



*4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Black Legend Awards  
Silicon Valley*

*Legend Nomination's  
Application*

**February 11, 2018**

From: Black Legend Awards Silicon Valley Selection Committee

Subject: Legend Nomination's Application for Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley

### **Thank you for the Nomination for the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley**

The Black Legends Hall of Fame is one of the exhibits in the planned development of the San Jose Black History Museum Silicon Valley (SJBHMSV). The museum is a five-year project of the Black Legend Organization. The project was started in September 2015, with a target opening in 2020. More information can be found at [www.blacklegendawards.org](http://www.blacklegendawards.org).

The Black Legends Hall of Fame honors the contribution of African American of the Silicon Valley, Santa Clara Valley, you are nominating an African American who have made contributions and inspire others of the black community here in the Silicon Valley. The Black Legends Hall of Fame will allow others to learn about the footprints left in government, medical, education and technology of the African American here in the Silicon Valley and the United States.

The nomination's application requires that the nominee be:

- Recommended, cannot be self-nominated.
- Meet the requirements outlined in the nominated category, (Categories listed below)
- The nominee can be living or deceased. If the nominee is deceased, the application is completed by the family member representing the nominee.
- Be a current or past resident of the Silicon Valley (Santa Clara Valley)

The Black Legend Awards Selection committee is looking forward to receiving your nomination application for the black pioneer you are recommending for induction into the Black Legends Hall of Fame.

For your black pioneer to be considered as a nominee you must:

1. Complete the Nomination Application, the application must be typed, the application Must Not be longer than One Page, (575 – 625; word count)
2. Provide a profession profile picture of the nominee, Head-Shot
3. The Nominee's acceptance agreement must be signed
4. All three (3) items must be emailed to [info@blacklegendawards.org](mailto:info@blacklegendawards.org) by Tuesday, July 31, 2018
5. The Black Legend Awards and induction into the Black Legends Hall of Fame will occur at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Legend Award Silicon Valley Ceremony.

The Black Legend Awards Silicon Valley Ceremony is held in downtown San Jose. This is a Red-Carpet event where the diverse communities of the Silicon Valley come together to honor and acknowledge the accomplishment of outstanding members of the African American community here in the Silicon Valley. Where "Old Friends become new friends". It's a great evening of music, food, and networking.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can send an email to [info@blacklegendawards.com](mailto:info@blacklegendawards.com) or call us at 408.320.2111

Aaron K. Hicks, Jr.  
Chairman Black Legend Awards

## **LEGEND NOMINATION'S APPLICATION**

Note 1: All information must be submitted in Microsoft Word

Note 2: (1) Application, (2) Photo and (3) Nominee's Acceptance Agreement must be received as a package prior to the deadline.

### **1. Submitter's Contact Information, the individual whom is nominating the nominee for induction into the Black Legends Hall of Fame. (Must be Provided)**

- Name; (First MI Last)
- Street Address: | City | State:
- Phone Number: | Email Address:
- Relationship to nominee:

### **2. Nominee's Contact Information (If the nominee has passed, please provide Name of the Nominee and contact information of the selected relative, whom will represent the nominee.)**

- Name of Nominee; (First MI Last)
- Name of Relative: (If the nominee is deceased) (First MI Last), & Relationship to Nominee
- Street Address: | City | State:
- Phone Number: | Email Address:
- Relationship to nominee:

### **3. All 16 Questions must be completed (Bio | profile of Nominee) (One Page)**

1. Name of the Nominee (First, MI, Last)
2. Name of the Award the nominee is being submitted for (one award per nomination)

Alexander-Green Award, News & Documentary	English-Higgins Award, Health & Medicine
Banks-Gage Award, Education	Hardeman-Sweet Award, Law & Justice
Brown-Gross Award, Public Service	Harris-Washington Award, Spiritual
Clay-Williams Award, Business & Entrepreneur	Joyner-Stroughter Award, Community Service
Dean-Greene Award, S.T.E.M.	Piper-Whye Award, Art/Theatre/Music

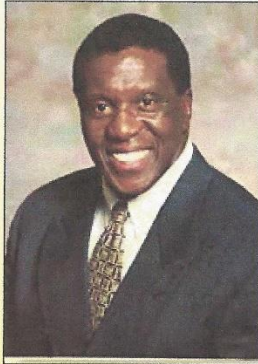
3. Sunrise (Date of Birth)
4. Sunset (Date of Passing) (if applicable)
5. Place of Birth (City, State)
6. Nominee Moved to the Silicon Valley (Month – Year) (See attached for cities)
7. Education - Degree's (Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral), Name of School, Date Received Degree (MM/YY) (if applicable)
8. Greek Membership: Name of Fraternity / Sorority (If Applicable)
9. Military Service (Branch of Services, Time Period served |MMYY- MMY), If Applicable
10. Profession(s) – Time Line
11. Career History -Brief, Time Line of career
12. Significant Accomplishment(s) in the Silicon Valley; Why was this Significant?
13. Creativity - Started from nothing that grew into something greater; Why was this important?
14. Best Known For
15. Philosophy of Life
16. Advice would provide to a student starting the journey of life today

