

THE CITY OF WILMINGTON HONORS

# Community Legends

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LOCATION: POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OF  
WILMINGTON

# COMMUNITY LEGENDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Greetings and Welcome,

I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported this event. Without your continued support, this event could not have happened. Our second inaugural Community Legends showcases individuals who are trailblazers in the city and beyond. I would like to express my great appreciation for the tireless work that our Honorees have done over the years and are still doing wherever they are needed. Many accomplishments in government, business, education, mentoring and financial generosity in Delaware can be certainly be attributed to these 10 Honorees. Again, I thank each of you for your generosity and community outreach in helping to raise needed funds for the Police Athletic League of Wilmington {PALW}.

We trust the community will remember over the years your generosity of spirit.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Sills

President of Urban Youth Incorporated

## **Mark P. Sills**



Mark P. Sills is a native of the eastside of Wilmington, DE. Over the years, has established a well-known Delaware and regional reputation as an advocate, organizer and business entrepreneur of youth development programs - with organized youth basketball programs as a focal point. He and his company, Urban Youth, Inc. have received many awards from the Wilmington City Council and local civic groups for their work with Wilmington youth, inclusive of helping many to get into college and receiving college academic and athletic scholarships. Urban Youth Inc. has organized, coordinated and structured over 1,000 basketball tournaments and leagues for the past 20 years, and has serviced over 45,000 youths. He was recently honored to receive an award from the House of Representatives Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, as well as to receive an award from the office of Philadelphia City Hall Mayor Michael Nutter. He has organized Basketball events in conjunction with NBA Professional teams ATLANTA HAWKS, PHILADELPHIA 76ERS, WASHINGTON WIZARDS and Delaware 87ERS. Appointed board member of the Delaware High School Basketball Hall of Fame and serves on the Wilmington Martin Luther King Jr. Referral Center Advisory Board. Mark is also an Alumnus of the H. Fletcher Brown Boys and Girls Club, as well as a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware.

During Mark's early professional years, he has served as Youth Development Specialist with the Wilmington Housing Authority - with staff responsibility for developing basketball and other recreational programs for youth residing in public housing. He then served as Youth Program Director for the Delaware Girls Club and later as a ten year Assistant Basketball Coach with the Wilmington Howard High School. At Howard, he was instrumental in helping the team to win the 1996 Delaware State Boys High School Basketball Championship.

For the last 20 years, starting in 1997, Mark has been the Founder and President of Urban Youth, Inc., a business, profit making entity which specialized in organizing and directing organized week-end youth basketball tournaments for non-profit and public youth groups in Wilmington and in many other cities along the north eastern part of the country. Over these last 19 years, Urban Youth, Inc., has served over 30,000 youths and sponsored an average of 35 to 40 organized week-end youth basketball tournaments per year in 20 different cities. About ten percent (10%) of these tournaments have been in Wilmington DE (inclusive of two annual Spring & Fall, nine weekend basketball leagues). The other 90 percent (90%) of these Urban Youth, Inc. weekend basketball tournaments have been annually staged in such cities as Dover Delaware, Toronto Canada, Philadelphia PA, Atlantic City NJ, Germantown MD, Ocean City MD, Chester PA, Baltimore MD, Washington DC, Chantilly VA, Charlotte NC, Atlanta GA, Montgomery AL, Pensacola FL, among many others.

Operationally, Urban Youth, Inc., promotes organized weekend basketball tournaments through its website: [Urbanyouthinc.com](http://Urbanyouthinc.com) - with an internet marketing focus on teams located in the geographical area designated for weekend basketball tournaments. Interested teams are able to pay their registration fees on-line. The registration fees are then used to cover the costs of facility rental space; game referees, insurance, trophies/medals and other administrative costs. Mark Sills notes that "we have been fortunate in attracting a constituent core of youth (ages 10-17) basketball teams which annually register to play in our state and regionally based weekend basketball tournaments. Much of this attraction, I believe, can be attributed to the greatly expanded interest girls in organized basketball; the fact that basketball has proven to be the least costly of all organized sport and to the budgetary cuts in youth recreational programs of local municipalities."

