

19th Annual
HARAMBEE
Women of Excellence
Awards Luncheon

"EMPOWERED WOMEN: Advocating for Our Community"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023



Wanda McCargo
Community Development &
Grassroots Advocate



Terry Spicer
Health and Healing



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Stars in STEAM



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Dubose**
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Greetings,



I am deeply appreciative and grateful for this year's **19th Annual Harambee Awards celebration**. The **Capital Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.** proudly recognize extraordinary women who commit and ground themselves in the work of impacting communities. We are delighted to honor three accomplished women whom we feel embody our theme this year, **"Empowered Women: Advocating for Our Community."**

The Capital Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. continues to blaze the trail by remaining devoted to the work and mission of our illustrious organization founded by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, an educator extraordinaire and a phenomenal civic leader. Today, we are still standing on the shoulders of great women who left us the charge to advance the opportunities and improve the quality of life for African American women, their children, their families and their communities.

We do this by advocating for social justice, particularly as it pertains to women's issues and being actively involved with voter registration and civic organizations. Educating our youth in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) is a priority and we work to promote economic empowerment and entrepreneurship opportunities within the community. Additionally, we partner with various organizations to promote health equity and policies that strive to decrease health disparities among black women, their families, and community at large.

To our guests, we are sincerely thankful for your generous support of our signature event aimed to raise funds to support our community initiatives and to provide scholarships. Your investment has a profound impact that goes beyond the celebration of today.

Lastly, I wish to extend a hearty thank you to our remarkable Harambee Committee for their tireless and diligent efforts to plan such a wonderful occasion. In true Harambee fashion, each of you "pulled together" to ensure a successful awards luncheon and for that, I am grateful.

In Service and Sisterhood,

Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope

President, Capital Area Section of NCNW, Inc.

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Greetings,

The Capital Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW-CAS) is honored to have you join us for our 19th Annual Harambee Luncheon.

The Capital Area Section of North Carolina is located in Raleigh and Wake County. We are dedicated to advancing the work of our national founder Dr. Mary Mcleod Bethune and former president Dr. Dorothy Height, by continuing their mission to lead, cultivate and advocate for women of African descent and supporting their families and communities.

This year's theme ***"Empowered Women: Advocating for Our Community"*** recognizes women in the areas of Community Development and Grassroots Advocacy, Health and Healing, and Star's in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics). Our honorees are women who have and continue to epitomize the essence of service through their advocacy in our communities. In addition, we are honored to have Marchell Adams-David, as the keynote speaker. Marchell is the first female African American City Manager of Raleigh.

The Capital Area Section supports and services the community through our outreach programs to the Salvation Army, The Women's Center, Raleigh Rescue Mission, MATCH (an organization that serves children with incarcerated mothers), and a host of other outreach initiatives. With your support, we will continue to work with and help empower those in need in our communities.

As the Harambee Chairperson, I extend my heartfelt appreciation and special thanks to the Harambee planning committee and members of the Capital Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. for their commitment and diligence to make our outreach programs and this year's Harambee Luncheon a success. Many thanks to our friends, families, and partners for your support of our organization and this event.

Sincerely,

Nicole Shields

First Vice President and Harambee Chairperson
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**TO: The Officers and Members of the Capital Area Section –
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.**

Congratulations on your 19th Annual Harambee Celebration!!

On behalf of the ten (10) sections represented in the North Carolina State Coalition of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., I congratulate the Capital Area Section for the exemplary ways in which you have “lead by example” in carrying forth the legacy of our Founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, and the leadership of our 20th Visionary, Dr. Dorothy I. Height. Not only have you done CAS proud, you have well represented the Triangle region, our North Carolina Coalition and the entire National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Furthermore, the CAS Section continues to cultivate the NCNW legacy and embodies the programmatic thrusts of NCNW purposes and programs. Your ability to consistently maintain working relationships with key community and public leaders to include your area HBCUs – Shaw University and St. Augustine College - as you continued to cultivate leadership within the Capital Area Section and beyond.

