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April 5, 2024

Dear Dr. White,

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your years of public service, both domestically and abroad. I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you to mark your legacy reunion event and your extraordinary career.

During the course of your career, you have had a positive impact on countless individuals, including many in the State of Delaware. Your commitment to creating opportunities for the young and underserved in our communities with not be forgotten.

Throughout your career, you have demonstrated a dedication to public service, environmental justice, diversity, equity and inclusion, cultural exchange and study abroad, international development, and so much more. I am glad to celebrate the more than 50 years you have spent bettering our world and I am more than happy to extend my thanks you for the innumerable growth opportunities and resources you have created for your students, mentees, colleagues, and people all over the world. I am also incredibly impressed by your work raising more than \$10 million to address health issues in underserved communities.

Once again, congratulations as you celebrate your legacy reunion event. I appreciate your service and I thank you for your dedication, tenacity, and enthusiasm throughout the last 50 years. I can confidently say that the State of Delaware has been positively impacted by your contributions.

With warmest regards and heartfelt congratulations,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bethany A. Hall-Long".

Bethany A. Hall-Long, PhD, RNC, FAAN
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THOMAS R. CARPER
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October 22, 2014

Dr. Harvey L. White
Professor
University of Delaware
298-A Graham Hall
Newark, Delaware 19716

Dear Dr. White,

Thank you for taking time yesterday to meet with members of my staff and me. I often say that one of my favorite parts of being in the U.S. Senate is recess; it allows me the chance to learn about the great things happening up and down our state.

I have great respect for the work that you have done all across the world, including Asia and Africa. The University of Delaware is certainly lucky to have you join their team. One of the things I often say to my colleagues in Washington is that we need more bridge builders. Your plans to have the University of Delaware collaborate more with organizations all over Delaware and nationally truly embodies that spirit.

If my staff or I can ever be of assistance please contact me through my New Castle County Director, Bonnie Wu, at (302) 573-6291. Best of luck in all that lies ahead!

With best personal regards, I am

*What a treat to meet
you. Our thanks to you
and your wife for
choosing Delaware.*

Sincerely yours,

Tom

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April 5, 2024

Dr. Harvey L. White
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Dear Dr. White,

I warmly congratulate you on your Legacy Reunion as you gather with your students and mentees from throughout your years in academia. Your career in public administration is nothing short of trailblazing, and I know your contributions to the field will endure for generations.

We all remember teachers or professors who invested in us as students. It says a lot about you that your students are coming together in this way. You have served as an academic dean, a director of multiple scholastic centers, and as national president of the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA), among many other leadership positions. You are known for your work developing initiatives around the world, like in Africa, as well as communities close by. I especially commend your pioneering study and advocacy for environmental justice, including at one of the first gatherings of scholars worldwide to address that critical issue. Advocating for environmental justice communities in Congress is one of my top priorities as Delaware's Congresswoman.

On behalf of Delaware, and as a graduate of the University of Delaware's Urban Affairs and Public Policy program, congratulations again! I hope you enjoy this legacy reunion and get to especially celebrate with your wife, Dr. Velma Scantlebury-White, my longtime friend.

Onward in service,

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER
Member of Congress



Office of the Director

Sunday, March 10, 2024

To: Joyce Odongo, Fundraising Committee Chair,
Dr. Harvey White's Legacy Celebration

Re: Letter of Appreciation for Dr. Harvey White

I am delighted to write this letter as you gather to celebrate Dr. Harvey White's legacy. Dr. White is a consummate mentor, a thoughtful and compassionate public administration scholar and practitioner. I met Dr. White when he was President-Elect of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) in 2006. Since then, he has supported my professional aspirations—always a reliable source of support in a sometimes overwhelming professional world.

Over the years, I have had countless phone calls with Dr. White. Sometimes, I sought his sage advice on how to deal with dilemmas and conflicts at work. Other times, I just wanted to catch up on what we were doing. He was always doing exciting and impactful work somewhere in the world. The words justice, diversity, and access will forever remain associated with the work of Dr. White. Selfless and always willing to support his friends, Dr. White eagerly accepted my invitations to speak to my students, no matter the distance he had to travel. I fondly remember his visit with my students at Utah State University and how excited the students were to interact with him and ask him questions. He was just as excited to answer and ask them questions. It was a delight to be part of that.

