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MATC hosts 2026 spring commencement, honors outstanding achievers and vets



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On Saturday, May 16, 2026, Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) hosted its 2026 spring commencement ceremony at Fiserv Forum. The commencement speaker for this year's ceremony was Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan President and CEO Héctor Colón. The spring 2026 graduating class had more than 1,800 students eligible for degrees, diploma and certificates. More than 600 earned scholastic honors, there were 90 dual enrollment students, and 48 veterans who wore red, white and blue cords symbolizing their service.

This year's student speaker was Mustafa Yusof who received an associate degree in business management. Also on hand was Trevor D'Souza, senior vice president at Associated Bank and a member of the MATC Foundation Board of Directors, announced that the Foundation had contributed \$1,000 in Colón's name to the college's Student Success Fund

Scholarship.

He also said the Foundation had given graduation gifts to Yusof and to the President's Award winner, Quiana Wilder, who earned an associate degree from MATC's Early Childhood Education program. The President's Award recognizes student achievement and contributions to the college and the community. Also recognized at the ceremony was Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Student Channetta Winfield who earned a Culinary Arts Degree. Winfield was born deaf, the result of her mother contracting German measles while pregnant. But that has not stopped Winfield from following her passion for all things culinary.

"Congratulations to All of the MATC Spring Graduates!"

Northwestern Mutual invites students inside to explore the world of investing



Photos Courtesy of Northwestern Mutual



On Friday, May 15, 2026, Northwestern Mutual hosted its inaugural Investments Learning Day at its Milwaukee headquarters, welcoming more than 100 local students for a behind-the-scenes look at institutional investing through interactive sessions with investment professionals.

The educational experience introduced students to investing concepts, financial decision-making

and career pathways within financial services as part of Northwestern Mutual's broader commitment to supporting Milwaukee students through real-world learning experiences.

"Investments Learning Day is about giving students a real-world look at institutional investing and what a career in this field can truly look like. Northwestern Mutuals' structure and long-term business

model allows us to invest differently, and that perspective shapes how our teams think, decide, and build for the future. By opening our doors, we're helping students better understand our approach while building early awareness and interest in investing as a career," said Northwestern Mutual chief investment officer Jeb Bentley (left photo, right).

Zion Hill MBC hosts 66th Church Anniversary



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

On Sunday, May 18, 2025, Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church hosted its "66th Church Anniversary Celebration," at 1825 West Hampton Ave. with a theme of, "We will never forget." - Deuteronomy Ch.6:1-12.

The history of the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church is rare among local churches as it organized in a private residence. It is the only Black Church in the City of Milwaukee to build three sanctuaries from the ground. The inception of the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church is the seed planted by the Holy Spirit in the heart of the late Reverend Obie B. Sartin, Sr. Reverend Sartin had a biblical based motive for organizing the Church.

Organized by Rev. Obie B. Sartin, Sr. on May 10, 1959, this "mission" was organized into a "church" with just nine chartered members and was held at the north side home of the Sartin's residence, at 2771 North 18th Street. This effort was sanctioned and approved by the Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention. The church was so named, "Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church," and proudly called as its first pastor, the Reverend Obie B. Sartin, Sr. His wife, Mrs. Synovia Sartin, became the First Lady.

On November 8, 1960, Zion Hill purchased a vacant lot at 1501 West Ring Street. On December 8, 1960, exactly one month after the lot was purchased; ground was broken for this structure. Joyously and trium-

phantly, on the morning of June 4, 1961, Pastor Sartin and the devoted membership of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church proudly marched from the original location at 2771 North 18th Street to the newly built edifice at 1501 West Ring Street.

