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32ND ANNUAL

ARTHUR "PAPPY" KENNEDY PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

January 16, 2023



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Musical Opening
LaRue Howard

Presentation of the Colors
Orlando Police Department Color Guard

National Anthem
LaRue Howard

Welcome
Kevin Bolding
President & CEO, YMCA of Central Florida

Prayer for Community
Daima Boger
Arthur “Pappy” Kennedy Family

Words from the City
Mayor Buddy Dyer
City of Orlando

Healthy Living Prayer, Blessing of Food
Dr. Collin Outerbridge
Nona Church

Breakfast Service
Musical Selection by Ed Anderson

Introduction of Speaker
Dr. Kathryn Shuler
Chief Academic Officer, Orange County Public Schools
YMCA Metropolitan Board Member

Keynote Guest Speaker
Dr. Barbara M. Jenkins, Ed. D.
Superintendent Emerita, Orange County Public Schools

Student Scholarship Presentations
Chad Pigford
Senior Operations Manager, South Division, Pepsico Inc.

Kevin Bolding
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Student Scholarship Presentations

**Arthur Rico Kennedy Jr. and Marion Kennedy
Arthur “Pappy” Kennedy Family**

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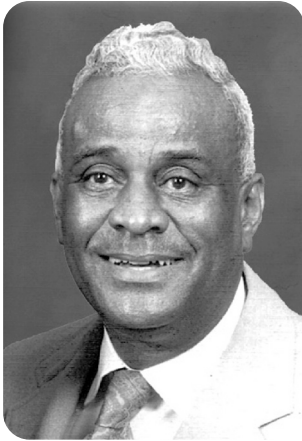
**Arthur “Pappy” Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award
Dana Mackey
President, Southwest Orlando Jaycees**

**Prayer for Children and Families
Akheem Mitchell
YMCA of Central Florida Teen Leader, 2022 Christian Values Conference**

**Closing Remarks
Karen Brown
EY
YMCA Metropolitan Board Chair**

**Black National Anthem “Lift Every Voice”
LaRue Howard**

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. The City of Orlando MLK Commission, the Southwest Orlando Jaycees, and the YMCA of Central Florida proudly salute his life and legacy.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



DR. BARBARA M. JENKINS, ED. D.
Superintendent Emerita, Orange County Public Schools

Dr. Barbara Jenkins has been dedicated to serving the needs of students for 30 years. She was named superintendent of Orange County Public Schools in 2012. Under Dr. Jenkins' leadership, the district won the prestigious 2014 Broad Prize for Urban Education. The prize earned half-a-million dollars for student scholarships from the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation. The district also received the Governor's Sterling Award in 2014 and 2015 and the Sustained Excellence Award in 2017 for its exemplary performance using research-based best practices in its business.

In 2015, OCPS received District Accreditation from AdvancED for its best practices in the education field. OCPS has repeatedly been recognized by the College Board for increasing access to Advanced Placement course work, while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the number of students earning exam scores for college credit.

Dr. Jenkins is a recognized education leader. In January 2017, she received a presidential appointment as a director of the National Board of Education Sciences. She serves as Chairman of the Board for the Council of Great City Schools and is a member of Chiefs for Change and the Florida Council of 100. In 2017, Dr. Jenkins was named the Florida Superintendent of the Year and one of four finalists for the national title. The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents named her Hispanic-Serving School District Superintendent of the Year and the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education named her CTE Superintendent of the Year. In 2016, the Florida Music Education Association named her Superintendent of the Year.

Recognized for her commitment and influence, both the Orlando Sentinel and Orlando Magazine have named her as one of the 10 most powerful people in Central Florida on multiple occasions; Orlando Magazine ranked her number one in Education among its 2018 "50 Most Powerful." The Orlando Business Journal honored her as a CEO of the Year in 2015. In 2014, she was named the Visionary Award recipient by the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council and the Central Florida Woman of the Year by the Women's Executive Council.

Deeply engaged in the community, Dr. Jenkins has served on the boards of AdventHealth, Orlando Economic Partnership, United Arts of Central Florida, Central Florida Regional Commission on Homelessness, and the Orange County Youth Mental Health Commission.



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 2023 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

PAST LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992	Arthur Kennedy	2007	Drs. Florence & Stanley Alexander
1993	Georgia Woodley	2008	James W. “Chief” Wilson
1994	Mable Butler	2009	Rico Brown
1995	Nap Ford	2010	Wardell Sims
1996	Marie Palmer	2011	Howard Tate Gentry “Flute”
1997	Katie Adams	2012	Thomas Dorsey
1998	Corrine Brown	2013	Johnny Rivers
1999	Emerson Thompson	2014	Judge Belvin Perry
2000	Rufus Brooks	2015	Rev. Randolph Bracy, Jr.
2001	Fred Maxwell	2016	Tiffany Moore Russell
2002	Nelson Pinder	2017	Jerry Demings
2003	Ella Gilmore	2018	Monica May Ashford
2004	Harris Rosen	2019	Dr. Larry M. Mills
2005	George Jordan	2020	Kran Riley
2006	Lee Bryant	2021	Dr. Olivia Allen Chaney
2007	Dr. Angela Adams	2022	Reginald B. McGill

2023 ARTHUR “PAPPY” KENNEDY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT



DR. CLARA L. WALTERS, ED.D.

