



Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated

Executive Summary – Resume

Malachi Knowles, M.R.C.P.

Founder, Inner City Youth Golfers', Inc.; African American Golfers Hall of Fame; African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame and Golf Fore Anyone, Inc.

Malachi Knowles was born in West Palm Beach and raised in Riviera Beach, Fla. He graduated from Washington Elementary (Riviera Beach) and Roosevelt High, 1959 (West Palm Beach) Schools. His passion for golf started at an early age of ten (10) years old. He was anointed as its “shag boy” by the “Caddy Master” at the Everglades Country Club, Palm Beach Florida. He attended Morgan State College, Baltimore, MD 1959-63. Morgan did not have a golf team so he “worked with the athletic director and others” to start a team under the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1960. He was its first team Captain while lettering for three years on a golf scholarship and graduating with a BA Degree, June 1963.

Mr. Knowles attended the School of Regional & City Planning, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla. whereupon he became the first African American in the United States of America to graduate with its two year “Master of Regional and City Planning Degree” in August, 1965. He also graduated from the U.S. Army Finance School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Malachi started his working career as a “Housing Intern” on August 16, 1965 with the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, Chicago, Illinois and retired from the government after holding several executive and policy making positions in Washington, DC, March 1991. Most notably, he was Director General of the “World Conference of Mayors”; Executive Assistant to Ambassador Eddie N. Williams, President of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; Special Assistant to the Director of "The United States White House Office for Urban Policy" and Director of Special Projects, US/HUD Hqtrs, Washington, DC.

He returned to Palm Beach County in 1993 and was vigorously recruited as a substitute teacher at John F. Kennedy Middle Magnet School in Riviera Beach, FL where he also started its first golf program as one of its after school activities as his way of giving back to the children.

Malachi then founded “Inner City Youth Golfers’ Inc.” (ICYG), a tax-exempt foundation that works with at risk youth between 7 and 18 years of age in January 2000. It is a “golf

and education program” requiring parental and youth participation at the same time. Uniquely, ICYG has developed its own initiative: “Say NO To Drugs – Say YES To Education, Culture & Golf” in order to grow the game of golf and promote positive aspects of life. ICYG has also served as the “youth golf clinician” for the Palm Beach County Sports Commission’s “Kids Fitness Festival” since 2003. “The 2013 Honda Classic” honored “Inner City Youth Golfers’, Inc.” for its outstanding community contributions.

In April 2004, he started the “African American Golfers Hall of Fame” (AAGHOF) which is currently headquartered in Riviera Beach, FL. Under his leadership, the “African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame” (AAC&YGHOF) was founded as well in 2010 in order for all AAGHOF members to continue being roll models for future generations to come.

Mr. Knowles has an extensive planning, housing & community development background over the years. He has taught graduate and undergraduate classes in city planning, housing, development, budgeting, policy and marketing at the University of the District of Columbia (1970-1974), Washington, D.C.; Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland (1974); and University of Miami, Miami, FL 1975/77). He is currently involved as: Secretary/Treasurer, Riviera Beach Community Development Corporation (RBCDC, 04/26/12) and Chair, Architecture Review Committee, Thousand Oaks @ Congress Master Association, Inc., Riviera Beach, FL.

Also, Malachi serves as a Board Member, Palm Beach County Sports Commission and Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials, Palm Beach County; Publisher, Golf Fore Anyone, Inc.; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Life Member #88) and President, The National Council of SHADS (An Auxiliary of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.), 2018-present.

Mr. Knowles has received numerous proclamations; citations; honors and awards, most notably: “2016 Citizen of the Year” Riviera Beach, FL; inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame, March 20, 2016; “2015 African American Champion For Change”, Aetna Inc. (African American History Calendar); “University of Maryland Eastern Shore Presidential Award”, May 26, 2011; “2014 Dedicated Service to Children in Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County Award”; “2014 Outstanding Service Award” Palm Beach County Chapter, National Pan-Hellenic Council; “2014 Citizen of the Year”, Kappa Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the, “2014 Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame Outstanding Sports Contributor” for his work.

He has traveled extensively in the USA and abroad. He is married to his best friend, Esmeralda H. Knowles. His daughters name is Malinda Frances Knowles.

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