

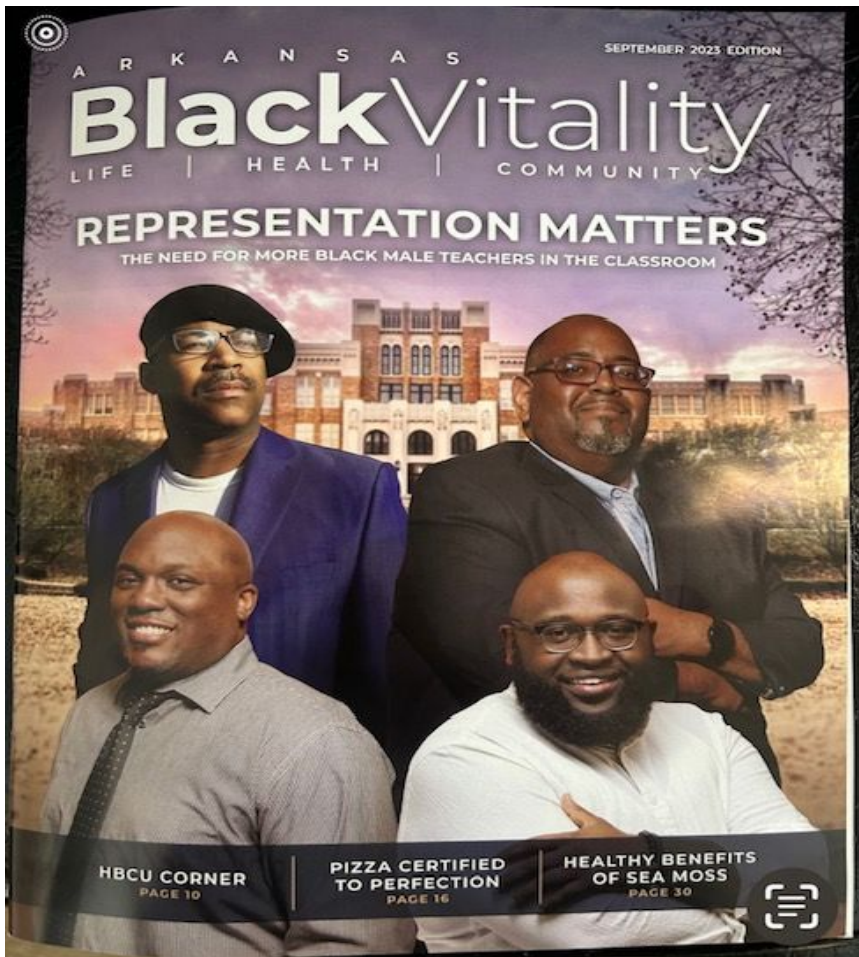


Urban League of
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NOVEMBER 2023 ULSA ACTIVITY

REPORT

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE BLACK VITALITY MAGAZINE



TOP HAT:

