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EIGHTH ANNUAL AWARDS GALA
Honoring Western NY Women Who
Who Walk in The Footsteps of Greatness

Keynote Speaker ~
Dr. Catherine Collins

Michelle Obama*
First African-American
First Lady (2009-2017)
*Not Scheduled to Appear

Saturday, March 10, 2018
6:00 pm
Classic V Banquets - 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd.
WOMEN WHO WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GREATNESS

Eighth Annual Women Making History Gala

"Women Who Walks In Footsteps of Greatness"
Networking
Welcome: Debbie Allen
Acknowledgement of Dignitaries
Mistress of Ceremony: Dr. Susan McCartney
Vocalist: Melissa Hogues
Introduction of Honorees
Moment of Silence in Honor of Women Who Has Passed
April Allen - I am Special
Invocation Prayer: Evangelist Melanie Porter
Senator Tim Kennedy
Dinner Served: Classics V Banquets Staff
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Catherine Collins
Host of Women’s Health 1400 AM, Author & Professor
Award Ceremony
Final Remarks: Lisa Nevins
Dance Floor Opens: DJ Edward Brown
Debbie Allen - President
Utopian Euphoria LLC.

Debbie Allen was born, raised and educated in Buffalo, New York. Her family's roots are in Alabama. Debbie attended both public and private schools and is a graduate of Grover Cleveland High School. She is the oldest of 11 children and wears many hats in her family. Debbie is the "make it happen" woman. She is driven by a passion for excellence in both her personal and professional life and hosts a high level of integrity in everything she does. Debbie is a compassionate, ambitious visionary whose world hosts no strangers. Anything she can do to help another human being becomes her mission for the day! She is a "people person" of gigantic proportions and volunteers on many charitable and worthy endeavors.

Debbie Allen is a multi-tasking sensation and has always had more than one iron in the fire. She started her Event Planning & Concierges Service in 1995, just two years after being hired at Saginaw General Motors as a Quality Assurance Processor. In 2005, she became an YTB franchise owner and started D & D Travel, where she creates dream vacations, cruises, destination parties and honeymoon and group travel extravaganzas.

Debbie is a powerhouse of ambition and motivation. Previously, she hosted a popular online radio show called Open Mind. Debbie, founded the Virginia D. Moore-Rainey Fighting Lung Cancer Inc., in memory of her late sister a non-smoker, who passed from Lung Cancer December 2012. She currently serves as President of Above the Rest Co - ed Social Club. She has served as Chair and Vice Chair for the Schiller Park Community Services Inc., Board of Directors. Past Board Member of Empowerment Temple Ministries and past Chair of Events National Black MBAA WNY Chapter. She is the past President of the Xcel Social Club. Debbie has volunteered with the WNY Food Bank, Choppers for Charity and Hogs Against Hunger. She, also has volunteered on numerous local political campaigns as well as helped to organize several community based initiatives, most notably Feed the Children and the "Silence the Violence Parade".

Ms. Allen is a current student at the University of Phoenix and Institute of Weddings and Event Design, she holds Certificates in Concierges Service, Entrepreneurial Effectiveness- Buffalo State College, Board Leadership from the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, Event Planning and Beating the Odds, Restaurant Administration from the Restaurant Institute, Sales and Marketing, Basic Business Success, Women in Leadership and Paralegal Certificates from Canisius College Women's Business Center and is a Clic Certified Travel Agent. She received the SBA Small Minority Business Champion Award 2015. Her favorite quote is "The best thing about the future is it comes one day at a time". Debbie not only gives her best to each day one day at a time - she also lives to make the best of each day for others.

Debbie Allen is a divorcee and has two daughters, De'Anna and April Allen. She's also the caregiver for Eric and Braylynn. Debbie is a member of Elim Christian Fellowship, under the leadership of Dr. Bishop T. Anthony and Lady Linda Bronner. She resides in Amherst, New York.

8TH ANNUAL WOMEN MAKING HISTORY GALA
Ayanna Moore

Ayanna Moore is new to the Buffalo, NY area arriving here less than 2 years ago but she is not new to walking in her purpose and walking in greatness. Ayanna’s life is an example of how the Lord can transform a life and use that life to help transform other lives. After living a life of early adulthood struggles and destructive behavior, Ayanna made the life altering decision to surrender her will and accept the Lord’s will for her life. It was then that the Lord began to reveal the purpose and plans that He had for her life. Ayanna is a Wife- married to Pastor Lawrence J. Moore and together they pastor a newly planted church Empowerment LifeChanging Worship Center (where lives are empowered and changed through an atmosphere of worship). Ayanna has recently launched a women’s fellowship S.O.S Sisters of Strength Women’s where women are healed, delivered and strengthened so that they can help do the same for others. Ayanna loves to mentor and help birth women and youth into ministry. If you ever heard Ayanna minister you will agree that she is real, relatable, transparent, easy to understand, powerful and yet humble. Sharing the message of hope and the power of God’s transformation is the hallmark of how the Lord uses her. Ayanna has recently launched a women’s fellowship S.O.S Sisters of Strength Women’s where women are healed, delivered and strengthened so that they can help do the same for others.