For more than 25 years, I have witnessed your stellar and exemplary leadership in the Greater Raleigh community, to include one of your members becoming the first African American woman elected Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. At the CAS section level, you instituted the relevant MATCH program, an initiative serving incarcerated families, while fortifying your civic engagement, particularly as it pertains to voter empowerment, Your MATCH program is both relevant and exemplary, and should be modeled as both an intervention and prevention initiative, deterring our youth from the criminal justice system “toward a more productive life” – just as Dr. Bethune left us in her Last Will and Testament.

Now, as I serve my fifth term as your State President, again I am honored to perform my “annual ritual” of congratulating the Capital Area Section as you celebrate and honor Triangle women achievers at this Annual Harambee event. The leaders and members of the Capital Area Section, has been, and continue to serve as a model of “GREATNESS”, and a shining light for all of us, especially women of color, to follow.

All things Anew! Harambee!!

Queen E. Degraphenreid

**Queen E. Degraphenreid, President
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To: Capital Area Section of NCNW, Inc.

Date: February 18, 2023

Subject: Letter of Congratulations!

Greetings,

On behalf of our local Winston-Salem Section, we Congratulate the Capital Area Section on your 19th Annual HARAMBEE Celebration!

We know that you have worked hard to make this event a momentous celebration by honoring such outstanding women of color.

Our late State Convener, Dr. Manderline Scales, which was also a member of the Winston-Salem Section would be very pleased, as we are, that you are continuing this effort, especially as you honor and celebrate "Empowered Women: Advocating for Our Community".

Our best regards to your Section, Honorees, and your notable Speaker of the hour, Raleigh City Manager, Marchell Adams-David!

Sisterly,

Jean Moses-Petree, President

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and

Members of Winston-Salem Section of NCNW, Inc.



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Greetings, President Pope & Capital Area Section Officers & Members,

On behalf of the Cape Fear Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., we extend our heartfelt greetings and congratulations to the Capital Area Section as you celebrate your 19th Annual Harambee Women of Excellence Award Luncheon.



Over many years the Raleigh community and other NCNW Sections have abundantly benefited from your Section's contribution and support. We are stronger together than apart. Let's continue to put forth our national initiative to lead, advocate, and empower girls, boys, women, men, and families in our local communities.

Capital Area Section, thank you for your relentless efforts to continue the NCNW legacy and to bring continuous awareness about the "Four the Future" initiatives. Have a blessed celebration!

Yours faithfully,

Candace D. McMillan

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Improving the quality of life for African American women, their families, and communities

Greetings,

It is my honor to congratulate the 19th Annual Harambee Women of Excellence Honorees.

We join the Capital Area Section of The National Council of Negro Women in commending each of you for the services provided to our community as you are recognized for exemplifying what it means to be an “*Empowered Women: Advocating for Our Community*”.

The work being done is essential to the advancement of communities of color. Thank you for your dedication and contribution to the work being done in the great state of North Carolina and beyond to empower and strengthen our communities.

Congratulations on a job well done on behalf of The Charlotte Section National Council of Negro Women.

Sincerely,

Octavia Burch

President

The Charlotte Section National Council of Negro Women



Fayetteville Area Section National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Dear Officers and Members of the Capital Area Section:

Let me take this opportunity as the NC State Coalition President to welcome all assembled to one of North Carolina's signature events, the Harambee, sponsored by the Capital Area Section. This annual "coming together" extends to North Carolina's ten community-based NCNW sections, the Triangle area youth and collegiate sections and all things NCNW, Inc. Further, for 19 years, this annual event reaches out and embraces our Triangle Area affiliates, HBCUs, alumni associations, and a broad cadre of leadership from all sectors - civic, faith, organizational, and both local and state elected officials.

For me, your annual Harambee event is nostalgic, on the one hand; and an "awakening" experience on the other. Nostalgic because the Capital Area Section was being formed during the same timeframe as the Fayetteville Area Section, and therefore we share, in part, the name of "Area". I, along with Dr. Manderline Scales, our past and only State Convenor, was intimately involved in helping your section become chartered in the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. You have done both the North Carolina State Coalition and our National Headquarters proud. In other words, you are my "Big Baby."

