

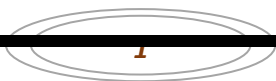


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PAST & PRESENT

BIOGRAPHIES

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*In September of 2024 we
celebrate 96 years of service
to the Xenia and Dayton
area.*

*The members of this
organization Past and
Present are devoted
volunteers. Members who
inspire those that follow and
will continue in the years to
come, to persevere in
support of the community we
serve.*

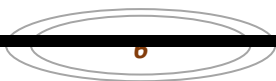
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*The distinguish gentlemen of
the PALS Club have always
been and continue to be
leaders within our
community.*

*While it would not be
possible to list all of them
and to cite their many
worthwhile
accomplishments...we have
compiled the most complete
information available*



PALS
from
the
PAST





BACKGROUND

PAL NORRIS L. BAYLESS was born in Logan County, OH. He attended public schools in West Mansfield, OH

EDUCATION

- Graduated Cum Laude from Central State University with a B.S. degree in accounting
- Received a Master of Arts degree in Accounting from Ohio State University

EMPLOYMENT

- Employed by the US Air Force for 28 years as an Accountant
- Also held the position of Deputy Director of Accounting and Finance at the Headquarters for the Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC)

AFFILIATIONS

Member of:

- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Miami Consistory #26
- National Campers and Hikers Association, Inc.,
- Associate member of Y.M.C.A. of Xenia and Greene County

FAMILY

Married to the former Ruth Goatley of Wampum, PA



BACKGROUND

PAL WILLIAM E. CHAPMAN was born in Coshocton, OH

EDUCATION

- Attended East High School in Columbus, OH
- Graduated from Ohio State University with a B.A. degree in Business Administration

EMPLOYMENT

Retired from Federal civil service after 32 years

FAMILY

Married to Dorothy, and they have a daughter, Jacqueline, and 3 grandchildren.

**BACKGROUND****PAL CLINTON E. CHURCHMAN****EDUCATION**

- Graduated from Central State University with a B.A. degree
- Received a M.A. from Ohio State University
- Received a Ph.D. from Union Graduate School

EMPLOYMENT

- Served as a Regional Administrator, Dayton Regional Office, for the State of Ohio Youth Commission

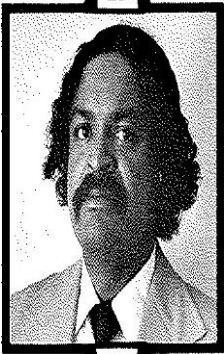
Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
- Received awards from:
 - Optimist International
 - Kiwanis International

FAMILY

Married to Gertrude

**BACKGROUND**

PAL DONALD CUNNINGHAM was born in Jefferson City, TN

EDUCATION

Attended Xenia High School in Xenia, OH
Studied at Central State University in Industrial Arts and Agriculture.

EMPLOYMENT

Employed as Superintendent of Water and Sewage at Central State University

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Wilberforce Masonic Lodge #21
- Wilberforce Optimist Club
- Concerned Citizens of Xenia
- Akbar Shrine Temple #41

FAMILY

Married to Catherine, and they are parents of two children, Tracy and Teresa.

**BACKGROUND**

PAL REGINALD S. EVANS was born in Xenia, OH and attended public schools there

EMPLOYMENT

Served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Xenia Housing Development, Inc.

Member of:

- Xenia Lions Club
 - Received the outstanding Lions Award in 1976
 - Award of Merit - City of Xenia, OH in 1978

AFFILIATIONS

- Wilberforce Lodge #21
 - American Legion Post #536
- Past President of the PALS Club

FAMILY

Married to Maria and they have two children, Raeburn and Valerie Kathryn

**BACKGROUND**

PAL CHESTER D. GILMORE was born in Jackson, OH and attended public schools there

EMPLOYMENT

Moved to Xenia, OH in 1937 where he established owned and operated the Gilmore Fuel and Supply Company supplying coal to the community, business places, and Wilberforce and Central State Universities for many years. He retired from this business in 1970 after 33 years

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Xenia Chamber of Commerce
- Town and Country

FAMILY

- Married to Reva, and they have one daughter, Maxine

BACKGROUND

PAL ROBERT S. GREENE was born in Xenia, OH and attended public schools there

**EDUCATION/
EMPLOYMENT**

- Served as the Transportation Corps of the U.S. Army during World War II
- Following his honorable discharge, he attended Central State University and established a construction business
- Additionally, he worked at Wright Patterson AFB

Retired from government service in 1976 as Chief of Publication Section Cataloging Division

FAMILY

- Married to Sara, and they are the parents of three daughters, Sylvia, Sharon and Sandra

BACKGROUND

PAL PAUL L. HASTY was born in Oxford, OH

EDUCATION

- Graduated from Miami University with an A. B. degree
 - Received a M.A. degree from Howard University
- Did post graduate work at Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati

EMPLOYMENT

- Served as a teacher of Mathematics and Physics at Wilberforce University
- Worked as a Principal of East High School and Lincoln Elementary before becoming an Aeronautical Research Engineer in Nuclear Engineering and Atmosphere turbulence at WPAFB

