

## **February 11, 2025, Village Board Meeting Recognition Honorees**

### **OLIVIA CAMERON (BOWLING CHAMPION)**

Olivia Cameron, a Westchester resident and senior at Fenwick High School, made history two years ago today as the first female bowler from Fenwick to qualify for the IHSA State Finals. This year, Olivia won first place in her regionals, leading her team to an unprecedented fourth-place finish and a historic qualification for sectionals. She also recently committed to continuing her academic and bowling career at Morgan State University. Her dedication and talent continue to inspire young athletes in the community.

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### **SOPHIA COLLINS (CURRENT VILLAGE CLERK)**

Sophia Collins is a proud Westchester resident dedicated to serving her community. A devoted mother of four, grandmother of twelve, and great-grandmother of five, she brings a natural warmth and leadership that inspires those around her. Known for her encouraging and compassionate spirit, Sophia has always been driven by a deep passion for serving others.

Over the years, she has worn many hats, each one contributing to her diverse and rich life experience. However, she considers her role as Village Clerk to be one of her most rewarding and humbling achievements, as it allows her to make a meaningful impact in the community she loves.

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### **SHERBY MILLER (FIRST BLACK VILLAGE CLERK AND TRUSTEE)**

Ms. Miller is a U.S. Navy veteran who served in Naval Intelligence. A graduate of Lane Tech's first co-ed class, she holds a Master's in Management and Behavioral Science, a Master's Certificate in Project Management, and is a Certified Biometric Security Engineer. With over 25 years of experience in IT and Telecommunications, she worked with Fortune 100 companies. In 2013, she became the first Black elected Clerk of Westchester and, in 2017, its first Black elected Trustee. An ordained Deaconess, she is deeply involved in public service, holding leadership roles with the American Legion, Proviso Township Mental Health Commission, and multiple community organizations.

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### **DARLENE BARBER (EDC – FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN & LONGEST SITTING MEMBER)**

Darlene Barber has been a Westchester resident for nearly 26 years and is the founder of Scream Evangelistic Outreach Ministries, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit advocating for domestic violence survivors since 2007. She also owns Divinely Inspired Elegant Events LLC and Divine Landscape Design. As the first African American woman and longest-serving member of Westchester's Economic Development Committee, she has dedicated herself to community service, also serving on the Friends of the Library Board and other mentoring programs.

**PATRICIA MITCHELL-BRAXTON (ACTIVE RESIDENT VOLUNTEER)**

A Westchester resident for 27 years, Patricia worked for 25 years in Information Technology at General Electric. She has found fulfillment in being a founding member of the Westchester Cycle Group as well as a key contributor in planning and executing the 2024 Juneteenth Ceremony and Community Celebration. Additionally, she is a dedicated volunteer for Aging Care senior initiatives and events. Patricia consistently gives her time to support and uplift the Westchester community.

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**KITTY THOMAS (ACTIVE RESIDENT VOLUNTEER)**

Kitty Thomas dedicated nearly 32 years to Hines VA Hospital, retiring in August 2023 as a Clinical Nurse Manager overseeing multiple clinics, including resident care, coordination, and employee occupational health. She also served as Acting Chief of Outpatient Nursing Service and chaired the Hines Black Employee Program.

Beyond healthcare, Kitty has been an active community volunteer, organizing recognition efforts for first responders and contributing to events like Westchester's first Juneteenth Community Celebration last year. Kitty is a proud mother of four to two daughters and two sons, a grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of twelve. She shares these joys with her wonderful significant other.

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**ERNESTINE LANGE (THE BOOKWORM FOUNDATION)**

Ernestine Lang is the Executive Director of The Bookworm Foundation, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit she founded in 2013 to provide reading and math tutoring for K-8 students. The foundation fosters confidence, dismantles social barriers, and cultivates a love for learning. Many former Bookworm students have gone on to become Eagle Scouts, college graduates, preschool teachers, and physical therapists, a testament to her lasting impact.

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## **February 25, 2025, Village Board Meeting Recognition Honorees**

### **Patricia Mitchell-Braxton (Active Resident Volunteer)**

A Westchester resident for 27 years, Patricia worked for 25 years in Information Technology at General Electric. She has found fulfillment in being a founding member of the Westchester Cycle Group and a key contributor in planning and executing the 2024 Juneteenth Ceremony and Community Celebration. Additionally, she is a dedicated volunteer for Aging Care senior initiatives and events. Patricia consistently gives her time to support and uplift the Westchester community.

