Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.

Educator/College Educator Inducted July 22, 2006

Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Lincoln University, a Master's degree from the University of Illinois and his Doctorate degree from the Saint Louis University. Dr. Givens as participated in post-doctoral studies in higher education administration at Harvard University. He has recognized with dozens of national, state and local awards, including an honorary doctorate of Human Letters form Lincoln University.

Dr. Givens began his career in education as a teacher in the Webster Grove School District, a suburb of St. Louis, and was named principal of the nation's first prototype magnet school. He later was named assistant to the superintendent of schools. He was the first African American to serve as Assistant Commissioner of Education in Missouri, holding the post for five years.

Dr, Givens is president of Harris-Stowe State University, a position he has held since Harris-Stowe became a state intuition in 1979. During the mid 1980's, Missouri Governor John Ashcroft called on Dr. Givens to lead an effort to pull Lincoln University out of a three million dollar deficit. He agreed to work to save his alma mater from financial ruin. During this period, he spent three days a week at both Lincoln University and Harris-Stowe.

Dr, Given's is affiliated with numerous educational organizations and honor societies, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Board of Director's, the Association of Governing Boards, the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Dr. Givens is married to the former Belma Evans, a Lincoln University alumna, and the reside in St. Louis, Missouri.