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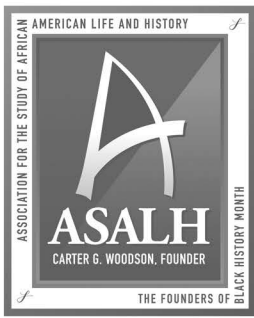
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Dear ASALH Members and Luncheon Participants,

Welcome to the 91st Black History Month Luncheon! ASALH's theme for the year 2017 — "The Crisis in Black Education" — is as relevant and compelling today as in the past. Indeed, this crisis has a centuries-long history in the United States. In the pre-Civil War years, southern state laws banned the education of slaves, but this could not deter the aspirations of those who secretly gained literacy and believed like Frederick Douglass that "once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

In the early twentieth century, when apologists for scientific racism proffered claims of an inherently inferior black intellect and when southern states deployed "literacy" tests to deny the vote to African Americans, Carter G. Woodson and ASALH taught that "if you teach the Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race." Given the racist presumptions in much of the scholarship of his day, Woodson warned against the "miseducation" of his people. The black history movement he launched in 1915 has continued to this very day as a source of knowledge that champions the importance of pride in racial heritage, service to African Americans as a people, and unwavering commitment to equal civil and political rights in this nation. Thus ASALH is honored to have as its luncheon keynote-speaker Congressman James Clyburn of South Carolina, because of his commitment to addressing educational inequalities and to expanding federal funding for the education of minority students, as well as students with low income and with learning disabilities.

Speaking at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School right here in Washington, DC, in October 2016, the first African American president of the United States, Barack Obama, praised the students for their excellent academic performance, but he also informed them: "In too many school districts, we still have schools that, despite the heroic efforts of a lot of great teachers, are not fully preparing our kids for success because they just don't have the resources to do it or the structure to do it. We've still got too many high schools where a third of their students do not earn their diplomas on time." As evidenced in current, ongoing debates, ASALH recognizes that well-intentioned people do not always agree on the best strategy for educational reform. But there is one thing that we should all agree upon. Black History plays a crucial role in the creation of a love of learning in both youth and adults.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham

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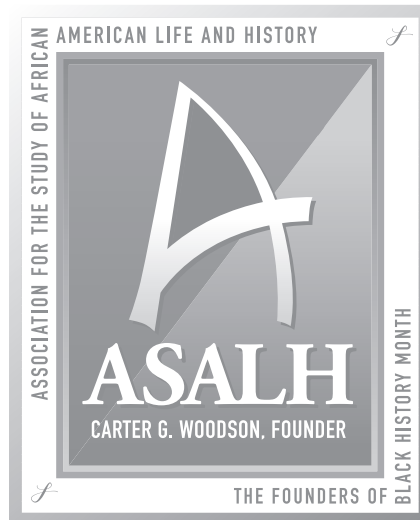
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On behalf of the ASALH Executive Council and staff we extend special thanks to our luncheon guests, sponsors, supporters, patrons and media partners for making this event a success. Your unwavering support is sincerely appreciated as ASALH continues the legacy of our founder, Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Guided by a vision to study and acknowledge the significance of the historical and cultural experiences of people of African descent, our founder crafted a plan of action that remains not only relevant in today's challenging environment but essential to our successful continuation and growth.

We hope that you will continue to ensure that ASALH remains strong and vital as an organization dedicated to promoting scholarship in the life and history of African Americans.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Y. Cyrus
Executive Director

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY



ANDREA ROANE, NEWS ANCHOR, WUSA9

Andrea Roane has been with WUSA 9 since 1981, and has anchored every news shift from morning to afternoon and late night. She currently anchors WUSA at Noon and is WUSA9's Health reporter.

A multi-EMMY and GRACIE Award winner, Andrea has covered a wealth of hard news stories, from politics, the arts, education and sports to women's health and women's empowerment issues. She has interviewed newsmakers, entertainers, politicians, plus your neighbors, friends, and colleagues all over the DMV.

Her reporting has taken her across the U.S., overseas to Jerusalem, the Virgin Islands, and Havana, Cuba.

Andrea is best known to viewers for her passionate reporting on breast health issues and promoting the importance of Early Detection in the fight against breast cancer. Andrea's commitment to women's health and community service have been recognized with countless national and local awards.

For her outstanding work as a journalist and for her community service, Andrea was awarded the 2015 Board of Governors Award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter.

