

SCHAC'S NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Harold Jean Brown of Georgetown joined the board of the Commission in May, 2014. A graduate of King's Business College in Charlotte, NC, she has an associate's degree in Executive Secretarial Science. She retired as an administrative assistant.



*Commissioner
Harold Jean Brown*

Commissioner Brown, who grew up in the 60's, was aware of the Commission and how it started. In that Brown is an advocate for human and civil rights, one of her goals is to see that people are treated fairly and equally. She wants the Commission to be recognized and respected in the public and private sectors, and she feels that more funding from the governor's office would help.

Commissioner Brown wants to see more Community Relations Councils (CRCs) established. She believes they could serve as a clearinghouse to distribute information about housing, employment, and recreational activities. Brown wants the public to understand that the CRCs are not just about discrimination. Further, she wants the Commission to be better known.

She sees the Commission's greatest strength as the ability to solve complaints on the state rather than the federal level.

Commissioner Brown is the mother of two daughters, and she has three grandchildren. She is a member of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. Brown is a former school board member and an avid reader.

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*Commissioner
Ashley Case*

Commissioner Ashley Case, from Laurens, graduated from Wofford with a major in government. She graduated from USC School of Law in 2^{1/2} years. Case began her law career at Butler Means Evins & Browne; then she worked in the Solicitor's office in Spartanburg for 10 years. She presently works for the Greenville Solicitor's Office.

Commissioner Case said that many people are unaware of what the Commission does. As a Commissioner, when she encounters people who are unaware of what we do, she informs them of our mission.

Commissioner Case acknowledges that discrimination exists, even if people discriminating are unaware of their offense. Case believes that everyone should be treated fairly.

Commissioner Case has two children; one is a Wofford grad, and the other is a Wofford student. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Laurens where she is active with the youth ministry and the church choir.

SCHAC to Participate in January 2015 MLK Event

For the past eight (8) years, the Carolina African American Heritage Foundation has sponsored an annual MLK event in partnership with the Myrtle Beach Human Rights Commission and other community organizations and leaders. This year, SCHAC will participate in the annual MLK event in January 2015. SCHAC will participate in the 3-day event by assisting with coordination and planning. Other community relations councils (CRCs) throughout the state will assist. SCHAC is also assisting with plans to sponsor a deliberative dialogue forum that will address quality of life issues including the “Cradle to Prison Pipeline.”

The Myrtle Beach Human Rights Commission was established by the City of Myrtle Beach in 1990, and chartered by SCHAC in 1991. Funding in the past has come from the City of Myrtle Beach, the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and others.

Erin Wilson Completes Degree

Erin Wilson recently graduated cum laude from USC – Aiken with a degree in psychology and a minor in sociology. Erin works as an administrative assistant in the Technical Services Division. Congratulations to Erin!



Joshua Barr Recognized

Joshua Barr graduated from the Leadership Academy in the spring of 2014. Joshua was one of 18 young lawyers selected as a member of the 2014 South Carolina Leadership Academy (the only person of color). The purpose of the Leadership Academy is to enhance the professional growth and development of selected members of the Bar in order to prepare them to make greater contributions to the legal profession and the community. Joshua attended sessions the environment, civility in politics, and legal leadership.



Delaine A. Frierson completes NFHTA Development Workshop

Delaine Frierson, a faculty member of the National Fair Housing Training Academy, (NFHTA) attended a Development Workshop in Washington, DC, October 28-31, 2014.

This was an intensive training/strategy workshop for NFHTA faculty members. The training was provided by the Bob Pike Group. The faculty was provided insight into new teaching methods that could be useful at NFHTA and other venues. The faculty also met with Sara Pratt, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Programs, and Joseph Pelletier, Fair Housing Assistance Program Division Director.



NFHTA was established in 2004 and is sponsored and funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. NFHTA provides fair housing and civil rights training and information for investigators, attorneys, advocates and other fair housing professionals.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Human Affairs Commission has created a Facebook page and a Twitter page. Please follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/schumanaffairs and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/schumanaffairscommission.



