

(49) Wall of Fame Inductees 1988-2008

2008

Regina Hampton Brown

Latimer Manor 1973-83, St. Andrews Terrace 1984-86

Regina Hampton Brown has dedicated her life to serving her community and teaching young people life-changing values to help them succeed. At the time of her induction, she was a member of the Five Points Rotary Club, served on the board of KOBAN Columbia, Richland One Middle College Foundation-Beltline Campus, and Respite House, was a member of Richland School District One's Community Coalition, Volunteer Program Advisory Council and overall Strategic Planning committee, and volunteered for A Better Way - Project G.O. "Gang Out." Brown has volunteered for Junior Achievement and Guardian Ad Litem for Richland County, and was on the board of the AIDS Benefit of South Carolina. In addition, Brown is a licensed minister and founder of Women Empowering Women Ministries, a ministry for women of all backgrounds and ages. At her induction, she was employed by Palmetto Health as public relations coordinator.

Harriet McMillan Perkins

Allen Benedict Court 1950-66

In 1997, Harriet McMillan Perkins retired from her alma mater, C.A. Johnson High School, after 30 years as a dedicated teacher. Perkins' community and civic service includes serving as the neighborhood and faculty representative on the C.A. Johnson School Improvement Council. She is a member of First Calvary Baptist Church, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc, The Diabetes Advisory Committee of Palmetto Health, and Eva P. Trezvant Community Club. She also serves as secretary of the Edgewood/Read Street Community Improvement Cooperative Council and is a board member of the Benedict-Allen Community Development Corporation. A 1962 graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, she earned a bachelor's degree from Benedict College in 1966 and then started teaching physical education and science in South Carolina public schools.

2007

Jettiva S. Belton

Saxon Homes 1950-1964

A nurse for 40 years, Jettiva S. Belton began her career at Columbia Hospital (now Richland Memorial), where she initiated the first Radiation Therapy Department Nursing Service Program. In 2006, she retired from the W.J.B. Dorn VA Medical Center where she is recognized for creating the first Nursing Home Care Unit in a hospital setting. She has served as alternate member of the S.C. Silver Haired Legislative Board, member of the Columbia Christian Health Care Auxiliary, Basileus for Delta Eta Chapter of CHI ETA PHI Sorority, Inc., member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and president of the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association. At the time of her induction, Belton was president of the Nurses Auxiliary at Zion Canaan Baptist Church and Parish Nurse for the congregation. She is a 1961 C.A. Johnson High School graduate and holds a Diploma in Nursing from the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing and bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Carolina.

Frank B. Washington

Allen Benedict Court 1941-1950

During his 16-year tenure as president of the Columbia branch of the NAACP, Frank B. Washington was dedicated to fighting discrimination and the under representation of African-Americans in public life. He served four years on the National Board of Directors and led the NAACP in pressuring the City of Columbia to change the way its city officials were elected, which allowed Columbia's large black population to be adequately represented. In 1986, Washington retired from the S.C. Department of Education after 35 years of dedicated service. He has been president of the S.C. Insurance Commission, a member of the Board of Trustees at Richland Memorial Hospital and vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees at Voorhees College. In 2006, he was featured in the S.C. African-American History Calendar and

was named to the S.C. Black Hall of Fame. A 1945 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Washington earned a Bachelor of Psychology from Allen University in 1949. At the time of his induction, he was owner and manager of Frank Washington Realty, Inc.

2006

Rev. Edward Francis, Sr.

Oak Read High Rise 2000-2005

Rev. Edward Francis, Sr. was a distinguished member of the Board of Commissioners for the CHA and Columbia Housing Authority Developments, Inc. (CHAD) from 2000 until his passing on Dec. 25, 2005. As a member of many civic groups and boards, Rev. Francis was committed to the betterment of his community and worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for families in the C.A. Johnson area. In particular, he championed the creation of the new Carver-Lyon Elementary School to replace sorely outdated facilities and served as Richland District One's Blue Ribbon Committee Chairman.

Acy Suber, Jr.

