NANBPWC, Inc.
Women’s History
Hall of Fame

15th Annual
Induction Ceremony

Friday, March 28, 2014
5:00 P.M.

Levine Museum of the New South
200 East Seventh Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
Welcome to the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs Inc.

Charlotte Club

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March 28, 2014
National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC)

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Anna Hood and the late Peggy Beckwith
Greetings:

Once again, the Charlotte Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding women in our community. This is the 15th Annual Women’s History Hall of Fame and we are thoroughly excited about continuing the tradition of honoring the significant contributions of these honorees.

We remain grateful to Mrs. Thereasea Elder for her efforts to establish this program and to foster the long term partnership that we have enjoyed with the Levine Museum of the New South. We also thank you, our supporters, for helping us celebrate the lives of these women.

Congratulations to the honorees. Your work in this community has impacted the lives of many and continues to make a difference today. Now, your names will be recorded in history alongside other wonderful women of Charlotte. Enjoy this moment, you deserve it.

Best wishes,

Valerie Glenn

Valerie Glenn
March 28, 2014

Greetings:

As chair of Women History Hall of Fame Committee, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 15th Annual Induction Program sponsored by the Charlotte Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and the Levine Museum of the New South. This year we are proud to acknowledge three phenomenal women who have exemplified a passion for children and adults in our community. Each inductee has served and given of herself with a desire to foster and embrace differences in the lives of the many people they touch.

I extend sincere gratitude to the committee members for your commitment, time, words of wisdom and support as we planned our program. All our efforts were to provide you with a memorable evening.

Special thanks to our sponsors, family, and friends, for sharing and making our program a success. Congratulations to you, our 2014 Women History Hall of Fame inductees, for your contributions and commitment to the people of our community.

Jeanette D. Price

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PROCLAMATION
City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

WHEREAS, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. Charlotte Club in partnership with Levine Museum of the New South jointly held the first recognition of women’s service to the community by initiating The Women’s History Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on March 24, 2000; and,

WHEREAS, each year hence women who make a difference in the community have been highlighted; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Hall of Fame inductees are: Mildred S. Campbell, Maudia Melendez, and Anna Spangler Nelson; and,

WHEREAS, these women have made significant contributions to the community and are role models for others to emulate;

NOW THEREFORE, WE, Patrick D. Cannon, Mayor of Charlotte, and Trevor M. Fuller, Chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2014 as National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. Charlotte Club

"WOMEN’S HISTORY HALL OF FAME DAY"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Patrick D. Cannon, Mayor
City of Charlotte

Trevor M. Fuller, Chairman Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
Women’s History Hall of Fame

HISTORY

Thereasea C. Elder
Founder

The Women’s History Hall of Fame had its beginning in March 2000. Thereasea C. Elder, a charter member of the Charlotte Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc., expressed a desire to have annual Women’s History Hall of Fame induction ceremonies to honor women during National Women’s History Month. This Hall of Fame would include women who are trailblazers: women whose contributions significantly impact the community, and those who exemplify lifelong service of dedication to improve the quality of life for humanity.

Thereasea Elder presented her ideas to the Charlotte Club and to the Levine Museum of the New South, as well. Both organizations embraced her ideas and a partnership was formed. Our first annual induction ceremony honoring outstanding women during National Women’s History Month was held on March 24, 2000.

Today, the Charlotte Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc., in partnership with the Levine Museum of the New South, is celebrating its 15th Annual Women’s History Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. It is with great esteem and pleasure that Mildred Smith Campbell, Anna Spangler Nelson, and Maudia Melendez are presented for induction.
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PROGRAMME

Presiding
Johnnie Cooper

Introduction of Women's History Hall of Fame Inductees

Invocation
Sandra Frazier

Occasion
Mae C. Orr

Proclamation Presentation
The Honorable Kim M. Ratliff, County Commissioner At Large

Greetings
Valerie Glenn – Charlotte Club President, NANBPWC, Inc.
Emily Zimmern – President and CEO, Levine Museum of the New South
Juanita Miller – Governor, Southeast District, NANBPWC, Inc.