Carol Janicki

Carol Janicki was born in Coudersport, Pennsylvania and has lived in Buffalo, New York since 1972. Carol has been married to Thaddeus Janicki since 1980 and has two sons, Ted & Kevin Janicki. Carol is very dedicated to her family, job, and community. Carol has worked in the Banking/Finance industry her entire career. She is currently a Vice President at Bank of America and has been with the bank for 23 years. In her current role she is responsible for business continuity for the financial center channel across the United States. She received her Certified Business Continuity Professional certification from Disaster Recovery International and is an active member of her local Eastern Great Lakes Chapter Association of Continuity Professionals. Through the Volunteer Program at Bank of America, Carol has had the opportunity to participate in the following organizations:

- Make a Wish – Wish Grantor to children with life threatening illnesses
- Girl Scout Financial Literacy Program – Program facilitator at the West Seneca Site for girls ages 6-8
- Junior Achievement – Classroom instructor
- Boy Scouts of America – Treasurer and Fundraising chair
- Lymphoma and Leukemia Society – Channel 4 booth at the Erie County Fair
- Bowmansville United Methodist Church – Treasurer, Council Member, Rummage Sales
- Susan G Komen, Race for the Cure – Prepared gift bags for participants
- Theodor Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation – Server at annual luncheon
- Erie County Home – Adopted a wing and visited with the patients during holiday season
- Brush up Buffalo – Participated in home makeovers for low to moderate income families
Dhannayia Johnson

Dhannayia Johnson, is best known for her creativity, innovation and dedication to assisting the small business community. She currently serves as a Certified Business Advisor and Procurement Specialist with the Small Business Development Center at SUNY Buffalo State. Many members of the WNY community have coined Ms. Johnson as the go-to-advisor and subject matter expert for Government Procurement, Certification and Contracting. In May of 2017 Ms. Johnson was awarded the “Minority Business Champion of the Year” by the SBA’s Buffalo District Office. But, it doesn’t just stop there – Dhannayia has studied and engaged in different areas of Strategic Planning, Innovation and Creative Marketing Strategies for small business firms.

Dhannayia hails from the South Bronx of New York City and is an Alumnae of SUNY Buffalo State College - School of the Professions. At SUNY Buffalo State, Dhannayia attained her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a core focus in Marketing. Through her academics, volunteer work, service-learning courses, working with student groups and local organizations - She has been afforded the opportunity to take those learned skills and apply them in her daily assistance of helping entrepreneurs’ start-up and grow their own small business.

Dhannayia is a member of the Buffalo State Alumni Astronomy Club as well a Friend & Member of the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum at Buffalo State. She is also the Managing Business Advisor for the SUNY Buffalo State Student INCubator. Dhannayia currently is a member of the Construction Exchange: Women in Construction Sub-Committee where she works to engage solutions and assistance for businesses in the construction and construction-related industry. Dhannayia provides business counselling assistance as an SBDC Advisor for the Women's Business Center at Canisius College. She is also currently serving as a freelance writer for the NYC Writers League where she highlights and supports topics in Entrepreneurship for the millennial generation. She serves as a Facilitator and Member of BIGG (Black Investors and Innovators Group).

"I've learned that having knowledge can be one of the greatest tools. Understanding knowledge is an even greater possession but, to utilize the knowledge you've acquired is the real power in life and success" – Dhannayia Johnson

Dr. Cierra Gilbert

Dr. Cierra Gilbert, received her Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy from D’Youville College. Since graduation, she has been affiliated with acute rehabilitation, subacute rehabilitation, geriatric and orthopedic population throughout the Western New York area. Outside of her profession, Mrs. Gilbert serves as the Director of Recreational Services with the Family Inc 25 organization and also serves as a board member under the leadership of Virginia D. Moore Rainey Fighting Lung Cancer Incorporated. She loves spending quality time with her husband, her two children, and attending church. In 2018, Cierra will be opening up her own Physical Therapy practice, and will start her non-profit organization that entails mentoring, tutoring, and recreational activities for the youth in the Western New York communities.

"Don't Stress. Call the Best!"
Jacqueline E. Rushton

Jacqueline E. Rushton is a Buffalo native. She graduated from Buffalo State College Campus school and holds a BS Degree in Political Science from Spelman College, Atlanta, GA. She has a certificate in Black History from Buffalo State, Certificate in Grant Writing from SUNYAB and a Certificate in Public Speaking from Canisius College.

Jackie work history has included working as a Confidential Aide to the NYS Assembly Speaker, in the Buffalo Regional Office, Senior Administrative Assistant to the Erie Legislature, before retiring as Senior Legislative Assistant and Staff Manager for the Buffalo Common Council.

Jackie has served on Buffalo Branch NAACP Executive Committee, Youth Advisor and as the Western Region Rep to the NYS NAACP Conference of Branches. Board Member of NAACP ACT-SO program, Attended and graduated from the National NAACP Civil Rights University, Baltimore, MD under the direction of NAACP Executive Director Dr. Benjamin Hooks, And was the recipient of the Buffalo Branch NAACP Community Service Award.

Jackie has served as Treasurer and Vice President of the Geneva B. Scruggs Health Center, Board of BCAPP, Umija Theatre Board, WNY Diabetes Diversity Committee, YWCA Leadership Team and Board Nominating Committee. Board of MOCHA and Black Leadership Committee on Aids. Currently she is the Board President of True Bethel Community Development Corporation and the Women Tap Fund Steering Committee, a volunteer for the Buffalo Urban League Scholarship Committee.

Jackie was the Democratic State Committee woman for the 141st Assembly District for 18 years and served on the Erie County Democratic Executive Committee under three County Chairs.

Jackie was the only African American woman outside New York City to be appointed and served on the Independent Judicial Screening Committee for the 8th Judicial District.

Jackie was a Founding Member of the Buffalo Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women serving as Vice President.

Jackie has received the Black Achievers In Industry Award, the Minority Bar Association Community Service Award, the Everywoman Opportunity Center Women of Excellence Award, Delavan Grider Community Center Community Service Award and the Black Tie for Black History award.

Jackie is a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Jennifer P. Stergion, Esq.

