

NCM Awards Criteria & Nomination Form

Overview

NCM Awards were presented for the first time to “Frontline Leaders” in 1997. High Honor Leadership Awards were established in various categories to recognize those individuals, organizations or groups who exhibited exemplary achievement in community and public Service and had made significant contributions to high-risk and/or low-income communities through their leadership, advocacy and service.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest tribute given by Nabhi Christian Ministries to those who have demonstrated at least 25 years of exemplary commitment to promoting a lifetime of excellence in their personal lives and throughout the community.

Community Service Leadership Awards was developed to honor persons who are making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication to make the world a better place (includes Community Hero/Shero). This award can come in various categories to match the recipient’s record of success to which their services/actions have made a lasting or meaningful contribution or impact on their community:

Young Professional Leadership Award is presented to individuals under the age of 40 who are engaged in the community and have demonstrated increasing excellence, ingenuity, initiative and dedication to good business practices in their professional field, thereby serving as personal and professional role models to inspire other young people.

Youth Service Leadership Award is presented to an outstanding Pennsylvania youth (age 16-26) who has demonstrated exemplary leadership by volunteering their time and talent to projects, services or activities that benefit others, thus making a difference in their community.

Transformational Leadership Award is presented to students, teachers, school administrators, librarians and educational facilities who’ve best exemplifies academic leadership and achievement that inspire positive change or transform the future of students in vulnerable and at risk communities.

Peace Awards are presented to frontline leaders dedicated to advocacy for peace through conflict resolution, truce and/or ceasefire to reduce violence and the possibility of high-risk youth starting or continuing delinquent behavior and increase opportunities for them to become productive, contributing members of their schools, families and communities.

Purpose

“Leadership Builds Safe Pathways for the Healthy Development of Children, Youth and Families”

NCM AWARDS raise awareness of the importance to promote healthy behavior by encouraging leadership roles and active engagement in projects that uplift high-risk communities. Through practice, participation and mentoring, leaders play a profound role in inspiring others, advancing

safe, stable and healthy environments for children to thrive in and increasing prosperity of vulnerable and at risk communities.

Criteria

- Candidate must have at least 25 years of distinguished service to the Public. (The award is for a lifetime of achievement and not for a single contribution no matter how monumental).
- Candidate's Life Achievement should be based on nominee's work in areas of Leadership, Advocacy and Service that impacts of vulnerable and at risk communities.
- Candidate must have at least 10-years of distinguished service to the Public for the Community Service Leadership Awards
- Candidate must be under the age of 40 to qualify for the Young Professional Leadership Award. Candidate may be nominated by any individual, committee or organization. We do not accept self-nominations.

Process

Nominations are submitted by mail and are reviewed by a Board of Selectors (BOS) comprised of demonstrated leaders with knowledge of community-based issues in Allegheny County. The BOS review nominations and recommend winners for the NCM Awards annually. The BOS and their immediate families are not eligible to receive NCM Awards. The board may recommend one, multiple or no awards be given.

Recommendations are presented to NCM Executive Board of Directors for approval.

Award Presentation and Recognition

NCM Lifetime Achievement Awards are presented during a ceremony each year in recognition for distinguished achievement in public/community service, legendary length of dedicated service or outstanding contributions. NCM Community and other Leadership Awards are presented during a ceremony each year in recognition for distinguished achievement in public/community dedicated service or outstanding contributions. NCM Awards activities are led and overseen by the Executive Board. Tracee Kirkland is currently the head CEO.

Key Dates

1-28 to 1-14 February/March – nominations open

3rd Friday March – nominations closed

1-15 April – voting for NCM Award

16-30 April – finalists announced

4 October – awards ceremony

Deadline

Nominations must be received by mail by the third Friday in March. For additional information, email nabhiministry1@gmail.com or call NCM at 412-661-1919.

All nominations must be submitted by mail.

Nomination Letter and Supporting Materials must include the following:

❑ **Letter of Nomination:** • Nomination letters must be type-written using Calibri, Time New Romans or Arial 12-point or larger font, 1" margins on 8.5x11 white paper, double-spaced and single-sided with normal character width (100%).

