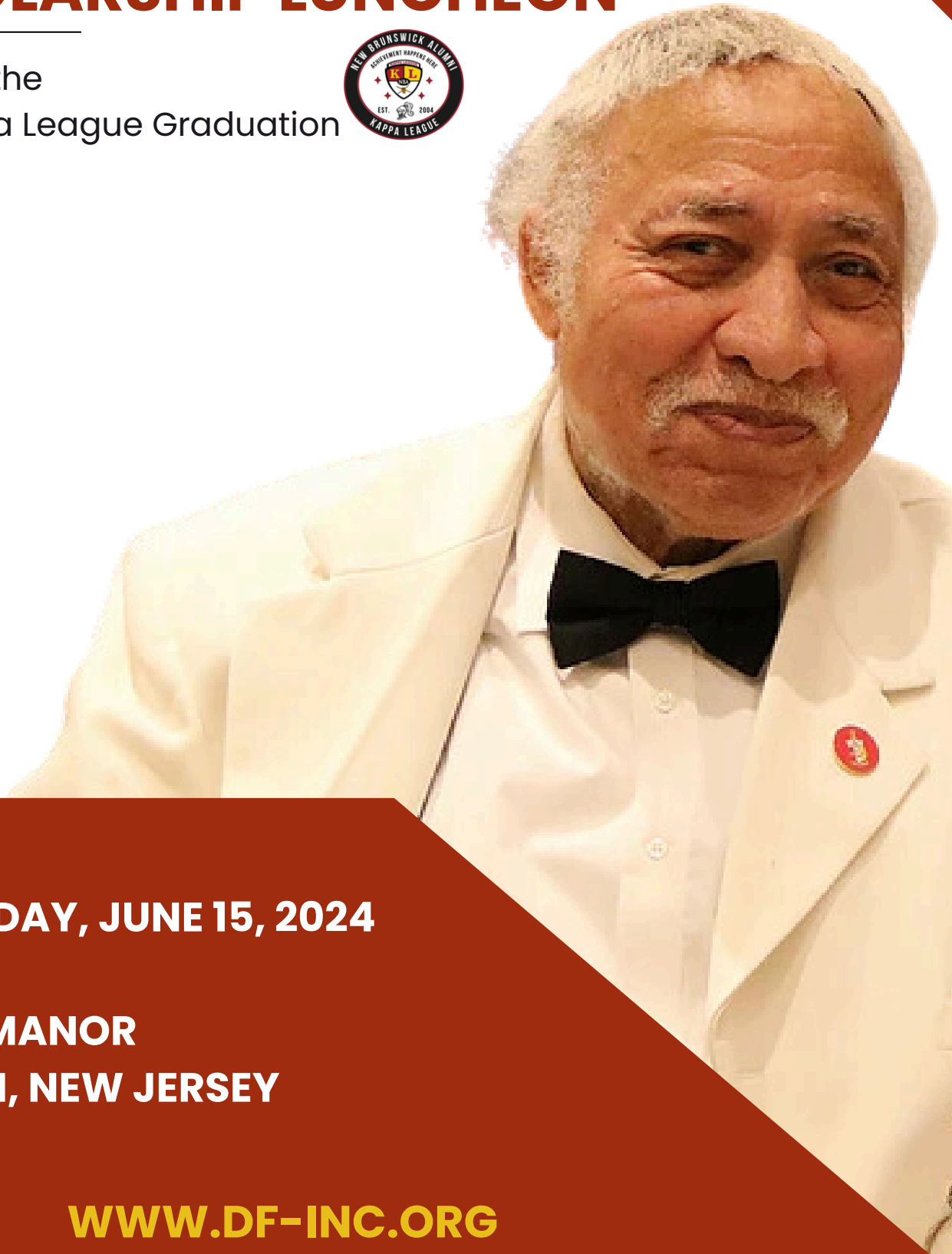




2024 DR. GEORGE A. PATTERSON SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

featuring the
NBA Kappa League Graduation



SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2024 Dr. George A. Patterson Scholarsip Luncheon. This event is the final act of our programming calendar. It is remarkable to know that 20 years ago this July, the Diamond Foundation Inc. received its 501(c)3 status and began humbly with the sincere and just purpose to make a difference in the lives of young men and women of color. Under the motto, Shining Bright Through Education, we aspired to provide funding and opportunities for students to further their education. Understanding that knowledge truly is power, the foundation looked to build upon the existing scholarship program previously established by the New Brunswick Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. The Board worked to establish funding that would allow the scholarship program to be sustaining for years to come. The hard work and years of planning paid off. The scholarship program doubled the number of awards from two to four. The foundation partnered with P.E.A.R.L.S. Inc. to create the Diamonds and Pearls Scholarship to ensure that funds were dedicated to the educational advancement of young men. The scholarship program then grew to a total of 7 scholarships, including a four year scholarship for a student with the goal of becoming a physician. In total, the foundation provides roughly \$20,000 in scholarships annually.

The foundation then turned its effort to assisting the award winning New Brunswick Alumni Kappa League program by providing annual funding to support programming, guest speakers, college fair and colleg etours and leadership conferences. Your generous donations have provided young men with direct access to tangible ways to reach their goals. I look froward to the next 20 years to come. The foundation will continue and develop our current scholarship program and support of Kappa League. We look forward to introducing new programming that expands our reach to more young people within our service area. I know that with your continued support, we can chase excellence and be continue to be an important part of this village inspiring our children.

Anthony Fielder

ANTHONY FIELDER

CHAIRMAN, THE DIAMOND FOUNDATION INC.



WELCOME MESSAGE

On this momentous occasion we celebrate the accomplishments of our outstanding young men and women who are the future leaders of our society. They have demonstrated incredible resilience, perseverance, and determination in their pursuit of achieving their dreams and goals. Their hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and today we proudly celebrate their efforts, achievements and accomplishments. Remember that your potential is limitless, and with continued hard work and determination, no goal is unattainable.