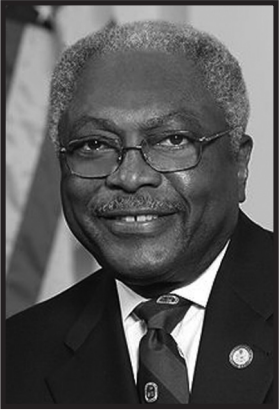
Andrea received the 2012 "Faith Does Justice Award" from Catholic Charities of the Washington Archdiocese. She was named a 2010 Rebecca Lipkin Honoree for Media Distinction at the first annual Susan G. Komen For the Cure's "Honoring the Promise Gala." She has also been honored by the Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation with its Community Service Award in 2009 for being a passionate breast cancer advocate.

In 2006, she was named one of Washingtonian Magazine's "Washingtonians Of The Year" for her continued work on breast cancer awareness through her Buddy Check 9 initiative.

Among her many community affiliations, Andrea is; a member of the Capital Beast Care Center Community Advisory Council, co-chair of the Kennedy Center's Community & Friends Board; a Trustee Emeritus of the Catholic University of America; a Dame of the Order of Malta; a Sustaining Director of the Prevent Cancer Foundation; a member of the board of the National Museum of Women in the Arts; a member of the International Women's Forum, DC; a member of the Metropolitan (DC) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated; and a lifetime member of the NAACP.

Andrea and her husband, Michael Skehan, live in Washington, DC. They have two children.

In 2014, Andrea was inducted into the DC Hall of Fame.



THE HONORABLE JAMES E. CLYBURN, MEMBER, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

President Barack Obama has said he is, “One of a handful of people who, when they speak, the entire Congress listens.” As Assistant Democratic Leader in the 115th Congress, the number three Democrat in the House, James E. Clyburn is the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee, one of the Democratic Caucus’ primary liaisons to the White House and Chair of the recently formed House Democrats’ Democratic Outreach & Engagement Task Force.

He was born in Sumter South Carolina, as the eldest son of an activist fundamentalist minister and an independent civic minded beautician. He was elected president of his NAACP youth chapter when he was 12 years old, helped organize many civil rights marches and demonstrations as a student leader at South Carolina State College, and even met his wife Emily in jail during one of his incarcerations.

When Clyburn came to Congress in 1993, he was elected co-President of his Freshman class and quickly rose through leadership ranks. He was elected Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in 1999, and his reputation as a leader and consensus-builder helped him win a difficult three-way race for House Democratic Caucus Vice Chair in 2002. Three years later, he was unanimously elected Chair of the Democratic Caucus. When Democrats regained the House majority in 2006, Congressman Clyburn was elevated by his colleagues to House Majority Whip.

As a national leader he has worked to respond to the needs of America’s diverse communities. He championed rural communities supporting the development of regional water projects, community health centers, and broadband connections. He has supported higher education by leading the charge for increased Pell grants; investing millions in science and math programs and historic preservation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He has encouraged economic development by securing funding for Empowerment Zones; investing in green technology development such as nuclear, wind, hydrogen and biofuels; and directing 10 percent of Recovery Act funding to communities 20 percent under the poverty level for the past 30 years. Clyburn was instrumental in advancing into law measures to resolve historic discrimination issues, significantly reducing the statutory disparity in cocaine sentencing and compensating African and Native American farmers who suffered racial discrimination under the USDA loan program.

Jim and Emily Clyburn have three daughters, two sons-in-law, and four grandchildren.

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Video presentation

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Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, ASALH President

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Dr. Gladys Vaughn and Dr. Sharita Thompson –
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Reverend Dr. Daryl Roberts - Nineteenth Street
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LUNCH IS SERVED

Assorted warm rolls

Salads

Chopped Romaine, Red Leaf Lettuce, Sundried Cherries,
Crumbled Eggs, Dilled Cucumber Salad, Marinated Cherry
Tomatoes, Multi-Grain Cracker, Chipotle Ranch Dressing
(Vinaigrette Dressing offered as substitute)

Entrees

Grilled Chicken Breast with Chicken Andouille Etouffé,
Multi-Grain Pilaf and Yellow Squash and Asparagus

Dessert

Tiramisu Mousse with Chocolate Shavings

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Ms. Andrea Roane

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Raffle Committee and Area Queens

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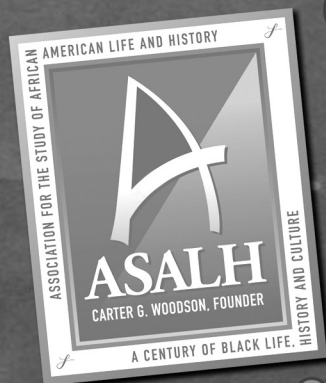
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Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Stevenson is a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill and aiding children prosecuted as adults. Mr. Stevenson has successfully argued several cases in the United States Supreme Court and recently won an historic ruling that mandatory life-without-parole sentences for

all children 17 or younger are unconstitutional. Mr. Stevenson and his staff have won reversals, relief or release for over 115 wrongly condemned prisoners on death row. Mr. Stevenson has initiated major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts that challenge the legacy of racial inequality in America, including major projects to educate communities about slavery, lynching and racial segregation. Mr. Stevenson is also a Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law.

