# COMMUNITY WOMEN AGAINST HARDSHIP

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I HEAR MUSIC IN IN THE AIR **Amani Dugger** is super excited to be receiving a Baldwin upright piano from Pianos for People, their 300<sup>th</sup> donation. She has been a part of Community Women Against Hardship's (CWAH) Modern American Music program since 2017. Music instructor Michael Carosello is her teacher. Her dedication and commitment to the craft captivated Carosellos' interest so much that in an effort, to inspire her continued enthusiasm, he made the appeal to make this donation possible.

Gloria Taylor, Founder/CEO of CWAH has worked tirelessly to keep the arts in the community, since so many music programs have been removed from inner city schools. Currently drum and piano lessons are available to student's 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you know someone interested, please call 314-289-7523 today, limited spots are available.

SATURDAYS: DRUMS: 10:00AM- 11:00AM - PIANO 12:00PM - 1:00 PM





AMANI DUGGER

### Instructors:

Jerome "Scrooge" Harris, master drummer, has been a fixture in St. Louis jazz circles for more than five decades. Was a member of the innovative collective the Black Artists group (B.A.G) in St. Louis MO.

He was an adjunct faculty professor at Webster University. He taught Advanced Techniques of Jazz.



*Michael Carosello*, Pianist, performer, and teacher of piano, keyboards, and music theory for over 30 years. Owner and operator of computer-based music studio since technologies appeared in 1986.









### By: Camryn Perkins – Essay Winner Looks at Dunbar

Paul Lawrence Dunbar was born June 27, 1872 to parents who were enslaved in Kentucky. Paul began writing stories when he was a child.

His first poems were published when he was 16 years old. His poetry was published in a Dayton newspaper. During his high school years, he was President of his high school's literary society His popularity increased after his work was praised by William Dean Howells who was an editor associated with Harper's Weekly.

During his life, he became one of the first African American writer to establish an international reputation.

After completing school in 1891, Paul took a job as an elevator operator. Although he wanted to become a lawyer, he was unable to do so because of his mother's limited income.

During his life, he published a dozen books of poetry, four books of short stories, four novels, lyrics for a musical and a play.

On March 6, 1898, Paul married Alice Ruth Moore. She was from New Orleans and she was a teacher. She is known for her short stories collection, "Violets." An account of their love, life and marriage was portrayed in "Oak and Ivy" a 2001 play.

In 1897, Paul took a job at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. In 1900 Paul was diagnosed with Tuberculosis. On the advice of doctors, he moved to Colorado with his wife. In 1902 he and his wife separated after he nearly beat her to death. They never divorced. Depression and declining health drove him to a dependence on alcohol. This further damaged his health.

In 1904 Paul returned to Dayton to be with his mother where he died on February 9, 1906 at the age of 36. He is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

In St. Louis, Missouri, a grade school that my grandmother, aunts, and cousins attended "Dunbar" is located at 1415 North Garrison, St. Louis, Missouri 63106. Due to low enrollment, it is scheduled to close at the end of this 2021 school



## Bonita Cornute, retired Fox2 news

journalist takes time out of her busy schedule to listen to students during our Black History Month Essay contest.

After retiring, her intent was to never loose touch with what goes on in the community, and that she has not. Altruistically she continues to give countless hours of volunteer service to agencies such as CWAH.

We were honored to have her assist in the creative writing workshop to help develop students writing and speaking skills. This program was designed to encourage and expose kids to the discovery of various career goals.

Students were awarded cash prizes for their written and spoken work. Divided into two groups.

**Congratulations** *Camryn and Amani, each won* \$50 cash prizes: Treyvon and Terrell \$25 winners!

#### Keep Soaring!!!!!!!!





# JILL LOFTIN

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH) welcomes Ms. Jill Loftin to ourBoard of Directors. She brings much experience, and has received outstanding awards within the community, including a Lifetime Achievement Award The Link For Women LL C. She is also Security Supervisor for Ameren Missouri. We are excited to have her as part of our affiliation.

# Community Women Against Hardship

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