

Sumner High School

HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony

Monday, May 4, 2015, 9 a.m.



“A PROUD TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE”

SUMNER HIGH SCHOOL

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

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Procession of Inductees

National Anthem

Sumner's Creed

Opening Remarks/ Purpose

Welcome

Musical Selection

Induction Presentations

Richard Brown '64

Col. James C. Crump, Jr., USAF (Ret.) '56

George William Hickman, Jr. '43

Scholarship Presentation

Continuation of Inductions

Cranston Mitchell '64

Wiley Price, Jr. '32

Charles L. Shelton, Jr. '60

Closing Remarks

Alma Mater

(See inside back cover)

Cornell Andrews '76

Maxwell Webber, Jr.

John D. Abram '63
Master of Ceremonies

Nehemiah Thomas
Principal, Sumner High School

Sumner Choir

Presenter: Xavier Brown, Sr.

Presenter: Kendrick Claxton, Sr.

Presenter: Jada Taylor, Sr.

Kevin Bonner '77

Presenter: Miyah Marbley, Sr.

Presenter: Rakeyla Collier, Sr.

Presenter: Tonisha Beamon, Sr.

John D. Abram '63

Recessional

Nehemiah Thomas, Principal

Sumner High School



As the principal of the Charles Sumner High School, the staff and I proudly salute the 2015 inductees to the Sumner Hall of Fame.

The Charles Sumner Hall of Fame was started in 1981 as an idea in the mind of Sumner Alumna Jennifer Waters-Jones. Her goal was that the students of Sumner High School be cognizant of the historical richness that the Hall of Fame members provide in their contribution to their chosen fields of endeavor and to Sumner High School. As members of the Hall of Fame, you have demonstrated to our students outstanding character and hard work; which is essential for them to be successful. You have brought great honor to Sumner High School and the City of Saint Louis.

It is with great honor that we recognize the tremendous work that you have accomplished through your diligence, perseverance, and dedication to Sumner's proud tradition of excellence. This outstanding tradition will never cease!!
Congratulations!!

Nehemiah Thomas, Principal

Dear Inductees,

As the President of the Sumner Alumni Association, it is with great pleasure that I welcome the class of 2015 into the Sumner High school Hall of Fame. Your accomplishments, success, and contributions to the nation and in your community lend creditable service to you and Sumner High school, where your journey began. As new members of the school's Hall of Fame, you join 129 other Alumni and Former Staff members, who distinguish themselves in numerous areas of society. To be selected by Sumner staff members and fellow Alumni is truly an honor you should be proud of. Again, welcome to the Hall, and congratulations on your selection.



KENNETH M. LEE
President
Sumner Alumni Association

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees



Mr. Richard L. Brown
Medical Executive



Col. James C. Crump, Jr. USAF (Ret.)
Military



Mr. George William Hickman, Jr.
Tuskegee Airman



Mr. Cranston J. Mitchell
Government Commissioner



Mr. Wiley Price, Jr.
Radio Personality



Mr. Charles L. Shelton, Jr.
Educator

Richard L. Brown

Class of 1964

Medical Executive

Mission Unstoppable, the title of a book which describes several successful black Americans, aptly describes the career of health care executive **Richard L. Brown**.



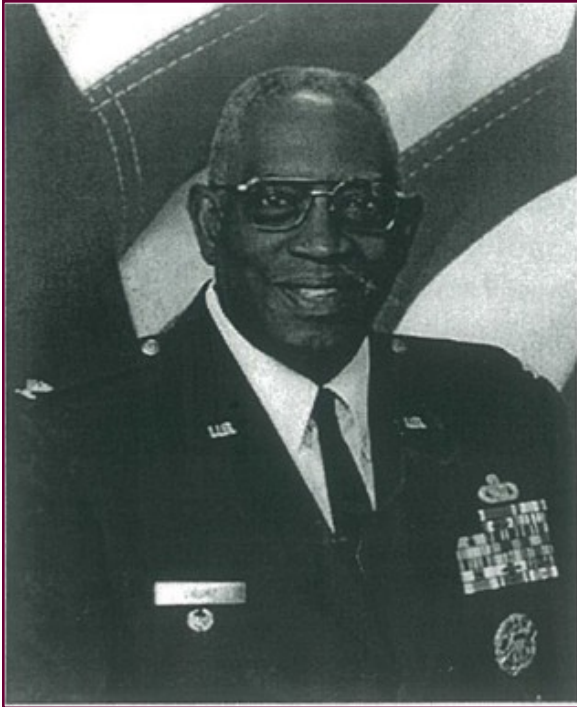
With a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, a Master's degree in Health Services Administration from St. Louis University and a doctorate in Adult and Continuing Education from Florida State University, he has been a leader in the health care industry for over 35 years.