Jennifer is a community activist and multiple-award recipient with extensive trial and international public speaking experience. This experience has included: an invited speaker the United States Congressional Committee on Veterans Affairs, speaking engagements throughout the United States and Europe, a frequent speaker at the University at Buffalo School of Law, lecturer for CLE programs in Erie and Monroe County, an adjunct professor at Trocaire College as well as a frequent judge for the Law School's moot court and oral argument programs.

Having been active with the court system in addition to running a busy litigation practice, Jennifer was a member of an ad hoc committee headed by Justice Janice M. Rosa, J.S.C. for the development of a veteran's civil docket for matrimonial and family court matters. Prior to her current role as an Administrative Law Judge, Jennifer served as a Small Claims Hearing Officer for Buffalo City Court, presiding over small claims matters brought by attorneys and pro se litigants.

Additionally, Jennifer is a leader in her Bar Association's activities including three committee chairmanships, as well as an author of several Bar Association articles. She is a board member of both Aid to Indigent Prisoners, Inc. and Judges and Police Conference of Western New York Board Member, in addition to being the past President of Women Lawyers of Western New York. In 2013 Jennifer ran in the general election for Erie County Legislature.

Currently, Jennifer sits on the Boards of Judges and Police Conference of Western New York and Aid to Indigent Defendants, Inc. (Assigned Counsel). Jennifer fulfills multiple roles as an author, adjunct professor at Daemen College and an Administrative Law Judge with the Department of Corrections and Community Services.
Joanne Lana

Born in Buffalo, NY Joanne attended Nardin Academy and graduated from William Smith College in 1984. After a year working in retail she started her career as a Sales Associate at American Color Corporation in Phoenix, Az. Joanne helped open their office in Chicago and also worked in the Colorado and New York divisions.

In 1990 Joanne took a job as the Print/ Media Director at the Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Foundation. She worked there until 1994 then stayed at home to raise her 4 children – Ellen currently 23, Joe 22, Jack 20 and Natalie 19.

In February of 2003 Joanne got back into the workforce serving as the Volunteer Manager at Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. From 2005 through the present and now serve as Director of the Stones Buddies program for patients with chronic and life-threatening illness at Women & Children’s Hospital/Oishei Children’s Hospital.

Honorable JaHarr S. Pridgen

On January 2, 2015, Mayor Byron W. Brown appointed Judge JaHarr S. Pridgen to the Buffalo City Court bench. In appointing Judge Pridgen, Mayor Brown cited Pridgen’s “impeccable credentials, strong ethics and her passion for the city,” adding that he was confident that her sound judicial temperament would make her a “kind and compassionate presence on the bench.”

In November, 2015, Judge Pridgen was elected unopposed to serve a ten-year term to the Buffalo City Court bench. As a Buffalo City Court Judge, Judge Pridgen presides over civil and criminal matters, including felony and misdemeanor arraignments, felony hearings, pre-trial hearings, jury and non-jury trials, sentencings, small claims trial de novos, and proceeding during civil special term.

As of January 1, 2018, Judge Pridgen is an acting Erie County Court Judge where she presides over the Domestic Violence Court in Buffalo City Court. As the Domestic Violence Court Judge, Judge Pridgen arraigns all domestic violence crimes in the City of Buffalo and presides over the case until disposition, including domestic violence cases in Compliance Court.

Prior to her appointment and election, Judge Pridgen served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Erie County District Attorney's Office. As an Assistant District Attorney, Judge Pridgen prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases. She also served as a Legislative Assistant to former University District Common Councilmember Bonnie E. Russell.

Judge Pridgen attended Buffalo Public School #68 and after attending and graduating from “Buffalo Prep,” Judge Pridgen received a four year scholarship and attended Holy Angels Academy. Judge Pridgen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo and earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. Judge Pridgen was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2007.

Judge Pridgen is a member of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, Bar Association of Erie County, Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, New York State Association of City Court Judges, Judges and Police Executive Conference of Erie County, and Women Lawyers of Western New York. Judge Pridgen also serves on boards for the Assigned Counsel Program of Erie County, the Cullen Scholarship Foundation, and Buffalo Prep.

Judge Pridgen resides in University Heights with her husband Elder Craig D. Pridgen, Pastor of True Bethel Baptist Church of Niagara Falls, and their two daughters, Jordin and Journey. Judge Pridgen attributes her success and accomplishments to having a strong faith in God and the support of her family.
Dr. Keli-Koran F. Luchey

Keli-Koran F. Luchey earned a Ph.D. in Counselor Education with a concentration in School Counseling from the University at Buffalo. She also has a M.Ed. in Education Administration from Canisius College, and a M.Ed. in College Counseling & Student Personnel Work, a B.A. in Psychology and a B.A in Women's Studies also at the University at Buffalo.

Currently Dr. Keli is a High School Principal at Sweet Home High School. She is also a certified New York State School Counselor and worked for over seventeen years as a High School Counselor. She was formerly employed as a Senior Admissions Advisor and Assistant Admissions Coordinator for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at the University at Buffalo. In addition to her work in Admissions, she also taught Undergraduate Freshman Seminar courses.

Prior to her position as a Senior Admissions Advisor, Dr. Luchey worked in various capacities for the Science and Technology Enrichment Program (STEP), the Liberty Partnership Program, the Upward Bound Program (all at UB) and the Buffalo Urban League.

Dr. Luchey is the founder and CEO of Lucid Pathways, LLC where she provides Educational Consulting, Life Coaching and Personal Counseling to clients throughout the country. Her passion is helping others to heal their core. She is committed to assisting her clients in "creating a clear and concise vision" so they may reach full potential. She is well known for presenting her "Lucid Vision Boards" to corporate companies, for private parties, and at public venues around the United States and abroad. She is internationally known for “Sisters Circle”, an on-line empowerment group and workshop series he established nearly ten years ago.