Musical Selection
Jackie O. Kelley
Recognition of Special Guests
Carol Morris, Vice President, Community and Civic Leadership, Foundation for the Carolinas
David Singleton, Director - Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Libraries

Presentation of Inductees
Jeanette Price, Chairperson - Women’s History Hall of Fame Committee

MILDRED SMITH CAMPBELL
MAUDIA MELENDEZ
ANNA SPANGLER NELSON

Inductee Remarks

Musical Selection
Jackie O. Kelley

Unveiling of Hall of Fame Plaques
Thereasea C. Elder
Sally Robinson

Closing Remarks
Valerie Glenn

Closing Prayer
Sandra Frazier
Women’s History Hall of Fame
INDUCTEE

Mildred Smith Campbell

Mildred Smith Campbell has a passion for helping people learn. Her career, which spans more than 50 years in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, institutions of higher education and other school districts in the Mid-Atlantic Region, underscores her love for teaching. Mildred believes that all children can learn and that they have a right to an excellent education in order to achieve their dreams. She understands that people respond best when they are respected for their unique qualities. She has spent a lifetime applying these beliefs to each professional experience that came her way. It was the key to her many years of success in her work with students and teachers.

Mildred began her career at Double Oaks School. She also taught at University Park, Amay James and Irwin Elementary Schools. Later, she became Assistant Principal at Irwin Elementary School.

A pioneer of the Open Education Movement in the Carolinas, Mildred taught in an open education laboratory program in Winston Salem, NC. While there, she enjoyed the support and collaboration of pre-eminent scholars. Included among them were Dr. William Glasser, Dr. John Holt, and Dr. Marian Franklin. She received a scholarship from the R.J. Reynolds Company to study with Dr. Madeline Hunter at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Mildred moved to Prince George’s County Maryland where she worked as a lead teacher and curriculum specialist. While in the DC Metropolitan area she received a grant from the Washington Redskins Organization to write the curriculum for gifted students. Mildred returned to Charlotte in 1983. She served as principal of Ashley Park, Irwin Open and Coulwood Middle schools. During that time she received the Principal of the Year Award in 1991. She became one of two Executive Directors of elementary schools in Charlotte and later Executive Director of Magnet Schools. She helped to implement 15 Magnet programs in 42 schools.
Mildred retired in 1998 and worked briefly at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte. However, in February 1999, she was asked to return to Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools to work at Thomasboro Elementary School. The school was plagued with achievement problems, homelessness, and high teacher student turnover. Mildred recognized that Thomasboro had a very talented staff, but, they needed strong leadership, manageable goals and enthusiastic partnerships to be successful.

The support of many compassionate partners in the business sector, faith community, and higher education was enlisted by Mildred. They included the Shalom Group, Chapel Memorial, St. Luke’s Catholic Church, St. Peter’s Catholic Church, AT&T, TIAA Cref, Elizabeth Lane Elementary School’s PTA, Johnson C. Smith University, Winthrop College, UNCC, Evergreen Investments and others. Bolstered with the belief that, “It takes a village to raise a child”, this group worked tirelessly to turn Thomasboro around. They were successful. During Mildred’s 6 years at Thomasboro, reading topped at 75% and math at 85% at or above grade levels. Perhaps an even stronger indicator, a walk in the halls at Thomasboro, made it clear that students were not just achieving, they were happy and learning.

Mildred is a graduate of West Charlotte High School. She received her undergraduate degree from Johnson C. Smith University and her M.Ed. from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. She also studied at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina A&T State University, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, University of Connecticut, Storrs University and Yale University.

Honored many times for her achievements in education, Mildred Smith Campbell was recognized by the 100 Black Men of Charlotte. She received the Morehouse College Alumni Achievement Award, NAACP Legal Defense Fund Award, The Black Women’s Caucus Award, The MLK Keeper of the Dream Award, The Pride Award, an appreciation award from the Dioceses of Charlotte Office of Catholic Schools, and the order of the Long Leaf Pine from North Carolina Governor Michael Easley.