And, the awakening experience is because your section continues to cultivate the NCNW legacy and embodies the programmatic thrusts of NCNW purposes and programs. CAS's ability to consistently maintain working relationships with key leaders as you cultivate leadership within your own ranks, as well as with both the youth and collegiate sections at both local HBCU institutions – Shaw University and St. Augustine's University. Even during my NCNW "sabbatical years", I saw that you were exemplifying leadership in the Greater Raleigh community. At the section level you instituted the incarcerated family initiative and civic engagement, particularly as it pertains to voting, both are exemplary and are to be modeled.

It is so honorable of the entire CAS section, both past and present leaders, to acknowledge the contributions of young women in the community each year. I had the unique opportunity to be a mentor of one of your 2020 honorees during her youth years in the NAACP – Fayetteville Branch. It is also rewarding when we see them become leaders in their own rights, and continuing the cycle of giving back.

When I departed the NCNW state leadership some seven years ago, one of my last actions was to bring greetings at your Harambee. Now, as I return for my sixth term as State President, one of my first actions is to again greet you on your 19th Harambee. I do appreciate working with an enlightened group of African American sisters as we all look forward to serving with the new and dynamic leadership of Dr. Shavon Arline-Bradley.

All things Anew!

Queen E. Degraphenreid

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"Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible."

– Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune

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February 18, 2023

**Capital Area Section of NCNW, Inc.
C/O. Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope, Section President
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Dear Sisters of The Capital Area Section,

We are filled with excitement and congratulate you on your 19th Annual Harambee Awards Luncheon. Your theme, "EMPOWERED WOMEN: Advocating for Our Community," is a testament to your faithful dedication to uphold the mission and vision of our beloved Founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

We pray that you will remain steadfast and unmovable, knowing that your labor is not in vain, as you serve the community. We are proud to serve in sisterhood alongside you!

Sincerely Your Sister-In-Service,

**Mia Eley, President
Life Member
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February 18, 2023

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Dear Friends:

As Governor of North Carolina, I am delighted to welcome you to The Capital Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women's 19th Annual Harambee Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon. I know this is a much-anticipated event for everyone.

When Mary McLeod Bethune founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935, she made the organization's mission to encourage women of color to participate in civic, political, economic and educational activities and institutions. In 1958, Dorothy Height became President and continued the mission set forth by Ms. Bethune by moving in new directions to solve some of the old problems.

I sincerely appreciate the work you do. Your support and encouragement makes it possible for women to achieve their dreams.

With warm personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper



February 18, 2023

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Raleigh City Council, it is my pleasure to welcome and extend warm greetings to the members of the Capital Area Section of the North Carolina National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). We are glad you are here!

You are gathered today for your 19th Annual Harambee Women of Excellence Awards. This event celebrates the theme of "Empowering Women Advocating for Our Communities." Your organization was founded over 80 years ago to advocate for women of African descent supporting their families and communities. Today the NCNW supports community-based services and programs on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment. Your organization provides invaluable assistance and guidance to organizations and individuals within our community.

Your theme represents the importance of developing opportunities for women by imparting knowledge and life skills, with an emphasis on compassion. The NCNW's mission is to promote sisterhood and service to the community. The women being celebrated today embody the values Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune held, it is important to recognize their strength and the contributions they have made within your communities.

As you celebrate these talented and dedicated women remember to acknowledge the changes you have and can make to create better lives, communities, and futures. Celebrate your accomplishments and continue your good work!

I congratulate and encourage all of you to continue making a difference and supporting each other.

With best wishes,

Mary-Ann Baldwin
Mayor

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Making a difference in our communities by providing opportunities and support to the following organizations, programs, and initiatives:

Health and Wellness

CAS GOAL: Focuses on five health targets that include but are not limited to Breast Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Maternal Health, Mental Health, and Affordable Health Care, as well as working closely with the Good Health Wins.

The Women's Center

CAS GOAL: Provide clothing, toiletries, food and serving of meals for clients of The Women's Center of Wake County.

Loaves and Fishes

CAS GOAL: Supports the after-school program with supplies and other initiatives as requested by the program. Our co-founder initiated this program over 24 years ago. We continue to provide services to children in their program yearly.

Raleigh Rescue Mission

CAS GOAL: Provide gifts, resources, and supplies as requested by the organization. Support the mission's programs including the New Life Plan.

Shirley Sheares A.M.E. Empowerment Center

CAS GOAL: Provides gifts, food and serving of meals for clients of the Shirley Shears Men's Empowerment Center.