LITTLE ROCK'S SCOTT HAMILTON TURNS OPPORTUNITIES INTO TESTIMONIES

By Wesley Brown

New Little Rock attorney, businessman, nonprofit executive, community volunteer and serial entrepreneur Scott Hamilton is a man of many hats. After graduating from Little Rock's Hall High School and Hendrix College in Conway, Hamilton received his law degree from the University of Missouri and an MBA from Rockhurst College, also in Kansas City, Mo. Like many rising Black Arkansas professionals, Hamilton left the Natural State to chase his career dreams before returning as a seasoned energy and public policy expert more than a decade ago. Hamilton returned to Arkansas to help care for his mother, Wanda, and said he has been happy with his choice ever since. Having worked for several energy firms in Kansas City, Detroit, Houston and Atlanta upon his return to Arkansas, former Gov. Mike Beebe appointed Hamilton director of the state Department of Economic Development's Energy Office in 2011. As the state's chief energy expert, the Little Rock native was tasked with developing the Democratic governor's State Energy Plan, putting more than 20 years of experience in the energy industry that began with a fresh-out-of-college job at Arkia Gas, the predecessor to Summit Utilities. "I started off with a gas company, went to an electric company, and back to gas, and then got involved with water systems. It was all energy," recalled Hamilton. Hamilton joined the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) as an external affairs director. MISO is the nation's second-largest electric grid operator, operating a \$20 billion state-of-the-art command center in Little Rock. Leaving MISO in 2019, Hamilton led Schneider Electric's foray into the state's now booming renewable energy sector. But the Arkansasian's career has come full circle after being asked to take the reins as interim director at the Urban League of Arkansas. Today, as the president and CEO of the organization, he said he is honored to be once again working with his longtime friend and mentor Sherman Tate, an Arkansas Business Hall of Fame member and a former top executive at Arkia Gas who helped Hamilton get his start in the energy sector many years ago. Tate is now the board chairman of the Urban League.

"When [Sherman] asked me to come over and help at



the Urban League, I couldn't say no," he joked. "There is no better friend for me to learn from. I talk with Mr. Tate almost daily because he is so knowledgeable."

Like Tate, Hamilton himself has also emerged as a "white hat" problem-solver in Little Rock who can get things done professionally and as a hands-on community-minded volunteer. He readily admits that he's not the right person to call if you want a quick fix.

"I am the type of person who looks at challenges as opportunities," Hamilton said. "I like process and pathways. I develop a system and a path toward [resolution] and then get out of the way."

He offered this anecdote to explain further: "I am the one that if we are out in the jungle, I have the hatchet cutting the trees down, looking for the bears and the dangers and trying to eradicate them and then people come along."

Hamilton has definitely held onto that philosophy successfully guiding the historic civil rights organization through the 2020 presidential election, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the George Floyd murder in the first half of 2021.

During that tumultuous period, Hamilton said the Arkansas-based Urban League affiliate has returned to its roots as a state and national leader of voter education and civic engagement. Hamilton said the next step is positioning the statewide civil rights group for the long game.

"We are not trying to be everything to everybody," he said. "Just as we have always done in Arkansas and across the nation, we are trying to access opportunity through advocacy, community, partnerships, programs, and services. When we see barriers and issue out there, I want to expose them and figure out the pathway to resolve them."

For example, the nonprofit's Food Insecurity Project has taken federal COVID-19 funding to provide meals and boxed foods to 45 communities across Arkansas. In addition, the organization's Defining Arkansas Values program partnered with KATV 7, the Women's Foundation of Arkansas and other local groups to inform constituents about bills under consideration in the General Assembly through community town h

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Robinson Center
426 W. Markham St., Little Rock, AR 72201

Reception – 10AM
William Grant Still Ballroom

Memorial Service – 11:30AM
Robinson Performance Hall

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Little Rock
Central High Tiger Foundation, Athletics Program
(Tiger Foundation, P.O. Box 25005, Little Rock, AR 72225 or via PayPal)



BRUCE T. MOORE
Little Rock City Manager



DR LANE ROLLING PHILANDER UNIVERSITY & SHORTER COLLEGE




**REMEMBERING
DR. LANE ROLLING**
March 17, 1964 – October 3, 2023


The Prayer Memorial Service
Monday, October 16, 2023 | 5pm—6pm
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
(at Philander Smith College)
1109 South State Street, Little Rock, AR 72202



A Tribute to Dr. Lane Rolling
A time to reflect, remember and honor
Monday October 16, 2023
6:00 pm



Kendall Atrium
Philander Smith University
900 W Daisy L. Gatson Bates
Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202





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Wednesday October 18, 2023
11:00 am

Dr. Lane Rolling M.D., an Arkansas native, was a highly trained and professional educator, distinguished and notable medical doctor, with over 30 years of experience in Environmental and Bio-Safety Protections and Protocols. A trained virologist, Dr. Rolling was extremely passionate about his role as an Infectious Disease Specialist. Dr. Rolling served as an adjunct professor of biology at Philander Smith University. His passion for education was evident in every lecture, every interaction, and every moment he spent imparting his knowledge to others.