### **Katrina Turman (Benevolence Home Services)**

Katrina Turman is the founder and owner of Benevolence Home Services and Staffing Agency, a Westchester-based company dedicated to providing compassionate in-home care and high-quality healthcare staffing solutions. As a registered nurse and “nursepreneur,” she combines clinical expertise with a passion for service to ensure individuals receive dignified, personalized care. Through Benevolence, she has created a trusted resource that not only supports families and healthcare professionals but also strengthens the community by promoting excellence, reliability, and compassion in caregiving.

### **Kapreshia Linzy (Perfect Image Transfers)**

Kapreshia Linzy is a dedicated entrepreneur and the owner of Perfect Image Transfers, LLC, a screen print transfer business specializing in custom business apparel and personalized designs for schools, religious organizations, and family reunions. With a strong focus on quality materials and exceptional customer service, she ensures a seamless ordering process while helping businesses and families bring their visions to life.

Kapreshia's creativity and professionalism were on full display when she designed the beautiful Westchester Centennial logo, perfectly capturing the village's history and spirit. She was an absolute pleasure to work with, bringing both passion and expertise to the project. Driven by a desire to build a lasting legacy for her twin boys, she is committed to growing her business, expanding into embroidery, and becoming a staple in the community.

### **Stacy Hawkins Armstrong (Sha-Poppin')**

Stacy H. Armstrong is a trailblazing business owner of Sha-Poppin' Gourmet Popcorn and a dedicated community leader in Westchester, where she champions small businesses and fosters youth mentorship programs. During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, she demonstrated her deep commitment to frontline workers by providing lunch for the nursing staff and doctors at the VA. As the first business owner in Westchester to have her products featured at the DNC 2024, Stacy has gained widespread recognition, earning The She-Ro Award in both 2023 and 2024.

She has proudly represented Westchester by becoming the first local business to participate in The Rib Fest and the NBA All-Star Weekend in Chicago and has even partnered with Cartoon Network, further solidifying her impact. In addition to her business success, Stacy leads initiatives such as Motivational Mondays, aimed at combatting suicide prevention and cyberbullying, and is the founder of The WOBE, which provides financial support to fellow entrepreneurs. Her leadership and

dedication to economic growth and community advocacy continue to inspire and uplift those around her.

### **Tracy Jennings (Public Servant)**

Tracy Jennings has been a resident of the Village of Westchester since 1995. He is an Northern Illinois University alum and a Proud US Army Veteran. Tracy has been a trailblazer in many areas for the vast majority of his life. From managing millions of dollars in equipment and large teams of personnel in two fortune 500 companies, to being owner/operator of his Real Estate Appraisal company for 10 years. His hard work and commitment to excellence always shines through.

Tracy's dedication to his community and Public Service reached a new height in April of 2021 when he became the First African American from the Village Westchester to be elected to the Triton College Board of Trustees. In June of 2021 Tracy became the first and only African American male to ever serve as a Trustee in the Village of Westchester.

Tracy is currently a Senior Public Service Administrator with the Department of Children and Family Services Legal Division. Tracy has also served as Public Service Administrator for the Department of Human Services, the Department of Employment Security and the Department of Children and Family Services. Tracy is the Northern District Chairman for the Illinois Community College Trustee Association, Pastor of Total Christian Life Ministry and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha the oldest Black Fraternity in America.

Tracy is a husband of 31 years, a father of two adult children and has one grandson who is the light of his life.

### **Trustee Isiah Brandon (Maywood)**

Trustee Isiah Brandon is a dedicated public servant and community advocate committed to driving positive change in the Village of Maywood. As a trusted leader, he focuses on economic development, public safety, and youth empowerment, working to create opportunities that uplift residents and strengthen the village. With a passion for service and a track record of impactful initiatives, he continues to champion policies that promote equity, progress, and a thriving future for Maywood.

### **Randall McFarland (Best of Proviso)**

Randall McFarland is a passionate community leader and advocate, committed to celebrating and uniting the Proviso Township area through impactful initiatives. As the founder of Best of Proviso Township, he has created a platform that uplifts local achievements and fosters civic pride. One of his most notable projects is Tour de Proviso, a community bike ride that promotes health, wellness, and connectivity by encouraging residents to explore the diverse neighborhoods of Proviso Township. Through his leadership, McFarland continues to bring people together, inspire civic engagement, and showcase the best of what Proviso has to offer.

