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*Dr. Francene Hash, right, accepts her award, sponsored by Russell Funeral Home. Ernie Pitt helps give the award.*

## *Dr. Francene Hash* Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Francene Hash is an accomplished author, motivator and inspirational speaker. Her passion is writing poetry and self-help books on personal development and Christian Leadership. Dr. Hash's classes teach women how to journal and how to turn their journal writings into a published book with their own ISBN number. Thus, they use the revenue from the sell of their book and speaking engagements as another income stream, providing a foundation for continued financial sustainability.

Dr. Hash's mission is to make initial investments to launch homeless women and children and women in crisis to propel, excel and solar into self-sufficiency and empowerment. Dr. Hash's proudest accomplishment is to be mother of Tameeka and Sean, grandmother to Jade and Garic, and great-grandmother to KJ, her pride and Joy.



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*Hazel Mack, right, accepts her award, sponsored by Russell Funeral Home. Ernie Pitt helps give the award.*

## *Hazel Mack* Lifetime Achievement Award

Hazel Mack chose a life's profession that would allow her to be in service to the poor. A graduate of Temple University's School of Law in 1980, she worked for Legal Aid of North Carolina (LAN) as regional managing attorney and project director of the Home Defense Project until her recent retirement. Her work has positively affected the lives of many in the community, including Tracy Nicholson, a paralegal at LAN, who says, "Hazel Mack has been my mentor, confidant, and friend. She is one of the most intelligent people I know and truly understands the human condition."

In her free time, Mack enjoys volunteering and serving on the board at Carter G. Woodson School, a charter school she and other concerned parents founded in 1996. She is also a proud member of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church.



*Benjamin Harris*

## *Benjamin Harris* Lifetime Achievement Award

Benjamin Harris is a native of Greensboro and earned his B.A. in English from UNCG. He earned his Masters in African-American Literature from NC A&T State University. Harris earned a law degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law. Prior to working at Carter G. Woodson School, he was a practicing attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina. He is currently an administrator at Carter G. Woodson School. Harris is married and has one with child.