After worshipping at the 1501 West Ring Street location for some 17 years, Pastor Sartin realized that again, through the blessings of God, the membership had outgrown the facility. On December 7, 1976, the church acquired two vacant lots located at 1825 West Hampton Avenue. The pilgrimage of the congregation, led proudly by Pastor Sartin into the new house of worship, took place on October 8, 1978. Pastor Sartin continued to lead the congregation until his passing on July 21, 1985. Later that year, Reverend Russell B. Williamson was called to pastor. As the church continued to grow, the building expanded to occupy the second lot on 1825 West Hampton Avenue and continues to worship at this location today. Regretfully, July, 1996, Mother Synovia Sartin, the beloved wife of the late Reverend Obie B. Sartin, Sr. and the First Lady Emeritus of the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church passed away. Rev. Russell B. Williamson and his wife Jenell Williamson, now serve the Zion Hill community.

Funeral Services for Dr. William Finlayson

Funeral Services have been announced for Dr. William Finlayson. Viewing will be held at 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Service will be held on: May 23, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. To be held at: Abundant Faith Church of Integrity, 7830 W. Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223 Final Arrangements will be provided by Northwest Funeral Chapel. You can find more information about services at <https://www.northwestfuneralchapel.com>



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Being Frank

By: Frank James
Special to the Milwaukee Times

Love means action

Love is something everyone craves, but many do not know how to give. In the USA love is often mistaken for lust. Love is the bond that should form a marriage. Love is what parents should feel for their children. African Americans claim to love their children, but their actions scream otherwise.



A child comes into the world a blank slate. The parents are the first teachers that a child knows. If the parents show love and affection to the infant, the infant has a chance of being emotionally stable. There is another level of love that many African American parents lack or simply do not know of. The type of love being referred to comes from the act of instilling common sense and basic education skills into a child.

Any parent is going to ensure their infant child is protected to the best of their ability. African Americans do this without question. The next step is where many African American parents today lose. The act of teaching your toddler basic education skills before they attend school. Yet, these same

African American parents will expose their child to the buffoonery that plays on the radio and TV. Is there any wonder African American communities are terrorized by African American teens in 2026?

African Americans, instead of playing trap music in the car with your child maybe you should be playing some Micheal Jackson, or Alicia Keys. Many feel that music is not important. Think. How does a child act if their earliest memory of music is singing along with the lyrics of songs that are demeaning and exploitive of themselves and others? How does this affect their mental outlook for the rest of their lives? African Americans have to be

careful to what is programming their children during the formative ages. Some African Americans are. Many African Americans are not.

African American children used to know how to act in public. It was always other races children who, "cut up" in stores. African Americans lost this talent. If you go into a store the African American children are acting just as unruly as any other race. Many will point to this and say this is integration. If this was the goal of all those marches and sit ins... Well. This is where love should kick in, but this stage is where many African Americans fail their children. A loving action is one where the African American parent instills the knowl-

edge and understanding of the statement, "What works for other races in the USA, will not work for you." This simple statement shows true love and preparation for the world the African American child is going to live in. All you have to do is look at social media and you will see that many African Americans do not know, or express, this act of love for their offspring.

Another opportunity for a love action is often missed when the African American child reaches their teen years. Many African American parents are caught up with making money and do not spend time with their child. This is especially true if the child is not sports orientated. Oh, this form of African American parent will make sure there are plenty of processed foods for their child to eat: chicken tenders, fries, ramen noodles. The African American child's stomach is fed, while their brain starves. There is an act of love to offset this. African American parents having conversations with their child about what is going on in their life. These

talks can also be used to drill common decency, and the reality of the world, into the African American child's head. This act of love is often missed in the African American household.

You know the rest of the story. The African American child graduates from high school and enters the world. Some of these unloved offspring live their dreams. A vast majority of these unloved offspring settle for lives they do not enjoy. These unhappy African Americans will reproduce and continue the cycle with their children. They will do this out of love.

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 www.canaanchurchmke.org

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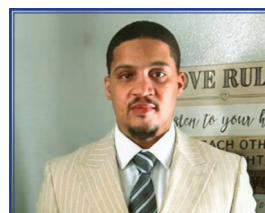


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 Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 P.M.




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 Milwaukee, WI 53206
Rev. Vincent L. Montgomery, Pastor
Weekly Schedule
 Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
 Sun. Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Tue.....Mission: 6 p.m.....Laymen: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
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Weekly Service:
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 Sunday Morning Service.....10:30 AM
 Tuesday Night Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Worship Schedule
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 Sun. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.



