

## Kudos and Commendations

# ALPHA OMICRON ARCHON UPLIFTS SEATTLE



Archon Carver Gayton with music legend Quincy Jones

**J**azz impresario and Seattle native Quincy Jones attended the one-year anniversary celebration at the Northwest African American Museum on February 27. Everyone present received an autographed copy of his new memoir, *The Complete Quincy Jones: My Journey & Passions*.

Archon Carver Gayton of Alpha Omicron Boulé, Seattle, as the executive director of NAAM from 2005 to 2008, was responsible for raising more than \$20 million for the renovation of the historic, previously abandoned Colman Elementary School, which now also contains thirty-six low-income housing units. Archon Gayton presided over the museum's opening in Seattle's central district on March 8, 2008. Speakers included Governor Christine Gregoire, Mayor Greg Nichols, King County executive Ron Sims, U.S. senator Maria Cantwell and U.S. congressman Jim McDermott. Nearly 4,000 attended, and the festivities culminated more than a generation of effort by various individuals and groups. A year later Seattle is still abuzz about it, many stating that it was one of most moving events ever produced in the city.

A weeklong series of activities ended with a gala celebration at Seattle's Paramount Theater, where the inimitable Quincy Jones was recognized as the first recipient of NAAM's Lifetime Achievement Award. The audience was entertained by such stars as Carlos Santana, James Ingram, Sieda Garrett, Ernestine Anderson and Maya Angelou.

Archon Gayton retired as the executive director in July 2008, stating that he wanted to reintroduce himself to his family. Recognized locally and nationally as a leader in the field of education, in 2007 he received an honorary doctorate of fine arts from the Cornish College of the Arts "for his outstanding commitment and contribution to the civic and cultural life of the City of Seattle," and in 2008

he was named by the University of Washington one of its "Wondrous One Hundred" Living Legends

From 2001 to 2005 Archon Gayton was a human resources consultant and taught at the Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington. In 1997 he was appointed by Governor Gary Locke as the commissioner of the Washington State Employment Security Department, serving in that capacity until 2001. Previously he was corporate director of college and university relations for the Boeing Co., where he was also director of training and educational relations.

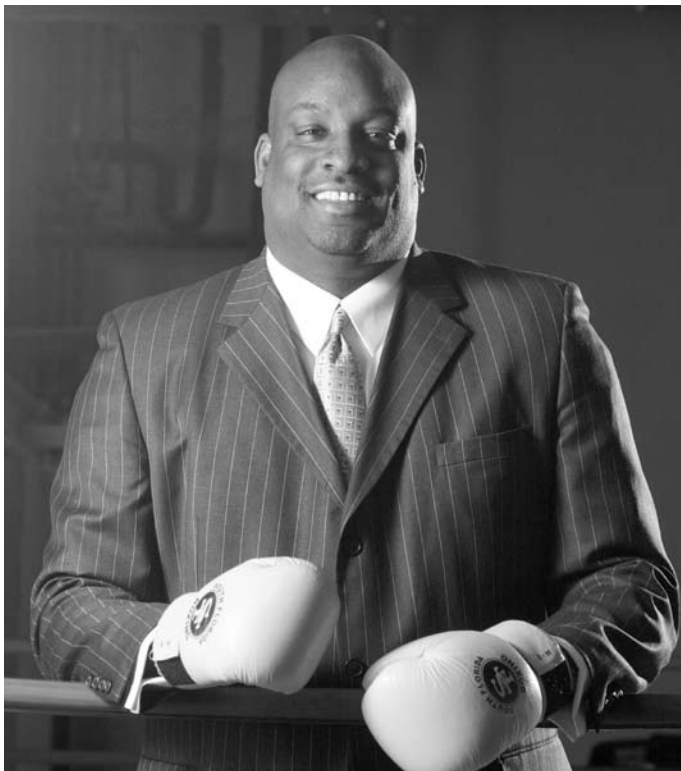
He has served on a wide variety of national, state and local boards and has been a keynote speaker regarding educational reform issues. He was a featured speaker in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, as guest of the U.S. Department of Education and the European Community, and has given keynote speeches on global education issues at international conferences in Turkey, Canada, Jamaica and Bermuda.

Among his many honors is the Blacks in Government Outstanding Citizen Award and the 2001 National Network Consortium's Augustus F. Hawkins Meritorious Service Award "in recognition of his distinguished leadership and contributions to the field of workforce development." As a result of his efforts, the National Alliance of Business in 1997 recognized Boeing as having the best school-to-work program in the nation.

Archon Gayton holds a B.A. in history, a master's in public administration and a Ph.D. in political science, all from the University of Washington. He was born and raised in Seattle and is married with four children.

*Archon Ezra M. Teshome  
Grapter, Alpha Omicron Boulé*

## AARON DAVIS APPOINTED BOARD COMMISSIONER



**K**ansas City, Missouri's Theta Boulé is proud to announce that Archon Aaron M. Davis was appointed commissioner of the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board on October 7, 2008. As commissioner, Archon Davis is the state's top boxing official. He was selected for the position after a nationwide search.

"Aaron's management experience and background will ensure that New Jersey will continue to vigorously protect the safety of all participants in boxing, mixed martial arts and other combat sports, and promote public confidence and trust in our regulatory process," New Jersey attorney general Anne Milgram said.

In his previous position as Kansas boxing commissioner, which he had held since 2005, Archon Davis managed the administration of the licensing process and enforced rules and regulations. He is also chairman of the code-of-conduct committee of the Association of Boxing Commissions, which supports and promotes uniformity of health and safety standards for professional boxing and other combat sports across the country and in Canada.

Archon Davis, who was raised in Willingboro, New Jersey, received a B.S. in the administration of justice from Wichita State University in 1991. "I am excited to return home to New Jersey, and look forward to the new challenge as New Jersey's commissioner of the State Athletic Control Board," Archon Davis said.

*Archon Elmer C. Jackson III  
Grapter, Theta Boulé*

## BRYANT APPOINTED TO ABA POST

**I**n December the American Bankers Association selected Archon Pedro Bryant of Psi Boulé, Louisville, Kentucky, to serve on its organization's America's Community Bankers Council. Composed of approximately a hundred bankers from all fifty states, the council meets twice a year to advise the association on issues affecting the nation's community banks and their customers. Most members are from financial institutions with less than \$1 billion in assets and are appointed by the ABA chairman.

At the first meeting of its 2008-09 calendar year, held December 3-5 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., the bankers discussed the impact on communities of recent legislation and regulatory proposals, such as the U.S. Treasury's capital purchase program and fair-value and mark-to-market accounting issues. They also addressed concerns surrounding mortgage lending and the government's involvement with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

While in Washington Archon Bryant met with the FDIC and members of the Federal Reserve to share the views regarding banking policies of those he represents. "This is an opportunity to let our voice be heard on national issues that also affect us locally," he said. "While we may come from many different communities, we have many common challenges."

