

AARCH SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Protean Gibril – President

A U.S. Air Force veteran and currently Senior Analyst and Brand Manager for a large Federal agency, Protean has over thirty-five years of experience as a Program and Management Analyst with demonstrated leadership in strategic planning and achieving organizational goals, business transformation/process improvement efforts, and implementing efficient resources – utilizing financial implementation strategies. She studied Art Design and Art History and graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She was recently a Charter Member and Vice President for Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Western Maryland Chapter. She was elected president of the AARCH Society in 2022.



Seaven Gordon – Vice President

Former owner of Gordon's Transportation for twenty years after retiring from Alpha Portland, Seaven, a U.S. Army veteran, has been a civil rights advocate and community activist for many years. The President of the Frederick Chapter of the NAACP for four years and Vice President for sixteen years, Seaven was also a founding member and board member for fifty years of Friends For Neighborhood Progress/Community Action Agency. With the AARCH Society for twenty years, along with his service as Vice President, he is a member of the Growth and Development, Ad Hoc Facility and Gala Committees.



Barbara Thompson – Secretary

Retired Principal's Secretary with Frederick County Public Schools, Barbara served as President of Frederick Association of School Support Employees. She joined the society in 2012 and, along with her current role as Secretary of the Board, she serves on many of the AARCH Society board and task committees. She is the coordinator of the AARCH READS program and Living Treasures and was production assistant of the documentary "Tale of the Lion." Barbara is also the AARCH Society Representative for Frederick Historic Sites Consortium and for the 275th Frederick Anniversary.



Zolinka McCauley - Treasurer

A lead Program Analyst for a large government agency, Zolinka received a Master of Business Administration degree from Baruch College in New York and a Bachelor's degree in finance from Binghamton University. With over twenty years of experience in financial services and the government sector, she has worked as a Project Manager supporting various initiatives, including the rollout of product and services, training, technology, and facility and infrastructure projects and has been responsible for the management of large-scale project budgets. Passionate about serving in the community, she has been with the Society for over a year in the role of Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee.



Sonja (Dee) Brown-Jenkins

A retired insurance professional, Sonja has a master's degree in theological studies from Liberty University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. She is a member of Frederick County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, and the Frederick Faith Striders. A native of Frederick, she joined the AARCH Society in 2018 to learn about local Black History and now leads the Society's Walking tours around All Saints Street.



David Butler, Jr.

A Solution Architect for Leido, Inc., where he has worked for twenty-one years, David is a Software Engineer and a Security Engineer, whose focus is on integrating off-the-shelf solutions into an organization that allows them to tackle bigger obstacles or do more with less resources. An athlete, he played Defensive Tackle for Oxon Hill High School and for Bowie State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. He loves helping people understand technology and organization's how to use it to punch above their weight. And he loves creating systems using off-the-shelf components to do completely new things. He joined the



Catherine Canning

A marketing, communications, and public relations strategy and implementation specialist for Asbury Communities, Inc. in Frederick. Catherine is a former journalist and teacher and holds a Master's degree in Education from Towson University and a Bachelor's degree in History from St. Mary's College. She has a strong record of national and regional media placements in print, digital and television and a reputation for working collaboratively with teams to enhance brand visibility. Catherine has strategic analysis, interviewing, and writing skills honed through her careers in communications, journalism, and education. Locally, she has volunteered with Blessings in a Backpack, Heritage Frederick, Meals on Wheels, and the PTSA. She joined the AARCH Society board in 2022.



Rose Chaney

A founding member of the AARCH Society, Rose is a graduate of Morgan State University and a retired Art teacher (34 years) for Frederick County Public Schools. She is currently a board member of I Believe in Me, Inc., member of Frederick County Equity and Inclusion Team, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and Charter member of Chi Theta Omega Frederick Chapter, member of Frederick Club of Negro Business & Professional Women's Club and a member of Frederick Art Club. She is administrator at Asbury United Methodist Church where she serves on many ministries. She was the Editorial Assistant for the County Globe Newspaper and a former board member of the Religious Coalition For Emergency Needs.



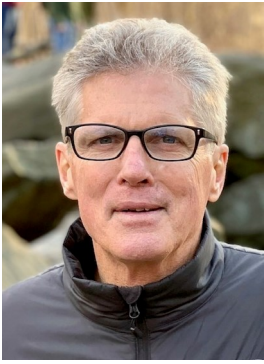
Kavonté Duckett

The Director of the Alan P. Linton Jr. Emergency Shelter, Kavonté is also employed with the Gary L. Rollins Funeral Home. He graduated from Frederick Community College, where he served as President of the Student Government Association and as Student Representative on the Presidential Search Committee. Active in the Frederick Community, he is a member of Improved, Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW), Mountain City Lodge # 382, and previously served on Frederick County Human Relation Commission, Eliminating the Achievement Gap, I Believe in Me Inc. board of directors and as past president of the Young Democrats of Frederick County.



