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MCKINLEY L. PRICE, DD

Dentist & Former Mayor of Newport News

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. McKinley L. Price, DDS is a native of Newport News, Virginia. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1967, followed by receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University). McKinley was honorably discharged from the United States Army as a First Lieutenant. In 1976, he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and performed a general anesthesia residency at Provident Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Price has received numerous honors and awards from various professional associations. In 1989, he was elected by his peers as President of the Peninsula Dental Society notable as the first Black president of this organization. He was also named "Dentist of the Year" by the Old Dominion Dental Society three times. Dr. Price is a 'Fellow in the Virginia Dental Association, the American College of Dentists, and the International College of Dentist. Dr. Price was a member of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCN) and served on the Criminal and Social Justice Committee, International Affairs Committee, and Vice Chair of the Automation Task Force Committee. Dr. Price served as the President of the African American Mayors Association (AAMA), an organization representing over 500 African American Mayors across the United States, 2020-2021.

Dr. Price's community service was highlighted by his being appointed chair of the Newport News School Board for two years, during his eight years of service, from 1984-1992. In 1994, Dr. Price received the President's Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the 100 Black Men and in 1996 he received the Presidential Citizenship Award from Hampton University. The Peninsula Chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice presented him with their Humanitarian Award in 1996. The Distinguished Citizen Award from the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in 1996.

In 1998, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated honored him as Citizen of the Year during the Mid-Atlantic 44th Annual Regional Conference. The Daily Press Newspaper awarded Dr. Price "Citizen of the Year" for 2005, which highlighted his Co-Chairmanship of the organization, People to People whose mission is to improve race relations and the quality of life in Newport News. It also commended him

for being a founding member of the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the 100 Black Men. They recognized him as the Role Model of the Year in April 2011. Thomas Nelson Community College awarded him their TNCC Medallion Award during the commencement exercises in May 2011. The Price Family was the Honored Family during the 2010 Hampton University's Black Family Conference, and he was the Founder's Day speaker at Hampton University in 2011 and in 2012 the Outstanding alumnus-at-large.

After retiring from his dental practice, he continues to devote his skills to work part-time at the NN City jail. Dr. Price devotes untiring energy and time to the community. He has served as Chairman of the Board for Riverside Health System Foundation, Vice Chair of the Riverside Health System Board, and Past Chairman of the Thomas Nelson Community College Board. He was also appointed to The Chesapeake Tunnel and Bridge Commission for eight years. Dr. Price was appointed by Governor Warner to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Board. He was appointed to the Newport News City Council for a five-month period in 2004. In May 2010, he was elected Mayor of the City of Newport News and was reelected twice. His term ended December 31, 2022.

Currently he serves on the Peak Early Childhood Board, the Newport News Airport Commission, The Mariners Museum Board, Delta Dental Board of Virginia, and GO Virginia Board appointed by Governor Spanberger. He is a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Dr. Price is a member of the First Church of Newport News (Baptist), a church founded by his great-great-grandfather. He was married to the late Valerie Scott Price for more than 50 years. His son McKinley II, DDS, is an Oral Surgeon and married to Amy and they live in Dobbs Ferry, NY with their son Asa. Dr. Price's daughter, Marcia is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, representing the 85th District in Newport News.