

Westchester County Board of Legislators celebrates

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Monday, June 16 , 2025 | 7PM

WELCOMING REMARKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Board Chair Vedat Gashi

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS



HORACE E. ANDERSON JR.
PRESENTED BY MAJORITY LEADER
TYRAE WOODSON-SAMUELS



ANNMARIE SMITH
PRESENTED BY LEGISLATOR
SHANAE WILLIAMS

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Board Chair
Legislator, 4th District

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Legislator, 1st District

Erika L. Pierce
Legislator, 2nd District

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Minority Leader
Legislator, 3rd District

Benjamin Boykin II
Legislator, 5th District

Nancy E. Barr
Legislator, 6th District

Catherine F. Parker
Legislator, 7th District

Jewel Williams Johnson
Legislator, 8th District

Emiljana Ulaj
Legislator, 9th District

Judah Holstein
Legislator, 10th District

Terry Clements
Majority Whip
Legislator, 11th District

David Imamura
Legislator, 12th District

Tyrae Woodson-Samuels
Majority Leader
Legislator, 13th District

David J. Tubiolo
Legislator, 14th District

James Nolan
Minority Whip
Legislator, 15th District


Shanae V. Williams
Legislator, 16th District

José I. Alvarado
Vice Chair
Legislator, 17th District



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Horace E. Anderson Jr. is the ninth dean of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, appointed in December 2019. A first-generation American whose parents immigrated from Jamaica, he was the first in his family born in the U.S. and to attend law school.

Dean Anderson has significantly expanded the Law School's community impact through programs in health law and policy, sustainable business, and social justice. He launched multiple pipeline initiatives for local youth, advancing civic engagement and diversity in the legal profession.

Under his leadership, Haub Law earned its first No. 1 ranking in environmental law from U.S. News & World Report and continues to be recognized nationally in environmental law and trial advocacy. The school has also seen record growth in enrollment, applications, and global visibility.

Dean Anderson joined the faculty in 2004 and served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs before becoming interim dean in 2018. Before entering academia, he practiced at White & Case LLP. He holds a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School.

He currently serves on boards for the Center for Community Alternatives and the Westchester County Association. Grateful for the mentors who shaped his path, Dean Anderson remains committed to educating and inspiring students, carrying forward the legacy of mentorship that influenced his journey.

Annmarie Smith immigrated to the United States from Kingston, Jamaica in 1974 at the age of 14. She attended Theodore Roosevelt High School in the Bronx and Baruch College in Manhattan. A proud Yonkers resident for over 40 years, Annmarie has devoted her life to public service and education advocacy.

She has worked for New York State for 45 years, including 33 years with the Department of Motor Vehicles. A mother of four and grandmother of four, all of whom have deep roots in the Yonkers Public School system, Annmarie's passion for public education is personal and unwavering.

Since joining the Yonkers Council of PTSAs in 2005, she has served in multiple leadership roles, becoming President in 2010. Annmarie has been a tireless advocate—organizing rallies, leading campaigns, and meeting with elected officials at every level to fight for equitable education funding. Her leadership has earned her the prestigious Jenkins Award for her dedication to Yonkers students and families.

Annmarie continues to serve as Co-President of the Charles E. Gorton High School PTSA and remains a steadfast voice for quality public education, believing every child deserves access to academics, the arts, and college opportunities. She will continue to advocate on behalf of the Yonkers Public Schools for years to come, or until the Lord says time to take a rest.