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**The Annual Albert Shanker
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A MESSAGE FROM...



Our President John M. Abeigon

As a lifelong educator, it is a great honor to be able to provide scholarships to our members and their children each year. These students are the future, and we at the Newark Teachers Union are proud to be able to help them get started on their journey. The best is yet to come.

I am also proud to honor Senator Ronald Rice with our Legacy Award and to have Steve Aduato posthumously inducted into the NTU Hall of Fame. Both men have been firm allies to the Newark Teachers Union through some of the most trying times we have faced.

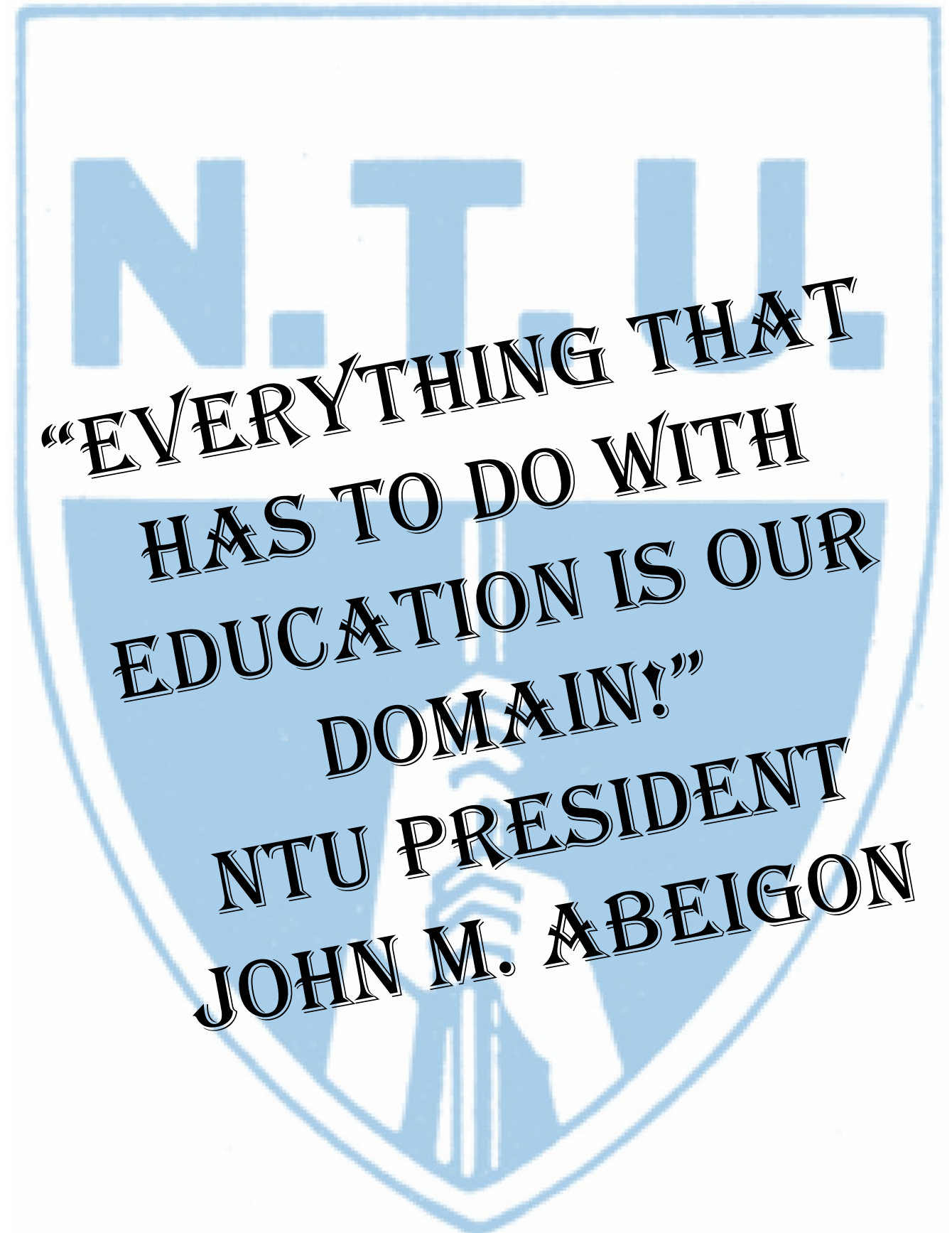
We would also like to thank the NTU Staff. Without your hard work and dedication, this event could never happen.