She has served on the Board of Directors for the True Community Development Corporation, is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (Buffalo Alumnae Chapter), the American School Counseling Association (ASCA), the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), and the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE). Also, she has been an Educational Consultant for the Mount Olive Development Corporation, Preventionfocus, True Community Development Corporation and the Office for University Preparatory Programs (OUPP) at the University at Buffalo. You can listen to Dr. Luchey every week on WNY's Power 96.5 FM Station where she is a Co-host of the "Real Talk Live" Show. She previously served as Vice President of the Niagara-Orleans Counseling Association (NOCA), is the former Historian of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated (Buffalo Chapter), and is a former member of the Preventionfocus Adult Advisory Board.

Dr. Luchey has received several awards for her contributions to the community including: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated (Beta Iota Chapter) Educator of the Year Award (1995), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (Gamma Kappa Chapter) Appreciation Award (1998), Radio Channel WBLK Professional of the Month Award (September 1998), Who's Who Among Teachers (2004-05; 2005-06; 2006-07), NY State Senator Antoine Thompson "Educator Award" for Women's History Month (2007), Mayor Byron Brown, City of Buffalo – Education Award (2007), Uncrowned Queen (2008) by the Uncrown Crowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Incorporated and Young Miss Buffalo Scholarship and Enrichment Program (YMBP), Cornerstone Award of Distinction (2010), KMPC Athena Young Professional Award (2012), The Sisterhood, Inc. - President Barack Obama Award for Community Service (2013); City of Buffalo Black History Month Award for Education/Community Service – Mayor Byron Brown (2013); Community Action Organization of Erie County – Women's History Month – Health & Wellness Award (2013). True Bethel Baptist Church Black History Month Award (2014), Women's History Month Touching the World Award – Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty Ministry (2014).

For over twenty years, Dr. Luchey has assisted children and adults and considers it an honor and privilege to work with people. It is her goal to instill in every person that she meets the belief that they are all "full of promise" rather than "at-risk".

Kelly Cultrara

With over 20 years of experience in the recruitment and staffing industry, Kelly leads the operations as President and Managing Partner of the original flagship office of AP Professionals, headquartered in the Walker Center in Williamsville, NY. She started her career as an administrative assistant with Robert Half International, Inc., and within a year joined the recruiting and sales team, winning Rookie Salesperson of the Year in 1997 and Employee of the Year in 1998. She was ultimately promoted to the Director of the OfficeTeam Division in Buffalo.

Kelly was recruited to join AP Professionals of WNY in 2004 and will be celebrating her 14th year anniversary with the Advantage Company in April. In 2016, she became the first and only female equity partner of the Advantage Business Exchange, a trusted one-stop venue for all consumer, commercial and government clients by enabling direct access to all of their premium resources. From early in her career where she started as an admin, being promoted to a director, and now a partner with AP Professionals, Kelly has earned respect as a leader with her partners, employees and the community, through her dedication to serving others, her commitment to mentoring and building self-esteem in young people and encouraging female leadership.

As the Managing Partner of AP Professionals, her success has been in her belief and ability to effectively empower and motivate her teams through inspiration and passion, rather than through micromanagement and control. As a female leader it was important for her to take initiative and find the courage to lead in what was typically a male dominated industry. Everyone wants to leave a legacy of some sort.

Kelly hopes that more than any measure of success in business, she will be remembered for perseverance, integrity, kindness and compassion. Becoming a mother at a very young age, Kelly was determined to prove that success was never out of reach. As she grew in her career she worked hard to bring those around her up with her, through continuous support and motivation.

She is one of the originating Board Members tasked with creating the WNY Affiliate of the National Human Resources Association and together with the founding Board members was awarded a Courage Award in 2015 for successful launch of the now active Buffalo chapter, which strives to positively impact the WNY business community through encouraging cultural change, diversity in the workplace and recognition that a company’s greatest asset is its people!

In addition to her success in business and building teams, Kelly has made a lasting commitment to serve in the community and sits on several boards and committees. While supporting various causes has always been important to her, her passion for children is what speaks to her heart most. Whether helping children overcome anxiety and depression, building self-esteem in adolescents or mentoring young females for leadership roles, Kelly is dedicated to making a difference in as many lives as possible.
Kendra Walker

Kendra M. Walker is the Chief Financial Officer of the Michael C. O'Laughlin Municipal Water Plant in Niagara Falls, NY, where she manages a $41 million budget, overseeing fiscal operations that encompass capital projects, procurement opportunities, fund investments, internal controls & reporting and collective bargaining negotiations for water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Prior to this role, she worked as the Director of Emergency Management & Community Programs at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, a regional medical center, serving as the fiscal Administrator of state & federally funded programs including the Niagara County Cancer Services Program, Maternal Infant Community Health Collaborative, American Indian Health Program, Migrant Health Worker Services, Tuscarora Community Health Worker Program, March of Dimes Women’s Health Education Navigation Project, and Emergency Management. Her additional responsibilities with Emergency Management included the oversight of policies & procedures, disaster drills, and coordination with local, regional, and state agencies designed to prevent and mitigate risk to environmental and patient safety at Memorial and its satellite locations, including the Tuscarora Indian Reservation.

Kendra is the former Health Home Administrator of the Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network, a private, physician owned care coordination organization and Site Director of the Community Health Center of Niagara, a satellite of the Community Health Center of Buffalo and the first Federally Qualified Health Center in Niagara County, providing medical, dental, family planning, and casework services to patients from primarily minority, rural, and economically disadvantaged populations.