In the pursuit of his youth serving business, Mark acknowledges the support of his public service oriented family, including his father James (Jim) H. Sills, Jr. (former first time Black Mayor of Wilmington DE); Jim Sills III (former Delaware State Secretary of the Department of Information and Technology and current CEO of M&F Bank of Durham, NC), and his late grandmother Marjorie E. Duckrey, formerly a well-known social worker of Philadelphia, PA. He also is grateful for the support of his wife, Raynell, his son, Ryan and his sister, Julie. In 2012, the City of Wilmington awarded Mark Sills "Father of the Year." In February 2017, Mark was selected as one of the "Bancroft Junior High Top 100 Basketball Players" in the school's history.

Mark attended Delaware State University where he studied business administration and recreation studies. He is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He is a member of the Delaware Afro American Hall of Fame Committee. Mark is also a board member of the Delaware Sports Broadcaster's Associations (D.S.B.A.). He was inducted into the Philadelphia Association of Black Sports and Culture Hall of Fame on September 13, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA along with basketball legends Gene Banks, Coach C. Vivian Stringer, Wilt Chamberlain and Norman Oliver. On April 17, 2014 Mr. Sills was inducted into the Delaware Afro American Sports Hall of Fame in Dover, DE. In late 2015, Mark Was awarded the Civic Award from the City of Wilmington, DE Mayor Dennis Williams' Office, and honored at the Howard High School Class of 1973 42<sup>nd</sup> Reunion Banquet for being an Advocate and Civic Leader. In April of 2016, Delaware State University Diamond Extravaganza Banquet, awarded Mark for his 20 years of service and contributions to women's sports.

Mark Sills has worked with The City of Wilmington on numerous community based projects over the last several years. He works with the Howard High School and Howard High Alumni Association on various successful community based projects. Mark is currently a member of the Delaware State University Alumni Committee of the Newcastle, DE Chapter.

# *~ Programme ~*

*6pm-9pm*

*Cocktail Hour 6pm-7pm, Cash Bar*

*Celebration Program-7pm-9pm*

*Master of Ceremonies Mr. Ulkee Washington*

**Welcome and Greetings**

**Procession of all Honorees**

**Introduction of Praise Dancer**

**Solo-Jasmine Banner "Awesome God"**

**Acknowledgement of Dignitaries and Past Honorees**

**Invocation and Blessing- Evangelist Bernadette Moore**

**Dinner is served 7:15pm- 8pm**

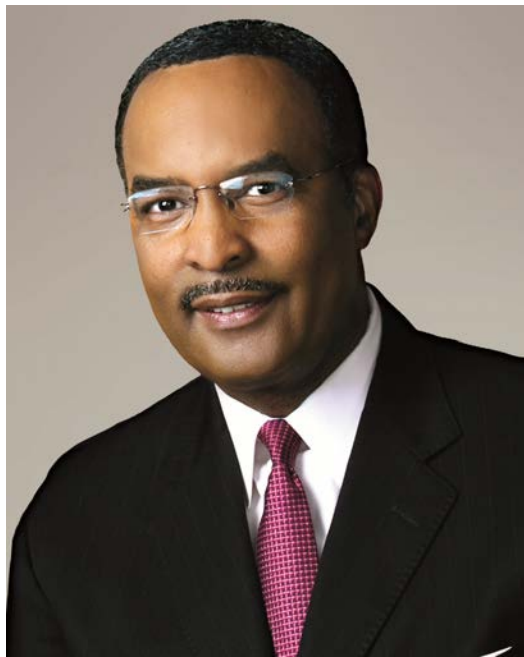
**Narration - Tahira**

**Presentation of Honorees (3 minute Response)**

**Closing Remarks-Mr. Wilbert Miller Executive Director PAL of Wilmington**

**Benediction- Evangelist Bernadette Moore**

**Please Stand**



Ukee Washington is co-anchor with Jessica Dean of CBS 3's Eyewitness News at 5, 6 and 11 p.m. and Eyewitness News at 10 p.m. on The CW Philly 57. Ukee also hosts CBS 3's popular Brotherly Love segment profiling people who have had a positive impact in their communities.

