



Al Heyward
Distinguished Lasallian-Administrator
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As I sat down to write about Al Heyward, certain words kept coming back to my mind. Words such as gallantry, gentlemen and courteous. So I set out to find something that would embody all three. I came up with a quote from Toni Morrison which states: "The way we live our days, is the way we live our lives". Mr. Heyward certainly lives his life on a daily basis helping others and more often than not going the extra mile.

Al is a native New Yorker growing up in East Harlem and attending public school and later graduating from Baruch College. While growing up in East Harlem Al discovered his love for jazz and TAP dancing. How could he not when he was surrounded by the Apollo theatre where many of the artists played, or the Lenox Lounge and the Baby Grand where many performers relaxed after their sets. His love for the Arts was nurtured by his immediate family including his two sisters Terri and Lilly and later his wife of 44 years Jacqueline. Al set out to follow his passion and he succeeded. Along the way he fell into the company of the Nicholas Brothers, Gregory Hines and Tommy Tunes to name a few.

To bring the love of the Arts to the community Al joined the FLO-BERT organization which sponsors TAP shows throughout the tri state area. Several years back Al was granted an award from Oklahoma City University School of American Dance and Management for his contribution and preservation of American dance. In addition, to the love of the Arts Al is very much involved in politics and is a member of Community Board #9 in the Bronx. Al is not only involved in the politics of the community but the socio-economic programs as well.

After spending many years working for the MANPOWER Organization a training program for the chronically unemployed he went to work for Montefiore Hospital for twenty-three years as an accountant. In 2000 Manhattan College was lucky to hire such an asset to the Controller's office where Mr. Heyward is the Grants Accountant. Everyone knows Al on campus not only because of his work ethic, but because of his gentlemen's attire. It is not often that we see men in bow ties in this day and age, or one that holds the door and pulls out a ladies chair for her. Al Heyward is the epitome of class. As a member of the Diversity committee Al always came to the rescue of finding guest for our presentations. The committee would watch him as he searched his memory bank for friends of friends who knew someone who could provide us with the guest. We would leave the table knowing that everything would work out just fine.

Mr. Al Heyward my colleague and friend embodies the Lasallian tradition. He is a soft spoken gentleman with a swagger to match it. He is always willing to go the extra mile to get the job done whether it is for business or social occasions.

Mr. Al Heyward I salute you.

-Delivered by: Marilyn Carter (November 13, 2014)

