

THE KANSAS CITY GLOBE

-Society of Influentials-

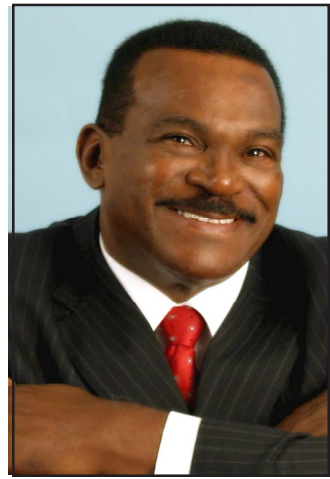
presents the
**100 Most Influential Kansas Citizens
and the Lifetime Honorees**



-Congratulations to the 2015 Class-

What began three decades ago as *The Kansas City Globe's* listing of the Top Most Influential African-Americans in Greater Kansas City, has been expanded to embrace our newspaper's motto that we created as we participated with people throughout the world who were blessed to be alive to usher in the 21st century. That motto that appears each week at the top of the newspaper's front page lets our readers know that *The Kansas City Globe* is a newspaper that is "Embracing Diversity in the 21st Century."

So after popular demand to revive the 100 Most Influential Listing, we asked our readers to nominate Kansas Citizens of all races, who have used their influence in their respective fields to create positive change in the lives of others and for the betterment of our community. We thank our readers for submitting nominations for this honor. The nominees names have been published in the last 4 editions. In this issue, The Kansas City Globe Society of Influentials which includes previous honorees through the years, is proud to present the 2015 Class which includes the 100 Most Influential and the Lifetime Honorees. If you do not see a person on the list whom you fill should be, make sure to watch for the announcement of the nomination process for 2015-2016 later this year and be sure to complete the nomination form and send your nomination (s) by the deadline to be considered.



Marion Jordon, founder, editor and publisher



Denise Jordon, managing editor

Lifetime and 100 Most Influential Kansas Citizens for 2015

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Turner Pettway, vice president, community development, U.S. Bank
- Sidney King, regional president, Liberty Bank
- *Grant Burcham, CEO Missouri Bank & Trust (2015)
- *Jonathan Kemper, vice chairman, Commerce Bancshares, Inc. (2015)
- *Thomas G. Metzger, president, Bank Midwest (2015)

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

- Jesse Barnes, executive director, Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center/Museum
- Tyrone Aiken, executive director, KC Friends of Alvin Ailey
- Ah'Lee Robinson, founder, GKC Boys/Girls Choirs
- Gregory Carroll, dir. American Jazz Museum
- Mark Edelman, president, Theatre League, GKC (2015)

CIVIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Rev. John Modest Miles, pastor, Morning Star M.B.C., KCMO (2009)
- Ricardo Lucas, community activist
- Jan Carpenter-Baker, central region director, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- Jo Ann Herron, director communications/publicity, JC NAACP
- *Wandra Minor, executive board member, Johnson County NAACP (2015)
- Charles John-Baptiste, founder Johnson County NAACP
- *Shirley & Barnett Helzberg, founders, Shirley & Barnett Helzberg Foundation (2015)
- *Gwendolyn Grant, president/CEO, Urban League of Greater K.C. (2015)
- **Clyde McQueen, president/CEO, Full Employment Council of K.C. (2009)
- Barbara Washington, esq., vice president and programs chair, Mu Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority
- Carla Gunner, president, Beta Omega, AKA Sorority, Inc.
- Rev. Desmond Lamb, pastor, Forest Grove Bapt. Church, KCK
- Jacqueline Dillard, president, KCMo Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Marvin Szneler, executive director, Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee
- *Arzelia Gates, dir. public relations and marketing, Gates & Sons Bar-B-Q Restaurants and comm. volunteer (2015)
- Dr. Evelyn Williams, services/youth chair, GKC Links, Inc.
- *Henry Lyons, president, Olathe Unit NAACP (2015)
- **LaDora Lattimore, exed. Dir. emeritus, Friends of Yates, Inc., KCK (2009)
- **Georgia Buchanan, philanthropist, community volunteer, former business-owner (2009)
- Sharon Cleaver, dir. public affairs and marketing, GKC Boys & Girls Clubs (2015)
- *Terry Dunn, chairman, greater KC Chamber of Commerce, president, Dunn Construction (2015)
- Evelyn Craig, president/CEO ReStart, Inc.
- Arlana Coleman, coordinator, SCLC King Celebration
- Angela Curry, president, Awesome Ambitions
- *Mamie Hughes, community volunteer, philanthropist (2015)
- *Randall Ferguson, philanthropist, community volunteer (2015)
- Rita Bobo, president, Niles Home for Children
- *Curtis McClinton, entrepreneur, community volunteer (2015)
- Dr. Vernon Howard, vice president, GKC (SCLC)
- **Alvin Brooks, chairman, Ad-Hoc Group Against Crime (2009)
- **Rev. Charles Briscoe, president, Charles Briscoe Foundation (2009)
- *Bert Berkley, co-founder, Local Investment Commission (2015)
- *Don Hall, Jr., president, Hallmark Cards, Inc. (2015)

LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Deputy Police Chief Tyrone A. Garner, K.C. Kansas Police Dept
- Daryl Forte, chief, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department
- Judge Brian Wimes, federal judge
- Quentin Jennings, chairman Pilsinelli Diversity Committee

SPORTS

- *Bob Kendrick, president, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (2015)
- Ned Yost, manager, K.C. Royals

BUSINESS/CORPORATE

- Troy Nash, v.p. Newmark, Grubb, Zimmer
- Qiana Thomason, vice president, Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- *Inez Wesley, cosmetologist, former pres. Stae Board of Cosmetology (2015)
- Marquita Miller, president/CEO, 5 Star Tax Accounting, KCMO
- Ralph Reid, vice president, corporate social responsibility, Sprint
- Greg Graves, president/CEO Burns & McDonnell
- George Gates, chief of operations, Gates & Sons Bar-B-Q Restaurant
- Emelda Tolbert, entrepreneur, motivational speaker
- *Robery Woodley, president, Woodley Building Maintenance (2015)
- Jason Parson, president, Parson & Associates
- Sam Turner, retired CEO Shawnee Mission Medical Center
- Valerie Watson, president/CEO Harvesters Food Network, KCMO
- Cindy Baker, vice president, KCATA
- R. Pete Smith, partner, McDowell, Rice, Smith & Buchanan
- David Ball, president/CEO Ball's Foods
- Mark Bersted, vice president, Olathe Division, ALDI, Inc.
- Jamie Cosentino, president Cosentino Foods
- Karen Daniel, Chief Financial Officer, Black & Veatch
- Madeline Romious, regional vice president, External Affairs, AT&T
- Brent Stewart, President, Greater Kansas City United Way
- *Marion O. Watkins, president, Watkins Heritage Chapels (2015)
- *Inez Kaiser, businesswoman, co-founder, Jackson County Chapter, Links

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Christine Kelly, program coordinator/supplier diversity, MCC
- Michelle Word, manager, Supplier Diversity, Burns & McDonnell
- *Anita L. Russell, president, KCMO Branch, NAACP (2015)
- Rev. Eric Williams, pastor, Calvary Bapt. Church, founder, community fitness center

EDUCATION

- Dr. Roger C. Williams, retired educator (46 yrs) newspaper columnist
- *Erma Williams, director, Paseo Learning Center, Kansas City, Mo. (2015)
- Patricia A. Frierson, first African-American supervisor, KCMO Library, South Branch
- Dr. Susan Wilson, vice chancellor of Diversity & Inclusion, UMKC
- Dr. Janice Cade, educator, professional development
- *Bishop Mark Tolbert, pastor, Victorious Life Church, CEO Tolbert Academy (2015)
- **Dr. R.L. Baynham, dean, Western Baptist Bible College (2009)
- Dr. S. Marie McCarther, assistant professor of educational administration, UMKC
- Dr. Vivian Roper, superintendent, Lee A. Tolbert Academy, KCMO
- Dr. Donna Houpe, superintendent, Faith Academy, KCMO and author
- *R. Crosby Kemper, president, KCMO Public Library (2015)
- R. Stephen Green, superintendent, KCPS
- Dr. Doris Givens, president, KCK Community College
- *Leo Morton, chancellor, UMKC (2015)
- Dr. J. Anthony Snorgrass, professor, advertising, branding and strategic media, Avila University
- Joseph M. Sopcich, president, Johnson County Community College
- Mark James, chancellor, Metropolitan Community Colleges
- *Dwayne Crompton, educator, administrator, K.C. Freedom Schools (2015)