I wish Dr. White a wonderful celebration, continuous success in his endeavors, and a long and blessed life.

Warmly,

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Dr. Delores Jones Porter



“Dr. Delores Jones Porter was the first person hired after I became Town Manager of Princeville, North Carolina. Dr. Porter is not the only person I have mentored who earned a doctorate. She is, however, the first, which makes her accomplishments uniquely special.”

-Dr. Harvey L. White

At age 15, Dr. Jones Porter began working for the town during the summer and continued part-time after school. She worked with Dr. White's entire time as manager.

There was little doubt Delores would excel in life. Even as a teenager, she was very talented and serious about her work. It was not a surprise that she earned her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees. Dr. Porter went on to become an exemplary educator and an effective administrator, serving both as a classroom teacher and as a school principal. Observing her growth and development from a teenager to a seasoned professional has been a joy.

Richard DeWitt Smith



“There was never a doubt about whether Mr. Smith would succeed. The only question was whether he would apply his skills in the public or private sector. He has done both.”

-Dr. Harvey L. White

Mr. Smith started his career with the IBM Corporation's Compensation Program, where he developed and implemented a new personal computer systems allocation and tracking procedure for the awards and salary programs. As a public servant and a private consultant, Mr. Smith has approximately 41 years of experience in acquisition and resource management, providing purchasing evaluations and participating in technical assessments to determine the best-value bids and proposals. For 32 years, Mr. Smith has provided Acquisition Management (Contracts and Subcontract Administration).

He is an effective communicator who has led diverse groups spanning cross-organizational and multi-disciplinary boundaries. Mr. Smith has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Maryland at College Park. He teaches Defense Acquisition University (DAU) equivalent Acquisition Management Courses at Bowie State, Webster University, and the University of Maryland. He is a recognized expert and leader in the contract management profession.

Deborah Grant



“Deborah “Deb” Grant was one of my first graduate assistants at Southern University. It has been a pleasure to know and work with her.”

-Dr. Harvey L. White

Deb, a visionary leader, is an independent director at SoundThinking SSTI (NASDAQ), where she chairs the Human Capital and Compensation Committee, and at DJE Holdings (Edelman), one of the largest PR firms in the world. She is the Executive Vice-Chairwoman at CNEXT, a highly diverse global community for the advancement of high-impact leaders. Additionally, Deb is CEO of Corporate Playbook™, a firm with an impressive global client list that provides senior executives with strategic direction to elevate leadership, inclusion, and culture. Deb is also the creator of *Dining with Deb*™, an innovative experience built by women, for women, celebrating women.

Deb has received numerous accolades, including the 50 Most Powerful Women in Philanthropy from Inside Philanthropy, the Women of Excellence Legacy Award from the National Association for Female Executives, the Women of Power Award from the National Urban League, Keeper of the Dream Award, from the National Action Network and the NCAA’s Legacy in Leadership Award. She holds a BA from Louisiana State University, a Master of Public Administration from the Southern University of Louisiana, and an Honorary Doctor of Science from Clarkson University.

Dr. Termika Smith



“You need to hire me.’ Those were the first words spoken to me by Termika Smith. Accepting Dr. Smith’s advice and hiring her was one of my best decisions. I am incredibly delighted she serves as an “Honorary Co-Chair” of the reunion event committee.”

-Dr. Harvey L. White

Dr. Smith completed her undergraduate degree at the University of South Alabama (USA). She began her public health career at the USA Center for Health Communities, where she was not only my special assistant but also became the Community Health Outreach Coordinator. Notably, she designed the first lay health advisor curriculum at the Center, resulting in the first fully implemented and certified program offered by the USA.