### **Debra Vines (The Answer Inc.)**

Debra Vines is a nationally recognized advocate, speaker, and community leader dedicated to supporting individuals and families affected by autism and developmental disabilities. As the founder and CEO of The Answer Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Proviso Township, she has spent over a decade providing critical resources, advocacy, and education to empower families navigating the autism spectrum. Through support groups, workforce training, recreational programs, and legislative advocacy, Vines ensures that individuals with autism have access to the services they need to thrive. Her unwavering commitment has made The Answer Inc. a trusted lifeline for families, breaking barriers and fostering inclusivity within the community.

#### **Pastor Darius Brooks (Grace Central)**

Pastor Darius Brooks is a dedicated community leader and Senior Pastor of Grace Central Church in Westchester. Beyond his well-known contributions to gospel music, Pastor Brooks has made a profound impact on the Westchester community through his commitment to service and outreach. Under his leadership, Grace Central Church operates a vital food pantry, providing essential resources to residents in need and ensuring that families have access to fresh and nutritious food. His efforts have helped to combat food insecurity and uplift individuals facing hardships.

Pastor Brooks was also an integral member of Westchester's first-ever Juneteenth Community Celebration, playing a key role in bringing the event to life and gracing the event with a musical performance. Through his unwavering commitment to faith, service, and community engagement, Pastor Brooks continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of Westchester residents, ensuring that those in need are supported.

#### **Dr. Ashley N. Seide (Bloom Dental)**

Dr. Ashley N. Seide is a dedicated dentist and community advocate committed to providing exceptional oral healthcare and empowering individuals through education and mentorship. As the founder of Bloom Dental, she has created a welcoming practice focused on patient-centered care, innovation, and promoting overall wellness. With a passion for increasing access to quality dental care, Dr. Seide combines her clinical expertise with a compassionate approach to ensure every patient receives the highest standard of treatment. Through Bloom Dental, she not only transforms smiles but also fosters health awareness and community engagement, making a lasting impact beyond the dental chair.

#### **Tenyiah Simmons Patterson (State Farm)**

Tenyiah Simmons Patterson is a dedicated insurance professional and community advocate, serving as a State Farm Agent in Westchester. With a passion for helping individuals and businesses protect what matters most, she provides personalized insurance and financial services tailored to the unique needs of her clients. Beyond her work in insurance, Tenyiah is committed to community engagement, supporting local initiatives and empowering residents with financial literacy and risk management education. Through her leadership and expertise, she continues to make a lasting impact, ensuring Westchester families and businesses have the security and guidance they need for a stable future.

**Twy Callaway (Westchester Chamber; Coldwell Banker Real Estate)**

Twy Callaway is a dedicated community advocate and real estate professional in Westchester. She has served in various leadership roles within the Westchester Chamber of Commerce, including Vice President and President, demonstrating her commitment to fostering local business growth and community development. Her active involvement in the Chamber has been instrumental in promoting economic vitality and supporting local enterprises. Beyond her Chamber responsibilities, Twy is known for her mentorship and support of emerging entrepreneurs, reflecting her passion for empowering others and enhancing the community's economic landscape.

## **BLACK EXCELLENCE LEGACY AWARD HONOREES - FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

### **RENARD D. TUCKER**

Renard D. Tucker is the proud owner and head chef of Heavens' Kitchen Catering, Inc., a beloved catering business in Westchester known for its exceptional food and service. His passion for cooking, combined with his dedication to the community, has made him a staple at local events and celebrations.

More than just a chef, Renard is a true community supporter. He has played a key role in Westchester's Juneteenth celebrations and is always willing to lend a helping hand to local initiatives. Whether through his culinary talents or his generosity, he is committed to bringing people together and giving back to the village that has supported his business. Renard's hard work, dedication, and love for his craft have not only helped his business flourish but have also made a lasting impact on the community. Tonight, we are honored to recognize him for his success – and enjoy his delicious food!

### **CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS**

Congressman Danny K. Davis has been a dedicated public servant and a powerful voice for social justice for decades. Representing Illinois' 7th Congressional District since 1997, he has championed policies that expand affordable healthcare, education, and economic opportunities for underserved communities.