Ukee (born Ulysses Samuel Washington III) joined the Channel 3 news team as a sports anchor in July 1986. In 1996, he moved over to the news desk as early morning and noon anchor. In July, 2015, he was promoted to anchor of the evening editions of Eyewitness News.

Since that time, Ukee has been front and center anchoring some of the region's most memorable stories including Super Storm Sandy in 2012, the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia and Pope Francis' historic visit to the City in 2015. In addition, the versatile anchor's assignments have run the gamut from hosting the 2015 Philadelphia Mayoral Candidates Forum to going behind bars to interview a high school classmate on death row. Ukee has even guest co-hosted on the popular CBS network talk show, THE TALK three times, in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Ukee was raised in West Philadelphia and attended Dover High School in Delaware where he was a celebrated athlete. As a youngster, his other love was music. As a member of the Philadelphia Boys Choir's "elite," he traveled to Russia, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Denmark and Mexico to perform. Both experiences proved helpful in his broadcasting career as host of the station's live telecasts of the Philadelphia Orchestra and his live coverage of the 1998 Winter Olympic Games from Nagano, Japan.

Prior to coming home to the Philadelphia area, Ukee was a sports anchor at WBBH-TV in Fort Myers, Florida and at WSB-TV in Atlanta. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond. Today, he makes his home in Wilmington, Delaware.

Among his honors, he was named to both the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2015 and the Philadelphia Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame in 2008. In February, 2017, Philadelphia's City Council confirmed what most of us have already known – it named Ukee a "Living Legend" during its special Black History Month observance.

# Dr. Lozelle DeLuz



Dr. Lozelle DeLuz has been an educator, editor, entrepreneur and philanthropist. She began her career in education. Starting as a classroom teacher she quickly rose through the ranks and became a principal in the Meyers Elementary School in Washington, D.C. Dr. DeLuz left Washington to join her husband in Philadelphia where he and his business partner opened a McDonald's franchise. She applied for a position with the Lippincott Company and in 1974 was promoted to Vice President of the Educational Publishing Division and Executive Language Arts Editor. Dr. DeLuz was the first African American to hold an editorial position at the Lippincott Company. She later left Lippincott and joined her husband in the franchise business.

For over 30 years, she and her late husband, Anthony, owned three Wilmington area McDonalds franchises, one of the first African American operators in the East Coast region and the first and in the State of Delaware.

Dr DeLuz was the first woman elected to the McDonald's Philadelphia Regional Board of Directors and the first African American woman elected to the National Ronald McDonald's Children Charities Board of Directors. At the time, Dr. DeLuz and her late husband were considered "pioneers." Over the lifetime of the franchises, they employed nearly 3,000 people, growing the business to \$5 million dollars in annual revenues, contributing substantially to the economic vitality of the City of Wilmington and the State of Delaware.

Dr DeLuz inherited her sense of entrepreneurship and community from her father who owned a corner neighborhood store. Her motto: "You can't just take from the community, you must give something back," underlies her success.

As the President and CEO of DeLuz Management, she continued her entrepreneurial endeavors as reflected in the creation of the Darden Entrepreneurial Summit, which she co-chaired in partnership with the University of Delaware. The Darden Entrepreneurial Summits were designed to give an orientation to underserved young people in college to the business opportunities in the Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism industries.

Her honors and awards include: The Girls Inc. of Delaware, "She Knows Where She's Going Award;" included in the "Hall of Fame of Delaware Women; and recently recognized by Lincoln University at the 150th Anniversary Gala and presented with the "Leadership Excellence Award." Dr. DeLuz has been recognized by several McDonald's organizations. In 1989 she was presented with the Ronald Award by the McDonald's Philadelphia Region (ROA) / Phil Ad Mac, Inc. Co-op. A special Dr. Lozelle DeLuz Entrepreneurial Award was established in 1999 by the National Black McDonald's Operators Association to recognize the achievements of exemplary women in the McDonald's corporate family. In 1990, Dr. DeLuz was inducted into the University of Delaware's Wall of Fame.

Dr. DeLuz earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Winston Salem State University, Master of Arts degree in Administration and Supervision from George Washington University and a Ph.D. in Urban Affairs from the University of Delaware.