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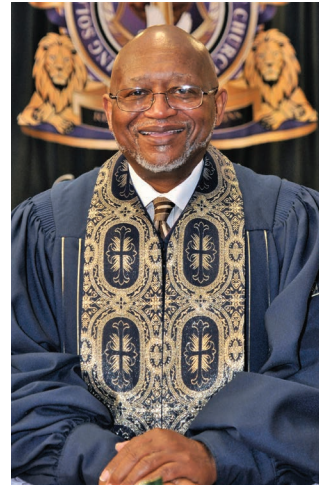
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 Sun. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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 2315 N. 38th Street
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 Phone: (414)873-1221 Fax: (414)873-8614
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Weekly Schedule
 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study...10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.(Virtual)
 Sat. Church School.....9:00 a.m.(Virtual)




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Weekly Schedule
 Sun. Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sun. School 8:00 a.m.
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 E-Mail: philadel.church@att.net
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Weekly Meetings and Activities:
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 Tues. Bible Class6:30 p.m.
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 Bible Class – Wed.- 7 p.m. via Tele-conference
 Sun. School/Seed Ministry – Sat.6 p.m. via Zoom
 Sun. Morning Worship – Sun. 10 a.m. Streaming live via Facebook

St. Matthew C.M.E.



Rev. Dr. Richard D. Shaw, Pastor
 7500 N. 76th St. • Milw., WI 53223
 (414) 562-7580

Weekly Schedule:
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 Wed. Bible Study.....Noon & 6 p.m.
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Rev. Joy L. Gallimon, Pastor

Weekly Schedule:
 Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
 Sun. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study.....10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
 Wed. Bible/Prayer Service - 5:30 p.m.
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 Tuesday Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Youth Midweek6:30 p.m.
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 Pastor: Rev. Harold Turner

Sunday School.....9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Sunday A.M. Worship.....10:45-11:45 a.m.
 Bible Class/Saturday.....10:00-11:00 a.m.
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 Sunday's (SAC).....9:30 A.M.-10:20 A.M.
 Sun. Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.
 Tuesday Bible Study.....6:00 P.M.
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 Rev. Dr. Eddie Nash, Sr., Pastor

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 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Tuesday
 Noon Day Mission.....11:00 a.m.
 Evening Mission.....6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.



ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 1825 W. Hampton Ave. • Milw., WI 53209
 Rev. Russell Williamson, Pastor

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Solomon Coggs-Butler hosts surprise birthday bash honoring his mother and aunt



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

On Saturday, May 16, 2026, 16 year-old Solomon “Solo” Coggs-Butler transformed a heartfelt idea into a joyful birthday bash honoring his mother, Priscilla Elizabeth-Lynn Coggs-Jones, and his aunt, Devona Marcia Coggs-Jones. Held at the family home on North Richards Street, the event brought together loved ones, neighbors, and supporters from across Milwaukee for an unforgettable evening filled with laughter, fellowship, faith, music, dancing, karaoke, games, delicious food, and Sip & Paint activities for all ages.

Solomon shared, “As a sixteen-year-old Black teen, I wanted to do something special for the women in my life who are always supporting me and so many others. I wanted my mom and auntie to relax, laugh, dance, feel appreciated, and truly enjoy themselves because they spend so much time helping and giving to people.”

He continued, “To me and my friends, we always want to show an example of uplifting our elders, respecting others, and doing the

right thing despite some of the negative labels young Black teens sometimes receive. We are striving to lead with respect, purpose, faith, and love because that’s what we believe in and how we live.”

Solomon also shared that his faith helped inspire the event. “I believe all things are possible through God. Seeing my idea come to life and watching everybody smiling, laughing, singing, dancing, and enjoying themselves made the entire night feel special. Bringing people together like this felt good and showed what can happen when people come together with genuine love.”

