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### *Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Inductions November 22, 2024*

**Louisville, KY-** The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (KCHR) will hold its Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame 2024 Inductions Ceremony on Friday, November 22, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT), at the James E. Bruce Convention Center, 303 Conference Center Dr., Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240. A reception will follow. The public is invited to the free event. However, seating is limited, and advance registration is required. To register or ask for more information, send an email to [kchr.mail@ky.gov](mailto:kchr.mail@ky.gov)

In 2000, KCHR started the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall Fame to honor, recognize, highlight the accomplishments of brave men and women who have been leaders in the struggle for equality and justice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This will be the 11<sup>th</sup> induction ceremony. Our call for nominations this year resulted in the names of fifteen (15) civil rights leaders who have made monumental contributions toward the struggle for justice in Kentucky. They are: Joseph W. Cleary (JW) of Paducah, William L. Davis of Lexington, the late Helen Danser of Berea, Ed Dove of Lexington, Amber Duke of Louisville, Raynarldo M. Henderson of Paducah, Bernice Henry of Ashland, Amos Izerimana of Louisville, Dr. Bishop Dennis V. Lyons of Louisville, the late Virginia Moore of Willisburg, the late Louis Porter McHenry of Hopkinsville, the late Reverend Garland Kimble Offutt Sr. of Louisville, Serena Owen of Elsmere, the late Adolfo (Ben) Ruiz of Louisville, and the late (Amanda) Ellen Offutt Wiggington of Lexington. An independent volunteer panel of judges chose five (5) of the nominees to be inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame which currently includes 183 inductees. The new inductees will be announced at the ceremony.

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Dr. Alissa Young, President, and CEO of Hopkinsville Community will officiate at this year's ceremony, and Chair Dr. Raymond M. Burse and Executive Director Cynthia Fox will participate. There will be entertainment provided by local Hopkinsville artists.

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