

Bill Hunter Award

AWARD HISTORY

Beginning in 1982, after the retirement of Hazel Brown from the Ohio State University College of Education as Assistant Director of Placement, OASPA and OASCUS (Ohio Association of Schools, Colleges, and University Staffing) established the Hazel Brown Awards to recognize a member of each other's organization who had contributed greatly to the the profession. OASPA members selected the OASCUS winner and OASCUS selected the OASPA winner.

After the death of Bill Hunter, the OASPA award was renamed the William Hunter Award in his honor and each organization selected the recipient from among its own membership.

Profile of William L. Hunter

Bill Hunter retired in June 1995 as Executive Director of Human Resources for Canton City Schools and passed away at his home on April 4, 1996. Bill graduated from Central State University and received his Masters from Kent State University. During his professional career, Bill was a teacher, principal (Canton's first black principal), and Executive Director of Personnel.

In addition to his public school career, Bill was a great supporter and chair of the Pro-Football Hall of Fame Festival, a 16-year veteran of Canton's Civil Service Commission, and a 30-year member of Canton's Urban League.

Bill served as Region II Representative for AASPA. He was known for his professionalism, his warmth and his sense of humor. He was also instrumental in establishing the Ohio Minority Recruiting Consortium that continues as one of the model projects in the United States.

The Bill Hunter Award is presented at the fall conference to an administrator who meets the following criteria:

1. A highly successful administrator who is commonly acknowledged in his/her district and beyond as such.
2. Has made a significant contribution to the Association.
3. Has made a significant contribution to improving school personnel work in his/her district and/or beyond.
4. Who is a) actively involved in school personnel administration, b) a former school personnel administrator who has taken another position in education, or c) a retired school personnel administrator.