

2020 "Dare to Make a Difference" Honorees



The **Ebonettes Service Club** selected **Juliet Black** to receive the **2020 "Dare to Make a Difference" Award** in the **Service to Community category** based on her many years of serving the residents of Durham. That service includes, but not limited to her visiting the sick in nursing homes and hospitals, mailing encouragement cards to people who have lost loved ones or those going through chemotherapy and radiation treatment, and proctoring in schools.

Juliet Black, born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, relocated to Durham with her family when she was an infant. As a youth in Durham, she learned early on the importance of treating others respectfully, the importance of education, and being of service to others.



Kasib Abdullah, founder of Believers United for Progress (BUFP) and owner of New Visions of Africa restaurant, hosts a daily community kitchen program and serves youth at two community centers through his organization. Once a month, BUFP also provides meals for the residents of Durham Urban Ministries and serves meals to seniors on a quarterly basis. Brother Kasib received the **2020 "Dare to Make a Difference" Award** in the **Service to Youth and Community category**.

Kasib Abdullah, born Wayne Stith in Montclair, New Jersey, grew up in Newark, NJ, and attended Essex County (NJ) Schools.



Garisha Davis shows her commitment to service in the community through volunteerism. She is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and her church, Cedar Grove Church (CGC). Through Delta and CGC, Garisha has been following her passion for volunteerism, particularly, in service to underprivileged youth.

Garisha's service led the **Ebonettes Service Club** to honor her with two **2020 "Dare to Make a Difference" Awards** in the categories of **Service to Youth** and **Service to Community**.

Garisha Davis, a native of Queens, New York, is married to Maurice Davis of Durham and they have three daughters, Cynia Black, Kolby Black, and Mariah Davis.



Joseph King Davis, Jr. plays a very vital and impressive role within the community where he has resided all of his life. Without a doubt, he is an individual who has made a positive impact on the lives of many young people and others in and around Durham and, therefore, "dares to make a difference."

Davis was honored with the **Ebonettes Service Club's 2020 "Dare to Make a Difference" Award** in the **Education and Service to Youth** category.

Joseph King Davis, Jr., a native of Durham, completed his formal education in the Durham Public Schools. and North Carolina Central University.

Davis was employed by the Durham Public Schools as an educator, officially retiring in February; however, he continues working in the school system even today.



Queen Elizabeth Wooten Lawrence was selected for the **2020 “Dare to Make a Difference” Award** for her **Service to Youth and Community category**.

Queen Elizabeth Wooten Lawrence was born in Whiteville, NC to the late James Henry and Queen Esther Nichols Wooten. She is one of five children.

Queen graduated from Mount Olive High School in Whiteville and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business education from North Carolina College.

She works faithfully in her church where she currently serves on the Scholarship Committee, is an active member of the Missionary Department whose ladies prepare and serve meals for the Durham Urban Ministries monthly.



Reverend Doctor William M. McCoy, Jr. lives by Proverbs 3:5,6: *‘Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.’* Having served as a chaplain in the prison system, ministered to youth in hospitals, and taught preschool children led to the **Ebonettes Service Club** honoring Reverend McCoy with the **2020 “Dare to Make a Difference” Award** in the **Service to Community and Youth category**.

While enrolled at Philadelphia College of Bible, Reverend McCoy served as a student assistant minister and taught in a “Get Set Program” for preschool children. Over the years, his ministry included counseling prisoners and their spouses, preaching at worship services, counseling staff, and performing marriages.



Angela Pinnix Pittman -Many years of service led to the **Ebonettes Service Club** honoring Pittman with the **2020 “Dare to Make a Difference” Award** in the **Service to Youth, Community, and Education** category

Angela is a dedicated community worker and volunteer. Her community involvement spans the Triangle Area from performing blood pressure screenings and providing educational literature on non-hypertension at the Women’s Empowerment to serving as a representative for North Carolina Women’s Hospital at the Southern Women’s Show. She led the NC Women’s Hospital efforts in receiving the 2012 designation of the Baby Friendly USA, which is an international designation for maternity facilities that have created an optimal environment for appropriate infant feeding and mother-baby bonding.



Gail Scott Taylor lives by the words of her favorite bible verse (Psalm 138:8), “The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.” Her life’s work as an educator, educational consultant, political campaign volunteer, and ordained deacon led to the **Ebonettes Service Club** honoring Scott-Taylor with the **2020 “Dare to Make a Difference” Award** in the **Service to Youth, Education, and Political Involvement**.

Gail joined [Union Baptist Church](#) in 1986. Today she proudly serves the church as an ordained deacon, a member of the UBC Soul Patrol, the Education Ministry, Sunday school, and Wednesday Night Bible Class. Gail is politically active within the community; she currently volunteers with the Durham Civil Rights Workers Committee



Durham County District Court Judge **Doretta Walker** recognizes the need for making community outreach and involvement in the community a personal choice and priority. She serves as a mentor to youth and aspiring attorneys. Walker's commitment led the Ebonettes Service Club to honor her with their **2020 "Dare to Make a Difference" Award** in the category of **Service to Youth and Community**.

Judge Walker served as an assistant district attorney in the Durham County District Attorney's Office where she supervised the Property and Fraud Team and was able to spearhead an increased emphasis on aggressively prosecuting elder abuse, identity theft, and fraud cases.

Judge Walker takes great pleasure in mentoring youth and attorneys to make a difference in the lives of others. Family and her community means everything to her.