Remaining an active member of the Charlotte community, Mildred has served on the board of C.W. Williams Health Center and on the advisory board of KIPP Charlotte during its pilot phase. She serves as the current Chaplain of The Charlotte Club. Her most recent involvement as a docent at the LATIBAH Collard Green Museum gives her much pleasure as well as spending time with her husband Howard and their 4 children, 5 grandchildren and one very special great grandchild.
Maudia Melendez has a deep commitment to serve the Latin American community. This commitment began before she moved to Charlotte in 1987, when she was a case worker for the Welfare Department in New York City. After her relocation to the Queen City, she worked as a Spanish instructor for the Anson County Social System and later with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

Melendez can remember how small the local Latino community was during her early years in Charlotte. It was rare to see Latinos in stores, restaurants, or other businesses. It was even more unusual to see signs in Spanish or even to see Latino businesses. As the years went by, the Latino population growth exploded in Charlotte, and with the growth came the need for many services, especially translation and interpretation. In 1955, Melendez decided to leave the school system and open an office where she could serve her community in a greater way by helping families bury their loved ones, or making arrangements to send their bodies back to their home countries. She also provided translation services while acting as a mediator for community members with landlords, employers, and with any local agency whose community members needed help.

As the Latino population continued to grow, she realized that their needs were also increasing. Basic things such as avoiding being a victim of crime or understanding and abiding by the state and federal laws were often overwhelming obstacles for this community, and it was compounded by lack of financial means. These needs sparked her desire to start a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that would assist the Latino community to assimilate the United States culture. The Latino community has a strong and tireless activist in Maudia Melendez. She has advocated for them with both local and federal government. She has traveled to Washington, DC numerous times, to speak to our legislators and advocates for laws that would benefit the Latino community, especially in the area of immigration.

In the wake of so much negative publicity about immigrants, Melendez has made it her personal mission to help the Latino community regain its respect through the spirit of service. She encouraged the community to participate in civic events including an annual city-wide clean-up that she started in March 2007 with “I Love Charlotte Limpia.” As of today, more than six thousand volunteers have helped clean the streets of Charlotte, which has gained “I Love Charlotte Clean” much respect.
Melendez has graduated from the Citizens Police Academy and the FBI Citizens Academy to obtain deeper knowledge of our laws so she can share that information with the community. She is also a graduate of Leadership Charlotte – Class XXIII. She has served on different boards such as Crime Stoppers, Leadership Charlotte, Mayors Immigration Study Commission, and the Judicial System and Public Safety County Commission Task Force. She was the recipient of the 2007 “La Noticia Excelente” Award, and listed by Charlotte Magazine as one of the top nine most powerful women in North Carolina. She is in demand as a speaker and panelist for immigration discussions. In 2010, the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) at UNCC presented an award to Melendez for her work in the Latino Community.

In light of the many school closings in 2010-2011, Maudia Melendez collaborated with other organizations that advocate for the future of all minority children’s education in Mecklenburg County. She has been collaborating with the NAACP, Save Our Schools, Council for Children’s Rights, and other similar organizations that fight for the education of children.

Since 2011, Maudia Melendez advocated with hundreds of U.S. Citizens in Raleigh, North Carolina for seeking Driver’s Licenses for the undocumented. They went to the House Select Committee on the State’s Role in Immigration Policy to prevent passage of the anti-immigrant laws in the state. She has also spoken with the State Government on behalf of in-state tuition for undocumented students who would like to pursue a higher education. In the 2012 elections, she partnered with the Center for Community Change, a national organization based in Washington, DC, to organize and empower the Latino Community to be active in the election process. This campaign titled “Latinos to the Polls” helped regain respect by the power of the vote and ended in November 2012.

