

Dear Distinguished Alumni Award Panel,

I would like to submit my recommendation for Arthur W Seabury to be awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is unique for any number of reasons.

When we knew him at Smith-Cotton, he was quite a character. He made everyone laugh, he put everyone at ease during a time of desegregation in our community as a friend to all. It was a unique situation. Arthur was and I am sure is, one of those people who can calm a situation, head off a conflict, and maybe help lighten the load.

To speak to our high school years, he accomplished many firsts at our school. He was our Drum Major under the guidance of Bob Cummings, and as a member of his band class, I will tell you Arthur kept it fun and entertaining. He was a cut up without ever being disrespectful. To watch him lead our marching band in a downtown parade or in a football game was watching him in that character, enjoying himself, yet taking that job seriously.

He was our foreign exchange student, he served on student council, he was our drum major, he was a theater star, he was an athlete and involved in many school clubs, I recall Speech and Debate. Arthur was well respected by the staff and teachers.

Now, he serves as a beacon of friendship each time he brings one of his bands to perform in Sedalia. We absolutely pack the house and it is like a mini reunion of kids from several grades. I know it warms the hearts and soul of all who attend. We are all so proud of him. Arthur is one of those people who make you feel at home. You are his and he is yours, a friend forever.

He serves his community by helping kids and families in countless ways. The most recent project is a community garden he works on with kids and other volunteers. Teaching and producing. He teaches and mentors to aid other counselors and teachers to develop methods of helping challenged people by speaking at learning sessions throughout the educational community.

From my "investigation" for this nomination, I have learned some heartwarming things that Arthur does, that travels to a higher level of human caring. That is just the man he is.

Take a look at this man, we will all be proud to have him recognized. He is distinguished.

Sincerely,



Vali Suddarth

1. CAREER SUMMARY OF THE NOMINEE:

In chronological order, list position, name of company/institution, location and date of professional practice. Include military service record, if applicable.

- \*Served US Navy 75-79 Dental Tech then Navy Reserves 79-88
- \*Substance abuse and family therapist, crisis intervention and group therapy for Scott Greening Center 1995 to 2005
- \*County Prosecutor KCMO 2002 to 2003 Developed and implemented substance abuse and mental health treatment, Director of clinical services
- \*Department of Corrections May 2006 to current providing counseling, family therapy, anger management, loss and grief, criminal thinking education
- \*School Social Worker Hogan Preparatory High School counselor, social worker, ISS providing school based education for suspended students in a creative approach including group discussions, self esteem, anger management and violence interruption to 2013
- \* School social work Hogan Preparatory providing support to school families and social needs. Community relationships, working with disabilities, homeless and struggling students. Substance abuse counseling to present.

2. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NOMINEE:

Please list corporate directorships or similar activities, professional societies, education, government, industry, business, consulting or other noteworthy endeavors.

2019 Excellence in Education Award School Smart Kansas City, MO

2016 University of Central Missouri Outstanding Educator

Homeless Liaison Coordinator for Kansas City

National School Social Worker Association

NCAAD Secretary and Board Member

2000 Safe Neighbor Award presented by HUD

Speaker for Citizens Against Spousal Abuse

Board Member National Council on Substance Abuse

National Center for Fathering

Trainer in Trauma for National School Social Workers

Trainer for Truman Medical Center

Board of Directors Missouri School Social Workers

Frequent presenter to Social workers conferences and other venues for further education

3. CIVIC AND/OR PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE OF THE NOMINEE:

Please list any civic, humanitarian, religious, and fraternal or community involvement.

Regular Community fundraiser

Community Gardening projects

Christmas with community partners

Teacher in distress supporter

Partners with Professional Eye care center and Lens crafters to help students get glasses (50 kids this year)

Helps homeless kids and parents to get food and housing at his own expense

Visits kids in hospitals on his own time, staying with a heart transplant child throughout the procedure and recovery

Raises money to purchase track shoes and football uniforms for kids with money from playing with his bands on his own time

Persuaded the KC Transit authorities to gift 30 day bus passes for students in sports without means of transportation

Used award funds for his school and community not himself

4. What do you feel is the main reason that sets this nominee apart and distinguishes him/her from other candidates?

From the history of our own class era of desegregation, through his military service, making his own way through life, to his current method and means of helping people acquire what they need to be successful, Arthur has exhibited the desire for people to come together and help each other. He was an example in the 70's as he is now, of how to reach out and touch, reach out and help, and try to make a difference for others. He goes beyond what is required of his position at school, or the demands of his community, to try to make the world a better place for each individual.

Form must be filled out in full. This application, two letters of recommendation, and any other supporting documents that would enhance the application are to be sent to the Sedalia School District Foundation. Please refer to the Distinguished Alumni Award Application Instruction sheet for date of annual deadline and methods of sending application to the Foundation.

### **Kansas City Charter School Leadership Team Member of the Year**

So many of the staff at Hogan go out of their way to work with students and families because they have embraced the concept of the whole child. They do this, not because it's in their job descriptions, but because they are truly caring individuals who sincerely want the best for students. One of these people clearly stands out in his efforts to make Hogan a caring community.