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Why We Vote

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DR. CYNTHIA A. BOND HOPSON
President/CEO - Philander Smith University

DR. CALVIN MCFADDEN SR.
President - Arkansas Baptist College

MS. APRIL REISMA
President - Arkansas Education Association

MR. CHRISTOPHER HARVEY
Senior Advisor to the Mayor - City of Little Rock

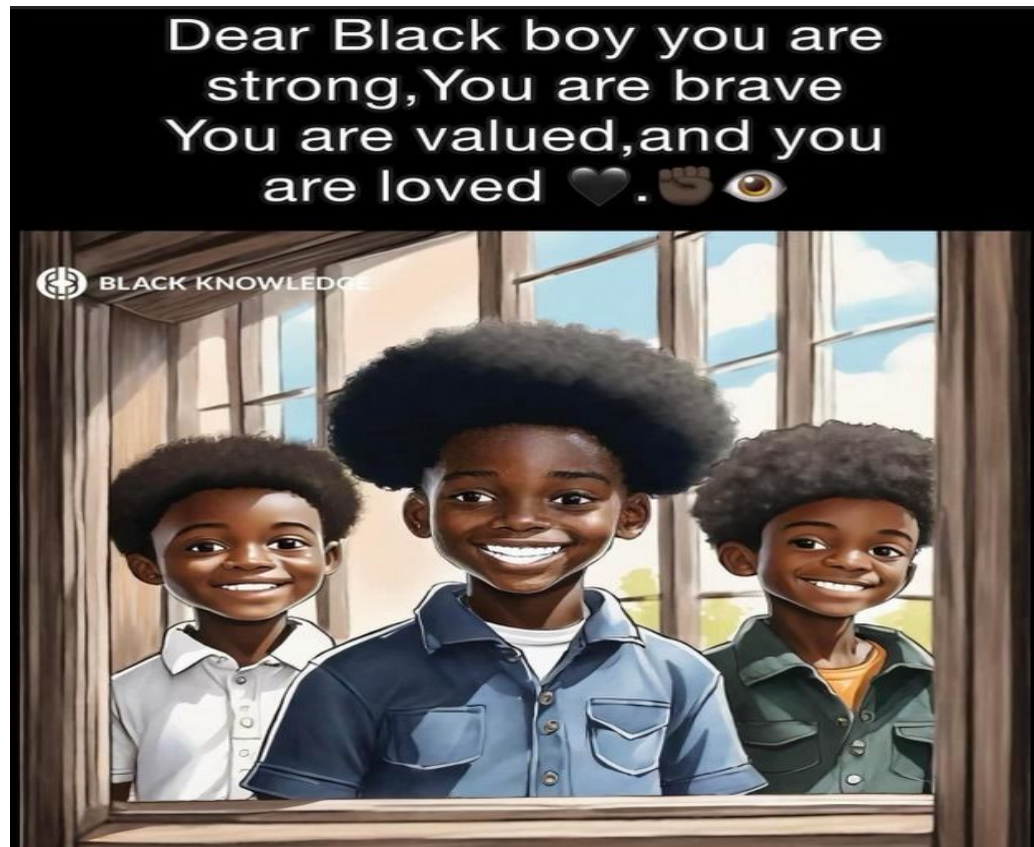
MS. BARBARA LUNON
Past 1st Vice President - LR NAACP

