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Whitney M. Young, Jr.

Biography and Life of Service

Whitney M. Young, Jr. was born on July 31, 1921, in Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, a middle child with two sisters. His mother was a teacher and his father, the Principal of the Lincoln Institute, an African-American preparatory school. He attended Kentucky State Industrial College before working as a teacher himself and then serving in World War II overseas, where he acted as a bridge between black and white servicemen. Young met his college sweetheart, Margaret Buckner, in 1944, and the couple went on to have two children. Upon his return to the states, Young earned his Social Work Masters from the University of Minnesota. He went to work for a few years with the Urban League of St. Paul, with the organization making strides in placing African Americans in previously whites-only employee positions.

He became Executive Secretary of the League's Omaha branch in 1950 and thus was at the forefront of racial integration in the region. Then in the mid-1950s, Young took a position as Dean of Atlanta University's School of Social Work, remaining actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement and heading the state branch of the NAACP.

Young was appointed Executive Director of the National Urban League in 1961. He was instrumental in saving the League from financial ruin and handling significant overhauls of the organization's structure, grandly increasing its budget, and staff size. The League, at Young's behest and despite reservations from some benefactors, became a co-sponsor of the historic 1963 March on Washington. The League was also a significant factor in the process of racially integrating staff for a variety of big-company jobs nationally.

Young had access to the U.S. President's Office and was a close advisor to Lyndon B. Johnson. Young became known for his Domestic Marshall Plan, which was thought to have helped shape the President's policies, and also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1968.

After visiting troops in the Vietnam War, which he eventually publicly opposed, Young established a Veteran Affairs department for the League. He was also a writer, having penned the books *To Be Equal* (1964) and *Beyond Racism: Building an Open Society* (1969) as well as a popular syndicated newspaper column. His wife was also an author, writing books for children.

Young died on March 11, 1971, at the age of 49, while attending a conference in Lagos, Nigeria. He is believed to have drowned while swimming at a beach, suffering a brain hemorrhage.

Whitney M. Young, Jr. spoke to the 58th National Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America. At that time, he challenged the BSA to tackle the "unfinished task of making real the dream of justice and equality" for American youngsters. This challenge led to a more inclusive organization and an Annual Award in his honor.

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K. Chase Patterson

Dinner Chair

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, K. Chase Patterson, after his studies at the University of Pittsburgh, started his professional career at the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh where he established the Black Male Youth Summit, now known as the Black Male Leadership Development Institute and taught classes at Wilkinsburg High School.

Before working as the Chief Diversity Advisor to the largest Panera Bread Franchisee, Chase served as the federal liaison to the Departments of Homeland Security, Immigration, State, and Education on behalf of Pennsylvania Congressman Mike Doyle.

Chase presently serves as the CEO of the Urban Academy of Greater Pittsburgh, where he also served as a Trustee, Business Manager, and Chief Operating Officer. During his tenure, he has led the school through rebranding, relocation, doubled its student enrollment, staffing, and increased annual revenue to more than seven million dollars. Now, he is working to bring to fruition the vision of building a state-of-the-art learning campus in Larimer, which will include staff, student, and family housing along with other vital community resources.

Chase served four years as General Chairman of the Pittsburgh NAACP Human Rights Dinner, was Chairman of the Chuck Cooper Foundation and the Adonai Center for Black Males and has served on the boards of Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board, the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh NAACP, and the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (PUMP).

Currently, he is the Chairman of the Larimer Consensus Group, Larimer's Community Development Corporation, and a member of the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Child Development advisory board. He is also the founder and Chairman of the State of Black Learning Conference.

His leadership has been recognized locally and nationally by Mount Ararat Community Activities Center, National Urban League Young Professionals, Pittsburgh Magazine, Whirl Magazine, the New Pittsburgh Courier, Ebony Magazine, and Black Enterprise. Chase is a proud brother and former National board member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Chase is a Fellow with the Pahara Institute, which seeks to strengthen and sustain a diverse community of outstanding, values-driven leaders who are transforming public education. He is also a Manati Fellow with the National Charter Collaborative. Manati is a fellowship program to support single-site charter school leaders in developing the necessary skills to sustain and grow their school.