Solomon closed by saying, “I want to send a special thank you to everyone who attended, those who sent gifts and well wishes, and everybody who helped make my vision come to life. My mom and aunt had a really good time, and I was able to put all the pieces of the puzzle together. Happy Birthday Momma Priscilla and Auntie Devona.

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MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary hosts 'Summer Toy and Gift Giveaway'



On Saturday, May 16, 2026, the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary (MBHS) brought joy and community spirit to Milwaukee's 53206 neighborhood during its "4th Annual Summer Toy & Gift Giveaway." Its sanctuary at 2461 W. Center Street was transformed into a lively celebration where children, teens, and families gathered to welcome the summer season with hope and excitement. The giveaway featured toys, games, and summer essentials designed to help young people in the Amani neighborhood start their summer on a positive note. Volunteers, donors, and community partners worked together to ensure every child left with something special.

Organizers emphasized the deeper purpose behind the event, explaining that MBHS created the giveaway, for the children and teens of the neighborhood, noting that summer often brings increased violence and that many young people in low income communities experience trauma and do not always feel valued. They

added that many families "cannot afford to buy items that contribute to positive summer play."

Sister MacCanon Brown, CEO of MBHS, expressed gratitude to the staff, volunteers, and supporters whose efforts made the day possible. She said, "The strong turnout was evidence of the ongoing need for community centered initiatives in the 53206 area." She also expressed special thanks to Sherman Park Grocery for preparing mac and cheese for attendees and to the band Frogwater for providing live music.

Organizers shared that the success of this year's giveaway has energized plans for future seasonal events and expanded programming. MBHS encourages community members, donors, and volunteers to stay engaged as they continue building a sanctuary of support in Milwaukee's 53206 zip code. For more information about how to donate to MBHS, call 414-404-0600



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Milwaukee County suicide report reveals post-pandemic rise among Black residents, men, older adults

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A new Milwaukee County report shows suicides among Black residents, men, older adults, and firearm-related deaths all rose after the COVID-19 pandemic. For Sylvester Jackson, those numbers are not just data — they are personal.

"It's not about statistics, it's much about human beings' lives," Jackson said.

Jackson knows the weight of that reality firsthand. Years of trauma, abuse, addiction, and loss pushed him to a breaking point while serving time in prison.

"Young men from the age of 7, you know, to the age of 13, sexually abused, mentally abused, physically abused, spiritually misled, Jackson said. "When you get tired of being hurt, you start learning how to hurt other people."

"When you get so far down to where you feel there's no hope, the only thing left for you is to just call it a day," Jackson said.

That hopelessness eventually led Jackson to attempt to take his own life behind



Milwaukee County suicide report shows post-pandemic trends.

bars. "I just felt hopeless, and at that particular time in prison, I just went out to tell the guard that, you know, I feel like harming myself, and I was ordered back to my room, and I would think, OK, they don't care. Why don't I care, you know, why should I?... so I went in my room, and I took all the pills that I had, which was a lot, and I just started swallowing," Jackson said.

Another inmate saw what was happening and helped save his life.

"I was spared so that I can help spare someone else's life," Jackson said.

Today, Jackson runs Believers for Change, helping people facing trauma, addiction, and mental health struggles.

"We want them to know it's there and it's possible if they want to do it," Jackson said.

He believes real change requires going directly to the people who need help most.

"We can't sit in the office and ask people to come see us. We have to go out there and see the peoples in their space... I'm here to tell you there is a better way out," Jackson said.

"You won't get it by sending out flyers; you have to go out there and engage people and find out what's the temperature of this neighborhood," Jackson said.

"You wasn't delivered for you. You were delivered to be an example for somebody else," Jackson said.

Jackson also pointed to systemic conditions as a driver of the crisis.

"When you create destitution... you're creating a vacuum of violence, hopelessness, despair," Jackson said.

"If we're not addressing the cause of something, how are we going to resolve it?" Jackson said.

"If we're not looking at what caused the root of that problem, how we really going to address it?" Jackson said.

The county report found firearm-related suicides in Milwaukee County rose more than 20 percent, now making up more than half of all suicides countywide.

