



African-American Leadership Awards 2012 Nomination Packet

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Urban League of
Nebraska

*Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.*

23rd Annual African-American Leadership Awards

Friday, March 30, 2012

DoubleTree-Omaha Downtown, 1616 Dodge Street

Cocktail Reception 5:30 p.m.

Award Ceremony & Presentations 6:30 p.m.



*For more information regarding the African-
American Leadership Awards
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History of the African-American Leadership Awards

In the summer of 1988 an invitation was extended to Mr. James R. Beatty to join and serve on the Western Heritage Museum (now Durham) Board; he accepted and became the first African-American elected to the Board. At that time the Board was comprised of numerous business and civic leaders who were dedicated to the concept of presenting, preserving and celebrating the history of Omaha and its people. On that board were individuals like Del Weber (UNO Chancellor), Ken Power (US West, President now Qwest), the President of the Omaha Royals to name just a few.

However, in the mind of Mr. Beatty history to him meant all people and was inclined to ask the Chairman of the Board at the time "What were the museum's plans to celebrate Black History month?" The answer, was nothing was planned and to his surprise nor had anything ever been done in the past to recognize Black History Month at the museum.

To the museum's credit they charged Mr. Beatty and the museum director's to come up with a plan and the plan presented was to have the museum serve as a platform to showcase the accomplishments and achievements of Black people who have made significant contributions to the City of Omaha. These accomplishments would be in areas like Sports, Business, Civic, Religion, Education and Politics. The presentation of Mr. Beatty's ideas were accepted and the decision was to recognize and memorialize individuals through a formal ceremony held at the museum and open to the public.

In 1989 the very first ceremony was held in the main lobby of the museum with about 50-60 people in attendance to share in honoring Mildred Brown, Founder and Publisher of the Omaha Star, and Bertha Calloway, Founder of the Great Plains Black Museum. Each honoree received a plaque commemorating their achievements and remained at the museum for public display.

In 2009 the Urban League of Nebraska (ULN) became the coordinating agency to host this annual event. The ULN is dedicated to preserving the history of Omaha and is proud to recognize the awardees at this distinguished commemorative event.

In choosing an individual to nominate for the African-American Leadership Awards (AALA) please be mindful of the below criteria when making your selection.

This criteria will be helpful for the AALA Nominating Committee in determining who the honoree will be for each of the respective categories.

The categories for this year's AALA are as follows:

Business **Community** **Education** **Faith** **Health**
Youth (15-18yrs) **Young Adult (19-21yrs)**

Nomination Criteria

- I. Nominee should have dedicated time and talent to efforts within the African-American community.
 - II. Nominee should be distinguished in his/her chosen profession or work and/or academic life.
 - III. Nominee exhibits a high degree of commitment both professionally and civically.
 - IV. Nominee must demonstrate/provide strong effective leadership and service within the community.
 - V. Additional information is requested for those submissions for both Youth and Young Adult categories:
 - A. Nominees must possess a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or greater
 - B. Please provide any community and/or volunteers activities and involvement (included organization, and approximate number of volunteer hours)
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Nomination Form

Please attach this form to a one-page typed written description of the accomplishments of this nominee. You may copy this form and nominate an individual for each category.

Nomination forms must be submitted by **Monday, February 27, 2012.**

Please complete all information

Nominee Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Alternate Phone _____

Email _____

Company/Organization Name _____

Address _____

CATEGORY (Circle One)

Business

Community

Education

Faith

Health

Youth (15 yrs. - 18 yrs.)

Young Adult (19 yrs. - 21 yrs.)

Nominated by _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Return to:

Urban League of Nebraska

Attn: AALA Nominations

3040 Lake Street

Omaha, NE 68111

or fax to: 453-9676

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Past Recipients over the years...

1990

Bertha Calloway
*Mildred D. Brown

1991

*Rowena G. Moore
*Charles B. Washington

1992

Katherine Fletcher
*Eugene W. Skinner

1996

Thomas L. Harvey
Frank L. Hayes
Edwardene Armstrong

1997

Michael Green
Carole Woods-Harris
Joanne R. Harrell

1998

James Beatty
Rev. Negil McPherson
Alcurtis Robinson
Kathy J. Trotter

2002

Bob Boozer
Dick Davis
Dr. Carol Mitchell
Rev. Dr. Everett Reynolds

2003

Eric Butler
Michael Maroney
Rev. Jermiah McGee
Dr. Mary Mudd

2004

John Beasley
Gene Haynes
Terri Jackson Miller
*Rev. Bobby McCallister

2008

Apostle Vanessa Ward
Omaha Public Schools Greeter
Thomas H. Warren, Sr.
Faye Hobley
*Sybil Myers

2009

Pastor Leroy Adams
Valda Ford
John Ewing
Angela Jones
Willie Barney
Janice Gilmore

2010

Pastor Selwyn Q. Bachus
Walter Brooks
Bishop John O. Ford, Sr.
Freddie J. Gray
Teresa Hunter
Josh Jones
Brittney Buder-Rencher
Chris Rodgers

**Deceased*

***Note - this list is not all-encompassing*
