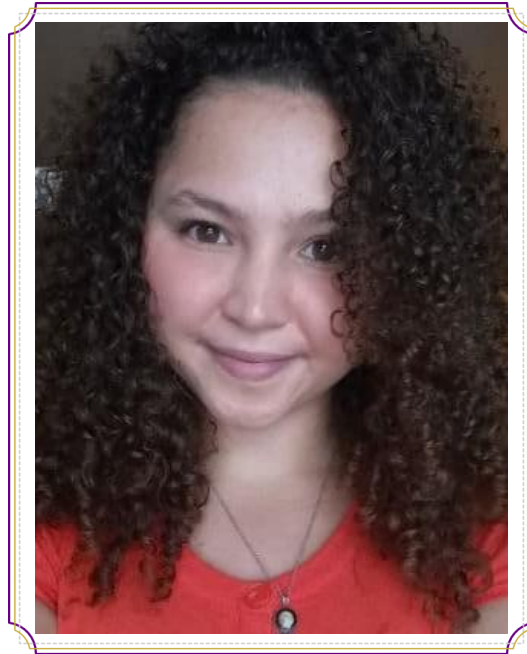


2021 Bridge-Builder Chairman's Award



Castella Copeland

Castella Copeland's efforts to establish cooperative relationships began in elementary school with her Girl Scout Troop and Windsor Public School classmates. She was a peer moderator who aided other students in conflict resolution in elementary, middle, and high school. Additionally, she was a youth member of Windsor's Youth Commission for six years during middle and high school.

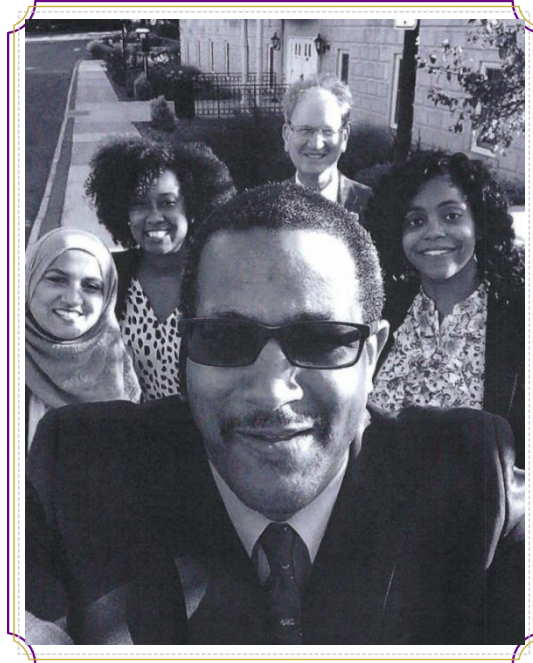
As a member of First Church's youth program, Cassie shared her passion for equity and continues to share this passion today; she has been a member of the church leadership for the last five years and worked on the Vision Team, a group that works to make a better future for the church and the town.

During high school Cassie worked for NCCJ's Camp Anytown experience, an immersive program for teaching students about discrimination in many forms and how to stop it.

Cassie earned four degrees from UConn: B.S. in Political Science, B.A. in Human Rights, B.A. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality, and M.S. in Educational Psychology. She is currently a Doctoral Student in Educational Leadership at Liberty University.

Since completing her undergraduate studies, Cassie has been an adviser to the TNBC (The National Black Cooperative).

2021 Bridge-Builder Award



Leonard Lockhart

Leonard Lockhart is the current President of the Windsor Board of Education and was first elected to that position in 2017. He has been a member of the Board for almost ten years. In his role as President he is dedicated to Windsor Public School's mission to "develop the genius in every child and to create lifelong learners." He can think of nothing more important than the education of the children of Windsor.

Leonard is also a District Director of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) for the greater Hartford area. At CABE he is also the Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. He recently testified at the Connecticut Legislature on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Leonard is a district manager for Johnson Controls. Additionally, he protects all Windsor residents as a Lieutenant in the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department.

Leonard is a proud graduate of Weaver High School and the University of Hartford. He is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Leonard is married and has four children who are currently attending Windsor Public Schools. His wife is also an educator.

2021 Bridge-Builder Award



Mark Mascola

For the past ten years, Mark Mascola has coached the Windsor Little League Challenger division, which is a program that enables children with a wide variety of physical and developmental challenges to enjoy the game of baseball.

Mark has run the team with enthusiasm and inclusiveness found in few people. Mark was a very gifted high school, college, and semi-pro athlete. Mark has the ability to make each player feel they are contributing to the team in every game. He is not concerned about the outcome of the game, but focuses on each player having fun and feeling part of a team.

Mark has also taken this further by including all of the players in a winter bowling program. They meet weekly to bowl and keep the team together throughout the winter.

Mark is a parent of one of the Challengers, so he knows firsthand the importance of the program for not only the students but the parents.

Mark lives in Windsor with his wife Melissa and three sons.