He arrives early each morning to do cafeteria duty without extra pay and stays late every day. He does this so he can check in with and provide support to students.

He understands the importance of good health care. He has developed a partnership with Professional Eye care center and Lens crafters of Overland park to get eye glasses within 24 hours of their exam. This year 50 students have gotten glasses. He spends countless hours helping our homeless and taking parents to get food. He has put families in hotels without asking for funding in return. When students are in the hospital, he visits and supports them in his off hours. He actually went through an entire heart transplant and subsequent recovery with a student.

He has made Christmas a success for many of our families through the coordination of community partners. He has also been a support for many of our teachers in distress. He recently put up his own money to bail a mom out of jail. She missed her hearing and he, unfortunately, lost his money.

He has done fundraising in the community through his music to purchase uniform jackets for 42 students and has represented Hogan when talking to investors and donors. He purchases track shoes and football uniform needs with the fundraising money from his band and the North KC restaurant, The Hide Out. He also talked to the KC transit authorities and was given 30 day bus passes for student in sports with no means of transportation.

He has continued his education through professional associations and attends the National Social Workers Conference. As a result, he has made presentations to our faculty on Trauma Informed Care as well as to other colleges and hospitals as a representative of Hogan.

His impeccable record keeping helped to avoid a legal matter in the past, for which we are truly appreciative.

His efforts have not gone unnoticed. HBO and the University of Central Missouri have recognized him in the past. In 2016 the University of Central Missouri recognized him as an outstanding educator for his dedication and hard work. In 2017 Mr. Williams from HBO sent a check for 10,000 dollars (some of these funds still exist). He uses these funds for school jackets and clothing for our students in need. He also helped start the garden project with some of the funds at the middle school.

I have no doubt, that if granted this award, he would use the funds, not to benefit himself, but to help others in need.

We celebrate together as the Hogan RAM community in recognizing Arthur Seabury, our Social Worker extraordinaire, as our nominee for the "Kansas City Charter School Leadership Team Member of the Year." He is an inspiration to us all and clearly stands for the Heart of Hogan.

Dr. Tanya Shippy  
Chief Operations Officer  
Hogan Preparatory Academy

**Kassidy Kathryn Hall**

Executive Director

140 W 29th Street #313

Pueblo, CO 81008



May 2020

Re: Arthur Seabury

Dear Committee Chairman,

I am a graduate of Smith-Cotton class of 1974. I am writing today to nominate a person of distinction in the class that came after me. Arthur Seabury, class of 1975.

I have known Arthur most all of my life. During my time in Sedalia and more specifically in the theatre department at Smith-Cotton, and later as friends with many mutual friends in common, we had grown quite close. He was someone that I always sought out. Having grown up in the theatre I always admired his talent and abilities on stage, with equal admiration for the true and dedicated friend he was in my life. Arthur was a man that did not limit himself or fall prey to the philosophies of limitations on his talent or abilities to help if you were in need. More recently I have had the pleasure of collaborating with Arthur on a couple of writing assignments for his students. Always, when Arthur needs something it is usually because he is assisting someone else with a project that needs attention or expertise. And always always, it is about others.

Our friendship was not limited by convention or geography. If I needed him he was always available. We had mutual friends in common and perhaps that is the glue that held us all together as a group, welded to that spot in time, growing up in the often turbulent times of the 70's. This is a man of substance and character and an immense talent to not only express himself but just as important, he can influence and lead. In a democratic society such as ours the ability to express ideas is as essential and the ability to have them. Arthur is a teacher - a mentor- an example to others, the definition of a man of character that continues to do the right thing even when others are not looking. In this day and age of sound bites and 15 second slots for fame and affect isn't this the type of person we want to point to - to say with certainty that there is valor in the ordinary things done well, there is conviction of helping others, that this is the role model of who we want people to be? He is the example of work and dedication to a cause worthy of effort? Yes, for me it is.

I have known through the years that Arthur is active in his church, his community and certainly in his profession as mentor and teacher and musician. I do not know all his accomplishments because he, unlike so many, is not one to beacon or boast about

himself but is more apt to shine a spotlight on others. This is my attempt to recognize him for the outstanding person I know him to be. I can truly say that we, the group of people that knew him, know him still, have been at one time or another touched by his generosity and kindness. Kindness, the mere thought of kindness vaporizes in the world today but for Arthur it is part of his DNA and that word and action cannot be separated from him.

It is hard to think of those times in my history, when so many things claimed our attention - the war - some of those graduating and heading off to foreign lands to fight battles they didn't start - things seemed so uncertain then. My fondest memories of that time tend to wrap themselves in our boisterous revelry, dedicated to change the world, to leave a mark, to challenge the limits. If we are to measure success then we have only to look at the lives that Arthur has had a hand in mentoring and changing. I did not know what I am only beginning to understand now, - once in a lifetime people happen only once in a lifetime. Arthur will always be one of the best parts of "home" and the fondness of memories there. And he will always be part of my present as a steadfast friend someone I seek when I need advice on a variety of topics. I can only hope that I am able to hold my end of the friendship so well.