His success has been the result of effective interaction with a broad group of health care stakeholders including advocacy groups, state and local governments, professional organizations, and educational institutions.

From 2001 to 2014 as CEO of the Charles Drew Health Center Incorporated in Omaha Nebraska, he insured access to health care to a diverse population including homeless services, school based health care centers and primary care services for Housing Authority sites.

We salute Richard Brown, who is a part of Sumner's proud tradition.

Col. James C. Crump, Jr., USAF (Ret.)
Class of 1956
Military



Training, performance and service to country characterize the life of Colonel **James C. Crump, Jr. USAF (Ret.)**. While still at Sumner High School, he enlisted in the active Air Force Reserve at Scott Air force Base. While attending Lincoln University, he enlisted in the Air Force and was commissioned on August 13 1964 after finishing Officer Training School.

He served on active duty with honor for more than 31 years, ending his career as the Inspector General for the Sacramento Air Logistics Center at McClellan Air Base, California.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1988, he served as Chief of Airport Firefighting and Airfield Operations Division for the Sacramento County Airport System. During that time the Refueling operations and Airfield Security were rated as one of the best in the country.

He has won many awards: the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster.

We salute Col. James C. Crump, Jr., USAF (Ret.) who is a part of Sumner's proud tradition.

George William Hickman, Jr. (Deceased)
Class of 1943
Tuskegee Airman

George William Hickman, Jr. (Deceased) exemplifies the greatness of what has come to be known as the “Greatest Generation”.



Thirteen weeks after graduating from Sumner, George enlisted in the United States Air Corps. Long fascinated by airplanes and a desire to fly, he participated in an experimental pilot

training program for blacks at the infamous Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

Completing his training in 1944, he joined the historic Tuskegee Airmen, the first all-black Fighter Squadron.

Following the war, he spent his civilian life as an executive with the Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington for 30 years.

Recognition of his contributions to his country has included the Congressional Gold Medal in 2007, a personal invitation to the inauguration of Barack Obama in 2008, and a resolution approved by the United States Senate honoring his life and career.

He died in August 2012 and rests at Jefferson Barracks where he enlisted in the military service.

We salute George William Hickman Jr., who is a part of Sumner’s proud tradition.

Cranston L. Mitchell
Class of 1964
Government Commissioner

Justice has been central to the career of **Cranston L. Mitchell**. After joining the St. Louis Police Department, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.



From there his career in corrections expanded exponentially as he served

as Chairman of the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole from 1984-2000 and as a Corrections Program Specialist for the US Department of Justice from 2000-20003.

He currently serves as a United States Parole Commissioner, first nominated by President George W. Bush in 2003 and reappointed by President Barack Obama in 2009.

His work in guaranteeing just punishment was recognized by the Association of Paroling Authorities International when he received the Ben Baer Award in 2007.

As St. Louis, Missouri and the United States struggles with issues of crime and justice, Sumner can be proud of this graduate.

We salute Cranston L. Mitchell, who is a part of Sumner's proud tradition.

Wiley Price, Jr. (Deceased)
Class of 1932
Radio Personality



Breaking employment barriers for Black Americans is a task worthy of admission to the Sumner Hall of Fame. **Wiley Price, Jr.**, a 1932 graduate of Sumner High School became the first Black disc jockey in St. Louis.

At the age of 31, he was hired by WTMV to cover the late night show.

While the United States was still at war in 1944, with Black soldiers risking their lives alongside white soldiers, back in St. Louis the radio waves were ruled by white disc jockeys.

Wiley's son describes his father as being able to talk his way into anything. And so he convinced the WTMV management that his show would bring in revenue to the station. And it did. Playing a mixture of gospel and rhythm and blues, he came to know some of the great musicians of the time including Duke Ellington and Count Basie.

He went on to work at KXLW and KSTL, leaving the business when he was told to start playing Rock 'n Roll, a style he said would never last. Wiley Price, Jr. died in 1969.