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE SERVICES

- Dr. Syrtiller Kabat, Ph.D., LPC, MFT, NCC, ABMPT, CCBT
- Dr. Belinda Vail, chairman, Family Medicine, Univ. of Kansas Med. Ctr
- Melissa Robinson, president, Black Health Care Coalition
- Clinton Fields, clinical operations coordinator, Truman Medical Center
- Denise E. Gilmore, vice president, Susan G. Komen Foundation
- Bridget McCandless, MD, president/CEO Health Care Foundation of GKC
- Dave Barber, CEO/president, Swope Health Center
- Dr. Linda Singh, internal medicine, St. Luke's Hospital

- Karen Baucom, medical dir. and founder, Baucom Institute for Longevity & Life Enrichment
- Dr. Brenda Lofton, OB/GYN, The Womens Clinic
- Hilda Fuentes, CEO, Rodgers Health Center

RELIGION

- Rev. Ricky D. Turner, D.Min, senior pastor, Oak Ridge M.B.C, KCK
- Rev. Tony A. Cobbins, senior pastor, Canaan Worship Center
- *Rev. L. Henderson Bell, pastor, Mount Pleasant M.B.C (2015)
- Rev. R.L. White, pastor, Emanuel Church, KCMO
- Rev. John L. Brooks, pastor, Macedonia M.B.C., KCMO
- *Rev. Dr. Stanley L. Counts, pastor Faith Baptist Church, KCMO (2015)
- Rev. Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, II, pastor, Metropolitan M.B.C., KCMO
- *Rev. William Snorgrass, pastor, Progressive M.B.C., KCMO (2015)
- Rev. James A. Terrance, Jr., pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, KCMO
- Rev. David A. Gilmore, pastor Centennial U.M.C. Church, KCMO
- *Bishop James Tindall, pastor, Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ, KCMO
- *Rev. C.L. Bachus, pastor, Mount Zion M.B.C., KCK (2015)
- *Rev. Dr. Bobby Love, Sr., pastor, Second Baptist Church of Olathe (2015)
- *Bishop Marvin Donaldson, pastor, Greater Pentecostal Temple, KCK (2015)
- *Judy Hellman, former associate dir. JCRB/AJC, member, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) (2015)
- Rev. Emanuel Cleaver III, pastor St. James U.M.C., KCMO
- *Rev. Sam Mann, pastor emeritus, St. Mark's Church, KCMO (2015)
- *Bishop Steve Houpe, founder, Harvest Church Int'l. (2015)
- *Bishop Larry Aiken, pastor, Memorial Missionary Bapt. Church, KCMO (2015)
- Rev. Ronald Lindsay, Concord Missionary Baptist Church, KCMO
- Rev. Donald Ford, Second Baptist Church, Grandview, Mo.
- *Rev. Robert Hill, Community Christian Church, KCMO (2015)
- Rev. Jimmie Banks, pastor, Strangers Rest Bapt. Church, KCK

MEDIA

- Anita Parran, associate state director for public affairs, AARP Missouri
- **Michael Carter, president, CEO Carter Broadcast Group
- Joe Sweeney, publisher, Ingram's Magazine
- *Manuel and Clara Reyes, publishers, Dos Mundos (2015)
- *James Nunnally, community volunteer, co-host, Generation Rap (2015)
- David Jordon, The Dispatch Post
- Eric Wesson, reporter, The Call
- *Lewis Diuguid, columnist, The Star (2015)
- Carrie Stapleton, president, Phillips West Public Relations
- Cynthia Newsome, anchor, KSHB TV
- Julee Jonez, radio personality, KPRT/KPRT
- Rita Weighill, vice president, marketing/communications, Park University
- *Olivia Dorsey, dir. community affairs, KMBC TV-9 (2015)
- *Bryan Busby, chief meteorologist, KMBC TV 9 (2015)
- Amanda Keller, vice president, media, affairs, Mid-America Regional Council