Living out loud,

*Kassidy Kathryn Hall*

Steve Moore  
Princeton School Board  
Cincinnati, OH

Re: Distinguished Alumni Award Letter of Recommendation  
Nominee: Arthur W Seabury, Class of 1975

Dear Award Panel

Arthur W. Seabury was an outstanding 1975 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. He distinguished himself via leadership activities, personal example, and performances/leadership in the theater and music programs. Arthur was, and is, a special charismatic personality that uniquely and authentically built an incredible cross section of friends that resulted in lifelong relationships. He was Class of '75 President of the Student Council. He was a highly recognized performer in the theater and music program, including roles in The Music Man, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Others can file in... dont have my yearbook). During his S-C tenure he especially served as an example of how to build and maintain respect for the diverse backgrounds—poor and well-off, black and white, and boy and girl. These were years, 1971-1975, where our community and schools were still learning about integration in Sedalia schools. Arthur was a special force that brought us together 1971-75. He was incredible example how to authentically be yourself and proactively deal with the challenges of the times and to help make our fellow classmates be a better Class of 1975.

Respectfully,  
Steve Moore, Class of 1975  
Princeton School Board  
Cincinnati, OH



14 May 2020

Mark H Feedback

Distinguished Alumni Nominating Committee  
Smith Cotton Foundation  
Sedalia MO, 65301

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter today to express my sincere belief that the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award should be presented to Arthur Seabury. I have known Arthur for fifty years and although we have been separated by miles and years, he has remained a man I am proud to call friend.

Arthur served our country honorably and faithfully in the United States Army. Following his service, he pursued his education to prepare himself for a life of continuing service to his community and country. As a result of his commitment to serve, the lives of countless people have been positively impacted and improved by his compassion and knowledge.

I was one of those individuals whom Arthur guided through the maze of dealing with a child making bad choices in life. Arthur's insight and experience helped us and brought us to a successful outcome in protecting a young life.

Arthur has many interests, from being an accomplished musician, a cook of some note, to being a rabid Kansas City Chiefs fan and tailgater. He pursues life every day to the fullest, and in every facet of his life helps others to do the same.

For these reasons, and many more too numerous to list, I believe that Arthur is the right candidate to be presented this award.

Sincerely,  
Mark Feedback  
SC "75"

## **ARTHUR SEABURY**

Nominee for the Kansas City Charter School Leadership Team Member of the Year

“May I go see Mr. Seabury?” “Mr. Seabury told me to come to you and have you send me to his office!” These are the repeated requests made throughout the day as this iconic and popular man is in demand like Fortnite is a staple in the company of the children we serve.

How can I speak on the contributions of Mr. Seabury to our school community without sharing a few stories?! One such story is when I accompanied Mr. Arthur Seabury on a home visit to a family where two third grade cousins had been murdered while innocently playing because one of the third grader’s pregnant sister “challenged” someone via social media to come to the house and included the address. Two brothers of the other third grader, attended our school. We took over food and paper goods and what we felt the families could use. What was amazing and not tangible was the manner in which Mr. Seabury eased into the small crowded dwelling of mostly adults. He took each hand, then pulled each person in for a warm embrace and shared words of comfort and encouragement. The brothers from our school were summoned and the pleasure on their faces to see him and the cards and drawings delivered to them from their classmates was priceless.

No matter the time, during the instructional day, afterschool, or early morning, you’ll witness Mr. Seabury taking students to get glasses; using his money to put a family in a hotel for the night until they can be placed in a shelter because they are homeless or due to a domestic violence crisis; talking to kids who felt their lives were over because of an inappropriate choice; or because their best friend found another best friend; or because of family dramas; or because their teachers didn’t like them, (which is the reason they were failing in every subject). His dedication to our students and their families has Mr. Seabury too busy for lunch most days, yet he starts the day in the cafeteria warmly greeting, triaging and redirecting students as they begin their day. Without pay!

Got milk?! Rather need hair or body products, uniform attire, school supplies, a ride to school, home or a doctor’s appointment? See Mr. Seabury.

Students and families are not the only recipients of Mr. Seabury’s generosity and time, the staffs at all three school sites have experienced his expertise with counseling, lending an ear, sharing his infectious laugh, and supporting according to need. He is a valuable asset to the HOGAN RAMS Family.

Mr. Seabury sponsored the Speech and Debate Teams afterschool and his students competed against suburban students and returned with first place trophies. New to the sport, these students medaled under his training and some received scholarships for college!

This musician via social worker would perform with several bands regularly throughout the Kansas City area and a percentage of the evening's coiffers would be donated to Hogan Prep. He always spoke of Hogan Prep when sharing his music.

The importance of education is modeled as Mr. Seabury continues licensing certifications that will enhance his professional interests. The respect for him and his areas of expertise is recognized as he is invited to speak at conferences, present at workshops, and conduct professional development presentations.