Our NTU Education Foundation Staff

Awilda Rodríguez, Subrina Screven, Mike Maillaro, Wendy Huang

Best wishes to all the recipients of the 2021 Albert Shanker Scholarship Awards.

We are very thankful to the sponsors and ad journal contributors. Without your continued support, this event would not be possible. This year we were able to give out 25 scholarships!



2021 NEWARK TEACHERS UNION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Stephen Adubato *2021 NTU Hall of Fame Inductee*



Stephen N. Adubato is the founder of The North Ward Center (NWC). He also founded Robert Treat Academy (RTA), a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. The North Ward Center, nestled in the heart of Newark's North Ward, has served as an anchor in the surrounding neighborhoods throughout Newark since they opened our doors in 1970.

His father ran a gas station to eke out a living during the Depression. He moved up to a civil service job and later became the first director of the local Boys Club, which later was known as The Boys and Girls Club.

Steve Adubato had many watershed moments, the first was when he supported Ken Gibson for Mayor in 1970, against the then white political establishment. Steve stood his ground, against taunts and threats from his neighbors. This support led to Ken Gibson becoming the first black mayor of Newark, and the Gibson Administration helping to finance the building blocks of the NWC.

"Big Steve", as he was fondly known as, first by the hundreds of children at the NWC and RTA, and then the name stuck: because in many ways he was larger than life.

He is a Newark native, a graduate of Barringer High School and Seton Hall University, where he also earned a master's degree in political science. He attended Rutgers Law School and Seton Hall Law School.

"In those days I thought I would either be a priest or a lawyer, but I met Fran and decided to forgo my vocation to the priesthood. Somehow I became a school teacher in Newark so I didn't become a priest, I didn't practice law, and in 1970 I decided I wanted to do my own thing."

"Big Steve" is one of the most powerful political power brokers in the history of New Jersey.

As one person wrote, "Simply put, Stephen N. Adubato was the single most intelligent and powerful political force that New Jersey has ever witnessed."

Many of the major political leaders today got their start under the tutelage of "Big Steve".

***"If someone were to ask me what I am most proud of, it is leading this institution."
There will never be another "Big Steve" Adubato.***

Senator Ronald L. Rice

2021 Legacy Award



Senator Ronald L. Rice is one of the most senior ranking legislators in the State of New Jersey, serving as Senator of the 28th Legislative District since November 1986.

He currently Co-Chairs both the Joint Committee on Economic Justice & Equal Employment Opportunity and the Joint Committee on the Public Schools. He is Vice Chair of the Community & Urban Affairs Committee and sits on the Health, Human Services & Senior Citizens Committee, as well as the Joint Committee on Housing Affordability.

Senator Rice has served as Chair of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus since 2008 and has held key positions within the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, currently as Co-Chair of the Labor and Workforce Development Policy Committee. In March 2016, he was appointed by Governor Chris Christie to serve on the State Employment and Training Commission.

Senator Rice has sponsored and supported legislation that impacts all facets of life in New Jersey and enhances the well-being of residents from every community and economic status. Chief among his accomplishments are improvements that enrich New Jersey's educational system from early-childhood to college and university level; providing millions of dollars of funding for programs addressing the unique, wide-ranging needs of urban areas; making health care more accessible, affordable and effective for residents of every age and background; providing meaningful growth opportunities for small and large business; and remediating and strengthening the state's mass transit network.