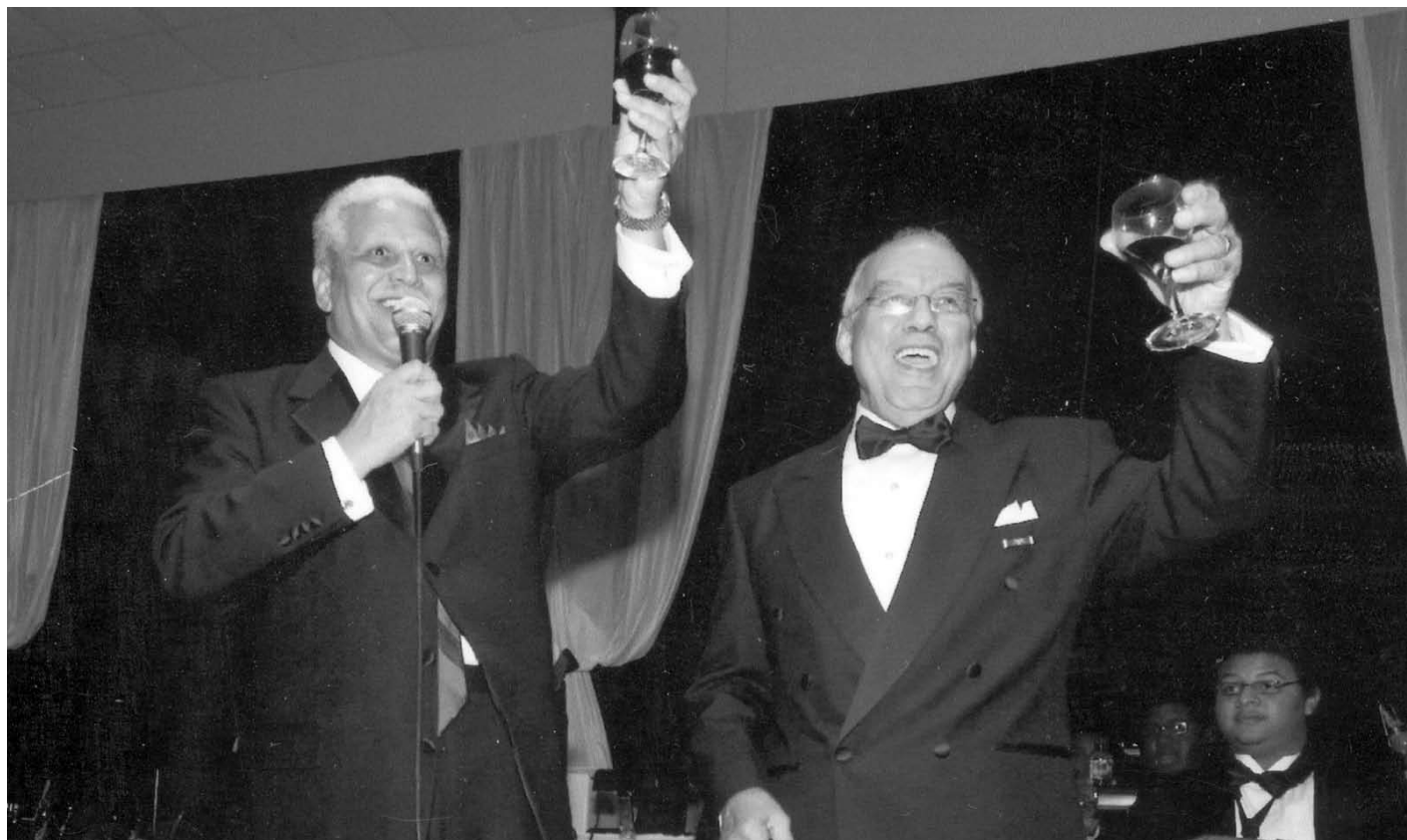
Archon Bryant joined the Louisville Community Development Bank in 2002 and is now chairman, president and CEO of LCDB as well as president and CEO of the bank's holding company, Louisville Development Bancorp, Inc. Before coming to Louisville, he held senior management positions at banks in Oklahoma, South Carolina and Georgia.

Currently chairman of the Government Relations Committee of the board of directors of the Kentucky Bankers Association, he is also a board member of the Community Development Bankers Association and the Louisville Library Foundation.

Archon Bryant earned his B.S. in business management from Morris Brown College and his M.B.A. from Georgia Southern University; in addition, he is a graduate of the ABA Stonier National Graduate School of Banking. He and his Archousa, Lydia Frasier Bryant, have two children, Morgan and Nicholas.

*Archon Pedro Bryant  
Grapter, Psi Boulé*

# ALPHA ALPHA ARCHON FRANCIS HONORED



**Archon Alden J. McDonald, president and CEO of Liberty Bank, offers a toast to Archon Norman C. Francis.**

Liberty Bank was the presenting sponsor of a concert tribute on November 21, 2008, to honor Archon Norman C. Francis of Alpha Alpha Boulé, New Orleans, for his forty years of service as president of Xavier University of Louisiana, the nation's only African American Catholic university. The event was held at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center, and more than \$500,000 was raised toward the establishment of the Dr. Norman C. Francis Endowed Scholarship at Xavier.

Master of ceremonies Bill Cosby opened the show with a hilarious monologue poking fun at today's students and "roasting" Archon Francis, and concertgoers were treated to a showstopping performance by Gladys Knight, with a surprise guest performance by Bubba of the original Pips.

In addition, the audience of Xavier alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends viewed a video tribute – featuring friends and such notables as Tavis Smiley and Alexis Herman offering congratulations – chronicling Archon Francis's journey from Lafayette, Louisiana, to his current status as America's dean of college presidents.

He also received the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Sylvester, awarded by Pope Benedict; a framed version of a commemorative envelope commissioned by the U.S. Postal Service, featuring a composite of photos of Archon Francis from 1968 to the present; a larger-than-life bronze bust of him by sculptor Thomas Bruno; and a commemorative artwork, *Honoring an Icon*, commissioned by the Xavier National Alumni Association and created by Xavier alumnus Steve Prince.



**Archon Norman C. Francis converses with Archon Alden McDonald and comedian Bill Cosby.**

Under the leadership of Archon Francis, America's longest-serving college president, the university has grown not just in physical size but also in student enrollment and successful academic programs. Xavier is probably best known for its success in sending African American students to medical school and for its College of Pharmacy.

*Archon Eddie L. Boyd  
Grapter, Alpha Alpha Boulé*

# NANCE IS BLACK PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR



**T**he Black Professionals Association Charitable Foundation honored Tau Boulé, Cleveland's Archon Frederick R. Nance as its 2008 Black Professional of the Year. Nearly 1,000 guests attended the twenty-eighth anniversary scholarship and awards dinner on December 17 to pay tribute to Archon Nance for his extraordinary accomplishments in the fields of law and business and for his many contributions to the greater Cleveland community at large.

Archon Nance is a regional managing partner at Squire Sanders, a firm founded in Cleveland in 1890 that now serves

clients out of thirty-two offices worldwide. He was recently selected by his partners for the firm's international seven-person management committee. His legal practice focuses on sports and entertainment law, as well as commercial litigation and public-private partnerships—high-stakes negotiations involving community interests.

He joined the firm immediately following graduation from Harvard University and Harvard Law School and became a partner in 1987. From 1991 to 2001 he served as the primary outside counsel to the city of Cleveland and to its mayor, Michael White. During that time he led negotiations with the National Football League that resulted in the Cleveland Browns' return to Cleveland. Current clients include National Basketball Association superstar LeBron James.

Archon Nance is a member of the executive committees of the Ohio Business Roundtable and the Greater Cleveland Partnership, for which he has served as chairman of the board; with 16,000-plus members, it is the nation's largest chamber of commerce.

In 2005, as chairman of the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance, he successfully retained 1,100 Department of Defense jobs that had been scheduled for elimination but are now projected to increase by 900 jobs. He now spearheads Cuyahoga County's efforts to develop a Medical Mart and Convention Center in Cleveland.

Elected a trustee of the Cleveland Art Museum in 2008, Archon Nance was included in *Cleveland Magazine's* list of "Cleveland's Most Influential." Since 2003 he has been cited yearly in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and in 2007 he was featured on the cover of the February edition of *Inside Business*, identified as that publication's foremost business leader on its list of one hundred most-powerful people in northeast Ohio.

In 2006 he and his Archousa, Jakki Nance, were named Community Leaders of the Year by the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. They have two children, Ricky and Melanie.

*Archon Ronald D. Holman II*  
Grapter, Tau Boulé

# ARCHON WEBB IS INAUGURATION GUEST

**A**s a living member of the famous black aviators known as the Tuskegee Airmen, Archon Harold H. Webb of Gamma Sigma Boulé, Raleigh, North Carolina, was recognized and seated in a special section during the presidential inauguration on January 20.

At a ceremony in December 2008, he was sworn in as chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, the first African American to hold this position. His daughter, Kaye R. Webb, a lawyer, officiated, and his wife of more than fifty years, Archousa Lucille Webb, was by his side.

Archon Webb, a retired high-school principal and former North Carolina State personnel director, traveled throughout the

state during the 1960's to help integrate local school systems. Continuing his lifelong battle for racial equality, he now advocates the busing of students to achieve economic diversity.

With the energy of a much younger man, he has twice won reelection to the Board of County Commissioners. His political instincts and priorities were forged by the frustrations of Jim Crow and segregation and the triumphs of the Civil Rights Movement, and he has a reputation as a consensus builder throughout the state.

*Archon Sundar Fleming*  
Grapter, Gamma Sigma Boulé

## ARCHON HILL WINS KNOXVILLE AWARD

**A**rchon Hallerin Hilton Hill of Beta Theta Boulé, Knoxville, Tennessee, the extremely popular radio talk-show host, musician and inspirational speaker, is the winner of the 2008 Knoxville Award, which recognizes people who have worked to make the community a better place. The award was presented on December 11, 2008, by the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc., which provides in-home care in Knox and fifteen area counties. The prestigious honor came as a surprise to Archon Hill, who was master of ceremonies when the announcement was made at the annual award luncheon at the Knoxville Convention Center. He said he was deeply touched and gratified and indicated that he recently had to tend to his father, Dr. Franklin S. Hill, who was in bad health and living at home with relatives. Dr. Hill passed away on February 20 in Lafayette, Indiana. Previous winners of this award include former U.S. senator Howard Baker, University of Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summitt and NFL quarterback Peyton Manning.



