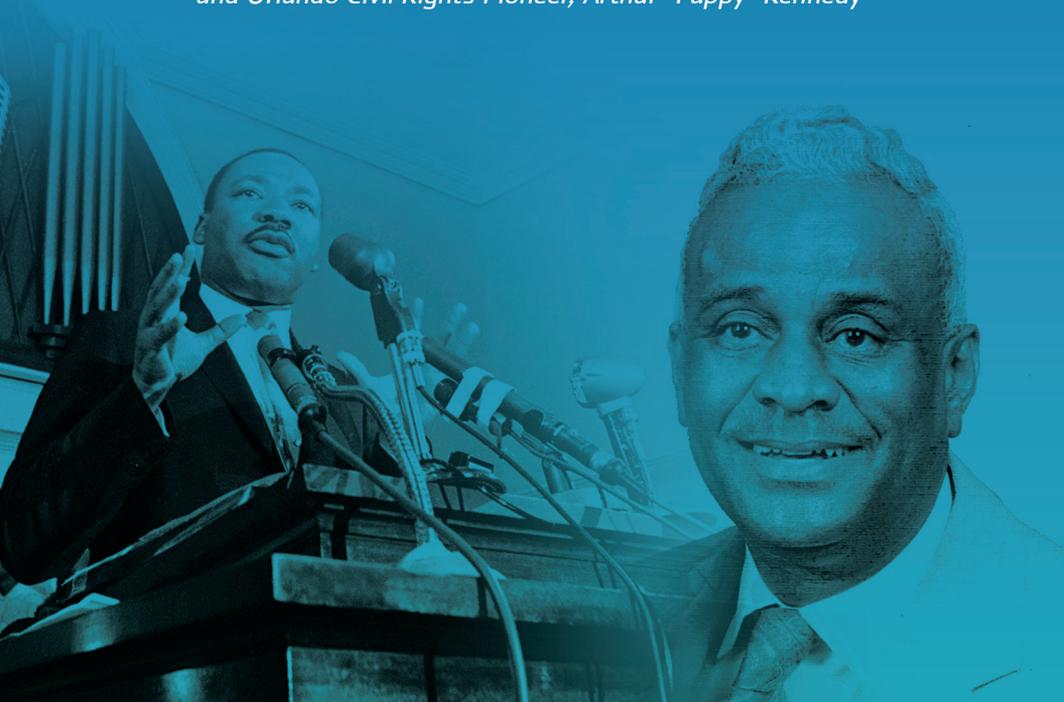


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# 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL

## ARTHUR "PAPPY" KENNEDY PRAYER BREAKFAST

*Commemorating the legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
and Orlando Civil Rights Pioneer, Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy*



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## Video Presentation

Honoring Arthur “Pappy” Kennedy

## It’s a New Day

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Dr. Kathryn Shuler  
YMCA Metropolitan Board Member  
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City of Orlando Mayor, Buddy Dyer

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Dr. Vikki Kennedy-Johnson

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## **Prayer for Children and Families**

Veronica Ingannamort  
YMCA of Central Florida Teen Leader  
for the 2022 Christian Values Conference

## **Arthur “Pappy” Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award**

Lisa Riggins  
Secretary, Southwest Orlando Jaycees

## **Closing Remarks**

Karen Brown  
YMCA Metropolitan Board Member

## **Black National Anthem “Lift Every Voice”**

UCF Gospel & Cultural Choir

## ARTHUR “PAPPY” KENNEDY HIS LIFE, HIS LEGACY



Arthur “Pappy” Kennedy, Orlando’s first black elected official, set not only a precedent in Orlando politics, but also a standard for living and unity. Among his many insightful quotes:

**“First, learn to know yourself. Then discover who you have to live with. Establish yourself, but with the golden rule. If you want to have friends, you have to be friendly. If you want people to love you, you must learn to love people. And if you ever want forgiveness for anything, you must first learn how to forgive.”**

PAPPY KENNEDY, ORLANDO SENTINEL, JANUARY 14, 1973

In 1973 Pappy changed the course of local history when he was elected to the Orlando City Council. Pappy received support from voters from all over the city. Another of his philosophies no doubt was instrumental in his gaining the seat, and getting re-elected in 1976 with 78 percent of the vote, the largest percentage in Orlando’s history.

