

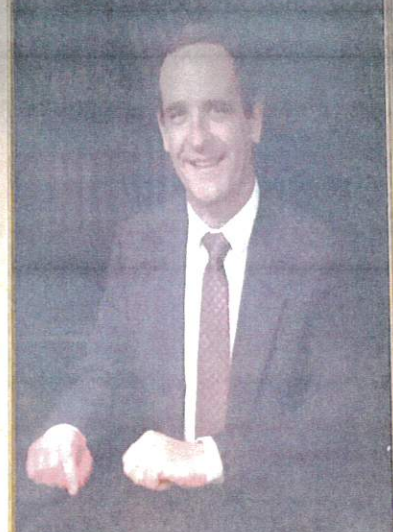
*A Legacy of Leadership & Excellence Continues!*



1978-1980



1980-1991



1991-1994

*Dr. Jimmy Riddle, Mr. Paul D. Jones,  
and Dr. David Shoemaker*



1994-1998



1998-2007



2007-Current

*Ms. Jennifer Allen, Mrs. Lillia Bernard and currently  
Mrs. Sonja Matthews-Coaxum, the Proud Principal  
Fort Service Learning Magnet Academy*



## *The Celebration Order of Service*

*Ms. Kimberly Boynton, Mistress of Ceremony*

*Welcome.....Mr. Otis Lofton, Jr., Proud Asst. Principal*

*Pledge of Allegiance (Please Stand)*

*Occasion.....Mrs. Mary Godfrey*

*Greetings—Dr. David Lewis, MCSD Superintendent*

*Welcome—The Honorable State Representative Carolyn Hugley,  
House Minority Whip, District 136*

*Proclamation from Columbus—The Honorable Jerry “Pops” Barnes*

*Salutations from MCSB Chairwoman, Mrs. Kia Chambers*

*Congratulations from MCSB District 1 by Mrs. Pat Hugley-Green*

*Best Wishes from the Eastern Region—Dr. Ronald Wiggins, Chief*

*Musical Selection.....Mr. Jeremy Webster, Band Director*

*“Video Presentation of Continuing the Legacy” Featuring:*

*Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent/Mayor Teresa Tomlinson/*

*Former Superintendent Dr. Jim Buntin/Mr. Thomas H. Fort, III/*

*Councilman Jerry “Pops” Barnes/Mrs. Brenda Hart*

*Mrs. Marjorie Barker-Jackson/Mrs. Mary Godfrey/Mrs. Erika Screws/*

*Ms. Tiffany Taylor & Ms. Cynthia Baker-Raleigh*

*Partners in Education.....Mr. Bill Weeks, Panasonic*

*Musical Selection...Ms. Lyndsay Richardson, Choral Director*

*Recognition of Former Principals—Ms. Kimberly Boynton*

*Introduction of Keynote Speaker...Miss Madison Graham, 8th Grade*

*Mr. Daniel Blackman, Keynote Speaker*

*“In Remembrance of Judge Thomas Hicks Fort”*

*Candle Lighting by Mr. William Fort Morgan, Great-Grandson*

*“In Loving Memory of Past Principal Mr. Paul D. Jones”*

*Candle Lighting by Mrs. Pauline Jones, Wife*

*Alma Mater.....Dear Old Fort, We Adore You (Please Stand)*

*Concluding Remarks by Mrs. Sonja Matthews-Coaxum*

*Celebratory Balloon Release by the Students*



*Thank You for attending this stellar event. A special thank you to Mr. Guy Wilson and Mr. T. Hicks Fort, III who shared with us our first dedication program, Mrs. Brenda Hart—who is forever a Patriot, Miss Karen Jones, who assisted us with access to the MCSD archives, MCSB Representative Pat Hugley-Green, Mrs. Debra McDaniel—who is newly retired, the “Awesome Anniversary Committee,” our students who participated, as well as to those who have contributed to Fort’s status of being “The Best Middle School in the World!” Our hearts and doors are always open to you!*



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MISS KAREN P. JONES, CO-CHAIRPERSON**