

# THE HERITAGE AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

## THE HERITAGE AWARDS (Major Awards)

1. The Virginia Buhler Humanitarian Award: Award given to an individual or organization of non-African descent that has labored Beyond racial barriers to help improve the lives of people of African descent in the Racine community and beyond.
2. The Thelma Orr Emancipation Award: Award given to an individual or organization of predominantly African heritage that has worked to improve the lives of people of African descent in the Racine community and beyond.
3. The Chuck Tyler Cultivators Award: This award is given to an individual or organization that has labored, without racial or ethnic barriers to improve the lives of African American youth.
4. Anita Herrera Grass Root: This award is given to individual or organization that has labored to improve the lives of the Latino Community.

## THE SPECIAL AWARDS:

1. The Community Leader Award: Award given to an individual in the Racine community whose leadership and vested interests make a difference and improve the lives of the citizens of the community through service, development, organization, civic life, and engagement.
2. The Community Service Award, Posthumous (OPTIONAL AWARD): Given, posthumous, in recognition of tireless service to a member of the community either individually or through an organization that provided services to special groups and or those in need in the community.

## THE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

1. The Healthcare Award: Award given to a person in the health care field (physician, dentist, chiropractor, nurse, physical therapist, etc.) who has contributed to the promotion of healthy lives for citizens of African descent in the Racine (or beyond) community.
2. The Education Award: Award given to an educator who has demonstrated effective instructional practices and/or student learning models, classroom excellence, and who has served as a role model, motivator, or impacted student achievement.
3. The Clergy Award: Award given to the member of the religious community whose work has demonstrated a commitment to service through participation in community-based services and/or activities promoting the well-being of the African-American community.
4. The Business Awards: One to a small business ( $\leq 50$  employees) and one to a large business ( $\geq 50$  employees). The award recognizes entrepreneurial endeavors and contributions to the enhancement of the African American community through job creation and/or community service.
5. The Political Award: Recognizes the selfless service to the community by an elected official whose activities have contributed to the growth of the community and the well-being of the African American Community.
6. The Community Service Award: Given in recognition of tireless service to a member of the community either individually or through an organization that provides services to special groups and or those in need in the community.
7. The Sports Award: This award is given to the participant, coach, or group in sports whose involvement has resulted in both individual achievement and support for the community.
8. The Arts: Awarded to an individual and/or group demonstrating exceptional achievements in music, arts, theater, or other performing arts that has resulted in individual achievement and recognition for the Racine Community.
9. The First-Responders Award: The award recognizes a certified individual or group (these include EMTs, Police, Fire Department, Ski Patrol, Coast Guard) who provide pre-hospital care for emergencies that work long hours in all kinds of conditions, often sacrificing safety and comfort, to go above and beyond in serving others on the front lines of emergency care.
10. The Rosa Parks Award: This award is given to an African American Woman or Women's group who has/have exemplified professional integrity through her/their leadership and service to the community.
11. The John Lewis Award: This award is given to a person who exemplifies the continuing struggle for freedom, equality, and basic human rights for all the citizens of the Racine community.
12. The Military Award: Those presently serving in our military or veterans who contribute to both the country and the community about them.