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Sigma Xi
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Rotary

FAMILY

- Married to Elizabeth

BACKGROUND

PAL HARRY G. JOHNS

EDUCATION

- Graduated from Wilberforce University with a B.S. degree in Commerce
- Received a M.A. degree in Business from Columbia University, Graduate School of Business

EMPLOYMENT

- Retired from Central State University in 1978 after 29 years of service
- Started his second career as an employee at Wilberforce University

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Xenia Rotary Club
- Board of Directors of the Greene County United Way
- Greene County Children's Services Board

FAMILY

Married to Bessie, and they are the parents of four children, Kevin, Richard, Geddes and David.

**BACKGROUND**

PAL MELVIN A. JOHNSON, SR. was born in Lockland, OH

EDUCATION

- Attended public schools in Lockland, OH
- Graduated there He is a graduate of Wilberforce University with a B.S. degree in Commerce

EMPLOYMENT

Retired from Central State University in 1966

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- T.B.R.D. Association
- Y.M.C.A.

FAMILY

Married to Arletta, and they are the parents of one son, Melvin, Jr.

**BACKGROUND**

PAL J. ANDERSON MALLORY was born in Chicago, IL and attended public schools there

Studied at:

EDUCATION

- John C. Robinson School of Aeronautical Dynamics, Wilson College, School of Pre-Medicine
- Received an honorary graduate degree from the National Radio Institute of Electrical Appliances, Washington, D.C.
- Served with the United States Postal Service (USPS) and retired after 34 years of service

EMPLOYMENT

- Started his second career as a Bailiff for the 3rd Common Pleas Court of Greene County

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Wilberforce Lodge #21 F.&A.M
- The Four Seasons Decorating Guild
- N.A.F.L. Association #49

A member of the PALS Club for 27 years

FAMILY

Married to Beatrice, and they have a daughter, Kimberly Lynn, and one granddaughter.

**BACKGROUND**

PAL MURVILLE T. McCANTS was born in Mobile, AL

Studied at:

EDUCATION

- Emerson N.& I. Institute in Mobile. AL
- National Radio Institute

EMPLOYMENT

Served as a bailiff of the Greene County Common Pleas Court.

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Wilberforce Optimist Club
- Miami Consistory #26
- Akbar Temple #41
- Town and Country
- The Podners
- Is a 33rd degree Mason

FAMILY

Married to Ruth, and they have two children, Murville T. McCants, Jr., and Bonita

**BACKGROUND**

PAL MARSHALL E. McGHEE was born in Chicago, IL

Received:

EDUCATION

- A B.A. degree from Wilberforce University
- A Masters of Arts from Antioch College

Worked at:

EMPLOYMENT

- Dale Hale Williams University
- Central State University
- Middletown Public Schools

Also, he was President/CEO of McGhee and Associates

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Midwest Cooperative Education Associations
- The United Way

BACKGROUND

PAL PAUL McSTALLWORTH was born in Flatwoods, AL and grew up in PA

EDUCATION

- Graduated from Geneva College with a B.A. degree
- Received a M.A. from Howard University
- Obtained a Ph.D. from Ohio State University
Wright-State University

EMPLOYMENT

- Served as a Professor of History
 - Special Assistant to the President of Wright State University
 - Interim Vice President of Central State University
- Authored and co-authored several publications
Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Greene County Board of Health
 - County Task Force (National Afro-American Museum, B.F. Lee
 - Wilberforce Community Health Center Board
- Received the Outstanding Alumni Award – Ohio State University (OSU) Graduate School

FAMILY

Married to Charlotte, and they are the parents of two daughters, Ann and Carol.

BACKGROUND

PAL JAMES G. MILLER was born in Atlanta, GA and attended Cleveland Central in Cleveland, OH

EDUCATION

- Graduated from Wilberforce University a B.S
- Received a M.S. degree from New York University

EMPLOYMENT

Worked as Chief of Training Development Services for the Defense Electronics Supply Center as a chief training development specialist.
Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Wilberforce Optimist Club
- American Legion
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

FAMILY

Married to Connie, and they are the parents of five children, James, Jr., Steven, Karen, Karl and Donald.

BACKGROUND

PAL HERBERT S. PICKENS was born in Cincinnati, OH and attended public schools there

EDUCATION

Graduated from the Wilberforce Academy at Wilberforce University with a B.S. degree

EMPLOYMENT

- Upon graduation, received a ROTC commission as a 1st Lieutenant and served 4h years, receiving an honorable discharge
- Following his discharge he taught in the Dayton Public School System, which he retired from after 36 years

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
- Masonic Lodge (harmony) of Dayton
- Consistory of Troy
- Shrine of Springfield

FAMILY

Married to Johnese.

BACKGROUND **PAL JOHN W. ROSE** finished public schools in Luther, OK.