One of his most impactful achievements was helping pass the Second Chance Act, which provides support and resources for individuals reentering society after incarceration, giving them a fair shot at rebuilding their lives. He has also been a leader in expanding early childhood education, strengthening Medicare and Social Security, and advocating for affordable housing. As a staunch supporter of criminal justice reform, he has worked to address disparities in sentencing and increase access to rehabilitation programs.

Throughout his career, Congressman Davis has remained committed to equity, fairness, and community empowerment, working to ensure that all people, regardless of background, have access to the resources they need to thrive. His leadership continues to make a lasting impact on Illinois and beyond, leaving a legacy of progress and opportunity for future generations.

### **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE EMANUEL "CHRIS" WELCH**

Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch made history as the first Black Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, bringing a strong commitment to equity, education, and economic opportunity. Representing the 7th District, he has been a steadfast advocate for working families, championing policies that expand access to quality education, criminal justice reform, and economic development.

Under his leadership, Illinois has passed historic legislation to promote fair education funding, strengthen healthcare access, and increase diversity on corporate boards. He was the chief sponsor of the Illinois Trust Act, ensuring Illinois remains a welcoming state for immigrants. Before

serving in the legislature, he spent 12 years on the Proviso Township High School Board of Education, including 10 years as Board Chair, where he played a key role in founding the Proviso Math and Science Academy, one of the top-ranked schools in the state.

Speaker Welch's dedication to uplifting communities and creating a more just and inclusive future continues to shape Illinois in meaningful ways. His leadership ensures that opportunity, fairness, and progress remain at the forefront of the state's future.

#### **SENATE MAJORITY LEADER KIMBERLY A. LIGHTFORD**

Senate Majority Leader Kimberly A. Lightford has been a trailblazer in Illinois politics, making history as the state's first Black female Senate Majority Leader. Elected in 1998 as the youngest member of the Senate, she has spent the past 26 years championing education, youth development, and equity.

Throughout her career, she has led efforts to expand early childhood education, create universal preschool, establish school breakfast programs, and ensure access to full-day kindergarten. She was instrumental in passing the Senate Bill 7 education reform law, which has been recognized as a national model for improving teacher accountability and student outcomes. She also played a key role in creating the Illinois Department of Early Childhood to strengthen support for young learners.

A fierce advocate for workers' rights, Leader Lightford led the fight to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, helped pass Illinois' Equal Pay Act, and secured guaranteed paid leave for all workers. As the former Joint Chairman of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, she spearheaded a groundbreaking four-pillar agenda to address systemic racism, focusing on criminal justice reform, education, workforce development, economic access, and healthcare. She also championed efforts to make Juneteenth a state holiday and designate February 28 as Black Women's History Day.

Deeply committed to uplifting communities, she has launched initiatives like Uplift Our Future, cancer awareness programs, and support networks for grandparents raising grandchildren. A proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she continues to serve Illinois with passion and dedication, shaping policies that create lasting change.

#### **MAYOR RORY HOSKINS (FOREST PARK)**

Mayor Rory E. Hoskins has been a dedicated leader in Forest Park since his election in 2019, making history as the village's first African American mayor. Prior to this role, he served as a village commissioner from 2007 to 2015, becoming the first African American elected to public office in Forest Park. During his tenure as commissioner, he was instrumental in establishing the village's Diversity Commission in 2015 and initiated the annual Juneteenth celebration in 2009, reflecting his commitment to inclusivity and cultural awareness.

Under Mayor Hoskins' leadership, Forest Park has seen significant community engagement and development. In 2019, he convened residents to launch the village's inaugural Hispanic Heritage Month event, celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the community. Mayor Hoskins has also been



proactive in addressing public safety concerns, advocating for increased state funding to enhance security measures following incidents affecting the community.

Beyond his mayoral duties, Mayor Hoskins has demonstrated a strong commitment to youth and community service. He has been actively involved with the Forest Park Youth Soccer program since 2005, serving as a board member, coach, and parent.

Mayor Hoskins' visionary leadership continues to foster a more inclusive, safe, and vibrant community in Forest Park.

#### **MAYOR KATRINA THOMPSON (BROADVIEW)**

In 2017, Mayor Katrina Thompson made history as the first African American woman elected Mayor of Broadview, a milestone for both the community and leadership in Illinois. Under Mayor Katrina's leadership, Broadview has remained committed to progress, equity, and social justice.