Mr. Seabury is our Superhero and love, compassion and service are his super powers! For these reasons, I am honored to present Mr. Arthur Seabury as our choice as nominee for the "Kansas City Charter School Leadership Team Member of the Year" for 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Bland, MS

Educator at Hogan Preparatory Academy Charter Middle School



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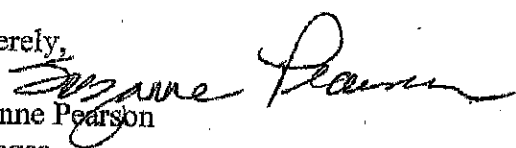
April 22, 2019

Hello,

We just wanted to let it be known what a wonderful ambassador you have with Arthur Seabury. He brings kids from Bishop-Hogan to get their eyes examined. He brings them in and waits for them while being tested. He has good rapport with the kids and they seem to respect him even when he is telling them to behave.

I would consider Mr Seabury to be an asset to your school for many reasons. He truly cares about the children and helps in any way he can.

Sincerely,

  
Suzanne Pearson  
Manager

To Whom It May Concern,

I've known Arthur W. Seabury for 45 years! We were school mates at Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia, Missouri. During our time together at SCHS, Arthur was always involved with the student body! He had a way of bringing everyone together on many levels!

Arthur continues to do that in everything he does today as an Educator, Counselor, Musician and Friend!

Sincerely,

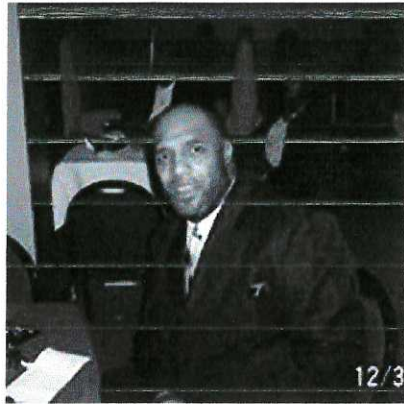
Ann McKinney

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Graduate KU 1999





## Experience



### School Social Worker

Hogan Preparatory Academy

Aug 2012 – Present · 7 yrs 8 mos



### Family therapist

Newlove contract counseling/ UCLA Charter

2012 – Present · 8 yrs



### Drug court coordinator

Jackson County Drug Court

2000 – 2002 · 2 yrs



### DT 2

United States Navy Dental Tech /Field Medic

May 1975 – Jun 1989 · 14 yrs 2 mos

Active duty and reserves. NRDC Roosevelt Roads Puerto Rico.