Mr. Stevenson's work fighting poverty and challenging racial discrimination in the criminal justice system has won him numerous awards including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Genius Prize, the National Medal of Liberty from the American Civil Liberties Union after he was nominated by United States Supreme Court Justice John Stevens, the Public Interest Lawyer of the Year by the National Association of Public Interest Lawyers, and the Olaf Palme Prize in Stockholm, Sweden for international human rights. The American Bar Association has honored Mr. Stevenson with its John Minor Public Service and Professionalism Award. In 2002, he received the Alabama State Bar Commissioners Award. In 2003, the SALT Human Rights Award was presented to Mr. Stevenson by the Society of American Law Teachers. In 2004, he received the Award for Courageous Advocacy from the American College of Trial Lawyers and also the Lawyer for the People Award from the National Lawyers Guild. In 2006 New York University presented Mr. Stevenson with its Distinguished Teaching Award. Mr. Stevenson won the Gruber Foundation International Justice Prize and has been awarded the NAACP William Robert Ming Advocacy Award, the National Legal Aid & Defender Association Lifetime Achievement Award, the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award and the Roosevelt Institute Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom from Fear Award. In 2012, Mr. Stevenson received the American Psychiatric Association Human Rights Award, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Fred L. Shuttlesworth Award, and the Smithsonian Magazine American Ingenuity Award in Social Progress. Mr. Stevenson was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Science in 2014 and most recently won the Lannan Foundation Prize for Human and Civil Rights.

Mr. Stevenson has received 16 honorary degrees including degrees from Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown University and Washington University. He is the recent author of the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller, *Just Mercy*, which was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 10 Best Books of Nonfiction for 2014 and has been awarded several honors including a 2015 NAACP Image Award.

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Dorothy F. Bailey is the Vice-chair of the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). She has an esteemed and unparalleled record of service to the residents of Prince George's County, MD serving as both community representative and elected official. From 1983 to 1994, Ms. Bailey worked for the Executive Branch of Prince George's County Government, serving as a senior-level official at many agencies, including tenures as Executive Director of the Consumer Protection Commission, Commission for Families, and as Community Partnerships Director at the Department of Family Services.

In 1994, Ms. Bailey was elected to serve as Council Member for the Seventh District on the Prince George's County Council. There, she led the Council for five years, serving as Vice Chair for three terms and Chair for two terms. In her role as Council Chair, she also presided over the District Council in matters related to land use planning and participated in key decisions affecting development policy.

Continuing her desire to work in the community, Ms. Bailey currently serves as the President of the Prince George's County Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). She has also served on the Executive Council for ASALH, served as chair of the awards committee, and a member of the Woodson Committee. She is the founder and currently serves as advisor of the Kiamsha Youth Empowerment Program that conducts youth workshops during ASALH's national meetings. Ms. Bailey is also a founding member of the Harlem Remembrance Foundation, Prince George's County Fatherhood Conference, Royal Bafokeng Sister City Friendship Committee, Prince George's County Executive Youth Advisory Council, and Prince George's County Truth. She is a graduate of Leadership of Greater Washington (Class of 1998), an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and previously served as a national board member for the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Ms. Bailey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from North Carolina Central University. She has done further graduate study in both education and gerontology. In 1991, Ms. Bailey received an honorary doctorate from Riverside Baptist College and Seminary.



DOROTHY HEIGHT, CIVIL & WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST

The 40th stamp in the Black Heritage series honors Dorothy Height (1912–2010), the tireless activist who dedicated her life to fighting for racial and gender equality. Although she rarely gained the recognition granted her male contemporaries, she became one of the most influential civil rights leaders of the 20th century.

The stamp features artist Thomas Blackshear II's gouache and acrylics on board portrait of Height. The painting is based on a photograph shot by Lateef Mangum in 2009.

In 1963, the Height-led National Council of Negro Women joined the Council for United Civil Rights Leadership. Height was an architect of the August 1963 March on Washington, where she shared the stage with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., when he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, but unlike several of her male colleagues, Height did not speak at the landmark event. It was Height, however, who pushed to include a voice of youth like John Lewis of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and insisted on no time limits for King's speech.

The need for gender equality was important to Height, who fought for the rights of women, particularly women of color. President John F. Kennedy named her to his Commission on the Status of Women (which was chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt); she attended the 1963 White House ceremony at which he signed the Equal Pay Act. In 1971, she helped form the National Women's Political Caucus.