Chase and his son, also named Chase, live in Pittsburgh's East Hills community.

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Rod Doss

Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award

Rod Doss has been dedicated to the New Pittsburgh Courier and its success. It began when he joined the Courier as the Advertising Sales Representative, later advancing to Advertising Manager and then Vice President of Advertising. He began running the publication in 1983 in his position as Vice President and General Manager. He was named Editor and publisher in 1997 after the death of his mentor, legendary publisher and NNPA founder John H. Sengstacke, who owned the paper. Throughout his career, he has spearheaded numerous committees and special projects, survived changes in ownership, worked in various positions, and served on countless community and civic boards. Day-to-day, Mr. Doss oversees the financial, administrative, and departmental activities of the operation.

Under his leadership, the newspaper has won over 200 NNPA Merit Awards, including several coveted John B. Russwurm Trophies and A. Philip Randolph Messenger Awards. The newspaper has received several accolades as well for its work in the community.

Personally, Mr. Doss has been the recipient of many professional and community service awards. A few include the 2003 Press Club of Western Pennsylvania Service to Journalism Award; 2004 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Man of the Year Award; 2005 Duquesne Light African-American Leadership Award; 2006 Homer S. Brown Law Association Spirit Award; 2008 Urban League of Pittsburgh Ronald Harmon Brown Corporate Leadership Award; 2008 MWDBE (Minority & Women Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Hall of Fame Award; the 2009 City of Pittsburgh Business Legacy Award; 2010 Pennsylvania NAACP Businessman of the Year; and the 2011 Art Rooney Awards Dinner and Auction, Bill Burns Award, which honors a Pittsburgh media professional for journalistic excellence and community service.

Along with receiving accolades, Mr. Doss also gives his time through serving on numerous boards and by participating in community events. He currently serves on the Rivers Club Board of Governors, The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania Board of Directors, the University of Pittsburgh Board of Visitors, and the National Newspaper Publishers Association Board of Directors.

With a small but dedicated staff, Mr. Doss makes sure the Courier not only relays the news, but that it uplifts and enlightens by positively portraying and representing the African American community. He is quick to credit the success of the paper to having good people around him.

His tireless dedication and commitment have ensured that the Courier continues to play a vital role in the success of African Americans in the region.



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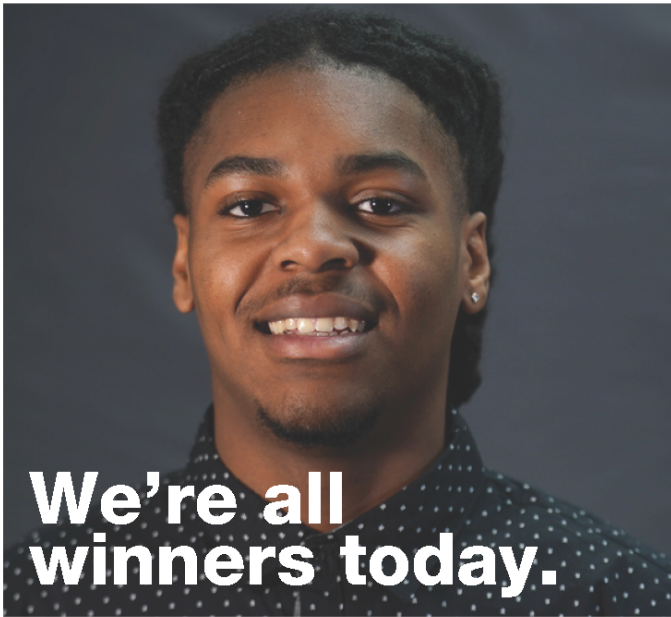
Whitney M. Young, Jr. Community Service Award

Dr. Walters has worked his entire professional career for the Pittsburgh Public Schools and has more than 30 years of experience with PPS, the second-largest public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He has experience as a Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent of 6-12 Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Professional Development and Special Programming, and served as interim Superintendent until assuming the role of Superintendent on August 1, 2022.