Archon Hill's radio show airs every weekday morning on WNOX. In April 2006 he was named one of the Top 100 Most Powerful People in Tennessee, and he is the author of *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom* and host of the TV show *Anything Is Possible*, which airs Sundays at noon on the NBC affiliate WBIR. In addition, *MetroPulse*, a Knoxville community newspaper, has voted him the Best Talk Show Host for nine consecutive years. His primary goal is to inspire, motivate and encourage excellence. Engagements are handled by the Wisdom House Speakers Bureau ([wisdomhouse.com](http://wisdomhouse.com) and 1-865-405-1977). Wisdom House is a multimedia company founded by Archon Hill that focuses on inspiring people around the world to grow in wisdom.

Also a singer and songwriter, he cowrote "Who Would Imagine a King" with Mervyn Warren, which was recorded by Whitney Houston for the movie *The Preacher's Wife*. Archon Hill has also written for Take 6, Virtue, Darwin Hobbs and Fred Hammond, and he recently wrote and performed on T.D. Jake's Grammy-nominated CD *He-Motions*. In 2007 he wrote and produced the popular *The Cross Is My Christmas Tree* CD, and recently he penned a duet with Kenny Springs that was recorded by Bishop Paul Morton and Aretha Franklin.

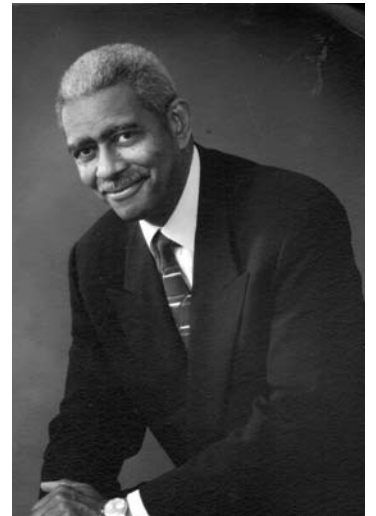
In 2006 he was inducted into the boulé, and he regularly speaks to high-school students who receive Beta Theta scholarships. He is a graduate of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, where he studied communications.

Archon Hill is married to Archousa Nedra Staple Hill, and they have two children, Hallerin II and Halle Nicole. He puts God at the center of all his endeavors, has tremendous love for his family and daily challenges his audience "to grow, and help others grow!"

*Archon Dennis Upton  
Grapter, Beta Theta Boulé*

## ARCHON OTIS MOSS RETIRES AS PASTOR

**T**au Boulé, Cleveland's Archon Otis Moss, Jr., officially retired on December 31, 2008, following thirty-three years as pastor of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church. More than 1,000 friends and church members gathered to pay tribute to him earlier that month at an event at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel; attendees included Oprah Winfrey, former congressman Louis Stokes and Sire Archon Edgar B. Jackson. A renowned civil-rights leader, he has been honored for his work and has preached all over the world. During his early days as a minister, he was part of the inner circle of Archon Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. In 1979 he was President Jimmy Carter's consultant, and President Obama recently invited him to participate in a national prayer program in Washington, D.C.



Archon Moss became interested in theology at the age of 17 and immediately began his studies at Morehouse College, from which he received a B.A. "My decision to enter the ministry was a gift – a special calling from God," he said. He earned a master's degree in divinity from the Morehouse School of Religion's Interdenominational Theological Center and later a doctor of ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton. He was a pastor at Baptist churches in Georgia and Ohio before sharing the pulpit at Ebenezer Baptist Church with Martin Luther King, Sr.; he went on to preach at Mount Zion in Cincinnati, finally settling at Cleveland's Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.

In 2008 he was inducted into the City Club of Cleveland Hall of Fame and received the NAACP Freedom Award. Ohio's former governors, George Voinovich and Richard Celeste, honored him with the prestigious Governor's Award, and *Ebony* magazine recognized him on several occasions as one of America's fifteen greatest black pastors. He was chairman of the board of trustees of Morehouse College from 1994 to 2005 and has lectured at more than sixty colleges and universities, including Harvard Divinity School, Yale University and Vanderbilt.

Archon Moss and his Archousa, Edwina, have had three children: Kevin, Daphne (deceased) and Otis III; five grandchildren: Alexis, Andre, Kevin III (deceased), Elijah Wynton Taylor Moss and Makayla Elon Moss; and one great-grandchild, Nikayla Moss.

*Archon Ronald D. Holman II  
Grapter, Tau Boulé*

## ETA'S RAUSCH TAKES ON NEW CHALLENGE



**A**rchon George Rausch of Eta Boulé, St. Louis, announced on January 10 that he had accepted the position of associate dean for diversity affairs at Indiana University School of Medicine, in Indianapolis. He will be responsible for managing the operational, fiscal, strategic and programmatic aspects of the Office of Diversity Affairs and will direct, coordinate and develop programs that contribute to the threefold mission of the school.

A native of St. Louis, Archon Rausch received a B.A. in sociology and psychology from Western State College of Colorado, an M.A. in guidance and counseling from Wayne State University and an Ed.D. in higher-education administration from the University of Northern Colorado. He is currently the associate dean for multicultural affairs and director of the Multicultural Initiative for New Doctors (MIND) program in St. Louis and an assistant professor of family and community medicine at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, responsible for providing leadership and administrative direction and for the recruitment and retention of disadvantaged medical students.

Archon Rausch and his Archousa, Velois, founded the Office of Multicultural Affairs in the School of Medicine at SLU in 1996. During his thirteen-year tenure there, Archon Rausch's office has been instrumental in matriculating and graduating 117 students of color, nearly five times the number of individuals of color who graduated in the 160 years between 1836 and 1996. Archousa Rausch, formerly the director of student support services, has since retired from the school of medicine and now owns her own travel business, YTB (Your Travel Biz).

Archon Rausch's passion is working with students of color as they pursue careers in medicine. "There is nothing more rewarding or gratifying than seeking the growth and maturity in students who progress through medical school and residency and into private practice or into academic careers, and seeing them give back to those who follow in their footsteps," he said. He is looking forward to new challenges as he moves to Indiana in July.

*Archon John A. Wright  
Grapter, Eta Boulé*

## ETA'S DEVAUGHN NAMED CORPORATE VICE PRESIDENT

**O**n January 10 Archon Richard E. DeVaughn of Eta Boulé, St. Louis,

was named vice president, engineering and technology, for Ingersoll Rand Co. This \$17 billion diversified industrial firm employs 64,000 people worldwide and provides products, services and solutions to enhance the quality and comfort in homes and buildings, transport and protect food and perishables, secure homes and commercial properties, and enhance industrial productivity and efficiency.



In this key position, Archon DeVaughn is a member of Ingersoll Rand's leadership forum and has direct responsibility for the company's Engineering Center in Bangalore, India, and matrix responsibility for 3,000 engineering, technology and product-development personnel worldwide.

The company's family of industrial and commercial brands includes Club Car golf carts, Hussmann stationary refrigeration equipment, Ingersoll Rand industrial equipment, Schlage locks, Thermo King transport temperature-control equipment, and Trane air-conditioning systems and services.

Prior to joining Rand in 2004 as vice president of engineering and product development for the Climate Control Technologies Sector, Archon DeVaughn was employed for five years by Stanley Works, where he was vice president of global engineering and technology for the tools, hardware, fastening systems and hydraulic businesses. He began his career in 1977 as an engineer with the Schlitz Brewing Co. and subsequently joined the Ford Motor Co., where he spent sixteen years in a variety of engineering, operations and strategic planning roles.

A native of Dayton, he is a 1977 graduate of the General Motors Institute, where he received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He also attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow and earned an M.S. in management. He is active in numerous community organizations, including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and he is a member of the board of trustees of the Deaconess Foundation. Archon DeVaughn is supported by his Archousa, Linda, and their son, Josef.

*Archon John A. Wright  
Grapter, Eta Boulé*

## ETA'S ROSS TAKES FOUNDATION HELM

**O**n January 15 Archon Will Ross of Eta Boulé, St. Louis, was named the new

board chairman of the Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH), one of the largest health-care grant-making bodies in the country, serving eighty-four counties and the St. Louis area. It was created in 2000 as a result of Blue Cross Blue Shield's transition from a nonprofit to a for-profit organization. Archon Ross is assuming leadership of MFH at a challenging period in its history. Last year its assets declined from \$1.3 billion to roughly \$850 million because of the crisis in the financial markets.