That commitment was evident in 2017 when Mayor Katrina led Broadview to become the first municipality in Illinois to recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday for municipal employees, years before it gained national recognition. This decision honored the significance of June 19, 1865, when the last enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy learned of their freedom.

Mayor Katrina also prioritized education and empowerment, leading Broadview to establish the Broadview Freedom School at Lindop School—the first of its kind in Proviso Township. Inspired by the Freedom Schools of the 1960s, this program provides students with a curriculum focused on history, civics, and the arts, fostering informed and engaged young leaders.

Through her leadership, Mayor Katrina's pioneering efforts demonstrate her commitment to leading by example. Broadview continues to strive towards creating a community that is inclusive, educated, and empowered, setting new standards for what it means to lead with integrity and vision in the 21st century.

#### **MAYOR ANDRE F. HARVEY (BELLWOOD)**

Mayor Andre F. Harvey has been a dedicated leader and lifelong resident of Bellwood, making history as the village's first African American firefighter, fire chief, and mayor. Since taking office in 2017, he has prioritized public safety, youth development, and community growth.

With a career spanning over three decades, Mayor Harvey has led major improvements in fire and emergency medical services, enhancing ambulance care with advanced paramedics. Before becoming mayor, he served as Director of Public Safety, overseeing both the Police and Fire Departments to strengthen community safety.

His leadership extends beyond public safety, with a strong commitment to youth mentorship and education. Mayor Harvey established the Bellwood Teen Zone, the first facility of its kind in Proviso Township, providing a safe, supervised space for study and social activities. He also founded

mentorship programs and the Lady Dribblers girls' basketball program, empowering young people through sports and guidance.

Through his vision, leadership, and dedication, Mayor Harvey continues to shape Bellwood's future, ensuring it remains a thriving, safe, and supportive community for all residents.

#### **MAYOR NATHANIEL GEORGE BOOKER (MAYWOOD)**

Mayor Nathaniel George Booker, a third-generation resident of Maywood, has been a transformative leader, serving as Mayor since 2021. Before his election, he was a Village Trustee and Economic Development Commissioner, working to strengthen the local economy and infrastructure. Under Mayor Booker's leadership, Maywood has secured over \$25 million in infrastructure funding and launched Healthy Maywood West Cook, an initiative addressing community health and wellness. He is also a strong advocate for homeownership stability and property tax reform, ensuring long-term growth and financial empowerment for residents.

Beyond Maywood, Mayor Booker serves as President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials and is the founding President of the Illinois Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. He is also an active member of the National League of Cities Board of Directors and the Illinois Municipal League. His vision, leadership, and commitment to progress continue to drive Maywood forward.

#### **LORENZO WEBBER**

Lorenzo B. Webber is a dedicated faith leader, government official, and community advocate committed to leadership, compassion, and servanthood. An alumnus of St. Joseph High School and Triton College—where he served as the founding or inaugural Alumni President—Webber has devoted his life to fostering opportunities for growth, empowerment, and community development. He serves as the Director of Youth Services for the Township of Proviso, President of the District 89 Education Foundation, Pastor of Shekinah Glory Christian Ministries, and Chief of Staff to Bishop Dr. Reginald J. Saffo of the Proviso Township Ministerial Alliance Network. Through his work in ministry, education, and public service, Webber continues to impact lives, advocating for equitable opportunities, strong leadership, and meaningful change in the communities he serves.

#### **COACH MICHAEL MCPHERSON**

Coach Michael McPherson has been a dedicated and influential figure in youth football, particularly with the Westchester Raiders Youth Football program. His commitment to fostering young talent and promoting the sport has significantly positively impacted the Westchester community.

Under Coach McPherson's leadership, the Westchester Raiders have provided a platform for young athletes to develop their skills, learn the value of teamwork, and build character both on and off the field. His emphasis on discipline, sportsmanship, and personal growth has not only cultivated successful players but also well-rounded individuals.

Beyond coaching, Coach McPherson has been instrumental in organizing community events and outreach programs, strengthening the bond between the football program and local residents. His

unwavering dedication continues to inspire and shape the lives of many young athletes in Westchester.

### **STEPHANIE BOYD**

Stephanie Boyd is an accomplished Senior Financial Analyst with over 25 years of experience in the finance industry.