EDUCATION Graduated from West Virginia State College with a B.S. in Mechanical Arts

EMPLOYMENT Taught as an Industrial Arts Teacher in the Xenia School System and retired after 31 years of service

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.
- Dayton Gem and Mineral Society
- National Education Association
- Member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity

Lived in the Wilberforce community since 1938

FAMILY

Married to Clara, and they have one daughter, Bellie Carolyn, and one granddaughter



BACKGROUND **PAL WALTER G. SELLERS**

EDUCATION Graduated from Central State University,
Studied at Miami and Wittenberg Universities
Received special training in the area of admissions at Harvard University
He served:

EMPLOYMENT

- A four-year appointment as a member of the Seventh Congressional District Academy Review Board
- Served as president of the Xenia City Board of Education
- As the director of University Relations and Alumni Affairs at Central State University

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Xenia Kiwanis Club
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce
- Board of Directors of Xenia Senior Citizens and many others

FAMILY

Married Theodosia, and they are the parents of three children, Victoria, Walter III and Ronald.



BACKGROUND

PAL CHARLES W. SMITH was born and attended public schools in Xenia, OH

EDUCATION

Graduated from Wilberforce University where he received a B.S. in Physical Education & Business Administration and obtained a 3rd class license as Hills School of Steam Engineers

AFFILIATIONS

He is a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Miami Consistory Masons of OH and John Roan Post #517 American Legion

FAMILY

Married to Almeta



BACKGROUND

PAL ROBERT H. TAYLOR was born and graduated from Roosevelt High School in Dayton, OH

EMPLOYMENT

Served as a WPAFB bus driver

AFFILIATIONS

Membership in Podners and Optimist Clubs

FAMILY

Married to Yvonet



BACKGROUND

PAL ISAAC N. WARD was a native and completed his elementary and secondary education in the Xenia Public School System

EDUCATION

Studied at Sinclair College and the General Motors Training Center for Sales.

EMPLOYMENT

Worked as a car salesman for over 15 years, and in 1976 was named salesman of the year

FAMILY

Married Donna, and they have three children

**BACKGROUND**

PAL JAMES R. WARE was born in Raleigh, NC and attended public schools in Xenia, OH

EMPLOYMENT

Work experience includes:

- Selling insurance
- Inspector with the Xenia Tobacco Company
- An employee of Delco Products

He later owned and operated a package store business from which he retired in 1977

AFFILIATIONS

- Life Member of the OH Checker Association
- Life Master of the American Bridge Association
- Junior Master of the American Contract Bridge League
- A 32nd degree Mason

A Charter member of the Wilberforce Optimist Club

FAMILY

Married to Pauline.

**BACKGROUND**

PAL HERBERT L. WHITE was born in Hilliard, OH and graduated from Hilliard High

EDUCATION

Graduated from Wilberforce University

Served as a Fiscal Officer

EMPLOYMENT

- First as Business Manager of Okolona College in Mississippi
- Then as Assistant Bursar at Central State University and;
- Treasurer Manager of the Central State University Federal Credit Union

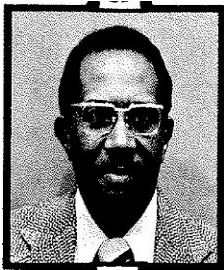
Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Board of Directors of Public Employee Retirees, Inc.
- A 33rd degree Mason
- An Elk

FAMILY

Married to Margaret E.



BACKGROUND

PAL HERBERT H. WILLIS, SR. was born in Louisville, KY and attended public schools there

EDUCATION

- Graduated from Howard University with a B.A. degree
 - Received a M.B.A. degree from New York University
- Studied at Ohio State University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha

EMPLOYMENT

Served as an Associate Professor at Central State University and as an Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Accounting

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
- Wilberforce Optimist Club

FAMILY

Married to Urcelle



BACKGROUND

PAL JAMES R. ANDERSON was born in Ironspot, OH just outside of Zanesville, OH

EDUCATION

- Completed the last two years of high school and received a B.S. degree in Education from Wilberforce, OH
- Graduated from Miami University receiving a Master of Science degree in Education
- Completed 27 years as Assistant Professor at Central State University and retired in 1966

EMPLOYMENT

- Also worked as an Equal Employment Opportunity counselor with the Veterans Administration Center (Dayton, OH) and retired after 8 years of service in 1975

Member of:

AFFILIATIONS

- The Royal Crescent Club
- Wilberforce University, Lions Club
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
- Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity

FAMILY

Married Juanita, and they have three sons, James R. III, Raymond, R. Michael, and 7 grandchildren

**BACKGROUND**

PAL MACK M. GREENE was born in Georgetown, KY and was reared in Dayton, OH.