2021 Bridge-Builder Chairman's Award



Joseph McAuliffe

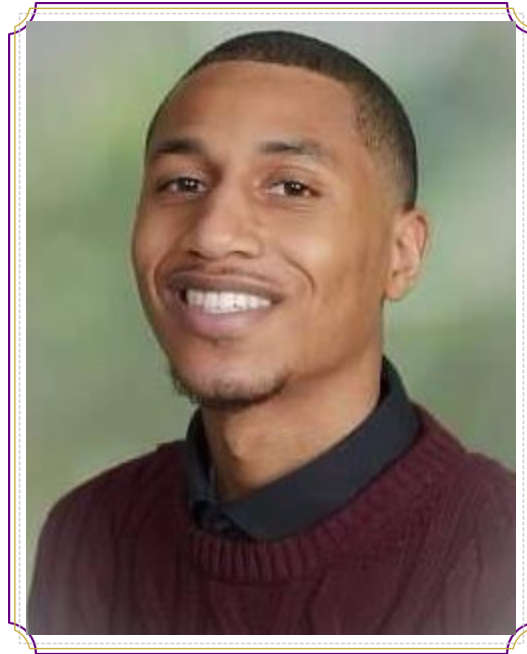
Joseph McAuliffe was born and raised in Windsor. He graduated from Windsor High School in 1984 and furthered his education at Hartford State Technical College and Central Connecticut State University. After establishing his career in IT, Joe moved back to Windsor in 1993 to raise a family, and his twin sons are also graduates of Windsor High School.

Joe is in his 32nd year working for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities in the role of Senior Director of Enterprise Applications.

Joe began to volunteer in town beginning with the Windsor Jaycees in 2002. He would become their President in 2003 and to this day is still an active member. Joe was a coach and board member with the Windsor Little League for the past 19 years. Now Joe is a District Administrator with Little League International, the highest volunteer role in the organization. For three seasons (2015 to 2017) Joe was the manager of the Windsor American Legion Baseball team. Joe was chair of the parade committee for Windsor's 375th Anniversary in 2008, and he was Assistant Scout Master and Treasurer for Boy Scout Troup 149 from 2009 to 2013.

Joe was elected to the Town Council in 2017 and again in 2019. He now serves as Deputy Mayor.

2021 Bridge-Builder Chairman's Award



Jinyree Moore

Jinyree Moore was born and raised in Windsor and contributes greatly to his hometown by his powerful speaking ability. At the age of 15, he began working for the Town of Windsor Recreation Department. Jinyree spoke at the Windsor Public Library in 2015 on behalf of the Windsor Youth Service Bureau about student financial literacy, giving lessons on building a professional resume, the job application process, and planning for college. Through Jinyree's connections and experience with the town, he has acquired more leadership roles.

In 2020 the unfortunate circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic motivated many to dig deeper and find growth. Jinyree chose to work for humanity and established himself as a motivational speaker. The Windsor Human Relations Commission invited him to be a youth speaker for the Windsor Town Green vigil in June 2020. Jinyree graced the stage with local politicians, religious leaders, and state representatives, and he inspired the crowd with his insightful delivery. Jinyree's speech generated a buzz, with one politician asking him to serve on an upcoming youth political state organization.

Jinyree was a featured speaker at the Black Lives Matter mural ceremony in July 2020 at Bushnell Park and Windsor's End Racism Now mural in November 2020. At 22 years of age Jinyree is a remarkable young man because he represents the positive future of Connecticut.

2021 Bridge-Builder Award



Anna Posniak

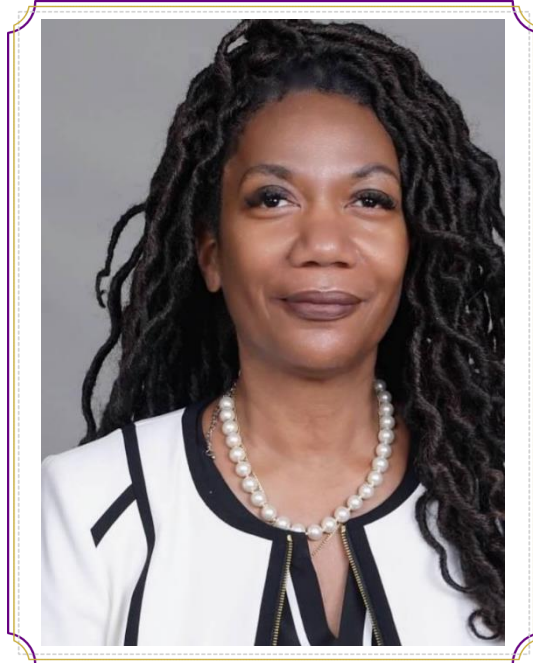
Anna Posniak, Windsor Town Clerk, has over 26 years of experience in municipal government. Anna began her municipal career with the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts in the Town Manager's Office and was later promoted to Town Clerk.

