I grew up with hard-working, attentive, and supportive black males, my father being the first among them. I'm just glad that this site exists so that people who were/are less fortunate than myself will know that good black men do exist." — L. Allen (**Atlanta, GA**)

"Your homepage is good. I like the kind of message you're portraying. It's good to show the world that black people in America have contributed to the development of the USA. That is positive thinking unlike how history is taught to us in Africa. The only thing we know about African-Americans is slavery, which is a disgusting legacy." — J. Moelenyane (**Gaborone, Botswana**)

"This is one of the best sites I have seen on the www. " — P. Coach (**New York, NY**)

"I accidentally got to your page by some mistake but I thank God for that mistake. It's good to be reminded that there are good black men out there who appreciate us as we are. I've looked at your page and I really like it and as a woman I appreciate what you all are doing. Thanks." — Daniell (**Knoxville, TN**)

"Agoodblackman.com is too good a secret to keep! I'm telling all my friends to bookmark this site. I am glad to be a part of the AGBM community." — R. Graise (**Haslett, MI**)

"The "Black man" got me...keep up the good work." — J. Carter (**Dallas, TX**)

"This is great to find. Living in Guam is not easy to be in touch and to stay abreast. Thanks." — D. Mobley (Originally from Detroit. Now living in **Guam**)

"This is a badly needed website and it's so well put together! As a single, African American woman who thinks and have always thought the world of our African American men, I feel that enough cannot be said about how soulful, spiritual, passionate and compassionate, strong, beautiful, loving, intelligent, insightful, protective... whew! Thanks to the authors for making the world aware of how wonderful our African American (Black) men are! I couldn't live without them." — C.W. (**Chicago, IL**)

"I've always been looking for a good website for thoughtful Black men like myself. Looks like I found one.... keep up the good work. AGBM is a term I use myself, its good to see a good site appropriately named." — D. Guide (**St. Croix - U.S.V.I.**)

"What a wonderful "site" for sore eyes." — S. Mes (**Virginia Beach, VA**)

"Great site! It is very fresh, clean, and informative. I can tell this site will be around for a while. Good luck guys." — H. Taitt (**New Orleans, LA**)

"I was thrilled to have found you. I can't wait to tell my husband, A GOOD BLACK MAN! about this website. I'm sure we will visit it often. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!" — V. Harrell (**Jamaica Queens, NY**)

Some comments have been edited for clarity.

# He's been here all along, *Waiting for us to rediscover him.*

"Thank you for designing a website dedicated to our BEAUTIFUL Black Men!!! It's good to know someone cares. Your site is very informative and positive. Keep up the good work!!! I'll send this website to all my friends!! Love & Peace ."-- Linsey (**Baltimore, MD**)

"I feel now that I am really in touch with black America!" -- F. Darnes (**Pensacola, FL**)

"Thank God! It's hard out here and we need as much nurturing as possible." -C. Clark (Washington, DC)  
"I've seen many sites about the support of Black women, and that's a good thing. But this is the first site I've seen dedicated to the support and restoration of the Black man to his rightful position as the person responsible for the success of the Black family."-K. Forrest, Sr. (**Pittsburg, CA**)

"It's about time we can actually say that we have something for the Black male to be proud of. Society has downplayed our men so much.." -S. Talley (**Chattanooga, TN**)

"Thanks for having a web site that will help Black women understand Black men. We (Black women) have not been taught how to respect or honor the Black man. We have been fed a lot of negative things about our brothers. We should take the time to get to know who our Black men are. Thanks for a positive image of our Black men."-B. Ford (**Columbus, OH**)

"I saw your article in Emerge last week and was touched, tears welled up in my eyes. Tears of joy. Keep speaking the truth. It is just a joy to view your web site. For years I have taught my two daughters 17 and 13 that a "good black man" has always been around. From the building of Ancient Egypt to the very naming of Europe (Europa). The father of all — a good black man, and the best black man of all Jesus himself. Keep speaking the TRUTH." -- S. Atkins (**Email\*\***)

"I Just read about the site in emerge magazine and I had to check it out. With all of the negative images of Black men glorified in pop culture it is refreshing and inspiring to have an alternative. Thank you, thank you, thank you." -- Roy Campenella (**Email\*\***)

"I've learned to love my Black men 1000 times in 1000 ways for a 1000 nights and 1000 days and I must say this site makes me know why 1001. Peace and blessings." -- R. Shante (**New York, NY**)

"It is a welcome site a good read full of positive messages. Followed by good information. Most of all it is dedicated to positive Black Men. Agoodblackman.com a celebration to us all. " -- D. Moore (**Bowie, MD**)

"Thanks for the positive images of black men all across the neighboring hoods. And yes, I do believe their numerous good black men just waiting to exhale." -- G. Ashe (**Columbus, GA**)

"It is so encouraging to see brothers closing the digital divide between us and them, and filling that gap with positive and useful images. I can't wait to tell my man about this!" -- J. Buchanan (**Brooklyn, NY**)

"'bout time." -- K. Abdar-Rashid (**Cedar Rapids, IA**)

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# What Is The Legacy of Excellence Awards Celebration?

**T**hroughout the year, African American males have made many contributions to their communities with their long hours of dedicated work—a beautiful example of unselfish love. We appreciate their investment of time and talents to positive endeavors that support, empower and uplift the African American community and in particular, its males. It is in that spirit, we created the Legacy of Excellence (LOE) Award from A Good Black Man, Inc. (AGBM, Inc). Nominees are submitted (by the community) to the AGBM, Inc. board of directors and are selected (by vote) on the basis of merit. Once selected, nominees are publicly acknowledged at the Legacy of Excellence Awards Celebration in their honor.

