

Complete List of Past Honorees

Year	Honoree	Affiliation
2021	Renee Mahaffey Harris	President/CEO, Center for Closing the Health Gap, Launched Black Women’s Health movement, President of Ohio African American Health Disparities Coalition
	Bishop Ennis Tait	Senior Pastor and Founder, New Beginnings Church of the Living God, Leads the Positive Force movement and Beyond Civility, Executive Director of Project Nehemiah and President of the Faith Community Alliance
2020	Janet Reid	CEO, BRBS World, LLC, which brought equity/diversity/inclusion consulting to over 50 countries. Helped conceive and lead Cincinnati Action Now (CAN)
	Vincent R. Brown	President & CEO of V. Randolph Brown Consulting, one of original founders of Global Novations, which became the largest, most experienced company focused on diversity and inclusion
2019	Robert “Chip” Harrod	Former Executive Director of the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), Former President and CEO of BRIDGES for a Just Community
	Iris Roley	Original member and Project Manager of the Cincinnati Black United Front, responsible for ground work that led to historic Collaborative Agreement
2018	Dr. Clarence G. Newsome	Past President, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
	Shakila Ahmad	Chair of the Board and President of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati
2017	Donna Jones Baker	President/CEO of the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio
	Bob Newman	Civil Rights lawyer
2016	Mary Asbury	Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati
	Kenneth Parker	Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Ohio,
2015	Sister Rose Ann Fleming	Founder of academic advising program insuring success of young athletes of all races, Xavier University
	David Singleton	Executive Director, Ohio Justice and Policy Center
2014	Alphonse A. Gerhardstein	Lead counsel for plaintiffs in class action lawsuit resulting in the Collaborative Agreement, Founder Ohio Justice and Policy Center
	Pauline Strayhorne	First African American woman employed by Major Federal Savings & Loan
2013	Judge S. Arthur Spiegel	Federal judge for U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, civil rights lawyer
	Judge Nathaniel R. Jones	First African American appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, Assistant General Counsel to National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, general counsel of NAACP
2012	Frances Wilson Canty	Civil rights activists who participated in the 1961 Freedom Rides
	David Fankhauser	
	Betty Rosemond	

2011	Donald Spencer Marian Spencer	First African American member of Cincinnati Board of Realtors First African-American woman elected to Cincinnati City Council, first woman to serve as president of Cincinnati NAACP, filed lawsuit that led to desegregation of Coney Island Park
2010	Francie Pepper John Pepper	Activist and philanthropist for those who have experienced domestic violence Leader in establishment of National Underground Railroad Freedom Center; leader in Cincinnati Community Action Now's efforts to develop and implement policy to improve racial equality and inclusion
2009	Bea Larsen Judge Jack Sherman, Jr.	First woman president of Cincinnati Bar Association Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Ohio; together Judge Sherman and Bea Larsen opened Model Cities Law Office in 1972, hiring women and African American lawyers at a time when few would
2008	Charles M. Judd Judge Susan Dlott	Founder, Greater Cincinnati Committee for Equal Opportunity in Housing Judge presiding over negotiation of Cincinnati's Collaborative Agreement on police-community relations and law enforcement practices after 2001 riots
2007	P. Jeane Goings William C. Goings	Director, Social Services for Children's Home, Inc who placed over 1,000 children in caring homes bridging racial constraints Captain of the legendary 366 th Infantry Regiment in WWII and first black pharmacist to join the Veterans Apothecary
2006	Judge Robert L. Black, Jr.	Chair, Cincinnati Human Relations Commission during 1960's riots in Avondale
2005	Judge William A. McClain	First African American member of the Lawyers Club of Cincinnati, first African American member of the Cincinnati Bar Association
2004	Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth	Pioneer freedom fighter in the American Civil Rights Movement