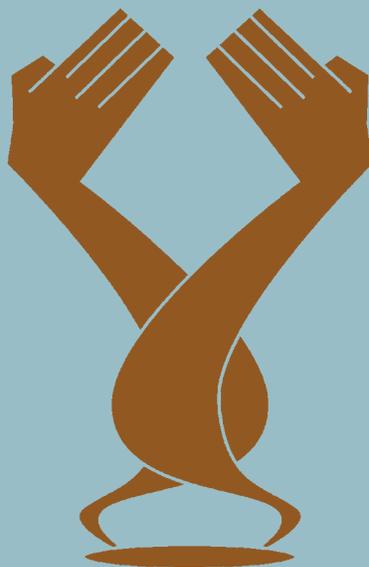


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Representative sketch

Gowan Pamphlet

(ca. 1750–1807 or 1808), Williamsburg

BAPTIST LEADER

Gowan Pamphlet was born enslaved, but persevered to become a well-known preacher, gain his freedom, and establish a Baptist church in Williamsburg that continues as an active congregation today.



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Mary Smith Kelsey Peake
(1823–1862), Hampton

EDUCATOR

Mary Smith Kelsey Peake was an educator of both free and enslaved African Americans prior to and during the Civil War.



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Representative sketch

Sara Lucy Bagby Johnson
(ca. 1833–1906), Wheeling
PLAINTIFF IN CAUSE CÉLÈBRE

With “a decided taste for freedom,” Sara Lucy Bagby was embroiled in a celebrated legal case that tested the infamous Fugitive Slave Act during the secession crisis.



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Joseph Thomas Newsome
(1869–1942), Newport News

LAWYER AND EDITOR

A leading figure in Newport News, Joseph Thomas Newsome struggled to bring education and voting rights to the African American community.



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Dorothy Bigelow Hamm
(1919–2004), Caroline and
Arlington Counties

CIVIL RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Through legal and political actions, civil rights activist Dorothy Bigelow Hamm fought for African American equality.





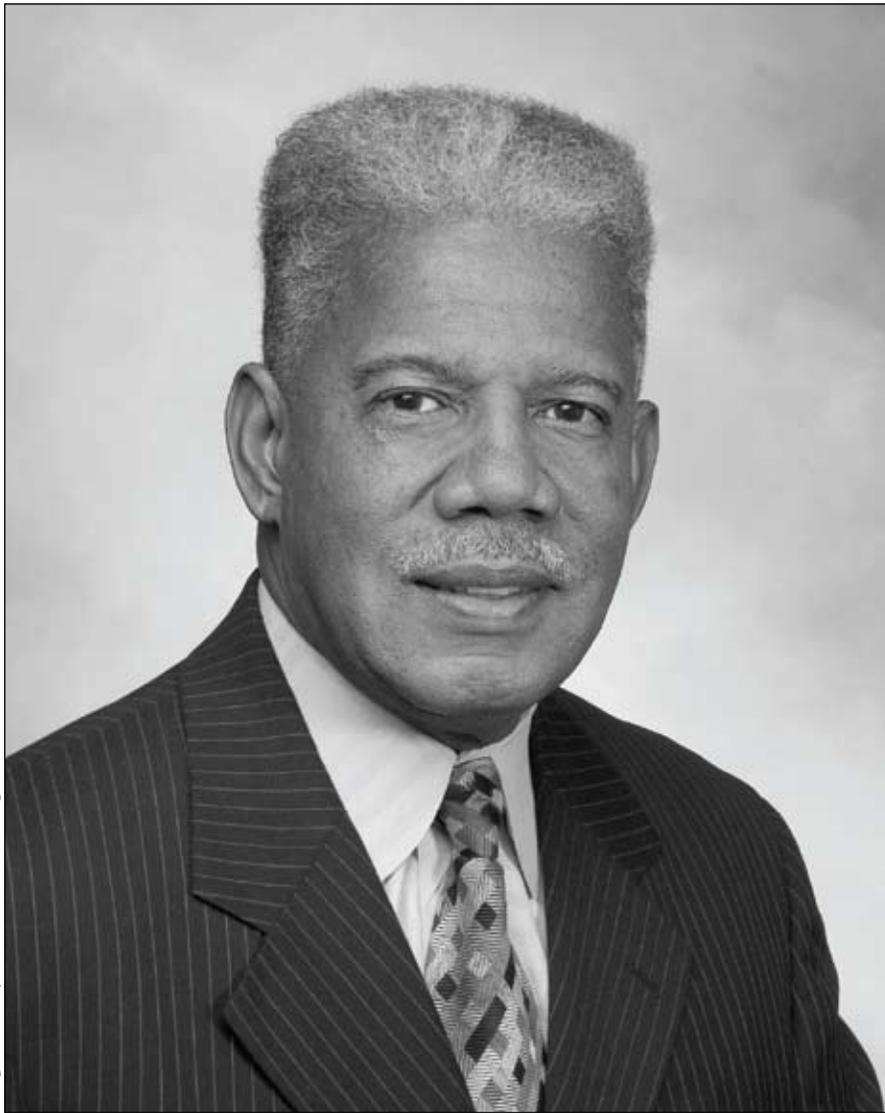
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Florence Saunders Farley
(1928–), Roanoke and Petersburg
PSYCHOLOGIST, EDUCATOR,
ELECTED OFFICIAL, ARTIST