### **4. Professional Photo Required – One (1) photo, 3x5 (300 dpi) color headshot. The photo will be used in Souvenir Booklet, Website, Facebook and during the program.**

Black Legend Awards Ceremony Silicon Valley  
Project of Joyner/Payne Youth Services Agency, Inc.

## Example of a completed bio for the Souvenir Booklet

### Banks-Gage EDUCATION AWARD



#### Dr. TJ Owens.

Sunrise: February 4, 1937  
Sunset: October 17, 2005  
Place of Birth: Shreveport, Louisiana

Moved to Silicon Valley: 1968 (Resident for 37 years)

Education: Fresno State University, BA, 1960  
Santa Clara University, MA  
University of San Francisco, PHD

#### PROFESSION(S):

Doctorate in College Administration from the University of San Francisco.

#### CAREER HISTORY:

He began his teaching and coaching career in Barstow while launching his active involvement as a social and community activist by becoming President of the Barstow NAACP. He helped to open doors and break barriers for African-Americans in the areas of housing, employment, and education.

- As a Counselor at San Jose City College continuing his dedication to education and service.
- In 1969, he became President of the San Jose Chapter of the NAACP and advisor to the Black Student Union at San Jose City College.
- He organized the Black Studies Program and was one of the founding members of the state funded EOP&S Program.
- In 1973, he was promoted to Dean of Students at San Jose City College.
- In 1991, he moved on to Gavilan College where he served as Vice-President of Student Services.
- He retired in June of 2000 after more than 40 years in education.
- In retirement, he was elected President of the Gilroy School Board and taught at the National Hispanic University.

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT(S) IN THE SILICON VALLEY:

- He was involvement in numerous organizations where he served as a leader and community role model.
- He was a member of 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley, Inc. where he received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001.
- He was active with the Gilroy Gang Task Force

- Member of Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators,
- Member National Conference of Community & Justice (NCCJ),
- Member of San Jose Juneteenth Committee,
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (48 years), and
- Member of the Santa Clara County Grand Jury.

#### CREATIVITY - STARTED FROM NOTHING THAT GREW INTO SOMETHING GREATER:

- The TJ Owens Humanitarian Scholarship has been established in his honor at Gavilan College in Gilroy California.
- In remembrance of his contribution to education, the Gilroy Unified School District Board of Education approved a resolution to name the Gilroy Early College Academy (GECA) after Dr. TJ Owens.
- The highly acclaimed, Dr. TJ Owens Gilroy Early College Academy opened its doors in the fall of 2007

#### BEST KNOWN FOR:

- His contributions in the areas of civil rights and education; and for encouraging and supporting others in their pursuit of higher education.

#### PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE:

- Believed that every individual is capable of reaching his or her highest personal and academic potential. He also believed that the pursuit of personal excellence would produce responsible citizens and capable leaders who could ultimately serve the community.

#### ADVICE WOULD PROVIDE TO A STUDENT STARTING THE JOURNEY OF LIFE TODAY:

- The advice that he would provide to students today is be someone, go somewhere, and seek excellence.

## **Black Legends Hall of Fame Category & Requirements**

**Art/Theater/Music “Piper-Whye Award”** – Awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves, had outstanding careers in the music, art, and theater (TV and Movies) and used their influence to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have had a distinguished career, and used their influence to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community.

**Business & Entrepreneur “Clay-Williams Award”** - Awarded to individuals who have been employed by Companies and corporations and created successful businesses and/or services in the community and used their success to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have been employed by companies and corporations, created successful businesses and/or services in the community, used the success to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

**Community Service “Joyner-Stroughter Award”** – Awarded to people and volunteers who created and volunteered for non-profit agencies that provided essential services to enhance the quality of life for Black people in the community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have served, volunteered and created non-profit agencies that provided essential services to enhance the quality of life for people in the Black Community.