In addition, Kendra worked as Regional Assistant in the Buffalo office of U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand during her inaugural year where she liaised with constituencies on behalf of the Senator, especially those from veteran’s groups, entrepreneurial & business organizations geared towards women and agricultural communities. Prior to being recruited by the Senator, Kendra worked for HealthNow, d.b.a. BlueCross Blue Shield of WNY, a $2.5 billion health insurer and information provider, in roles of progressive responsibility in the areas of Member Services, Provider Relations, Government Programs, Commercial Accounts, and Corporate Communication.

Kendra is an alum of Niagara University and Medaille College and holds a Bachelor’s degree in International Business and an MBA in Finance. She has studied and travelled abroad in Europe and Africa and is fluent in three languages. She is a past member of the William-Emslie YMCA Board of Managers, Niagara Falls Chapter of Links, Inc., and a lifelong supporter of philanthropic causes that support literacy and education initiatives for young people.

Kendra is married to Pastor Charles H. Walker II and serves as an Associate Minister at their church, Mt. Hope Community Church in Buffalo, NY. She is the proud mother of four sons and a mother to their blended family of sons and daughters. Her life mantra: “In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do unto me?” - Psalms 56:11.

Deputy Police Commissioner Kimberly L. Beaty

Kimberly L. Beaty graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and has served in law enforcement within the City of Buffalo Police Department for 31 years. As a lieutenant, she was assigned to supervising 911 Police Communications and recruitment. Deputy Commissioner Beaty previously served as Chief of the City’s “E” District, which encompasses the diversely populated Bailey/Kensington neighborhoods, the University of Buffalo, Canisius College of Buffalo, several medical facilities, schools and business districts. She assisted communities in addressing crime and disorder problems, by focusing on neighborhood initiatives - based projects.

She continues to work as a facilitator for the Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy, focusing on the topic of Law Enforcement and Diversity Training, highlighting the subject “What to Do When Stopped by the Police” and has worked with United Neighborhoods and the University of Buffalo on the “Strategies to Reduce Racial Profiling: Buffalo New York Police Study Circles,” a project funded by the Department of Justice COPS Office.

Training several law enforcement agencies throughout New York State, Deputy Commissioner Beaty works closely with staff at the Erie County Law Enforcement Academy and has served as a consultant in their efforts to promote problem solving strategies in community policing an efforts to reduce racial profiling and biased policing. As a training officer she worked at the Buffalo Police Training Academy for nine years.

Deputy Commissioner Beaty has been certified federally and by New York State as a Domestic Violence Instructor. In addition, she is a certified Master Instructor for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and has trained several other police agencies. She is certified in Advanced Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, Critical Incident Management, Peer Counseling and Police Mental Health Response.

Deputy Commissioner Beaty has spoken at several conferences on law enforcement and diversity related issues, community policing and crime prevention. She has been publicly honored and has been a recipient of several awards for her efforts in community policing, diversity and problem-solving. As Deputy Police Commissioner, she oversees Buffalo’s five (5) city-wide police district operations, homeland security, special events, investigative services and specialized teams. Since 2014, she has directed the Buffalo Police Departments training agenda for its’ officers.

DPC Beaty is a member of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, New York State Women in Law Enforcement, the Afro-American Police Association of Buffalo, NY, Inc., National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers and the Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation. She also serves on the Erie County Law Enforcement Board of Directors and the NYS Office of Emergency and Interoperable Communication Board.

Kimberly has been married to Vernon Beaty for 25 years. Together, they are the proud parents of one daughter, Kayla.
Renata Marchione

Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, Renata Marchione grew up surrounded by the world of food and beverage. Her father's family owned pizzerias on the West side of Buffalo, and it was there she was introduced to the industry at a young age. Her maternal grandfather was also the head waiter at Salvatore's for many years and he has since reminded her of the stories and memories hardwired to her from her grandfather.

Even before graduating from Leonardo Da Vinci High School, Renata continued to broaden her experience in the food and beverage and catering industry. While helping set up for a baby shower, Renata was asked to bring out a basket of rolls for the lunchbox. She took it upon herself to turn a boring basket of bread into a creative display with the basket tipped on one side and organizing the rolls by flavor. She was immediately complimented by the host and offered a job at Glorious Food, formally located inside Rich Products.

As she finished her high school career, Renata worked at Glorious Foods catering off site events while also waitressing at Denny's Restaurant. She worked her way up at Denny's, becoming a certified trainer and eventually the Manager on Duty. She would continue her career at the company off and on for over 25 years.

After high school, Renata ventured into the hotel industry as a banquet server at the Best Western in Lockport. She then became a Banquet Captain and the Assistant Banquet Manager for the property, earning her the title of Employee of the Year. She was eventually promoted to the Director of Catering.

In 1999, Renata gave birth to her first child, Courtney, now 18 years old. It was soon after that when Renata faced her biggest challenge yet; the end of her marriage left her a single mother to two-year old Courtney, and she decided to leave her position as Director of Catering and resumed her role at Denny's.

In 2002, Renata returned to the Best Western as the Director of Sales. It was in this position where she really hit her stride, bringing in many large-scale events to the property. Deemed the ‘Marketing Maven of Lockport’ by Clip Smith of the Lockport Union Sun & Journal, Renata herself cultivated a following of local media who routinely covered events by writing articles and taping live segments at the property. It was at the height of all this that the property changed hands and became a Holiday Inn, undergoing a huge renovation with Renata at the forefront. Even before the completion, Renata was promoted to General Manager of the entire property.

