

Morehouse College Bennie and Candle Recipients 1989 - 2013

1989

Bennie Achievement Award
Roderic Pettigrew '72
Physician/Nuclear Physicist

Bennie Service Award
Otis Smith '47 - deceased
President Atlanta Chapter NAACP

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Louis Sullivan '54
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services

Candle in Arts and Entertainment
Danny Glover
Actor

Candle in Athletics
Vincent "Bo" Jackson
Professional Athlete
L.A. Raiders and Kansas City Royals

Candle in Business
George R. Lewis
Vice President and Treasurer
Phillip Morris Companies, Inc.

Candle in Education
Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
W.E.B. DuBois Professor of Literature
Cornell University

Candle in Law
Kurt Schmoke
Mayor of Baltimore, Maryland

Candle in Military
Fred A. Gorden
Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Military
Academy

Candle in Religion
Eugene A. Marino - deceased
Archbishop of the Atlanta Archdiocese

Candle in Science and Technology
Benjamin Carson
Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery
John Hopkins Hospital

1990

Bennie Achievement Award
T.M. Alexander, Sr. '31 - deceased
President, T.M. Alexander Company, Inc.

Bennie Service Award
Asa Yancey, Sr. '37 - deceased
Retired Medical Director
Grady Memorial Hospital

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Spike Lee '79
Filmmaker and President
Forty Acres & A Mule

Candle in Athletics
Henry "Hank" Aaron
Legendary Baseball Player and
Senior Vice President of the Atlanta Braves

Candle in Arts and Entertainment
Denzel Washington
Academy Award Winning Actor

Candle in Education
Asa Hillard - deceased
Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Urban
Education
Georgia State University

Candle in Religion
Calvin O. Butts III '72
Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church

1991

Bennie Achievement Award
Nathaniel Hawthorne Bronner '40 - deceased
Founder and President
Bronner Brothers Beauty Complex

Bennie Service Award
Edward B. Williams '27 - deceased
Professor Emeritus of Economics
Morehouse College

Bennie Trailblazer Award
George William Crockett, Jr. '31 - deceased
Retires U.S. Congressman

Candle in Business
Kenneth I. Chenault
President, Consumer Card & Financial
Services Group, USA
American Express Travel Related Services
Co., Inc.

Candle in Education
John Hope Franklin
James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of
History and Professor of Legal History
The Law School, Duke University

Candle in the Military
Robert L. Toney
Former Director for Logistics and Secretary
Assistance
U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith

Candle in Religion
Otis Moss, Jr. '56
Pastor, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church

1992

Bennie Achievement Award
I. Owen Funderburg '48 - deceased
President, Citizens Trust Bank

Bennie Service Award
Clarence "Kappa" Brown '40 - deceased
Retired, New York Transit Authority

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Walter E. Massey '58
Director, National Science Foundation

Candle in Arts and Entertainment
Louis Gossett, Jr.
Actor

Candle in Business
Roy S. Roberts
Manufacturing Manager
General Motors Corporation
Cadillac Motor Division

Candle in Education
Robert H. Brisbane - deceased
Retired Chairman and Current Professor
Political Science, Morehouse College

Candle in Religion
George H. Clements
Founder, One Church, One Child

1993

Bennie Achievement Award
Roy Terry '66 and
Rudolph Terry '69 - deceased
Terry Manufacturing Co.

Bennie Service Award
J.O.B. Moseley '29 - deceased
Composer

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Griffith Jerome Davis '47 - deceased
Photographer, Journalist and Diplomat

Candle in Athletics
Reggie White - deceased
Athlete and Evangelist

Candle in Arts and Entertainment
Kenny Leon
Artistic Director of Atlanta's Alliance
Theatre Company

Candle in Business
Arthur Johnson '68
President and Chief Operating Officer
IBM Federal Systems Company
Vice Chairman of the Postal Rate
Commission

Candle in Education
Samuel Proctor - deceased
Pastor Emeritus, Abyssinian Baptist Church