USS Ogden LPD 5, 4th FSSG Camp Pendelton

## Education



### University of Kansas School of Social Work

Master's Degree, Social Work

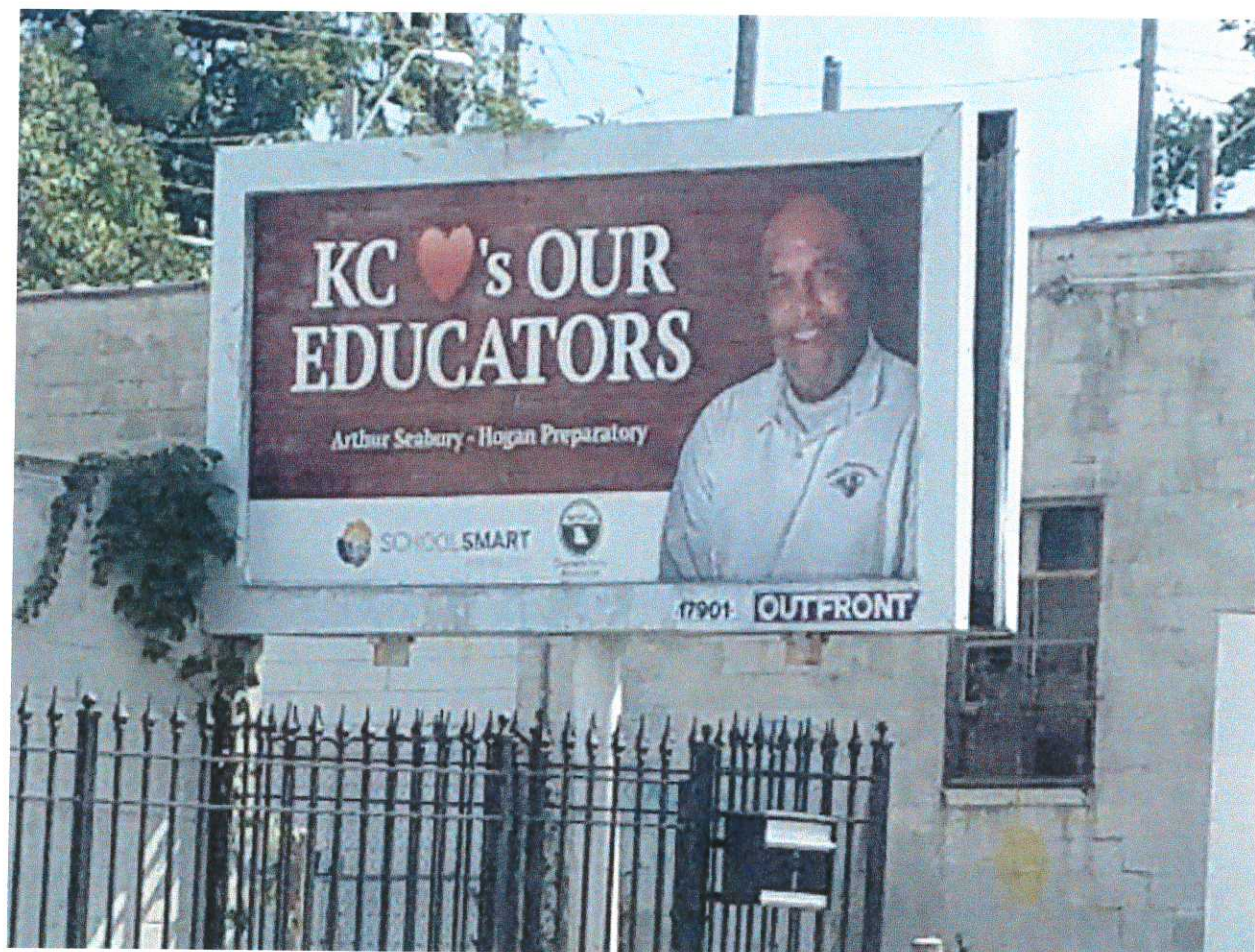
1997 – 1999

Activities and Societies: National Council against Drugs and Alcohol

Past Board member

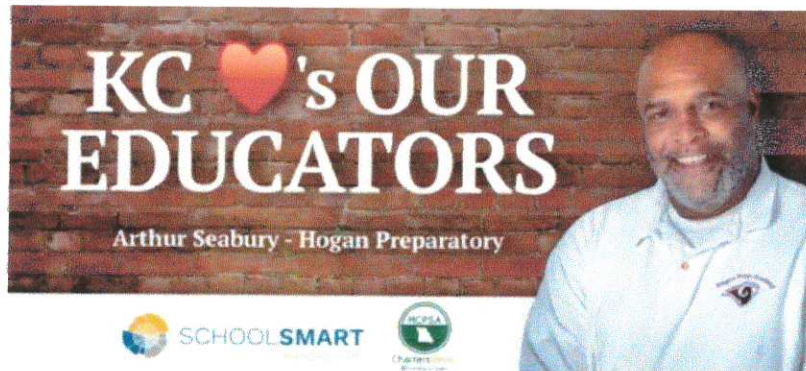


### Urban Community Leadership Academy





Large commercial street billboard displayed in areas of Kansas City, MO



### Celebrations

- Arthur Seabury is a 2019 Kansas City Charter Schools Excellence in Education Award recipient. Special thanks to SCHOOLSMART KC for recognizing educators in the Kansas City area.
- \$75,000 grant from Kauffman Foundation for innovative programming for HPA High School
- Tyrea Pryor, HPA Middle School, accolades for "Acts of Kindness"
- Record student enrollment for the 2019-20 school year

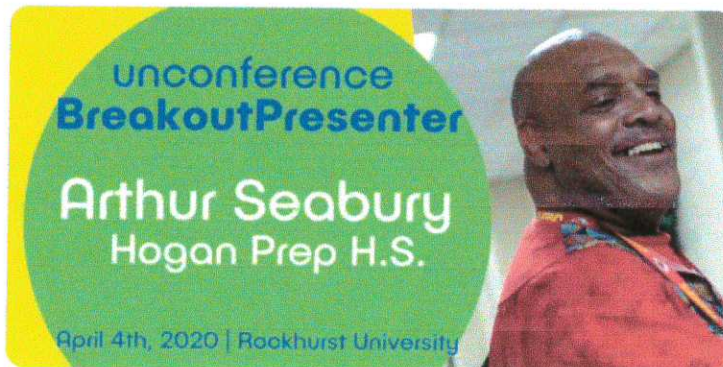
Learning Lab Presenter for Kids Trauma information for the KC Education Collective. Educating Educators

Keith Schoen Retweeted



**Kansas City Education Collective** @edcollectivekc · Jan 28

Join ARTHUR SEABURY of @hoganprepkc on APRIL 4TH | Discuss becoming a #traumainformed school | Free TIX: [kcedcollective.org/unconference](https://kcedcollective.org/unconference) #forKCKids #edtech #education #equity



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## Recommendations

[Received \(1\)](#)

[Given \(1\)](#)



**David Cummings**


Records Manager - Looking

June 9, 2014, David worked with Arthur in different groups

Arthur is a very caring person, with a positive influence on people. He cares deeply about the work he does and lifts up everyone around him.


Excerpt from the schools' newsletter celebrating some of the accomplishments of the school in 2019

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### 2019 Presenters & Descriptions

Julius B. Anthony

Edie Barnard

Nate Barrett

Haley Biehl & Sarah  
Christman

Katie Boody &  
Stephanie Campbell

Allison Bucklew &  
Justina Holt

**In the Trenches: Best Practices from the KC Excellence in Education Award Winner - Leadership Team Member of the Year - Arthur Seabury, Hogan Preparatory Academy**

This Session will assist attendees with understanding how the cultural pain and historic trauma of racial inequity has resulted in systemic overtones of unfairness with the cycles of poverty and lack of resources still very real and present. Attendees will have an opportunity to consider why the educational divide continues to not improve and discuss workable solutions.