We salute Wiley Price, Jr., who is a part of Sumner's proud tradition.

Charles L. Shelton. Jr.
Class of 1960
Educator

Commitment to education and his community have been central to **Charles J. Shelton, Jr.**'s life and career.



Following graduation from Harris Teacher's College, he became an eighth grade teacher, soon advancing to principal, serving seven elementary and middle schools in the St. Louis public schools.

He was a leader in implementing the Middle School Concept. In 2001 he became an administrator with the Wellston Public School District, leaving there in 2010 when Wellston merged with Normandy.

He has been active in his church, Samaritan United Methodist Church, currently chairing the church council. He is a board member of the Monsanto Branch Family YMCA, where he received the YMCA of Greater St Louis Humanitarian Award in 1996.

In February, 2015, Mr. Shelton participated with his chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity to sponsor the 2nd Annual Youth Leadership Summit as a follow up reaction and positive agenda for black male youth following the recent events in Ferguson Missouri.

We salute Charles L. Shelton, Jr., who is a part of Sumner's proud tradition.

SUMNER HIGH SCHOOL

Hall of Fame

Ref	NAME	Grad Yr	Induct Yr
1	George D. Brantley	Principal	1981
2	Arthur Ashe	1961	1981
3	Congressman William Clay		1981
4	Julia Davis	1909	1981
5	Richard (Dick) Gregory	1951	1981
6	Ronald Gregory	1957	1981
7	General Roscoe Robinson	1946	1981
8	Eric Thomas	1959	1981
9	William "Pop" Beckett	Staff	1982
10	Richard Hudlin	1923	1982
11	Julius Hunter	1961	1982
12	Oliver Nelson	1950	1982
13	Wirt D. Walton	Staff	1982
14	Margaret Bush Wilson	1935	1982
15	Dr. Charles E. Anderson	1937	1983
16	Dr. Kenneth B. Billups	Staff	1983
17	Dr. Hermann Dreer	Staff	1983
18	Dr. Henry Givens	1948	1983
19	Robert McFerrin	1940	1983
20	Wendell O. Pruitt	1937	1983
21	Carol Burt-Beck	1956	1984
22	Dr. Virginia S. Brown	1942	1984
23	Grace Bumbry	1954	1984
24	Edna Telphy Elam	1928	1984
25	Dr. Helen Cason Hudlin	1948	1984
26	DeLawrence Beard	19xx	1985
27	Dingwell Fleary	1958	1985
28	Frank White	1956	1985
29	Allenda Ward Well	19xx	1985
30	Nathan Colbert	1965	1986
31	Frank S. Green	1956	1986
32	Vincent Reed	1947	1986
33	Edythe Meaux Smith	19xx	1986
34	LaMarr Smith	Staff	1986
35	Howard B. Woods	19xx	1986
36	John D. Buckner	1939	1987
37	Andrew S. Jackson	Staff	1987
38	Dr. Alfonso F. Ratcliffe	1944	1987
39	Dr. Joyce Thomas	1943	1987
40	Odessa Wright Farrell	19xx	1988
41	Nancy Garrett Fields	1946	1988
42	Lincoln Kilpatrick	1948	1988
43	Dr. Charles Proctor	19xx	1988
44	Ora Byrd Taylor	1960	1988
45	Lawrence Turner	1947	1988
46	Alfred Abram, Jr.	1956	1992
47	Dr. Lynn L Beckwith, Jr.	1957	1992
48	Dr. Eugene M. Bently, III	1954	1992
49	June Bosley-Dabney	1952	1992
50	Marion M. J. Brooks	1932	1992
51	Reverend Earl Nance, Jr.	1970	1992
52	Bobby Norfolk	1969	1992
53	Dr. Terry Reynolds	1960	1992
54	Ron Towson	1952	1992
55	Dr. Mildred R. Anderson	1945	1993
56	Arthur L. Washington	1935	1993
57	Melvin Washington	1932	1993
58	Dr. Albert Wheeler	1932	1993
59	Ida Goodwin Woolfolk	1961	1993
60	Colonel Leroy J. Adkins	1950	1994
61	Freeman Bosley, Sr.	1952	1994
62	Dr. Marita Graham Goodson	1960	1994
63	Genell Hoskins Moore	1950	1994
64	Dr. Raleigh Morgan, Jr.	1932	1994
65	Billie McKindra Phillips	Staff	1994
66	Judge Charles A. Shaw	1962	1994
67	Michael K. Thomas, Sr.	1961	1994
68	Dr. Rufus Young, Jr.	1940	1994