# Bebe Coker



Ms. Bebe Ross Coker is an educator, playwright, and activist. Born in Jacksonville, Florida, she attended Stanton High School and moved to Delaware in 1960. Ms. Coker is a longtime advocate of educational equity and learning excellence for all children. Along with twelve other Civil Rights advocates, she opposed the plan to desegregate public schools by busing children out of their neighborhoods. Instead, the group proposed an alternative plan to Federal Court where teachers would be bussed appropriately to schools rather than students. Public service and volunteerism have been the hallmark of Ms. Coker's life and her many contributions were recognized by the first Jefferson Awards Panel for community service. She has served on many Boards and Commissions throughout the State, including the New Castle County VO-TECH Board of Education, the Wilmington Metropolitan Urban League, the Delaware Civil Rights Commission, the Christina Board of Directors (Old Swedes), the Grand Opera House Restoration Committee, the Wilmington Black Theater Ensemble, the Black Heritage Educational Theater Group, Circle of Caring Ministry Group, and the Delaware Kenya Association. Ms. Coker is the recipient of numerous local and regional awards for public service.

Ms. Coker enjoys her volunteer projects with Delaware State University, the Christina Cultural Arts Center, and with the YWCA'S Home-Life Management Center. Above all else, she cherishes the gifts of her three daughters, Navy Capt. Laurie Coker Reid, RN, Dr. Joan Coker, MD, and Julie Coker.

# *Senator Margaret Rose Henry*



Senator Margaret Rose Henry is known for her extraordinary commitment to public service with an emphasis on working to improve the lives of women, children, families, and the elderly. She was born on June 20, 1944 in Rayne, Louisiana and raised in Houston Texas. The daughter of a father who was a Longshoreman and a mother who worked in a domestic capacity, she has first-hand knowledge of the needs of working families. Sen. Henry realized the importance of education early on in life. She was the first in her family to graduate from college, having earned her B.A. in Psychology and Sociology at Texas, Southern University and her M.A. in Community Development and Leadership from Springfield College.

Sen. Henry has called the State of Delaware home since 1970. As a divorcee after several years of marriage, Sen. Henry took on the role of a single working mother and raised her two sons, John and Marcus, both of whom are married and successful in their own right. She is also the proud grandmother of three Myles, Gabrielle, and Alex, who all affectionately refer to her as "Mimi".

Sen. Henry is the first African American woman to serve in the Delaware State Senate, and is currently the only African American and one of only four women serving in that chamber. She serves as Majority Leader of the Senate Democratic Caucus and represents the Second Senatorial District. Prior to her election to the General Assembly in 1994, Sen. Henry spent her professional career working in the non-profit sector, having served in a management capacity for organizations such as Delaware Guidance, Girls Inc., Ingleside Homes, YWCA, and the United Way of Delaware. Her diverse background in public service has given her an intimate understanding of the needs of the communities she serves. Sen. Henry's focus as a legislator has always been on improving the lives of working families, children, women, and senior citizens. Sen. Henry continues to work diligently on legislation that will have a positive impact on her district and the state as a whole. She has sponsored or cosponsored legislation restricting gun access for convicted domestic abusers; requiring mandatory reporting for lost or stolen firearms; levying stricter penalties for witness intimidation; creating Delaware's medical marijuana program; prohibiting discrimination along lines of sexual orientation and gender identity; reforming child support laws; studying education reform in the City of Wilmington; broadening access to affordable housing; implementing a clean needle exchange program; increasing the minimum wage; closing the gender pay gap; protecting victims of child abuse; common sense criminal justice reforms; anti-bullying measures; and working to expand the Port of Wilmington. She continues to champion legislation in the areas of education, autism, health, housing, crime, gun control, mental health, and services for seniors.



# *Bishop Aretha Morton*



Bishop Aretha E. Morton is the Pastor Emeritus of the Tabernacle Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral in Wilmington Delaware and currently serves on the College of Bishops as the Delaware State Bishop for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International. Bishop Morton has been preaching the Gospel for fifty-eight years. She is regarded as a trailblazer for women in the ministry. In 1983 upon accepting the call to pastor Tabernacle Baptist Church, Bishop Morton made history becoming the first female to pastor a Baptist church in the state of Delaware. In 2016 Bishop Morton retired after thirty-three years of stellar pastoral leadership.