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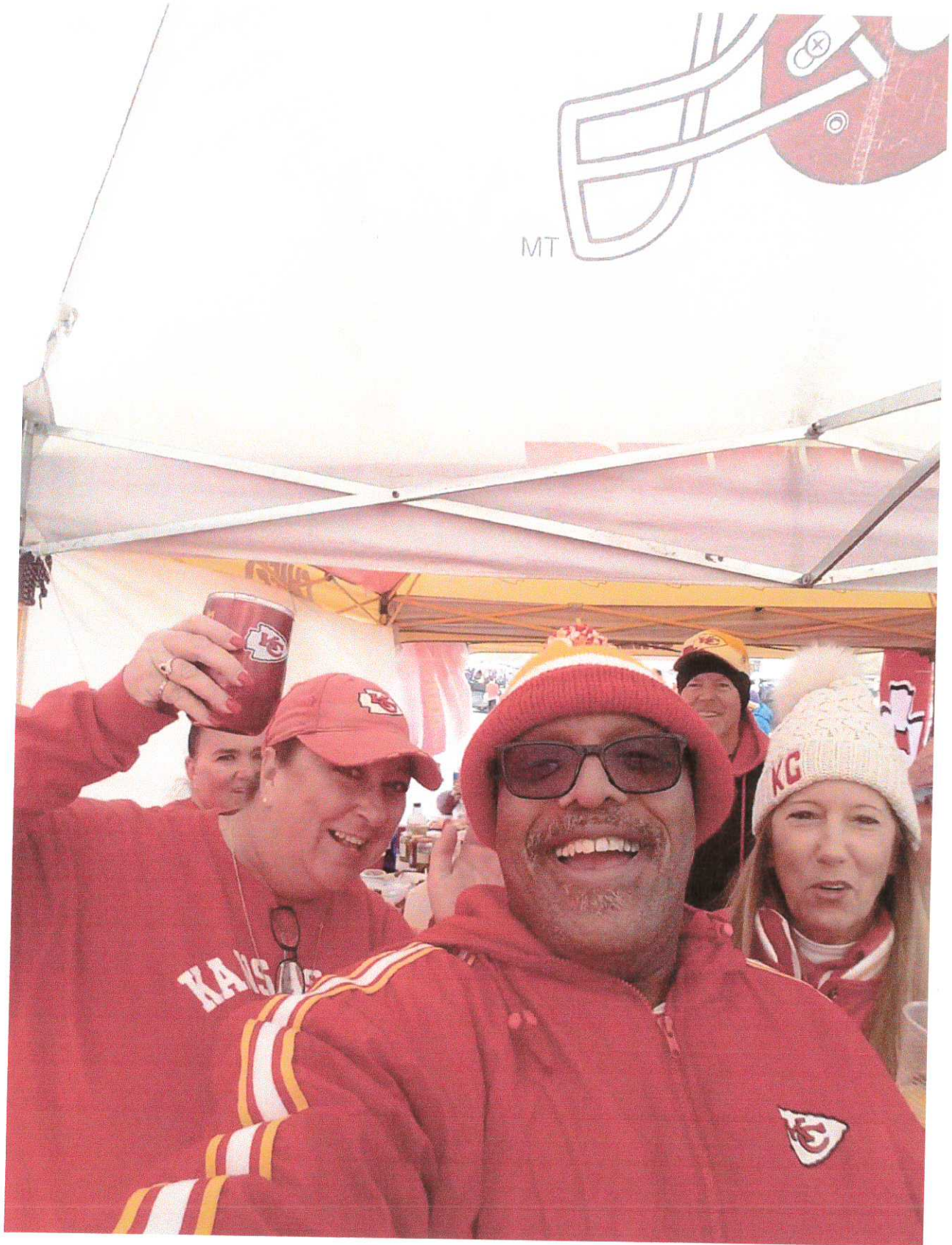
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- Dental Technician at [United States Navy](#)
- Counselor at [Urban Community Leadership Academy](#)
- Counselor/Social Worker at [Hogan Preparatory Middle School](#)
- Studied Masters of Social Work at [University of Kansas School of Social Welfare](#)
- Studied Phycology at [Central Missouri State University](#)
- Went to [C.C.Hubbard School](#)
- Went to [Smith-Cotton High School](#)
- Lives in [Kansas City, Missouri](#)
- From [Sedalia, Missouri](#)
- Joined April 2009



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### Student traveler

Arthur Seabury Jr., a junior at Smith-Cotton High School, will be traveling to Buenos Aires, Argentina, this summer as an American Field Service (AFS) student. Speech and drama are his main interests. Here Seabury is acting a scene in "Well Enough Alone," a musical pantomime he created in Mrs.

