## Founder's Honor Award



AllRisk gives back to the neighborhoods and regions. They are so privileged to serve by supporting a diverse array of organizations who improve the quality of life for others through education, scholarships, housing, medical care and research, health and human services. Thank you for allowing AllRisk to make a difference.



American Water has long believed in the importance of being a good neighbor and good steward of the environment. The primary focus of the American Water Charitable Foundation is to support employees in their own charitable endeavors, provide stronger support for disaster relief efforts, and to provide funding for higher-level initiatives related to clean water, conservation, education, and community sustainability. Since inception, the Foundation has provided \$15.5 million in funding through grants and matching gifts.



Bowman & Company supports the Camden Schools Foundation because they believe in The Foundation's mission, the potential of the Camden youth, and because every child deserves an opportunity to pursue goals in their educational and professional careers.

For over 85 years, Bowman & Company has served South Jersey. Our team of over 130 professionals, including over 65 CPAs, provides our clients access to dozens of industry specialists. Bowman's diverse knowledge of both the public and private sector makes us the preferred destination for nearly any accounting need. We provide large-firm experience and resources, with small-firm accessibility and personalized service.

Bowman has decades of experience working with educational and non-profit organizations. One reason our clients choose to work with us is that our goals are aligned. Bowman values education; whether it's speaking in the classroom to students about career opportunities, developing talent from local universities, funding scholarships, or volunteering their time and resources, they're always paving the way for the next generation.



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Conner Strong & Buckelew, have collaborated to focus on improving youth education, funding disease research, supporting the arts and helping the disadvantaged in whatever ways possible. They are proud to support the life-changing organizations that are making a world of difference.

## Hall of Fame Honorees



**Delia Brown** 

Delia Loretta Ford Brown was born in Camden, NJ to Alice Mathews Ford and Robert H. Ford. She has four siblings: Ronald, Robert M.(deceased), Raymond, and Debra Ford. Delia grew up in the "Centerville" section of Camden and graduated from Camden High School in 1960. Her post secondary education included a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1964 from Glassboro State College in Elementary Education; a Master of Arts Degree in Reading Education from Glassboro State College in 1976, and another Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration from Rowan University in 1996.

Her career was devoted to education. Delia's first teaching experience was in West Deptford Township, where she taught first and third grades for seven years. In October 1975, her profession continued in Camden at Pyne Poynt Middle School as a B.S.I.P. Reading Teacher. From this assignment, she transferred to Camden High School, becoming the SRA Reading Teacher and eventually the Reading Department Chairperson. During her tenure in Camden, she was appointed to the position of Reading Helping Teacher. Later she became an Administrative Assistant to one of the Assistant Superintendents. From this position, she became a Reading Supervisor and retired as the Director of Curriculum & Instruction in 2005. Throughout her time in Camden, she always found time to mentor students.

Upon retiring, after 36 years in education, Delia continued to devote time to mentoring students in the Camden and Pennsauken School Districts. This was a source of enjoyment! Presently, she is a mentor at the Camden High School Campus. She has individual students she supports and is a volunteer at the Creative Arts High School for "Girl Talk", a group for young ladies who discuss topics of their choosing during lunch.



## **Chief Jesse Flax**

Jesse Flax's journey with the Camden Fire Department began in 1994, a year that marked a significant transition in his family's legacy of public service. His father, a dedicated firefighter, retired after 27 years of service to the Camden community, a tradition of commitment that Jesse proudly continues. His sister, too, has contributed to this tradition, retiring as a state correctional officer. This deep-rooted commitment to public service is a source of inspiration for all who know Jesse.

Jesse's early years in the Camden Fire Department were marked by his exceptional commitment to excellence and a rapid ascent through the ranks. In 2001, he was promoted to Fire Captain, a position that allowed him to significantly impact the department and the firefighters under his command. His dedication to the fire service extended beyond his immediate duties; from 2002 to 2008, Jesse contributed to the department's training division by teaching several academy classes. His passion for mentoring and educating the next generation of firefighters was evident in the success of his trainees, including one of the department's largest recruit classes of 34 firefighters.

In 2023, Mayor Victor Carstarphen recognized his dedication, experience, and leadership by promoting Jesse Flaxes to the highest level as Fire Chief of the Camden Fire Department. Under his leadership, the department is poised to continue its tradition of excellence in serving the Camden community.



**Daniel Irizarry** 

Daniel Irizarry was born at Cooper Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. He attended Camden City Public Schools, specifically, Washington School, Molina, Vets and graduated from Camden Academy Charter High School. He was also a star athlete for Woodrow Wilson where he played baseball and football.

Daniel began his law enforcement career as a law enforcement Corrections Officer, where he served for 5 years and continued his career as a Detective with the Camden County Police Department for the last 7 years. He is presently President of the Camden County Fraternal Order of Police. He also served 4 years as the Rank and File Vice President. During his tenure on the Executive Board, he has made it a priority to support community initiatives. The F.O.P, under his leadership, has donated over \$20,000 to the MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper for cancer research, specifically colon cancer. Daniel takes pride in organizing and fundraising to provide over 500 gifts for the holidays for families in Camden. Through his leadership, the C.C.F.O.P has been able to become a sponsor for the Camden School Foundation to support the youth with furthering their education.

His mentors encouraged him to develop strong moral ethics to overcome the challenges and obstacles that Daniel and his peers faced growing up in the projects. He was fortunate to be surrounded by good mentors that helped guide him down the right path. As a result, he presently dedicates his time to improving the lives of other young men by coaching the East Camden Little League football and baseball teams and supporting youth activities sponsored through the Camden County Police Department.

Daniel's pride and joy is spending time with his daughters, Brianna and Hazel. He is committed to serving as a role model to his daughters by empowering them with the mindset that they can achieve all things that they set their mind to.



Rev. Dr. Silas M. Townsend

Dr. Townsend is a native of Washington, D.C. He graduated cum laude from Millikin University, Decatur Illinois, earned his Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and in 1998, earned his Doctorate in Ministry with distinction from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. (Now Palmer Seminary) Dr. Townsend served as Executive Director of the Burlington County Community Action Program, Inc. (BCCAP) for over forty years, retiring in 2015. Dr. Townsend is a former Adjunct Professor at the Palmer Theological Seminary.

Dr. Townsend has been the Pastor of the St. John Baptist Church, Camden, New Jersey since 1982. Under his leadership, the Church built a new Edifice and paid off a twenty five year mortgage in four years. Through Dr. Townsend, two Churches were planted, St. John Baptist Church of Pennsauken, NJ and St. John Family Worship Center in Burlington, NJ.

The Church also built a Youth Development Center that houses the St. John Day Care Center. St. John has 83 Ministries that advance the Kingdom of God. The Church's Ministries provide food, clothing and other services to those in the community. The Church also provides meals to the homeless and Senior Saints every Sunday. In 1993, St John Community Development Corporation was formed to rehab and build housing for Camden Residents.

Rev. Townsend is a humble, compassionate Man of God, full of the Spirit. He works tirelessly on behalf of the young people, supporting programs in local schools and community groups. He encourages them to stay in school and always do their best.