Pappy’s governmental influence affected the building of Hankins Park, the landscaping of Parramore Street, and the organization of the Orlando Negro Chamber of Commerce. His influence in the community was felt through Meals on Wheels, the United Negro College Fund, the NAACP, and his advocacy for the poor.

In 1992, the Southwest Orlando Jaycees recognized Pappy’s contributions to the community by presenting him with the Lifetime Achievement Award and naming the Prayer Breakfast in his honor. And in 2003, an Orlando Post Office in the community he served was dedicated to Pappy Kennedy.

Born in River Junction, Florida, in 1913, Pappy moved to Orlando at age 10 where he attended Johnson Academy and Jones High School. He later graduated from Bethune-Cookman College. He spent most of his working life in the hospitality industry where he was well-known for the way he treated people, both those he served and those that worked for him. Pappy was also president of the PTA at Jones High School and a deacon at Shiloh Baptist Church where he enjoyed working with young people, promoting good education and hard work.

Pappy Kennedy died on March 28, 2000, but the essence of his life and legacy live on. YMCA of Central Florida and the Southwest Orlando Jaycees proudly salute his life and legacy.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**“Don’t just leave a legacy, live your legacy!”**

Dr. Vikki Johnson is a transformational speaker, chaplain, spiritual wellness practitioner, best-selling author of 12 books, and the founder of Soul Wealth LLC. Her most recent book, “Soul Wealth: Finding Vision, Compassion, Authenticity, Abundance and Legacy in the Midst of Chaos,” was released in August 2019.

Dr. Johnson supports women leaders via her Soul Wealth Academy, where she works to guide women as they grow their own businesses or within their careers and create the lifestyle they truly desire. Her passion is to strengthen relationships among women by sharing life strategies for next-level results. Dr. Johnson mentors women to break up with the status quo in their lives; she emphasizes being great in the mirror first, then amazing in the marketplace. She’s a seasoned veteran in the areas of strategic partnerships, community advocacy, and corporate social responsibility.

A graduate of Howard University and former championship athlete, Dr. Johnson now has almost 40 years of experience in the entertainment industry. She’s an Emmy Award-winning media professional who worked at BET Networks for more than 18 years. Currently, she works in the Mayor’s Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment (OCTFME) for the District of Columbia on the film team and assists with other special projects. Her daily podcast “The Soul Wealth Radio Show” consists of Dr. Johnson having conversations that nurture you spiritually and emotionally. Dr. Johnson is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she serves as Chaplain for her local chapter. She’s also involved with the National Association of Black Female Executives In Music & Entertainment as well as the Women Speakers Association.



On behalf of the Southwest Orlando Junior Chamber, (also known as the “Jaycees”), thank you for your continued support of the Annual Arthur “Pappy” Kennedy Scholarship Prayer Breakfast. The Southwest Orlando Jaycees is an affiliate chapter of the United States Junior Chamber, bringing awareness and engagement to local issues impacting the community.

Leadership development through community involvement, has been the basis of the Jaycees since its inception in 1920. Our mission is to empower young active citizens between the ages of 18–40 to create positive change in their perspective communities.

We are elated to celebrate the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and the young people receiving accolades for their civic and academic accomplishments today. It is both an honor and a pleasure to continue the rich history of bringing hundreds of community and business leaders together to celebrate the life and legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Arthur “Pappy” Kennedy, Orlando’s first African-American elected official.

Congratulations are bestowed upon each of the past Award Recipients!