Candle for Lifetime Achievement
Arthur Ashe - deceased
Athlete and Humanitarian

1994

Bennie Achievement Award
Maynard Holbrook Jackson '56 - deceased
Politician

Bennie Service Award
Charles V. Willie '48
Professor of Education and Urban Studies
Harvard University Graduate School of
Education

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Edwin C. Moses '78
Olympic Champion, Sports Administrator
and Diplomat

Candle in Athletics
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Professional Basketball Player

Candle in Arts and Entertainment
Sinbad
Comedian, Actor, Entertainer

Candle in Education
Cornel West
Professor of Religion and
Director of the Afro-American Studies
Department, Princeton University

Candle in Social Justice
A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. - deceased
Professor, Harvard University

1995

Bennie Achievement Award
Samuel Milton Nabrit '25 - deceased
Former Foundation Director and College
President

Bennie Service Award
Samuel DuBois Cook '48
President, Dillard University

Bennie Trailblazer Award
J. Eugene Grigsby '38 - deceased
Artist and Professor

Candle in Education
Hugh Morris Gloster '31 - deceased
President Emeritus, Morehouse College

Candle in Government
Andrew Young
Civil Rights Leader
Former Mayor of Atlanta, U.S.
Congressman, and U.S. Ambassador

Candle for Social Justice
Derrick Albert Bell, Jr.
Professor, Harvard University Law School

1996

Bennie Achievement Award
Hobert Kornegay '45 - deceased
Dentist and Politician

Bennie Service Award
Henry W. Foster, Jr. '54
Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Meharry Medical College

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Samuel L. Jackson '72
Veteran Actor and Academy Award
Nominee

Candle in Arts and Entertainment
Joe Adams
Executive Vice President, Ray Charles
Enterprises

Candle in Business
Robert E. Johnson '48 - deceased
Executive Editor and Associate Publisher
Jet Magazine

Candle in Science and Technology
James King, Jr. '53
Former Director of the Engineering and
Science Directorate
Jet Propulsion Laboratory

1997

Bennie Achievement Award
Maceo K. Sloan '71
President & CEO, Sloan Financial Group,
Inc.

Bennie Service Award
Major R. Owens '56
Congressman, U.S. House of
Representatives

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Donald R. Hopkins '62
Epidemiologist and Senior Consultant,
Carter Presidential Center

Candle in Business Award
Dennis F. Hightower
Retired President, Walt Disney Television &
Telecommunications
Senior Lecturer, Harvard University
Business School

Candle in Journalism
Bernard Shaw
Principal Washington Anchor, CNN

1998

Bennie Achievement Award
George W. Haley '49
Commission

Bennie Service Award
Frederick E. Mapp '32 - deceased
Educator and Published Scholar

Bennie Trailblazer Award
H. Julian Bond '71
Civil Rights Activist and Scholar in
Residence at American University

Bennie Leadership Award
John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79
Director of Foundation Relations and School
Development Services at MIT

Candle in Education
Alvin F. Poussaint
Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Harvard
University School of Medicine
Candle in Community Service
Joseph E. Marshall, Jr.
Founder and Executive Director of Omega
Boys Club

1999

Bennie Achievement Award
Peter Chatard '56
President, Washington Society of Plastic
Surgeons

Bennie Service Award
Lerone Bennett '49
Executive Editor, Ebony Magazine

Bennie Trailblazer Award
David Satcher '63
U.S. Surgeon General and Assistant
Secretary of Health

Candle in Arts and Entertainment
Arthur Mitchell
Founder and Director, Dance Theatre of
Harlem

Candle in Business
Earl Graves
Publisher, Black Enterprise Magazine
Chairman and CEO, Earl G. Graves, Ltd.