Bishop Morton at the age of 79 considers this to be her season of grace. As the family matriarch of five generations, she cherishes her 2 children, 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

The Apostle Paul expresses his gratitude to God in the book of Timothy and Bishop Morton declares her gratitude to God in the same manner. "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me in the ministry. (1 Tim. 1:12)

# Cynthia Elliott Oates



Cynthia Elliott Oates was born to loving parents Mable and Herbert Elliott on January 17, 1936, in Wilmington, Delaware. In her early years, she attended elementary schools #20 and #29 in Wilmington. In the sixth grade, she relocated to Harper Ferry, West Virginia with her mother while she attended Storer College. In the seventh grade, they returned to Wilmington and she later enrolled in Howard High School, where she proudly graduated in 1953 and is active with her class to this day. Cynthia would then attend Storer College but her time there was short-lived due to desegregation. In 1955, she enrolled at Virginia Union University and graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. Upon graduating, she taught her first class of second graders in Colonia Beach, Virginia.

Cynthia returned to Wilmington in 1959 and employed by the Wilmington School Board as a second grade teacher until desegregation. She then worked in the Red Clay school district at Skyline and Stanton Middle school as a student relations specialist. As a SRS, she worked closely with students from Wilmington and teachers, struggling to adjust with desegregation. While in the Red Clay School District, she had local African Americans discuss their lives, professions, and achievements. She later returned to school, received her master's in elementary education, degree in 1976 from Cheyney College, and inducted in the Honor Society Kappa Delta Pi in 1978. "Teaching and watching students grasp new concepts is the most rewarding feeling on Earth. I never met a child who could not learn," Cynthia often said.

She became a member and President in the National Association of University Women (N.A.U.W.), and dubbed "Woman of the Year Wilmington branch," of the Northeast section.

Governor Tom Carper appointed her to the Foster Care Review Board in 1959. She too served on the boards of: Henrietta Johnson Medical Center, Louis L. Redding Foundation, and the Walnut Street YWCA. As a member of the Brandywine Professional Association, she was awarded "Educator of the Year." Later on she would be elected to the Christina School Board from 1983-1996 and elected Vice President. As a school board member, she belonged to National School Board Association (N.S.B.A), State School Board Association and National Caucus of Black School Board Members and served as President.

Cynthia along with the Howard class of 1953 had their first reunion in the summer of 1954 at the "Spot" on French Street. With love and commitment, she continues working on committees for all class reunions and proud of having her "Howard life membership."

Cynthia is a member of St. Andrew and Matthew Episcopal Church. For several years, she had accomplished African Americans in Wilmington present Black history programs. She introduced an essay contest for the youth of the church. They were to identify African Americans they admired.

She is an usher, lector, and active member of Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

## *State Representative Hazel Plant (D.)*



State Representative Hazel D. Plant was elected on January 20, 2001, succeeding her late husband, Dr. Al O. Plant, Sr. Born in Amy, Arkansas on January 23, 1934, she was later employed as a pre-sentence officer with the Justice of the Peace Court in Delaware. A longtime resident of the City's Eastlawn neighborhood, Representative Plant worked to better her community through involvement with the Eastlawn Area Human Services Agency, an organization founded by her and her husband. She was affiliated with the Organization of Minority Women and taught Sunday school for many years.

In the Delaware General Assembly, Representative Plant served as Chair of the House Labor Committee and was a member of the Corrections, Judiciary, Housing, Community Affairs, Public Safety, Gaming, Pari-Mutuels and Veterans Affairs Committees. A strong advocate for civil rights, the elderly, workers and ex-offenders, Representative Plant sponsored legislation to eliminate the five-year waiting period for eligible felons to have their voting rights restored; to extend tax credits for employers to hire non-violent felons, to ensure that individuals with disabilities are treated with dignity and respect in health care purchases; to protect workers from wrongful termination; to support making the federal Voting Rights Act permanent and to rename the Gander Hill Multi-Purpose Criminal Justice Facility which became the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution. Representative Plant served the residents of the 2nd Representative District until November 2, 2010, and will be fondly remembered by all as a tenacious and hard-working legislator who cared deeply about her constituents.