The public is provided the opportunity to extend their support and congratulations as well as purchase ad space in the Legacy of Excellence Souvenir Journal. The journal is published each year and includes the biography of each award recipient. The festivities begin with a special Sponsors Reception designed to give the nominees, event sponsors and dignitaries an opportunity to meet and network (contact us at [info@agoodblackman.com](mailto:info@agoodblackman.com) for information about how you can become a sponsor).

Since 2002, this award has been bestowed to 5 outstanding individuals who exemplify the five principles set forth in the gateways of our web site: [www.agoodblackman.com](http://www.agoodblackman.com) -- the web site devoted to promoting the positive contributions that Black males make to their families and communities. The gateways of the website: are Our Heroes, Our Future, Keeper of the Flame, Passing the Baton and Our Better Halves. In 2004, AGBM created the Optimal Achiever Award in the memory of Dr. John T. Chissell.

**OUR HEROES:** We honor those Black men whose contributions typically go unrecognized. With essays, articles, and photos, we acknowledge their acts of kindness or courage in or for the benefit of their communities.

**PASSING THE BATON:** We salute those Black men who volunteer their time and talents in an effort to empower their people. We honor the men who provide counseling, guidance and mentoring.

**KEEPERS OF THE FLAME:** We want to provide a forum for exposing the world to the little known genius Black men have always possessed. So, we honor our Black scholars, teachers, inventors and leaders.

**OUR BETTER HALVES:** We honor and acknowledge those Black men who are nourishing and nurturing their relationships with their partners.

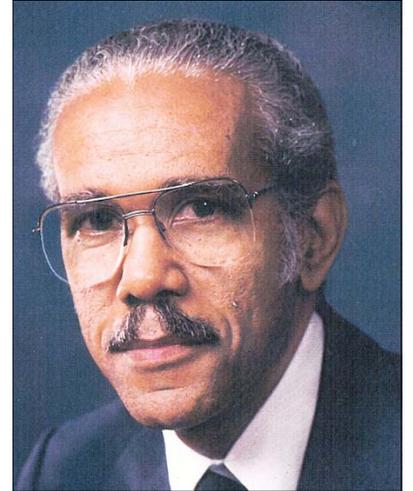
**OUR FUTURE:** We want the world to know that our young people are stepping up to the plate to do the right thing. So, we put the spotlight on the positive things our young Black males are doing in their communities to make a difference.

**OPTIMAL ACHIEVER:** This award is presented to the American high school senior, or college student who has demonstrated an appreciation for and understanding of the best possible emotional, intellectual, physical, spiritual and socioeconomic aliveness, which was promoted and practiced by the quintessential physician and champion of "Optimal Health," Dr. John t. Chissell.

# AGBM Optimal Achiever Award

*In Memory of Dr. John T. Chissell*

**D**uring his years of medical practice, Dr. John was a leader in the medical profession and an activist for access to quality health care for all, regardless of race or socio-economic status. He was a charter fellow and life member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, a life member of the National Medical Association, a member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland. In 1971 he became the first African-American to serve as President of the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians. He served on the Medical Assistance Advisory Committee for Maryland's Medical Assistance Program and was Chairman of its Physician's Service Sub-Committee from 1965 to 1971. He served as Chief of the Department of Family Practice and Clinical Director of Ambulatory Care Services at Provident Hospital in Baltimore from 1973-1976. Sought after for his wisdom, leadership, and integrity, Dr. John served on countless advisory committees (including AGBM), task forces and other health care governing bodies up until the time of his death.



After 32 years of practicing what he called “sick care,” Dr. John retired from clinical practice to pursue full time his major purpose in life: “To study, model, motivate, and teach the principles and practices of optimal health.” He was the founder and Chief Consultant of the Positive Perceptions Group, an Optimal Health Education Network, and enjoyed working as a Consultant, Lecturer, Program Producer and Moderator, Writer, and life long student of Optimal Health, Natural and Universal Laws. He was the proud author of *Pyramids of Power: An Ancient African-Centered Approach to Optimal Health*, inspired by his journey through Egypt in late 1986. Based upon ancient African history and philosophy, the book is a comprehensive, reader-friendly guide to attaining mental, physical, spiritual, emotional, and socio-economic well-being.

The John T. Chissell Optimal Achiever Award was created to honor, celebrate and preserve the extraordinary life and legacy of one of this nation's most venerable health advocate and a true Black hero. Each year, during the AGBM Legacy of Excellence Award Celebration, this award will be presented to an outstanding African American high school senior, or college student who has demonstrated an appreciation for and understanding of the best possible emotional, intellectual, physical, spiritual and socioeconomic aliveness, which was promoted and practiced by Dr. Chissell. This award will highlight his brilliant and committed life and the recipient will be asked to advance his legacy through academic excellence, community service and the promotion of the principles of “Optimal Health.” The John T. Chissell Optimal Achiever Award embodies the mission of AGBM and represents the highest levels of individual accomplishment, personal courage and the empowerment of African American male youth and the communities in which they live. Criteria for recipients of the award are African American male:

- High school seniors residing in and attending school in metropolitan Baltimore or college students attending an accredited four year college.
- Students majoring in one of the following areas: physical/mental health, human services, law, business, economics, or religious studies with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- Students exhibiting high standards of behavior and character
- Students advancing the legacy of Dr. Chissell through academic excellence, community service and individual accomplishment.

# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## *The 1st Award Recipients*

### 2002 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS



**2002 Award Recipients**  
(left to right)

**Craig Thompson**  
(Passing the Baton)

**Derrell Owens**  
(Our Future)

**DeLacy Davis**  
(Our Heroes)

**Dr. John T. Chissell**  
(Keeper of the Flame)

**K.C. Burton**  
(Our Better Halves)



**O**n Saturday, June 15, 2002 A Good Black Man, Inc. (AGBM, Inc.) joined with Afroindo Art Gallery to honor five outstanding Black men for their example to Black male youth and the ongoing contributions they make to the community at-large.

The first annual "Legacy of Excellence Awards Celebration" and networking event was presented to a near capacity crowd at the Randallstown, Maryland art gallery. Held symbolically on Fathers' Day weekend, this event was a celebration of the many men of color who continually serve as supportive fathers, loving husbands, inspirational teachers, dedicated mentors, compassionate counselors, thoughtful advisors, strong leaders, devoted activists, staunch supporters, and positive contributors within the Black community.



# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## The 2003 Award Recipients

### 2003 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Victor C. March, Sr.**  
(Passing the Baton)

**Cameron Miles**  
(Our Future)

**Dr. Freeman Hrabowski**  
(Our Heroes)

**Dr. Andrey Bundley**  
(Keeper of the Flame)

**Dr. Bob Wallace**  
(Our Better Halves)



The Second Annual Legacy of Excellence Awards Celebration scheduled for Saturday July 12, 2003 was held at Morgan State University (in Baltimore, Maryland) in the Lamp Turpin Theatre of the Carl J. Murphy auditorium. This event was an opportunity to recognize them for their contributions and is also our major fundraiser of the year.

The scheduled keynote speaker for the event was Legacy of Excellence Award recipient, Sgt. De Lacy Davis, founder of Black Cops Against Police Brutality. The emcee for the evening was television Anchorman and actor, Stan Stovall.



**Dr. Andrey Bundley**  
Keeper of the Flame



**Dr. Freeman Hrabowski**  
Our Heroes



**Victor C. March, Sr.**  
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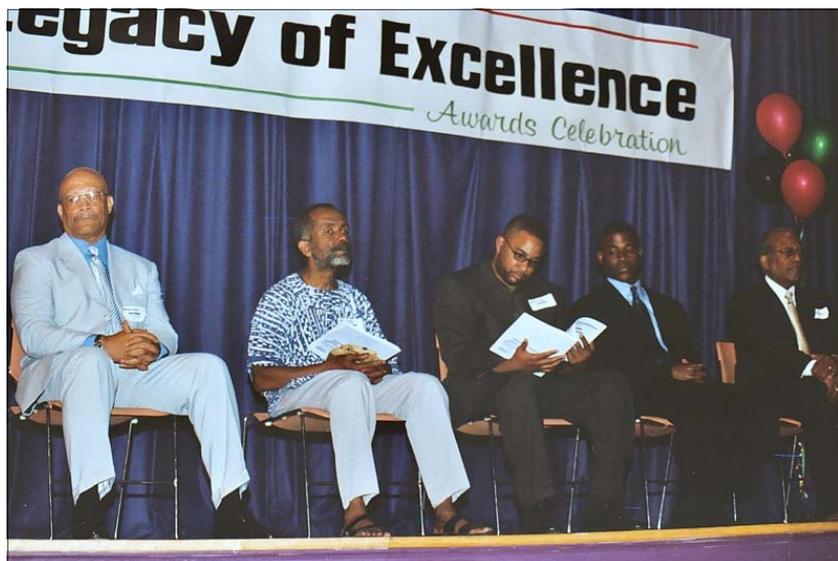


**Dr. Robert Wallace**  
Our Better Halves

# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## The 2004 Award Recipients

### 2004 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS

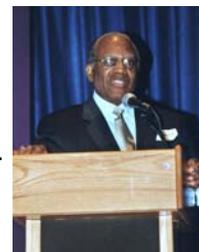


- David Miller**  
(Passing the Baton)
- Farajii Muhammad**  
(Our Future)
- Herman Williams Jr.**  
(Our Heroes)
- Charles Dugger**  
(Keeper of the Flame)
- Avon Bellamy**  
(Our Better Halves)



This year's celebration will take place in the Fine Arts Theatre of the Gaare Auditorium on the Liberty campus of Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) -- 2901 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland. The festivities begin at 2 p.m. with a special Sponsors Reception designed to give the nominees, event sponsors and dignitaries an opportunity to meet and network

The keynote address was given by attorney, Crystal Chissell. She and her sister Carla are the daughters of the late Dr. John T. Chissell. The emcee for the evening was television Anchorman and actor, Stan Stovall.



**Charlie Dugger**  
Keeper of the Flame



**Herman Williams, Jr.**  
Our Heroes



**David Miller**  
Passing the Baton



**Farajii R. Muhammad**  
Our Future



**Avon J. Bellamy**  
Our Better Halves

# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## The 2005 Award Recipients

### 2005 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS



In 2005, we welcomed guests to the Fifth Annual Legacy of Excellence (LOE) Awards Celebration in tribute to the many men of color who continually serve as fathers, husbands, teachers, mentors, counselors, advisors, leaders, activists, supporters, and positive contributors within the Black community. We selected five outstanding individuals (from a multitude of potential award recipients) and nominated each on the basis of their community involvement and commitment. In addition, we were pleased to announce the creation of the John T. Chissell Optimal Achiever Award. This annual award was created in memory of our father, mentor and friend, Dr. John T. Chissell (who passed away in May of 2004) and presented to a young African American male who embodies similar principles, ideals and commitment to the community.