MATCH: Mothers and Their Children

CAS GOAL: Provide support to children of women incarcerated in Wake County. Program assistance includes visitation support, rides, and book drives.

Salvation Army Center

CAS GOAL: Provide encouraging support through one or two planned events on site, e.g. Mommy and Me for Mother's Day.

Meals on Wheels

CAS GOAL: Provide homebound and seniors with a nutritious hot meal, along with a check-in and visit in Wake County.

Mary McLeod Bethune (MMB) Civic Engagement & Public Policy

CAS GOAL: Informs and participates in local legislative affairs that concern women and families within the community.

Educational Scholarship

CAS GOAL: Provide a yearly scholarship to college student in financial need to attend Bethune-Cookman University.

National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW)

National History

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is a council of national African American women's organizations and community-based sections. NCNW was founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) who called together 28 national women leaders to form "an organization of organizations – a council." This "council" would represent the concerns of Black women, bring organizations together, and give Black women the opportunity to realize their goals for social justice and human rights through united, constructive action. Today the mission of NCNW is to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities. NCNW fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, and national and community-based services and program on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment.

Capital Area Section of North Carolina – History

"Coming Together Is A Beginning, Keeping Together Is Progress, Working Together Is Success" is the motto of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)– Capital Area Section (CAS). This motto was the motivation for the vision of founders **Christine B. Jones** and **Frances B. Grant** who, in February 1997, established CAS.

Two years later, due to the unrelenting determination and strong leadership of founding members, the Capital Area Section was established. On April 24, 1999, a candlelight charter ceremony was held at Shaw University with 68 members in attendance.

We are proud to be celebrating 26 years of community service. Throughout the years, CAS has been blessed with many talented, dedicated and committed members who strongly embrace the needs of the community and work to advance the growth of African American women. This has been accomplished through committees and programs, such as Women's Center, Loaves and Fishes, and Raleigh Rescue Mission as well as other service projects.

The Capital Area Section is honored to have sponsored the charter of Shaw University and Saint Augustine's University Collegiate Sections in Raleigh, NC.

Our Pledge

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.

Programme

Welcome..... Nicole Shields, 1st Vice President & Harambee Chair
Occasion..... Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope, President
Special Recognition to Christine Jones, Co-Founder of CAS-NCNW
Scripture Savannah Manns, St. Augustine's University Collegiate
Prayer/Blessing of the Food..... Elizabeth Clarkson, CAS-NCNW Member

Singing of Black National Anthem – Lift Every Voice and Sing
Sandra Dubose, Host

CAS-NCNW History & Memorial Brenda Brewton-Peake, 2nd VP
Adelaide Reddick, CAS-NCNW Member

Lunch

CAS-NCNW Outreach Programs.....Mariah Adams, 3rd VP
Claudine Moseley, Assistant Recording Secretary

Recognition of Honorees

Wanda McCargo for Community Development & Grassroots Advocate
Presented by Oris Jones, CAS-NCNW Member

Terry Spicer for Health and Healing
Presented by Dayatra Matthews, Parliamentarian

Jacqueline Mims Tibbs for Star in STEAM
Presented by Nicole Shields, 1st VP & Harambee Chair

Introduction of Singer Oweida Cole, CAS-NCNW Member
Musical Selection Sandra Dubose, Singer
Introduction of Keynote Speaker Myra Stewart, Chaplain
Keynote Address..... Marchell Adams-David, Raleigh City Manager
Closing Remarks Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope, President



Keynote

Marchell Adams-David

Before joining the City of Raleigh's senior management team as Assistant City Manager for Community in 2014, Mrs. Adams-David was the City Manager of the City of Hamlet, North Carolina for thirteen years. She served on the staff of that Richmond County municipality in various management roles for approximately 21 years. Throughout her tenure with the City of Raleigh, Marchell has managed the Police, Fire, Emergency Communications, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, Human Resources, IT and Housing & Neighborhoods Depts., as well as the Offices of Internal Audit, Emergency Management & Special Events, and Equity and Inclusion.

As City Manager, Marchell manages the Police Department, the Deputy City Manager, three Assistant City Managers, the Chief of Administrative Services and the Chief of Council Services.

