

Commission on Human Rights

Kentucky Human Rights Commission in February to announce three new members of Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is proud to announce it will induct three citizens of the Commonwealth into the Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians.

The inductions and accompanying Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians Poster unveilings will take place at the 2012 Kentucky Black History Month Celebration, which is sponsored by the Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus.

The Black History Month Celebration will begin at 11:30 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), Wednesday, February 8, in the Capitol Rotunda. Seating will begin at approximately 11 a.m.

During the proceedings, Kentucky Human Rights Commission Chair George W. Stinson of Louisville, Ky., Commissioner Alma Randolph Patton of Owensboro, Ky., Commissioner Duane Bonifer of Greensburg, Ky., and Commissioner Henry Curtis of Frankfort will announce the new inductees and unveil their Great Black Kentuckian Gallery posters. Each inductee's family will attend the proceedings and take part in the unveilings.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights in 1970 introduced the Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians. The Gallery is the commission's educational program that recognizes the achievements of African Americans from the Commonwealth who may not be highlighted in traditional histories, and who have made remarkable personal, professional or widely public achievements. Several have made a mark in the history of Kentucky and the nation. Since 1970, the commission has inducted 51 people as Great Black Kentuckians. Every Gallery inductee's story is depicted on a special Gallery Poster. These educational posters are widely used by schools and libraries as tools to bring Kentucky African American role models and history into classrooms and to the public.

The commission will post on its website after the event on Feb. 8, the names of the new inductees and their Gallery of Great Black Kentuckian posters, which list many of the accomplishments that have placed them in this august group.

The Kentucky Human Rights Commission is the state government agency that enforces the Kentucky and U.S. Civil Rights acts, which make discrimination illegal. For more information

about civil rights, visit the website at www.kchr.ky.gov. From there, link to the commission Face Book or Twitter pages for civil rights protected class-related news and announcements. For help with discrimination, call the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at 1.800.292.5566.