Jaggers Terrace 1952-1960

Acy Suber, Jr. began his teaching and coaching career in Charleston County when he was assigned to Morningside Elementary as an assistant principal and teacher. Suber was the first minority to hold this position at Morningside and one of only a few minorities in administration in Charleston County at the time. As an ordained Deacon, he now presents for the National Baptist Progressive Association, serves as Chairman of the Deacons Ministry, and teaches the Senior Adult Sunday School Class at Brookland Baptist Church.

2005

Marion L. Griffin

Allen Benedict Court 1940-1945

Marion L. Griffin realized her gift for art at an early age. Now an internationally known, self-taught artist, Griffin credits many of her works to memories of her early childhood at Allen-Benedict Court. Her outstanding talent has won her many accolades, and her works have been featured in museums, galleries, colleges, universities, libraries, and private and commercial organizations. Her artistic influence has spanned the globe through exhibitions in locations such as New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Denmark, and Sweden. Griffin has shared her talents with the Columbia community in many ways over the years, most recently through the donation of a painting to be auctioned in support of the Boys and Girls Club of Columbia.

Curtis Maffett

Gonzales Gardens 1970-1972

Curtis Maffett has committed 18 years of his career to protecting, saving and serving the residents of Columbia as part of the city's fire department. Maffett began his tenure at the Columbia Fire Department in 1987 as fire captain. Since that time, he has moved through the ranks, serving in several capacities including assistant chief of operations, assistant chief of support services, and fire battalion chief. Today, Maffett is the assistant chief of human resources, and is responsible for improving policies and procedures that affect the safety of the city's fire fighters.

Dr. Carlos L. Smith

Allen Benedict Court 1948-1954

Dr. Carlos L. Smith has dedicated his life to helping the youth of Columbia achieve their dreams through education. Smith has spent 28 years of his career with Richland County School District One, serving at virtually every level of the district in some capacity. Smith currently serves as the district athletic director, parent ombudsman, and assistant to

the superintendent. During his years with the school district, he has initiated many successful programs including the Middle School Congress for Student Leaders and the Annual Coaches Convention. His efforts and the programs he has helped develop have touched the lives of thousands of students and encouraged them to demand more from life.

2004

Rev. Blakely N. Scott

Allen Benedict Court 1947-53, Hendley Homes 1969-70

Reverend Blakely N. Scott was inducted into the Wall of Fame for his dedication to CHA residents through his church programs and ministries. Scott is a graduate of Palmer College, the University of South Carolina, and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He received his doctorate of divinity from Morris College. Scott is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and the Hospice Board. He received the Young Men of the Living Legacy Award, Business Associate of the Year Award, Wateree Baptist Church Association Service Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from Carolina Scholarships. As of 2004, Rev. Scott was the Pastor of First Nazareth Baptist Church in Columbia and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Hopkins.

Jermaine O'Neal

Section 8 Housing 1990-96

Jermaine O'Neal was inducted into the Wall of Fame for his generosity and dedication to Columbia Housing Authority youth. O'Neal graduated from Eau Claire High School and made his NBA debut at the age of 18, becoming one of the youngest players in NBA history to play in a professional game. In 2000, he was named the NBA's most improved player and was named to the USA Today's All USA Basketball Team. In 2004, he was selected as a member of the United States Olympic Team, and was named the starting power forward for the NBA All Star Game. He credits his mother Angela Jones and his high school basketball coach George Glymph as his heroes. At the time of induction, O'Neal was a professional basketball player with the Indiana Pacers.

2003

Senator Kay Patterson

Saxon Homes 1955-57

Senator Kay Patterson was inducted into the Wall of Fame for serving the residents of South Carolina in a variety of ways. He taught for 14 years at W.A. Perry Middle School, C.A. Johnson High School and Benedict College, and he served for 16 years as a UniServ Representative for the South Carolina Education Association. In 1974, Patterson was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives, and in 1985 to the S.C. Senate. As of 2004, Patterson was representing Richland County District #19 by serving as Chairman of the Richland County Legislative Delegation.