Dr. Clara Walters is a distinguished educator who is well known for transforming classrooms and school houses into safe havens where children behave and learn and for trailblazing for women and African Americans in Orange County Public Schools secondary level.

She began her career in 1966 as a teacher of English in Seminole County and transferred to Orange County Public Schools August of 1967 where she was one of the two teachers to integrate the faculty of Oak Ridge High School.

After completing seven years as a teacher of English there, Dr. Walters began her administrative career as an assistant principal serving three schools consecutively- Wymore Career Education Center, Oak Ridge High, and West Orange High over a period of five years. Noteworthy during that time was her appointment to the position of Assistant Principal for Instruction (API) which was a first for an African American in that position in an Orange County high school. In 1979, her appointment to principal of Carver Junior High School (1979-81) and subsequent appointment to Jones High (1981-90) made her the first African American female principal of a secondary school in Orange County. This legacy continued in 1990 when Dr. Walters was appointed a Senior Director of Secondary Education as one of the initial two females and the first African American to rise to that rank in the secondary education division of Orange County Public Schools.

Since retiring in 2000, Dr. Walters has continued her work in education as founder and CEO of Educational & Leadership Training Incorporation specializing in leadership development for schools, youth organizations, and parents. In addition, she currently serves as vice chair of the board of directors for Hair in Motion of New York Beauty Academy, founding board member of Central Florida Leadership Academy, Member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, and chair of the organization’s annual Celebrating the Gift of Teaching Award’s Recognition of teachers for the past 17 years. She is a member of the Christian Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Walters’ background is rooted in her Christian belief that “seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you”. She has been blessed with a bachelor’s degree (B.S.) in English, a master’s degree (M.Ed.) in Administration and Supervision, a doctorate degree (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership, and a servant’s heart. She utilizes all of her skills at Shiloh Baptist Church of Orlando serving in the following capacities: Trustee Board, Board of Directors, Deaconess Board, Culinary Ministry Chair, Music and Women’s Ministries. Dr. Walters’ latest contribution is the publishing of a book entitled ***Leadership That Restores Hope in Schools in the African American Community***. She has received many awards and accolades for outstanding leadership and service.



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In the Community: Give Kids the World, National Honor Society, National Senior Beta Club

LGL Consulting Scholarship

Jaliza Almeida, Oak Ridge High School

In School: Oak Ridge Friends, Hispanic National Honor Society
In the Community: South Orlando YMCA

River of Life Christian Center of Orlando Scholarship

Kevin Cerveus, Ocoee High School

In School: Haitian Club
In the Community: Evans High School Girls Soccer Coach Assistant

Orange County Sheriff’s Office Scholarship

Ananya Misra, Horizon High School

In School: Student Government Association Vice President,
Florida Girls State, Team ENOUGH Florida Lobbying Collective
In the Community: Second Harvest Food Bank, Windermere Active Youth Committee

EY Scholarship

Rebekka D’Auria, Boone High School

In School: Boone High School Addition Financial Credit Union Branch,
Environmental Club, KPMG Summer 2022 High School Intern
In the Community: Ocoee Oaks Summer Camp, IRS Volunteer
Tax Assistant Site, 2022 Special Olympics USA Games

The Southwest Orlando Jaycees Scholarship

Ta’Asia Singleton, Oak Ridge High School

In School: Oak Ridge Friends, K.I.C.S., Uribe
In the Community: Pine Castle Historical Society

ESTEAM Community Foundation Scholarship

Ange Louis, Oak Ridge High School

In School: KICKS, National Honor Society, Oak Ridge Friends
In the Community: Arnold Palmer & Winnie Palmer Hospital Mother & Baby Unit,
Palmetto Elementary School, Experience Church Center Outreach Program

Omni Productions Scholarship

Bakari Lowery, Oak Ridge High School

In School: Weightlifting Club
In the Community: Life Orlando, Community Baptist Church Youth Ministry, South Orlando YMCA



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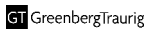
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BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM

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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- ▶ Volunteer as a Board or Committee Member
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- ▶ Join as a Member with Your Loved Ones
- ▶ Provide a Membership for a Family in Need



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OUR CAUSE

At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

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