



HOMECOMING 2022 ALUMNI AWARDS

DR. LEONARD F. SAIN EDUCATOR AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Leonard F. Sain is one of the earliest and foremost African American educators in Michigan. He was one of the first African Americans in the field of educational administration in the Detroit Public School system.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in the **field of education (early childhood or K12) or social work**. The awardee must have hold either an undergraduate degree or a graduate degree in education or social work from a University of Michigan campus.

DR. CHARLES ADAMS DIVINITY AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Rev. Dr. Charles Adams served as the senior pastor at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. He is the former President of the Detroit Chapter of the NAACP. He has been honored on Ebony Magazine's 100 "**Most Influential Black Americans**" and their list of "*The 15 Greatest Black Preachers*".

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in **the field of ministry or religious thought**. The awardee must be leader in religious scholarship or a minister. The awardee must hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

MARY FRANCES BERRY SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Mary Frances Berry is a historian, writer, lawyer, activist and professor who focused on U.S. constitutional and legal, African-American history. She is the former chairwoman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in the **field of civil rights, social justice and equity**. The awardee must be leader in Black political thought or an activist in a social justice movement. The awardee must hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

GEORGE CROCKETT BARRISTER AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

George Crockett, Jr. is an attorney, jurist, and congressman from the state of Michigan. He also served as a national vice-president of the National Lawyers Guild and co-founded what is believed to be the first racially integrated law firm in the United States.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in the **field of law**. The award must have hold either an undergraduate degree or a law degree from a University of Michigan campus.

CAROLE SIMPSON JOURNALISM AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Carole Simpson is an American broadcast journalist, news anchor, and author. She is the first African-American woman to anchor a major United States network newscast.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in the **field of journalism**. The awardee must hold a degree from a University of Michigan campus.

DR. BEVERLY DANIELS TATUM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Beverly Daniel Tatum is president emerita of Spelman College, author and thought-leader in higher education. She was the 2013 recipient of the Carnegie Academic Leadership Award and the 2014 recipient of the American Psychological Association Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in the **field of higher education or research**. The awardee must be a researcher or professor. The awardee must hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

CAROL GOSS PHILANTHROPIC AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Carol Goss served as President and CEO of the Skillman Foundation and her deep commitment to the children of Detroit. In 1998, Goss joined the Skillman Foundation in Detroit as a program officer. She was promoted to vice president of programs in 2002 and president and CEO in 2004. Goss retired from the Skillman Foundation in 2013.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni who has demonstrated success in the **field of philanthropy**. The awardee must hold an undergraduate, graduate or professional degree from a University of Michigan campus.

TOM GOSS ATHLETIC AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Tom Goss is a former American football player and college athletics administrator. He served as the first African American athletic director at the University of Michigan.

This award goes to a notable **former collegiate or current or former professional athlete**. The awardee must have attended a University of Michigan campus and received a Varsity Letter.

ROBERT HAYDEN LITERARY AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Robert Hayden is a notable African American poet and professor. As a teaching fellow, he was the first Black faculty member in Michigan's English department. Hayden eventually became the first African American to be appointed as Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in the **field of literature**. The awardee must have extraordinary literary accomplishments and hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

WILLIE HOBBS MOORE INNOVATOR AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Dr. Willie Hobbs Moore is the first Black woman at Michigan to earn a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering ('58 and '61). She worked as a lecturer and research scientist at U-M researching spectroscopy of proteins. Dr. Moore also was an assembly engineer at Ford, where she expanded Ford's use of Japanese engineering and manufacturing methods.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in the **field of science, technology, engineering, or math**. The awardee must have hold either an undergraduate degree or a graduate degree in science, technology engineering or math from a University of Michigan campus.

PAMELA RODGERS SMALL BUSINESS LEADER AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Pamela Rodgers operated one of the few General Motors dealerships owned by an African American woman. She has served on numerous Board of Directors including Bloomfield Hills Private Bank, New Detroit, Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation, and the Detroit Riverfront Conservatory.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni who is the **small business leader**. The awardee must hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

VALERIE JARRETT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Valerie June Jarrett is an American businesswoman and former government official. She served as the senior advisor to U.S. President Barack Obama and assistant to the president for public engagement and intergovernmental affairs. She has also. Served as interim president of the Obama Foundation.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni is the **field of government, public service, or non-profit leadership**. The awardee must have a record of exemplary public service and hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

JAMES EARL JONES ARTS AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

James Earl Jones is an African American actor. He has been described as one of America's most distinguished and versatile actors for his performances in film, television, and theater in American history. He is among the few performers awarded an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony (EGOT).

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni is the **field of visual or performing arts**. The awardee must have extraordinary cinematic, theater, dance or visual art accomplishments and hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

DR. WILLIS C. PATTERSON MUSIC AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Professor Willis C. Patterson earned Bachelor of Music (1958) and Master of Music (1959) degrees from the U-M. In 1993, he received his Ph.D. from Wayne State University. In 1968, he became the first, and for a while only, African American member of the music faculty. Patterson compiled an "Anthology of Art Songs by African-American Composers." He was the professional director of the Men's Glee Club

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni is the **field of music**. The awardee must have extraordinary musical accomplishments and hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

DR. ALBERT WHEELER MEDICAL & HEALTH SERVICES AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Professor Albert Wheeler received a doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1944 and in 1953, became the first black tenured professor at the University of Michigan Medical School.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni in the **field of medicine, nursing, or public health**. The awardee must have hold either an undergraduate degree or a degree in medicine, nursing or public health from a University of Michigan campus.

ROBIN WASHINGTON CORPORATE LEADER AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Robin L. Washington has served on the Board of Directors of Alphabet, Inc., Honeywell International, Inc., and Salesforce.com, as well as, in the roles of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Gilead Sciences, Inc. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Executive Leadership Council.

This award goes to a notable Black Alumni who is the **corporate executive leader or board member** of a major US or International corporation. The awardee must hold a degree from University of Michigan campus.

RISING STAR AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

This award is bestowed annually to **one recent U-M graduate under the age of 30** for their professional achievements and/or contributions to the community-at-large. In order to be recognized for the Rising Star, an alumnus must have received an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan within the last ten years.

DIVINE NINE AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

This award goes to a campus chapter who is a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The chapter must have exhibited **exemplary scholarship and community service** on a University of Michigan campus during the previous academic year.

DR. CHARLES MOODY CAMPUS ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Charles Moody became the University's first vice provost for Minority Affairs. He was a leader in multicultural education and founded the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

This award goes to a campus organization that has had the **greatest impact of Black campus life or advocated on behalf of the Black students** on one of the University of Michigan campuses.

MARY HEINRIETTA GRAHAM ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

2022 HONOREE:

Mary Henrietta Graham is the first woman descendant of American slavery to attend and graduate from the University of Michigan. She was a teacher at Lincoln University in Jefferson, Missouri.

Honorees must have exhibited a **lifetime of distinguished service or accomplishment in any field of human endeavor and/or provide unusual and singular contributions to the development of the cultural and/or spiritual life of the Black community**. All awardees have graduated from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Dearborn or Flint campus).

To nominate, please submit the following:

- **Nominee Biography:** 500 word maximum
- **Nomination:** 250 word maximum