She is proud of the work that she has done in Raleigh specifically, the reimagining of the RBTC into the Pathways Center where the city, community and workforce development converge in order to bring positive outcomes to those often marginalized, the strides made in developing affordable housing policies and plans and the implementation of the body-worn camera program to enhance trust and transparency between RPD and the community.

A true public servant, Marchell has committed her life to public service for the past 29 years. She views public service as a calling that is answered by those who place the community's need above their own. She has been active in many community organizations – the Alexander YMCA Board of Directors, YouThrive Board of Directors, Triangle Chapter of the American Red Cross, Local Govt. Federal Credit Union Advisory Council, Project REACH, Hillsborough Street Community Services Corporation, Triangle J Council of Govts. and state boards - N. C. Water Pollution Control System Operator's Certification Commission and the North Carolina Arts Council. She currently serves on the UNC Board of Visitors and the UNC School of Govt. Development Board.

The North Carolina native has received the following awards in recognition of her work with communities in both Wake and Richmond County: 2005 Lumber River Council of Governments Region N Manager of the Year, 2014 NAACP Humanitarian of the Year Award, 2018 NC Assistant City Manager of the Year and 2021 Raleigh-Apex NAACP President's Award, 2022 Government Employee of the Year – Hillsborough Street CSC.

Mrs. Adams-David received her bachelor's degree in public policy analysis (PUPA) with a specialization in state and local government administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she also received a master's degree in public administration (MPA) with a specialization in public management.

Additionally, she attends church at The Fountain of Raleigh and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Wanda McCargo

Community Development & Grassroots Advocate

In 2012, Mrs. Wanda McCargo founded the Southeast Raleigh Community Learning Center, Inc., (SERCLC) a non-profit organization established to support the needs of children and families in the Southeast Raleigh community. SERCLC currently operates a 21st Century Community Learning After-School Program for at-risk students in grades K -12 providing academic, creative arts, STEAM, and leadership development support. Wanda's Little Hands Educational Center, Inc (WLHEC) serves as a partner and a site location for grades K-2 while partnering with State Street Community Church as Site 2 for students grades 3 through high school. It must be noted that the program is offered free to approximately 64 students throughout the school year and continues a summer program for students as well.

As a Black woman in 19th century America, Bethune found that her freedoms were restricted. However, she did not let any of that stop her as she became a legendary educator and civil rights activist, seeking to change the way society treated both women and people of color. As Mary McLeod Bethune knew the value of education, Wanda McCargo has continued the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune as a Community Development & Grassroots Advocate by also realizing that education is key to helping children succeed in society and recognizing the importance of involving families in the education of their children. The Parent Teacher Community Association (PTCA) was formed in 1998 to facilitate parents being integral partners in supporting the educational, emotional, and social development of their children.

Because of Mrs. McCargo's community efforts, her organization has been the recipient of numerous awards including the 2011 Raleigh Citizen's Advisory Council Neighborhood Recognition Award, the 2009 City of Raleigh Foster Grandparent Program Station of the Year Award, and the 2003-2004 Wake County Business Advisory Council Outstanding Employer Award. In 2016, WLHEC, Inc. was recognized as Childcare Center Program of the Year by the Public School Forum of North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs. In 2017, Willie and Wanda McCargo were recognized by The Wendell Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. and given the Everyday Hero/Humanitarian Award. In 2018, Mrs. Wanda McCargo won The Youth Outreach Award sponsored by The Light 103.9 Lamplighter Awards for her outstanding SERCLC nonprofit program.

According to Dorothy Height, "without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop." Wanda McCargo continues to shine her light through major contributions and community service through partnerships with several organizations. Wanda demonstrates a high level of prominence in her profession as she is in pursuit of national accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), an organization that promotes high-quality learning for all children ages birth through 8 by connecting, practicing, policy, and research.