EDUCATION

The Dayton Y.M.C.A. exerted a great influence on his life and was instrumental in helping him to secure a scholarship to the Y.M.C.A. College in Springfield, Massachusetts

EMPLOYMENT

- Served as the Director of Athletics and Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Head of the Drama Department
- PAL Greene held a long overseas assignment in India under the auspices of the World Alliance of the Y.M.C.A.
- He was also on the staff of Hampton Institute

**BACKGROUND**

PAL ROBERT K. SHOECRAFT was born in Xenia, OH

EDUCATION

He is a graduate of The OH State University Law School

EMPLOYMENT

- Went to Guam in 1962 as assistant attorney general for the 2,141 islands of the Trust Territory
- Three years later he was appointed attorney general and served in that capacity until his appointment as chief justice in 1967
- Since 1970 he has been in private practice on Guam, primarily representing corporations and businesses.

**CURRENT
MEMBER
BIOGRAPHIES**



BACKGROUND

PAL ERIC D. BRADLEY, born and raised in Dayton, OH. Graduated from Wilbur Wright High School in 1980 and was a two-year member of the National Honor Society and a three-year Varsity Basketball Player. Voted City League Player of the Year (1979)

EDUCATION

- Northern Arizona University, B.S. Degree/Telecommunications Management (1984)
- Central Michigan University, M.S. Degree/General Administration (1996)
- Xavier University, M. Ed. Degree/Sports Administration (2002)

EMPLOYMENT

- Employed by the U.S. Air Force for over 39 years and held key positions in the areas of Information Engineering, Strategic Planning, Electronic Commerce, Policy Management, Network Administration, Emergency Management, Software Management, Information Management, Cyber Security and Portfolio Management.
- Head Boys Basketball Coach at Patterson High School for 10 seasons. At the time of his appointment in 1990, he was the youngest African American Head Coach in the State of Ohio. He finished as the school's All-Time Winningest Coach and his teams captured the school's only City League, District & Dayton Daily News Ratings Championships.
- Business Owner/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Platinum Technology Services, LLC., (2004-2017)
- General Manager/Part Owner of the Dayton Jets - Professional Basketball Team (International Basketball League), (2005)
- Athletic Director & Director of Sports Management Department at the ARISE Academy in Dayton

AFFILIATIONS

- President, Dayton City League Varsity Club
- Wilbur Wright Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee
- College Hill Neighborhood Association
- Black In Government (BIG) Life Member
- Jackson State National Alumni Association
- Executive Director, Ohio Youth Sports Association (OYSA)
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. (Dayton Alumni Chapter Polemarch)
- Northern Arizona University Athletic Alumni Association

AWARDS

- Parity 100 Top Ten African American Male Award (2008)
- WPAFB Diversity Leadership Award (2012)
- Kappa Alpha Psi Achievement Award (2014)
- Wilbur Wright Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee (2016)

FAMILY

Married to Cheryl, and they have two children and five grandkids.



PAL CALVIN J. BRADSHAW III, Ph.D.

From the impoverished streets of southeast Washington D.C. where he was born and raised by a single mother, to the esteemed corridors of the Air Force, academia and the private sector--Dr. Calvin J. Bradshaw's journey has been anything but ordinary. This PhD holder and technical author has chronicled his meteoric rise in his poignant memoir, "The Promise of Chance." Beyond an autobiography, it's a masterclass in resilience, leadership, and the profound potential of the human experience.

Spanning four riveting parts - The Struggle, The Strategy, The Success, and The Satisfaction - Dr. Bradshaw's narrative encapsulates the essence of life's trials and tribulations. His military service not only saw him rise to the ranks of an Air Force Field Grade Officer but also set the stage for his leadership acumen that would define his career. With technical master's degrees and a Ph.D. in Analytical Logistics, he demystifies his journey, from devastating losses to overwhelming burnouts, ultimately revealing the superpower of quality of life that reshaped his destiny.

A fervent observer of human behavior, Dr. Bradshaw posits a profound insight: despite our diverse backgrounds, we're all bound by birth circumstance, decisions and their repercussions, and the inherent uncertainty of life. Recognizing and harnessing these shared experiences, he asserts, can be our key to happiness, success, and unparalleled quality of life.

Retiring as a military officer after over 20 illustrious years to include tours in Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan, Dr. Bradshaw didn't just stop there. His leadership finesse was further demonstrated as he transitioned to the private sector, becoming an executive and entrepreneur. He played pivotal roles in the Department of Defense, and the multi-million-dollar consulting firm, LMI. With his globally recognized expertise, he's been a critical participant in projects across the Pacific and the Middle East.

For over three decades, Dr. Bradshaw has inspired countless individuals with his powerful public speaking. A former Toastmasters President, distinguished graduate of a communications school, and a speechwriter for a US 3-star general, he's no stranger to the international stage, having presented at renowned conferences including INFORMS, IISE, and MORS. Dr. Bradshaw is also a proud member of Promoters for Arts, Literature and Sciences (PALS), a non-profit organization that raises donations to purchase digital tools that support youth with little resources.

Whether you're battling imposter syndrome, grappling with life's challenges, or looking for a beacon of hope, Dr. Bradshaw's life serves as a testament to the beauty of second chances. As he often states, "Life's greatest gift is the promise of a second chance." Join him, as he inspires, motivates, and redefines what it means to truly triumph.