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- Israel Cason**  
(Passing the Baton)
- Steven J. Harris, Jr.**  
(Our Future)
- Major Richard Hite**  
(Our Heroes)
- Dr. John W. Boyd**  
(Keeper of the Flame)
- Demitri C. Kornegay**  
(Our Better Halves)
- Keon A. Gerow**  
(Optimal Achiever)



**Dr. John W. Boyd**  
Keeper of the Flame



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**Steven James Harris, Jr.**  
Our Future



**Demitri C. Kornegay**  
Our Better Halves



**Keon A. Gerow**  
Optimal Achiever

# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## The 2006 Award Recipients

### 2006 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS

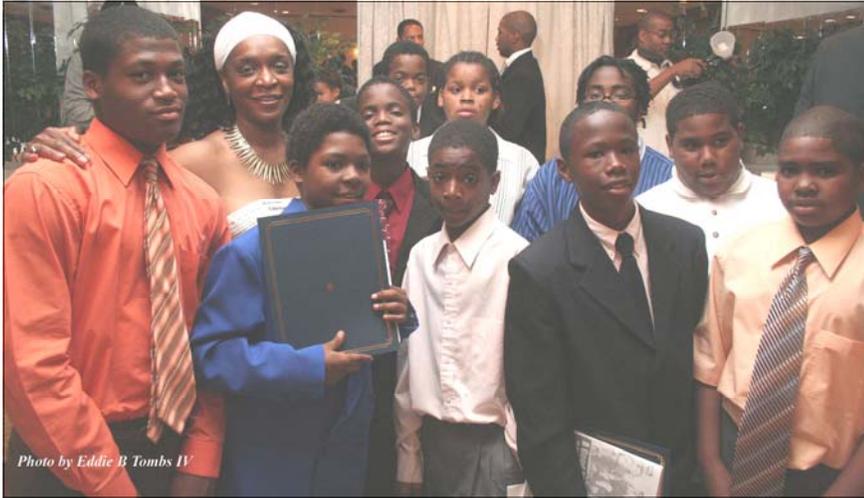


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- Mario Armstrong**  
(Passing the Baton)
- Andrew Hall**  
(Our Future)
- Dr. Edward Cornwell, III**  
(Our Heroes)
- Arnold Mitchell**  
(Keeper of the Flame)
- Ernest M. Kromah**  
(Our Better Halves)
- Devron Dickens, Sr.**  
(Optimal Achiever)

In 2006, AGBM hosted its first Legacy of Excellence Summer Enrichment Camp in Baltimore City. The camp was made possible through our collaboration with Zion Baptist Church. With the support and generosity of Pastor Marshall F. Prentice and (Director of Operations) Walter Barham, campers were allowed full access to the church's state-of-the-art computer lab.

AGBM was allowed to continue its efforts to help African American males (between the ages of 11-14) with developing a clear sense of their attributes, talents, goals, and attitudes to enhance their self-image, self-esteem and build character. We created learning modules to serve as yet another intervention strategy to help young people stay interested and engaged in the learning process.



Photo by Eddie B. Tombs IV



**Arnold Mitchell**  
Keeper of the Flame



**Dr. Edward Cornwell, III**  
Our Heroes



**Mario Armstrong**  
Passing the Baton



**Andrew Hall**  
Our Future



**Ernest M. Kromah**  
Our Better Halves



**Devron Dickens, Sr.**  
Optimal Achiever

# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## *The 2007 Award Recipients*

### 2007 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Managua Locke, Jr.**  
(Passing the Baton)

**Isaac J. Richardson**  
(Our Future)

**Glenard S. Middleton**  
(Our Heroes)

**Louis C. Fields**  
(Keeper of the Flame)

**Ray Davis**  
(Our Better Halves)

**Derek Dangerfield**  
(Optimal Achiever)

In the 2007 LOE Summer Enrichment Camp, young African American males were provided a 6-week enrichment opportunity includes several self-discovery workshops, simulated real-life experiences and asset mapping activities provided by a team of dedicated community leaders, mentors, educators and business professionals. The young campers also explored the more than three hundred pages of positive imagery found on the web site [www.agoodblackman.com](http://www.agoodblackman.com) to complete the computer literacy module requirements.

By 2007, through the LOE Celebration, A Good Black Man, Inc. had paid tribute to more than 35 men of color who continually serve as the fathers, husbands, teachers, mentors, counselors, advisors, leaders, activists, supporters, and positive contributors within the Black community we need them to be.



**Louis C.**  
Fields  
Keeper of the Flame



**Glenard S.**  
Middleton, Sr.  
Our Heroes



**Managua**  
Locke, Jr.  
Passing the Baton



**Isaac J.**  
Richardson  
Our Future



**Ray**  
Davis  
Our Better Halves



**Derek**  
Dangerfield  
Optimal Achiever

# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## The 2008 Award Recipients

### 2008 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Elder Kevin M. Carter**  
(Passing the Baton)

**Lamont Carey**  
(Our Future)

**Marcus Harris**  
(Our Heroes)

**Leon C. Purnell**  
(Keeper of the Flame)

**Benjamin T. Brooks, Sr.**  
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**David Diongue**  
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AGBM assures the community that in our organization, African American males will be widely portrayed in ways that reflect their humanity and that transcend the negative stereotypes offered by mainstream media. Our programs and community initiatives will uplift, support, and buttress against negative peer pressure faced by African-American boys and young men. We believe that our mission is powerful, positive and empowering! We invite the community to support our community initiatives and outreach by becoming AGBM members