Today, we recognize not only scholarly excellence and community service, we acknowledge the graduation of the New Brunswick Alumni Class of 2024. You have dedicated your time and energy with the goal of identifying your strength and refining them. You have also taken the challenge of working in areas of discomfort to allow yourselves to grow. As you young men move onto the next step of your life's journey, remember the importance of your giving back and paying it forward. Like the graduates before you, continue to be mentors, role models, and advocates for our next generation of Kappa Leaguers, empowering them to reach their full potential and become positive contributors to our society.

I am confident that the future is bright with the exceptional young men in our graduating class and I look forward to witnessing the great accomplishments that lie ahead for each and every one of them. Thank you all for your support, dedication, and commitment to the NBA Kappa League. Your presence speaks volumes of your belief in the program, the young men we mentor and the community we serve. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our young men and shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

Congratulations to our Kappa League class of 2024 and all of the award winners at today's event. May you continue to shine brightly as you pursue your dreams and aspirations.

Marcus G. Williams III

MARCUS G. WILLIAMS III

POLEMARCH, NEW BRUNSWICK (NJ) ALUMNI



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Diamond Foundation Inc. was established in 2003, by three members of the New Brunswick (NJ) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. as a non-profit corporation. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which receives tax-deductible contributions from members of the fraternity and generous donations from the community at-large.

Operating under the supervision of its Board of Trustees, the mission of the foundation is to advance and inspire by supporting the development of tomorrow's minority leaders. Along with awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students in the greater New Brunswick area (~\$300,000 YTD), the Diamond Foundation provides computers, seminars, workshops, educational grants, sponsorships, and mentoring.

To build a generation prepared to face the responsibilities and challenges of the 21st century, The Diamond Foundation provides annual financial support to the New Brunswick Alumni Kappa League leadership program. The foundation sent 36 students to the Northeastern Province Kappa League Leadership Conference in March at Suny-Maritime College. Students learned about careers in STEM and lucrative maritime industry. This summer the foundation is sending a delegation of six students to the National Kappa League Conference in Grand Prairie, TX.

We need your help to continue to train our young people for success. You support our programs and initiative by donating. No amount is too large or too small. Just know through your generosity you can help elevate our next generation of leaders.

