

44th Anniversary

The Columbus Education Association's

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Dinner

Helen Jenkins Davis Award

The Helen Jenkins Davis Award is presented by the Columbus Education Association and named in honor of the first Black teacher hired by the Columbus City Schools. The award will be presented at the Annual King Awards Dinner to a Columbus teacher who has worked to promote social justice, diversity and human and civil rights.

Helen Jenkins Davis was the first African-American educator hired by the Columbus City Schools District (1918). Helen Jenkins Davis, the daughter of a freed slave from Kentucky, resisted discrimination many times and served to promote human rights and equality until her death in 1987 at the age of 92.

To nominate an individual, follow the guidelines below and complete the attached nomination form. Supportive documents are permitted.

The annual banquet will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, prior to the observance of the Dr. King national holiday. Anyone wishing to attend may call CEA for tickets at (614) 253-4731.

Award Guidelines

- A. Purpose:** The Minority Involvement Program (MIP) Committee of the Columbus Education Association has established an award to honor one of our own members who has promoted social justice and diversity through teaching and service in Columbus City Schools or the Columbus community.
- B. Award:** The presentation of the award will be made by the President of the Columbus Education Association at the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Dinner on Thursday, January 16, 2025. The award is named after one of our own members, Helen Jenkins Davis.
- C. Eligibility:** Any member of the Columbus Education Association bargaining unit is eligible for this award. There shall be no time limit placed on the period within which specific achievements have been accomplished. The criteria for selecting an award winner, however, demands that the contributions be of significance.
- D. Nominations:** Nominations will be accepted from CEA members, parents, business and community members, public officials and students. Nominations must be submitted to the CEA Office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2024, and should be sent to: CEA MIP Committee
929 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205
Fax (614) 253-0465 or email Dorothy Wilson at wilsond@ceaohio.org

The members of the MIP Committee and CEA welcome your input to the selection of this year's recipient and extend an invitation for you to attend the banquet in January. Please call CEA at (614) 253-4731 with any questions.

Past Recipients

2007 Dorothy G. Wilson
2008 Cathy D. Nelson
2009 Carol Moyer
2010 Sandra Y. Waters-Holley
2011 Barbara Yarborough
2012 Jimmie Beall

2013 Dr. Sybil Yvonne Brown
2014 Rhonda R. Johnson
2015 Cora Miller
2016 Dr. Yolanda M. Stewart
2017 Kenya Davis
2018 Chiquita Toure

2019 Jennifer La Place
2020 Courtney Johnson
2023 Tyree Rivers
2024 Jeannette Johnson

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Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Person completing this form: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Corroborative Information

Provide information regarding the nominee's specific accomplishments that you feel would establish her or him as being worthy of this award.
(Attachments are permitted)

Occupational & Civic Information

List the nominee's occupational and/or civic (community) involvement in activities, organizations, honors, etc.
(Attachments are permitted)

References

1. _____
Name Phone

2. _____
Name Phone

Date received: _____ (deadline 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2024)
(office use)