In 1977, Height officially retired from the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), for which she worked for 40 years. In addition to numerous honorary degrees, Height received the nation's two highest civilian honors. In 1994, President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. A decade later, President George W. Bush presented her with the Congressional Gold Medal. In 2009, she was a guest of Barack Obama when he was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States.

Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.

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On January 12, 2017, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, Deputy Treasury Secretary Sarah Bloom Raskin and United States Mint (Mint) Principal Deputy Director Rhett Jeppson showcased designs for the 2017 American Liberty 225th Anniversary Gold Coin in the historic Department of the Treasury's Cash Room. The ceremony, led by Mint Chief of Staff Elisa Basnight, kicked off a year-long series of events in celebration of the Mint's 225th anniversary in 2017 (#USMint225).

"We are very proud of the fact that the United States Mint is rooted in the Constitution," said Principal Deputy Director Jeppson. "Our founding fathers realized the critical need for our fledgling nation to have a respected monetary system, and over the last 225 years, the Mint has never failed in its mission."

The 2017 American Liberty 225th Anniversary Gold Coin design is unique in that it portrays Liberty as an African-American woman, a departure from previous classic designs. The obverse (heads) design depicts a profile of Liberty wearing a crown of stars, with the inscriptions "LIBERTY," "1792," "2017," and "IN GOD WE TRUST." The reverse (tails) design depicts a bold and powerful eagle in flight, with eyes toward opportunity and a determination to attain it. Inscriptions include "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," "10Z. .9999 FINE GOLD," and "100 DOLLARS."

The obverse was designed by Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) Designer Justin Kunz and sculpted by Mint Sculptor-Engraver Phebe Hemphill, while the reverse was designed by AIP Designer Chris Costello and sculpted by Mint Sculptor-Engraver Michael Gaudio.

The 2017 American Liberty 225th Anniversary Gold Coin will be struck in .9999 fine 24-karat gold at the West Point Mint in high relief, with a proof finish. The one-ounce coin will be encapsulated and placed in a custom designed, black wood presentation case. A 225th anniversary booklet with Certificate of Authenticity will accompany each coin.

The 2017 American Liberty 225th Anniversary Gold Coin is the first in a series of 24-karat gold coins that will feature designs which depict an allegorical Liberty in a variety of contemporary forms-including designs representing Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and Indian-Americans among others-to reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of the United States. These 24-karat gold coins will be issued biennially. A corresponding series of medals struck in .999 silver, with the same designs featured on the gold coins, will also be available.

The Mint will announce additional information about the 2017 American Liberty 225th Anniversary Gold Coin prior to its release on April 6.

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This year, we offer this special acknowledgement to our current volunteers, indicating their volunteer years and the service category to which they have offered their time and talent. Here, listed in alphabetical order, is our special 2017 volunteer support team.

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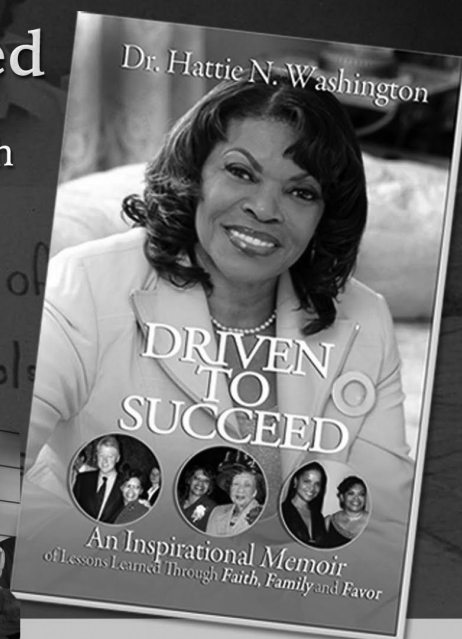
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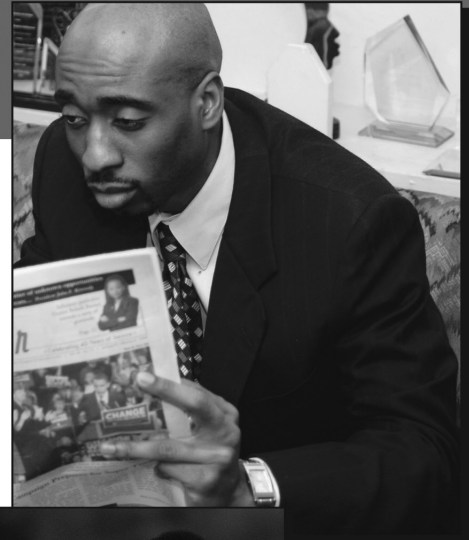
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