



Fitzgerald Rowe Community Service Award

McVern Worrell



McVern Worrell is President of Barbados National Association of Baltimore and chairman of the Barbados Independence Committee Baltimore / Washington, DC area.

He grew up in on the island of Barbados where he graduated from the Alleyne School and the Barbados Community College. During these formative years McVern was involved in community work as a member of the St Saviours 4H Club.

In keeping with his desire to be active in the community, he immediately joined Barbados National Association of Baltimore, Inc on his arrival in Baltimore in 1989. A few months later McVern canvassed for and was elected secretary of the Association. Continuing to excel in the area of leadership, he held several other Executive offices during the last twenty two years. He is now the President of the Association and has been instrumental in reorganizing the group and strengthening its membership base.

As President, he maintained the highest level of cultural sensitivity as he focused on improving Stevenson Worrell Scholarship program. He has increased the number of scholarship recipients and accepted anyone, no matter the culture, ethnicity or place of origin. Because of his passion and commitment to our mission which is giving back to our community we have impacted the lives of over 75 students by way of scholarships. These are only a few of his multiple contributions. However what stands out the most is that during periods when many individuals seem to have lost interest in the association, his determination and drive has kept it alive. With his continued enthusiasm for propelling us forward, we are experiencing a re-energized association.

He helped in the formation of the Barbadian Umbrella Organization NABO and was a founder member of the now defunct Baltimore Association of Caribbean Organizations. He worked with other Caribbean organizations in the Baltimore metro area to make a difference in the lives of our Caribbean Peoples through the emigration outreach programs set up by BACO.

McVern is married to Barbara Worrell and has one daughter, Rozelle.