

# Church faculty, secretaries honored

By Lés Pierres Streater  
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More than 100 people assembled at the Riviera Hotel Penthouse on Friday, Nov. 14, to honor Las Vegas church administrators and secretaries for their hard work and dedication.

The event was sponsored by ChurchesinLasVegas.com to say "thank you" to staff that is supportive, knowledgeable, skilled and spiritually gifted in maintaining an effective church ministry said Duana Heard.

The event recognizes that in order to have an effective church ministry, it must begin in the administration offices of the church. It was an opportunity for church administrators and church secretaries to fellowship and network.

Guest speakers were Al and Hattie Hollingsworth, founders of BOSS the Movement (Building on Spiritual Substance).

"We're here to encourage people to dream again, being that's how God is going to empower us again," Al Hollingsworth said. "As we spend time in his presence, he will speak to us a word that we will see as a vision, a dream and utilize our talents to make those dreams a reality."

"Our message tonight is about birthing a dream into the hearts of God's people a kingdom of wealth-building



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**ChurchesinLasVegas.com team members received recognition Nov. 14 at the Riviera for the work they do in making sure their congregations run efficiently and effectively.**

ideas through BOSS the Movement," he added. "We want to spread the gospel and teachings of the church to young people that offers them a life that is a true alternative to the otherwise grim reality of drugs, gangs and hopelessness. Our message is clear. If you can dream it, God is assigning trainers and teachers with the gifts to help our young people manifest their talents as long as you spend time with God and believe in the message being offered."

More than 100 honorees were given certificates of appreciation for their hard work and tireless efforts supporting their church ministries.

BOSS the Movement includes programming that trains youths and adults to take their talents and helps to empower them to convert talents into profits. They teach the relevance of God and his word in meeting one's needs for success.

There are, according to this ministry, building blocks of success: confidence, courage, hope, belief, faith and trust in God.

ChurchesinLasVegas.com considers itself a ministry, with a mission to unite people of different denominations and races in Christian community in Las Vegas.

Each month they host After-Church Fellowships; provide monthly computer training for pastors, church administrators and secretaries; sponsor gospel concerts throughout the year; and maintain a Web site designed to support the ministry.

The organization has more than 55 churches participating in Las Vegas that support the efforts of ChurchesinLasVegas.com. It offers a resource for people living or visiting Las Vegas, giving information about church events; church locations; sermons of local pastors; and incentive to increase

fellowship among different churches.

They have formed partnerships with National Ministries such as the American Bible Society; America's Promise (Colin Powell); Promise Keepers; Joyce Meyer Ministries and Boss the Movement International Ministry.

This focus allows ChurchesinLasVegas.com to utilize global technology to unite churches in Las Vegas through the use of online communications and computers, bringing ministry to anyone with access to the World Wide Web.

Hollingsworth said the organization has been working in Las Vegas for the past two years and throughout the world the past 17 years, educating people about the Word of God. Some of the businesses that BOSS the Movement partners with include Targets, Wal-Mart and Disney.

## Fire department slates citizens fire academy

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For the fifth consecutive year in a row, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue will hold its annual Citizens Fire Academy.

Applications are now available at Fire & Rescue Headquarters and will be ac-

cepted until Jan. 9. Classes will meet once each week from February to May.

The Citizens Fire Academy is designed for interested citizens to learn more about the fire and emergency services available in the Las

Vegas Valley. Guest speakers tell about the many services available to the public, along with speakers from the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) and American Red Cross Disaster Services. In addition, the class takes

tours of various LVFR facilities including the 9-1-1 Fire Alarm Office, participate in a four-hour ride-along with an actual fire crew to see what it is like to respond on calls and participate in a "hands-on" day at the Fire Training Center.

Participants meet once a week either on Tuesday or Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Classes start the week of Feb. 24 with graduation on May 4.

There is no cost for the academy. Since its first class in 2000, nearly 200 people have completed the weekly course.

Applications are available at the reception desk at Fire & Rescue Headquarters, 500 N. Casino Center Boulevard, located downtown next to City Hall.

More information is available on the CFA Hotline at (702) 229-0146 or on the department's web site at [www.lasvegasfire.org](http://www.lasvegasfire.org) (click on "Citizens Fire Academy").

## Education activist Al Brown Jr. dies

By Dianna Saffold  
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The life of Alfred "Al" Brown Jr., an education activist, was celebrated by hundreds of Las Vegans last Saturday morning at the Word of Life Christian Center.

Brown, 67, was a counselor for the Clark County School District.

Known as "Sonny" by his family, he may have physically left this earth on Nov. 11, but his spirit of activism remains in the hearts of many.

Significantly touched by the actions of Brown during his lifetime, friends of the past and present came to honor him. Jackie Brantley presented an official proclamation on behalf of Gov. Kenny Guinn.

Guinn and Brown were friends, as well as classmates at Fresno State University in California.

It was at Fresno State University that Brown earned his Bachelor of Arts. He was later inducted into the Fresno State University Hall of Fame. Brown was an All-American basketball player and experienced a championship season.

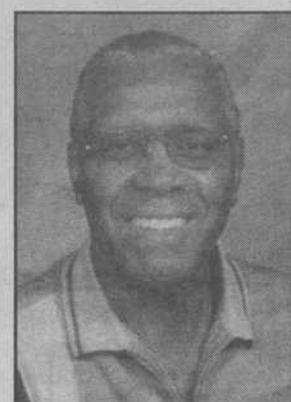
Brown was member of the local branch of the NAACP, serving on the executive board. He was chairperson of the Youth Committee and was presented the "Angel of NAACP" in recognition of long-term commitment by branch president Dean Ishman.

Sly Coleman represented U.S. veterans. Coleman spoke highly of Brown's military service.

The list of friends who honored Brown included local activist Italia Taylor.

Theron Goynes read Brown's rich history, which included many accomplishments. He introduced and crowned the first Black high school king and queen in Las Vegas and the state of Nevada. Brown started the Miss Black Teenage Beauty Pageant in Las Vegas, the Annual Black & White Ball and the Southern Nevada Youth Crime Prevention program.

Dedicated to the youth of today and the many issues that plague the school district, Brown was recently seen (See Al Brown, Page 4)



Alfred "Al" Brown Jr.



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

## NOT MAKING THE GRADE

Rosslyn Hubbard chides Clark County School Board trustees Tuesday during a meeting at Kit Carson Elementary where West Las Vegans stumped for a high school in the area. Hubbard is upset that some struggling students, like her son—she whispered instruction to him at the podium—slip through and get passed on to higher grades.

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