Angela L. Stone

Saxon Homes 1965-72

Angela Stone was honored for her great accomplishments in the entertainment industry. She began singing gospel music at an early age, performing her first solo, "The Harvest is Plentiful," at First Nazareth Baptist Church in Columbia when she was 11 years old. Upon graduation from C.A. Johnson High School, she was offered college basketball scholarships, but music was her passion and she decided to make it her career. In 1997, Stone signed a contract with Arista Records, and began recording her first album, Black Diamond, which was released in September of 1999. The album's first hit single, 'No More Rain (In This Cloud),' was taken from a rebuffing phrase that her father would use when Stone would sometimes ask him for money: 'There's no more rain in this cloud.' Stone can also be heard on several movie soundtracks including 'Disappearing Acts' and 'Bamboozled' with the tunes 'Get To Know You Better' and 'Slippery Shoes'. In the autumn of 2001, Stone released her second album, 'Mahogany Soul,' which made an Entertainment Weekly top 100 list of albums for that year.

Colonel Walter L. Watson, Jr.

Saxon Homes 1952-57

Colonel Walter L. Watson was inducted into the Wall of Fame for an impressive 25-year military career that included assignments as a flight instructor, flight examiner, and flight commander. He was the first and only African-American to qualify as a crewmember of the SR-71, a super secret aircraft that set altitude and speed records. Watson is a master navigator with more than 3,100 hours of flight time. As of 2004, Watson served as the senior aerospace science instructor for the C.A. Johnson High School Air Force Junior ROTC unit.

2002

Heyward Bannister

Latimer Manor 1970-73

Heyward Bannister was recognized for his contributions to government and to the community at large through his volunteer activities. At the time of his induction, Bannister was director of the Fannie Mae South Carolina Partnership Office. Prior to joining Fannie Mae, Bannister served as special assistant and liaison to the White House with the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs during President Bill Clinton's administration. He is a former Columbia Housing Authority Board member.

Brenda Gordon Pogue

Hendley Homes 1974-86

Brenda Gordon Pogue was inducted for her community service. While living in public housing, Pogue earned both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Social Work degrees. At the time of her induction, Pogue was employed by the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice as training coordinator for staff development and training. She started with the agency in December 1985, and was eventually promoted to warden of the Willow Lane Institution. She then became institutional administrator for the Reception and Evaluation Center until it closed in 2001.

J. Anthony Brown

Allen Benedict Court 1952-70

J. Anthony Brown lives in California where he co-hosts the internationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show. He performs stand-up comedy and has written and appeared on several television shows, including "Def Comedy Jam" and "Living Single." He was inducted for his community involvement.

2001

Robert Holmes 'Pluto' Bradley

Hendley Homes 1952-67

Robert Bradley is a graduate of S.C. State University and C.A. Johnson High School, where he lettered in football, basketball, track and tennis. Bradley made history as the first African-American park ranger to work at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. He has worked at Booker T. Washington and Keenan High Schools, and S.C. State University as a both a coach and a teacher. In 1978, Coach Bradley was inducted into the S.C. State University Athletic Hall of Fame. He has also served a term as interim athletic director for the physical education department at Claflin University.

Rosa Williams Patterson

Saxon Homes 1960-65

Rosa Williams Patterson was recognized for her perseverance in education and her dedication to family and community. Her story is one of hardships and triumphs. At the age of 30, Patterson began taking steps toward earning a college degree while raising four children and working full-time. Eleven years and four jobs later, she graduated from Columbia College with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is a licensed baccalaureate social worker for the State of South Carolina and is an active member of her church and community. As of 2004, Patterson was a legislative

constituent coordinator for the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services, a minister at the Clement Road Church of God, and vice president of the S.C. Public Health Association.

Colonel Frank Taylor Smith

Allen Benedict Court 1946-53

Colonel Frank Taylor Smith is an Army veteran who served two tours in South Vietnam, which included leadership positions as both platoon and battalion commander. He commanded small units through the Army General Staff and Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, and rose to the rank of Colonel during a period of struggle for equality in our society and military. Colonel Smith holds a Master of Arts degree from Indiana's Ball State University. His awards and honors include: Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit Medals, Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, Honor Graduate of the Defense Language Institute, and member of the S.C. State University ROTC Hall of Fame.