Florence Saunders Farley has fought against racism and bias to open doors in science and politics for African American women in Virginia.



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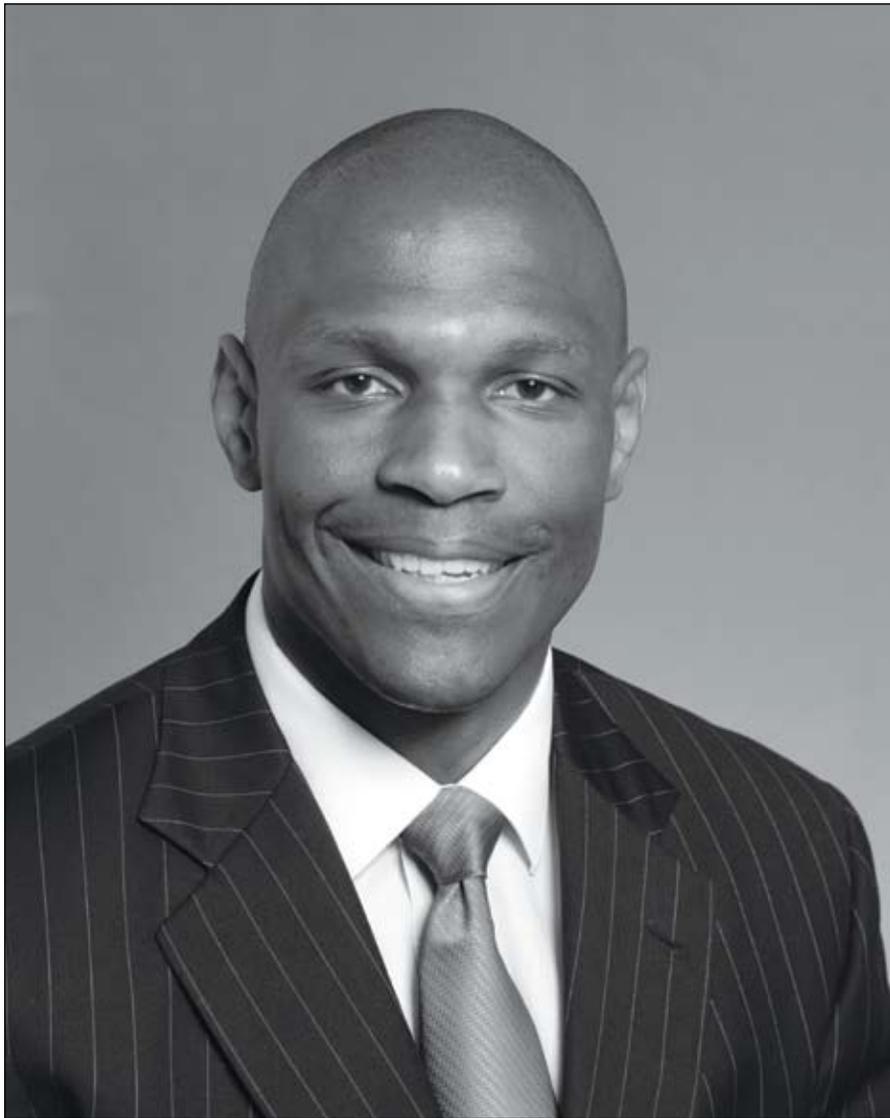
Henry L. Marsh, III
(1933–), Richmond

CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY AND ELECTED OFFICIAL

Throughout his law career and the public offices he has held, Henry L. Marsh has committed his life to bringing equal rights and opportunities to African Americans.



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Christopher Bernard Howard
(1969–), Hampden-Sydney

24TH PRESIDENT OF HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

Christopher Bernard Howard sets an example for Hampden-Sydney students—and for everyone—through his impressive résumé of service to the country and youth-enrichment efforts in Africa and the United States.