Of particular concern to the senator are issues that expose social injustice and racial bias. He has been an outspoken advocate for the poor and marginalized, the overlooked and neglected. He is especially proud of the attention he brings to the challenges experienced by people of color, and all those in need of a strong, clear voice and unwavering support.

A decorated Vietnam Veteran, the senator holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice. He served the Newark Police Department, resigning as detective in 1980. He was the first African American to hold the City of Newark's West Ward Council seat from 1982- 1998 and served as Deputy Mayor from 2002-06. Once elected to the Senate, he became the first African American to hold an elected office in both state and local government.

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HAVING SPOKEN IN
YOURS"**
- ALBERT SHANKER

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About Albert Shanker (The Albert Shanker Institute, AFT & UFT)

Albert Shanker, 1928-1997

Albert Shanker, the son of Russian-Jewish immigrants, was born on Manhattan's Lower East Side on Sept. 14, 1928. His father delivered newspapers from a pushcart. His mother, who worked in a sweatshop as a sewing machine operator, taught Al a deep appreciation of trade unionism and a love of spirited debate. Although he didn't speak a word of English when he entered first grade, Al flourished in New York City's public school system. He headed the Stuyvesant High School debating team, graduated with honors from the University of Illinois, and ran out of funds in the early 1950s, just short of completing a Ph.D. in philosophy at Columbia University. He found a "lousy job" as a per-diem substitute teacher at PS 179 in East Harlem and launched a career as an educator and trade union leader. As president of the American Federation of Teachers, he became known as a strong and courageous advocate for labor-as well as an "iconoclastic thinker," "champion of children," and "educational statesman."

Passionate Teacher, Labor Leader of Wide Scope, Human Rights Fighter



Albert Shanker leads UFT members over the Brooklyn Bridge to protest budget cuts in education during the New York City fiscal crisis, September 1975.
Credit: Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives



Shanker talks with labor and civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph (seated) and civil rights activist Bayard Rustin at an Urban League dinner in 1966.



In 1991, carrying the AFT's trademark sign at the 10 year anniversary of labor's Solidarity Day march in Washington, D.C.



Shanker speaks to UFT member during the painful Ocean Hill-Brownsville strike of 1968, which was triggered by a neighborhood school board's attempt to dismiss teachers without due process.



AFT President Albert Shanker speaks at the University of Florida in October 1984.
Photo by Kevin Kolczynski



Saluting the flag, AFT convention, July 4, 1988.



Shanker introduces AFL-CIO President George Meany at the 1978 AFT convention.

ALBERT SHANKER

President, UFT, 1964 - 1986
President, AFT, 1974 - 1997



PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON:

"Al spent his life in pursuit of one of the noblest of causes - the improvement of our public schools. He challenged teachers to provide every child the very best education possible and made a crusade out of the need for educational standards. He believed, as I do, that children should not go through school without learning the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic."

UFT PRESIDENT SANDRA FELDMAN:

"Al Shanker was a teacher's teacher - brilliant, logical, caring and deeply committed to both public education and the labor movement as a means to creating a better life for all Americans. He could be passionate about his beliefs, yet at the same time had the rare ability to rethink issues and come up with fresh approaches as times changed. Al's mind never stood still; he was a person who constantly grew. He was my teacher, he was my mentor, and he was my friend. I will miss him terribly."

EDUCATION SECRETARY RICHARD W. RILEY:

"I worked with Al Shanker for many years and always held him in the highest regard. I have lost a friend and the American people have lost a great champion of education. Al Shanker was a champion not only of America's teachers, but also of America's students. He was a pioneer in seeking to raise standards in our classrooms."

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BOB CHASE:

"American public education has today lost one of its most eloquent and effective advocates. Albert Shanker was more than just a leader, he was a tireless, outspoken champion of children and public schools. A true leader, Albert Shanker was always ahead of us all. In the 1990's he urged America's teachers to turn their attention toward improving the quality of teaching and insisting on high quality of teaching and insisting on high standards for students and teachers. American public education will miss his articulate, courageous voice."