In Service,

Dana Mackey, President  
Southwest Orlando Junior Chamber of Commerce

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## PAST LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992	Arthur Kennedy	2007	Drs. Florence & Stanley Alexander
1993	Georgia Woodley		
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1995	Nap Ford	2009	Rico Brown
1996	Marie Palmer	2010	Wardell Sims
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2000	Rufus Brooks	2014	Judge Belvin Perry
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2004	Harris Rosen	2018	Monica May Ashford
2005	George Jordan	2019	Dr. Larry M. Mills
2006	Lee Bryant	2020	Kran Riley
2007	Dr. Angela Adams	2021	Dr. Olivia Allen Chaney

# 2022 ARTHUR "PAPPY" KENNEDY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

## REGINALD B. MCGILL



Reginald B. McGill serves as the City of Orlando's Constituent Services Director, working in the Office of the Mayor. An alumnus of William R. Boone High School, he obtained his Associates of Arts degree from Valencia College and his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Florida. He has done additional studies in the MS program at Rollins College and the MBA program at Nova Southern University.

Reggie, as he is called by family and friends, is an active member of many professional and civic organizations including the board of directors of the American Cancer Society; Seniors First, Inc.; Aspire Health Partners, Inc.; NPHC of Metro Orlando, Inc.; Preserve the Eatonville (P.E.C.), Inc.; 100 Black Men of Greater Orlando, Inc.;

Mayor's Representative to Florida A & M university College of Law Board of Visitors; Bethune-Cookman University Board of Visitors; Life Member of the National Alumni Association of B-CU; Past Chairman of the Black Advisory Committee; Past President of the Alumni Association of Valencia College; Orange County Democratic Executive Committee. He is a graduate of Leadership Florida, Leadership Central Florida, Leadership Brevard and Leadership Orlando.

Additionally, he is Life Member #4636 of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for over 40 years, where he has served as Southern Regional Chairman of the Public Policy and Political Engagement Committees. He has served as staff or a delegate to the past seven Democratic National Conventions. Most importantly, he is very active at St. Mark AME Church in Orlando, where he is a Pastor's Steward of the Board of Stewards; President of the Lay Organization, Past President of the Progressive Ushers; Marriage Couples Ministry and Strategic Planning Committee. Also, he serves on the Executive Committee, Vice Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Vice Chairman of the Lay Commission, Vice Chairman of the Social Action Commission, Statistics and Finance Commission of the General Board and Chairman of the Connectional Lay Organization Social Action Committee, of the AME Church.

Over his 40 years of professional service, he has been afforded many occupational opportunities, mostly in the financial and governmental arenas. His resume includes Manager of the West Colonial Branch of First Federal of Orlando; Analyst for Barnett Bank of Central Florida; Financial Planner of MONY Companies; Special Assistant/Office Manager for the Office of Congressman Jim Bacchus; Central Florida Director for the Office of Congresswoman Corrine Brown; Director of Government and Community Affairs for Greenberg Traug, P.A, and Human Relations Director for the City of Orlando.

He is the only son of the late Roseborough & Doris M. L. McGill and has been the husband for the past 38 years to Deborah L. M. McGill. They are the proud parents of one adult daughter, Danielle Lauren McGill. Reggie has been involved in service to his community for most of his life. Over the years, hundreds, if not thousands of people have benefited from his efforts. Of his many contributions, the most significant contribution to his community has been the opportunity to serve as an agent of change and being able to provide opportunities for change, that may not otherwise be provided. His motto is, "In order to receive a blessing, you must be a blessing to others!"



