



Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated

Executive Summary – Resume

Malachi Knowles, 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.

His passion for golf started at an early age of ten (10) years old. He was anointed as the “shag boy” by the “Caddy Master” at the Everglades Country Club, Palm Beach Florida during his early school years at Washington Elementary (Riviera Beach) and Roosevelt High (West Palm Beach) Schools where he attended.

Malachi attended Morgan State College, Baltimore, MD, after completing high school in 1959. 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 (CIAA) 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.

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

Knowles 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 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, Washington, DC.

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

Malachi then founded “Inner City Youth Golfers’ Inc.” (ICYG), a tax-exempt foundation that works with at risk youth between 8 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 served as the “youth golf clinician” for the Palm Beach County Sports Commission’s “Kids Fitness Festival” since 2003. “The 2013 Honda Classic” honored ICYG.

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 for all AAGHOF members to continue being roll models for future generations to come.

His current goal is to construct the “African American Golfers Hall of Fame & ICYG Clubhouse” in Riviera Beach, Fla.

Well, he has also 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 the University of Miami, Miami, FL 1975/77).

Mr. Knowles has received numerous proclamations; citations; honors; awards, most notably: “Operation Hope’s 2022 Community Service Award”; “Palm Beach County Sports Commission’s Champions of Equity & Diversity Award, 2021”; “AAGHOF Outstanding Sports Contributor for 2018”; Inducted into the “Inaugural Class of the Florida Black Sports Hall of Fame 2020”; “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 “2014 Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame Outstanding Sports Contributor” award.

He has traveled extensively in the USA and abroad. Malachi is currently involved as a Board Member, Palm Beach County Sports Commission; Thousand Oaks Community Development District; Riviera Beach Community Development Corporation; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Life Member #88); Publisher, Golf Fore Anyone, Inc. and Fairview Golf Club, Inc.

He is married to his best friend, Esmeralda H. Knowles. His daughter’s name is Malinda Frances Knowles.

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