2000

Lt. Col. Albert Terrence Garrick

Saxon Homes 1965-73

Lt. Col. Albert Terrence Garrick was inducted because of his community service. At the time of induction, he was serving in the U.S. Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia as a psychological warfare officer. Garrick was presented with a National Citation from the Columbia Urban League for his dedication to youth, and has provided motivational, educational, and inspirational speeches at Voorhees College, Fort Jackson, First Nazareth Baptist Church, Baptist Convention '99 – Charleston Youth Summit '99, Alcorn Middle School, CHA Back-to-School Bash, and Koban. Garrick has received numerous military awards, and is the author of "Reach for the Moon" (a children's book published in 1999). His education includes Voorhees College, S.C. State University and JFK Warfare University.

Patrick James Patterson

Saxon Homes 1974-1990

Patrick James Patterson was inducted for his service to the community. Patterson is a graduate of C.A. Johnson High School and earned a Masters Degree from the University of South Carolina. At the time of induction, he was working at the Carolina Children's Home as a residence counselor III. Patterson has volunteered at Carver Elementary School as a teacher's aide, South Carolina Women's Consortium, Palmetto Senior Care Richland Memorial Hospital, Children's Rehabilitative Services, and Men's Services (Fatherhood Program) in Baltimore, Maryland.

1999

Annie McNair

Scattered Sites 1995-99

Annie McNair was recognized for being a tireless volunteer in the Midlands. She has made a tremendous impact in the community by serving the homeless, disabled, foster children and families all across the Columbia area. McNair has contributed her time to working with Sister Care, Cooperative Ministry, Guardian Ad Litem, Salvation Army, Department of Social Services, and Department of Youth Services. She has been given awards from several governors and Senator Strom Thurmond for her volunteer work. She was a member of the Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners from 1992 until 1999.

1998

Rebecca Alston Redd (deceased)

Allen Benedict Court 1940-55

For more than 37 years, Rebecca Alston Redd dedicated her life to serving the pre-school children of Allen-Benedict Court. She was a teacher, friend and counselor, and organized a variety of afternoon activities for the young people

living in public housing and the surrounding areas. Thanks in part to her guidance, hundreds of children went on to make outstanding contributions to their communities. Evidence of the positive influence Redd has had on so many lives is already visible on the Wall of Fame. Past inductees Dr. Debra Austin, Violet Martin McKie, and Rev. Redfern, II spent time as young children in her care.

Bobby D. Doctor

Allen Benedict Court 1940-59

Bobby Doctor is well-known for his outstanding contributions to the early Civil Rights movement, which instilled in him a life-long passion for defending the rights of others. As one of the "Orangeburg Seven," he initiated the student sit-in movement in South Carolina. A graduate of S.C. State University, Doctor was serving as regional director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights at the time of his induction. He earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from John Marshall Law School. During his career, Doctor has served on the National Advisory Board for the Civil Rights Museum and as President of the Black United Fund. He is also a member of the NAACP, Urban League, and Southern Christian Leadership Conference. For his efforts, Doctor has received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for outstanding service to citizens of Central Florida, and the Key to the City of Oakridge, T.N.

1997

Joseph Cardinal Bernadin (deceased)

Gonzales Gardens 1943-50

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernadin, Archbishop of Chicago, was a shining example of how men from poor beginnings can rise to great things. Cardinal Bernadin rose quickly through the ranks of the Roman Catholic Church to his final appointment as Archbishop of Chicago and member of the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II. On September 9, 1996, President Clinton awarded Cardinal Bernadin the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor bestowed on individuals who have made contributions to their communities and the nation, for his work on behalf of racial equality and arms control. Cardinal Bernadin passed away in November of 1996 and was inducted posthumously. His award was accepted by his sister, Elaine Addison.

Rev. Redfern, II

Saxon Homes 1951-58

Rev. Redfern, II is the founder of the Ecumenical Church of Christ and a long-time civil rights activist in the Columbia community. Redfern civic contributions include establishing the Association for African-American students at the University of South Carolina, starting Juju Publishing Company which publishes seven black newspapers statewide, and organizing the first Residents' Association for the Saxon Homes public housing community. In August of 1996, Redfern organized the first Columbia Fest neighborhood festival on the Congaree Vista, which drew people from all over the state in celebration of Columbia's neighborhoods.

Debra Johnson Binns Austin, Ph.D.