BACKGROUND

PAL CHARLES A. CRAWFORD, III is the only son of Charles A. Crawford Jr. and Alma Pauline (Taylor) Crawford. Charles was born on June 19, 1956 and is a native Daytonian.

EDUCATION

Charles attended Parochial school for grades 1 through 12.

- Member of the 1st graduating class of the merged Chaminade-Julienne High School
- Graduated with an Associate's degree in Law Enforcement Technology in 1976
- Obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Criminology degree in 1978 from the University of Cincinnati (UC)

EMPLOYMENT

Retired DoD Civil Service in December 2022 after 43 years of service

Upon graduation from UC - Charles worked as:

A Court Officer in both Hamilton and Montgomery County Juvenile Court systems

- In 1979, Charles was selected as trainee in the Air Traffic Control Specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Oklahoma, OK and Des Plaines, IL.
- Transferred to WPAFB Security Police Squadron.
- In 1981, based on a high score in abstract reasoning on the Professional Advancement Career Examination (PACE) he was selected as an Intern Computer Programmer.

Over the last 43 years he has held numerous positions developing, implementing and managing program/systems and software valued between \$ 41M - \$40B.

AFFILIATIONS

Before joining the PALS Club, he served in:

- Explorer program with National Cash Register Program
- Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Coordinator
- Various positions in the; Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) local and National Leadership Team

FAMILY

Married to Arvilla (Dabney) Crawford for 35 years and resides in Phoneton, OH they have two children Charles A. Crawford IV and Clarke A. Crawford and two grandsons, Charles A. Crawford V and Julian Avery Crawford



BACKGROUND **PAL LARRY HILL** was born February 12 and raised in Mobile, AL

Upon graduation from high school Larry attended:

EDUCATION

- Earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Alabama A&M University graduating Cum Laude
- Completed a Software Development certification with the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT)
- A software engineering certification with Central Michigan University

EMPLOYMENT

Retired in December 2023 after over 30 years as a civilian civil servant with the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC), Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) working as a Program Manager overseeing Information Technology Logistics applications/programs/systems.

AFFILIATIONS

- Larry serves in several church ministries at Greater St. John Baptist Church
- Lifelong member of the Dayton Alumni of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Longtime member of the Alabama A&M University, Dayton Alumni Chapter

FAMILY

Larry has been married to his lovely wife Rita for 27 years and they have two children.

BACKGROUND

PAL WIL A JAMESON, was born on July 12th, in Xenia, OH

Graduate of Upward Bound Program at Central State University.

This program would become a lifeline for Wil because it gave him the stability and direction he needed in his life.

After enrolling in the program, Wil found a wonderful friend and mentor in Dr. Joseph Lewis; the Director, who was a retired-Navy officer; with a PhD in History. Dr Lewis loved history, especially Black History and taught the young people to be proud of their heritage and exposed them to different experiences that would propel the trajectory to live a life with purpose. In other words; 'get off the streets and make something of your life'. Dr Lewis defended and protected Wil from bullying and racism at Central State.

EDUCATION

- Graduated Xenia High School and the Upward Bound Program in 1971
- Wil served 2 years in U.S. Navy stationed in Pensacola Florida
- Wil taught in the Math department at Central State University while pursuing his degree
- He received his B.S. degree in Mathematics in 1976
- Wil also attended Wright State University in Beavercreek OH where he pursued a Master's degree in Mathematics

EMPLOYMENT

- For over 30 years Wil works as a civilian with the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC), Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) as the Chief of Cost Analyst
- This opportunity came at the insistence and perseverance of Dr. Aleksandar Svager and Mr. Snyder Garland; who were members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1983
- Wil oversees software estimates for some of the Air Force's most significant ACAT I Information Technology programs. Wil supervises approximately 26 people at three geographically located areas.

AFFILIATIONS

- Wil enjoys volunteering his time to tutoring Central State and Wilberforce students in Math and Science
- Wil enjoys philanthropy, supporting:
 - The YMCA and its outreach programs
 - Good Neighbor House
 - Goodwill Charities and the arts.

Over 15 years as Member of PALS Club/Foundation and Past President
Wil is married to Wanda Kelley Jameson. They have three adult children:

FAMILY

- Shay Kelley (Huntsville AL)
- Lawrence Kelley of (White Plains MD)
- Amanda Jameson of (Bolder CO).