Growing up in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Dr. Walters came to Pittsburgh when he was 16 to attend Carnegie Mellon University, where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in music performance/music education in 1990. At age 21, he started his first teaching position at King Elementary on Pittsburgh's North Side. By 1998, he received a Master's degree in Music Education/Technology from Duquesne University; and earned a Doctor of Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2007.

Following his role as Assistant Principal of Northview Heights Elementary (1999-2000), Dr. Walters served as Principal of the Frick International Studies Academy 6-8 (2000-2008). He then served as the first Principal of Pittsburgh Barack Obama Academy of International Studies, leading the transition of the premier 6-12 magnet school in its current East Liberty location. In 2014, Dr. Walters also became Assistant Superintendent of 6-12 schools while remaining principal of Pittsburgh Obama. In 2017, the certified trainer and facilitator became Assistant Superintendent of Professional Development and Special Programming, leading the implementation of professional development plans for teachers, administrators, and central office staff.

Dr. Walters has a passion for working directly with students with the goal of making an impact on their lives through education. When asked about his proudest achievement, Dr. Walters says without hesitancy: "It's what I have been able to do for students." He pursued the permanent Superintendent position because, "I remain unapologetically student-centered, committed, and passionate about our students, teachers, staff, and families of the Pittsburgh Public Schools. I know firsthand the many challenges our District faces, but I believe competence, confidence, and collaboration go a long way in creating quality, equity, well-rounded experiences and spaces of learning and joy for our students. I am genuinely excited about the tremendous opportunities ahead."



Congratulations, Dr. Wayne N. Walters! Thanks to your visionary leadership, Pittsburgh Public Schools is working hard to consistently and comprehensively put every one of our nearly 20,000 students first, always, in all ways.





Tracey McCants Lewis

Livingstone M. Johnson Legacy Award

Tracey McCants Lewis is Chief People Officer and General Counsel for the Pittsburgh Penguins. She is the immediate past director of the Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education at Duquesne University School of Law and tenured Associate Clinical Professor of Law. She taught the Civil Rights Clinic, Unemployment Compensation Clinic and coordinated the law school's pro bono program. She also served as an adjunct professor of clinical legal education at Duquesne Law School where she taught the Civil Rights Clinic.

At the Pittsburgh Penguins, McCants Lewis oversees the human resources and legal departments. Her team focuses its DEI and Belonging efforts in the community, with their fanbase, their corporate partners, and staff. In 2019, she led the effort to create the Pittsburgh Penguins Black Hockey History Day Game that is now an annual event for the Club. She also ensures the diversity and sensitive training opportunities are also provided on an annual basis to facilitate a safe and belonging culture.

A member of the Pennsylvania State Bar, McCants Lewis was appointed to the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 2013 and served until 2018. She is a former associate of K&L Gates LLP and served as a law clerk for the Honorable Max Baer of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. McCants Lewis earned her B.A. degree from Gannon University in political science and her J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law. She is also a graduate of The Advanced Leadership Institute (TALI), Executive Leadership Academy in conjunction with the Carnegie Mellon University, Tepper School of Business (2020 Cohort).

In 2012, she received the NAACP Pittsburgh - Homer S. Brown Award for Legal Service. In 2015, she was the recipient of the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh Racial Justice Award and the Allegheny County Bar Association Lorraine M. Bittner Public Interest Attorney Award. She also received the 2017 Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's Ron H. Brown Community Leadership Award and the 2019 Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center, Dr. Lottie P. Edward Community Service Award. In 2021, she was the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award from the Homer S. Brown Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association. McCants Lewis was named to The Hockey News 2022 List of 20 Women Making Black History in Hockey and was also featured in the 2023 Sports Business Journal's "ALL IN: Leaders in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" issue. She is a recent recipient of the 2023 C-Suite Award from the Pittsburgh Business Times.