Brief Chronology

1928 - Born to immigrants from Czarist, Russia

1946 - Graduated from Stuyvesant HS

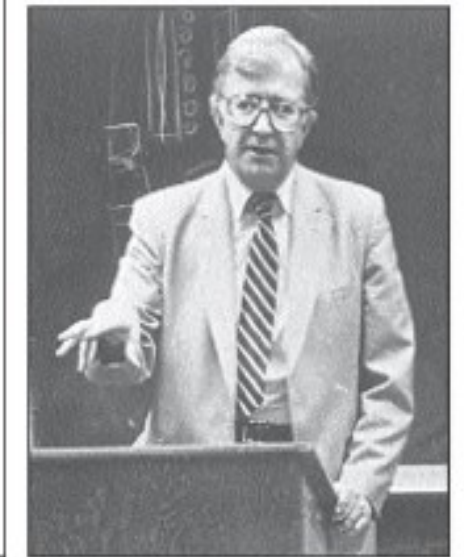
1949 - Entered Columbia University

1962 - Shanker elected UFT Secretary

1964 - Shanker elected UFT President



Albert Shanker
President, AFT, 1974-1997



AFT President Albert Shanker speaks at the University of Florida in October 1984.
Photo by Kevin Koleczynski.



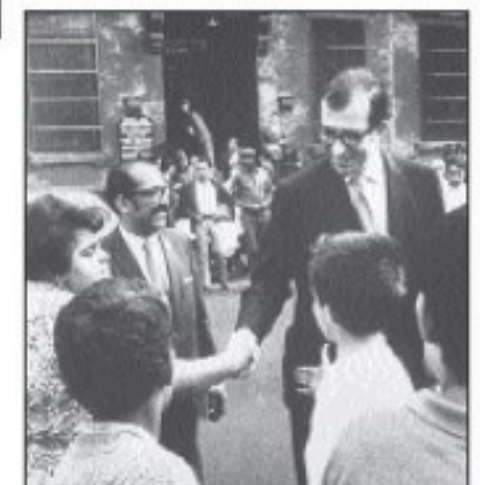
Selma, Alabama, 1965. Martin Luther King, Jr. receives car keys and registrations from Albert Shanker for \$40,000 worth of station wagons for a voter registration drive.

1974 - Elected AFT President

1989 - Shanker named to President's Education Policy Advisory Group

1996 - Announces AFT's "Lessons for Life" campaign

1997 - Al Shanker passes



Al Shanker greets well-wishers after being released from Civil Jail of NY where he served a 15 day sentence for leading three teacher strikes (1968). UPI Telephoto.

2021 NTU Scholarship Recipients And Parents

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT	MEMBER'S NAME	SCHOOL
Kelly Raftery	Jean M. Raftery	First Avenue School
Ashira Ruttner	Jeffrey Ruttner	Weequahic High School
Brianna Seawick	Annamari Seawick	East Side High School
Joi Nevaeh Langston	Michelle T. Clanton - Langston	Thirteenth Avenue School
Kaitlyn Gelman	Kerry Beese	Sir Isaac Newton School
Angelina Marte	Amanda Marte	Oliver Street School
Michael Cunha	John Cunha	Ridge Street School
Janayah McCullers	Shari Pritchett	John F. Kennedy School
Kyla Ayanna Walker	Erica H. Walker	Office of Early Childhood
Orest Myron Figol	Olga Figol	East Side High School
Manuel Branco	Ivone A. Branco	Ann Street School
Kayla Caldera	Marcela Palma	Louise A. Spencer School
Christopher Donnellan	Josephine Donnellan	Elliot/Ridge Street Schools
Daniel Carvalho - Santos	Cristina Carvalho	Wilson Avenue School
Noah Branco	Ivone A. Branco	Ann Street School
Terrell Lockett	Monic Lockett	University High School
Daniel Francis Devitt	Gregory Devitt	Barringer High School
Jalen Allen	Tekeema Allen	Camden, Carver, Bruce Schools
Darren Teixeira	Wilson Teixeira	Wilson Avenue School
Miah Bilal	Trayce McCullin - Bilal	Vailsburg Middle/AHHS Schools
Caroyln Wynd	Anayanci Pitti - Wynd	East Side High School
Victrese Corrothers	Sherise Corrothers	Cleveland Elem. School
Justin Gerard Miranda	Tracy L. Jagersky	Abington Avenue School
Jasmine Saint Louis	Shannon Saint Louis	Quitman, Bragaw, Bard High
Jordan Skillern	Jean Skillern	Technology High School

