



# Links in the Spotlight

Building A Healthy Legacy: Our Prescription for the Future

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*"If you can't fly then run,  
if you can't run then walk,  
if you can't walk then crawl,  
but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."  
- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## APPOINTMENTS



### **Cheri Beasley**

*Fayetteville (NC) Chapter*

Cheri was appointed to serve as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. She becomes the second African-American woman to serve on North Carolina's Supreme Court in its nearly 200 year history.

<http://goo.gl/dNdkyy>



### **Kia Chambers**

*Columbus (GA) Chapter*

Kia was recently elected to the citywide seat on the Muscogee County School Board. She is the first African-American to be elected to the citywide seat.

<http://goo.gl/Kq3QAV>



### **Soraya M. Coley**

*Bakersfield (CA) Chapter*

Soraya was recently named president of Cal Poly Pomona University in Poloma, Calif. This appointment makes her the first woman to hold this position at the university.

<http://goo.gl/d2RQLS>



### **Phoebe Haddon**

*Penn Towne (PA) Chapter*

Phoebe was recently named chancellor of Rutgers-Camden. This appointment makes her the first African-American woman to run a Rutgers campus.

<http://goo.gl/7XmesO>

## APPOINTMENTS continued



**Alma C. Hobbs**

*Arlington (VA) Chapter*

Alma was recently appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to the Virginia College and University Boards of Visitors for Virginia State University.

<http://goo.gl/KUxgPD>



**Nona Jones**

*Gainesville (FL) Chapter*

Nona recently accepted the role of chief external affairs officer at PACE Center for Girls, Inc. She will be responsible for state-wide marketing and communications, resource development, legislative advocacy, and board development for the organization.

[\[Press Release\]](#)



**ZaDonna M. Slay**

*Savannah (GA) Chapter*

ZaDonna was recently appointed chief executive officer of the West Broad Street YMCA in Savannah, Ga. The appointment makes Link ZaDonna the first African-American female CEO of a YMCA with heritage status in the United States. (Heritage status refers to history of the YMCA serving a predominantly African-American community.)

<http://goo.gl/T3JkIZ>

## ACCOLADES



**Gina Adams**

*Capital City (DC) Chapter*

Gina was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Treana Bowling**

*Greensboro (NC) Chapter*

Treana was recently appointed as a board member to the Guilford Technical Community College Board of Trustees.

<http://goo.gl/OUExim>



**Lajuana Bradford**

*Magic City (AL) Chapter*

Lajuana was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Donnice E. Brown**

*Patapsco River (MD) Chapter*

Donnice served as the 123rd Founders Day Convocation speaker at Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, N.C.

<http://goo.gl/nHQA4H>

## ACCOLADES continued



**Lisa Jeffries Caldwell**  
*Winston-Salem (NC) Chapter*  
Lisa was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Eula Carroll**  
*LaGrange (GA) Chapter*  
Eula recently received the Entrepreneur Award for outstanding service to the community through the boutique business. The award was presented by Newnan Chapel United Methodist Church.



**Millie Charles**  
*Alumna - Southern Area*  
Millie received the Times Picayune Loving Cup award. This award is given to men and women who have worked unselfishly for the community without expectation of public recognition or material reward.  
<http://goo.gl/nNa7if>



**Margot James Copeland**  
15th National President  
*Cleveland (OH) Chapter*  
Margot was recently honored by American Banker with the Community Impact Award at the magazine's "Most Powerful Women in Banking and Finance" Awards. Link Margot was also recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.  
<http://goo.gl/qlrogL>



**Malena Cunningham**  
*Birmingham (AL) Chapter*  
Malena was recently named one of the 2014 Women of Distinction Honorees by the Girls Scouts of North Central Alabama. This award is given to women who have made a special contribution to their community through civic, academic or professional efforts.  
<http://goo.gl/CQ8yw5>



**Stephanie Gaillard White**  
*Commonwealth (VA) Chapter*  
Stephanie was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Jacqueline Glenn**  
*Middlesex County (MA) Chapter*  
Jacqueline was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Carla A. Harris**  
*Metro-Manhattan (NY) Chapter*  
Carla was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.