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69	Angela Glover Blackwell	1962	1995
70	Dr. James A. DeClue	1941	1995
71	Judge Iris G. Ferguson	1962	1995
72	Charlotte Muriel Hill	1942	1995
73	Samuel C. Hutchinson, Jr.	1961	1995
74	Samuel Miller	1946	1995
75	Alphonse Peterson	1944	1995
76	Marian E. Cotter	1954	1996
77	Clifford Hancock	1935	1996
78	Dorothy T. Matlock	Staff	1996
79	Eric Thomas	1959	1996
80	Ollie Wilson	1959	1996
81	John Algee	Staff	1997
82	William Beatty	Staff	1997
83	Reverend Dr. Willie J. Ellis, Jr.	1956	1997
84	Naomi Long Madgett	1941	1997
85	Grace J. Morgan	19xx	1997
86	Herman E. Morgan	19xx	1997
87	Dr. Edward Eugene Fields	1936	1998
88	Rosebud E. Turner Gaines	19xx	1998
89	Albert Wison Gay, Jr.	1959	1998
90	Bishop Dwight McDaniels	1940	1998
91	David B. Price	1963	1998
92	Reverend Raymond Vincent	1954	1998
93	Senator John Bass	1944	1999
94	Dr. Cezia Thompson-Cager	1969	1999
95	Dr. Rosalyn Harris England	1945	1999
96	Lelia Mae Thompson Flagg	1956	1999
97	Erik Kilpatrick	1969	1999
98	Thomas Ree	19xx	1999
99	Travis L. Brown , Sr.	1969	2000
100	Charles Wendell Creath	1970	2000
101	Dr. Paul R. Keys	1957	2000
102	Carmen C. Murphy	1935	2000
103	John Rozelle	1962	2000
104	Arthur Sharpe, Jr.	1960	2000
105	Betty L. Thompson	1958	2000
106	Harold Wheeler	1960	2000
107	Charles L. White	1938	2000
108	Fredrick C. Ford	1944	2001
109	Clifton W. Gates	1942	2001
110	Marvin Neals	1960	2001
111	Dr. Henry J. Raymond	1950	2001
112	Mattie E. Thompson	1930	2001
113	Armetta Whitmore	1946	2001
114	Ethel Hedgeman Lyles	1904	2002
115	Ernest Brooks Wilkins	1938	2002
116	James Lawrence Wilkins	1937	2002
117	Hortense Garret Brooks	1933	2003
118	Joseph DuBose	Staff	2003
119	Johnny Furr	1973	2003
120	Lawrence Walls	1955	2003
121	Jennifer Waters-ones	1981	2003
122	Dr. John Wright	1957	2003
123	Dr. Celerstine Briggs Johnson	1951	2005
124	Judge Booker T. Shaw	1969	2005
125	LTC Clarence Shivers	1945	2005
126	Reverend Dr. Melvin Smothers	1956	2005
127	Michael Williams	1962	2005
128	Richard L. Brown	1964	2015
129	Col James C. Crump, Jr., USAF (Ret.)	1956	2015
130	George Williams Hickman, Jr.	1943	2015
131	Cranston J. Mitchell	1964	2015
132	Charles L. Shelton, Jr.	1960	2015
133	Wiley Price, Jr.	1932	2015

An Idea Is Born

Celebrity/designer items were, and are, status symbols of American society. In 1981, I decided it was time Sumner had its own status symbols, celebrities, and designer role models. Sure, Sumner acknowledges Black History Month, but could the students really identify with Bryant Gumbel, Jessie Jackson, Homer G. Phillips, Louis Armstrong, or Earlean Waters? Maybe present Sumnerites would be able to identify with former Sumnerites: people from the “Hood”.

Sumner’s Hall of Fame was founded with three concepts in mind.

To establish self confidence in Sumner’s students, that regardless of race, economics status, or quality of education, each student could succeed at a chosen goal.

The Hall of Fame would allow students to identify with former Sumnerites who had obtained similar goals of interest and educate the students that these former Sumnerites experienced the same backgrounds as themselves (i.e., had the same teachers, hung-out at Billy Burks, local churches, and lived in the same neighborhoods).