In 2006, as she was at the high point of her professional life, Renata celebrated the birth of her son, Gianni, now 11. Back with Denny’s, she relocated to Oakville, Ontario. Denny’s had just become International and started to build up franchises throughout Canada. While eating lunch in one of the restaurants, Renata’s lunch complaint turned into a job offer as a Marketing and Sales Manager for three properties; Oakville, Mississauga, and Whitby, Ontario.

As she was simultaneously marketing the three properties and continuing to manage the Oakville property, Renata was featured on television eight times by partnering up with different charitable causes. One notable event was the pancake breakfast to benefit Epilepsy, which included a pancake eating contest between the local firefighters and police officers. She also hosted the Salvation Army Giving Back dinner at the Denny’s restaurant in Oakville where 150 members of families enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings. The event was followed with a newspaper article called “Giving Back to the Community.”

After moving back to the United States in 2012, Renata began her tenure at the Ramada Hotel in Getzville. Beginning as a Banquet Captain, she soon became the Wedding and Social Catering Manager and eventually the Director of Operations for the entire hotel. Nicknamed ‘Renata at the Ramada’, she was known for her distinctive food displays, and balanced three large event spaces, including an outdoor tent and full-service restaurant as well as the hotel front desk and housekeeping departments. Her Ramada career ended with the closing of the hotel in 2016, but she left a lasting impression of hard work and dedication that kept the property running effectively until it’s very last event.

Currently, Renata is the General Manager of Three Pillars Catering, a sub department of Campus Dining & Shops on UB North and South Campuses. She credits much of her success in the industry to Don Marion, her supervisor at the Best Western in Lockport, who continually challenged her and pushed her to do her best. She thanks him for being priceless in her long standing career in food and beverage and hospitality.

While her extensive career may seem like her biggest accomplishment, Renata says that nothing will compare to her role as a mother. One of her favorite quotes is “Our accomplishments as parents can only be measured by the successes of our children.” She is most proud of teaching her children that they can handle anything life throws at them, and they should always continue to work hard for their goals and dreams.

When not running events for UB or spending time with her children, Renata can be found working out, rearranging her furniture, or relaxing on her couch listening to Elvis and cuddling with her dog, Romeo.

Tataianna Devers

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Tina L. Sanders

Tina Louise Sanders is the founder and President of No More Tears, a not-for-profit community based organization committed to assisting families of homicide and domestic violence victims. She started her organization in 2007 after meeting a woman in the grocery store who shared with her that she was being abused by her boyfriend. Tina told the lady she could come home with her...and the lady did. She stayed with Tina for about 6 months while Tina helped her get an order of protection, stabilize her finances and relocate to another city with her 2 children. The rest is history. She saw a need for families and fulfilled it with the establishment of No More Tears. Tina is a native of Alabama. She relocated here in 1980 and briefly returned to Alabama to help her ailing father who she cared for until his passing. The rest is history.

Over the last 11 years Tina Sanders has assisted hundreds of families from all over Western New York needing support after the death, hurt or harm of a loved one. Advocating for families is her calling, her passion and her mission. Tina hosts an annual Teen Summit “Issa Movement”, a women’s conference called WHO (Women Healing Ourselves) and an annual dinner for the families of homicide victims – all free of charge. Tina also transports youth once per month to Attica and/or Wende Correctional Facility to participate in the ALFA Program (A Look For Alternatives). This program allows inmates sentenced to life imprisonment without parole, an opportunity to share their experiences with at risk youth whose personal lives and family situations make them disproportionately more likely to become involved in crime.

In addition to all of this, Tina has been a certified foster care mother for over 20 years. Tina is the mother of 3 natural children and has adopted over 15 of her foster children - some by law, some by love. Her advocacy efforts have been acknowledged by the many awards, honorable mentions and regular recognition she humbly receives throughout her community. Most recently, Tina has decided to take her advocacy to another level as an announced candidate for Buffalo Common Council Fillmore District Councilperson in the next election. She says “I have a love for my community and feel it’s time for a change. I feel I am that change.” Her campaign slogan is “People are My Passion.”

Tina holds an Associate’s Degree in Juvenile Law from Shelton State Community College and is a homeowner in Buffalo’s Fillmore District.

Tonya Robinson

Tonya Robinson is a mover and a shaker. She has always loved children and her initial career goal was to work in the field of child care. She even earned her Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Development from Erie Community College. While she enjoyed working with children at Guardian Angel Daycare, once she began working in Human Resources, she decided to change her career path. Tonya became employed at the Community Health Center of Buffalo in 2013 as a Patient Services Representative. Since that time she has held progressively responsible positions, outgrowing each one by exceeding all performance expectations. She is an absolute quick study who reinvents herself every time she masters a newly acquired skill.

Tonya is currently seeking her Human Resource Certification through SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management), which is a highly respected, national organization that provides training and certifications for all levels of Human Resource professionals.

People are what makes any organization great and Tonya is great at working with people. In 2015, Tonya was promoted to HR Generalist, the hub of the organization’s engine. She is articulate, inquisitive, compassionate, kindhearted and empathetic. These qualities enable her to interface with all departments. Tonya is known throughout all four Community Health Center sites as the “Go To” person by managers and colleagues alike. She has a gregarious, outgoing personality and is always willing to go the extra mile to get the job done. Tonya Robinson has another endearing quality - her infectious laugh that brings joy to anyone who comes into her presence. When Tonya enters a room, the energy level in the room changes as she unknowingly works her magic by simply being herself.

Tonya Robinson is a family person and an avid reader. She enjoys motivational and spiritual books. Her favorite authors are Iyanla Vanzant, Chris Gardner and Abiola Abrams. Tonya says, these authors “feed her spirit and give birth to introspection” that helps build skills she uses to assist others.