Dr. Smith later transitioned to the Mobile County Health Department and became a senior director of clinical administration, leading primary care clinics focused on treating adults and women and the county’s Ryan White (domestic HIV) program. After receiving a fellowship with the American Public Health Association and Brookings Institution, she worked with the United States Senate Committee on the Budget and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, where she spearheaded a multi-prong approach to addressing Rx opioid abuse. After Washington, Dr. Smith has spent nearly nine years at CDC. She earned her Doctorate in Education, Leadership, Policy, and Law from Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama, and a Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science from the University of South Alabama.

Jake Wheatley



“”Jake’s question always was, ‘How can this make a difference in the lives of people?’ As his bio indicates, he was and continues to be action oriented.”

-Dr. Harvey L. White

Jake, a proud resident of the City of Pittsburgh, is as a recognized United States Marine combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, who received the Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal. In January 2022, he accepted the 61st Mayor of Pittsburgh’s appointment to become Chief of Staff, leaving his position as State Representative of the 19th Legislative District, where he served for 19 years. As Chief of Staff, Jake leads the charge in actualizing Mayor Gainey’s vision of a “Pittsburgh for All.”

Before joining Mayor Gainey’s Administration, Jake was the longest-serving African American member of the State House of Representatives. During his time in the State House, Jake also served as the first African American Chair for the House Professional Licensure Committee, which oversees the 29 professional boards and commissions that set the standards and practices of our workforce. He was only the second member selected to serve on the powerful Appropriations Committee as a first-term legislator. Jake holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where he graduated with honors. He has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

Stacy N. Burwell



“Stacy describes leadership attributes essential for achieving effective outcomes as being “innovative, forward-thinking, and transformational.” These attributes have helped her quickly become a recognized and influential community-oriented leader within the nonprofit space.”

-Dr. Harvey L. White

Ms. Burwell currently serves as Director of Administration and Special Projects at Step Afrika!, the first professional company dedicated to the tradition of stepping and one of the top 10 African American Dance companies in the US. Stacy is responsible for leading the day-to-day administrative operations of the organization, as well as ensuring that all programs, projects, and events are executed efficiently and effectively.

Before her service at Step Afrika!, Stacy acted as Interim Executive Director at Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., a historically African American community-conscious and action-oriented sorority in Washington, DC. Stacy acted as a Business Development Executive at Washington Intern Student Housing. Stacy's efforts have resulted in her nomination for the Jefferson Service Award. She received the YMCA Black Achievers in Business and Industry Award. Stacy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Education and a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management—both from the University of Delaware.

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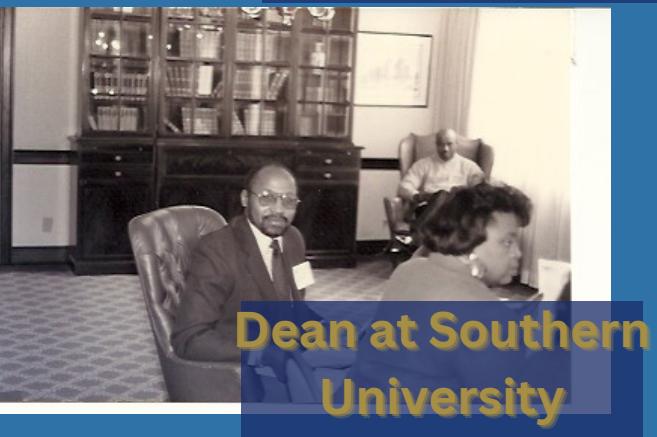