At the end of 2012, she increased her advocacy for driver’s licenses for the undocumented at the state level and was successful when Rowan County Representative Harry Warren introduced HB 786 in March 2013. This bill will open the path to document unlicensed, uninsured drivers to obtain a permit to drive and in that way have a more secure state.

Maudia is a passionate Christian who believes that all of her work is done with the power of faith in Jesus Christ. She attends Jesus Ministry International. She is enthusiastic, loves to pray, and read, and enjoys family gatherings. Married for 36 years, Maudia and her husband Samuel Melendez have three daughters and two grandchildren.
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INDUCTEE

Anna Spangler Nelson

Anna Spangler Nelson is a native Charlottean, a graduate of West Charlotte High School, and a current CMS parent and volunteer. She studied at Wellesley College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Magna Cum Laude, and later earned her MBA at Harvard University.

Mrs. Nelson has served as Chairman of Spangler Companies, Inc., a private investment firm, since 2005. She is also currently a member of several boards including the C. D. Spangler Foundation, Fidelity Charitable, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, North Carolina Capital Management Trust, the YMCA of Charlotte, and Champions for Education/Wells Fargo Championship. Prior board service includes Presbyterian Hospital, Novant Health, Arts & Science Council, Museum of the New South, and Harris Teeter Supermarkets.

In 2011, Anna became Co-Chairman of Project L.I.F.T., a public-private partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools seeking to increase academic achievement and graduation rates in nine schools in the West Charlotte corridor.

In 2012, Anna was named The Charlotte Observer’s Woman of the Year.

Anna and her husband, Tom, have two daughters and reside in Charlotte.
Women’s History Hall Of Fame

2000
Anna M. Hood
Geraldine T. Powe *
Sarah M. Stevenson

2001
Thereasea C. Elder
Mary Klenz
Georgia J. Lewis

2002
Patrick O. Clark
Sarah M. Coleman

2003
Jeanne M. Brayboy
Elizabeth R. Dargan*
Mae C. Orr
Sally Robinson
Rosa R. Winfree

2004
Madine Hester Fails
Sandra L. Frazier
Jacquelyn B. Gates
Betty K. Seizinger*
Emily F. Zimmem

2005
Emma Shaw Allen
Patsy Rice Camp
The Honorable Becky Carney
Juanita Chisholm Miller
The Honorable Valerie C. Woodard*

2006
Marie G. Butler
The Honorable Beverly Earle
Gloria Pace King
The Honorable Ruth Samuelson
Vivian L. Williams

2007
Omega Rushing Autry
Dr. Linette P. Fox
Lillian B. Herron
Pat Martinez
Joyce Reimann

2008
The Honorable Susan Burgess*
Dr. Carlether Burwell
Geneal Gregory
Bridgett Anne Hampden
Carlenia Graham Ivory
Joan Thompson Miller
Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy

2009
The Honorable Vilma D. Leake
Cheryl Silver-Emanuel
Joan Zimmerman

2010
Peggy Beckwith*
Tanya Stewart Blackmon
Sandra G. Watson

2011
Molly Barker
Mary R. Gill
Delores J. Hurt
Ellen F. Johnson
Dr. Buhilda McGriff
The Honorable Jennifer Roberts
Judith Rose

2012
Fannie Flono
Annie M. Gillespie
Beatrice Thompson
The Honorable Lynn Wheeler

2013
Martha Bedell Alexander
Stephanie Ansaldo
Joan Higginbotham
LaFreda Lester
Jeanette D. Price

*Deceased
Congratulations

To Three Phenomenal Women

Thank you for your leadership and your dedicated service to our community.

Women's History Hall of Fame Committee

Sarah Stevenson  Marie Butler  Annie Gillespie
Anna Hood  Carlether Burwell  Jeanette Price
Sarah Coleman  Delores Hurt  Johnnie Cooper
Thereasea Elder  Sandra Frazier  Peggie Reid
Mae Orr  Juanita Miller  Vicky Howard