# Velda Jones Potter



Velda Jones-Potter has a history of 'firsts' in science, business and government in Delaware - the first state. On January 3, 2017, Velda was inaugurated as Treasurer for the City of Wilmington, the first woman and African-American to ever hold the office. In January 2009, Velda became the first African-American in Delaware history to hold statewide elective office when appointed State Treasurer by Governor Jack Markell. Prior to serving as Delaware's State Treasurer, Velda founded a financial services and consulting company and was Managing Partner with a social impact venture capital firm focused on investing in women and minority-led technology companies, and increasing access to capital for underrepresented groups. She began her professional career as an engineer with ICI Americas and previously held executive positions with DuPont and MBNA. As a Loaned Executive from DuPont, Velda previously served the City of Wilmington as Director of Finance where she was instrumental in the transformation of the City's fiscal operations. Throughout her career, Velda has been deeply committed to education as a means of empowering individuals, enabling and motivating tomorrow's entrepreneurs and inspiring the next-generation innovators. She is a founding board member of the Eastside Charter School of Wilmington. Velda was among the first five students to participate in Forum to Advance Minorities in Engineering (FAME), a pre-college math & science enrichment program. After graduating college she tutored FAME students and later served as Chairperson of its Board of Trustees and was instrumental in expanding the program which has nurtured several thousand new engineers, scientists and business professionals and is now a national model for STEM education.

Velda earned a bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from the University of Delaware, becoming the first African-American woman to earn an engineering degree in the history of the institution. She holds a Masters of Business

Administration with a concentration in Finance from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. She also studied at Northwestern University National Institute of Public Finance and is a Member Emeritus of the National Association of State Treasurers. Velda attributes much of her career achievement in business and finance to the strong technical training and knowledge acquired in the engineering discipline.

Velda is a Member Emeritus of the National Association of State Treasurers, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women; and has served on the Board of Trustees for numerous local non-profit and community service organizations, among them Police Athletic League of

Wilmington and Delaware Financial Literacy Institute. Velda is a graduate of P.S. DuPont High School where she met and later married her husband, Charles; they have two adult sons - Chaz and Brandon. Velda enjoys music, dancing, western movies and "lively debates". Her advice to others - "Dream Big and Make It Happen".

# Lolita Lopez



Ms. Lopez is the President & CEO of Westside Family Healthcare, a non-profit community health system with a mission to provide equal access to quality healthcare, regardless of ability to pay. Since coming to Westside in August of 1990, Ms. Lopez has successfully grown the organization from a small, one provider center with 3.5 employees, to today's Joint Commission accredited Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) with six comprehensive health center locations and one mobile medical unit providing services statewide. Today, the organization employs a workforce of over 240. Since opening its doors in 1988, Westside Family Healthcare has continued to meet the healthcare needs of underserved communities in Delaware. In 2015, Westside provided care for over 30,000 low-income persons, including migrant and seasonal agricultural workers.

Ms. Lopez is a member of the Christiana Care Health System Board of Trustees, the Visiting Nurses Association Board of Directors, the Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium, the ACHE Delaware Regent's Advisory Council, the Todmorden Foundation Board, the Delaware Center for Health Innovation Board and Co-Chair of the Healthy Neighborhoods Committee, Chair of the National Association of Community Health Centers Advocacy Task Force and was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of Delaware Technical Community College.