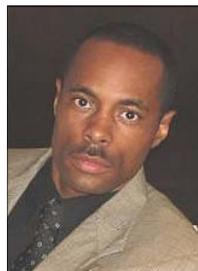
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**David "Hawk" Diongue**  
Optimal Achiever

# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## *The 2009 Award Recipients*

### 2009 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS



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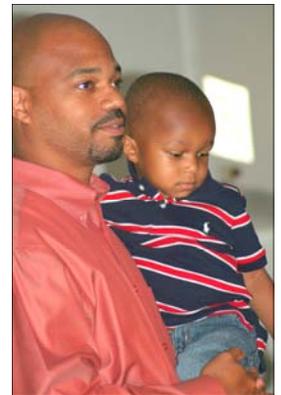
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The LOE Awards Celebration is our way of showing how much we love and appreciate African American males. And we look forward to every moment. As always, we had an exceptional group of men from the community.



**Dr. Stanley Matthews**  
Keeper of the Flame



**Kevin Chase**  
Our Heroes



**Rashid Brown**  
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# Previous LOE Awards Celebrations

## The 2010 Award Recipients

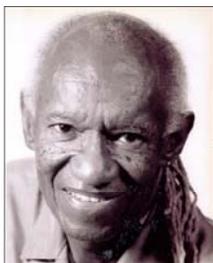
### 2010 LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE (LOE) AWARD RECIPIENTS



- Kevin Carpenter**  
(Passing the Baton)
- Jesse Mc Daniel**  
(Our Future)
- Darrick Clairborne**  
(Our Heroes)
- Dr. Walter Gill**  
(Keeper of the Flame)
- Theo Divine**  
(Our Better Halves)
- Tavon Mc Laughlin**  
(Optimal Achiever)

For the entire A Good Black Man, Inc. (AGBM) Board of Directors family, the Legacy of Excellence Awards Celebration is a highly anticipated gathering. It is our way of showing how much we love and appreciate African American males. And we look forward to every moment.

The 2010 Legacy of Excellence Awards Celebration was held at the Randallstown Community Center. Our emcee for the event was (former WMAR-TV anchor person) Terry Owens. We were pleased and fortunate to have journalist Wiley Hall and (County Executive) Kevin Kamenetz serve as our special guest speakers.



**Dr. Walter Gill**  
Keeper of the Flame



**Darrick Claiborne**  
Our Heroes



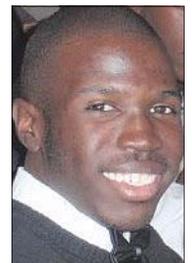
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Our Future



**Theo Divine**  
Our Better Halves



**Tavon McLaughlin**  
Optimal Achiever

# 2011 LOE Awards Celebration

## Event Program

5:00 to 6:00	.....	Reception
6:00 to 6:15	.....	Welcome Address
6:15 to 6:30	.....	Guest Speaker
6:30 to 7:30	.....	Presentation of Awards
7:30 to 8:00	.....	Sneak Peek: Stage Play
8:00 to 9:00	.....	Fellowship with the Honorees

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*This fundraiser will help AGBM, Inc. provide African American males between the ages of 11-14 with the resources needed to participate in the Legacy of Excellence Program modules. The program includes a combination of classroom activities and computer technologies designed as vehicle for self-exploration and to address some of the issues created by the Digital Divide. For more information, contact us at:*

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# Key Note Speaker

*Shawn Z. Tarrant*



Shawn Z. Tarrant was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2006 representing the 40<sup>th</sup> District of Baltimore City. He was re-elected in 2010 to his second term. Delegate Tarrant is committed to improving public schools, neighborhoods, and the availability of affordable health care for all Maryland residents.

Delegate Tarrant has sponsored and passed many important bills since taking office in 2007. At the beginning of the 2011 Legislative Session, Delegate Tarrant was appointed, by Maryland House Speaker Michael E. Busch, one of the few Deputy Majority Whips. In that position, he is responsible for promoting unity and assisting in the management of the party's legislative agenda.

In addition to his work in Annapolis, Delegate Tarrant has worked tirelessly in the communities to improve programs and save money. Delegate Tarrant's work continues after the legislative session ends, as he regularly attends community meetings, visits schools and churches.

He is a 1989 graduate of Norfolk State University with a B.S. degree in Finance and Marketing, and is a Life Member of The Norfolk State University Alumni Association. In 1985, Delegate Tarrant initiated into the Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. He is a member of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter and has been a life member since 1992.

Delegate Tarrant is a dedicated member of Union Baptist Church in Baltimore and has served on the Deacon Board for over 10 years. He is married to Brenda Mc Daniels Tarrant, a chemistry teacher, at Baltimore City College High School. They are proud parents of two children, Kayla and Shawn, Jr.

# 2011 OUR BETTER HALVES AWARD

*Donald G. Lockett*



**D**onald Gene Lockett grew up in Baltimore, the fourth of eight children born to an entrepreneur tailor and a city worker, who taught him the hard work ethic from the beginning of his life. A product of the Baltimore City School System, Donald graduate from Carver Vocational Technical High School with a degree in tailoring. He studied auto mechanics at Lincoln Technical Institute. His preparation at the North American Training Academy equipped him to drive tractor trailers professionally. For 30 years, Donald supported the building industry as a tractor trailer driver transporting building materials to locations of development.

