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Massachusetts Hall of Black Achievement Administrative History

The Massachusetts Hall of Black Achievement (HOBA) was founded in 1987 and ran until 2011. The mission of the organization “is to discover, detail, and disclose the significant achievements and contributions of people of color. HOBA will preserve, teach, research, and make available for advanced inquiry and public awareness all of its work. This will create new scholarly endeavors, institutional pursuits, and, most of all, uplift and broaden social conscience, enlighten the unenlightened, and make the country a better place to live.” Each year a heritage celebration was held to posthumously induct historical figures into the Hall of Black Achievement that made significant contributions to society or within their fields. A painted portrait of each inductee is currently held in the Maxwell Library. In addition, HOBA honors future leaders from the nine Massachusetts state colleges with its Student Achiever Award.

Massachusetts Hall of Black Achievement Scope and Contents Note

Material in the collection includes programs from inaugurations, promotional material, biographical information on the members honored by HOBA, DVD's and VHS tapes of past inaugurations, and some objects. The collection is stored in three different locations: Special Collections manuscripts, media collection, and oversized.

Massachusetts Hall of Black Achievement Box and Folder List

Box 1

Folder

1. Commission guidelines, undated
2. Celebration programs, 1990-2000
3. Celebration programs, 2001-2007
4. Celebration programs, 2008-2011
5. Inauguration programs, 1988-1999
6. Inauguration programs, 2000-2011
7. Inductees with biographies, undated
8. Invitations and information, 1999, 2009, undated
9. Lecture series, 1999
10. HOBA newsletter, winter 1992
11. Email printouts on HOBA. 1987-
12. News clippings, 1990-2006
13. Reebok grant, 1991
14. Mary H. Onley information and photographs from Joan Fisher, 1999
15. Letter from Joseph Kennedy II, 1998
16. "No Greater Love" CD by J.P. Miller, and release form for HOBA painting, 1999
17. Photographs of Danny Sloan, undated
18. Publications relevant to HOBA, 1997-2011
19. HOBA inductee Sarah Anna Lewis biography by Philip T. Silvia Jr., includes e-files, 2008
20. T.A. Charron information and photographs, 1998
21. Sarah Lewis Drawings for award and flier, undated
22. Joseph E. Carter and HOBA (includes photograph), 2007
23. History-54th Regiment articles & syllabus, Crispus Atticus article, 2005
24. African Americans & the Arts: The Trial of Phyllis Wheatley program, Danny Sloan Dance Co. program, Elena Lewis article, 1986-2003
25. The Hall of Black Achievement Honors Malcom X, 2007
26. Electronic files on 3 ½ inch floppy discs, 1999-2000, undated

Photo Albums

- 1996 January 27th Diedre Contar
- 1997 Larry Johnson Reception
- 1997 HOBA Celebration
- 1997
- 1999

Box 2

Folder

1. Photos 1994
2. Photos 1995
3. Photos HOBA celebration 1997
4. Photos 1997-9, Undated
5. Photos 1999

6. Photos January 26th 2002

7. Photos 2003

Box 3

Sarah Lewis plaster casting, undated

Box 4

2 Mary H. Onley medallion molds, undated

Box 5

HOBA banner, undated

2 HOBA tee-shirts, undated

4 HOBA pins, undated

Oversized Material (stored with oversized material)

Hall of Black Achievement 10th Anniversary Celebration, 1997

2 T.A. Charron prints of Mary Hudson Olney, undated

Hoba 10th Anniversary celebration poster

2 Sarah Onley Award photos

Media (stored with university media)

1. 1st Annual Heritage Celebration, 1988

2. Hall of Black Achievement Press Conference, 1989

3. 4th Annual Heritage Celebration, 1991

4. Hall of Black Achievement, 1992

5. 7th Annual Heritage Celebration, 1995

6. 10th Annual Heritage Celebration, 1998

7. 11th Annual Heritage Celebration, 1999

8. 12th Annual Heritage Celebration, 2000

9. 15th Annual Heritage Celebration, 2003

10. 16th Annual Heritage Celebration, 2004

11. Hall of Black Achievement honors "The proud, the brave, the 54th", 2005

12. 17th Annual Heritage Celebration, 2005

13. 18th Annual Heritage Celebration, 2006

14. 19th Annual Heritage Celebration, 2007

15. 21th Annual Heritage Celebration, 2009

16. 22nd Annual Heritage Celebration, 2010

17. 23rd Annual Heritage Celebration, 2011