

Special Recognition Award - presented to **Ross Marshall** at the 2017 Annual Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City for providing outstanding leadership and organizational talents to plan and execute the continued growth of the NSDKC Historic Markers Program. Every year, Ross identifies worthy sites and collaborative partners to expand this iconic program that makes the history of the Kansas City region come alive. Through creation and placement of these elegant markers, Ross Marshall leads the NSDKC preservation and sharing of our history with the Kansas City Community.

The George E. Hicks Award for Perseverance – presented to Carl J. DiCapo at the 2017 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his perseverance, patience and outstanding efforts in raising monies for the construction of our Monument which he believed should be built to honor our community. Without his leadership this project would not have been possible. We thank him for his continued dedication to our organization. With much gratitude and appreciation.

The Lee I. Pickering Award of Excellence – presented to Gary L. Hicks at the 2017 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughter of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his four plus years commitment to creating the extraordinary design of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City Monument being built in the prestigious Illus Davis Park. In addition, he relentlessly researched records in order to compile the historical text displayed on the ten panels. We are very proud of the monument that reflects the heritage of our Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area and represents the mission of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Gary continues to amaze us with his ongoing dedication to our organization and we sincerely thank you for being a asset .