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THE BATTLE  
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REV. LINWOOD SMITH  
AND  
DR. TONY WATSON



# REV. LINWOOD SMITH

Reverend Linwood M. Smith, Jr. was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania and raised in the Coatesville area community. He graduated from Coatesville Senior High School and then received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts Education from



Cheyney University in 1977. At Cheyney, Reverend Smith was recognized as one of four students graduating with highest honors. He completed his Masters work in 1990. Reverend Smith received his Secondary Principal's Certificate from Penn State Great Valley Campus in 1993. Graduating in May of 2009, Rev. Smith received his Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reverend Smith is devoted to serving the school, community and church. He served the community as a teacher and administrator in the public school system for 32 years.

In the fall of 1977, he was hired by Superintendent Walter Hessinger to serve as an Industrial Arts teacher in the Downingtown Area School District. At Downingtown, he taught Drafting, Architectural Drawing, Photography and Shop Math. During the summer of 1993, he was hired as an assistant principal and master scheduler at West Chester East High School in the West Chester Area School District. In August, 1997, he was hired back in the Downingtown Area School District to serve as an assistant principal and master scheduler at the high school. He served in numerous capacities in the Downingtown Area School District. In 2007, he served as the Federal Program Administrator and Lead Principal at the Downingtown Education Center which eventually became the STEM High School in the Downingtown Area School District. He assisted the Downingtown Area School District in the transition process of Downingtown High School to two high schools from 2001 to 2003 (Downingtown East

and West). As the Principal of Downingtown East, East was recognized as one of the top high schools in the Philadelphia area. In addition, Downingtown East was a recipient of the Keystone Achievement Award for continuous improvement on the PSSA examinations by the Pennsylvania Department of Education during his tenure. In addition, he has served as an administrator in the Octorara Area School District and as the Chaplin at the Church Farm School in Exton, PA, where he taught classes in World Religions. Reverend Smith served as Vice-President of the Ches-Mont League during its expansion with the Southern Chester County League in 2006. The new expanded league was in place for the 2007-2008 school year.

Reverend Smith has received numerous awards for public service. In 2010, he received the George W. Conyer Commandery #16 Community Service Award in recognition for outstanding dedication, commitment and leadership to our community. In addition, Reverend Smith and his wife Sylvia received the Alexander Foster Parent of the Year Award for Excellence in caring for the children in the foster care system. →



# DR. TONY WATSON

Dr. Tony Watson grew up in Florida and attended Florida A&M where he majored in education, minored in kinesiology and obtained his certifications in both education and physical therapy. He went on to earn his M.A. from Florida A&M. He taught school in Florida and Texas, and after being furloughed from his teaching position he began working in a prison recreation department. After working in the criminal justice system, he found his way back to teaching

again, this time in a psychiatric hospital. Dr. Watson moved to Pennsylvania and accepted a teaching position at the Youth Development Center in Bensalem. Two years later he was hired as the assistant principal of Downingtown Junior High School.

Tony became the principal of the newly formed Ninth Grade Center, an idea that wasn't fully planned out, but necessary because of overcrowding. It was to be a two year venture that turned into six. It was

also during this time that Tony received his Ed.D. from Immaculata University.

Tony was then named as the first principal of Downingtown High School WEST Campus where he remained for 3 ½ years before moving to Director of Secondary Education and then Asst. Superintendent.

Tony left the district in 2012, moving on to the Chester-Upland school district and then Upper Darby, where he is still an administrator.

In the community, he currently serves on several boards in the Chester County area, including the Brandywine Health Foundation. He served on the CYI board during the launching of the Coatesville Youth Initiative (CYI) several years ago which is presently a separate nonprofit organization. He served in the past on the Executive Committee of the Coatesville Branch NAACP and the Coatesville Community Education Foundation. He serves on the Chester County Council for the Workforce of Tomorrow. In addition, he is a member of the

Christiana Lions Club, and serves that organization as its chaplain.

Reverend Smith is the Dean of the Ministers Institute and Board of Examiners of the Harrisburg District of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He serves on the following committees in the Philadelphia Annual Conference; Chairperson of the Civic Involvement Committee, Board of Trustees, Ministerial Efficiency, and District and Conference Finance Committees.

Reverend Smith and his wife Sylvia are the proud parents of seven children: Linwood, III, Keisha, Mary, Daveenia, September, Tiara, and Asiah. He is the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren.

As a goal in high school, Reverend Smith had planned to become an architect. He believes that this goal is achieved when helping students and community members reach their goals and dreams. He is thankful for the many opportunities given to him by others.



The Herbert Lee Trophy will be presented to the winning program at the end of the game. This trophy, named for Herbert Lee, represents the drive, spirit and goals of Herbie Lee who dedicated his life work to the youth of the area.

Born in 1938 in West Chester, he attended West Chester University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in education and then a master's degree. He became an elementary school teacher from 1959-1968. In 1968, he became a college professor at West Chester University, until his retirement in 2005. Mr. Lee was a pioneer in education. No job description could encompass all that he brought to his professional life which was never limited to the classroom, the playing field or the office. He was an active umpire with the Philadelphia women's baseball league. He was inducted into the West Chester University Football Hall of Fame and

The Sturzebecker Foundation Hall of Fame. He was the first director of the Chester County Head Start Program, past director of faculty of West Chester University, past president of Downingtown Lions Club and of the Downingtown High School Alumni. He was actively involved in the fabric of his community. He was the first recipient of the West Chester Civility Award, a recipient of the West Chester NAACP Human Rights Award and a nominee of the Outstanding Chester County Educators of the 20th Century. Mr. Lee was also one of the founders of the Downingtown Young Whippets Football Program.

This trophy, in honor of Herbert Lee and in the spirit of healthy competition, will be awarded to the winner of the annual game and will travel between the Cougars and Whippets.