Wanda and Wil have four granddaughters



BACKGROUND **PAL MELVIN A. JOHNSON, JR.** was born September 4, 1929 in Springfield, OH

EDUCATION 1950: Graduated from Central State College (CSU) with a B.S. in Biology
1955: M.S. in Zoology from Miami University
1969: Ph.D. in Cardiovascular Physiology from Jefferson Medical College

EMPLOYMENT Served as Professor of Biology, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences & Vice President for Academic Affairs, retired in June 1997

- CSU: June 2000: Prof. Emeritus (Biological Sciences); 1995 - 96: Vice-President for Academic Affairs; 1985 - 95: Dean College of Arts & Sciences
- 1985 - 2001: Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Physiology & Biophysics, Wright State University (WSU) School of Medicine (retired 2001)

WSU: 1974 - 85: Professor, Dept of Physiology; 1972 - 85: Co-coordinator and Prof. of Biology,

CSU: Springfield Community Hospital School of Nursing; 1972 - 97: Professor, Dept. of Biology; 1970 - 72: Associate Prof., Dept. of Biology

CSU: 1969 - 85: Chairman, Dept. of Biology; 1961 - 65: Instructor, Dept. of Biology

Gambling College, Grambling, LA: 1955 - 59: Instructor of Biology, Div. of National Sciences and Mathematics, (**now known as Grambling State University**)

1954 - 55: Graduate Assistant of Zoology, Miami University

1951 - 53: Research Assistant, Dept. of Anatomy, Western Reserve University, School of Medicine (**NKA Case Western Reserve University**)

Professional Memberships:

American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Heart Association
1969 - 70: Greene County Branch; 1989 - 2000: Greene County Division, Board of Trustees

Miami Valley Chapter

AFFILIATIONS 1972 - 74: Heart Chapter, Governing Council Member; 1975 - 88: Research Review Committee; 1974 - 88: Ohio Chapter Board of Trustees; 1982 - 88: Affiliate, Representative to the Delegate Assembly Ohio & Ohio-West Virginia Affiliate, Board of Directors; 1993 - 95: Division of Standards and Certifications Committee

- American Institute of Biological Sciences
- American Physiological Society
- Beta Biological Honor Society (Charter Member, CSU)
- 1984: Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Scientific Society (Vice President, Central Region,)
- Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
- 1972-74: Foundation of Ohio Citizens United Against Sickle Cell Disease, Sponsored by Governor John J. Gilligan

- New York Academy of Sciences
 - 1979 - 81 President; Treasurer 1984: National Institute of Science
 - 1978, National Minority Health Affairs Association (Charter Member)
- Ohio Academy of Science
- 1998-Ohio Public Health Association,
- Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society
- Sen Mehr Rekh Honor Society
- Sigma Xi

Organizational Memberships

- Discovery Project (National Science Foundation/Ohio Board of Regents - Committees:
 - 1992-96: State Steering Committee, State Coordinating Council and four Regional
 - 1990-95: Student Achievement in Research and Scholarship Program (STARRS), Ohio Board of Regents Initiative, Co-Coordinator for CSU
- Five Seasons Country Club
- Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc. (Life Member)
- Sigma Pi Phi, Fraternity
- Sire Archon-Elect (President-Elect)
- South Regency Country Club
- Tennis Instructor, Greene County YMCA and Xenia Department of Parks and Recreation
- United A.M.E. Church, Xenia, OH
 - Member
 - Trustee Board
 - Pianist
 - Men's Choir
- United States Tennis Association
- Virginia Hollinger Memorial Tennis Club, Oakwood, OH
 - 1998 - 2001; 2002-2004--Board of Directors,
 - 2004-06 President, Board of Directors -
- Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce
- Xenia Lions Club

Honors, Awards, Fellowships

- *Fellowships*
 - National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship
 - 1960 - 61 - Graduate Research Fellow, Landeau Hospital Division of Research and Jefferson Medical College
 - 1967 Research Fellow, Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine
- *Honors*
 - American Physiological Society, Department of Physiology
 - 1958 - University of Iowa, College of Medicine
 - 1959 - 61 - Division of Graduate Studies in the Medical Sciences
 - 1969 - Elected to the American Men of Science

- Inducted into the CSU Achievement Hall of Fame
- *February, 2001*-- Hometown Hero, honored by Xenia Daily Gazette as outstanding African-American Scientist, Black History Month,
- *February 2001*--Black History Month,
- Awards
 - City of Xenia, Award of Merit
 - CSU Faculty Award for Excellence
 - 1993 -- Distinguished Alumnus Award, College of Graduate Studies, Thomas Jefferson University,
 - 1993 -- PAL-Of-The-Year

FAMILY Married Ann and they had two (2) children Ronald and Lois

BACKGROUND **PAL ALEKSANDAR SVAGER** was born on August 10, 1931 to a Jewish doctor and his wife.

Aleksandar is a Holocaust survivor from Yugoslavia. At the age of nine he and his family were forced to flee Nazi Occupied Yugoslavia in 1941 with just the clothes on their backs and narrowly escaped sent to the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp. Aleksandar and his family returned to Sarajevo after the war...eventually he got a job at the university, but nearly got arrested many times.