She has served on numerous local, state, and national boards, including the ACLU Pennsylvania State Board, the ACLU Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, The Urban League Young Professionals of Greater Pittsburgh, The National Urban League Young Professionals Board of Directors, Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center, and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. She is the current Board Chair for the August Wilson African American Cultural Center.

McCants Lewis has also been assigned to numerous committees and commissions including serving as Chair of the Allegheny County Courts Administration Vision Team Committee in 2012, appointed to the City of Pittsburgh Equal Opportunity Review Commission in 2014, the Allegheny County Government Review Commission in 2015, and the Sports and Exhibition Authority's Sports Commission in 2020.

She is the proud mother of one adult son, Marcellus Lewis II.



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Dr. Charles Steele, Jr.

Keynote Speaker

Charles Steele, Jr. is standing in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Ralph Abernathy and Dr. Joseph Lowery as he continues the work of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Charles Steele, Jr. was born on August 3, 1946, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is President and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Dr. Steele is a civil rights leader first, using his constituency as a pulse to direct action and chapter development of public policies. His vision of a “national playing field” keeps him in touch with current issues and political fairness.

In 1985, Dr. Steele was elected to the Tuscaloosa City Council where he served two terms. His dedication to serving his constituents is evident through his many worthwhile and tangible accomplishments in Tuscaloosa County and West Alabama. During his tenure as City Councilman, he organized the Unity Day Scholarship Fund, the Tuscaloosa Police Athletic League, and secured funds for purchase of Palmore Park and Barrs’ Quarters (Charles Steele Estates). This was the first low-income, no down payment homeownership program in West Alabama. He obtained the funds to build the Bernice Washington Insight Center, a drug treatment center. He organized the Tuscaloosa Drug Task Force and after many years of relenting efforts, the Partners for a Drug-free Tuscaloosa County. During that time, the partnership was awarded one million dollars.

In 1994, Charles Steele, Jr. was elected to the Alabama state senate. As Senator, he played a key role in recruiting Mercedes Benz to Tuscaloosa County. He also recruited several new plants in his district. He was instrumental in locating Tire and Wheel Assembly (T&WA) in Greene County, H&H (truck beds) in Perry County and Greenco Dimensions, Inc. (drum sticks) in Greene County. He also sponsored a nontraditional educational program with Robert Townsend of Hollywood, California for the youth of his district. Additionally, he recruited the Rosa Parks movie to Alabama, where he served as a consultant and associate producer to the production of the \$7 million CBS movie project. He was serving his third term before resigning to become the National Vice President of the SCLC, the Atlanta-based organization cofounded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In October 2000, Charles Steele, Jr. was elected as a Senate Member of the High Chamber (U.S. Parliamentary Group) of the International States Parliament for Safety and Peace. The International Parliament nominated Dr. Steele to the Ministry of American Affairs on the 15th of March 2001. In November 2004, he became President and CEO of SCLC. In April 2006, Charles Steele, Jr. was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College. On April 20, 2006 he was inducted into the Tuscaloosa Hall of Fame. In October of 2006 under the slogan “New Day...New Way,” Charles Steele, Jr. and SCLC made history by breaking ground for their new and much anticipated \$3.3 million international headquarters. Dr. Steele vigorously raised money for the new headquarters through corporate friends and sponsors. During his five years as SCLC President and CEO, he raised over 10 million dollars including the 3.3 million dollars he raised for the headquarters.

In February of 2009, Dr. Steele resigned as SCLC President and CEO to start his own consulting firm, Charles Steele & Associates (CSA). In 2011, the board of SCLC unanimously voted Dr. Steele as President Emeritus. On July 2, 2012, he was elected Chief Executive Officer for the second time. In August 2013, Dr. Steele made history by becoming the first SCLC President and CEO to ever hold this position twice. In January of 2018, Dr. Steele was inducted into the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. In September of 2019, Dr. Steele was inducted into the National Black Colleges Alumni (HBCU) Hall of Fame.