Joe VanHorn's drama class. Seabury said when he heard he had been selected the AFS student from S-C, he had "a feeling you can't even express with words." He is sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

(Democrat-Capitol Photo)

## Student anticipates visit

By KAREN FLANDERMAYER  
Democrat-Capitol Staff Writer

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Seabury scored another first when he was

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By KAREN FLANDERMEYER  
Democrat-Capitol Staff Writer

Arthur Seabury Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Seabury, Sr., 416 West Henry, was recently informed he will be spending his summer in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as an American Field Service (AFS) student. Thirteen students have been sent to 10 different countries on the AFS summer program. Seabury is the first black to be selected from Sedalia.

Seabury, a Smith-Cotton High School junior, was chosen from 46 applicants. He said, "It was an honor" just to be among 11 remaining students after S-C faculty screened the applicants. These 11 students spoke to the American Association of University Women (AAUW), sponsors of the AFS student, giving their reasons why they wanted to be an AFS student.

Seven more were then eliminated. AAUW officers further reduced the number of candidates to two. These two names were sent to New York for the final selection.

Seabury is definitely excited about leaving the first part of June. He said, "There are so many questions people ask (about how he'll react to new foods, a different culture and living situation) but the only way you can answer them is to be there."

Seabury's special interest is speech. The thing he likes to do most is "communicate to people." He has starred in the plays "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Music Man." His ambition is to become an actor.

Seabury, who is active in speech tournaments, remembers his first one easily. He brought home three trophies, two first place trophies in humorous interpretation and one third place in original oratory. Seabury said, "It seemed like, after that, every time I went to a tournament I got first

or second place." Nearly a dozen of Seabury's speech trophies are displayed in S-C's trophy case.

Seabury scored another first when he was recently elected S-C student council president for 1974-75. He is also a member of the Speech and Debate Team, Letterman's Club and a past member of the Spanish Club. With Spanish as the native language of Argentina, he said, "I doubt if (this one year of Spanish in high school) will help that much." But the Abraham Lejtman family, who Seabury will be staying with, has four sons, two of whom have had three years of English in school.

Seabury said he always became close friends with the AFS students who attended S-C. He learned from them that foreigners stereotype American blacks as "violent, gangster types" from the movies they see. Seabury, who wishes to break the stereotype, said, "I could prove to them we aren't the everyday black movie American."

Looking forward to making new friends, getting along with a family of a different race and living in a new culture, Seabury is also trying to prepare his mind to "not become homesick" during his summer away from home. He hopes they play American games — "like soccer or basketball" — in Argentina.

"They say in the U. S. you can be what you want to be," Seabury said. "I hope I can go where I want and I hope I can be what I want to be."

Seabury said, "I like the challenge" of a new experience. As an AFS student bound for Argentina, he said, "I've always had the ambition to go to a foreign country to see what it was like. I guess my plan and dream came true."