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# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## ARTHUR "PAPPY" KENNEDY FAMILY

Eunice Pierre, Oak Ridge High School

**AT SCHOOL:** National Honor Society, Student Government Association, Environmental Science Club

**IN THE COMMUNITY:** Grace Tabernacle Church, South Orlando YMCA

**COLLEGE PLANS:** Medicine, Louisiana State University



## SOUTHWEST ORLANDO JAYCEES

Arianna Castillo, Maynard Evans High School

**AT SCHOOL:** National Honor Society

**IN THE COMMUNITY:** Assistant Jr. Cheer Coach Pop Warner Little Scholars, Elevate Orlando

**COLLEGE PLANS:** Pharmacy, Florida A&M University



## ERNST & YOUNG

Khaliyah Moore, Maynard Evans High School

**AT SCHOOL:** National Honor Society, Weightlifting

**IN THE COMMUNITY:** Elevate Orlando, Petsmart Volunteer

**COLLEGE PLANS:** Biology, Florida Memorial University



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# Lift Every Voice

By James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.



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**EVERETT CHRISTMAS**  
YMCA Black Achievers Program

As a child in Montclair, N.J., Everett Christmas lived next door to the Montclair YMCA. There, he began his professional YMCA career as a physical director. He later worked as executive director at the Second Street Youth Center in Plainfield, N.J.

For 16 years, Christmas worked with YMCA of the USA as a field consultant and trainer. He was also the director of the YMCA Black Achievers Program, which grew from seven to 125 local programs under his leadership. He retired in 1996, and continued to serve as a YMCA consultant, historian, and motivational speaker. He was honored with the YMCA Association of Professional Directors Knebel Award for Distinguished Leadership and was named to the National YMCA Black Achievers Hall of Fame.

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**FRED HOSHIYAMA**  
San Francisco Japanese YMCA

Born at a YMCA community for Japanese immigrants, Fred Hoshiyama lived his entire life in association with the YMCA. He served as the Boys' Work secretary at the San Francisco Japanese YMCA Branch. In 1942, he was interred at the Government Internment Camp in Utah, where he helped to create YMCA-based programs to help address the social, educational, and recreational needs of the Japanese-Americans held in the camp.

An offer to study at Springfield College provided Hoshiyama with an early release from the camp. In 1946, he served as the community youth program director in Honolulu, before returning to San Francisco in branch executive roles. In 1971, he was appointed associate staff of the national program and Urban Development Division.

He developed National Youth Program Using Mini-Bikes (NYPUM), a program that eventually engaged 250,000 high-risk youth in productive activities. From 1976 to 1983, he assisted in the formation of the National Association of Student YMCAs.

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**VIOLET HENRY**  
Organizational Development Group

Born in Alberta, Canada, Violet Henry was the first African-American woman to be admitted to the practice of law in Canada. In 1963, she became executive director of the Community Branch of the Newark YMCA. Seven years later, she was appointed the director of planning for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, and later became the director of manpower, planning, and staff development.

In 1976, Henry became the first woman to be named to a top management position on the national staff as executive director of the Organizational Development Group. She was responsible for personnel management, corporate planning, and development projects. Henry served as president of the YMCA Association of Professional Directors and vice president of the World Association of Secretaries.



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# MILESTONES

African American YMCAs – 1853–2022

The first YMCA created by the black community began less than two years after Thomas Sullivan bought the movement to American shores. Anthony Bowen, a former slave and the first black employee in the U. S. Patent Office, established the first YMCA to serve the African-American community in his Washington, D. C. home in 1853.

In 1867, E.V.C. Eato of New York City became the first black delegate to join the annual Y convention. In the mid-1870s, YMCA leaders called for a national staff member to work with African-American communities. Unfortunately, the first man selected for the position was white and a former general in the Confederate Army.

The concept of Black YMCA's manifested into tangible growth. In 1896, there were 60 Black YMCA's identified by the organization.

By 1924, a total of 28,000 members occupied more than 160 Black Y's. The **Wabash Avenue YMCA** in Chicago, IL., gained national recognition. During the YMCA's 53rd Anniversary Dinner, **Booker T. Washington** said, "This YMCA building branch for our people will come further, in my opinion, in helping the Negro young man in finding himself, to articulate himself, in its civilization, than any other movement that has been started in the city of Chicago."