The letter of nomination should include the name, address, email, and daytime telephone number of the nominee; the name, address, email, daytime telephone number, and signature of the nominator; and the names of the authors of letters of recommendation.

- Letter of Nomination should speak to the nominee's distinction in distinguished achievement in public/community service, legendary length of dedicated service and/or outstanding contributions
- How candidate's work has made significant contributions that impacted high-risk and/or low income communities through their leadership, advocacy or service.

❑ **Bio/Resume:** The nominee's resume should detail education; work experience and service.

❑ **Letters of Recommendation:** Up to five letters of recommendation may be included. The nominator may write one of the five letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should focus on the quality rather than the quantity of the performance of the nominee, emphasizing the distinction of the nominee's performance.

Three copies (one original and two copies) of the nomination packet should be included in a single packet addressed to Nabhi Christian Ministries Awards, PO Box 27112, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

The nomination packet must be postmarked by **the third Thursday in March and received by the third Friday in March** to be considered. Nominations will be kept on file and reconsidered each year for three years. Nomination materials may be, but need not be, updated annually. *Nominations may be withdrawn (by nominators) at any time.*

NOMINATIONS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

Number of Awards

Normally, not more than three awards per year will be given. NCM Awards ceremony is usually held in the month of October.

Past Recipient Examples

Darryl E. Jones, PhD, CFO, EFO, 2018 Lifetime Achievement Public Safety Award



Chief Darryl E. Jones, PhD, CFO, EFO, the first African American appointed Chief of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire. Chief Jones is responsible for the leadership of over 650 uniformed personnel and all operations of the Bureau. Under his leadership, the Bureau expanded its Free Smoke Detector Program, initiated the Risk Watch safety program that teaches safety techniques to students grades K-6 as part of the health curriculum and refurbished its Company Inspection Program. 100% of its personnel is certified to the Firefighter II level. Because of fire safety education, improved firefighter training, and upgrading of equipment and apparatus, the ISO rating for the City of Pittsburgh improved from a Class 4 fire department to a Class 1 fire department.

Chief Jones is an instructor for the National Fire Academy, the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy and Point Park University. Darryl E. Jones has been a firefighter since 1986 and a chief officer since 1995.

Chief Jones's remarkable performance and leadership excellence in building strong communities through extraordinary degrees of risk and sacrifice in the heroic mission to protect life, property and the environment is outstanding. He is an inspirational change agent committed to the safety and training of Pittsburgh firefighters, as well as the citizens of Pittsburgh.

Dr. David G. Hall, MD, 2018 Lifetime Achievement Public Health Service Award



Dr. David G. Hall, MD, noted as one of the finest family physicians in Pittsburgh. Voted one of Pittsburgh's Best Doctors by Best Doctors, Inc. for four years in a row, Dr. Hall is the founding physician and Medical Director of East Liberty Family Health Care Center (ELFHCC) for the past 36 years.

The faith-based Center is dedicated to providing day-to-day, quality, whole-person health care to all, especially the poor, including the uninsured, underinsured and undeserved. ELFHCC now accommodates more than 40,000 patients each year in four locations, East Liberty, Lincoln/Lemington, Wilkinsburg and the Hill District.

Dr. Hall's work is impressive. His contribution significantly improves access to quality healthcare for all, including African American communities with higher percentages of poverty and chronic diseases. In addition, Dr. Hall provided a safe haven for teens and housed a local life skills-conflict resolution program in his center for young black males during a time of rampant gang violence that endangered children and families and resulted in senseless deaths. His actions contributed to the success of Pittsburgh's first gang peace rally held in Highland Park in 1996, which resulted in a public truce and cease-fire between five rival-gangs.

Lynwood Alford, 2017 Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award



Through God's will and his mother's common sense, Linwood Alford, a Vietnam veteran learned to cook a family meal, all the way down to the cornbread, when he could have been playing football with Joe Namath and the other boys from their Beaver Falls neighborhood.

In 1973 he opened The Downtown Recreation Center, for young adults. The rec center was a "safe haven" and dance hall for young people, who Mr. Alford still counsels when he gets the chance while out and about in his hometown today. As a foreman and union representative for Labor Union Local 833, he helped build the Shipping port nuclear power station and other power stations.