MR. SCOTT HAMILTON
President/CEO - Urban League of Arkansas

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS



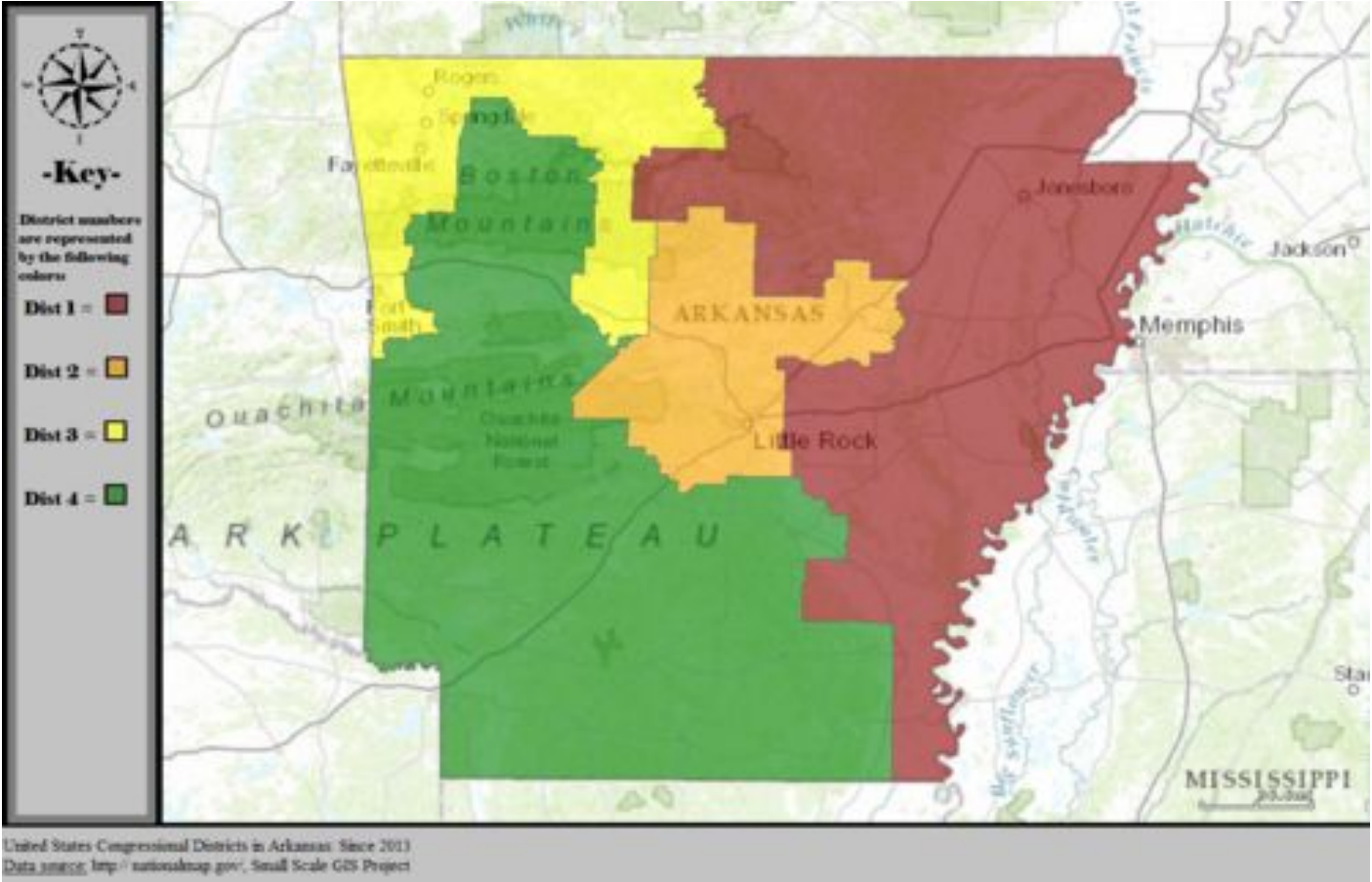
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- Career readiness and placement
- Educational Offerings
- Mentorship
- Restorative justice projects/service-learning projects
- Community-wide efforts to reduce activities of violence
- Access to support services