He is a Facilities Manager for the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, a 2,000 member congregation, with primary responsibility for oversight of the structure and coordination of facility use for its multiplicity of ministries. He supervised the \$160,000.00 refurbishing of the

church sanctuary in 2010 that transformed the church from the ceiling to the pews to make the worship experience more comfortable year-round for all worshippers. Donald received a Certificate of Appreciation on September 9, 2006, for helping to oversee the \$2.5 million dollar expansion of the church facility in the creation of its Family Life Center by creating classroom, office space, a computer lab and multi-purpose areas. Donald was named "Church Man of the Year 1998-1999" because of his diligence and hard work.

For the past 20 years, Donald has been instrumental in the operations side of Gospel Tabernacle actively participating in the Trustee Ministry for 13 years, the Security Ministry, as well as Men of Character, serving as financial secretary, a program designed to mentor youth. In support of the young men of the church, he helps to organize an annual camping trip to Pennsylvania in order to mentor, build character, and expose the 100+ young men to positive black role models in an outdoor setting. The visual ministry was launched into the 21<sup>st</sup> century under his guidance. Without formal training in video technology, sound design, or computer graphics, he has been instrumental in redesigning the entire audio set-up through research of and purchasing of the systems that best suit the church's needs. Donald's foresight and sound fiscal management made it possible to deliver quality video on site as well as streaming video to all those who are sick and shut-in, imprisoned, or are just unable to attend worship services. He strives hard for perfection and has a "never-say-never" attitude.

Donald has used his education and self-styled gifts to enrich all the aspects of endeavors he has aspired to. An entrepreneur, he and his wife Erma, incorporated a barber and beauty salon named "Weezie's" located in Randallstown, Maryland on Liberty Road. This successful endeavor lasted for 7 years before they decided to focus their joint energies in another direction. A Vietnam veteran, Sergeant Donald Gene Lockett performed admirably as he served his country for four years with an honorable discharge from The United States Marine Corps in 1969.

Donald loves the Lord and puts him first in everything he does. He is a kind hardworking and honest man; full of wit, humor and love. Donald has been married to his loving wife, Erma, for the past 25 years and they have four beautiful children. He is a grandfather of 12 and great grandfather of 7 wonderful children. His mother and the majority of his family reside in the Baltimore area.

# 2011 OUR FUTURE AWARD

*Darrion Woodard*



**D**arrion Woodard is a rising junior at Temple University where he is a sport and recreation management major with a minor in business. His interests in healthcare management have been sparked by previous summer work experiences and his desire to gain valuable work experience in a business and healthcare administration.

For the past four years, he has completed various internships at the University of Maryland Medical Center and the Johns Hopkins Health System in programs such as the Youth Works Summer Internship Program and the National Association of Health Services Executives Summer Internship Program respectively.

Last year he gained a wealth of knowledge working as an intern in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bayview where he offered solutions on how to improve the flow of hospital clinics, performed customer service tests to identify trends in customer service, and observed numerous surgeries of patients with various orthopedic and sports-related injuries.

Although a sport and recreation management major, Darrion believes both the sports and healthcare management industry have similar qualities and work environments. Both are highly-skilled, fast-paced professions in which key administrators and business-minded professionals make key decisions regarding their respective organizations. He believes his experience within the healthcare management industry will translate to his future career goals in the sports industry. Additionally, both industries require highly-skilled, personable professionals who value their position as integral to the overall maintenance and success to the organizations they serve.

Presently, Darrion is working at the University of Maryland Medical Center gaining additional work experience he hopes will contribute to his overall professional development. His career goals are to pursue a law degree and be an NFL General Manager, President, or Executive. He wants to be at the forefront of an organization whose main purpose is to provide the fans with a quality team and an enjoyable experience.

A man with a plan, Darrion has additional career goals of becoming an entrepreneur of a legal or financial services company catered towards athlete management and representation. Today's athletes face many business and legal situations in which they lack the business acumen and legal expertise to make appropriate decisions. As a business and legal advisor, he will offer services to athletes and clients who wish to maximize their finances, personal brands, positions in the community, and most importantly their lives in the best possible way.

# 2011 PASSING THE BATON AWARD

*Thomas Dean*



**T**homas Dean is a native of Dallas, Texas where he graduated from Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in 1964. In that same year, he entered Morgan State College on a football scholarship and majored in Business Administration. He earned a Bachelors' degree from Morgan State in 1969 and went on to earn a Master's of Business Administration degree in 1973 with specializations in Marketing and Management.

After serving in various executive management positions for over two decades, Tom founded The Baltimore Youth Alliance, Inc. (BYA). BYA is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization established to improve the academic and professional life outcomes of disadvantaged youth in Baltimore City and the surrounding counties. This organization was established informally in 1994, incorporated in 1998, and implemented its first independent program in November of 1999. The driving force behind the development of this program was the recognition

of the fact that there was a multitude of African American students who had good academic potential, but would never be eligible for admission to a four-year college because of low grades and/or inadequate SAT scores.

Over the past eleven years, Tom has guided The Baltimore Youth Alliance, as it has served over 600 students, of which approximately 200 are currently involved. The current student population ranges from the third grade through the professional ranks. To date, one hundred percent of its high school graduates have been college eligible with over eighty-five percent eligible for college academic scholarships. The average SAT score (math and critical reading) has risen from 880, in 2000, to over 1100. The average score for all three sections exceeds 1500. The average SAT score improvement is: two sections (280 points); three sections (450 points). The average high school GPA is 3.6

Over his professional career, Mr. Dean held several executive management positions including: production manager, Lever Brothers, Inc.; Director of Marketing, East Baltimore Medical Plan; Vice President of Marketing, East Baltimore Community Corporation; Director of Athletics, Morgan State University; owner/operator, Tex's House of Barbeque; Executive Director, East Baltimore Medical Plan; and Executive Management Consultant, The George S. May International Company (based in Chicago, Illinois).