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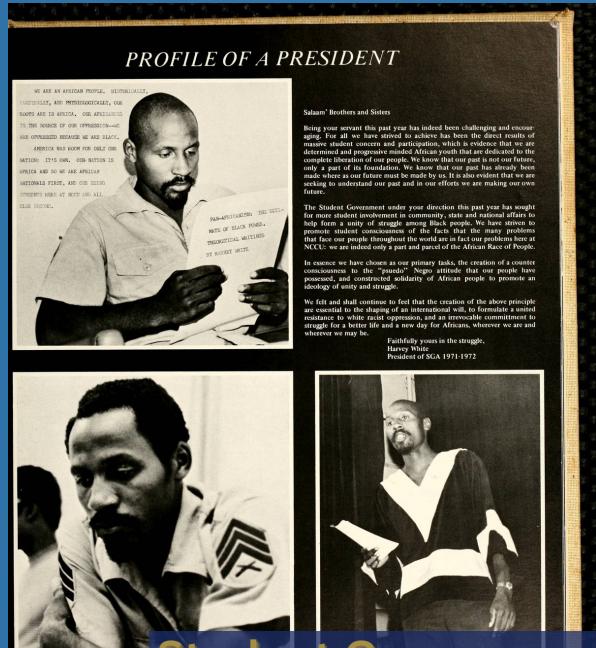
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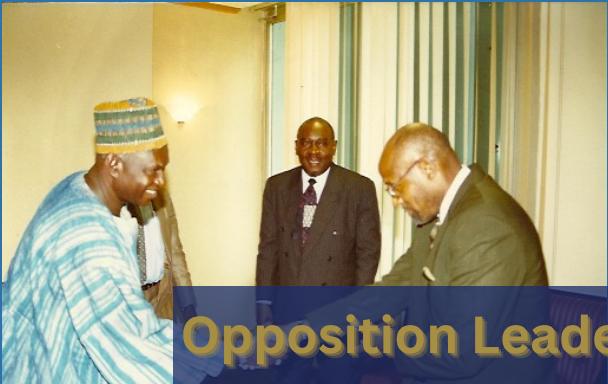
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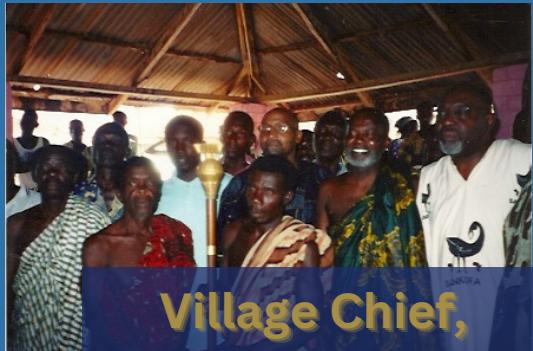
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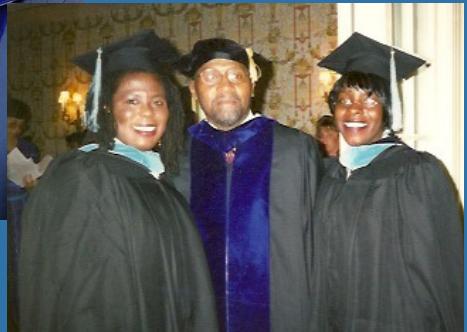
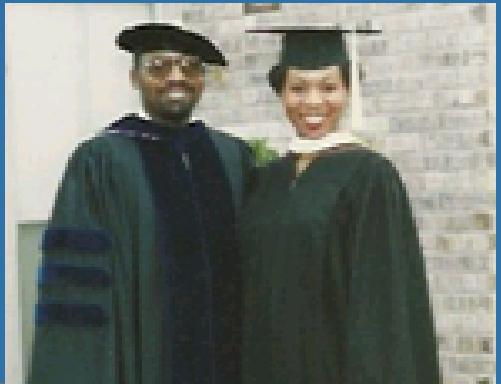