Charles Steele, Jr. graduated high school from Druid High in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and attended college at Mississippi Valley State University and Oakland University. He received his bachelors from The F.T. Bozeman school of Ministry and Global Evangelical Christian College of Louisiana. He also received his Masters from F. T. Bozeman Global Evangelical Seminary and received an earned Doctorate degree from Mt. Carmel Theological Seminary. He also holds an Honorary Doctor of Human Letters Degree from the prestigious Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, an Honorary Doctorate of Christian Education from The F.T. Bozeman school of Ministry and Global Evangelical Christian College of Louisiana, Honorary Doctorate from Mississippi Valley State University, an Honorary Doctorate from Birmingham Bible College and other numerous Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Throughout Dr. Steele's many travels he has visited 5 continents and countless countries. Some of his most notable visits include: Jerusalem, Israel; Moscow, Russia; Berlin, Germany; Rome, Italy and many countries within the continent of Africa. Other accomplishments include: author of the book Easier to Obtain than to Maintain: The Globalization of Civil Rights He and his wife, Cathelean Annette Steele are the parents of two daughters: LeKeisha and Charla, grandsons Carson and Cruz, granddaughter Harper Grace and son-in-law Cleveland. Dr. Steele is co-owner of Vanhoose and Steele Funeral Home.



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Chandi Chapman, WTAE Pittsburgh's Action News 4 Mistress of Ceremonies

Chandi Chapman is a multi-national award-winning and multi-Emmy award-winning anchor/reporter for Pittsburgh's Action News 4. Chandi's Mid-Atlantic Emmy wins and nominations have highlighted breaking news, weather, combating the heroin epidemic, confronting bullying in schools, fighting racial inequality, and uncovering the culture behind our favorite cuisines. They have also focused on her community service and her skills as a writer.

When Chandi worked in Allentown, Pennsylvania she was given a proclamation from the city for being the first African American female anchor at WFMZ-TV. She earned two National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence Awards for her story illustrating how all races came together to fight discrimination in the 1940s. Chandi has won numerous Associated Press and state broadcast association awards, including Best TV Personality. She was one of The New Pittsburgh Courier's Women of Excellence. Her reporting has also been featured on national television shows. Chandi has held positions in the industry that include producing, editing, shooting, web producing, assignment desk duties, and managing.

Chandi started working at WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh while finishing up her degree in communication at the University of Pittsburgh. There she worked on the assignment desk and produced newscasts. She's excited to be back in the area working at the station that helped her get started in the industry. She enjoyed producing and learning all aspects of the business, but Chandi yearned to be a reporter.

So it was off to Youngstown, Ohio where she was a producer/reporter. Chandi also worked in Steubenville, Ohio at WTOV-TV where she was a full-time reporter and had the opportunity to fill in anchoring. Then she decided to go to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where she anchored several newscasts, and learned to shoot and edit. She was on the investigative team and was an education reporter.

Before coming back to her home state, Chandi was a morning anchor and consumer reporter for WTVM-TV in Columbus, Georgia. Chandi said the best part of being a journalist is "affecting others in a positive way and being able to find out valuable information and give that knowledge to those who would otherwise not have the chance to learn from it."

While attending high school, Chandi was involved in numerous activities and clubs and held several pageant and scholarship program titles, including Lawrence County Junior Miss. Chandi was the first African-American to hold the title of Lawrence County Junior Miss and the first person to win the talent portion doing martial arts. Chandi has been the only person to win Lawrence County Junior Miss, Pennsylvania's Homecoming Queen, and place in America's Homecoming Queen in the same year.

Chandi enjoys engaging in the community by visiting schools and universities to talk to students about journalism. She has been involved in Circles in Columbus, a part of a national movement to end poverty, and Girls, Inc, an organization that helps young women, especially those from low-income households. She volunteers to host and judge programs from national organizations to local churches. Her volunteerism was also one of the reasons Chandi grabbed the attention of the Pittsburgh magazine and was named one of the top 25 most beautiful people in the publication.

