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## The UIN celebrates Detroit's progressives

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I recently attended the Urban Information Network's Urban Legacy Awards Celebration with my friend Joe Corrado. His lovely wife, Dr. Sunanda Samaddar Corrado, was unable to attend, so he accepted her award for her performances on The Sisterhood Show on Detroit Internet Protocol Television (DETipTV--an affiliate of the UIN).



The progressive, cutting-edge Sisterhood, which has the potential to become a national hit, features a diverse group of women, including Corrado, Nubia Wardford, poet Tamika Davis, and activist educator Elena Herrada--a member of the DPS board that appointed me superintendent in 2012. DETipTV CEO Tim Moore hosted the annual awards dinner, during which five

years earlier I had also been an award recipient for my shows on WCHB AM1340 targeting injustices. The dinner celebrates people whose work in our city will hopefully still have impact after we are gone.

These most recent awardees also included producer of the African World Festival Ngai Kai, community supermarket-builder Malik Yakini, TV Station WHPR owner R. J. Watkins, perennial politician LaMar Lemmons, and the fiery activist minister Malik Shabazz.

DETipTV's Tim Moore covers local, national, and world news from an urban perspective, while consistently endeavoring to tell the whole hard truth--as also do we, his chosen awardees.

*In coalescence with his fellow NAN members and activists Helen Moore, Agnes Hitchcock, researcher James Beasley, and outspoken Police Commissioner Willie Burton, Dr. John Telford's current crusade is to try to raise DPSCD students' worst-in-the-nation reading scores.*



## Telford Telescope: Wherefore art thou, DTOT & the DPS Sports Hall?

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Old Pershing student Ruben Wilson and my fellow former DPS superintendent David Snead asked me when the next Detroit Track Old-Timers and the next DPS Sports Hall of Fame awards dinners will be. (First, let me give you

some history: The Detroit Track Old-Timers--founded by world-record University of Michigan relayist Aaron Gordon and me in 1992--had eventually metamorphosed into the DTOT from what had been the historic Detroit Varsity Club.

The DVC board members had included Lorenzo Wright, Dick 'Night Train' Lane, me, Tom Briscoe, Josh Mobley, Dr. Robert Sims, John Hazely, Tom Washington, Harold Murdoch, John Lee, 'Bullet Billy' Smith, Danny Watkins, Dr. Robert Luby, Cliff Hatcher, Rev. Arkles Brooks, T. C. Mills, Van Jenkins, Dr. William Wasson, Pete Petross, and other former Detroit athletes.) Regarding Mr. Wilson's and Dr. Snead's query about the DTOT, I responded that the Old-Timers haven't held our annual awards dinner since Covid 19 hit in 2020. Also, some members have passed--including Dr. Mark Smith, treasurer Tom Sledge, and archivist Dr. Keith McClellan. Orlin Jones, Rev. Brooks, Bernard Cage, and our president, Randy Williams, have had some serious health issues.

Past presidents Allan Tellis at 93 and I at 87 remain relatively healthy, but old. Former presidents Cliff Hatcher and Col. Aaron Gordon have passed. Ex-presidents Paul Jones, Ron Phillips, and Keith Williams have drifted away into other enterprises.

I recently had Lance Woods--a 35-year-old elite marathon runner and president of WeRun313 (see photo)--on my Wednesday morning show on WJZZ Inter-

net Television. Lance leads Detroit's running wave of the future. We hope to recruit him for the DTOT Board or amalgamate the venerable DTOT with the young WeRun313.

Concerning the annual Detroit High School Sports Hall of Fame induction dinner--while I and a few other old trackmen named here have been inducted, Hall of Fame board member Mike 'Tiger' Price informs me that the Hall is on hiatus due to Covid, with no immediate plans to resume its dinners. Our sports community



needs DTOT and the Hall to reconvene! Recent DPS Superintendent John Telford was an NCAA and NAAU All-American and U.S. team quarter-miler. Tune him in Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and Mondays at 6:30 p.m. on WCHB AM1340, Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. on WJZZ Internet TV, and every day on DETipTV.com. Contact him at DrJohnTelfordEdD@aol.com or at (313) 460-8272.

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