Allen Benedict Court 1945-55

Debra Austin was the first African-American in South Carolina to receive a doctorate in nursing and be certified as a clinical specialist in medical-surgical nursing by the American Nurses Association. A leading nurse educator, Austin served as instructor, professor, and assistant professor in the College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina. At the time of her induction, she had been a leading educator for nearly 30 years, and was serving as administrative head and professor for the Baccalaureate Nursing Program at S.C. State University.

1996

Dorothy Barksdale

Allen Benedict Court an Saxon Homes 1979-89

At the time of her induction, Dorothy Barksdale, visually impaired, served the National Federation of the Blind by

teaching Braille for over 20 years. While living in public housing, she assisted other visually impaired residents with their day-to-day activities. She received an associate degree from Greenville Technical College and now owns and operates "Dorothy's Place," a cafeteria in the Richland County Administration Building in Columbia.

Tyrone Corbin

Gonzales Gardens 1962-82

A graduate of A.C. Flora High School, Tyrone Corbin left Columbia to attend DePaul University and compete in college basketball. After graduating from DePaul, Corbin began a professional basketball career in the NBA. At the time of his induction, he was with the Miami Heat. Corbin continues to give back to his community. In October 1995 he began renovating a store and laundry near his boyhood home at Gonzales Gardens. "I left for Chicago and college, but Columbia and this neighborhood never left me," he said.

1995

Vince Ford

Allen Benedict Court 1963-79

Vince Ford was inducted into the Wall of Fame because he has made helping his community his life's work. Ford received his bachelor's degree from Benedict College and a master's degree from S.C. State University. At the time of his induction, he was the director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands. He has also served as director of the Sickie Cell Foundation and as Chairman of Richland School District One School Board. "It doesn't matter where you came from, it matters only where you're going" Ford said.

James Hopkins

Allen Benedict Court 1939-48

James Hopkins was inducted in honor of the many years he has given to residents of public housing through his work as director and founder of the United Black Fund of the Midlands, which offers financial assistance to residents for education and other expenses. At a young age, Hopkins opened his own businesses: Al's Lunch, and Hop's TV and Appliances. Hopkins served on the CHA Board of Commissioners for 15 years. He says, "[my] achievements serve as a positive reminder to residents that with a little work, determination, and will power, you can reach your goals."

1994

David B. Whaley, Jr.

Saxon Homes 1952-66

Dr. David B. Whaley, Jr. was inducted into the Wall of Fame because of his commitment to developing and directing educational, recreational, and cultural experiences for citizens of Richland County, particularly youth. A tenured professor at Benedict College, Whaley was recognized as the college's Teacher of the Year for his teaching, research, and service. He was honored with the "Outstanding Leadership Recreation and Service Award" by the S.C. Recreation and Park Society for his service. An honors graduate of Allen University, Whaley earned his doctorate from Clemson University. As of 2004, he served as the vice president for student affairs at Benedict College.

Gary E. Bell

Allen Benedict Court 1946-55

Gary E. Bell was inducted into the Wall of Fame for his dedication and service to the community. A graduate of S.C. State University, Bell received master's degrees from Kent State and Winthrop universities, and a Doctorate of Health Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina. A retired state employee, Bell served as deputy director for fiscal management and information systems at the Department of Social Services, on the Health and Human Services Finance Commission, and as vice president for business affairs at Florence-Darlington Technical College. As of 2004, Bell was a certified public accountant, and president and CEO of G.E. Bell, LLC, a financial accounting and healthcare consulting company. Dr. Bell lives by the mottos: Treat others the way you want to be

treated and no mountain is too high to climb.

Bishop Frederick Calhoun James

Allen Benedict Court 1945-49

Bishop Frederick C. James attended Allen University, where he earned bachelor's degrees in history and English, and Howard University, where he earned a master's in divinity. Although James has been a pastor at churches in Irmo, Columbia, Winnsboro, and Sumter, South Carolina, his influence has extended far outside the state border.

James was elected a Bishop of the AME church in 1972 and assigned to South Africa for four years. During this time, he was the Bishop of six countries in South Africa. In 1976, he returned to the states and was made Bishop of the AME churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma, where he served for eight years. From 1984 until 1992, James served as Bishop of the South Carolina AME churches and as chair of the Allen University board. During his chairmanship, Allen University was accredited for the first time. In 1993, James was made Bishop of the Second Episcopal District where he served until his retirement in 1996.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the White House Advisory Board, and is a lifetime member of the NAACP. James was inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame and was awarded The Order of The Palmetto.