Dr. Ben Weston, Milwaukee County's chief health policy advisor, said the scale of the increase stood out.

"We knew that there was an increase in firearms, but just the amount of increase, I think, was surprising," Weston said.

Weston said Black residents were among those most affected by the post-pandemic shift.

"Black populations in particular had a rise in suicidal

activity before versus after the pandemic," Weston said.

He also pointed to loneliness as a factor driving risk among older adults.

"Loneliness as people get older, can become depression. It can become anxiety," Weston said.

Weston said younger people are also facing significant pressures.

"Younger populations are incredibly affected by mental health issues, by loneliness, by social media pressures," Weston said.

Greg Wesley, president and CEO of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, said the report's findings on who is most at risk were not what he anticipated.

"I don't know if I expected it to be focused on African American males and older populations," Wesley said.

Wesley said the report sends an important message to those who are struggling.

"Those who are suffering know that people are paying attention," Wesley said.

County leaders said the report will help guide future suicide prevention efforts across Milwaukee. Weston said reaching out for help can start with a single step.

"The first step can be simple... and that's to call 988," Weston said.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988.

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Milwaukee Arts Board announces 2026 Artists of the Year, Friends of the Arts Award honorees

The City of Milwaukee Arts Board (MAB) is announcing the 2026 Mildred L. Harpole Artists of the Year and 2026 Friends of the Arts award recipients. These honorees recognize and celebrate excellence and exceptional service in Milwaukee's arts community.

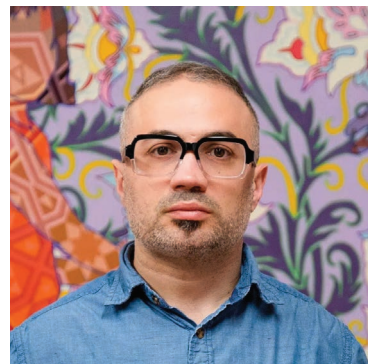
Artists David Najib Kasir and Ojumire Dounfola Charleston were named the 2026 Artists of the Year, while Ferne Yangyeitie Caulker and Karl Kopp were named the 2026 Friends of the Arts.

2026 is the fourth year that the Milwaukee Arts Board accepted award nominations from the public, seeking nominees whose work aligns with the Arts Board purpose as defined by the Code of Ordinances. All award recipients will be honored on June 9, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Rotunda. Local arts organizations receiving MAB-sustaining grants will be recognized as well.

"Milwaukee's artists tell the story of who we are as a city, which is creative, resilient, and deeply connected to community" said Mayor Cavalier Johnson. "The 2026 Mildred L. Harpole Artists of the Year and Friends of the Arts honorees have each made a lasting impact on Milwaukee's cultural landscape. I celebrate their contributions and commitment to enriching our city through the arts."

"The Milwaukee Arts Board is honored to recognize individuals whose creativity, leadership, and advocacy strengthen our community in meaningful ways," said Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Chair of the Milwaukee Arts Board. "This year's recipients reflect the talent and dedication within Milwaukee, and their work continues to inspire cultural understanding and artistic excellence across our city."

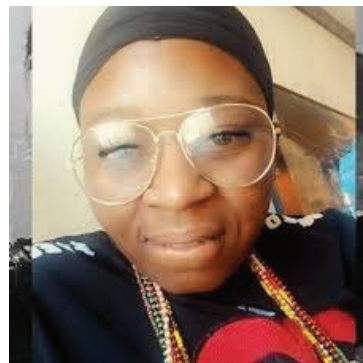
This year's honorees are:



David Najib Kasir, 2026 Mildred L. Harpole Artist of the Year

Kasir interrogates the role Western media plays in constructing cultural narratives, while centering a caring lens on the destruction of Syria, the Middle East, and its people through large-scale paintings. The work starts from a

personal place. "Iraq was my father's country, and Syria is my mother's as well as the second home of my youth. It's where my extended family were living. It's where there were buildings I slept in and streets where I played tag and other games as a child. I've witnessed years of destruction of my countries from US invasions, with no regard from Western media of civilian casualties. I entrap the Syrian landscapes in Arab mosaic patterns, not as a backdrop, but as a culture of people trying to hold up their structured environment as best as they can with little to no help from others."