**Education “Banks-Gage Award”** – Awarded to individuals who had outstanding careers as teachers, administrators, and the policy maker who made a significant impact on the access and quality of education services to the community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have had an outstanding career as a teacher, administrator, and the policy maker who made a significant impact on the access and quality of education services to the community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

**Health & Medicine “English-Higgins Award”** – Awarded to those Doctors, Nurses, And Health practitioners who provided healthcare to people in the broader community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have had a distinguished career as a Doctor, Nurse, and/or Health Practitioner who provided healthcare to people in the broader community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

**Law & Justice “Hardeman-Sweet Award”** – Awarded to those Lawyers, Judges and legal representatives who defended the law and the constitution and to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have had a distinguished career as a Lawyer, Judge and/or Legal Representative who defended the laws and the constitution in the community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

**Public Service “Brown-Gross Award”** – Awarded to those public service employees who provide for the health and safety of the broader community and enhanced the quality of life of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have served as a public service employee who provides for the health and safety of the broader community and enhanced the quality of life of people in the Black Community

**News & Documentary “Alexander-Green Award”** – Awarded to those journalists, historians, photojournalists, documentarians, editors and community people who record local black community history & events, as well as, the broader community and world events. Those individuals who keep the community informed and document significant events that have enhanced the quality of life in the Black Community.

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have a distinguished career as journalist, historian, photojournalist, documentarian, editor and/or community person who recorded the local black community history & events, as well as, the broader community and world events. Kept the community informed and/or document significant events that have enhanced the quality of life in the Black Community.

**Spiritual “Harris-Washington Award”** – Awarded to those members of the Faith-Based Communities who have led congregations, Mosques in prayer for peace and salvation and to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have distinguished as members of the Faith-Based Community who have led congregations, Mosques in prayer for peace and salvation and to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

**S.T.E.M. “Dean-Greene Award” (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)** – Awarded to those individuals who helped produce, enhance and improve today’s field of engineering and science and those who help create landmark changes in technology to enhance the improve the lives of the general public and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community.

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in Silicon Valley;
- The must Nominee have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have produced, enhance and/or improved today’s field of engineering, and science and helped create landmark changes in technology to enhance the lives of the public and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community.



**BLACK LEGENDS HALL OF FAME**  
SILICON VALLEY

**SILICON VALLEY CITIES**  
Santa Clara Valley

The Black Legend Organization has defined the following sixteen (16) cities as the Silicon Valley (Santa Clara Valley) for nomination for The Black Legends Hall of Fame;

Campbell  
Cupertino  
East Palo Alto  
Gilroy  
Los Altos  
Los Altos Hills  
Los Gatos  
Milpitas  
Monte Sereno  
Morgan Hill  
Mountain View  
Palo Alto  
San Jose  
Santa Clara  
Saratoga  
Sunnyvale

## NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

**From:** Nominee - \_\_\_\_\_  
Print First & Last Name of Nominee

**To:** Black Legend Awards Silicon Valley Selection Committee

**Subject:** Acceptance of Nomination to Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley

I have been nominated for (Check One)

(If the nominee has passed, the selected relative, representing the nominee.)

- Alexander-Green Award, News & Documentary
- Banks-Gage Award, Education
- Brown-Gross Award, Public Service
- Clay-Williams Award, Business & Entrepreneur
- Dean-Greene Award, S.T.E.M.
- English-Higgins Award, Health & Medicine
- Hardeman-Sweet Award, Law & Justice
- Harris-Washington Award, Spiritual
- Joyner-Stroughter Award, Community Service
- Piper-Whye Award, Art/Theatre/Music

I do hereby accept this nomination.

I agree to allow The Joyner/Payne Youth Services Agency, Inc. (dba "*The Black Legend Awards*"), as well as any committee member, to use the Photo, Video, Bio, and any other likeness for the sole purpose of informing the general public of the nomination.

I further agree to allow editing of the Bio, as long as the integrity and exactness are kept intact.

I acknowledge that I am currently a nominee. The finalist for induction into the Black Legends Hall of Fame will be announced at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Nominee's Luncheon on Saturday, September 22, 2018. I further acknowledge that two (2) tickets will be provided for me to attend the Nominee's Luncheon.

All finalist will be invited to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Legend's Conference on Saturday, November 11, 2018.

I acknowledge that as a nominee I am invited to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Legend Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February TBA, 2019, at in Downtown San Jose. Limited discounted tickets will be available for purchase.

I acknowledge that if selected as a finalist for induction into the Black Legends Hall of Fame I will attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Legend Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February TBA, 2019. I further acknowledge that two (2) tickets will be provided for me to attend.