1993

Delano Roosevelt Boulware

Saxon Homes 1956-66

Delano Roosevelt Boulware was inducted into the Wall of Fame for his dedication to the community. His accomplishments include formatting news specials, and directing and filming documentaries, for which he received the Communication for Excellence to Black Audiences Award. Boulware says, "among some of the most important values learned growing up in Saxon Homes were that you must give back to your community and never forget your beginnings." At the time of his induction, Boulware was a cinematographer and director for WRLK-TV, the public television station in Columbia.

King Benjamin Lindbergh Jeffcoat

Allen Benedict Court 1940-55

King Benjamin Lindbergh Jeffcoat was inducted for his service to the community and the U.S. Government. He spent 36 years at W.A. Perry Middle School as a teacher and administrator, and has been dedicated to his church, having coached and helped with the Boy Scouts. He served 40 years in the military, becoming the first African-American reservist to complete Fort Jackson's Drill Sergeant School, and was named Commandant of the 3282nd USAR Drill Sergeant School. In 1990 he was honorably discharged with the highest enlisted rank (CSM). An honors graduate from the first class of C.A. Johnson High School, Jeffcoat received a Bachelor of Science with honors from Benedict College, a Master of Science from Atlanta University. He also studied math at S.C. State University, the University of South Carolina, and Penn State. Jeffcoat was the first principal of V.V. Reid Elementary School and in 1989 was given the key to the City of Columbia.

1992

Mildred Weathers McDuffie

Allen-Benedict Court 1950-1962

Mildred Weathers McDuffie was inducted for her community service through teaching. McDuffie received her bachelor's degree from Allen University and her master's degree from S.C. State University. McDuffie was a Parent Ombudsman for Richland School District One at the time of her induction. In 1991, the March of Dimes named her one of the ten most outstanding women in Columbia. As of 2004, she was a Summary Court Judge for Richland County. McDuffie continues to be involved with parents and students who live in public housing, stressing to them

that “where they live or who they are has no bearing on their success.”

Dr. Willie L. Long

Saxon Homes 1953-56

Dr. Willie Long was inducted for his service to the community and the U.S. Army. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for his Army service in Vietnam and became a major before retirement. Long received his Doctorate in Education from the University of South Carolina. At the time of induction, he was the director of student support services at Midlands Technical College and believed he was a role model for young Columbia Housing Authority residents. Long’s motto is “good things come to those who wait and persevere.”

1991

Isaac Washington

Allen Benedict Court 1942-1964

Inducted for his service to the community, Isaac Washington has served as commissioner for the State Housing Authority, and as a member of the Will Lou Gray School Board of Directors. A graduate of Benedict College, Washington is a lifetime member of the NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and serves on the Deacon Board of Zion Baptist Church. In 1991, President George Bush invited Washington to the White House for a conference on African-American contributions to American history. He has been given the 2002 National Newspaper Publisher of the Year Award, the S.C. Order of the Palmetto, and the Key to the City of Columbia, and was named Zion’s Man of the Year in 1993. As of 2004, Washington was president and publisher of the S.C. Black Media Group, served as director of the S.C. Media Foundation, and president of the Southeast Region of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. He is involved in the Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, and Columbia Business Network.

Bessie Pauline Williams

Saxon Homes 1954-63

Bessie Pauline Williams was inducted into the Wall of Fame for her valuable service to the community. She served as a pre-school teacher for the Columbia Housing Authority for ten years. Williams is a Cum Laude graduate of Benedict College and holds a master’s degree in education from S.C. State University. Williams was twice named Teacher of the Year, received the NCNW Living the Legacy Award, and was named Minister of Music Emeritus by Trinity Baptist Church for her 40 years of dedicated service as a church musician. Her motto is “believe, achieve, succeed.” At the time of induction, Williams was a curriculum resource teacher at Sarah Nance Elementary School in Columbia.