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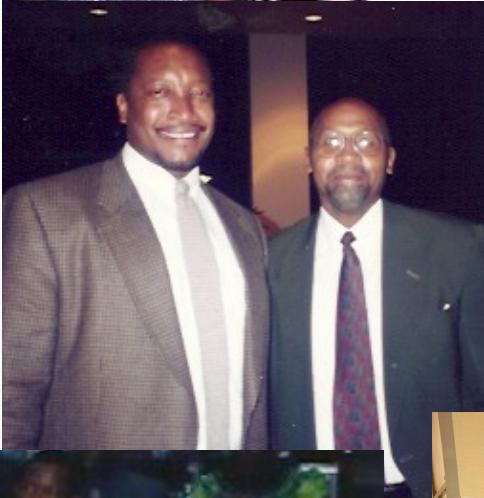
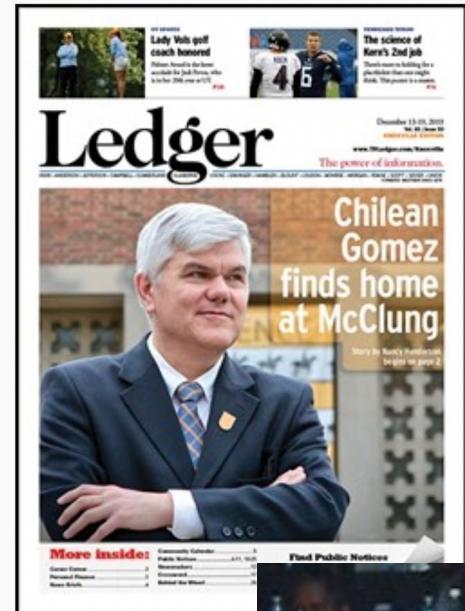


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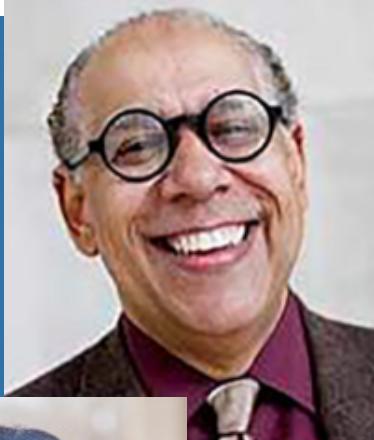
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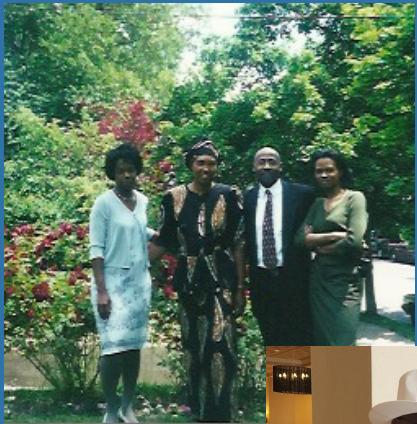
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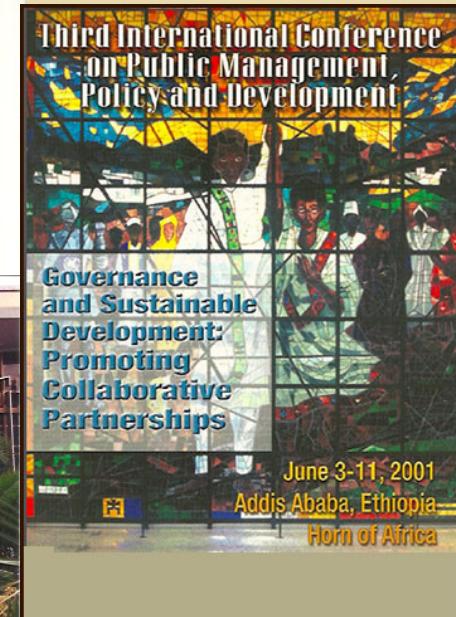


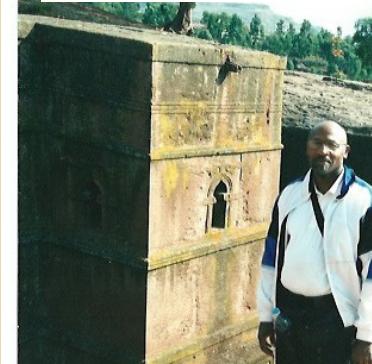
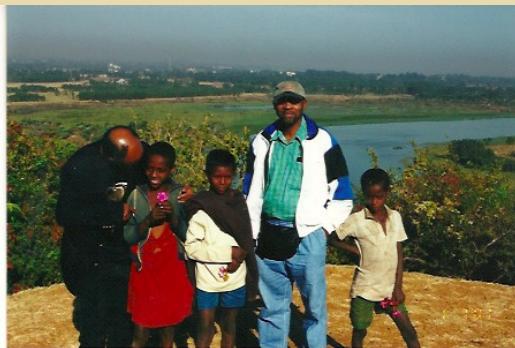


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A Look Back...