Tiana Haile

The Community Engagement Coordinator of the Public Affairs Department of Frederick County Public Schools, Tiana is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with professional training in Project Management. She completed Leadership Frederick County in 2015 and currently is affiliated with the Chesapeake Chapter of National School Public Relations Association and serves on the Executive Board of Frederick County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., participating in many of the chapter's community initiatives. Tiana is passionate about working to address the disparities affecting the communities of color. She joined the AARCH Society board in 2022.



John C. Kippen

Former owner of If the Shoes Fits, a technical running and related apparel company in Frederick, John, an Army veteran, served previously as Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing at the Plano Molding Company. He has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Marketing from Stonehill College. He served on the boards of American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers and the American Sport Fishing Association and became an AARCH Society board member in 2014.



Velma Lawson

Retired Supply Technician with National Institute of Health, Velma, a native Fredericktonian, joined the AARCH Society in 2016 and chaired the Yard Sale committee and has served on the Gala, Cemetery Cleanup, and the Living Treasures Committees.



Gary Rollins

CEO of the Gary L. Rollins Funeral Home (soon to be the Rollins Life Celebration Center), awarded Best Business and Best Businessman by Blackfrederick.com for several years, Gary taught embalming at Catonsville Community College (now CCBC at Catonsville) for seventeen years and served as the President of the Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of Maryland for two years. He served with the Community Foundation of Frederick County, the Nymeo Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, the Road Knights Car Club, Mountain City Lodge IBPOE #382 and as Board Member of the National Funeral Directors Association. A native of Frederick, he is knowledgeable about the community and experienced in running a business and building a new facility. He joined the AARCH Society board in 2022.



Gayon Sampson

Chief of Staff of the City of Frederick. Prior to his appointment Gayon served as community outreach advisor in the Office of Government and Community Affairs at Johns Hopkins University & Medicine. Prior to joining Johns Hopkins, he was employed as a policy associate at the Greater Baltimore Committee. Additionally, he has experience working both on Capitol Hill and for the Maryland General Assembly. Gayon has served on numerous boards, previously he was appointed by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley to the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council and the Maryland State Board of Education. He also served as President of the University System of Maryland Student Council, Chair of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council, and a member of the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council. Active in the Frederick Community, he is a member of the XiXi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Francis Scott Key Post 11 Sons of the American Legion, WYPR Broadcasting, and former President of the Young Democrats. An 8th generation native of Frederick County, Gayon has a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Policy, and a Bachelor's degree in political science from Towson University.



Terry Scott

An Associate professor of History and Chair of the History Department at Hood College, Terry served as the Chair of Hood's African American Advisory Board. She received her doctorate in History from the University of Chicago. Terry is a Fellow with Common Power, a civic engagement organization. She is the founder of Community Ambassadors Mentoring Program and has delivered lectures on implicit bias and racism for administrators and teachers in Frederick County Public Schools, where she is currently creating a high school course on African American Studies. She has dedicated her career to making sure the rich history of African Americans is accessible to all. Terry is the author of three books and conducts trips throughout the South exploring the history of the modern Civil Rights Movement. Before joining the AARCH Society board in 2022, she supervised Hood student interns as they processed a portion of the Society's collections, a major project.



Alyssa Watson

A Junior IP Paralegal at McBee, Moore & Vanik IP, LLC., Alyssa graduated from Hood College with a bachelor's degree in History and a concentration in African American History, where she was the Secretary of the Black Student Union and a member of Phi Alpha Theta, the Honor Society within the discipline of history. She volunteers with the Catoclin Furnace Historical Society and was a volunteer with the AARCH Society before joining the board in 2022.



Theresa R. Williams-Harrison

Founder and President of GEORGE STREET Services, Inc., Theresa has over twenty-five years of experience as a successful entrepreneur. She has a long history of building effective coalitions within program teams, technology, management, and community. Teresa has a Master's degree in Technical Communications and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Frostburg State University. She is the Founder of Just A Kind Note, Intl and serves with Hood College Board of Trustees; Trust Bank, Advisory Board; Woman to Woman Mentoring, Board - Member and Mentor; and Frederick County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is the author of *Business Success Secrets: Entrepreneurial Thinking That Works*; *Yes, You ARE Able!* and *I Am Able Workbook*. She joined the AARCH Society board in 2022.



Niya Yeboah

An analytical chemist, Niya is a senior Scientist, Reference Standards, with the United States Pharmacopeial Convention, where she has worked since 2004. A Mt. Airy resident, Niya is active in community service, and most recently served as President of the Western Maryland Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. "AARCH Society brings to life the contributions of African Americans in and around Frederick County, giving clear insight on their experiences," Niya said. "It is my pleasure to join the AARCH Society Board and help ensure that the organization's Mission and valuable programs are serving generations to come."



Honorary Board Member

Mary Harris

A founding member of the AARCH Society, Mary is a graduate of Bowie State University and a retired teacher for the Maryland School for the Deaf. She has a passion for researching, displaying, and presenting the African American history of Frederick County, including her family's six-generation history of agriculture in the Adamstown area of Frederick County. She also co-authored a book detailing the African American history of educating the deaf community in Maryland. Unable to continue as an active board member, Mary was appointed an honorary board member in 2022 in recognition and honor of her decades-long commitment to the Society.