Get Ready is meant to especially help women and people of color enter the trades, and Mr. Alford helps facilitate jobs through his membership in another relatively new organization in Beaver County – IDAC, or Inclusion Diversity Active Council. IDAC reaches out to major corporations, and many of their executives are listening. He's proud that 10 of 25 recent applicants with Get Ready were people of color, a good percentage.

If basketball was his passion as a young man, today his passion is helping people, says Mr. Alford, who became involved with "Moral Mondays," peaceful monthly protests to draw attention to immigrants' rights, criminal justice inequities, workers' rights, LGBT issues and environmental issues.

Cheryl Lynn Allen, 2017 Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award



As a Juvenile Court judge for 12 of her 17 years in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, Cheryl Lynn Allen was known for her courage to buck the system when necessary. She delivered no-

nonsense decisions based on evidence, but also recognized opportunities to help families in need outside of her courtroom.

She threw herself into those opportunities – starting programs for families ravaged by addiction, for delinquent young men, and to keep pre-teen offenders from being housed at Shuman Detention Center or the county jail. A summer school program she helped to start ultimately led to her conceptualizing The Academy Charter School, which was a first in the country for delinquent youths.

Over the years, Judge Allen gained recognition for her wise decisions from the bench and her community service. The first African-American woman elected to Pennsylvania Superior Court, she spent seven years on the appellate court before retiring in 2015. Yet she is most proud of her years spent in Juvenile Court, from 1992-2004, where she truly changed lives for families in Pittsburgh.

Larry E. Davis, 2017 Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award



His curriculum vitae are lengthy and impressive. In his online bio, Pitt recognizes Dr. Davis as “a leading scholar of the narrative about race in America and its role in social justice,” and notes that his academic life “has been dedicated to the creation of solution-based dialogues that promote a more racially equitable society.”

His work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Science Foundation. The Center for Race and Social Problems conducts applied social science research on race, ethnicity, and color – the first such center to be created in any American school of Social Work, the bio says. Dr. Davis also is the founder and leader of REAP, a consortium of Race, Ethnicity, and Poverty centers from across the United States.

When he retires in a few years, Dr. Davis wants to become a social worker who reaches people where they live. He wants to visit the food banks and halfway houses more frequently, and to talk with ex-offenders about life, financial literacy, how things work.

“For someone who has as his agenda in life the well-being of black people in America, it’s very disturbing,” he confesses. “James Baldwin had a saying that really fits me, and I’ll paraphrase it” – ‘To have even a modest amount of awareness is to be in a constant rage.’

Shad Henderson, 2017 Community Hero Leadership Award



He's Director of Community Partnerships and Investments at Neighborhood Allies where he manages their grant-making investment portfolio, leads equitable development initiatives and directs community outreach activities to help neighborhoods achieve their priorities, dreams and objectives. Shad also coordinates Neighborhood Allies CDC and CBO partnerships in a manner that produces new frameworks in understanding neighborhood changes and integrates all place-based and social development strategies to build vibrant, healthy, and sustainable neighborhoods for all residents.

Prior to joining the Neighborhood Allies team, Shad served as an Educator of 4-H Youth Development for the Penn State Center in Pittsburgh. There he piloted a leadership initiative for young African-American males of the East End of Pittsburgh so they could become actively engaged in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of local neighborhood improvement projects.

Shad is a life-long resident of the Pittsburgh region and is very passionate about improving the lives and neighborhoods suffering from economic decline and a deteriorating quality of life. His deep seated desire for community development came about while growing up in the Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar neighborhood of Pittsburgh and experiencing its rapid decline during the 1990's due to issues of gang violence, substance abuse, population loss and disinvestment. Since then, Shad has worked to turn his misery into ministry by diligently serving underdeveloped neighborhoods so they can be transformed from places of poverty into communities of promise and prosperity.