In addition, Tom served three terms as Grand Polaris of Iota Phi Theta International Fraternity, Inc. and Board Chairman of Progressive Horizons, Inc. for six years. In the 1970's and 1980's, he voluntarily operated academic programs for elementary, middle, and high school students.

Tom is married and has three adult children and five granddaughters.

# 2011 OUR HEROES AWARD

## *Lennox Graham*



**D**r. Lennox Graham is a scientist, educator, and motivational speaker. He is married with three beautiful children. Dr. Graham has presented to Fortune 500 companies across the United States, bringing to them his unique approach to motivating and building the morale of employees. His workshops bring all levels of the corporate pyramid together allowing employees to see each other in ways they have never seen each other before.

When employees return into the work environment they are able to motivate and encourage each other to sustain the new techniques they have learned. Participants, even after years of attending one of Dr. Graham's motivational sessions, are still able to recall vividly lessons they have learned.

Over the past 15 years Dr. Graham has applied his expertise and health education experiences in making a significant difference in the Baltimore City and Maryland communities. In 2001 he initiated the Empowering Men to Access Care program (EMAC) with the University of Maryland School of Medicine. With his oratorical, motivational, and empowering communication style, Dr. Graham moved 1,500 men with hypertension to seek care with a primary care provider.

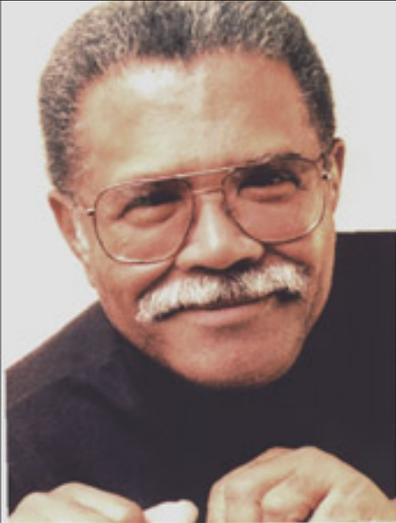
In 2005 Dr. Graham launched the Howard Park Initiative taking members from the Howard Park Community and training them to become Community Health Advocates. Dr. Graham then partnered with the Fire Department and had the Community Health Advocates take a census of the high blood pressure status in their community while the Fire Department distributed smoke detectors.

Lennox Graham has a Doctorate in Management from the University of Phoenix and a M.Ed from Tuskegee University. He has published in major scientific journals and has lectured at The Johns Hopkins University. He has presented at the Maryland General Assembly on prostate cancer and its impact on African American men. As an educator, Dr. Graham is an Assistant Professor in the Health Science Department at Howard University, Washington, DC.

Dr. Graham is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

# 2011 KEEPER OF THE FLAME AWARD

*Louis Diggs*



According to Louis S. Diggs, he “made the terrible mistake” of quitting high school in 1950 while attending Douglass High School to join the Maryland National Guard. He ended up in 1950 doing duty in the Korean War. However, in 1974, he earned an Associate Degree from the Catonsville Community College. In 1978, he earned a Bachelor’s Degree (Cum Laude) from the University of Baltimore, and in 1982 earned a Master of Public Administration Degree also from the University of Baltimore. He also has completed postgraduate study at the George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Louis completed twenty years in the US Army, from 1950 through 1970, serving in the Korean War. One of my most memorable assignments was serving as Sergeant Major of the ROTC Department at Morgan State College in the 1950s and 1960s.

Upon retirement from the Army in 1970, he completed nineteen years with the District of Washington Public School serving initially as a Teacher of JROTC for the first year and ending with numerous Central Administration positions. He retired in 1989 as a Supervisory Staffing Specialist and was responsible for the hiring of new teachers and other categories of personnel.

Since full retirement in 1989, Louis has served on several boards, commissions and committees involving community service. He has been actively involved in researching the history of African American life in Baltimore County since 1992-1993 after discovering that no such history ever existed. As a result, he has researched and published eight books on the forty designated historic African American communities in Baltimore County. Most projects were funded with grants from the County Government ensuring that his research would be published.

Louis is currently working on his tenth book. His ninth book documented the history of an all African American military organization that has been in Baltimore City since 1879 called “The Monumental City Guards.” Through his research, he has discovered that many citizens are not aware of the history of African American men in the Maryland National Guard. The unit was accepted into the Maryland National Guard in 1882 as a separate company. This company reflects the sacrifices of these African Americans when they were ordered to active duty during the Spanish American War, World War I, and World War II. This was the only Maryland National Guard unit ordered to active duty to support the Korean War. Louis served with this unit in Korea.

In addition to his continued researching, Louis spends many hours sharing the history of African American life in Baltimore County in schools, churches, senior centers, libraries, social and civic organizations, and others. He is continually surprised by how many citizens are not aware of the fact that African Americans have been in Baltimore County since the County began three hundred and fifty years ago. In addition he has collected close to eight thousand photographs depicting African American life in Baltimore County since the slavery era. He shares these photographs during his presentations.