POLITICS/GOVERNANCE

- Brandon Ellington, state representative, Missouri
- *Dr. Stacey Daniels-Young, administrator, Jackson County COMBAT (2015)
- McClain Bryant, dir. of policy, KCMO Mayor's Office
- Jermaine Reed, 3rd District KCMO Council
- *Nathaniel Barnes, former commissioner, KCK and entrepreneur (2015)
- *Carson Ross, mayor of Blue Springs (2015)
- *Pat Brown-Dixon, region VII administrator, U.S. Small Bus. Admin. (2015)
- Jean Peters Baker, prosecutor, Jackson County, Mo.
- Sylvester "Sly" James, mayor, KCMO
- Mark Holland, mayor, Unified Govt. of Wyandotte County
- Shalonn "Kiki" Curls, senator, Missouri
- Michael Sanders, Jackson County Executive

Bold print and one asterisk (*) denote Lifetime Honoree, 2015; two asterisks () denote Lifetime Honoree, 2009**

THE 2015 LIFETIME HONOREES (INDICATED BY AN *ASTERISK ABOVE) WILL JOIN THE KANSAS CITY GLOBE'S DISTINGUISHED FIRST CLASS OF 2009 LIFETIME HONOREES WHO WERE INTRODUCED INTO THE SOCIETY OF INFLUENTIALS IN 2009 AS FOLLOWS:

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| <p>BUSINESS:
Ollie Gates, past <i>K.C. Globe</i> Bridge builder honoree; Chairman/CEO Gates Barbecue Restaurants, Inc. and community developer
Marion Jordon, founder, editor and publisher, <i>The Kansas City Globe</i>, CEO Jordon Communications Company and founder, chairman/CEO Jordon Foods Company
Michael Carter, chairman/CEO Carter Broadcast Corporation
Leon Stapleton, owner, Leon's Thriftway
Jimmy and Robery Woodley, owners, Woodley Building & Maintenance Company
Hayward and Hattie Spears, owners, Hayward's Pit Barbecue
Leon Brady, professional musician, founder, instructor, Brady's Music Studio; KC Youth Jazz Bands
Robert Hughes, Jr., president/CEO Hughes Development Company</p> | <p>E. Frank Ellis, Founder, chairman/CEO, Swope Community Enterprises
Dr. Jasper Fullard, founder, chairman, The Black Health Care Coalition</p> <p>CIVIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Georgia Buchanan, entrepreneur/philanthropist/civic leader, volunteer
Rosemary Lowe, community volunteer
Joanne Collins, former KCMO councilwoman, Civic leader, Volunteer
Alvin Brooks, founder Ad-Hoc Group Against Crime, former KCMO Mayor Pro Tem
Clyde McQueen, president, Full Employment Council
LaDora Lattimore, Executive Director/CEO, Friends of Yates, KCK</p> <p>MEDIA:
Denise Jordon, vice-president, Jordon Communications Company, managing editor, <i>The Kansas City Globe</i></p> | <p>Donna Stewart, editor and publisher, <i>The Kansas City Call</i>
Samuel and Doretha Jordon, founders, The Minority Press Service</p> <p>RELIGION:
The Rev. Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr., community leader and retired Pastor, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, KCMO
Rev. Dr. Charles Briscoe, pastor, Paseo Baptist Church, KCMO
Rev. C.L. Bachus, pastor, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, KCK
Dr. R.L. Baynham, pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church, KCK; dean, Western Baptist Bible College
Rev. W.H. White, Sr., pastor, Emanuel Baptist Church, KCMO</p> <p>POLITICS/GOVERNANCE:
The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, II, K.C. Globe Bridgebuilder honoree, former KCMO councilman and mayor, and current U.S. Congressman, fifth district</p> |
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WATCH FOR PHOTOS AND PROFILES OF THE HONOREES IN ISSUES OF THE KANSAS CITY GLOBE BEGINNING NEXT WEEK.

Want to Congratulate an Honoree? For more information, send us an e-mail: kcglobe@swbell.net