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Arts
and Entertainment
Quincy Jones
Musician, Composer and Record Producer

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Sports
and Athletics
Muhammad Ali
Former Gold-Medallist, and Heavy Weight
Champion of the World

2000

Bennie Achievement Award
Herman Cain '67
CEO, Godfather's Pizza and
President, National Restaurant Association

Bennie Service Award
Cameron Alexander '59
Noted pastor and community activist
Antioch Baptist Church North

Bennie Leadership Award
Robert L. Mallett '79
Deputy Secretary of Commerce

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Charles D. Watts Sr. '38 - deceased
Physician and Medical Educator

Candle in Athletics
Tony Dorsett
Football Hall of Fame

Candle in Science & Technology
Bernard Harris
Astronaut
Vice President Spacehab, Inc.

Candle in Education & Business
Clifton R. Wharton
Former President of Michigan State Univ.
and Former CEO of TIAA-CREF

2001

Bennie Achievement Award
Ezra C. Davidson, Jr. '54
Distinguished Physician and Educator

Bennie Service Award
Horace T. Ward '49
U.S. Federal Judge and Civil Rights
Attorney

Bennie Leadership Award
Charles "Chuck" H. James III '81
President and CEO, C.H. James & Co.

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Howard F. Jeter '70
U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria

Candle in Human and Civil Rights
C.T. Vivian
Civil Rights Strategist

Candle in Social Activism
Dick Gregory
Civil Rights Activist, Nutritionist, and
Comedian

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Arts &
Entertainment
Harry Belafonte
Award-winning Actor/Entertainment Legend

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Arts &
Entertainment
Ray Charles - deceased
World-renowned R&B Legend &
Songwriter

2002

Bennie Achievement Award
Artis A. White '51
Maxillofacial Prosthodontist

Bennie Service Award
Tobe Johnson, Jr. '54 Distinguished Political
Scientist and Chair,
Department of Political Science, Morehouse
College

Bennie Leadership Award
James H. Sills, Jr. '55
Former Mayor of Wilmington, Delaware

Bennie Trailblazer Award
William "Bill" G. Nunn III '76
Famed Actor

Candle in Leadership
William H. Gray III
President and CEO, The College
Fund/UNCF

Candle in Religion
Charles Gilchrist Adams
Senior Pastor, Hartford Memorial Baptist
Church, Detroit, Michigan

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Literary
and Performing Arts
August Wilson - deceased
Award-winning Playwright

2003

Bennie Achievement Award
Harold A. Dawson, Sr. '63 - deceased
Entrepreneur and Real Estate Developer

Bennie Service Award
Jeh Charles Johnson '79
Former General Counsel, U.S. Air Force
Litigation Partner with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind,
Wharton & Garrison

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Willie J. "Flash" Davis '56
Prominent Criminal Defense Attorney and
Litigation Partner
with Davis, Robinson & White, LLP

Candle in Business
Robert L. Johnson
Entertainment and Television Pioneer
Chairman, Black Entertainment Television

Candle in Education
Kwame Anthony Appiah
Distinguished Author and Philosopher
Laurence S. Rockefeller Professor of
Philosophy,
Princeton University

Candle in Journalism
Ed Bradley
Award-winning Journalist
Senior Correspondent for CBS "60 Minutes"

Candle in Medicine
Keith L. Black
Director, Maxine Dunitz Neurosurgical
Institute and Division of Neurosurgery,
Cedar-Sinai Medical Center, Chairman,
Department of Neurological Surgery, The
University of California at Irvine

2004

Bennie Achievement Award
Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. '68
Congressman, Georgia, 2nd District

Bennie Service Award
Howard H. Carey '57 - deceased
President & CEO, Neighborhood House
Association

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Isaac Willis '61 - deceased
Distinguished Dermatologist,
Northwest Medical Center

Candle in Arts & Entertainment
Tom Joyner
Nationally Syndicated Radio Host
Founder, Tom Joyner Foundation
& REACH Media, Inc.

