

*Celebrating Human Rights and
Honoring the Winners of the
2024 Morningside and Mosaic Awards*

Human Rights
Celebration
and
Morningside
Awards

Gala

Piedmont Hall

June 26, 2024



GREENSBORO
HUMAN RIGHTS



Program

- Call to Gather** **Triad Boyz Native American Singers**
One Spirit Native American Dance Group
- Statement of Honor for Founding Communities** **S. Shree Dorestant, DM**
Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Greensboro
- Welcome** **Love Jones, PhD**
Director, Human Rights Department
- City Vision** **Trey Davis**
Assistant City Manager, Community Safety & Vitality, City of Greensboro
- Poetry Performance** **Josephus Thompson, III**
Poetry Project, Greensboro Poet Laureate
- Morningside Awards Recognition** **Paula Washington**
Outreach & Education Coordinator, Human Rights Department
- Rev. Nelson Johnson**
Beloved Community Center / Faith Community Church
- Introduction of Speaker** **José Paula**
Investigations Specialist, Human Rights Department
- Keynote Address** **Joshua Barr**
Chief Strategist and President, Raising the Barr, LLC
- Theatrical Performance** **Cast of “The Color Purple”**
Community Theatre of Greensboro
- Human Rights Year in Review** **Love Jones, PhD**
- Recognition of Human Rights Boards & Commissions** **Liz Lennon**
Commissions Administrator, Human Rights Department
- Human Rights Commission** *Dr. Shon Smith, Chair*
- Commission on the Status of Women** *Pamela McAdoo-Rogers, Chair*
- International Advisory Committee** *Fanta Dorley, Chair*
- Call to Action** **Marikay Abuzuaiter**
HRC/CSW/IAC Liaison, Greensboro City Council
- Ad Hoc Committee on African American Disparities** *Crystal Black, Chair*
- Call to Action** **Sharon Hightower**
ACAAD Liaison, Greensboro City Council
- Transgender Task Force** *Melvy Shaw, Chair*
- Call to Action** **Tammi Thurm**
TTF Liaison, Greensboro City Council

Recognition of Human Rights Commissioners. **Jodie Stanley**
International Support Coordinator, Human Rights Department

Mosaic Awards

Outstanding Community Partners **Jodie Stanley**
Outstanding City Partners. **Paula Washington**
Outstanding Legacy Partner **Love Jones, PhD**

Closing Remarks **Love Jones, PhD**

Celebrate and Connect **Music by William Nesmith**



Joshua Barr, Keynote Speaker

Chief Strategist and President, Raising the Barr, LLC



Joshua Barr helps businesses and organizations improve their culture, which leads to enhanced performance and productivity. The South Carolina native earned his juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina and a master's of business administration from Penn State University. Barr has worked as the Director of Civil and Human Rights for the City of Des Moines, Iowa, and with the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission.

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Morningside Awards

The City of Greensboro presents the Morningside Awards annually to five Dudley High School graduates in memory of the five lives lost in the Greensboro Massacre of 1979. The goal is to commemorate their lives and the legacy they left behind of standing for justice and equality.

Graduating Dudley seniors are encouraged to apply for one of the five \$1,979 Morningside Awards. Winners are determined by the applicant's commitment to advancing social justice and equality by:

- Future academic goals, including a post-secondary education path that addresses issues of discrimination, disparity, or inequity
- Future employment goals after high school graduation that will contribute to the lives of others in ways that work towards the elimination of inequities or disparities
- Future entrepreneurial goals, including any for- or non-profit organization, developed after graduation that improves the lives of marginalized populations

The 2024 award winners are Brianna Davis, Omar Huertas, Olivia Johnson, Anu Jones, and Alicia Rodriguez.

Mosaic Awards

The Human Rights Department presents the Mosaic Awards annually to community members and City employees for their supportive partnerships.

Community Mosaic Award Winners (with agency & area of support)

- African American Atelier
The Atelier staff has welcomed the department's programming efforts by hosting events sponsored by human rights boards and commissions.
- Siddiga Ahmed
Ahmed led the development of women-only swimming sessions that afford women from modest communities the safety and privacy needed to swim and socialize.
- Brent Christiansen (*Greensboro Chamber of Commerce*)
Christiansen has been an early and valued supporter of Open Door GSO, the City's new public accommodations training program.
- Inez Elliott (*Parent, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Greensboro*)
Elliott has supported the work of boards and commissions with quality information and participation.
- Bettye Jenkins
Jenkins has been a dedicated supporter of the MLK Memorial Breakfast, encouraging community involvement and attendance.
- Rob Overman (*Downtown Greensboro, Inc.*)
Like Christiansen, Overman has been an early and valued supporter of Open Door GSO.

City Mosaic Award Winners (with City department or division)

- Karen Archia, *Creative Greensboro*
- Brigitte Blanton, *Libraries*
- Erica Chadwick, *Parks & Recreation*
- April Craddock, *Information Technology*
- Malissa Dance, *People & Culture*
- Charlene Dillard, *People & Culture*
- Phil Fleischmann, *Parks & Recreation*
- Josh Sherrick, *Parks & Recreation*
- Ja'Tia Thompson, *Information Technology*
- Chief John Thompson, *Police*
- Stacy Tompkins, *Information Technology*
- Shadi Zeidan, *Minority/Women Business Enterprise*
- Members of the 2024 Greensboro Speaks Advanced Spanish Class:
 - Anthony Camacho, *Workforce Development*
 - Shannon Stevens, *Legal*
 - Fabiana Correa de Oliveira, *Legal*
 - Tatiana Stevens, *Libraries*
 - Carla Harrison, *Planning*
 - Kyle Williams, *Fire*
 - Jamie Harvey, *Fire*