PAUL BEASLEY

July 16, 1937—May 27, 2014



Paul was an ordained Presbyterian minister, and he served the congregations of Marks Creek and Marstan Presbyterian churches in Hamlet, NC. He later served as the Director of Retreat and Conference Programs for the Mecklenburg Presbytery. Paul served three years in the 7th Army Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany. He worked at the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission for 29 years and retired in 2001 as Deputy Commissioner. For many years, Paul was an ardent tennis player and attained the US rank of 44 in the men's 65 age group. He won USTA senior tournaments throughout the southeast. He loved playing great rounds of golf with his Cockfield Golf Group at Ft. Jackson.

EARL BROWN

April 1932—July 24, 2014



Earl was recognized as a longtime Midlands public servant. Earl served his country in the United States Army. He worked at the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission as the Executive Assistant to the Commissioner. After retirement from SCHAC, he was the Deputy District Director for the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. Earl was a past president of the National Association of Human Rights Workers (NAHRW). He served as chairman of the Richland County Airport Commission, was an active member of the Rotary Club, Columbia Urban League, NAACP, National Education Association, and United Way of the Midlands. He served with the Riverbanks Park Commission and the Central Midlands Regional Council. Earl was a dedicated member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc.

WILLIAM H. "BILL" HAYNIE

May 24, 1937—September 24, 2014



Bill retired from military service in the United States Army with the rank of Master Sergeant. His 20 year military career included tours of Germany, South Korea, and Vietnam. Bill's post-military career included bank manager, private investigator, and investigator in the Age and Disability division at the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission. Bill was a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc. He enjoyed listening to jazz and classical music and loved reading, especially James Patterson novels.

SCHAC'S INTERNS

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Chiemeka Egwu

Chiemeka Egwu is an intern from Allen University, where she is a senior who will be graduating in December 2014. She was born in Washington, DC and moved to Nigeria when she was 6 months old; she moved to Charleston when she was 3. After high school she attended South Carolina State University, but decided to join the Navy. After a medical discharge, she went to Allen for 2 years and majored in business. Chiemeka decided that she wanted to see the world, so she became a flight attendant for 4 ½ years. She became ill, recovered and later went back to Allen.

Chiemeka took a non-profit class last semester, in which she found out about the Commission; the more she wanted to get the word out about SCHAC.

She built SCHAC's Facebook and Twitter sites, and she wants to build LinkedIn, do PR, and help with outreach.

Chiemeka said that many students do not know about SCHAC, so she has helped to spread the word about the agency. Now, students at Allen know that they can come to SCHAC for help. She said that most people she encounters do not realize that SCHAC provides free services.

She recognizes that SCHAC is a state agency that helps throughout the state, but it's connected to a federal agency, so if people contact the federal agency, they can come to SCHAC. The employees at SCHAC know their jobs, but if they need help, they are not afraid to go and ask for help.

Social media and networking are Chiemeka's passions. She talks about SCHAC to her professors and her classmates and feels that her outspokenness is a plus.

Chiemeka's name means "God has done well," and she has lived up to that name at SCHAC.

Chiemeka said that she would love to work for SCHAC after she graduates.

Sharique Ray-Young is a senior at Allen University from Newark, New Jersey, majoring in business management. He moved to South Carolina in the 8th grade, and he likes to play basketball.

Sharique wanted to explore this agency to see if he wanted an office job when he completes school or if he wanted to pursue his dream as an entrepreneur. He has decided upon graduation to be an entrepreneur, owning his own welding business.

While at SCHAC, he is learning time management, more patience with the consumer, and the ability to work with others.

He said that many students at Allen are unaware of the agency, and he would like to see more awareness of SCHAC at Allen.

He believes that his social media skills have been an asset.

Sharique added that working at SCHAC has been a great experience, and he has adapted well.



Sharique Ray-Young