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Guide Right is the national service and mentoring program of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Since its inception in 1922, the objective of Guide Right is to provide leadership and assistance to youth of the communities we serve. It is a year-round program, dedicated to the educational and occupational guidance of young men. The goal is to provide inspiration and information that provide young men with access they would otherwise be denied.

The Kappa Leadership League, founded in 1970 in Los Angeles, CA, falls under the umbrella of Guide Right. The program, commonly known as Kappa League, is the world's largest AND MOST SUCCESSFUL youth mentoring for African-American males. There are chapters all across the United States and abroad. Kappa League is oriented toward helping young men cultivate and develop their leadership talents. The organization provides challenging, yet rewarding experiences, which enhance the lives of the students. Since the fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi is achievement, it is therefore, the Fraternity's primary purpose to help these young men to achieve worthy goals for themselves, and to make constructive contributions to the community.

NBA Kappa League was established in 2004 and currently has 102 young men in the program, including 10 high school seniors. Since its inception, more than 280 young men have been exposed to leadership training and life readiness skills. We currently have students attending many exceptional colleges including Howard, Hampton, Brown, Rutgers, Morgan State, Texas A&M, Northeastern, and many others. Post secondary careers include culinary arts, engineering, military service, finance and medicine to name a few.

NBA Kappa League has been recognized by the Fraternity on the local, regional and international levels as a premier program which sets the example for other chapters across the country.

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LIFT EVERY VOICE **AND SING**

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our GOD,
True to our native land.

PROGRAM



- **Lift Every Voice And Sing**

- **Greetings and Welcome**

Anthony Fielder – Chairman, The Diamond Foundation Inc.
Marcus G. Williams III – Polemarch, New Brunswick Alumni

- **Introductions and Announcements**

Devin White – Membership Intake Chairman, NBA
Anthony Culpepper Jr & Glenn Selby

LUNCH

- **Diamond Foundation Program**

Maureen Taylor, Board of Trustees, The Diamond Foundation Inc.
Dr. Larnie J. Booker – Scholarship Committee Chairman, The Diamond Foundation Inc.

- **NBA Kappa League Awards**

Dr. Larnie J. Booker – Director, New Brunswick (NJ) Alumni Kappa League

- **NBA Kappa League Graduation**

New Brunswick Alumni Kappa League Advisors

- **NBA Kappa League President's Address**

Justin Gregg, NBA Kappa League Co-President

- **NBA Kappa League College Signing Day**

NBA Kappa League – Class of 2024
NBA Kappa League Advisors

- **Closing Remarks**

Anthony Fielder – Chairman, The Diamond Foundation Inc.

2024 DIAMOND FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

Brielle Auten-Hughes

Brielle Auten-Hughes is a senior at the New Brunswick Health Sciences and Technology High School in New Brunswick, NJ. She is a junior counselor at P.L.A.Y. Safe and Y.S.S. in New Brunswick. She has researched her career options through internships and shadowing at Robert Wood Johnson University and the Bristol Myers Squibb Children Hospitals. She is a member of the New Brunswick Education Foundation, Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Ebony Suburbanites. She has been selected by the National Society of High School Scholars. She boasts a 3.75 cumulate grade point average. She will attend Montclair State University in the fall on the premedical track with a goal of becoming a dermatologist.

Shayna Peele

Shayna Peele is a senior at Piscataway High School. She is a member of the Piscataway Black Student Union, varsity softball team and med club. She is a member of L.I.F.T, Ladies of Inspiration, Fortitude and Talent which uplifts and empowers high school women. She is a member of the Ebony Suburbanites. She is a member of the Xinos of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc E. where she holds the office of seargant at arms. She is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and the Wings of Praise Liturgical Dance Team. She has completed numerous community service projects through ministries at Shiloh Baptist Church and the Xinos. She proudly boasts a 3.9 cumulative grade point average. She will be attending Spelman Colleg in the fall and studying nursing.