A nephrologist, associate dean for diversity and assistant professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, and senior fellow at the Washington University Center for Health Policy, Archon Ross joined the MFH board in 2004 and is a facilitator for its Health Literacy Initiative.

He was a charter member of the St. Louis Regional Health Commission and was chair of the commission's Health Literacy Task Force from 2004 to 2007. He has served on numerous boards and is a past president of the Mound City Medical Forum, an organization of more than 150 minority physicians.

He earned his B.S. at Yale University, his medical degree and fellowship in kidney diseases at Washington University St. Louis, and his master of public health degree at St. Louis University.

Archon Ross has identified the need for "universal health-care coverage" as the most pressing need of all. In order to guide policy development, he said, the foundation will garner input from key constituents as part of its strategic planning process. He plans to evaluate investments, broaden board committees to include new leaders, incorporate social determinants of health into policy, and – crucially – integrate reducing health disparities, health literacy and affordable health care into all grant making.

"My goal as chair," he said, "is to convince Missourians and St. Louisans that we are there to advocate for affordable quality health care, and we've got to sustain these vital nonprofits. We will always be there advocating for the medically underserved and endeavoring to fulfill our core mission of improving the health of the community we serve."

Archon Ross is supported by his Archousa, Arlene D. Moore.

*Archon John A. Wright  
Grapter, Eta Boulé*



## ARCHON JACKSON IS FINANCIAL SERVICES PRESIDENT



**T**he Northern Trust Co. on January 21 promoted Archon Darrell Jackson, of Beta Boulé, Chicago, to the post of president of Personal Financial Services in Illinois, which provides fiduciary, investment, private and commercial banking solutions to Northern Trust clients throughout Chicago and its suburbs.

Archon Jackson has worked at Northern Trust since 1995 and has held several leadership positions within the company, most recently as deputy head and group executive in Illinois. He was responsible for overseeing the company's private client-services business in northwest Lake and Cook counties, suburban Cook County, eastern and western Du Page, Lake Forest, Highland Park and the Suburban Owner Entrepreneur Group.

He has had nearly thirty years of experience in the banking industry, beginning at South Shore Bank, where he worked while he attended college. He later joined Harris Bank and spent fourteen years in commercial and private banking.

Archon Jackson received a B.A. from St. Xavier University in Chicago and an M.B.A. from the Kellogg executive master's program at Northwestern University.

He sits on various boards, including the Illinois Bankers Association and the Morton Arboretum. He is a member of the Union League Club and the Graham School of Management advisory council of St. Xavier University. He received the Martin Luther King, Jr., Legacy Award from the Boys & Girls Club of Chicago in 2004, and Chicago United named him one of the forty leaders of color in 2003.

Darrell Jackson is 50 years old and resides in Naperville with his wife, Archousa Valencia Ray-Jackson, and their two children, Lindsay and Tyler.

*Archon Jesse Brown  
Grapter, Beta Boulé*

# STAFFORD THROWS MILLION-DOLLAR PARTY



Mickey Thompson

Archon Earl Stafford

Last autumn Archon Earl W. Stafford of Beta Nu Boulé, Northern Virginia, was inspired to do something for underserved people in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area. One evening when he was at home, his brother-in-law, who was reading the *Washington Post*, asked him, “Can you believe that anyone would pay a million dollars to rent 300 rooms at the J.W. Marriott hotel for the inauguration?”

Archon Stafford had already rented the presidential suite at another hotel, with the intent of inviting some of the underserved people to view the inauguration, but as soon as he saw the article in the *Post*, he knew that God wanted him to rent the J.W. Marriott and invite 300 people. (Incidentally, President Obama had not yet been elected.)

The founder of UNITECH, a company that has offered simulation and technical training solutions to provide individual workers with the skills needed to improve their job performance, Archon Stafford recently sold it. He now runs the Stafford Foundation, a northern Virginia faith-based nonprofit organization founded on promoting the principles of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the initial planning and execution stages of the People’s Inaugural, Archon Stafford was assisted by Ralph Everett, president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies (a Washington, D.C.–based national nonprofit institution that conducts research on public-policy issues of special concern to African Americans). Archon

Stafford was also assisted by the Northern Virginia Urban League and its president, Archousa Lavern J. Chatman. Beta Nu Archon William Keyes, president of the Institute for Responsible Citizenship, joined Archon Stafford as they moved through the process of determining which groups throughout the United States could apply to compete for invitations to the inaugural.

Volunteers from the northern Virginia chapter of the National Urban League, along with several Beta Nu Archons, collected hundreds of evening gowns and more than 200 tuxedos. More than 100 pairs of men’s shoes were donated. And many hairdressers, barbers and manicurists were on hand to assist the guests, as were seamstresses who made adjustments to clothing.

Nominated by relatives, Mrs. Ruth Campbell, 91, of Bessemer, Alabama, who lived through the struggles of Jim Crow segregation, was selected as a guest, as was Rachel “Mama” Tucker, 106, who remembers both world wars and the Great Depression and lives very independently in an independent-living facility for seniors in Alexandria.

Archon Stafford said, “We were focused on bringing people of goodwill together to help the underserved, the marginalized and the distressed and to assist them in helping themselves, and eventually to help others. We believe that by investing in the hopes and dreams, the abilities and the potential of the less privileged, our communities and our nation will benefit.”



Mickey Thompson

**The Stafford family: Mark, Jessica, Archon Earl, Archousa Amanda and Earl, Jr.**

During the three-day inaugural, Archon Stafford planned a nighttime tour of the nation's capital, a 1,000-person prayer breakfast, a 1,000-person Martin Luther King, Jr., luncheon and two inaugural balls. He provided the Earl Stafford "out-of-the-box" extraordinary gift when he invited more than 400 disadvantaged Americans, abused women, disabled veterans, hurricane victims and children of poverty to witness this moment in history, to welcome in the first African American president, and to have the most memorable time of their lives in luxury accommodations. Some had access to doctors, social workers and business people. "A party by itself would have been 'patronizing,'" he said, "so the Stafford Foundation will stay in touch to help our guests build better lives."

And he added, "As a successful African American businessman, I feel proud to have been part of this moment in American history, and I wanted to give a front-row seat to others who haven't had the breaks that I have had – especially to veterans, the poor and the sick. Our objective was to bring in a cross-section of society – those who are distressed, those who are terminally ill, those who are socially and economically disadvantaged, and those veterans who are wounded and served our country."

The guests were provided with a total of \$200,000 worth of food and drink and a closed-in balcony on the twelfth floor, where they watched the parade as it passed along Pennsylvania Avenue.

Archon Stafford's generosity also included \$600,000 for a prayer breakfast and a luncheon on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. On the day of the inaugural, there was a youth ball and the People's Inaugural Ball for the adults.

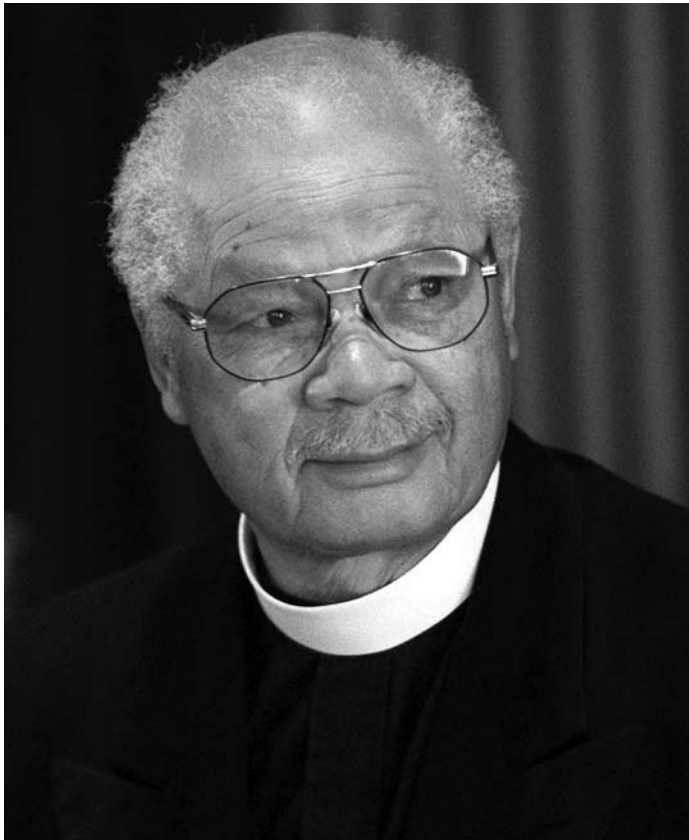
At least 30 percent of the guests who participated were disadvantaged in some way. Archon Stafford said, "We reached out to some of the hospitals, some of the homeless shelters, and some of the other social agencies, and they assisted us in assuring that these individuals attended." The remaining guests came from cosponsor groups, including the National Urban League and the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, and contributing companies or volunteers.