During the 1960s many black YMCAs became meeting places and rallying points for the civil rights movement. **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rev. Andrew Young** often swam with their families while home from their obligations to the freedom movement.

Black leaders **Vernon Jordan**, former Atlanta mayor **Maynard Jackson**, **Martin Luther King Jr.** and Congressman **John Lewis** all grew up at the historic **Butler Street YMCA** in Atlanta, while **Andrew Young** spent his grade-school days in the **Dryades YMCA** in New Orleans. **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall** grew up at the **Druid Hill YMCA** in Baltimore.

In 1971, **Leo Marsh** started the **Black Achievers Program** at the **Harlem YMCA** in New York to recognize adult role models and encourage leadership among African-American youth. Today, **YMCA Achievers programs** run in 172 YMCAs.

When the national YMCA office created a "Colored Men's Department" in 1890, an African American was hired to serve black communities. He was **William Hunton**, the son of a slave who had purchased his own freedom. A Canadian native, Hunton joined the national staff from a black YMCA in Norfolk, VA, which he led for two years.

For the next 25 years, Hunton and his colleague **Jesse Moorland** assembled a staff of talented young men who carried the Y mission to African-American communities around the United States.

In 1947, **Jackie Robinson** broke the color barrier and became the first Black major league baseball player. This same year he also became a volunteer boys coach at the **Harlem YMCA** with fellow coach and teammate **Roy Campanella**

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As a child, **Everett Christmas** lived next door to the **Montclair YMCA**. There, he began his professional YMCA career as a physical director. He later worked in **Wilmington, Del.** and as executive director at the **Second Street Youth Center** in **Plainfield, N.J.** Christmas returned to YMCA work in the late 1960s, in leadership positions in **Newark** and **East Orange, N.J.** For 16 years, Christmas worked with YMCA of the USA as a field consultant and trainer. He was also the director of the **YMCA Black Achievers Program**, which grew from seven to 125 local programs under his leadership. As a core member of the national staff development faculty, Christmas trained thousands of YMCA workers in YMCA history, the Y's Christian heritage, and diversity. He retired in 1996, and continued to serve as a YMCA consultant, historian, and motivational speaker. He was honored with the **YMCA Association of Professional Directors Knebel Award for Distinguished Leadership** and was named to the **National YMCA Black Achievers Hall of Fame**. He also received a **Humanitarian Award** from the **African American Culture Center of Raleigh, N.C.** Portrait photograph of **Everett T. Christmas**.

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In 1986, National Executive Director, **Solon B. Cousins**, appointed a nationwide taskforce on how YMCA's in the Black communities can be better supported, which led to the creation of the **National Black Achievers Network**.

In 1990, the **YMCA of Central Florida Black Achievers** was started, working with Black teens.

In 2002, the **YMCA of the USA** creates the **National Diversity Initiative** to support the Y Movement in valuing the diversity of all people within its associations and the communities we serve.

The **Multicultural Executive Development Institute (MEDI)** is created in 2006, the first national executive leader development program targeting staff of color offered by Y-USA.

In 2015, **Kevin Washington** became the 14th President and **CEO of YMCA of the USA**. Kevin was the first African-American to hold the position.

In 2021, Kevin Bolding became the first African-American **CEO and President of the YMCA of Central Florida**.



The **Jones High School Hi-Y** sent **Mercerdese Richardson**, **Elizabeth Marshall** (2nd row, 7th and 8th from left), **Emerson Walker** (3rd row, center), and **Edgar Washington** (5th row, from left, 1st standing) to the 1947 **Negro Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y State convention** in Jacksonville.

In 1956, **Jones High School Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y** officers and members were prominently featured in the yearbook.



**YMCA of Central Florida Teen Achievers** on the annual spring break tour of historically black colleges and universities, and other colleges here, visiting **Florida A&M University**.





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