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 Joseph Fusella, Esq.
 Joseph DelGrosso Family Memorial
 Complete Document Solutions
 Newark Teachers Union (4 Awards)

2021 Albert Shanker Scholarship Recipients



Kelly Raftery
Sacred Heart University
Education

"I believe that I can be a positive influence and help future students reach their full potential. I want to make an impact on the lives of others and teaching provides a great opportunity to do so"



Ashira Ruttner
Touro College
Biology

"I want to be in a helping profession because I love giving to others, and I would feel privileged and honored to be in the position of giving to others by taking care of their health"



Kaitlyn Gelman
University of Scranton
Medicine
Occupational Therapy

"I have found my passion; I am captivated by the idea of helping others. I am moved by the thought of being able to make someone's day"



Brianna Seawick
University of Vermont
Medicine

"One of my strengths as a person is my sense of empathy. Although some have made it to be a weakness and call me weak or sensitive, I have grown to appreciate my empathetic nature and have always felt others' emotions very deeply"



Joi Nevaeh Langston
Stevenson University
Biomedical Engineering

"When you put Medicine and Engineering together, it just blows my mind as to how they work together"

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Kyla Ayanna Walker
Fitchburg State University
Nursing

"I believe that I've always been destined to work with people in some capacity. As a nurse, I believe that I will be able to connect with and care for all patients, but especially those who have been historical underserved"



Orest Myron Figol
The College of New Jersey
Civil Engineering

"I want to become an example of a hardworking and effective Civil Engineer and spread this knowledge to younger colleagues"



Angelina Marte
Stockton University
Psychology

"My dream is to become a doctor, a surgeon specifically. I want to be the one to help those who feel like they have hit rock bottom, push through the extra mile to achieve their goals"



Manuel Branco
Saint Peter's University
Health & Physical Education

"My goals and aspirations for my career are quite extensive but with some hard work and determination, they can become a reality"



Kayla Caldera
Montclair State University
Speech Language Pathologist

"This fulfilling career will enable me to have a positive impact on the lives of children. Pursuing a career in speech pathology and being an important part of the potential patients' lives is a huge honor"

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Christopher Donnellan
SUNY- ESF
Environmental Science

"The way I see it, we all have a responsibility to our environment since we rely on a healthy ecosystem if we want a healthy life for ourselves and generations to come"



Daniel Carneiro-Santos
Columbia University

"The job of a diplomat is paramount in any society for it is incumbent upon these men and women, who serve their country on a daily basis, to ensure the safety of their compatriots at home and abroad"



Michael Cunha
Stevens Institute of
Technology
Biomedical Engineering

"I aspire to this career path because ultimately it will make me the happiest. I will be able to make a positive impact on the world by working with the cutting edge medical devices and I will be able to directly impact patient lives"



Noah Branco
University of
Mass. - Amherst
Speech Pathologist

"I want to help the people that need help. I want to change the lives of people with these communicative disorders"



Terrell Lockett
Ramapo College
International Business

"I intend to use my education in the future by working with those who are in need of my skills and also learn from those who have been in the industry for many years"

2021 Albert Shanker Scholarship Recipients



Daniel Devitt
University of Connecticut
Business

"My ultimate career goal is to build an organization that would allow creative-minded people to have freedom, networking, marketing, and space for collaboration"



Jalen Allen
University of Connecticut
Journalism

"I always had a goal in life to talk about the truths that people are scared to talk about"