Candle in Medicine
LaSalle D. Lefall Jr.
Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery,
Howard University

Candle in Leadership
Jesse Hill Jr. (Retired) - deceased
Chairman, Atlanta Life Insurance Company

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Arts &
Entertainment
Ossie Davis - deceased
Acclaimed Actor & Activist

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in
Humanitarian Service
Oprah Winfrey
Philanthropist and Entertainer, Founder,
Oprah's Angel Network & The Oprah
Winfrey
Foundation, Chairwoman, HARPO
Entertainment Group,
Co-founder, Oxygen Media

2005

Bennie Achievement Award
James O. Webb '53
Founder & Managing Principal
Baker-Eubanks, LLC

Bennie Service Award
Richard O. Hope '61
Vice-President, Public Policy and
International Affairs – Woodrow Wilson
National Fellowship Program

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Gerald Truesdale '71
Distinguished Plastic and Reconstructive
Surgeon

Bennie Leadership Award
Reginald Davis '84
Northern Banking Group Executive –
Wachovia Bank

Candle in Business
Herman Russell
Chairman, H.J. Russell & Company

Candle in Education
Charles J. Ogletree
Jesse Climenko Professor of Law
Harvard University

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in
Arts & Entertainment
Berry Gordy
Founder, Motown Records
Chairman, West Grand Media, Inc.

Noted Civil and Human Rights Activist

Candle in Business
Alden J. McDonald Jr.
Prominent Businessman
CEO and President, Liberty
Bank & Trust

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in
Human & Civil Rights
Joseph E. Lowery
Renowned Civil Rights Activist
Co-Founder of the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in
Arts and Entertainment
Roscoe Lee Browne - deceased
Acclaimed Actor and Renowned Poet

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in
Arts and Entertainment
Sidney Poitier
Academy Award-Winning Actor

2008

Bennie Achievement
M. William Howard, Jr. '88
Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church and
former President, New York Theological
Seminary

Bennie Service
Mack Roach '75
World-renowned Urology Researcher
Professor, Radiation Oncology and Urology

Bennie Leadership
James R. Hall '57
Lt. General, US Army (ret.)
and Morehouse College Trustee

Bennie Trailblazer
Clinton Warner '44
Pioneering Georgia Physician
and Morehouse College Trustee Emeritus

Candle in Business
Lloyd G. Trotter
Prominent Businessman
General Electric

Candle in Medicine
Alvin Crawford
Director, Pediatric Orthopaedics
Children's Hospital Medical Center

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Arts
and Entertainment
William "Smokey" Robinson Jr.
Legendary, Grammy Award Winning
Recording Artist
Record Producer, Record Executive

2009

Bennie Leadership Award
Charles David Moody '78
Entrepreneur and Business Executive
Owner, President and CEO of C.D. Moody
Construction Company, Inc.

Bennie Achievement
J. Jerome Farris '51
U.S. Court of Appeals Judge (Ninth Circuit)
and Former President, Board of Regents, the
University of Washington

Bennie Service
Arthur Lee Johnson '48
Civil Rights Leader and NAACP Pioneer,
and Retired Educator

Bennie Trailblazer
Richard C. Caesar '40 - deceased
Noted Dentist, Original Tuskegee Airman
and Philanthropist

Candle in Government and Civic
Engagement
Charles Bernard "Charlie" Rangel
Distinguished U.S. Congressman and Civil
Rights Activist

Candle in Medicine
Ernest A. "Ernie" Bates, MD
Distinguished Neurosurgeon, Philanthropist,
President and CEO American Shared
Hospital Services, Inc.

Candle in Religion
Samuel Berry McKinney '49
Civil Rights Activist and Pastor Emeritus of
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Seattle,
Washington

Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Sports
and Social Activism
Tommie Smith
1968 Olympic Gold Medalist and Human
Rights Activist

2010

Bennie Leadership Award
Ronald S. Sullivan Jr. '89
Distinguished Clinical Professor of Law
Director, Harvard Criminal Justice Institute,
Harvard Law School

Bennie Service Award
Perry A. Henderson M.D. '54
Renowned, Retired Physician and Professor
of OB/GYN, University of Wisconsin-
Madison Medical School

Bennie Achievement Award
Julius E. Coles '63
Internationally-renowned Career Minister
and Foreign Service Officer (USAID)
Immediate Past President, Africare

Candle in Medicine
Charles J. McDonald
Professor of Medical Science
Chair, Department of Dermatology

2006

Bennie Achievement Award
Michael L. Lomax '68
President and CEO UNCF

Bennie Service
Albert J. Price '50
Retired US Air Force Pilot
and State Senator

Bennie Trailblazer
Thomas J. Sampson '68
Managing Partner, Thomas, Kennedy,
Sampson & Patterson Law Firm

Candle in Business
Alphonse Fletcher, Jr.
Prominent Businessman
Fletcher Asset Management, Inc.

