



# NWA MLK Council

## “Salute to Greatness” Awards Past Recipients

### **1997 Awards**

Mrs. Jessie Bryant

Mr. Lyell Thompson

Mr. Alvin Matlock

### **Rodney Momon Youth Award**

In recognition of a youth or young adult who has exemplified strong character, leadership, and service to the community.

Mr. & Mrs. Momon (1998)  
Mr. Jeffery Flanigan (1999)  
Ms. Koriene Barnes (2000)  
Mr. Eddie Armstrong (2002)  
Ms. Onika T. Jones (2002)  
Mr. Barrett Petty (2003)

Mr. Christopher Smith (2004)  
Mr. Randy Brown (2005)  
Ms. Rocio Pena (2006)  
Ms. Tina Fletcher (2007)  
Ms. Kendra M. Johnson (2008)  
Mr. Harry McCraney (2009)

Mr. Antonio Brown (2010)  
Mr. Phillip J. Lambey (2011)  
Mr. Kym Walls (2012)  
Ms. Kemmian Johnson (2013)  
Mr. Brendan I. Cook (2014)  
Ms. Ayana Gray (2015)  
Dr. Todd Jenkins (2016)  
Mr. Terrance Boyd (2017)  
Dr. Joseph “Joey” Daniels III (2018)  
Ms. Chassidy Hurst (2019)  
Mr. Xavier Smith (2020)

### **Ernestine White-Gibson Individual Achievement Award (Renamed in 2010)**

In recognition of an individual who has given to his/her community through service, leadership, and commitment.

Dr. Merlin Augustine (1998)  
Mr. Corey Collins (1999)  
Mrs. Sue Madison (2000)  
Mr. Lonnie Williams (2001)  
Dr. Nudie E. Williams (2002)  
Mr. David E. Jackson (2003)

Ms. Cynthia E. Nance (2004)  
Mr. Frank Johnson (2005)  
Mr. Trent A. Walton, Sr. (2006)  
Dr. Deana Perez-Williams (2007)  
Dr. Charles Robinson (2008)  
Judge Kim Smith (2009)

Mr. Ron Johnson (2010)  
Ms. Synetra D. Gilmer (2011)  
Mr. Rafael Arciga Garcia (2012)  
Mr. Al “Papa Rap” Lopez (2013)  
Ms. Tanya Cook (2014)  
Dr. Stephanie Adams (2015)  
Mrs. Pattie Williams (2016)  
Capt. Gary W. Crain (2017)  
Dr. Ornette Gaines (2018)  
Sir. Phillip Masson (2019)  
Mr. Rodger Hunter (2020)

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

In recognition of an individual who has attained merit while enhancing the advancement of his/her community.

Mrs. Pearl Blye (1998)  
Mr. Romey Thomason (1999)  
Mrs. Christine Childress (2000)  
Mrs. Thelma Thomason (2001)  
Dr. Gordon D. Morgan (2002)  
Dr. Margaret Clark (2003)  
Mr. Clark McClinton (2004)

Mr. John Lewis (2005)  
Mr. E. Lynn Harris (2006)  
Mr. Coleman Peterson (2007)  
Mr. Larry Slamons (2008) Ms.  
Judith Kilpatrick (2009)  
Ms. Esther Silver Parker (2009)  
Mr. Gerald Jordan (2010)

Ms. Deidra Davis, Esq. (2011)  
Dr. Naccaman Williams (2012)  
Chancellor G. David Gearhart (2013)  
Dr. Barbara Lofton (2014)  
Dr. Eddie W. Jones (2015)  
Mrs. Edith Hawkins (2016)  
Dr. Hershey & Denise Garner (2017)  
Mr. Redell Thompson (2018)  
Mr. Henry Childress (2019)  
Dr. Paul Adams (2020)

### **Rev. J. A Hawkins Posthumous Award Renamed in 2007**

In recognition of a person whose life and service had a positive impact on the community.

Mr. Bobby Morgan (1998)	Mrs. Ernestine White- Gibson (2010)
Mrs. Minerva Morgan (1999)	Ms. Kathryn Fairchild (2011)
Mrs. Pearl Blye (2000)	Ms. Velma Perry (2012)
Mr. Roman Davis Bradford (2001)	Mr. Louis Bryant (2013)
Mr. Sherman Morgan (2002)	Mr. William "Bill" Whitfield (2014)
Dr. Nola Holt Royster (2003)	Mr. Jonathan Nelson (2015)
Dr. Nudie E. Williams (2004)	Mr. Burtis "Lamar" Davis (2016)
Mayor Fred Hanna (2005)	Mrs. Cheryl J. Colbert (2017)
Ms. Ambera Earvin/Bethany McClendon/April Love (2006)	Ms. Betty Davis (2018)
Rev. J. Aaron Hawkins (2007)	Mrs. Frankie Wilkes (2019)
Mr. John Lewis (2008)	Mrs Marilyn Smith (2020)
Ms. Lodene Deffenbaugh (2009)	
Mr. David Jackson (2009)	

### **Corporation/Organization of the Year**

In recognition of a corporation or organization that has donated time, effort, and finances to upgrade the community.

Bank of Fayetteville (1998)  
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (1999)  
St. James Missionary Baptist Church (2001)  
State Farm Insurance Companies (2002)  
Tyson Foods, Inc. (2003)  
University of Arkansas (2004)  
Proctor & Gamble (2005)  
10<sup>th</sup> Year Recognition (2006)  
NWA Times (2007)  
Cox Communication (2008)  
Bank of Fayetteville (2009)  
Bordino's Restaurant (2010)  
Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard (2011)  
Arkansas Alumni Association (2012)  
University of Arkansas University Relations (2013)  
The Ronnie Brewer Foundation (2014)  
Procter & Gamble (2015)  
Crystal Bridges (2016)  
Old Buildings, LLC. (2017)  
Northwest Arkansas Community Clinic (2018)  
Compassion Fayetteville (2019)  
Visionairi Enterprises (2020)