Sylvia C. Wilson, 2016 Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award



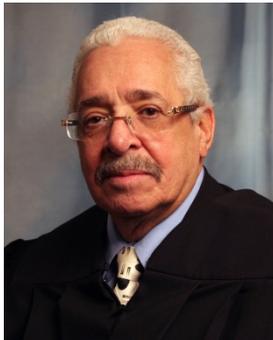
Sylvia C. Wilson can remember something about nearly every student she taught in Pittsburgh elementary schools. It's part of what makes her so uniquely connected to the places she has served as an educator, volunteer or community activist. "Everywhere I look in this neighborhood, I am connected either through volunteer work, my family or a daily walk," she says during a recent interview in the gardens along Larimer Avenue in East Liberty.

Charmingly outspoken, Wilson truly cares about the neighborhood she has called home most of her life. And she considers it is her duty to encourage young people to carry that forward.

As District 1 representative on the Pittsburgh Public Schools Board of Directors, she is the board's First Vice President and chairs its Education Committee this year of 2016. Her life is rooted in education. She graduated from Peabody High School and Carnegie Mellon University, and is a member of the Carnegie Mellon Black Alumni Association. A teacher in Pittsburgh schools for 26 years, she was Assistant to the President of the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers and before that, the elected Secretary of the union's Executive Board.

She also was president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute; is the joint city-county representative for labor on the board for Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN); is on the boards of Riverset Credit Union and Small Seeds Development Inc.; and is a life member of the Negro Business & Professional Women's Club.

Edward A. Tibbs, 2016 Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award



Like many people with a lifetime of achievements, Senior Magisterial District Judge Edward A. Tibbs is a man of many "firsts," and each one broadened his outreach to the community he loves. In return, the people and places of East Liberty shaped the man he became, Tibbs says.

A graduate of George Westinghouse High School, Tibbs earned an Associate's Degree from Community College of Allegheny County. He served three years in the Army, and was named "Missile man of the Month." After his honorable discharge, Tibbs went to work for Western Electric Company, an electrical engineering and manufacturing company that was the primary supplier to AT&T until 1980. During his 17 years with the company, Tibbs became the first African-American union shop steward and executive board member of Communications

Workers of America Local 2596. Then the union's president named him to a blue ribbon committee of the national labor organization, at the time more than 500,000 members strong. He earned that appointment for recommending ways to eliminate discrimination in the union – becoming one of only 12 people ever appointed to the committee throughout the United States. In fact, Tibbs fought against discrimination throughout his life.

In 1980, Tibbs became Paymaster of Allegheny County – a job with considerable responsibility. He disbursed \$20 million in checks each month for payroll, foster care and other government entities. The next year, he ran unopposed for District Magistrate and became the first African-American elected to the position in the 12th Ward. He earned his certification as a District Justice after attending classes at Wilson College. Tibbs served in that position for more than 21 years, running four times without opposition. When he retired in 2002, he became Pennsylvania's first and only African-American to be conferred Senior Magistrate District Judge status. In December that year, his Lincoln-Lemington office was the first of eight to be eliminated under a reorganization of Allegheny County's 55 district justices, but Tibbs continues to serve as a senior judge and is called upon for arraignments and hearings throughout Allegheny County. Additionally, he is a Hearing Officer with the Pittsburgh Parking Authority.

Away from the bench, he's a proud member and assistant to the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks. He is a longtime member of Sixth Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, "The foundation of a healthy community is to serve your community," Tibbs says, "

Oscar J. Petite, Jr. 2016 Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award



Oscar Petite grew up in a family committed to public service and dedication to the church. He is a lifetime member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lincoln Lemington. He regularly offers to help with youth events, such as the Children's Annual Christmas Reunion; the Drug-Free Gingerbread House Contest, for which he was chosen to be judge because of his reputation for fairness; and Coats for Warmth Rally, which provides new winter coats to needy children. Through his work, Petite has developed trust and rapport with young people in Lincoln-

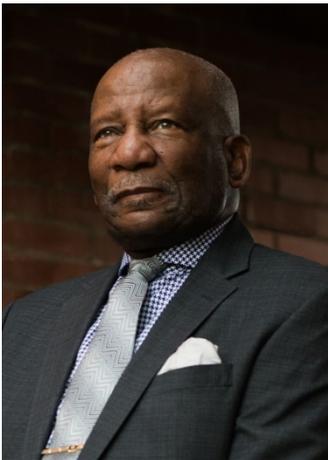
Lemington and Belmar Gardens, who affectionately call him simply “Judge.” Many young people say he has provided them consistent structure to help them achieve successful outcomes.