Archon Stafford was one of twelve children born to a Baptist minister and his wife in Mount Holly, New Jersey. "I wanted to remind people of the traditions that I believe made America great," he said, "and that is we just need to get back to caring about one another." And he concluded, "We believe that the reverberations of such an unconditional investment will resonate throughout the country and for generations to come. This is just one step toward bringing healing and hope to the land where much despondency and hopelessness prevail."

He is married to Archousa Amanda Stafford, and they have a daughter, Jessica, and two sons, Earl, Jr., and Mark. The Stafford family resides in Fairfax, Virginia.

*Archon Vance Shaw  
Grapter, Beta Nu Boulé*

## BUILDING NAMED IN ARCHON GREEN'S HONOR



The second largest community college in Virginia has honored the work of Archon Joseph N. Green of Beta Lambda Boulé, Hampton–Norfolk, Virginia. The new Joseph N. Green Building, the only building named for an African American in downtown Norfolk, is headquarters for Tidewater Community College, which has four campuses in the Hampton Roads region. At a dedication ceremony on January 23, a formal portrait of Archon Green was unveiled by Archon Evelyn Green, Dr. Deborah DiCroce, president of the college, and Mayor Paul Fraim. Archon Green was feted by dignitaries and civic notables in recognition of his steadfast support for the creation of a TCC campus in the face of strong opposition from several groups, including elected officials and two institutions of higher education.

In the 1980's, when it was risky and politically unpopular, Archon Green, former rector of Grace Episcopal Church and former councilman and vice mayor of Norfolk, used his influence to support the establishment of a downtown campus of the college. His commitment to providing access to higher education for the underserved, particularly African Americans who could not afford to enroll in two local public universities, ultimately prevailed, and today the Norfolk campus is thriving, ensuring access and affordability for thousands of students.

Archon Alvin J. Schexnider  
Grapter, Beta Lambda Boulé

## ARCHON EARLY EDITS NEW BOOKS



Those wishing to learn more about President Barack Obama and gain more insight into African American writing should consider two new books – *Best African American Fiction* and *Best African American Essays*, edited by Archon Gerald L. Early of Eta Boulé, St. Louis, which hit the shelves of major bookstores in January. Both are available in hardcover and paperback from Bantam Dell. The two volumes are the first in the *Best of...* series, which showcases African American writing.

The essay volume includes a piece by Obama – “One Nation ... Under God?” – on the health-care crisis in America. It also includes several pieces written about him. “I think with Obama becoming president, there will be an increased interest in all things African American,” Archon Early said. “Since the writing for these books is mainly from 2007, due to publishing lead time, the pieces included here will shed light on Obama the candidate. But as his presidency unfolds, I have no doubt there will be future essays in the series about him and his impact on the nation and the world.”

Like the *Best American Poetry* series and others, this features guest editors. Author E. Lynn Harris guest-edits the fiction collection and includes pieces by writers for young adults. Author Debra Dickerson is guest editor of the essay book. “We hope to give people who would like to be introduced to African American writing a place to find some of the best writing that has been produced in the past year,” Archon Early said.

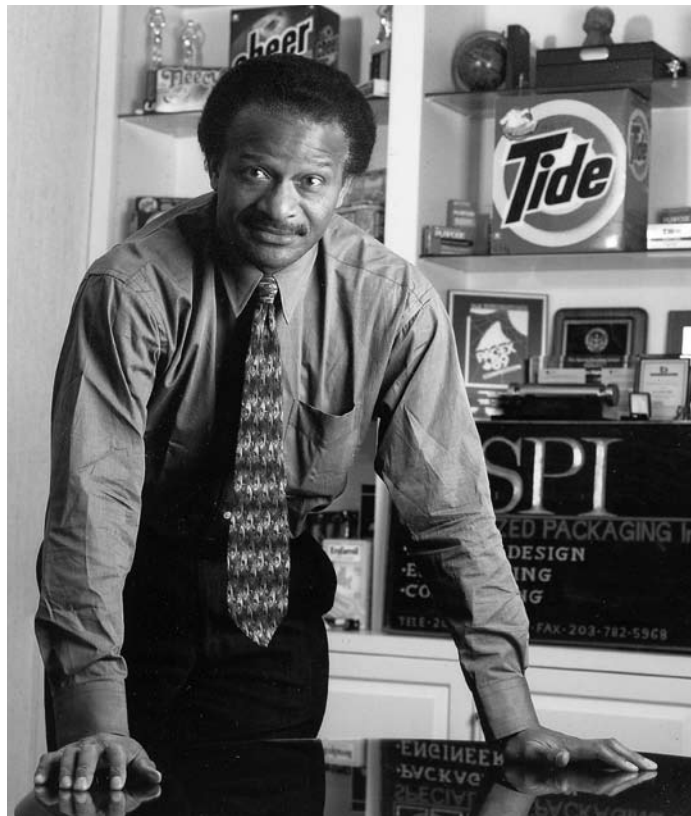
The Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters at Washington University and director of the Center for the Humanities in Arts and Sciences, Archon Early is a noted essayist and American culture critic. He is the author of several books, including *The Culture of Bruising: Essays on Prizefighting, Literature, and Modern American Culture*, which won the 1994 Critics Circle Award for criticism; and *This Is Where I Came In: Black America in the 1960's*.

He also is editor of numerous volumes, including *The Muhammad Ali Reader* and *The Sammy Davis, Jr. Reader*. He was a consultant on four of Ken Burns's documentary films – *Baseball, Jazz, Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson* and *The War* – and he appeared in the first three as an on-air analyst.

Archon Early is supported by his Archon, Ida L. Haynes. They have two daughters, Rosalind Early and Linnet Husi, married to Stan.

Archon John A. Wright  
Grapter, Eta Boulé

## HIGHSMITH SPEAKS AT PGA FORUM



**B**eta Tau Boulé, New Haven, Connecticut's Archon Carlton L. Highsmith was honored as the invited speaker at the annual forum of the PGA of America in Orlando, Florida, on February 4. Archon Highsmith, president and CEO of the Specialized Packaging Group, Inc., delivered his message to the largest working sports organization in the world.

Reflecting on the fact that "the most reliable predictor of a person's interest in golf is his income level," he pointed out to the organization of 28,000 golf professionals that "the industry will benefit from increasing income across all segments of the population, particularly minority groups, as they will make up a larger proportion of the population in years to come." He added that "studies have shown that diverse companies tend to hire a more diverse workforce than majority companies do. Self-interest alone should motivate companies in the golf industry to do business with minority companies. These diverse suppliers and their employees will become loyal customers and active participants in the game of golf as their income level rises."

The attendees at the forum could not help but be influenced by Archon Highsmith's presentation. Specialized Packaging Group is the largest minority-owned and one of the largest independent manufacturers of paperboard packaging in North America, and he knows his business. He will surely leave an indelible imprint on the golf industry.

*Archon Selase Williams  
Grapter, Beta Tau Boulé*

## ALPHA BETA'S MILLER EARNS AWARD



**O**n February 21 the Arthritis Foundation of Virginia presented its 2009 Grace Branch Moore Award to Archon Carlton E. Miller of Alpha Beta Boulé, Richmond. This award is given annually for medical excellence and outstanding community service. Archon Miller, the president and founder of the AMDC Arthritis and Osteoporosis Clinic in Colonial Heights, is a fellow of the American College of Rheumatology and a Certified Clinical Densitometrist, specializing in treatments in rheumatology, musculoskeletal and connective-tissue disease, and osteoporosis. He is also the medical director of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Petersburg and a member of the medical staff of Southside Regional Medical Center. He serves on the Virginia Society of Rheumatology Carrier Advisory Committee as representative to CMS TrailBlazer Health Enterprises.