Outside of the newsroom, Chandi enjoys cooking, traveling, watching mystery and comedy movies, and practicing martial arts whenever she gets a chance. She's been studying Tae Kwon Do since she was 6 years old and received her black belt when she was 9 years old and is currently studying Tang Soo Do.



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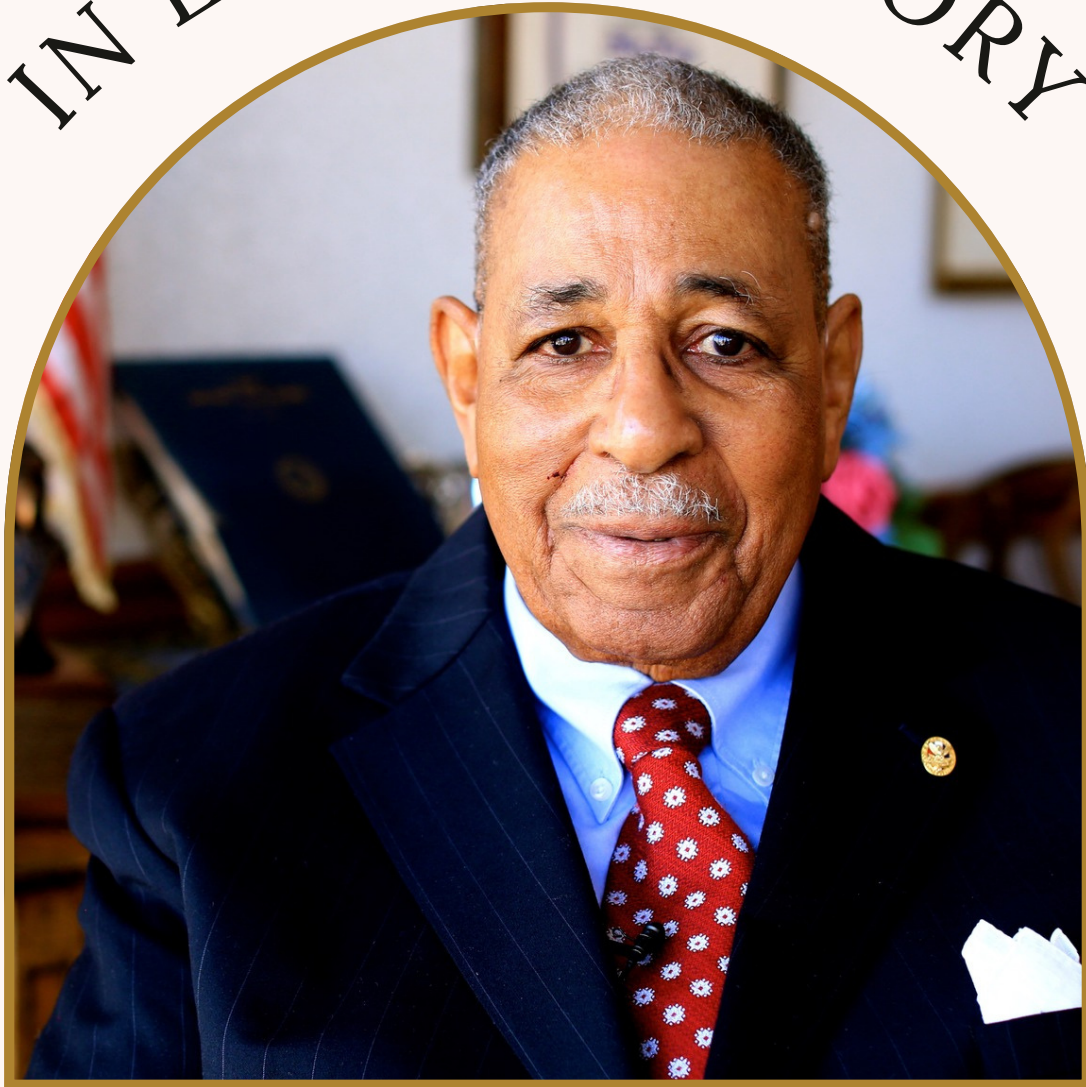
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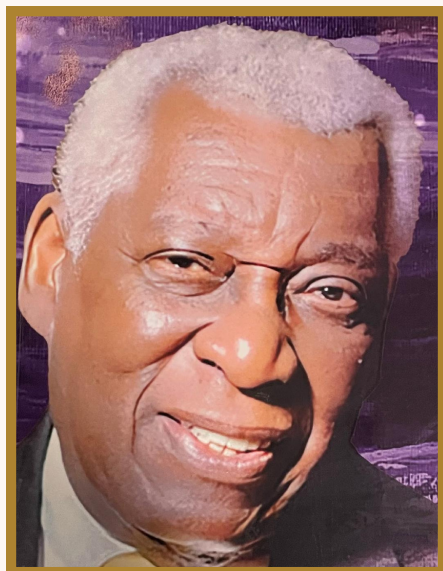
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RONALD CURRY