Ms. Lopez achieved status as a Diplomate of the American College of Healthcare Executives in 2004 and was honored by the same organization with the Senior Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award in April 2005. In 2006 she was honored as the first Hispanic inductee into the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame and received the Distinguished Hispanic Delawarean Award for her efforts to improve the health of the Hispanic community. In 2010, Ms. Lopez was honored with the Health Advocacy Award from the Wilmington, Delaware Branch of the NAACP and the 2010 Trailblazer Award by the YWCA of Delaware. Also in 2010, Ms. Lopez celebrated 20 years of service to Westside Family Healthcare and was honored by its Board of Directors with the establishment of the Lopez-Jesse Endowment Fund for Westside Family Healthcare. In 2013, she was honored by the Delaware Horsemen's Assistance Fund, Inc. (DHAF) which highlighted Westside's eight year partnership to provide DHAF workers with access to dental and medical care. Ms. Lopez was the recipient of the 2013 Public Service Award from the Delaware Association of Public Administration, and in 2014 she was inducted into the National Association of Community Health Centers Grassroots Advocacy Hall of Fame.

Ms. Lopez is a graduate of the University of Delaware, where she earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, and a master's degree in mental health counseling. A native Delawarean, Ms. Lopez and her husband, Don Jesse, reside in Lewes, Delaware.

# City Council Woman Loretta Walsh



Loretta Walsh has served six terms on City Council as an At-Large Council Member, and will begin her seventh term January 3, 2017. She served on Wilmington City Council from 1985-1997. She was re-elected in 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016. Her candid approach to solving issues, her wealth of experience in government and her accessibility to the citizens of Wilmington enables Council Member Walsh to get the job done.

In 2009, she retired from the New Castle County Sheriff's office as Chief Deputy, a position she held since 1981. She was previously employed with the Delaware Council on Crime and Justice from 1979 to 1980 as an Agency Representative; the Delaware State Senate from 1977 to 1979; and the New Castle County Sheriff's Office from 1975-77 as an Executive Assistant.

Council Member Walsh professional and dedicated community work have won her various awards including the induction into the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame, the St. Patrick's Society's Dan Frawley Award, the Burton Phelan Outstanding Service Award, the Ministry of Caring Hunger Bowl Award, and the Quaker Hill Garrett/Tubman Award.

The following are Council Member Walsh's current boards and memberships:

St. Patrick's Day Society

Opportunity Center Fashion Show Committee

Women's Democratic Club

8th City Council District Ward

Humanities Forum

Sacred Heart Village II Board

United Women Org. DE

Lifelong member of the NAACP

Council Member Walsh is single, has one child, two grandchildren and is a foster mother.

Standing Committees of Council

Council Member Walsh is Chair of the Public Safety Committee. She is also a member of the Finance & Economic Development and the Public Works & Transportation Committees.

<https://www.wilmingtonde.gov/government/city-council/city-council-members/loretta-walsh>

# *Enid Wallace-Simms*



Enid Wallace-Simms is Senior Public Affairs Manager for Delmarva Power to the City of Wilmington, Delaware. She is a native Delawarean with a Bachelor's Degree in Distributive Education from Delaware State College. She later obtained certification in Corporate and Community Relations from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. Enid began her career with Delmarva Power in 1980 and has gained vast business experiences in the areas of Accounting, Insurance, Marketing, and Public and Community Relations.

In her current role, Enid works with government officials and their staff to act as a liaison between the municipality and the utility, assisting in, but not limited to, managing construction projects, developing local, internal and external stakeholder's project reports, managing billing and constituent issues. She is also responsible for ensuring cohesive, effective government affairs strategies are developed to reach out to the communities we serve to show that we are a good corporate citizen. Enid supports the communities with Delmarva Power's efforts in workforce investment, education, STEM, employee volunteerism and environmental stewardship. She is working towards making Delmarva Power the employer of choice, provider/supplier of choice, investment of choice and the neighbor of choice by building relationships of trust. Enid exemplifies the spirit of community that Delmarva Power stands for by serving on a variety of boards such as Community in Schools, the Governor's Community and Volunteer Commission and is Vice Chair of the Delaware Advisory Council for the United States Civil Rights Commission. She is a recipient of the YMCA's Black Achievers in Business and Industry Award and served as the Steering Committee Chairperson for several years.

# *A Special Thank You*



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## Wilbert L. “Bunny” Miller



Wilbert L. “Bunny” Miller was born August 12, 1937, and was reared in Delaware City, Delaware. He attended Delaware City 118C (colored school) from first through eight grades. He went to Howard High School from grades nine through twelfth grades (1952-1955). He attended Delaware State College (now University) from 1955-1959, where he received a Bachelor’s Degree in Health, Physical Education Recreation in 1959.