Terry Spicer

Health and Healing

A progressive brand strategist and savvy global publicist, Terry is the CEO of Epiphany Public Relations, LLC. She practices the principles of Public Relations as an effective and strategic business tool critical to the development, implementation and execution of business goals and directives with optimum outcomes. With a global portfolio, she masterfully weaves a story telling tapestry that captures attention, builds vision, and bridges goals and brands to targeted and across markets that deliver winning and sustained results. Terry is the Founder and Executive Director of The Sisters Inspiring Sisters Incorporated, (SISI) a 501c3 charity that provides Transportation Assistance to cancer patients to get lifesaving and sustaining chemo, radiation, and medical appointments toward survivorship. For nine years, SISI has helped 1382 cancer patients in all 100 counties of North Carolina and 16 states. Terry was recently appointed to the Mayo Clinic Center for Health Equity and Community

Engagement Research National Women's Health Advisory Board.

Under Terry's leadership, the SISI launched a national initiative, "Lift Your PEARLS And Check Your Girls" to bring national awareness, action and support of Black Women who die of Breast Cancer at a 42% higher rate than their white counterparts. This yearlong movement is working with organizations, hospitals, sororities, churches and communities around the nation to help ONE MILLION Black Women get mammograms to help break the cycle of high morbidity. Hundreds of women around the country have already taken the pledge and gotten their mammograms. The Rickey Smiley Morning Show and other media outlets picked up the effort and have joined the partnership. Terry was a guest on the show several times to discuss the disparities in a clarion call to action. She is also founder of the Small PEARLS (Preparing Elegant And Ready Leaders for Success) Academy, a leadership development mentoring program for girls ages 7-17 and has gifted fourteen Scholarships to high school graduates of the program to further their education in higher learning. She is honored to be Author In Residence at Lincoln University for the Department of Student Success, Health and Wellness.

With a relentless commitment to excellence, impact and winning results she is a highly sought-after Publicist. She served as the Publicist for ASALH, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in Washington, DC and worked closely with the Obama Administration. Her agency was the first official Public Relations firm for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., under the tenure of Dr. Antonio F. Knox, Sr., 40th Grand Basileus. She recently served on the National Board of Directors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and she is the Immediate Past Chair of the National Information and Communications Committee. Terry's client portfolio is diverse across corporate, nonprofit, entertainment, authors, HBCUs and businesses owned by Black Women. Her clients have appeared in Black Enterprise, Essence and Jet magazines, radio and print mediums, Good Morning America, the CBS Morning Show, NBC Today, CNN, ESPN and more. She is a professional mentor to many women minority owned companies and business leaders.

Terry has received numerous honors and awards professionally for her leadership and tireless community activism. She is married to Stacey L. Spicer, Sr., Co-Founder of The SISI and they have one son, Stacey, Jr.



Jacqueline Mims Tibbs

Stars in STEAM

The movie *Hidden Figures* highlights the historical women of color whose meticulous calculations helped the U.S. catch up in the “space race” and send John Glenn into orbit around Earth. But NASA had many such “hidden figures,” and one of the most notable is engineer and former rocket scientist Jacqueline Mims Tibbs, who was the first Black Government employee to be certified as a ground controller for NASA unmanned spacecraft.

Jacqueline’s first full-time position with NASA was as Aerospace Technologist, where she programmed data telemetry processing systems on board in-orbit satellites. The code she developed made secure transmission of data from the satellite to the ground station possible and enabled the world to see graphical images of outer space.

Jacqueline’s last mission was on the Wide Field Infrared Explorer (WIRE), which attempted to determine how stars were formed. She became part of the team that transitioned WIRE satellite operations to the Operations Control Center at Bowie State University, which has given students at a historically black university the tools and credentials necessary for flying satellites.

Jacqueline has received numerous awards for her achievements and uplift of youth in science, tech, engineering, and math (STEM):

- Trumpet Award, which honors the accomplishments of Black Americans who have succeeded against immense odds and inspire success in others (Honorees include Mohammed Ali, Thurgood Marshall, Beyoncé, Ray Charles, and Magic Johnson)
- Most Promising Engineer in Government by US Black Engineer
- Government Leadership by Woman of Color in Technology
- Top Ten Minority Women in Science and Engineering by National Technical Association
- Global Voice of Inspiration by iChange Nations
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Jacqueline decided to accept another challenge by adding Entrepreneur to her list of accomplishments. Mims is CEO and Founder of My Global STEM Academy, a not for profit with a mission to equip and empower students with exposure and skills that will prepare them to excel in the 21st century.