Janayah McCullers
American Int'l College
Medicine
Physical Therapy

"As a person who loves to help others and has great social skills, this was the best profession for me"



Darren Teixeira
University of Delaware
Physical Therapist

"As a physical therapist, I would be able to use my knowledge to help all different types of people, such as children, professional athletes, or the elderly"



Miah Bilal
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Aerospace Engineering

"With my degree in aerospace engineering, the universe will truly be the limit! I will be able to work within and beyond the atmosphere"

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Carolyn Wynd
Temple University
College of Public Health

"I think that starting a program giving free access to physical therapy to students is a crucial step to starting the improvements of health access in today's society"



Victrese Corrothers
Hampton University
Nursing - Pediatric Nurse

I aspire to be an independent, strong, successful black pediatric nurse and someone to look up to for my children when I am stable and ready for a family"



Jasmine Saint Louis
Rutgers University
Business

"I plan to use my marketing, management education, and skills to apply for a career that allows me to oversee marketing projects"



Justin Gerard Miranda
Ocean County College
Graphic Design & Photography

"Whether it is working for an advertising agency, taking pictures at weddings or maybe, just maybe working for the big mouse himself in Disney, I know my future job will provide me the opportunity to express my personality"



Jordan Skillern
Morgan State University
Nursing - Urban Healthcare

"I aim to join the long list of African Americans who are strong leaders in their fields, impactful in their communities and have made strides in changing the narrative of Black people"



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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM</u>
John M. Abeigon	2015 – Present
Joseph Del Grosso	1995 – 2015
Carole A. Graves	1968 – 1995
Vincent Young	1960 – 1968
R. Joseph Bruder	1955 – 1960
Hildegarde B. Wells	1943 – 1955
Dr. Robert Lowenstein	1938 – 1943
Charles Allen	1937 – 1938



Newark Teachers Union Hall of Fame Inductees



Lifetime Achievement Recipient	Position	Year
Ras Baraka	Newark Mayor, NBOE Principal, NTU Building Representative, Teacher	2019
Martha Nolley	NTU Vice President, NTU Building Committee Member, Teacher	2019
Christine R. Samuels	NTU Secretary-Treasurer, NTU Vice President, NTU Building Representative, School Clerk	2018
Christine Veliz	NTU Vice President, School Clerk, Attendance Counselor	2017
Thomasina Lemon	NTU Vice President, NTU Building Rep, Elementary Teacher	2016
Michele Corbo	NTU Vice President, NTU Director, Ed Issues Health/Phys. Ed Teacher	2015
Mitchel Gerry	NTU Vice President. NTU Director, Research & Communication .Child Psychologist	2014
Carole A. Graves	NTU President AFT Vice President Teacher	2013
Joseph Del Grosso	NTU President NTU Executive V.P. NTU Building Rep, Teacher	2012
Pietro M. Petino	NTU Secretary-Treasurer, NTU Executive Director, Teacher	2011
Rita Messing	NTU Retiree Chapter Coordinator NTU Building Rep Teacher	2010
Charles Nolley	Teacher	2009
Eugene G. Liss	NTU General Counsel, Teacher	2008
Frank Fiorito	Teacher	2007