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The Scouting career of Ronald Curry began when he joined a Cub Scout pack at A. Leo Weil Elementary School in the Hill District. He later joined a Boy Scouts Troop in the east end of Pittsburgh, and several years later returned to scouting as a volunteer in the Three Rivers District (formerly Allegheny Trails Council). In this district, he served as Vice Chairman of Training, Training Chairman, and District Commissioner.

Ron, as he was often called, was trained in both Cub Scout and Boy Scouts programs. His advanced leadership Wood Badge training was a desirable skill set on the frontlines of volunteer scouting, and a course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals.

Acknowledging these accomplishments, the northeast region of the Boy Scouts selected him to staff three Wood Badge courses (Antelope) and lead numerous Cub Scout committees. Over his years with the Boy Scouts, Ron served as Course Director for both the University of Cub Scouting and the Rites of Passage Camporee, attended seven National Jamborees as Assistant Scoutmaster, and served as Scoutmaster for the Scout Reach Juvenile Diversion Troop. Ron was a merit badge counselor and taught merit badge classes for Alpha Phi Omega, a Boy Scouts-related fraternity. He was also a member of the Order of the Arrow, reserved for highly honored campers.

As Scout Leader, Ron received the Silver Beaver Award and was selected as Urban Scoutmaster of the Year by the Greater Pittsburgh Council Urban Emphasis Committee. He also received a District Award of Merit and the nationally recognized Whitney M. Young Award for outstanding service in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds.

He attended Central State College (Wilberforce, OH) before transferring to the University of Pittsburgh where he earned both B.A. and M.P.A. degrees. Later in his career, he earned a second graduate degree in Education from Slippery Rock University. Following a lengthy career with the Department of Corrections / Education Department, he retired in 2005. His exemplary volunteerism extends beyond scouting to his church, Grace Memorial Presbyterian, and his beloved fraternity, Omega Psi Phi.

During Ron's 60-year marriage to (his widow) Carolyn, their happiest moments were the births of their three children: Carla Dennis, Ron Curry, Jr., and Brooke Spencer. Four grandchildren (Sean, Morgan (Tim), Hunter (Daniel) and Bennett), and five great grandchildren (Ryan, Simeon, Torrin, Aurelia and Delaney) bring them laughter and joy.



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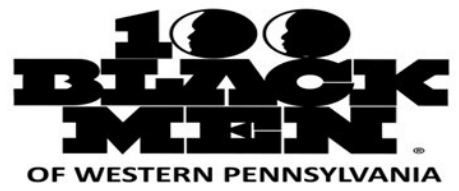
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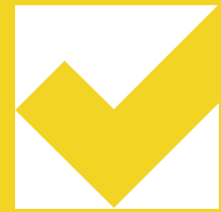
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