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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-
13. Reebok grant, 1991
14. Mary H. Onley information and photographs from Joan Fisher, 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
25. The Hall of Black Achievement Honors Malcom X, 2007

**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  
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  
15. 21th Annual Heritage Celebration, 2009  
16. 22nd Annual Heritage Celebration, 2010  
17. 23rd Annual Heritage Celebration, 2011