Hall of fame was a gift to the student body to be operated by the Student Council and Honor Society with the assistance of each organization’s advisors. This was done to give students an opportunity to develop research, organizational, and planning skills while preparing for the Hall presentation – as well as allow students to utilize their art and speaking skills during the Hall of Fame presentation.

It is hoped that at least one student a year will be inspired by what he/she has learned from the Hall of Fame presentation to be able to say “Yes I Can”.

Jennifer D. Waters-Jones
Role Dog #1 – Class of 1981

Charles Sumner High School

What we know as The Charles Sumner High School began in 1875 when the “High School for Colored Children” opened in Saint Louis, Missouri. On October 12th of that year, the “School for Colored Children” was renamed “Sumner” in honor of Charles Sumner, a senator from Massachusetts who had been an early and ardent supporter of Negro (Black) rights.

In its beginning Sumner functioned as a combined grade school and high school. After all, only 76 of its 411 original students were prepared for high school work. The teachers and the principal were all white until 1977. At that time a special effort was made to recruit Black teachers from eastern colleges because of the protest from Black parents. It was protest that led to the establishment of a Normal School program in 1890.

In 1895, Sumner moved a few blocks west to 15th Street and Walnut, in the shadows of a new Union Station. This was the Elliot School, a three-story building, built in 1868. It seemed to be Sumner’s fate to move into the vacated elementary school buildings after new buildings had been built, further west in Saint Louis for white elementary students.

By the year 1900, 224 girls and 24 boys had graduated from Sumner. In those days parental protest was powerful and respected. The parents of Sumner’s students clamored for a safer and more respectable location for their children’s school. After a meeting with the Saint Louis Board of Education in 1906 the “Board” purchased a site in Elleardsville, known as the “Ville”, recently renamed “The Greater Ville”. “The Board” commissioned William B. Ittner to prepare plans for “A Complete and Commodious manual Training High and Normal School.” Thus, Sumner’s students finally had their new school building in 1909. The new building at 4248 West Collage (further west) was immediately put to good use with administrators and teachers providing “academic excellence” for all Sumnerites. Two years later Sumner was admitted to the North Central Association of Colleges and schools. Ten years after this achievement, Sumner was invited to membership in the National Honor Society. The world of education had a new champion in the Charles Sumner High School!

The year 1988 marked Sumner High School’s triumph of being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Sumner is the first public high school to be placed on this prestigious list.

Today, three additions and an 8.5 million dollar renovation later, the structure of the Charles Sumner High School stands as a dynamic institution which does not allow itself to be stifled by its traditions. On the contrary, Sumner grows and advances so that new traditions are constantly being established.

Sumner graduates have distinguished themselves in their valued contributions to science, religion, humanities, music, and athletics. The excellent staff assigned by the St. Louis Board of Education today is intensely interested in Sumner students having every opportunity for the fullest development of their potential. Sumner’s proud tradition is truly steeped in its students, its teachers, and its history.

SUMNER ALMA MATER

Verse:

Sons and daughters all are we
Of the school we love so dear ~ As a pledge of our loyalty
Let us give her a song and cheer

First Chorus:

Here's to our dear Alma Mater
School of all schools, we love thee.
Long may thy banner of loyalty
And might wave in the sky. (Rah! Rah! Rah!)
Whether o'er land or o'er water
The ideals you taught shall ever
Dwell in our minds and our thoughts of thee
Live in our hearts Sumner High.

Sumner High!

(O Sumner High)

We love thy colors Maroon and White,
Sumner High! (O Sumner High!)
They stand for purity, truth and right.
Sumner High! Sumner High! Sumner High!
(Sumner High!) (Sumner High!) (Sumner High!)

Second Chorus:

We love thy halls Alma Mater
The classrooms and stairways treasure!
Thy flow'rs and shrubs and ev'ry tree shall always revered be. (Rah! Rah! Rah!)
Whether o'er land or o'er water
The ideals you taught shall ever
Dwell in our minds and our thoughts of thee
Live in our hearts Sumner High!

~Wirt D. Walton, Composer

SUMNER CREED

I believe in the ideals of good citizenship,
both in my school and in my community,
I resolve
To obey the laws of the school,
To respect its traditions,
To be respectful and obedient to my teachers,
To be courteous and kind to my schoolmates,
To do my work as thoroughly as I can,
To be punctual in attendance,
And clean in mind and body.

2015 Hall Of Fame

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