Jacqueline is also a highly sought after Award-Winning International Speaker, Author, Women’s Advocate and College Educator. She has traveled to Guyana, Kenya and Uganda empowering women and youth and issuing a call to action for all to dream bigger and to be willing to perform the work necessary to bring dreams into reality.



Sandra DuBose

Host, Entertainer

Sandra DuBose is a national women's empowerment speaker, personal development and leadership coach, and multi-talented performing artist. She is a Renaissance Woman affectionately known as the Bald Beauty Queen, but despite the confident way in which she wears it, she is NOT bald by choice. At the age of twenty-five, DuBose began her journey with the incurable autoimmune disease, Alopecia Areata. Within three years, she had permanently lost all the hair on her scalp and body which caused her to experience feelings of depression and low self-esteem. She uncomfortably hid her baldness underneath a wig for years; however, through much soul-searching, spiritual development, mental fortitude and by using the foundation of principles she teaches as a Certified John

C. Maxwell Leadership and Personal Development Coach, Sandra has reclaimed her confidence and turned that pain into a source of power.

Her life altering experience ignited her passion and illuminated her purpose. She vowed to use her voice and artistry to advocate for autoimmune disease awareness, empower women, and equip others with the tools to embrace change, and develop the courage to be their authentic self regardless of their challenges. In 2011, she made North Carolina history when she competed bald in a statewide beauty pageant and was crowned – Mrs. Black North Carolina. Through her leadership within the community, she has become a recipient of numerous awards, and is also the author of “My Crown and Glory, It’s Not about the Hair.”

In addition to using her voice to uplift others, this native New Yorker is a dynamic vocalist and actress. Throughout her career, she has graced the stage with notable acts such as El DeBarge, Tony Terry, and Edwin Hawkins. She has performed in several musical productions such as “Mama I Want to Sing,” “The Color Purple,” and “Pooled; A Gospel Musical Drama.”