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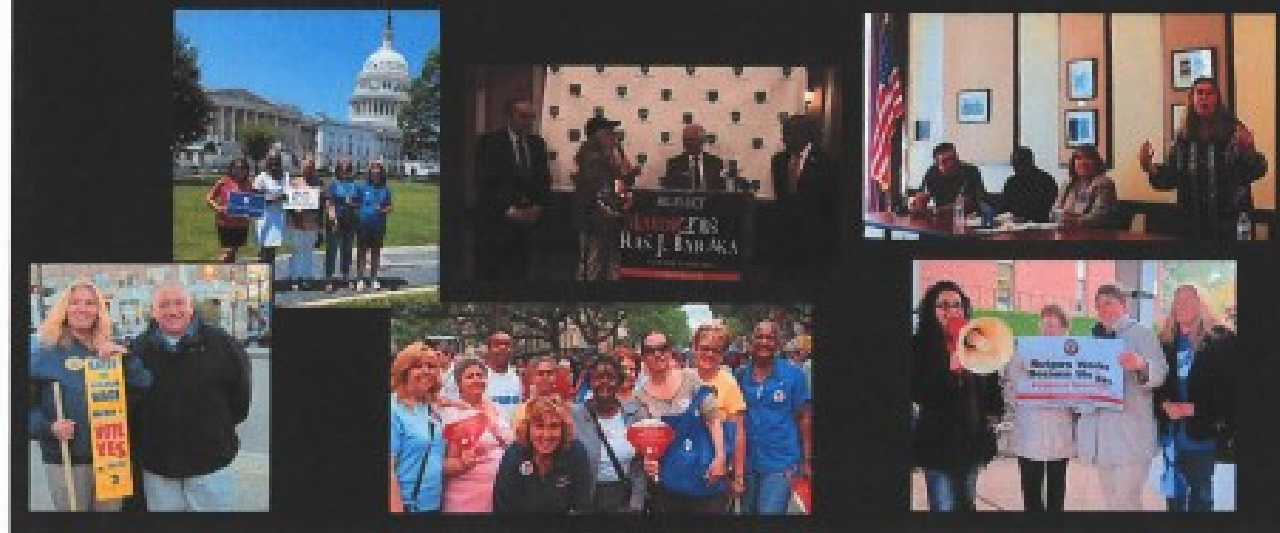


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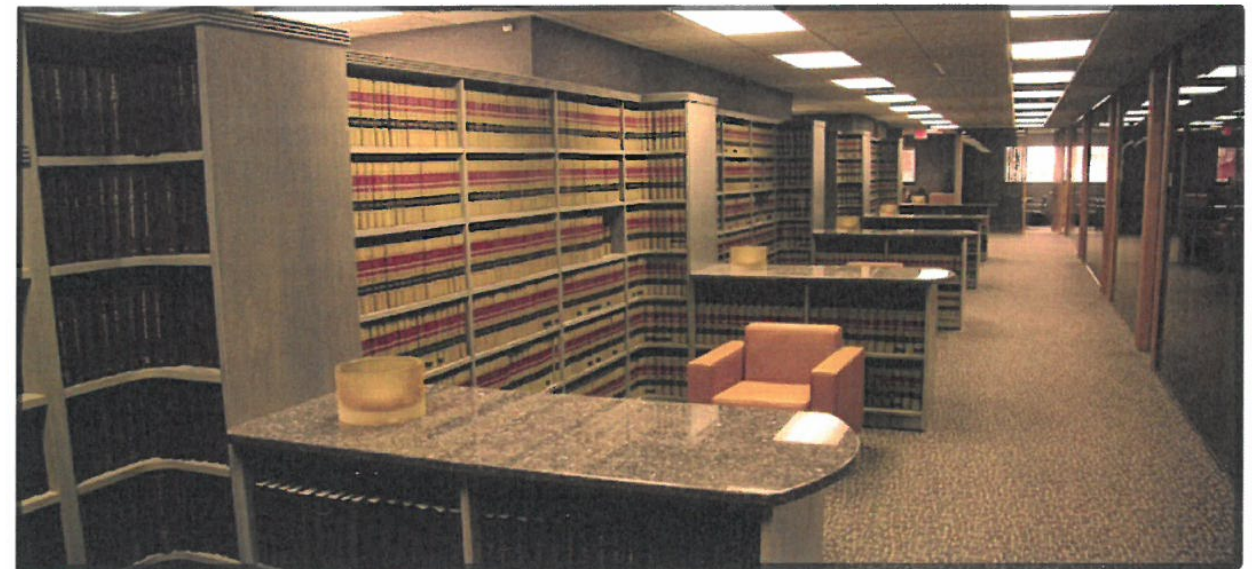
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