Aleksandar began tutoring students who were struggling in math and science and eventually became a professor at the university. However; Yugoslavia remained under communist control hence it was a difficult place in which to live. Targeted by the secret police, Aleksandar eventually came to the United States in 1960 after applying for a Fulbright Scholarship. Svager was accepted to Texas Christian University," When asked if he would object to going to a church school, his reply was "I don't mind...I've lost so much time in school during the war." Aleksandar, who has always been gifted in math and science, became devoted to helping students succeed and this generosity continued after he arrived in Wilberforce a few years later. In his own words Aleksandar says "I came to the United States to get additional education, but I was supposed to go back home eventually," "After four years, the Yugoslav government revoked my passport." Since Svager was not married at the time, his contact at the immigration department suggested he "get a job and get a permanent residence." He met his wife, Thyrsa Frazier, at CSU, where she had been a professor of mathematics since 1954. Svager's job there was head of the physics department and said he and his wife were an instant "match." With a shared love of education and mathematics, the couple decided they wanted to help students graduate from college. "As it happened, we didn't have our own children," Svager said. "When we got married, we were both a lot closer to 40 than to 30!"

The couple decided to unofficially "adopt" students in need and especially wanted to focus on helping African-American women pursue degrees in math, since Frazier has already paved the way by becoming one of the first African-American women in the U.S. to earn a PhD in mathematics.

"When we got married, we decided to live on one salary and invest the other," Svager said. "Whenever a kid needed money, we gave it, we never said it was a gift or a loan. We had planned to leave a legacy after our deaths by funding scholarships. I wanted a way to remember my picture of her, but since she and I had always helped students, I decided to create a scholarship fund."

Today the Thyrsa Frazier Svager fund, which was created through the African-American Community Fund (AACF) of the Dayton Foundation has awarded more than \$89,000 in scholarships to date to 31 African-American women

EDUCATION Texas Christian University

EMPLOYMENT Retired in 1996 as the Head of the Physics Department at Central State University

AFFILIATIONS

- PALs Club and Foundation
- Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc. (Life Member)
- Optimist Club

FAMILY Married to Thyrsa Frazier Svager in 1968, at her parents' home. Thyrsa Frazier passed away in 1999, after 31 years of marriage Svager still lives in the house they shared.

BACKGROUND **PAL CLARENCE L. TAYLOR, JR.** was born May 7th in Dayton, OH

EDUCATION Clarence:

- Is a 1982 graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
- Holds:
 - A Master of Business Administration degree in Business from the University of Phoenix
 - A Bachelor of Science degree from Wright State University in Business
 - An Associate Degree in Business Administration from Tiffin University

EMPLOYMENT Clarence is currently employed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) as a Contracting Officer (CO) and has acquired a plethora of contracting experiences in Foreign Military Sales (FMS), Sustainment, Procurement Services and Base Support Acquisitions.

Clarence's other business accomplishments:

- A Commercial Banking Relationship Manager (Agricultural & Special Assets) at Fifth Third Bank, where he managed a \$26.5 million Commercial Agricultural portfolio, and led corporate business development and new client opportunities
- Director of Business Development and EOIC Manager at Citywide Development Corporation, where he managed and operated a \$1 million revolving fund and leveraged investments of more than \$42 million for economic development projects in the Dayton area (1998 - 2007)
- Credit Administrator, Key Private Banking Manager, and Banking Center Manager while employed at KeyBank, NA (1986 -1998)

Clarence is a welcome addition to the PALS organization he is currently the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and oversees the financial operations for the Club...In addition to these accomplishments:

AFFILIATIONS Clarence has volunteered:

- As a mentor/tutor with the Dayton Public Schools for over 26 years
- Participated as a facilitator of a male leadership program at the Dakota Street Center
- As a Board Trustee for the Wright-Dunbar Area Credit Union, Inc. Since 2002 and is currently the sitting President

FAMILY Clarence has been married for 28 years and resides in Dayton, OH with his wife Sandi and has four (4) children:

- Sydney (Vanderbilt University/Wright State University - Medical)
- Clarence III (Eastern Michigan University)
- Devin 6 years old
- Elijah Lee (Deceased)

BACKGROUND **PAL CHRISTOPHER W. TURNER** Christopher W. Turner was born the 2nd son of 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Turner Jr.

Chris is a native Daytonian but spent many of his formative years in the Peach State of Georgia. He returned to Dayton in 1986 and attended Colonel White HS and a graduate of the Class of 1989

EDUCATION Chris is a Legacy Centralian. So, it was a no-brainer that he would follow in the footsteps of his parents and his older brother and become a Mighty Marauder

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Central State University. It was during his time at Central State he developed the love of reading

EMPLOYMENT Chris has worked in the healthcare industry for over 25 years. He has worked at UHC for the last 18 years in many roles.

Chris currently works in the capacity of Provider Advocate.

AFFILIATIONS Chris:

- Is passionate about community service and currently mentor's minority youth in Dayton Public and private schools where he assists them in developing their soft skills and emotional intelligence
- Has been a member of PALS Club for the past four years and is currently the Vice-president. Chris is certain that working with these distinguished brothers keeps him centered and moving in a positive direction in his personal and professional life

FAMILY Chris married his high school sweetheart Diona and they have been married for 22 years. They have 2 awesome kids that they are currently proud to call their own:

- Daughter, Jori, attending Vanderbilt University graduating class of 2014 and;
- Son, Christopher II (attending) Ohio University

BACKGROUND **PAL CLYDE W. VAUGHAN, JR.** was born on August 31st in South Hill, VA

Clyde lived with his parents and older sister and younger brother on the campus of St. Paul's College as a child

EDUCATION Clyde attended Todaro Elementary school in Lawrenceville, VA and moved to Wilberforce, Ohio in the early 1970's. After moving to Ohio, Clyde finished elementary school at Tecumseh Elementary.