Ojumire Dounfola Charleston, 2026 Mildred L. Harpole Artist of the Year

"Ojumire" Charleston is the founder of Drums Up Guns Down 414 (DUGD414) and has become deeply dedicated to her purpose of using West African drumming, dance, and culture to uplift youth and strengthen community resilience. Beginning on the drums at age 9, her journey grew from church and school bands into a lifelong commitment to cultural arts, community performance, and mentorship throughout Milwaukee and beyond. From a young age to now, Ojumire has consistently provided drumming and cultural performance for many of Milwaukee's community gatherings, cultural celebrations, youth programs, ceremonies, festivals, and healing spaces, becoming a familiar presence in the city's cultural arts community. Through DUGD414, founded in 2023, she leads culturally rooted programming that gives youth and families opportunities to study West African drumming, dance, rhythm, leadership, performance, and cultural history in safe, healing spaces centered around mentorship, social-emotional development, cultural identity, community engagement, and creative expression. Through performances, workshops, drum circles, rites of passage programming, and community outreach, Ojumire continues using the arts as a pathway toward healing, empowerment, unity, and positive change throughout Milwaukee.

"A child who hears the drum of purpose will not

dance to the noise of destruction," Charleston said. "Through DUGD414, I pour into the youth so that they may know their value, honor their roots, and become the strength of the next generation for the community of Milwaukee."



Ferne Yangyeitie Caulker, 2026 Friend of the Arts

Dancer and choreographer Ferne Yangyeitie Caulker was born in Sierra Leone and studied with the National Dance Company of Ghana at the University of Ghana. In 1969, Caulker founded the Ko-Thi Dance Company with a vision to develop, educate, showcase, and preserve African, Caribbean, and African American dance and music in Milwaukee. Under her direction, Ko-Thi has introduced African and Caribbean dance, music, history, and traditions to over ONE MILLION children through school residencies and community collaborations.

"I am deeply honored to be an artist. To be able to share these delicious art forms from the continent of Africa, in a world which needs to celebrate the vast array of human expressions of self affirming and historic values, is a gift. The arts must continue to be sustained and flourish as they remain at the heart of our human experience on the planet, a connective tissue to human history and roots from which we can all bloom."



Karl Kopp, 2026 Friend of the Arts

Karl Kopp's leadership and advocacy have strengthened connections between artists, patrons, and the broader public. When Karl opened Elsa's on the Park on New Year's Eve, 1979, he made a decision that instead of owning a private collection, he would indulge and delight his patrons with a sensory experience that included a contemporary art collection of five installations yearly, including his famous avant-garde Christmas tree collection. These installations are presented only to be experienced, not sold, and are photographed, made into postcards and presented to the diner with the bill. Elsa's covers the postage ensuring an unexpected secondary life for the stationary artwork. While diners may come for a drink, they are exposed to curated and sophisticated art. With these collabora-

tions, Mr. Kopp weaves contemporary art into a part of daily life.

The Artists of the Year program was inaugurated in 1995 by former Alderman and MAB Chair Wayne Frank. The Artists of the Year Award was renamed in 2020 in honor of the late, beloved arts board member Mildred L. Harpole. Each recipient receives a \$1,500 cash award. Funds used to launch the first award included a memorial bequest in honor of Milwaukee artist and former MAB member Jim Chism. Additional funds for the award come from MAB members.

Established in 2012, the Friends of the Arts Award is given to individuals who, often behind the scenes, have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to Milwaukee's arts community.

The MAB sustaining grant program is funded by the City of Milwaukee, with support from the Wisconsin Arts Board, the State of Wisconsin, and the National Endowment for the Arts. MAB also awards matching funds annually for public art conservation.

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Submit all proposals, as stated within the proposal document instructions, no later than **3:00 PM** on **Thursday, June 18, 2026**.

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