1990

Frances Davenport Wright

Allen Benedict Court 1940-47

Frances Davenport “Bootsie” Wright was inducted into the Wall of Fame for her dedication and service to the community. Wright received a Bachelor of Science in biology from S.C. State University in 1962 and completed further studies in Endocrinology at the University of Pittsburgh. During her employment at The Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., she performed medical research in the area of Endocrinology and co-authored 32 scientific publications. Davenport also served as the national fund raising coordinator for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in Washington, D.C.

Dolores Martin Gordon

Allen Benedict Court 1940 -58, Jagers Terrace 1958-1959.

Dolores Martin Gordon was inducted into the Wall of Fame for her service and commitment to youth in the community. Gordon attended Allen University and graduated Cum Laude in just three years with a degree in elementary education. She was named Teacher of The Year at Crayton Middle School. At the time of her retirement, Dolores Martin Gordon had served as a special education teacher in Richland School District One for 31 years.

1989

Jean S. Hopkins

Saxon Homes 1950-55

Jean S. Hopkins was honored for her service to the community as a long time health advocate. A University of South Carolina graduate, Hopkins holds a bachelor's degree in nursing. Her professional and civic honors include the Woman of Achievement Award from the Governor's Commission on Women, YWCA Twin Diamond Award, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Helen S. Miller Award, and the S.C. Conference of the NAACP Woman of The Year Award. Additionally, Hopkins was inaugurated into the University of South Carolina's Amy V. Cockcroft Nursing class, and in 2001, her portrait was added to the University of South Carolina's Nursing School mural. At the time of induction, Hopkins was an active member of Chappelle Memorial Church and was employed as assistant chief of nursing services at Dorns Veterans Hospital in Columbia. She is a co-founder of the Greater Columbia Council on the Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy.

Thaddeus Bell

Allen-Benedict Court from 1945-1955

Thaddeus Bell was inducted into the Wall of Fame for his commitment to the community. With his medical degree in hand, he started a clinic for the less fortunate in Cross, a small impoverished community in Berkeley County. Upon graduation from S.C. State University, Dr. Bell attended Atlanta University where he earned a master's degree in science education. In 1976, he graduated with a medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. As of 2004, Bell was a family physician in North Charleston and director of the Office of Diversity at MUSC.

Augustus Rodgers

Allen Benedict Court 1946-55

Augustus Rodgers was inducted into the Wall of Fame for his commitment to the community as the originator of the National Black Family Summit. Rodgers received his bachelor's degree from Benedict College, two master's degrees from New York University and the Lutheran Theological Seminary, and a doctorate from the University of South Carolina. Rodgers is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, and the Education Foundation Community Service Award from the University of South Carolina. At the time of induction, Rodgers was an associate professor in the University of South Carolina's College of Social Work

1988

Frank E. McBride

Allen Benedict Court 1943-58, Jagers Terrace 1958-62

One of the inaugural inductees into the Wall of Fame in 1988, Frank McBride was inducted for his outstanding service to the community. He is a graduate of C.A. Johnson High School and was as a state legislator at the time of his induction. McBride served on several legislative committees, the board of visitors at The Citadel, and was a licensed real estate salesperson with McBride realty. He believes that the Wall of Fame serves "as a model for not only children living in public housing, but for all children."

Harold A. White

Allen Benedict Court 1948-58

One of the first inductees, Harold White was inducted for his service to the community. After graduating from S.C. State University, he coached at both the high school and college level. At the time of his induction, White was assistant athletic director at the University of South Carolina. He was inspired to coach athletics by his former high school coach Charles Bolden. White was humbled to be one of the first Wall of Fame honorees, saying "so many folks have gone on to do great things."

Violet McKie

Allen Benedict Court 1943-58, Jagers Terrace 1958-61, Saxon Homes 1961-69

Violet McKie was the third honoree in 1988, inducted for her dedication to the community. She helped organize the 1987 Allen-Benedict Court Reunion. A Cum Laude graduate of Benedict College, McKie worked for IBM for 25 years, first as a senior secretary specialist and eventually as a human resource specialist. At the time of her induction, McKie said, "I never thought anything like this would materialize. I guess I have made accomplishments without realizing it." She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. As of 2004, McKie and her husband, Albert, are owners of McKIE'S FISH & CHICK'N located in Columbia.