# 2011 OPTIMAL ACHIEVER AWARD

*Dayvon Love*



**D**ayvon Love is a graduate of Forest Park High School where he was captain of the debate team. He excelled as a debater, his most notable accomplishment was winning top speaker in the Baltimore Urban Debate League overall for the academic year 2004-2005.

He then went on to Towson University where he won several honors as an inter-collegiate policy debater. This includes being half of the first all African American team to win the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) national championship, becoming the first black man to win top speaker at CEDA in 2009, and 3rd speaker at the National Debate Tournament (NDT), which is the highest a black debater has ever ranked at this tournament.

As a debater Dayvon challenged the debate practices that were dominant in the debate community that perpetuated European centered pedagogical paradigms and methodologies for research and discourse. As a black debater he used black/African culture as a basis for engaging and orienting the debate community toward scholarship that is centered on liberation of oppressed people from institutionalized exploitation.

As a result of his work Dayvon was able to encourage more black participation at the highest levels of policy debate that allows black people to engage in debate in ways that are responsive to the cultural needs of black people.

Dayvon has used his debate skills to inspire a new generation of debaters in Baltimore to use debate as a vehicle for community empowerment. He has numerous experiences with grassroots activism in the Baltimore community. He has been an active participant in the Baltimore Algebra Project and Baltimore CAN.

Dayvon has given numerous speeches and led workshops around Baltimore to give insight into the plight of the masses of Baltimore citizens.

# FROM THE AGBM FAMILY

## *In Their Own Words*



"AGBM Inc. is the principal organization that celebrates and supports the many positive contributions of Black men in the Baltimore community. It is led and supported by talented group of individuals all working to equip emerging leaders with tools they need to not only be competitive, but to lead others in today's society." -- **Elijah A. Cheek, MS, MBA** (Facility Operations Manager- North Baltimore Area - Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States)



"A Good Black Man, Inc. provides the encouragement and resources necessary to positive black men living and working amongst us in our communities. There are too many noteworthy and inspiring individuals that too often go unrecognized. It is important to us as a people, to our communities and to our economy that we spur innovation amongst ourselves by strengthening our greatest assets –the talents, skills and ingenuity of our people. " - **Sahnra A. Stevenson-Smith Esq. (Attorney)**



I often hear people in the community say, "I want to see more positive images of Black men." I always respond, "That's easy. Visit [www.agoodblackman.org](http://www.agoodblackman.org)." For ten years AGBM has honored, recognized, uplifted and celebrated the positive contributions of good Black men. For over a decade AGBM has loved, educated, inspired, and mentored young Black male teens. I am very proud to be a part of this amazing organization. I am proud to celebrate this incredible milestone. I am proud to be a Black man. – **Derrell G. Owens** (Vice President, A Good Black Man, Inc.) Actor, Director, Playwright



While serving on the AGBM, Inc. board of directors, my most moving experiences have been hearing the heartfelt appreciation from families of Legacy of Excellence Award recipients and working with a diverse group of board members to insure the success of AGBM mission. – **Joe Ford**

# FROM THE AGBM FAMILY

## *In Their Own Words*



"A Good Black Man (AGBM), Inc. has existed for the past 10 years to empower, educate and engage African American men and our communities. Every man was put on this earth to do something distinctive and unique, and it is imperative that we continue to provide vehicles that emphasize the positive contributions of African American men. Our children will not dream what they do not know. And they will not emulate what they cannot conceive." -- Brandon B. Batiste, MPH



"A Good Black Man, Inc. inspires me as a Black Man to be the best me I can be and drives me to help more of my Brothers recognize their true potential! And that is what AGBM celebrates and I Love It!" -- Vernard C. Madden (Retired Army Officer)



A Good Black Man, Inc. allows me to be a part of an institution that raises the consciousness of America and the world that there are many African American males that have self-actualized to the total commitment of their women, children and communities while simultaneously creating opportunities for those that struggle to that realization. - Terra R. Scott



With all of the negativity that has surrounded my Black brothers for too many years, finally, God has blessed us to share the vision of high expectations, perseverance, and success for our mocha brothers with D. Anne Browne, who is relentless about spotlighting our beautiful black brothers who make us proud. - Jacqui Kess-Gardner

# Recognizing the Contributions Of African American Males



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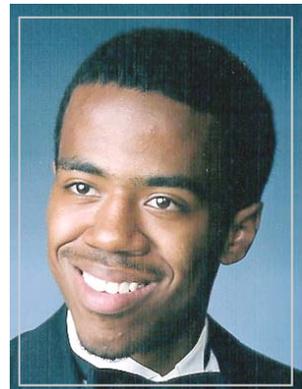
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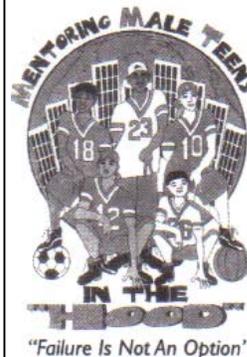
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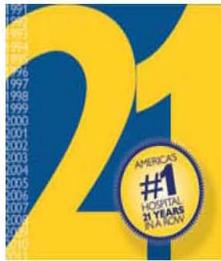


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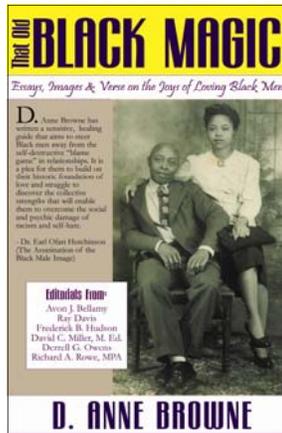
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