Caylin Lowery

Caylin Lowery is a senior at Piscataway High School. She is a member of the varsity soccer team where she earned team MVP honors. She has a 4.3 cumulative grade point average. She is a member of the Black Student Union and National Honor Society. She has performed many hours of community service through the Ronald McDonald House, Piscataway Battle of the Parks and numerous soccer camps. She serves as a tutor to underclassman. In the fall, she will attend Rutgers University-New Brunswick to study marketing with the goal of becoming the CEO of her own company.



2024 DIAMOND FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

Ankitha Jagadeesh

Ankitha Jagadeesh is a senior at Franklin High School. She is the schools' student council president. She is the Vice President of the Future Business Leaders of America and the captain of the cheerleading team. Ankitha is a member of the National Honor Society. She dance competitively. She is a certified EMT. She completed a STEM Entrepreneurship at the Boston Leadership Institute in Wellesley, MA. She has a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. She has been a dedicated member of the local community, participating in community service activities through the Franklin Township Senior Center, the Dance 4 A Cause SKn Foundation, the Asian American Pacific Islander Franklin High School Assembly and the North Central chapter of FBLA. She will be attending Rutgers University in the fall as a biology major on the pre-med track with the goal of becoming a physician serving underserved populations.

Clifton Tyler McCormick IV

Clifton Tyler McCormick IV is a senior St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, NJ. He is a member and Co-President of the New Brunswick Alumni Kappa League program. He is a member of his school's indoor and outdoor track team, participating in the 55m, 100m and 200m. He is actively involved in the campus ministry, entrepreneurship club, investment club, Falcons and friends, robotics club and the freshman mentoring team. Within the community he has volunteered his time with Rays of Hope and Campus ministry. He has helped provide shelter for the homeless, worked with senior citizens in nursing homes and worked with special needs children. He has a 3.86 cumulative grade point average. He will be pursuing a degree in computer science at North Carolina A&T State University with aspirations to be a leader in the field of cybersecurity.

Gabriella Stewart

Gabriella Stewart is a senior at Franklin High School with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. She has completed summer sessions at the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts and the UCLA Theatre Intensive. She is her school's Homecoming Princess. She is the captain of the varsity cross country team. She is a member of the indoor and outdoor track team. She is a member of the Xinos of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa. She is the host of her school's TV channel. She is a member of the National Dance Honors Society. She is a member of the National Honors Society. She is the Musical Theatre Dance captain. She reinstated the Thespian Club at her high school. She is a member of JROTC and the class leader. In the fall, she will attend Howard University to pursue her bachelors degree of fine arts in musical theatre with a minor in broadcast journalism. She aspires to be a star of the Broadway stage.





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CLASS OF 2024

Asaiah Agnew
Elí'sha Brown
Joshua Ennett
Justin Gregg
Ahmad Maiga
Clifton Tyler McCormick IV
Cameron Porter
Mohamed Rahim
Azzai Tomlinson
Seth Triumph McGhee

Bishop Loughlin High School
Franklin High School
Sayreville War Memorial High School
Rutgers Preparatory School
Wardlaw+Hartridge School
St. Joseph's High School
Central Jersey College Prep
Sayreville War Memorial High School
Sayreville War Memorial High School
St. Thomas Aquinas High School

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DR. GEORGE A. PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. George A. Patterson is a native of North Carolina. He and his wife, Mildred are the proud parents of a daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Rhonda P. Ford (Gerald) and a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin A. Patterson (Megan). He is also the proud grandfather of Jasmine AnnMarie Ford and Ryan Alexander Patterson. Dr. Patterson is one of ten children of the late Oscar and Nellie Patterson. He resides in Somerset, New Jersey.

Dr. Patterson received his BS degree in Chemistry from Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He took some post bachelor courses at North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1976, he earned a medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey. After completing an internship and residency at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, New Jersey, Dr. Patterson went into private practice as a Family Physician.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Patterson was active in numerous professional, community and civic organizations. He was a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. having been initiated into the Epsilon Alpha Chapter at Elizabeth City State University in 1961. He was a member of New Brunswick Alumni for nearly 40 years. He served as the chapter Polemarch and a members of its Board of Directors. He was a charter member and Paul Harris Fellow of the Franklin Township Rotary Club. He was the coordinator of the Martin Luther King Network; an organization that encouraged networking of Black professionals and businesses and also provided scholarships for minority students. Dr. Patterson often participated in health fairs and screenings and served as a mentor to high school and college students. He also provided office internships for medical and nursing students as well as for college students who planned to pursue a degree in medicine.

