

## IOWA AFRICAN AMERICAN HALL OF FAME SELECTS 2018 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 8, 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.

### **2018 inductees**

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

**Roger Maxwell (Windsor Heights)** – Retired educator and author, Roger Maxwell has dedicated his life to improving the quality of life for all Iowans and beyond. In addition to 26 years of service as the Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer for the Iowa Board of Regents, Maxwell's love of music compelled him to author music education books which collectively sold over 700,000 copies!

**Dr. Sandra McGee (Des Moines)** – An advocate for cultural equity and disproportionality issues in child welfare, juvenile justice in local and statewide government, McGee developed a mentoring program to expand the number of social workers of color in the state of Iowa. An inaugural member of the Iowa Department of Human Services African American Consultation Review Team (AACRT), McGee has also served as Chair of the National Association of Social Worker IA Diversity Committee.

**LaSheila ShonKay Yates (Cedar Rapids)** - Currently the Executive Director of the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission, Yates is also the first woman to coach an all- African American and African First Tech Challenge team which has won several statewide awards. Yates has also worked on the Governor's STEM Advisory Council and influenced policy changes and recommendations for increasing engagement of underserved populations in STEM initiatives.