

The Mercedes Cotner Scholarship For Public Service

The In Tribute program is unique in that it combines leadership recognition with student scholarship opportunities.

The annual award ceremony is also the major source of funding for the Mercedes Cotner Scholarship for Public Service, which is awarded each year to an outstanding graduate of the Law and Public Service Magnet High School (LPS). LPS, a partnership between Cleveland State University's colleges of Law and Urban Affairs and the Cleveland Public Schools, is dedicated to preparing Cleveland's young people for college and careers in either law or the public service.

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must plan to attend Cleveland State University, demonstrate high academic potential, and indicate a strong commitment to a public service career. The award pays full tuition, room and board, books and other related fees at the University for the student's first two academic years.

If a student demonstrates an intent to pursue a degree in urban studies and has maintained good academic standing, the scholarship is extended for the student's junior and senior years.

Additional contributions to the Mercedes Cotner Scholarship for Public Service are welcome and may be made anytime during the year. Donations are tax deductible.

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Cleveland State University

Founded in 1964 by an act of the Ohio State Legislature, Cleveland State University encompasses seven colleges and enrolls over 19,000 students. Twenty-nine master's degree programs are offered as well as two post-master's, two advanced law degrees, six doctoral programs and nearly 60 undergraduate majors. The University is located in downtown Cleveland.

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs

The Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, founded in 1977, utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to teach individuals how to work effectively in urban America. Students learn the dynamics of the urban environment and also acquire the technical skills necessary to work in an urban setting. Faculty in the Levin College come from areas as diverse as geography, political science, economics and urban planning. Several adjunct faculty members, who are leading professionals in their fields, teach within the College. Degrees offered include a bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in urban studies, a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development.

The Levin College also utilizes the resources of the Urban Center, a multi-faceted outreach operation, offering research and technical assistance in public finance, public works management, housing and neighborhood development, economic development, and public leadership management. The Center also supports an urban database.

The Albert A. Levin Chair of Urban Studies and Public Service combines the best of academics and public service. Chairholders teach and also engage in research and problem solving for urban areas.

Public support for the Levin College comes from the Urban University Program (UUP), a line-item in the state of Ohio budget that funds projects in Ohio's eight urban universities. The UUP is recognized as a national model for focusing talents and resources of Ohio's higher education community on the rebuilding and revitalization efforts of the state's urban communities.

Cleveland State University Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Visiting Committee 1990-91

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In Tribute to the Public Service

...honoring individuals

dedicated to the
betterment of our
community and
encouraging our
next generation
of public leaders



In Tribute to the Public Service is a unique award and scholarship program. Established by the Visiting Committee of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, the program joins the recognition of individuals who have dedicated their lives to public service with student scholarship opportunities. Founded in 1985, the award is given each year to individuals who demonstrate notable leadership in public life and have contributed significantly to the betterment of the community. Several individuals have been honored by the In Tribute award. They include Mercedes Cotner, J. Richard Kelso, Steven A. Minter, Anthony J. Celebrezze, Sr., Anthony J. Celebrezze, Jr., and George V. Voinovich. The Mercedes Cotner Scholarship for Public Service, named for the first recipient of the award, is appropriately awarded to a student interested in a career in public service.

1991 Award Recipients

The Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs is proud to recognize Nona M. Burney, H. Jerome Crittendon and Linda Edwards as the 1991 recipients of the In Tribute to the Public Service Award. These three individuals, educators and administrators from the Cleveland School System, are shaping the future through education today. Through their public service careers, dedicated to the betterment of the Cleveland community, they truly exemplify that which the award seeks to honor.



Nona M. Burney is worthy of recognition in several areas, especially her 20-year teaching career in the Cleveland School System. Currently serving as assistant principal of the Martin Luther King Law and Public Service (LPS) Magnet High School, Ms. Burney is credited as a driving force in planning, developing and implementing the school's curriculum. A Cleveland native with an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University, Ms. Burney completed a master's degree in urban studies from Cleveland State University in 1975. She earned a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1981 while teaching full-time at Collinwood High School.

Active in Cleveland community affairs, Nona M. Burney is a member of the National, Ohio and Greater Cleveland councils for Social Studies, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Ohio and American Bar associations. She was recognized by CSU's Levin College of Urban Affairs with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 1987, and in 1985 by the Greater Cleveland Growth Association's "Anglo-American Successor Generation" program.



H. Jerome Crittendon, who has served as principal of Lincoln-West High School since 1983, has been a teacher and administrator in the Cleveland schools since graduating from Fort Valley State College (Georgia) in 1962. After earning a master of arts degree in educational administration in 1970 from Eastern Michigan University, Mr. Crittendon was appointed assistant principal of Addison Jr. High School and Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, and later served as principal of Franklin D. Roosevelt Junior High.

Mr. Crittendon presently serves on the School Based Management Committee, Para-Professional Career Ladder Committee, Lau Compliance Committee, and the Special Education Taskforce. In 1988, H. Jerome Crittendon received the John Vaughn Excellence Award, recognizing him as an outstanding inner-city school principal. In addition, he is active in the Cleveland Council of School Administrators and Supervisors, the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators, NAACP, National Community Education Association, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



Linda Curtis Edwards is supervisor of the Early Childhood Office of the Cleveland School System, where she is responsible for developing instructional methods and materials, planning programs for teachers, parents and the community, and developing annual goals and objectives for Cleveland's early childhood programs. A graduate of Glenville High School, Linda Edwards received her Bachelor of Science degree in education from Ohio's Central State University in 1964, and taught from 1964 until 1972. In 1971-1972 she was awarded an Education Professions Development Award Fellowship and received a Master of Arts degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1972. From 1972 until 1986, Ms. Edwards coordinated and developed such programs as the Kindergarten Reinforcement Project and the Pupil Adjustment Project.

She is affiliated with numerous professional, advisory, volunteer and community organizations, including the National Association for Education of Young Children, Association for Childhood Education International and Cleveland Council of Administrators and Supervisors.