## ACCOLADES continued



**Maia Jackson**

*Arlington (VA) Chapter*

Maia was recently named an honoree for the 2014 National Medical Association's Top Healthcare Professionals Under 40 Award Program.



**Nona Jones**

*Gainesville (FL) Chapter*

Nona received the American Public Power Association's 2014 Rising Star award and was recognized as an emerging national leader in public power. She was also elected to the executive committee of the Florida Municipal Electric Association, placing her in line to become the youngest and first African-American president of the statewide organization. Additionally, she was profiled by ESSENCE as an "Under 40 Woman to Watch" and Florida Trend magazine as one of Florida's "Thirty-Something All Stars."

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**Cindy Kent**

*Minneapolis-St. Paul (MN) Chapter*

Cindy was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Melanie Lawson**

*Houston (TX) Chapter*

Melanie was awarded the Jade Award by Women in Television & Film Houston for her work as a television anchor and reporter at KTRK ABC-13 and for her dedication to community service. She was also presented with a special proclamation from the City of Houston.

<http://goo.gl/dnbSZL>



**Lydia Mallett**

*Penn Towne (PA) Chapter*

Lydia was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Annette March- Grier**

*Harbor City (MD) Chapter*

Annette was selected as one of CNN's Top Ten Heroes for 2014 for the work of her nonprofit, Roberta's House, which helps children and their families cope with grief.

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<http://goo.gl/ykU2jS>



## ACCOLADES continued



**Michelle Miller**

*Minneapolis-St. Paul (MN) Chapter*  
Michelle was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Rhonda Mims**

*Greater New York (NY) Chapter*  
Rhonda was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Karen Jefferson Morrison**

*Columbus (OH) Chapter*  
Karen was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**Glenda Newell-Harris**

National President  
*Alameda Contra Costa (CA) Chapter*  
Glenda recently received the prestigious National Medical Association's Scroll of Merit Award. This award is the highest honor conferred by the NMA and is given in recognition of exceptional achievement in medicine, science, education, or public service.



**Sharon Owens**

*Missouri City (TX) Chapter*  
Sharon was recently honored by the Houston branch of NAACP with the 2014 Presidential Award for her commitment to the mission of the organization and for advocating for the promotion of opportunities and accessibility for communities that reflect the diversity of Houston.

<http://goo.gl/pjh35f>



**Vivian R. Pickard**

*Renaissance (MI) Chapter*  
Vivian was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



**E. Pearl Presley**

*LaGrange (GA) Chapter*  
Pearl was recently received the Women of Excellence Award by The Women Council of Empire Board of Realist.

<http://goo.gl/UdV8Pf>



**Kimberly Foster Price**

*Minneapolis-St. Paul (MN) Chapter*  
Kimberly was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.

## ACCOLADES continued



### **Maya Smart**

*Richmond (VA) Chapter*

Maya was recently recognized in Style Weekly's 2014 Top 40 Under 40 for her work in the community.

<http://goo.gl/pZyGuR>



### **Kim Strong**

*Buckhead-Cascade City (GA) Chapter*

Kim was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



### **Emma Joahanne Thomas-Smith**

*Houston (TX) Chapter*

Emma recently received the 2014 Community Humanitarian Award from Prairie View A&M University for her work as an educator and her dedication to community service.

She has worked at Prairie View A&M University for 43 years.



### **Laysha Ward**

*Minneapolis-St. Paul (MN) Chapter*

Laysha was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.



### **Ann Williams**

*Trinity (TX) Chapter*

Ann recently had a street named after her for her significant contributions to the Dallas Arts District. Located in the Arts District of Dallas, TX, two blocks of Flora Street are now called Ann Williams Way.

<http://goo.gl/INMwkj>



### **Cynthia Williams**

*Winston-Salem (NC) Chapter*

Cynthia was recently named to Savoy magazine's 2014 Top Influential Women in Corporate America.

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