Petite grew up in the Bedford Dwellings public housing community. He attended Vann and McKelvy elementary schools and was promoted to then-Herron Hill Junior High School, which is now University Prep, and finished high school years at Fifth Avenue High School. He attended Carnegie Mellon University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1979 with a double major in Psychology and Administration & Management Science. That led him to several positions in business, banking and social work. He spent years learning about the court system as an adult probation officer, before his appointment as Magisterial District Judge. In 1995, Petite was sworn in and began hearing cases. Petite began his full-term as Magistrate on January 2, 1996. After two years in office, Petite enrolled in Duquesne University School of Law, taking evening classes. Petite obtained his Juris Doctor degree in May 2001.

Today, Petite is a four-term Magisterial District Judge serving at Pittsburgh Municipal Court. Because maintaining consistency in the judiciary is important, he counts on his experience to give him the analytical skills and legal reasoning necessary to get through the daily docket and render fair decisions.

Petite makes a point of walking through the community on a daily basis, to keep up with people. He takes his boxer, Satchmo, and chats with neighbors. He talks with kids and their parents about the importance of education. He aims to fulfill the legacy of community activism that his parents passed to him – and changes in Pittsburgh don’t discourage him from reaching out to anyone. Petite and his wife are founding members of the Thelma Lovette YMCA, where he volunteers as a cycling instructor and “Race to Any Place,” a fundraiser for multiple sclerosis.

Louis “Hop” Kendrick, 2015 Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award



Louis "Hop" Kendrick, 73, A long-time Christian, community organizer and activist in the **East End**, where he led initiatives to strengthen Civil Rights. Kendrick has served as interim County

Councilor in District 10, director of **Allegheny County's Minority Women and Disadvantage Business Enterprise** office, and a consultant for the County Executive. After running a family trucking business for 33 years, he worked as a county detective and investigator for the public defender's office. He writes the column "Tell the Truth" for the New Pittsburgh Courier. Hop grew up in Lawrenceville and says his father, Milton, taught him right from wrong, and how to work hard and take a stand. He graduated from Fifth Avenue High School in 1949. He served in the Army from 1952 to 1954, finishing as a corporal.

PAST RECIPIENTS

Award Year	Award/Recipient
2009	<p align="center">Community Service Leadership Award</p> <p align="center">Donna Lee (deceased) <i>12/31/09</i></p>
2010 2010	<p align="center">WWII Veteran Leadership Development Award</p> <p align="center">LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. MUNGIN, SR. <i>4/20/10</i></p> <p align="center">Lifetime Achievement for 33 years of Exemplary Military Service to the Country</p> <p align="center">WWII BUFFALO SOLDIER - LIEUTENANT COLONEL</p> <p align="center">GEORGE N. CHARLTON, JR. <i>4/30/10</i></p>
2014	<p align="center">Community Service Leadership Awards</p> <p align="center">Nathaniel Gray <i>2-18-14</i></p>
2015	<p align="center">Lifetime Achievement Public Service</p> <p align="center">Louis "Hop" Kendrick</p>

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2016	<p style="text-align: center;">Lifetime Achievement Public Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oscar J. Petite, Jr., Joseph Preston, Jr. Edward A. Tibbs, Sylvia Wilson</p>
2016	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Service Leadership Awards</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sadie Robinson, Aubrey Kirkland, William Hambrick, De'netta Benjamin</p>
2017	<p style="text-align: center;">Lifetime Achievement Awards for Public Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lynwood Alford, Cheryl Lynn Allen, Larry E. Davis</p>
2017	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Hero Leadership Award</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shad Henderson</p>
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2018	<p style="text-align: center;">Lifetime Achievement Awards for Public Safety Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Darryl E. Jones, PhD, CFO, EFO</p>

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2018	Lifetime Achievement Awards for Public Health Service Dr. David G. Hall, MD
2017	Community Shero Leadership Award Andrea James