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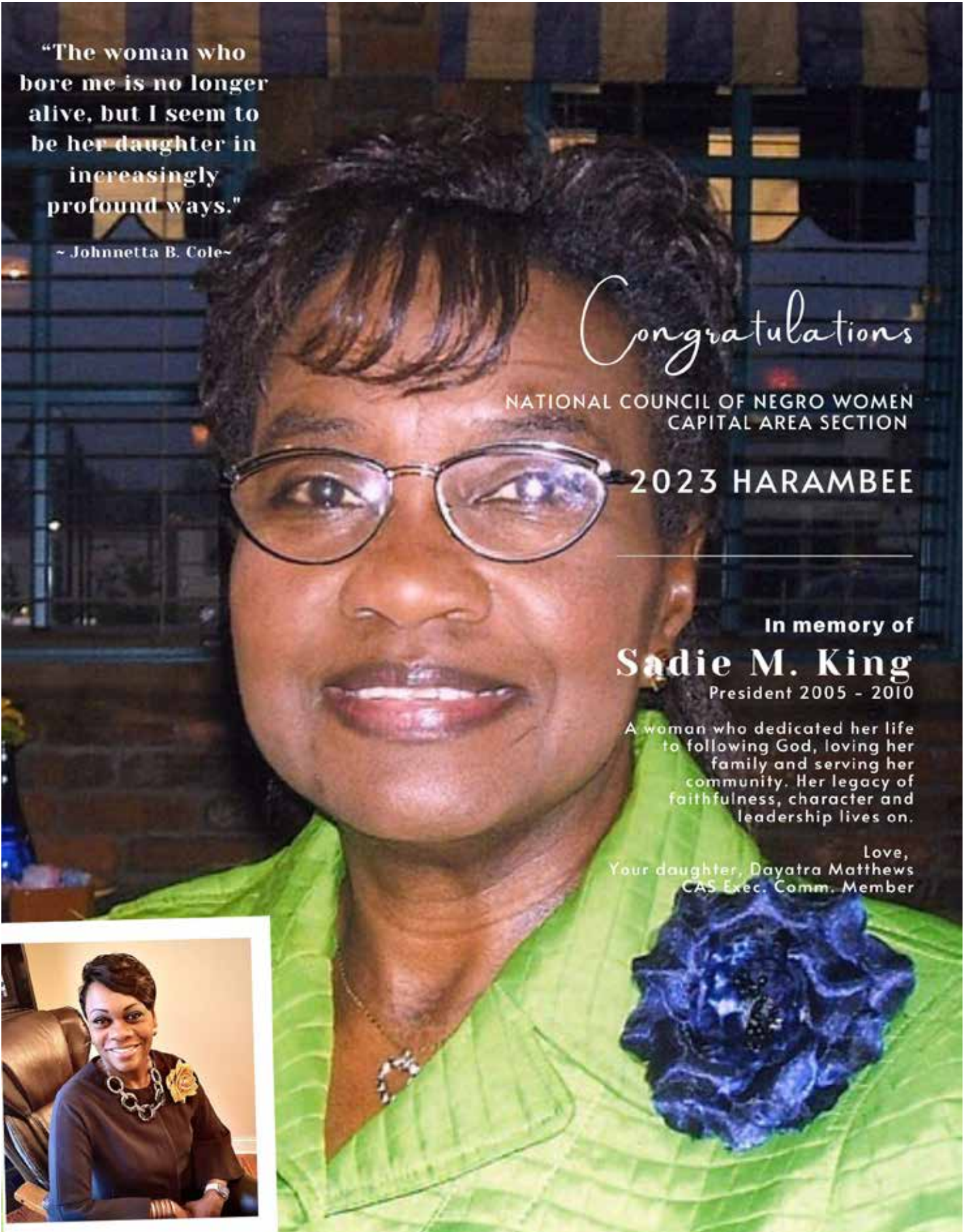
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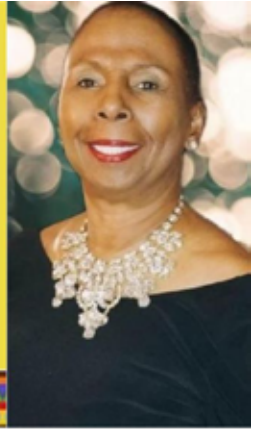
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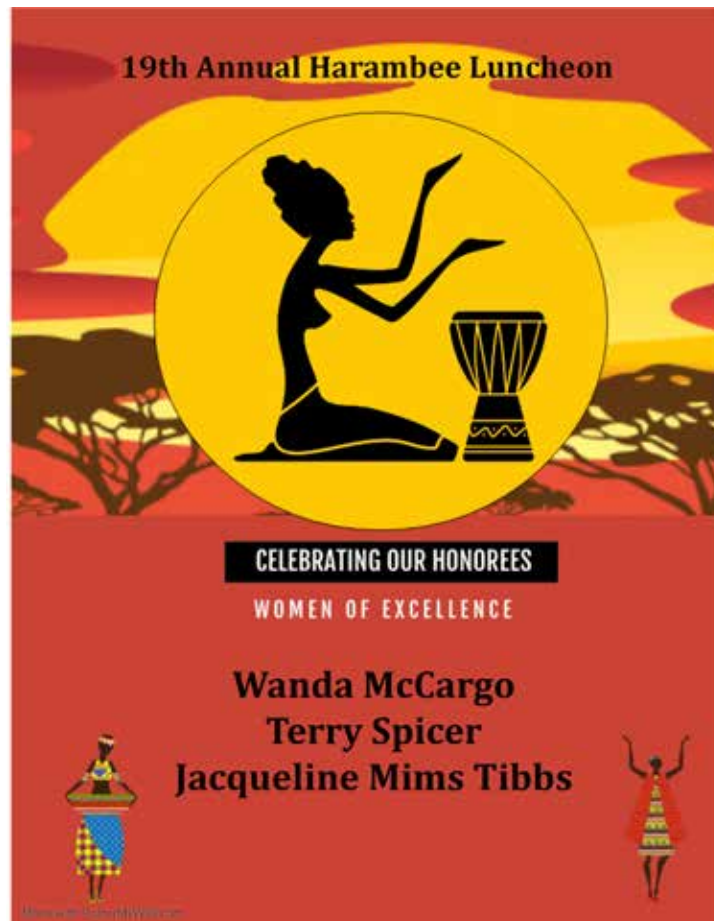


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