Beyond her professional achievements, Stephanie is deeply committed to community service. She has served as Vice President of School District 92.5 since 2019 and actively supports numerous local initiatives, including the Westchester Food Pantry, where she has been a volunteer and sponsor since 2016. Her dedication extends to mentoring and financial education, having worked with the Tax Counseling Project to provide free income tax services for low-income families and volunteered as an Instructor with Junior Achievement of Chicago to introduce students to careers in finance.

Stephanie has also played key roles in community leadership and youth development, serving as Comptroller for Peoples Church of the Harvest for 25 years, a Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts volunteer since 2012, and a Pacific Garden Mission Holiday Drive sponsor. Additionally, she has contributed to Proviso West's Principal Search Committee, the Proviso Math and Science PTO, and various local initiatives aimed at education and economic empowerment.

A devoted wife to Michael and proud mother of Jalen and Mikayla, Stephanie's leadership, expertise, and service continue to make a lasting impact in Westchester and beyond.

### **DOMINIQUE BRYANT**

Dominique Bryant is a proud Bellwood native and Proviso West High School graduate who has dedicated her career to youth empowerment and community service. As the Founder and Executive Director of the Dream Academy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) youth development organization based in Westchester, she has positively impacted over 10,000 families across the Chicagoland area and beyond through Afterschool & Saturday programs, mentorship, and leadership initiatives.

With a finance degree from Dominican University, Dominique brings both strategic expertise and a deep passion for service. In addition to her leadership at the Dream Academy Foundation, she serves as a Project Specialist at HCSC, where she co-leads employee engagement initiatives and actively contributes to community boards.

Her relentless commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion has earned her several prestigious honors, including the Hometown Hero Award from Operation Uplift Inc., the She Shines Honoree by Girls Inc., and the Volunteer of the Year Award from BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois. Through her vision and leadership, Dominique Bryant continues to be a driving force in creating opportunities, empowerment, and positive change for young people and the community.

### **MELODY WINSTON**

Melody Winston is a dynamic executive with expertise in aviation, commercial real estate, and the grocery industry. As Director of Aviation at Golden Eagle Aviation, she leads strategic initiatives and operations, while also managing various commercial properties, contributing to economic growth and urban development.

In the grocery sector, Melody plays a pivotal role as a senior executive at Living Fresh Market, a 70,000-square-foot supermarket in Forest Park, Illinois. Under her leadership, Living Fresh Market has become one of the largest Black-owned supermarkets in the United States, providing fresh and healthy food options to the community.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Melody is deeply committed to community service. She serves as the Board President of the K.L.E.O. Community Family Life Center, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals and families through various programs and services. Additionally, she is involved with the Legacy Flight Academy, promoting aviation education and opportunities for underrepresented youth.

Through her diverse roles and unwavering dedication, Melody Winston continues to make significant contributions to her community and industries.

### **SHERICKA ARMSTRONG**

Shericka Armstrong is a dedicated mother, wife, Director of Human Resources, and entrepreneur, proudly calling Westchester home for the past 12 years. As the owner of K&S FlyTops Boutique, she combines her passion for business with her commitment to uplifting her community.

Beyond her professional success, Shericka is deeply involved in community service, frequently volunteering at local schools, donating to the community pantry, and supporting village events alongside Westchester elected officials. She believes in the power of education and earned a Dual Master's in Human Resource Management & Development to serve as a role model for her children and to inspire young men and women to pursue their education and career goals.

With a heart for service and a drive for empowerment, Shericka Armstrong continues to make a meaningful impact in Westchester, strengthening both her family and her community through leadership, generosity, and mentorship.

### **TEONELLE BINION**

Teonelle "T" Binion is the owner of Wrist Work Cuts, a community-focused barbershop located at 1905 S Mannheim Road in Westchester, IL. Since relocating from Forest Park to Westchester in 2021, he has built more than just a business—he has created a welcoming space where clients feel like family. His commitment to excellence and passion for giving back have made Wrist Work Cuts a valued establishment in the village.

Beyond his skills as a master barber, Teonelle is deeply involved in the Westchester community. He has been an integral supporter of the village's Juneteenth celebrations, helping to uplift and

celebrate Black excellence in the community. He also gives back to local youth by offering free back-to-school haircuts, ensuring that children start the school year with confidence. His dedication to mentorship, empowerment, and service has solidified his role as a true leader and advocate in Westchester.