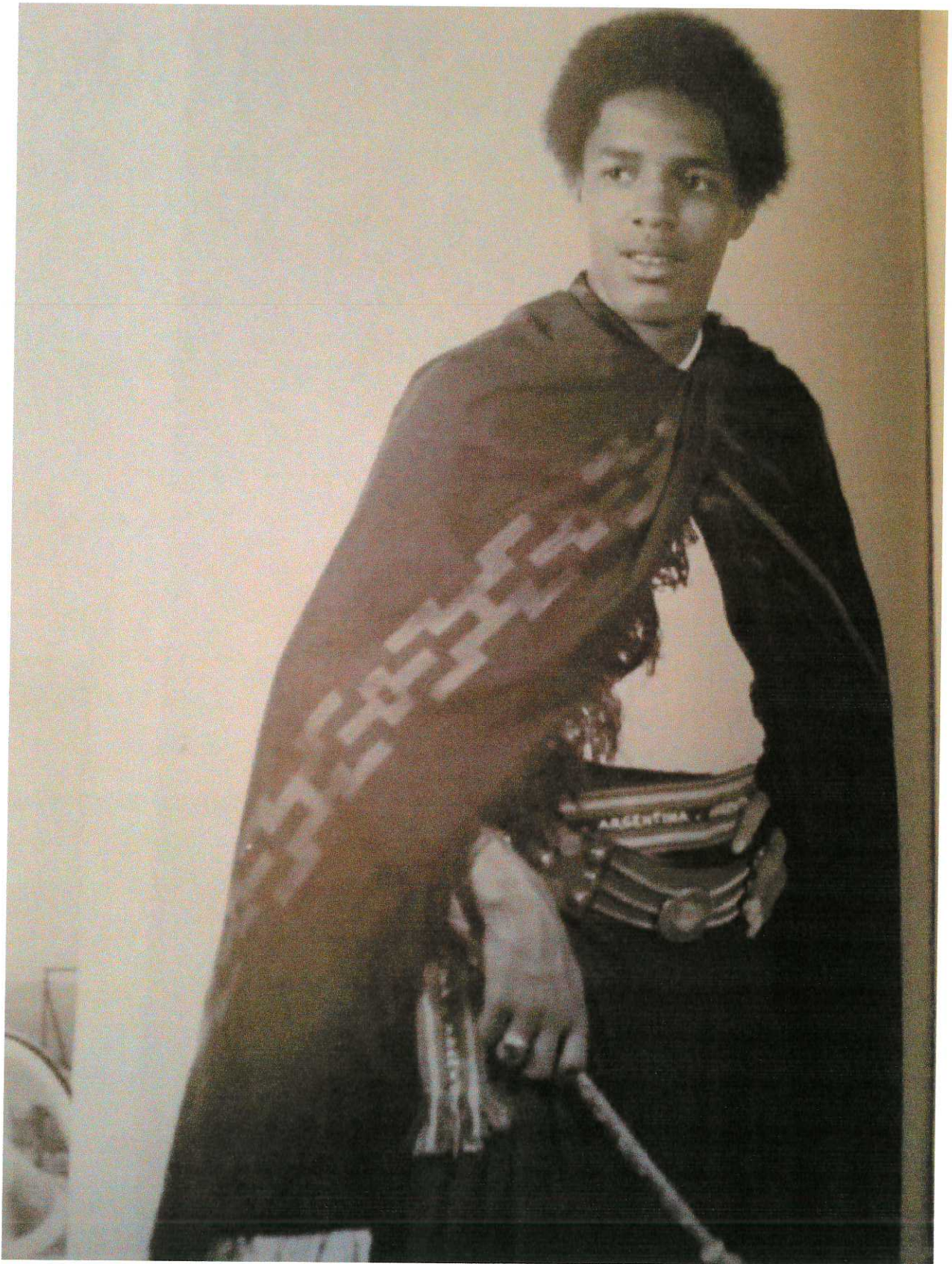
Ford is addressed as president at meet



Our student elected Senior Student Council President 1975,  
Arthur Seabury







- AFS Student to Argentina









Happy New Year!



**The Supermatics**



## News and Events

### 2019 Kansas City Charter Schools Excellence in Education Finalists

To celebrate National Charter Schools Week, the Missouri Charter Public School Association announces finalists for the 2019 Kansas City Charter School Excellence in Education Awards.

(Kansas City) – To recognize excellence and to honor educators that are making a difference for children attending Kansas City's charter schools, The Missouri Charter Public School Association (MCPSA) recently named 11 finalists in the new Kansas City Charter Schools Excellence in Education Awards.



SchoolSmart KC, a local organization dedicated to eliminating the achievement gap, contributed \$50,000 to MCPSA and the Kansas City Public School District for these with the belief that celebrating excellence in teaching and leading through substantial awards provides an investment encouraging the best candidates to pursue rewarding careers in education. These awards amplify the value and importance of exceptional teachers and leaders to the well-being of children, parents, and the community.

"We are honored to provide this awards program that makes a significant contribution to those who have dedicated their lives providing the best possible education for their students, said Douglas Thaman, Executive Director of the Missouri Charter Public School Association. We recognize the hard work of these finalists, and the many other educators dedicated to setting a foundation for lifelong learning."

This year's finalists are:

#### Kansas City Charter School Leader of the Year:

Jennifer Clay & Kirsten Lipari-Braman – Gordon Parks Elementary School  
Roger Offield – Brookside Charter School

#### Kansas City Charter School Leadership Team Member of the Year:

Michael Cobbins, Athletic Director – KIPP: KC  
Pam Justus, Dean of Students – Gordon Parks Elementary School  
Arthur Seabury, Social Worker – Hogan Preparatory Academy

#### Kansas City Charter School Elementary Teacher of the Year:

Keyonia Cobbins, 4th Grade Teacher – Academy for Integrated Arts  
Megan Green, Kindergarten Teacher, Gordon Parks Elementary School  
Maygan Howard, Kindergarten Teacher – Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School

#### Kansas City Charter School Middle/High School Teacher of the Year:

Muriel Desbleds-Wilson, Middle School Science Teacher – Academie Lafayette  
Nancy Jones – High School ELA Teacher, Frontier STEM High School  
Autumn Walker – Middle School Math Teacher - Scuola Vita Nuova

#### Kansas City Charter School Innovative Problem Solving Teams of the Year:

Student Success Center Team (Alicia Todt, Rose Brown, Katie Gore, Gretchen Penner, Kelsey Jinkens, Megan Cunningham, and Bennie Jackson) - Genesis Charter Schools  
Reading Intervention Team (Marie Charles, Yamar Diack, Andre Fontcha, Marie-Catherine Marchand, Sandrine Molinengo, Marie-Louise Sock, Lois Nadal, Edouard Djiba, Gabrielle Jube & Yasmine Ouammou) - Academie Lafayette

There is also an award category for innovative school teams who have tackled challenges and developed solutions to ensure that children are learning.

Each award comes with a \$10,000.00 cash prize. MCPSA will announce the Winners at a dinner celebration in Kansas City on May 30.

For more information about the Kansas City Charter School Excellence in Education Awards, please contact Douglas Thaman, [dthaman@missouricharterschools.org](mailto:dthaman@missouricharterschools.org)