NOTE: All nominees not selected as a finalist will automatically be considered as a nominee for induction in the following selection year(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee | If Nominee is Deceased, Family Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





# **BLACK LEGENDS HALL OF FAME**

## **SILICON VALLEY**

### **BLACK LEGENDS HALL OF FAME TIME-LINE**

#### **Nomination Period:**

**Start: Sunday, February 11, 2018, | End: Tuesday, July 31, 2018**

African American are nominated for Induction into the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley. Nominated instruction applications are requested and received

#### **Validation Period:**

**Start: Wednesday, August 1, 2018, | End: Friday, August 31, 2018**

All nominees or the selected relative in case the nominee has passed will be contacted by the selection committee for acknowledgment and acceptance of the nomination to the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley.

#### **Legend's Election**

**Start: Saturday, September 8, 2018, | End: Sunday, September 9, 2018**

The Members of the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley will review all completed and validated nomination applications submitted for the Class of 2019. The Members of the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley will vote to elect the next Legends to be inducted into the Black Legends Hall of Fame. The results will be announced at the Nominee's Luncheon.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Nominee's Luncheon**

**Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018.**

The Announcement of Inductee into Black Legends Hall of Fame.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Legend's Conference**

**Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018.**

All Legends, Family member of a deceased Legend and Finalist for the incoming Class of 2019 are invited to the conference.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Legend Awards Ceremony**

**Date: Saturday, February 16, 2019, Black History Month.**

The finalist/awardee are inducted into the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley at ***Black Legend Awards Silicon Valley Ceremony.***



**BLACK LEGENDS HALL OF FAME**  
SILICON VALLEY

## **Class of 2018**

### **Award / Category / Legend**

Alexander-Green Award - News & Documentary

Henrietta Burroughs

Banks-Gage Award - Education

Keith D. Aytch

Will H. Ector, Jr.

Brown-Gross Award - Public Service

Dr. Forrest W. Williams

Clay-Williams Award - Business & Entrepreneur

John D. Dumas

Dean-Greene Award - S.T.E.M

Karen C. Bradford

English-Higgin Award - Health & Medicine

Dr. Oscar Battle, Jr.

Hardeman-Sweet Award - Law & Justice

David W. Epps, Esq.

Judge Rise J. Pichon

Harris-Washington Award – Spiritual

Rev. Dr. Louis Jones, Jr.

Joyner-Stroughter Award - Community Service

Inez C. Jackson

James H. Payne

Piper-Whye Award - Art/Theatre/Music

Carl F. Ray

Community Organization Award

San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP

# **Class of 2017**

## **Award / Category / Legend**

Alexander-Green Award - News & Documentary  
Dr. D. Michael Cheers  
David E. Early

Banks-Gage Award – Education  
Dr. TJ Owens

Brown-Gross Award - Public Service  
Galvin D. Jackson  
Iola M. Williams

Clay-Williams Award - Business & Entrepreneur  
Charles A. Jones

Dean-Greene Award - S.T.E.M  
Debra I. Watkins

English-Higgin Award - Health & Medicine  
Dr. Florence S. Poyadue

Hardeman-Sweet Award - Law & Justice  
Aileen F. Casanave  
Judge LaDoris Hazzard-Cordell

Harris-Washington Award – Spiritual  
Rev. Dr. Herman Hyatt  
Rev. Dr. Shelia Robinson

Joyner-Stroughter Award - Community Service  
Queen Ann Cannon  
Wilbur E. Jackson

Piper-Whye Award - Art/Theatre/Music  
Charles “Buddy” Butler  
Dr. Ethel Walker

# Class of 2015

## Award / Category / Legend

Alexander-Green Award - News & Documentary

Charles Alexander

Loretta Green

Banks-Gage Award - Education

Robert E. Banks, III

Henry Gage, Sr.

Brown-Gross Award - Public Service

Dr. Lee P. Brown

Benjamin (Ben) Gross, Sr.

Clay-Williams Award - Business & Entrepreneur

Roy L. Clay, Sr.

Bill Williams

Dean-Greene Award - S.T.E.M

Dr. Mark Dean

Dr. Frank S. Greene, Jr.

English-Higgin Award - Health & Medicine

Dr. Leo V. English, Jr.

Dr. James B. Higgins

Hardeman-Sweet Award - Law & Justice

Attorney-Judge Maurice H. Hardeman

Attorney Wester Sweet

Harris-Washington Award – Spiritual

Superintendent Sherman Harris

Reverend C.W. Washington

Joyner-Stroughter Award - Community Service

Hewitt R. Joyner, Jr.

Robert J. Stroughter, Sr.

Piper-Whye Award - Art/Theatre/Music

Dr. David Piper

Viera Whye