After undergraduate studies at Virginia State University, Archon Miller, a Richmond native, received his medical degree at Eastern Virginia Medical School and completed his fellowship training in rheumatology at the University of Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army for twelve years, and participated in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

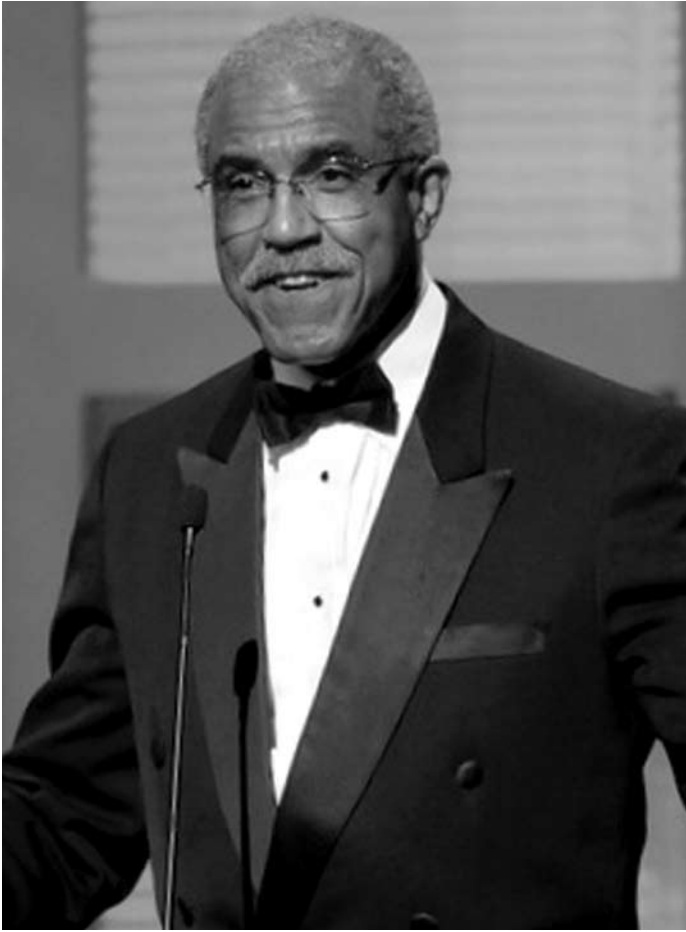
His appointments include assistant clinical professor of medicine, Rheumatology Division, University of Virginia; associate clinical professor of medicine, Rheumatology Division, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine; and rheumatology adjunct faculty for St. Francis Hospital Family Practice Residency Program.

An active volunteer, Archon Miller has spent his career offering services and giving lectures to medical doctors, support groups, community centers and retirement homes. He provides medical care to the indigent at the Arthritis Free Clinic of Petersburg.

Archon Miller and his Archousa, Katana, live in Chesterfield, Virginia, and have three children.

*Archon Charles A. Brown  
Grapter, Alpha Beta Boulé*

# ARCHON CRAWFORD RECEIVES TRUMPET AWARD



Rick Diamond/Getty Images

**T**he 2009 Trumpet Award for medicine was presented to Archon Alvin Crawford of Alpha Delta Boulé, Cincinnati. A black-tie gala at Atlanta's Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center on January 25 crowned a weekend of activities celebrating outstanding achievements by African Americans.

Archon Crawford, one of the nation's foremost authorities on video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery and neurofibromatosis, is the director of pediatric orthopedics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Since joining the staff in 1977, he has completed a teaching module in pediatric orthopedics that includes a 1,000-slide and syllabus packet widely used in residency programs in the United States as well as in thirty-three other countries.

These awards, originally given by Turner Broadcasting in 1993 and now presented by the Trumpet Awards Foundation, Inc., were created to herald the accomplishments of black Americans who have succeeded against immense odds. Special recognition is given to the few – who symbolize the many – who have overcome the ills of racism and poverty and achieved special greatness.

Other honorees for 2009 included Atlanta police chief Richard Pennington, basketball superstar Earvin "Magic" Johnson, actress Raven-Symoné, television executive Johnathan Rodgers, entrepreneur Michael Roberts, the Reverend Paula White, Atlanta native and actor Chris Tucker and the Tuskegee Airmen.

In his acceptance remarks, Archon Crawford spoke of legendary jazz trumpeters Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie – and even of the Archangel Gabriel. He also remarked on the inauguration of President Barack Obama, calling the seventeenth Annual Trumpet Awards gala the culmination of "an unbelievable week, not only in America but also in the world."

Archon Crawford has authored a monograph on neurofibromatosis in children, achieving internationally renowned status. His publications include more than two hundred articles and abstracts, six books and fifty-two chapters.

He has trained twenty-five fellows in pediatric orthopedic surgery and has been a visiting professor in Canada, West Africa, the Middle East (Jordan and Saudi Arabia), Germany, Italy, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Brazil, Colombia, England, Belgium, Chile, Spain, Argentina and Ireland, as well as the United States.

*Archon Leon Reid  
Grapter, Alpha Delta Boulé*

# LOVE NAMED GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN



**A**rchon Ross Love of Alpha Delta Boulé, Cincinnati, was recognized as a Great Living Cincinnati by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber. The annual gala celebration was held on February 17 at the Duke Energy Center. The three other honorees were Raymond L. Brokamp, Paul Flory and Joseph P. Hayden, Jr.

“Leadership, vision and love of community, with a keen interest in and commitment to creating a strong foundation for youths to succeed, are hallmarks shared by these Great Living Cincinnatians,” said Ellen van der Horst, president of the Regional Chamber. “Their impact has been felt not only locally but beyond our community as well.”

Recipients are chosen by the chamber’s senior council based on community service; business and civic attainment on a local, state and national or international level; leadership; awareness of the needs of others; and distinctive accomplishments that have brought favorable attention to their community, institution or organization.

Archon Love, just before graduating from college, flipped a coin to decide whether he would finish studying for his final exams or fly to Cincinnati for an interview with Procter & Gamble. Considering the impact his presence has had on the local community, it is frightening to think what would have happened had the coin come up tails.

Born in 1946, Archon Love, one of five children, grew up just outside Philadelphia during a time of great racial disparity. His parents believed a good education and a strong work ethic would enable him to accomplish anything. Upon

graduation from Syracuse University in 1968, he moved to Cincinnati and began his career at P&G as a brand manager. After having responsibility for a number of iconic brands, including Ivory, Downy, Cheer and Bounce, he became vice president of global advertising, and for ten years he oversaw the marketing organization of the world’s leading advertiser.

In 1995 he established Blue Chip Broadcasting with the purchase of the local radio station WIZF – “the WIZ.” In six years it became the second-largest African American–owned broadcasting company in the United States. Today Archon Love continues to indulge his entrepreneurial spirit with Blue Chip Enterprises, investing in and mentoring minority start-up businesses.

He has been active in a variety of national public-service projects, playing a role in the Partnership for a Drug-Free America’s efforts to develop antidrug messages targeted toward African Americans and in the Association of National Advertisers’ push to create the first content ratings for television. But his most prominent contribution came when he initiated and cochaired Cincinnati CAN, a group convened by the mayor to address a range of racial disparities following civil unrest in 2001.

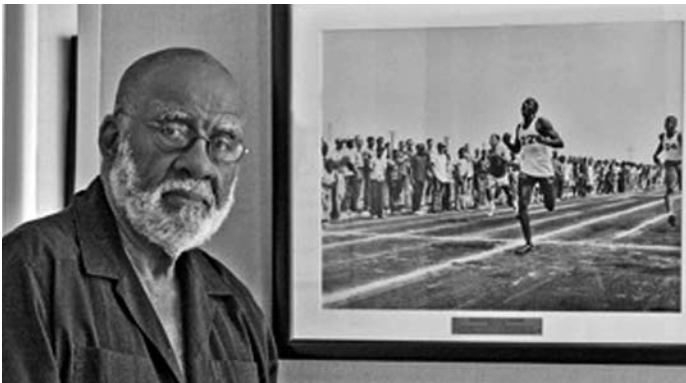
“We need the spirit both of giving and volunteering to continue to blossom here, and I believe it will,” he said. “It’s part of what makes Cincinnati special.”

