

2001

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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

who credits Brandon with encouraging him to get involved in the struggle for civil rights. Brandon was very involved with the Student Executive Committee for Justice, a group that coordinated the sit-in movement after the Feb. 1, 1960, attempt to integrate Woolworth's dining area. Later, he would hold memberships in local chapters of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) and NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

Through the years, Brandon has remained the quiet but forceful influence behind many causes.

While presenting the award, Renick said that Brandon is deserving of the honor because he is "the foot soldier, the strategist."

"Lewis did not allow history to immobilize him," Renick offered. "When we make choices, our character speaks loudly, ... and he embodies the real spirit of leadership."

During his remarks at the February One celebration, Brandon told students that his generation did not eradicate all of the social ills and that the current generation of college students is needed to continue to fight for what is right. ■

Lewis A. Brandon III

Personal:

Born June 22, 1939, in Asheville, N.C., to the late Lewis A. (Jr.) and Obereta Garrett Brandon; siblings are Donald (Greensboro, N.C.), Kenneth (Greensboro, N.C.) and Bertha (New York City)

Education:

Stephens-Lee High School, Asheville, N.C., 1957; B.S., biology, N.C. A&T State University, 1963; M.S., education/biology, N.C. A&T State University, 1968

Current Employment:

Science teacher, Guilford County Schools, N.C. (1992-)

Professional Memberships:

Smith High School PTSA; North Carolina Association of Educators-Guilford County; National Education Association

Current Community Involvement:

Greensboro Branch-NAACP; Black Child Development Institute of Greensboro; Piedmont Land Conservancy (founding member); The Land Trust for Central North Carolina; North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists; Uplift, Inc. (board); Beloved Community Center (board); Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Awards and Honors:

Man of the Year, Greensboro NAACP (1974); *Presidential Association Award* and *Service Award*, Greensboro Senior Club, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club (1980 and 2000, respectively); *One Community Award*, February One Society (1985); *Sit-in Participant Award*, Sit-in Movement, Inc. (1996); *10-Year Service Award*, North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (1996); *Men of Distinction*, African American Atelier, Inc. (2000); *Human Rights Medal*, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (2001)

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Dr. Franklin E. McCain represents The Greensboro Four at the 41st anniversary celebration of the sit-in. McCain said that learning that Lewis Brandon was chosen as the recipient of the first Human Rights Medal "really made my morning."



Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair Jr.) is a native of Greensboro, N.C., where he graduated from Dudley High School. He earned a B.S. degree in sociology from A&T in 1963.

Currently, Khazan is an evaluator for the CETA program in New Bedford, Mass. He also has worked with the AFL/CIO Trade Council (Boston), Opportunities Industrialization Center and Rodman Job Corps Center.

Khazan is married to the former Lorraine France George of New Bedford, Mass. They have three children.

Franklin Eugene McCain was born in Union County, N.C. He grew up in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Eastern High School. At A&T, he earned a B.S. in chemistry and biology in 1964.

McCain worked as a chemist for Celanese Corporation in Charlotte from 1965 until his retirement. He also served as group leader in the marketing technical department.

McCain is married to the former Betty Davis. They have three sons.

Joseph Alfred McNeil is a native of Wilmington, N.C., where he graduated from Williston Senior High School. He earned a degree in engineering physics from A&T in 1963.

McNeil served in the U.S. Air Force and attained the rank of captain and major general in the Air Force Reserves. He has worked as a computer salesman, commercial banker and aviation safety inspector.

McNeill is married to the former Ina Brown. They have five children.

The late **David Leinail Richmond** was born in Greensboro, N.C. He graduated from Dudley High School.

While enrolled at A&T, Richmond majored in business administration and accounting. Upon leaving the university, he became a counselor-coordinator for the CETA program in Greensboro – a position that allowed him to assist disadvantaged youth and adults. Richmond died in Greensboro Dec. 7, 1990. He is survived by two children.