Dr. Patterson entered the Chapter Invisible on January 10, 2022. The DIAMOND Foundation Inc. recognized Dr. Patterson for his excellence and achievements by naming the event in his honor in 2010. A four year scholarship was named in honor in 2023. This award is presented to a graduating high school student who will pursue a career in medicine.



JOHN D. STEINLINE JR. **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

John Dell Steinline Jr., son of Jean Cooper Steinline and the late John Dell Steinline Sr. was born October 2, 1964 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. John received his early childhood education at Rutgers Preparatory School. Brother Steinline was an active member of the ski club, junior varsity soccer team, model united nation and the drama club.

In 1988, John Steinline received his bachelor's of arts degree in history from the University of Connecticut, where he was also initiated into the Nu Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi in 1986. During his years at the University of Connecticut, John was a member of the rugby club and the Black Student Association where he chaired the scholarship committee. He also held the offices of Keeper of Exchequer (treasurer) and Vice Polemarch (vice president) of his chapter. Brother Steinline became an active and financial member of the New Brunswick Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1988.

John Steinline Jr. entered the Chapter Invisible April 17, 1990, after a tragic car accident. His future plans were to attend law school at Hofstra University, Western New England or St. John's University. Brother John Dell Steinline, Jr. is greatly missed by family, church, fraternity brothers and friends. Although he lived a short life, his spirit lives on! A scholarship was named in his memory in 1996 and is awarded to two graduating high school seniors each year.



MICHAEL G. GREENE

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Michael "Juicy" Greene, son and stepson of Mary Lee and Fred Tyson, was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1947. Mike Greene received his bachelor's of science degree in 1970 from Houston-Tillison University in Austin, Texas. In 1967, he was initiated into the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. Michael acquired the nickname of Juicy because of his athletic prowess in track.

Brother Greene graduated cum laude and continued his quest for excellence while working for the Xerox Corporation in Chicago, Illinois. During his tenure there, he received several acknowledgements including the Xerox General Manager's 100% Club for outstanding performance in the Midwest, the Xerox Par Club Award and the Xerox Touchdown Club Award. Brother Greene became an active and financial member of the New Brunswick Alumni Chapter in 1989.

On February 28, 1996, Michael Greene entered the Chapter Invisible. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and fraternity brothers alike. Brother Greene touched everyone he met with his compassion, his spirit of giving and his never ending bright smile. Although he is physically no longer with us, his warmth lives on within all of us. A scholarship award was named in his memory in 1996 and has been given annually to a local graduating high school senior.



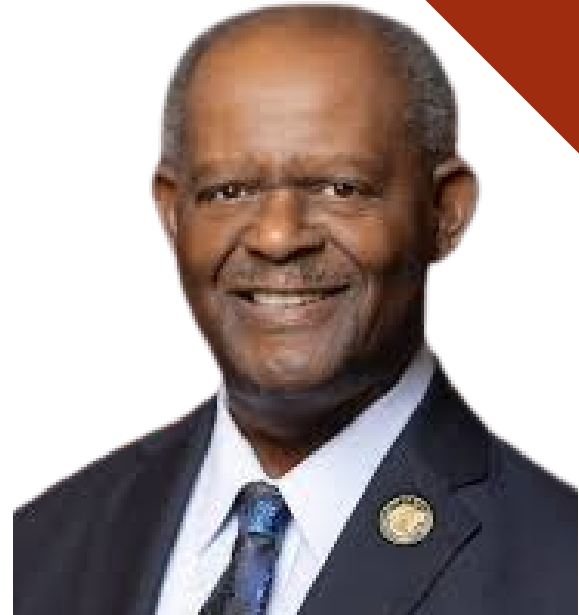
MARSHALL B. SIMMONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Marshall B. Simmons was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on March 11, 1949 to Symon and Margaret Simmons. He is the eldest of two children. He received his primary education in the Jersey City public education system until ninth grade. He subsequently moved to Annapolis, Maryland and received his high school diploma in 1967. He attended Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD where he majored in business administration and received his bachelors of science degree in 1971. While at Morgan State, he was a member of the ROTC. After graduation he was stationed in Augusta, GA as a member of the United States Army Signal Corp with the rank of second lieutenant. He was honorably discharge from the United States Army in 1972.