As a child, he enjoyed riding his bike, taking Karate classes at Central State University, playing with his friends and siblings in the Tawana apartments and listening to what is now known as *'Old School music'*.

As a boy in Virginia, he loved going to his grandparents' house where he enjoyed the apples in his grandparents' orchards and also picked tobacco.

EMPLOYMENT Clyde has worked in variety of positions:

- As a new bank manager came to the establishment and the Manager and Assistant Manager became known as the infamous Bonnie & Clyde of the bank (of course no cash was ever displaced)
- He stayed at the bank through various transitions until the merger with 5/3rd bank and left shortly after
- Worked as the Assistant Store Manager of Don's Super Value in Xenia, Ohio
- Following departure from Don's Super Value he began working at Central State University as the Acquisitions Specialist and Tech Support in the CSU Library where he has been for the past 16 years

AFFILIATIONS While working at Don's, he became an avid bowler earning the honor of the 700 series along with several Xenia Daily Gazette recognitions for his high bowling scores.

FAMILY He is married to Atreva Dahmer-Vaughan and they are the proud parents of Carmen, Camille, Brandon and Clyde III, along with 12 grandchildren

BACKGROUND **PAL ROBERT WASHINGTON, III** was born February 7th in Palo Alto, California, but was raised in Dayton, OH.

- EDUCATION**
- Following graduation from high school, Robert enlisted into the U.S. Navy. Having served his country for six years and receiving an honorable discharge, Robert moved back to Dayton, OH, and attended Sinclair Community College, earning an Associates of Science in Industrial Engineer Technology.
 - Robert continued his studies at Central State University earning a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Management. Upon graduating from Central State University, he accepted a position with the Department of Defense (DoD) as a financial analyst.

EMPLOYMENT Following a stint with the DoD, Robert moved his family to Cocoa Beach FL where they would live approximately ten years. While in Florida, Robert completed two masters' degrees:

- Master of Arts in Management & Leadership at Webster University and a Master's in Business Administration

Robert moved back to his home town of Dayton Ohio in 2014 to assist his sibling take care of their ailing father.

Robert is currently working as a Financial Analyst at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

AFFILIATIONS Robert and his family attend Mt Pisgah Church for fellowship and worship.

Robert served as Secretary for PALS Club/Foundation.

FAMILY He has been married to Stephanie for 17 years, they have three children and two grandchildren.



BACKGROUND **PAL DARRELL C. WILLIAMS** was born October 19, 1957 in Laporte, I

EDUCATION

- Graduated from Purdue University in December 2020 with Bachelors of Science degree in Project Management

EMPLOYMENT Darrell enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1980 and retired after 22 years in 2002.

- Darrell is currently working as a Subject Matter Expert support for the Financial Management Branch in the Air Force Research Lab Headquarters (AFRL/HQ)
- Worked as a Business Process Consultant in Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC), Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC)
- Worked as a Financial Manager in a Program Management Office (PMO) in AFLCMC
- Worked as a Project Analyst in a PMO in AFLCMC
- Worked as a Senior Financial Analyst in a PMO in AFLCMC

AFFILIATIONS Served as youth pastor at Wright-Patterson AFB Base Chapel.

FAMILY Darrell has been married to Cheryl for 43 years. They have 2 adult children and one grandchild.

BIOGRAPHIES STATUS

NAME	PICTURE	BIOGRAPHY	LAST DATE UPDATED
ERIC D. BRADLEY	✓	✓	DECEMBER 2023
CALVIN J. BRADSHAW III, Ph. D.	✓	✓	JANUARY 2024
CHARLES A. CRAWFORD III	✓	✓	DECEMBER 2023
DR. LEE ESPIRT			
CHAD GILBERT			
LARRY HILL	✓	✓	DECEMBER 2023
WIL JAMESON		✓	DECEMBER 2023
GEORGE T. JOHNSON	DECEASED		
DR. MELVIN JOHNSON	✓	✓	DECEMBER 2023
ROBERT MENAFEE			
ALEKSANDAR SVAGER		✓	DECEMBER 2023
CLARENCE L. TAYLOR, JR.		✓	DECEMBER 2023
CHRIS W. TURNER		✓	DECEMBER 2023
CLYDE W. VAUGHAN, JR.		✓	DECEMBER 2023
ROBERT WASHINGTON, III		✓	DECEMBER 2023
DARRELL C. WILLIAMS	✓	✓	DECEMBER 2023
KENNY WILLIAMS, SR.			
JIMMY WILSON			

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