He served in the United States Army from 1959-1961, and received the Good Conduct Medal and an honorable discharge in 1961.

Mr. Miller received a Masters Degree in Administration plus 30 credits in Guidance Counselling from Villanova University.

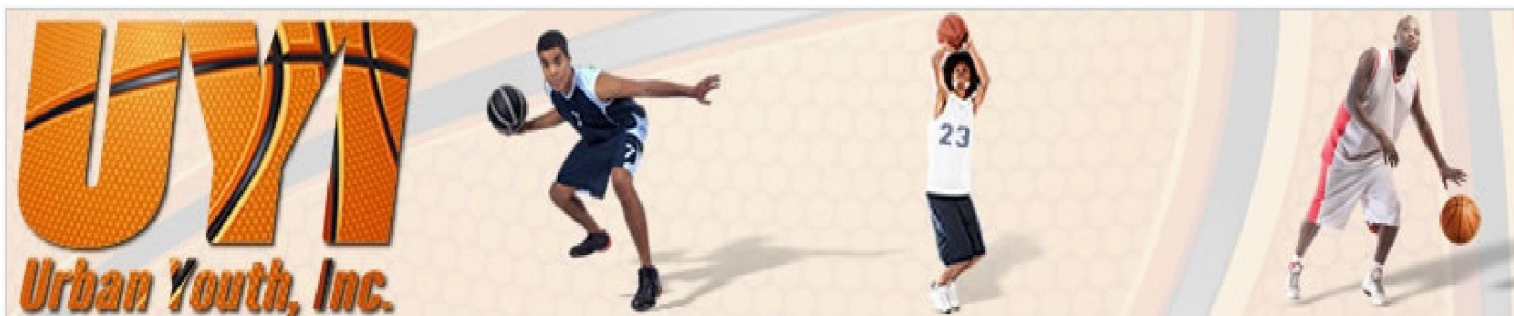
He started his public school career at Dunleith Community School as a physical education teacher and coach. He moved to the Wilmington School District in the same capacity in 1966 (Lore Elementary). He taught in Wilmington schools until he became an Assistant Principal at Burnett Middle School.

His administrative career took him from Burnett until New Castle County schools were desegregated in 1978, to P.S. duPont Junior High School (Assistant Principal), Brandywine High School (Associate Principal), and back to Burnett Junior High School as Principal. In 1995, he became Supervisor of Title I for the Brandywine School District. He retired in June of 1999 after 37 years of service.

Mr. Miller was elected to the Delaware State University Hall of Fame for football and baseball, the Delaware Baseball Hall of Fame, and the Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame, Inc. in 2000.

He was honored by being named Brandywine School District’s Black Achiever sponsored by the Walnut Street Branch Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Miller’s interests include sports, gardening, collecting antiques, and mentoring adolescents. Mr. Miller and his wife, Nancy, live in Wilmington,



**Mark P. Sills,  
Executive Director**



For 20 years, since 1997, Urban Youth, Inc. has been organizing and managing weekend youth development (ages 9 to 18) basketball tournaments and leagues some 35 to 40 weekend per year in American cities along the northeast corridor--that is, from Pennsylvania down to Orlando, Fla., and countries, such as Toronto Canada.

As part of Urban Youth, Inc. operations, youth development teams can register internet on-line for their participation in pre-arranged, centrally located recreational facilities, under certified game basketball referees and covered by Urban Youth, Inc. liability insurance matters. Under this administrative arrangement, youth development teams from regionally located areas get a chance to compete and develop their skills against other teams beyond their local city environments. Examples of other participating cities are Philadelphia, Pa, Chester and West Chester, Pa, Wilmington and Dover, DE., Atlantic City, NJ, Trenton, NJ, Baltimore, Md, , Germantown, Md, Washington, DC, Chantilly, Va., Richmond, Va., Charlotte, NC, Atlanta, Ga. Montgomery, Ala, and Orlando, Fla, Las Vegas Nevada, Ocean City, Maryland.



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