Tonya Robinson resides in Buffalo, New York and loves being a Mother to her five daughters (Ashley, Kaela, Noelle, Nailah and Layla). She also adores her two granddaughters, Jael and Alena, who affectionately call her “Mom. Grand-parenting is a role Tonya deeply cherishes.
Wendy Rodgers

Wendy Rodgers is one of the most kind-hearted people you will ever meet. She is a proud single parent, a dedicated friend and a woman of integrity. While Wendy is a native of Worcester, Massachusetts, she made Buffalo her home over 30 years ago.

Wendy Rodgers knows more people than most native Buffalonians. That's because meeting strangers is not something she does well. Once she gets to talking with you, sooner than later in the conversation she is going to find some common thread between you. That is her gift and she shares it everywhere she goes! She is a bright and articulate woman who illuminates a room the moment she walks in with her ebullient personality and positive spirit.

Wendy lived in Houston, Texas before relocating to Buffalo and while there she worked in the accounting department of General Motors Acceptance Corporation as a Credit Representative. Once here, Wendy worked at 1490 as an Administrative Assistant to Mr. Herb Bellamy, Legislative Aide to Crystal Peoples-Stokes, Executive Administrative Assistant at The Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo. Wendy worked at Bethel Community Development Center as an Administrative Assistant until she temporarily relocated to Worcester to care for her ailing parents. She lived between Buffalo and Worcester until her Dad passed.

Wendy decided to move her mother to Buffalo with her and in the midst of all this she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Yes – Wendy Rodgers is a breast cancer survivor! She also has a best friend. His name is Jesus Christ and HE and Wendy handily beat that cancer and moved on with her life. Most people didn’t even know because Wendy didn’t claim it. She continued caring for her Mom, her son, and herself and went through her treatments like she was going to the spa each week! Through her faith, the love of friends and her True Bethel Church Family, Wendy never let the disease dictate the length or the quality of her life. Wendy Rodgers has an undying love for her church and children. In addition to being a foster parent, she is a positive example of strength in her community and her daily walk. She oversees the True Bethel Baptist Church Food Pantry and hosts many of the repast dinners held in their Community Room. Wendy is an outstanding cook and loves feeding her friends and strangers alike. If you come to her house hungry, you will be full when you leave.

Wendy’s favorite and most treasured job is being a mother to her only child, Ulysses Rodgers who was born with Sickle Cell. Wendy spent many days and nights in Children’s Hospital with her son. Even though he is now grown, when he goes into crisis, Wendy goes right into Super Mom mode keeping track of every nurse and doctor that touches him and every drug that enters his body! She has been a Sickle Cell advocate for her son and others who suffer from this dreaded disease since the day he was first diagnosed.

In 2017, Wendy fell ill with a very serious and complicated health issue that was later identified as a septic infection in her back that became toxic. Doctors informed her family if she had been brought to the hospital 24 hours later, she would have been sent to the Morgue. She had emergency surgery and even then doctors thought her recovery would be highly unlikely. Again, Wendy and her best friend, Jesus, amazed the doctors and nurses, defied all odds and moved on with the life HE continues to bless her with. Why? Because Wendy Rodgers is a Survivor!

Here she learned of God and have always felt that she was in God’s favor. One day a family court judge directed that she return to her family many years later. Leaving this home as a young teenager did not only expose her to physical abuse but sexual and mental abuse as well. Her life became tolerable with alcohol. Deep inside the foundation was set years prior and that this life of spiraling was not in God’s plan for her. It was God’s grace and mercy that allowed her to endure all that she endured and not become a victim of life challenges but victorious in life.

Dr. Willa Arnet-June is a native of Buffalo, New York. She was educated in the Buffalo public school system. While finishing at Bennett High School, she joined the Army Reserves as a Combat Medic in 1986. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Nursing at D’Youville College and then started her career as a Registered Nurse in 1993. Several years later she completed her Master’s degree in Adult Health at The University at Buffalo and started working as a Nurse practitioner in 1998. While still serving her country, she was commissioned in the Army Nurse Corp and after 15 years of service was honorably discharged as captain promotable. In 2017 Dr. Arnet-June completed her Doctorate in Nursing Practice and Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner at The University at Buffalo. She has experience in primary care, long term care, subacute rehabilitation, rapid acute care, and community home care.

Dr. Arnet-June has been an active member of Hopewell Baptist Church for over 20 years. She is the coordinator of the Health Ministry and a former Sunday School assistant teacher. She enjoys talks on health promotion and disease control. She has a strong passion for educating, especially women to care for their overall well being. She encourages physical, mental, and spiritual fitness.

Dr. Arnet-June is married to Rudi June. She is the mother of Ariel age 17 and Armond age 21. Her family is active in health and fitness by participating in various activities such as sports, marathons and obstacle course races. All members of the family have Black Belts in either Tae Kwon Do, Karate or Kick boxing. More proof Dr. Arnet-June is well equipped to fight and overcome whatever comes her way. Favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.

Another favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Dr.Willa Arnet-June has overcome much and is walking in greatness.
Wynetta Hall-McElveen

Wynetta Hall-McElveen is a native of Buffalo, NY and currently resides in this great City of Good Neighbors. Born to the late Rev. Willie G. and Katie Hall, she began her music ministry singing with her sisters at Open Door COGIC under the Pastorate of her father at the age of nine (9) years old. Wynetta Hall-McElveen is the President of MDL Productions. Her first Full production was "THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD." This production successfully reaches across denominational lines and provides the opportunity for unity and great fellowship. Souls are delivered and set free because of this endeavor... TO GOD BE THE GLORY!! Her latest accomplishment is the release of her New CD entitled “AND WE WORSHIP”.