*Archon Leon Reid  
Grapter, Alpha Delta Boulé*

# HISTORY PROGRAM FEATURES SIMMS'S PHOTOS



**At the opening event in honor of the University of Miami Libraries' acquisition of the Bob Simms Collection, Archon Simms applied documents and photos he preserved to larger issues facing people today.**



**Archon Bob Simms and his 1960 photograph of Jimmy "Peach-head" Douglas defeating UM's Bobby Sher at UM Track - Florida's first athletic competition between black and white athletes.**

**O**n February 28 Florida's University of Miami Libraries sponsored a special Black History Month program that featured Archon Bob Simms and *The Bob Simms Collection: An Activist's Life and Legacy*. Archon Simms, teacher, historian, photographer and social engineer, discussed his life and legacy as seen through his collection. He is a former member of Alpha Rho Boulé, Miami, and recently transferred to Phi Boulé, Montgomery-Tuskegee, Alabama.

The Bob Simms Collection contains photographs, documents, awards and publications of personal and civic activities and events that are "a reflection of the sunrises, sunsets, autumns, winters, springtimes and summers of my life," he said.

The Tuskegee native feels privileged to have been raised in the campus community of Tuskegee Institute, where his parents were members of the faculty. As noted on his Web site, this daily exposure to the "utopia" of black success led him to believe that self-confidence was the determining factor in succeeding at any task – rather than one's color or economic status; this view became the basis of his philosophy of life.

He credits renowned photographer P.H. Polk, who was his neighbor in Tuskegee, as his earliest influence in the thirties and forties.

Archon Simms went on to chair the physical-education department at George Washington Carver High School for thirteen years. Photography was his hobby then, and fortunately he filed and saved all of the approximately 5,000 negatives from that period, making his Carver collection the definitive pictorial record of the final twelve years of segregation at the school.

After 1966 he embellished his Carver memorabilia with his involvement in Miami-area communities. His collection provides testimony to his highly successful tenure as executive director of the Metro Dade Community Relations Board, where he worked to help solve the social and economic problems that plagued the community after desegregation, and to his efforts to reduce racial tensions in the armed forces by developing the Defense Race Relations Institute with the U.S. Department of Defense. He also helped create and implement the Inner City Marine Project, now known as the Mast Academy. He is currently the adviser on diversity at Ransom Everglades School in Coconut Grove.

The significance of the collection has been acclaimed for its depth of content and relevance. Dr. Robert Moore, a professor in UM's School of Education, cited its historical and social significance: "Students need to know about the growth of Miami," he said.

According to UM officials, full access to the collection is available at the Otto G. Richter Library at the University of Miami, where special collections offer a selection of documents, photographs and artifacts chronicling the Civil Rights Movement and the black experience in Miami.

*Archon Paul B. Mohr, Sr.  
Grapter, Phi Boulé*

# CLEMMONS HONORED AT BANK ANNIVERSARY



**Seated: Archon John B. Clemmons, Sr. Standing: Archon Robert E. James II, Archon Lester B. Johnson III, Archousa Shirley B. James, Archousa Salyon Johnson, Archon Otis S. Johnson, Jr., Archon Robert E. James, Archousa Lanthia Scott and Archon Julius S. Scott, Jr.**

**H**istoric Carver State Bank celebrated the eighty-second anniversary of its main office on February 28, and Archon John B. Clemmons, Sr., of Alpha Lambda Boulé, Savannah, was honored for his forty-nine years of leadership and service. Carver Bank, chartered on February 23, 1947, is the oldest bank in Savannah and one of the oldest African American-owned banks in the United States.

Archon Clemmons has been a member of the board of directors since 1960 and chairman since 1980. A native of Rome, Georgia, he is a retired professor and former chairman of the department of mathematics, physics and computer science at Savannah State University.

He holds degrees from Morehouse College and Atlanta University and did additional study at the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles. He also was given a Ford Foundation Fellowship in 1952, a University of California Teaching Fellowship in 1953 and a National Science Faculty Fellowship in 1958.

In 2005 the Savannah Jaycees inducted him and his Archousa,

Mozelle Dailey Clemmons, into the Savannah Business Hall of Fame. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a charter member of Alpha Mu and Alpha Lambda boulés. He served on the executive board of the Grand Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi and is currently a director of The Boulé Foundation. The highest award for donating to this foundation is the John B. Clemmons Award.

During his salute to Archon Clemmons, Archon Otis S. Johnson, mayor of Savannah, stated, "Your admirable service with Carver State Bank and local civic organizations has earned you the love and respect of this community. All of us in Savannah greatly appreciate the significant contributions you have rendered throughout the years to help enrich this community and the lives of its citizens."

Archon Robert E. James, president of Carver since 1971, announced that the bank has established the John B. Clemmons, Sr., Trailblazer Award, to be given periodically to individuals who exemplify high levels of public service and corporate leadership. "This award will memorialize the leadership and accomplishments of our chairman and also inspire others to seek similar



**Archons Robert E. James and John B. Clemmons, Sr.**

levels of service," he said, presenting the first award to Archon Clemmons.

Archon and Archousa Clemmons have two children, Sheila Clemmons of Savannah and Archon John B. Clemmons, Jr., M.D., of Houston, Texas.

*Archon Julius S. Scott, Jr.  
Grafter, Alpha Lambda Boulé*

# BUSINESS NEW HAVEN HONORS MCCRAVEN



Archon Paul McCraven receiving the *Business New Haven* Minority Business Person of the Year Award

Connecticut's premier business publication, *Business New Haven* magazine, named Archon Paul McCraven of Beta Tau Boulé, New Haven, as the 2009 Minority Business Person of the Year. This much-deserved award, presented at a dinner on March 5, goes to a man who has spent his entire professional life finding ways to help people. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, where there was a heavy focus on community involvement. "My thesis involved helping people who were coming out of Northampton State psychiatric hospital," he said. "At that time, in 1978, there was a big movement to deinstitutionalize patients, and I helped create an after-care program called the Bridge."

He pursued an M.B.A. at Columbia University Business School, and in New York he worked for a consulting firm that specialized in community-development projects, including the renovation of the Apollo Theater. In 1985 he returned to his hometown of New Haven, where he directed the community-development efforts of the Science Park.

In 1997 he persuaded Charlie Terrell, then president of New Haven Savings Bank, to create a community-development program. "The goal was to find ways for the bank to help support the community in a more direct fashion, to go beyond the basic traditional banking services." Terrell appointed him vice president of community relations, and

now he is the senior vice president and director of community development banking for New Alliance Bank. Peyton R. Patterson, the current chairman and CEO of the bank, said, "The very name of our bank – New Alliance – reflects the bonds we aim to build with the communities we serve, and Paul personifies that mission." He added, "Paul is an extraordinary asset, both to our organization and to the entire New Haven community. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honor."

Archon McCraven is a member of several boards, including the Hartford Economic Development Corp., the Arts Council of Greater New Haven, the Gateway Community College Foundation and the Amistad Academy.

His father, Archon Marcus McCraven, was an executive with United Illuminating Co. and was president of the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale and first president of Connecticut Black Expo. He continues to serve in his retirement as a member of the board of Quinnipiac University. Archon Paul McCraven's mother was a social worker at Yale–New Haven Hospital, Gaylord Hospital in Wallingford and in the Hamden school system.

*Archon Selase Williams  
Gapter, Beta Tau Boulé*

# ARCHON SIMS NAMED HUD DEPUTY SECRETARY



Archon Ron Sims with his wife, Archousa Carol Topacio, and Archousa Leslie and Archon Nathaniel Miles



Archons Mack Hogans, Gary Gayton, Ron Sims and Frederick S. Humphries, Jr.

**A**rchon Ron Sims of Alpha Omicron Boulé, Seattle, was nominated in March to become the deputy secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He will manage day-to-day operations of the department, which has an annual budget of nearly \$39 billion as well as 8,500 employees.

In his third term as King County executive in Washington State, Archon Sims has worked to make Martin Luther King County the best place in the nation to live, work and raise a family. He oversees some 1.8 million residents and 39 cities, including Seattle, Bellevue and Redmond. King County is the home of Boeing, Microsoft, Starbucks, Amazon.com, Nordstrom and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Archon Sims established an Equity and Social Justice Initiative to address inequities and injustices in the criminal-justice system as well as medical issues dealing with social justice. He has received many honors for his approach to environmental issues and the need for aggressive reforms in government.

Alpha Omicron is proud that he will assist the U.S. government in this time of need. We will miss him, and we wish him well.

*Archon Ezra M. Teshome  
Greeter, Alpha Omicron Boulé*



Alpha Omicron gathers to celebrate Ron Sims.