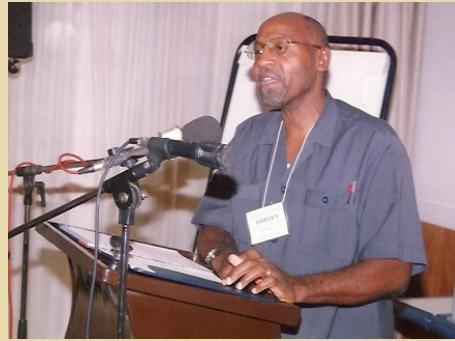
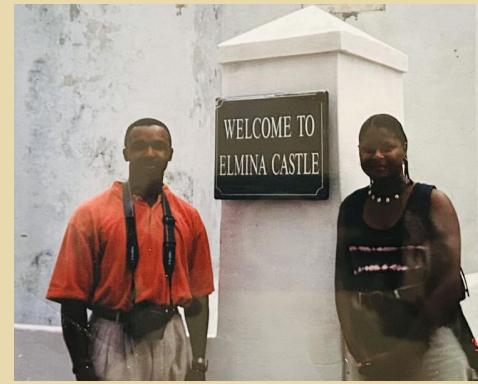


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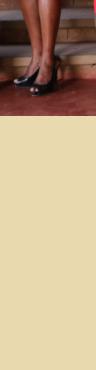
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As I reflect on my career, many wonderfully gratifying experiences come to mind. These include serving as a city manager, dean, president of two national organizations, journal editor, program director, center director, etc. Although I appreciate the opportunities these various positions afforded me, my most excellent satisfaction comes from vicariously experiencing your many accomplishments.

When beginning my career fifty-plus years ago, I could not have imagined working with such phenomenally gifted individuals. You represent the best of humanity. You are talented and well-trained. You have excelled in your professions. Yet, you are very humble. And, most important to me, you are just good human beings. You don't have to accept what I say. The data about you speaks for itself.

At least 34 of you receiving this post have earned Ph.D. degrees; Another has an honorary doctorate. You are scholars, educators, and leaders in the professions. You are making significant contributions to the literature.

Four of you have juris doctorate degrees. Your work is helping to make our legal system more just. For one of you, this includes serving as a law professor to train the next generation of legal scholars.

Five of you are university deans. You are amidst young people's quest to find purpose and direction for their lives. Young scholars are looking to you for mentoring and support. You are their role model.

Four of you have C-suite corporate executive experience in the private sector. Three of you are serving or have served as foundation executives. Others of you are executive COOs of major not-for-profit organizations. Your leadership is serving stockholders, clients, and the public exceptionally well.

Many of you are executives in federal, state, and local government. Others are administering development and community service activities in the United States and many countries worldwide. You are making a difference in the lives of those who need your assistance the most.

There is so much more that you are doing that cannot be discussed in this post. *I wish each of you could see what I see* when looking at your outstanding work. I will share more in future posts. However, if these posts never mention your work, please know that because you are receiving this message, I know you are making a difference, and your accomplishments are appreciated.

Harvey L. White

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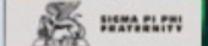
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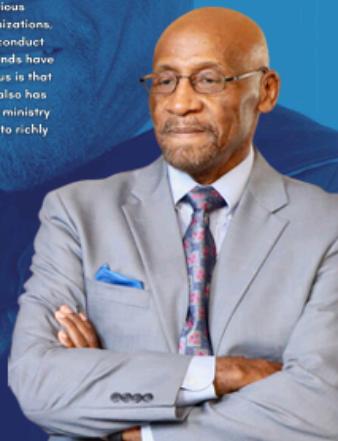
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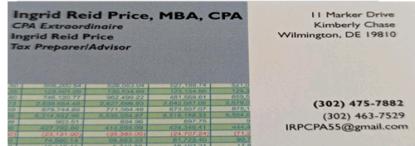


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--*Michelle Dorothy, Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep
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