In 2006, Anna joined the Town of Windsor as the Deputy Town Clerk. In 2013, Anna was promoted to her current position as Town Clerk.

Anna recently completed her two-year term as the President of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association. During her tenure as President of the CTCA, she guided the Town Clerks of the State of Connecticut through the historic and successful issuance of over 665,000 no-excuse absentee ballots for the November 2020 election.

During her free time, Anna enjoys gardening, reading, and spending time with her family.

2021 Bridge-Builder Award



Desiree Primus

Desiree Primus is committed to helping the town of Windsor. Desiree was raised in Windsor and attended Roger Wolcott Elementary, Leland P. Wilson Junior High, and Windsor High schools. In fact, Desiree's family has resided in the Wilson area of Windsor for over 60 years.

Desiree has been a member of the Windsor Human Relations Commission for over three years and has demonstrated unwavering commitment in service to the town. Before joining the Human Relations Commission as its Secretary, she assisted the HRC extensively. Presently, Desiree works with the HRC Chairperson, the Honorable Kevin Washington, to generate publicity for the numerous events the commission has sponsored, such as a student forum at Windsor High School, the Town Green vigil, Women's History Month, Irish American Month, Black History Jeopardy, canned food drives, movie nights, and cultural trips.

Desiree attended Spelman College in Atlanta and majored in English with a minor in Communications. As a student she interned at the first National Black Arts Festival and worked in the Public Relations Office at Spelman. She has an Elementary Certification from Central Connecticut State College and a Master's of Science Degree from the University of Bridgeport. Desiree is currently developing a community and student engagement project at the SAND School in Hartford.

Desiree is engaged to Levey Kardulis. She is planning to publish children's books.

2021 Bridge-Builder Award



Douglas R. Shipman

As director of the Windsor Historical Society, Doug Shipman has worked tirelessly with the Society's Board of Directors and members of the Windsor community to foster a more inclusive approach to history.

Doug has helped to guide the Society to form a team and develop a formal Inclusion Action Plan and a new Strategic Plan, which have been adopted by the organization's board to shape its future direction.

The Society aspires to adopt a more inclusive approach to collecting and telling the stories of all of Windsor's people, and to "center our history and culture on the lives of racially and ethnically diverse members of the community."

While much is still to be done, the Society has already begun this important work, collaborating with the Windsor Human Relations Commission, the Town of Windsor, and other partners to highlight historical events such as the town's declaration naming racism as a public health crisis, creation of a Windsor Black History webpage, and exploring the history of important organizations such as the Windsor Afro-American Civic Association.

We look forward to more good work from Doug Shipman and the Windsor Historical Society in the months to come!

2021 Bridge-Builder Award



Kenneth Smith

Kenneth Smith is part of the Coaches Advancement for Racial Equity Committee, a recently-formed group for state basketball showcases in late June to provide chances for children to be more visible for college coaches and recruiting.

When you have been around as long as Smith, 63, you win your share of games. And Smith has: 612 victories, fifth on the College Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) all-time list. He has also earned the respect of his peers.

Smith was voted the best coach in the CIAC game by his fellow coaches in an Informal GameTimeCT survey. They were asked to list their top three coaches.

“Ken Smith has produced consistent top ten teams in the state since I was in middle school. His kids are tough, they know how to win, and they develop under him,” Norwalk coach Matt Whelan said.

Canton coach Craig Archambault said, “A true legend. He has been around the game forever and is one of, if not the best, high school coaches our state has ever seen. Some of my best memories as a player were playing against his Windsor teams. I have always admired how hard Coach Smith gets his kids to play, night in and night out.”

2021 Bridge-Builder Award



Mark Walker

Mark Walker is a Vice President at the main office of Windsor Federal Savings Bank and the Community Engagement Coordinator. Previously he was a Vice President at Bank of America.

Mark works with many youths in Windsor who do not have knowledge of banking and he has sponsored seminars to aid them. Mark also works with the Ascend program to mentor and provide financial training. He has even opened bank accounts and provided initial funding for the accounts to help his community.

Additionally, Mark is a pastor at the Open Arms Christian Ministry.

Mark has a bachelor's degree from Central Connecticut State University in Business Administration/Math and a master's degree from the University of Virginia in Banking and Retail Management.

2021 Bridge-Builder Award



Windsor Health Department

Throughout last year and this year, the Windsor Health Department kept the community aware of the stage of the Covid-19 pandemic and, after a vaccine was developed, provided vaccination information.

It is a herculean task for the six-member staff to provide continuous data on a variety of subjects and health issues to the 29,008 residents of Windsor. (2017 population estimate)

The Windsor Health Department is governed by the Connecticut Public Health Code and the Town of Windsor Code of Ordinances to enforce public health regulations and to fulfill the core functions of public health and the ten essential services outlined by the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention).

The Windsor Health Department is committed to improving the health and well-being of all Windsor residents as they keep the town's core values in mind: Innovation, Integrity, Partnership, Passion, and Responsiveness.