Brother Simmons worked for the Xerox Corporation and 3M Corporation as a salesman. He worked with Dean Witter as a stock broker as well as a financial planning representative for the Madison Financial Group. Brother Simmons' many professional experiences allowed him to become an entrepreneur and open his own business as an independent financial consultant with the Financial Network Investment Corporation in 1998 in Somerset, NJ.

Brother Simmons married the former Mary Cox on August 17, 1974 in Baltimore, MD. They resided in Somerset, NJ and have three children and three grandchildren. He joined Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on April 22, 1971 as a member of the Alpha Iota Chapter at Morgan State University. He has been a member of the Dayton and Augusta Alumni Chapters. He joined the New Brunswick Alumni Chapter in 1987. He has served the chapter as the Polemarch (President), Vice Polemarch (Vice President) and Keeper of Exchequer (Treasurer). He has served the fraternity diligently on the local and provincial level. For his hard work and commitment, he was recognized with the Northeastern Province's highest fraternal award, the James M. Kidd Award in 2003. He received a Kappa Man's greatest personal reward when his son, Marques, was initiated into the fraternity in 2003. Brother Simmons entered the Chapter Invisible on December 28, 2020. The DIAMOND Foundation Inc. recognizes Brother Simmons for his exemplary service and commitment to achievement. The Marshall B. Simmons Memorial Scholarship is presented annually to a member of the graduating class of the NBA Kappa Leadership League. The award was created in 2010.

CHARLES L. MCRAE **SCHOLARSHIP**



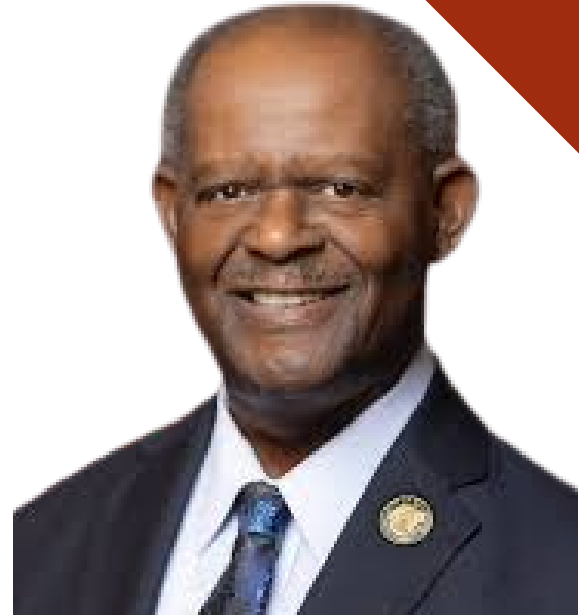
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Brother McRae is synonymous with Kappa Alpha Psi in New Brunswick. He has been ever present and dedicated to seeing the fraternity serve the local community and to see the bond of brotherhood as that of family. He has served the New Brunswick Alumni Chapter in numerous capacities including Polemarch (President), Vice Polemarch (Vice President) and Chairman of numerous committees including the fundraising committee and Toys for Tots toy drive committee. It is only fitting that when the DIAMOND Foundation was created in 2003 that Brother McRae was unanimously selected as the foundation's first chairman.

In 2020, Brother McRae was elected as a Councilman for the Third Ward in Plainfield. He serves on the Finance Committee (CHAIR), Economic Development Committee, Information Technology Committee and the Plainfield Planning Board. The New Brunswick Alumni Chapter established the Charles L. McRae Scholarship Award in 2010 and it is awarded annual to a graduating high school senior

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