Wynetta is a beloved and respected leader of worship and the Music Ministry in the Greater Buffalo Community. Along with serving as the worship Leader at Rehoboth Ministries Worship Center in Buffalo under the leadership of Pastor Johnny M. Harris Jr., she has also worked extensively with choirs and artists throughout Western New York organizing numerous concerts and special events.

Wynetta has served in Music Ministry as Minister of Music for over 18 years. During this time, she also served as the President of the Youth Department of the WNY 2

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of The Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of The Right Reverend Glenwood H. Young for 4 years; leading young people to Christ and equipping them to become effective leaders for their generation. She is a visionary who obeys the voice of the Lord and allows Him to use while ordering her steps to help build the KINGDOM of God at home and beyond.

Her Motto and belief is “It’s just nice to be nice” and her prayer is, “Lord, whatever You do, please don’t take Your anointing away from me because I am nothing without You”.

Wynetta is the proud mother of one daughter, one grandson and one granddaughter, whom she cherishes.

Alexis Onyszkiewicz

A Buffalo, NY native, Alexis Pilar Onyszkiewicz, was born to David Onyszkiewicz and Tamara Bishop. She attended the Fredrick Law Olmsted School system, from there she attended The Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, where she became deeply involved in the promotion of cultural diversity and awareness. After graduating in 2000, she attended the University at Buffalo, majoring in African-American and Women’s Studies.

On May 24, 2007 she joined Ionic Chapter No. 77 Prince Hall Order Eastern Star; from the moment she joined the organization she has served in several stations but her most fulfilling and point of pride was serving as Worthy Matron of Ionic Chapter No. 77 in 2014 and 2015. Under her administration Ionic Chapter No. 77 saw the first wave of large membership growth, by initiating 22 women from all walks of life into the organization. In 2016, she was published to the Sentinel (NYS Grand Lodge Publication of History and Events), as well as several pieces archived to the library of The Phylic C (The Female auxiliary to The Phylaxis Society) whose main goal is to dispense information and preserve the history of Prince Hall Affiliated organizations. Alexis’ focus in her writing has been the history and contributions of Prince Hall Eastern Star’s to African-American culture and to highlight the forgotten deeds of these women who have made strides to improve the lives of ALL women and African-Americans since their inception. Her goal is to help Prince Hall Order Eastern Star to reemerge as the cultural icon that is once was. In 2017, she was appointed to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron under the Administration of the current Grand Worthy Matron, of Eureka Grand Chapter Prince Hall Order Eastern Star Inc, State of New York Mary L. Boyd-Foy, in the 7th District. She received the 1st Rudolph Hargrave Award presented by Mastercraftsmen Lodge No. 110 for Support and Dedication in 2017 and 2018 she was recognized by Eureka Grand Chapter "Salute to Service" for service to the Grand Chapter. She has served on several Grand Chapter Committees, under several different administrations. With her eye on the prize she hopes to one day serve he beloved organization in its highest capacity as Grand Worthy Matron.

In 2017, Alexis served as Loyal Lady Ruler of Bison Assembly No. 48 Order of the Eastern Star; the Fredrick Law Olmsted School system, from there she became deeply involved in the promotion of cultural diversity and awareness. After graduating in 2000, she attended the University at Buffalo, majoring in African-American and Women’s Studies. She credits all good things in her life to God and the Angels God has put in her life which includes her parents David and Tamara, her grandparents, RW Kevin Wardally, her Sisters in the Order who have made this journey an honor and pleasure, and her village which has grown by leaps and bounds since joining this beautiful organization.

Her Inspiration: “For all things are possible, I know this because my God says so” Her Motto: “Great leaders are always raising up the next generation of leaders” “Smart Leaders Never Underestimate People. They Always See What They Are Capable Of”
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Who you made and then broke the mold
From the spark that flies from her eyes
When she is helping and doing your work
To the joy that feeds her laughter
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Father I am so very thankful
For this gracious
And benevolent woman
Who fears and respects your wrath and
And teaches little children your word
Thank you for placing this magnificent Sista
In my path, in my life and my space
She was my rock when my steps made me stumble
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But once I was stronger I still needed her longer
As my friend and my Sista, we are tight!
Thank you Dear Lord for my Debbie
She really has no such idea
How much I appreciate her presence
For when Debbie is just being Debbie
That means she’s just being real
She really is her own Brand

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In the Footsteps of Greatness

The words Women and history are synonymous
The past, present or future could not be possible
One without the other, for
In the beginning there was Eve and
Eve was the beginning
From Mary, mother of Jesus
To Michele, mother of Sasha and Malia
Women have been the backbone
Of our world, our family and our universe

Women were not only made from the rib
Of man, but from his selfish wish
That God fulfilled
It was Adam and God, alone in the garden
Who else did he need?
Did he really want a companion
Or someone to take the lead?
Women who walk in Footsteps
Of Greatness

Is that why Women have extraordinary vision
That sees trouble And healing
is invisible To the eye of mankind
Is that why
We are the keepers of our Sista’s secrets
Our children’s trouble’s and
Our man’s dreams

Is that why our intuition is
Not Right brain operated
But heartbeat initiated and
Holy Ghost motivated
Is it because our talk is our
Walk and our walk is our talk
Women who walk in footsteps
Of greatness

We have the strength to endure
Childbirth
Yet some attack our integrity
And question our inimitable self-worth
We endure pain that would kill
Your average man
Accept apologies that
Deserve to be ignored
Yet we are blessed with
Shoulders that carry the
Weight of the world
And spirits gentle enough
To bring comfort

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