



PEEKSKILL NAACP

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Together We Can Make Effective Change

2023 Honorees

Theme: Celebrating 50 Years of Hip Hop and Musical expression in Social Justice

Tuesday Paige McDonald - Distinguished Service

Adrienne Harper - Ambassador of Education

Valerie Eaton - Drum Major

NYP Hudson Valley Hospital - Community Empowerment

Regina Clarkin & Melvin Moore - Unsung Hero(ine)

Marisol Jimenez - Mel Tapley Award

Rev. Jeannette Phillips – Posthumous Community Service

Adriana Okoth - Youth Ambassador

2022 Honorees

Theme: Achieving Equality and Equity Together Elizabeth McCorvey - Unsung Heroine

Richard Swann Jr. - Unsung Hero

Maria Pereira - Ambassador of Education

Nalini Purvis - Community Empowerment

Cynthia Knox - Distinguished Service Award

Michelle Keller - Drum Major for Justice

Belle Torres - Mel Tapley Award

Peekskill Police Reform Task Force - Honorable mention

2021 PANDEMIC

No event, year in review [here](#)

2020 – PANDEMIC

[Virtual Event](#) – No honorees, Committee highlights

2019 Honorees

Theme: Together we can make effective change

Mr. James McNair - Posthumous, Distinguished Service Award

Dr. David Mauricio - Ambassador of Education Award

Vanessa Agudelo - Drum Major for Justice

Dinora Pacheco, President Peekskill Hispanic Community Corporation - Community Empowerment Award

Frank Goderre - Unsung Hero Award

Ramona Massenberg - Unsung Heroine

Ridvan Foxhall - Mel Tapley Award



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2018 Honorees:

Theme: Jennette Phillips, Distinguished Service Award

Rev Floyd D. Warren (Posthumously) - Posthumous Distinguished Service Award

Ocean Morriset - Mel Tapley Award

Dr. Mary K. Foster- Peekskill Education Legacy Award

Rodney Arthur- Ambassador of Education Award

Valerie Eaton - Unsung Heroine Award

Arnie Paglia - Unsung Hero Award

Rev. Jan Nunley - Drum Major for Justice Award

Dorita Taylor - Golden Heart Award

Jennifer Brown - Community Empowerment Award

Wilfredo Morel - Community Empowerment Award

2017 Honorees

Theme: N/A

Keynote Speaker - Mid-Manhattan Branch President, Geoffery Eaton

Peekskill Cortlandt Black Women's Political Caucus - Community Empowerment

Sam North, Ted Bitter - Unsung Heroes

Bridget Holloman, Naima Smith Moore - Unsung Heroine

Dr. Margie Daniels - Ambassador of Education Award

The Rev. Stephany Graham - Drum Major for Justice

Valya Dessaure, Ph.D. - Golden Heart Award

Distinguished Service Award: Drew Claxton

2016 Honorees

Theme: Honoring our Legacy: Celebrating those that keep it Alive

Keynote Speaker-NAACP State President, Dr. Hazel Dukes

Ms. Mary Rainey - Community Trailblazer Award.

Dr. David Fine - Excellence in Educational Leadership Award Mr. Gary Kellawon - Unsung Hero Award

Mr. Vernon Merriweather - Unsung Hero Award

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Nu Psi Zeta Chapter - Community Empowerment Award

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Chi Omega Chapter - Community Empowerment Award Ms.

Elizabeth Phillips - Heath Advocate Award

Mr. Steve Dillard - Social Justice Award

Mr. Darryl Francis - Community Service Award

Mrs. Staci Woodley - Yes We Can Education Award