## PALMER APPOINTED U.S. TREASURY ATTORNEY

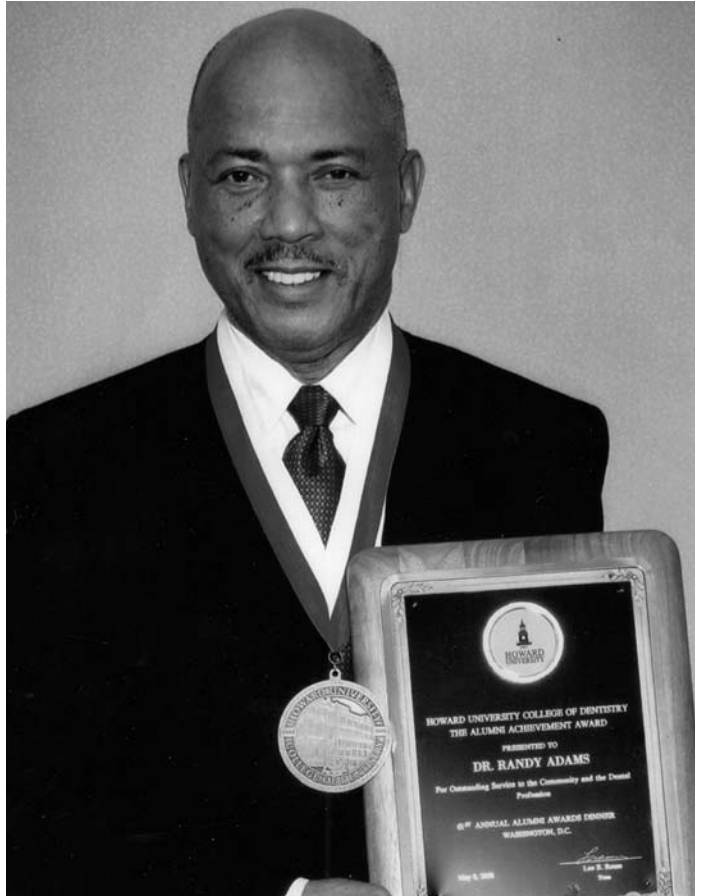


**A**rchon Deryck A. Palmer of Mu Boulé, Northern New Jersey, is a partner and cohead of the financial restructuring department at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP, in New York City. In February he was selected as lead attorney, along with another lawyer, in connection with the law firm's being hired by the U.S. Treasury Department to evaluate restructuring options – including government-funded bankruptcy – for General Motors and Chrysler. Archon Palmer is a graduate of Syracuse University and the University of Michigan Law School.

Mu Boulé is deeply proud of his achievement and recognition and wishes him grand success in this endeavor.

*Archon Charles O. Wilkins  
Grapter, Mu Boulé*

## ALPHA BETA'S ADAMS RECEIVES HONORS



**F**or Archon Randy Adams of Richmond, Virginia's Alpha Beta Boulé, 2008 was another year of recognition for his tireless service to his profession and to the community at large. Archon Adams was named the 2008 Dentist of the Year by the Old Dominion Dental Society; he was also honored by Howard University's College of Dentistry as the Distinguished Alumni of the Year for his dedication to the school and to his Richmond community.

A proud native of Danville, Virginia, Archon Adams is no stranger to high achievement. After earning a degree in chemistry from Hampton University, he went on to graduate from the Howard University School of Dentistry with a doctor of dental surgery degree. He became the first African American to complete the residency program in pediatric dentistry at the Medical College of Virginia.

Over his thirty-three-year career, Archon Adams has worked tirelessly to ensure that all patients have access to dental care. He truly lives his personal mission to "enter dentistry not to get rich but to provide service to all income levels and to anyone in need of dental help." Archon Adams and his Archousa, Rose Adams, have two daughters and five grandchildren.

*Archon Charles A. Brown  
Grapter, Alpha Beta Boulé*

# JACKSON STATE HONORS BETA GAMMA ARCHON JIMMIE JAMES, JR.

Jackson State University held a farewell dinner on April 18 for Past Sire Archon Jimmie James, Jr., of Beta Gamma Boulé, Jackson, Mississippi, chairman of the JSU music department and professor of music, who is retiring after forty-nine years. He has been the director of musical activities, assistant band director, coordinator of the graduate music program and director of the concert band and the brass ensemble. For the past thirty years he has also been the voice of the Sonic Boom of the South, the university's marching band. He was inducted into the Jackson State National Alumni Association Hall of Fame in December 2008.

Currently the minister of music at the Pearl Street A.M.E. Church, he received a bachelor of music education degree from JSU, where he was the first tuba major, graduating cum laude in three years; an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin at Madison; and a Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi – the first African American to receive that degree.

He is the author of *Organizing and Administering the A.M.E. Church Music Program* and *Organizing the Church Music Ministry for the 21st Century* and coauthor of several other books, including *The Mississippi Black Bankers and Their Institutions* (1996). He has been music editor for the A.M.E. *Christian Recorder* and has served two terms on the editorial board of *Black Sacred Music*. His original praise song, "Praise Ye the Lord," is included in *Songs of Praise*, published by the Christian Education Department of the A.M.E. Church, and can be heard on Jackson State University's new choir CD.

Archon James, who has conducted workshops on church music in twenty states, has been the director of the highly successful Annual Church Music Workshop of America, sponsored by Jackson State University and the Eighth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, since its inception in 1977. This workshop, which annually attracts 200 or more adults and children from twenty-two states, has brought to JSU several nationally known artists and church musicians.

He received the Living Legend in Church Music Award at the annual Ministers' Conference and Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild Workshop at Hampton University – given to



outstanding musicians for their achievements in the realms of composition and performance. He is listed in *International Who's Who in Music* and several other publications.

Archon James is married to Archousa Carrie Green James, a retired educator in Ruleville, Mississippi; they have one son, Michael Renwick, married to Tanarra, a graduate of Jackson State University, and one granddaughter, Ryan Michelle.

*Archon Pieter J. Teeuwissen  
Grafter, Beta Gamma Boulé*

*"If we make money the object of man-training,  
we shall develop money-makers  
but not necessarily men."*

*- Archon W.E.B. Du Bois in "The Talented Tenth," 1903*

# PSI BOULÉ'S MINNIS RECEIVES FREEDOM AWARD

In Kentucky on February 18, Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson announced that Archon Bernard I. Minnis of Psi Boulé, Louisville, would receive this year's Louisville Metro Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Freedom Award. Since 1987 the mayor has bestowed this honor on citizens who exemplify a commitment to promoting justice, peace and racial equality. "Bernard Minnis brought Dr. King's vision to classrooms in Kentucky and the United States," Abramson said. "Over his decades in education, countless lives have been improved through Dr. Minnis's efforts to fight racism, poverty and inequality for students."

Archon Minnis replied, "I am humbled and honored to receive this prestigious award named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As a college student and young teacher in the sixties, I admired Dr. King and his work. My wife and I walked with Dr. King in the March on Frankfort while we were in college at Kentucky State University."

Since 2008 Archon Minnis has been the assistant superintendent for diversity, equity and poverty programs for the Jefferson County Public School District. Before that, immediately after his retirement in 2004, he worked part-time for four years as a special assistant to the superintendent of JCPSD.

He has published a book on desegregation called *Contingency Planning for a Unitary School System* and has written several articles for education publications on topics such as minorities and testing and guidelines for evaluating teachers and administrators.

Archon Minnis has held numerous and varied positions in the field of education during the course of his distinguished career: He taught in the classrooms of Paducah Independent

Schools and the inner city of Louisville; he coordinated a program for disadvantaged youths and was the director of Kentucky's vocational-education programs for the disadvantaged and handicapped; he was principal of a middle school in Jefferson County and assistant superintendent for community relations for the JCPSD.

Archon Minnis earned a B.S. from Kentucky State University, an M.A. from Western Kentucky University and an Ed.D. from the University of Kentucky. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Catto Watts Black Understanding Service Award, the Whitney M. Young, Jr., Service Award from the Boys Scouts of America, and the Milburn T. Maupin Administrators Award from the Jefferson County Association of School Administrators. Two educational scholarships have been named in his honor: the 15th District PTA Scholarship and the scholarship of the Greater Louisville Alliance of Black School Educators.

A former vice president of the Jefferson County Association of School Administrators, he is currently a board member of the Greater Louisville Alliance of Black Educators, the Boy Scouts of America's Lincoln Heritage Council and Youth Alive, Inc.

He and his Archousa, Ethel Eaves, have three children. Two of them are employed with the Jefferson County Public School District; one is a classroom teacher, the other an elementary-school counselor.

*Archon Pedro Bryant  
Grapter, Psi Boulé*



## ATTENTION GRAPTERS

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