Candle in Medicine
Augustus White, III
Orthopedic Surgeon

Candle in Business and Sports Management
Butch Lewis
Prominent Businessman and Sports
Promoter

Candle in Lifetime Achievement for Arts &
Entertainment
Gordon Parks - deceased
World-renowned Photographer

Candle in Lifetime Achievement for Arts &
Entertainment
Geoffrey Holder
World-renowned Artist, Dancer and
Choreographer

2007

Bennie Leadership Award
Robert C. Davidson Jr. '67
Distinguished Businessman
President and CEO
Surface Protection Industries

Bennie Service Award
Melvin D. Smith '61- deceased
World-renowned Pediatric
Orthopedic Surgeon

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Leroy R. Johnson '49
Pioneering Georgia Senator
and Prominent Attorney

Candle in Religion
Amos C. Brown Sr. '64
Senior Pastor, Third Baptist Church

Bennie Trailblazer Award
Lonnie C. King '69
Noted Civil Rights Activist
President and CEO of the Onyx
Development Co., LLC

Candle in Healthcare Management
Lloyd Dean
President and Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Healthcare West

Candle in Education
Freeman A. Hrabowski, III
Noted Author and Educator
President, University of Maryland
Baltimore County

Candle in Arts and Entertainment
Antonio "L.A." Reid
Music Industry Pioneer
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist
Chairman of the Island DefJam Music Group

2011

Bennie Achievement Award
Melvin D. Gerald '64
Distinguished Physician
Gerald Family Care Associates

Bennie Service Award
Curley M. Dossman '73
Education Advocate and
President Georgia-Pacific Foundation

Bennie Trailblazer
William M. Jackson '56
Distinguished Space Scientist and Educator
University of California at Davis

Candle in Business and Law
Donald V. Watkins
Noted Entrepreneur and Attorney
Donald V. Watkins, P.C.

Candle in Religion
Harry S. Wright Sr. '53
Pastor Emeritus of Cornerstone
Baptist Church
Brooklyn, New York

Candle in Journalism
Ronald R. Davenport Sr.
Radio Broadcasting Pioneer
Chairman
Sheridan Broadcasting Corporation

Candle for Lifetime
Achievement in Athletics
Frank Robinson
Major League Baseball Legend
Major League Operations

Candle for Lifetime Achievement
in Arts & Entertainment
Morgan Freeman
Academy Award-Winning Actor & Director

2012

Bennie Leadership Award
Herman F. Bostick, Ph.D. '49
Distinguished Professor
Howard University

Bennie Service Award
Earl F. Hilliard '64
Former United States Congressman

Bennie Achievement Award
Calvin W. McLarin, M.D. '68
Renowned Cardiologist

Candle in Education
Robert M. Franklin, Ph.D. '75
10th President, Morehouse College
and Distinguished Professor

Candle in Humanitarian Service and
Business
Earl W. Stafford, Sr.
Founder, The Stafford Foundation

2013

Bennie Achievement Award
Calvin Mackie '90
Author, Educator, Engineer and
Motivational Speaker

Bennie Service Award
President and CEO
United Way of Greater Atlanta

Bennie Leadership Award
Willis B. Sheftall Jr., Ph.D. '64
Professor of Economics and Acting
President of Morehouse College

Candle in Science
Charles F. Bolden
NASA Administrator and Famed Astronaut

Candle in Business
Ulysses L. Bridgeman Jr.
Founder and CEO Bridgeman Foods, Inc.
Former NBA Star

Candle in Arts & Entertainment
Laurence J. Fishburne
Critically Acclaimed Actor, Director and
Producer