IOWA AFRICAN AMERICAN HALL OF FAME SELECTS 2017 INDUCTEES

DES MOINES — The Iowa African American Hall of Fame will induct four new members in September.

Founded in 1996 in Des Moines, Iowa, the IAAHF recognizes the outstanding achievements of African-Americans who have enhanced the quality of life for all Iowans.

Inductees will be recognized at a reception and banquet starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, at The Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines. Tickets are $50 per person. A table of 10 seats may be reserved for $500. To reserve a seat or table, contact Kenyatta Shamburger at 515-294-6338. In addition to supporting the IAAHF, proceeds provide scholarships for developing youth leadership at Iowa colleges and universities.

2017 inductees

Sixty-nine individuals have been inducted into the IAAHF since its inception. This year, the Iowa African American Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of:

Wayne E. Clinton, Ames - Former coach and educator in Ames Community School District from 1966 until retiring in 2000; He coached girls and boys high school basketball, track, and softball for 34 years and taught middle school Social Studies; Clinton’s other accomplishments include serving as a Basketball Official for Iowa Boys & Girls High School Athletic Association and he is a former elected official for the Story County Board of Supervisors.

Janice Edmunds-Wells, Des Moines - Retired Executive Director of the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health in the Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention at the Iowa Department of Public Health; former Adjunct faculty member at Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Northern Iowa Minority Health; Edmunds-Wells has also served as a maternal/child health social work consultant and a minority health entity/liaison for minority health programming.

Constance P. Hargrave, Ames - Associate Professor & former Director of the Science Bound Program at Iowa State University (ISU), which prepares ethnic minority students for degrees and careers in STEM fields; Her research is focused around creating learning environments that help students excel in science-related fields. Hargrave provides, mentorship, guidance and support for students earning degrees and careers in STEM fields.

Jamie Woods, Davenport - Visual Displays Sales Manager and State Chair of Iowa Democratic Black Caucus; former City Auditor in San Diego California; Campaign worker for various Iowa Legislative campaigns; former member of Rock Island NAACP executive board.