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Gladys Gary Vaughn Class of 2026

Current Employer:

United States Department of Agriculture
(USDA), Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Civil Rights, Washington, DC

Professional Background:

Public Service at USDA: Chief, Training and
Cultural Transformation programs for the Office
of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights,
Director, Office of Outreach, and National
Program Leader for Human Sciences Research; co-author of five national award-
winning critical issues curricular; author or co-author of grants generating more than
\$12 million for programs designed to improve well-being of children, families and
communities; Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences, North Carolina
Central University.



Major Accomplishments:

Creating a leadership institute for women of African descent aged 21-45 to encourage
them to aspire to leadership positions in their communities, civic, social and professional
organizations and faith congregations; helping to found a national organization to
recover and record the contributions of black women in family and consumer sciences;
serving as National President of The Links, Inc.; and service to the International Board of
Directors of Habitat for Humanity, The Black Women's Agenda, and Delta Sigma Theta
Sorority. Co-author of two books that help close critical gaps in the history of
accomplishments of Black women and Black women's organizations.

Previous Service to ASALH:

Member, Executive Council; Creator of Black History Month Festival; Chair of the

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Development Committee; Co-Chair and member, Black History Month Luncheon Leadership Team; Contributor, Centennial Campaign; Assisted with implementation and marketing of the ASALH Legacy Award.

What I Hope to Accomplish as an Executive Council Member of ASALH:

Continue critical work examining ASALH's fund development structure in building a sustainable fund development program and office that addresses current and long-term operational and programming needs; engage members in building ASALH's capacity to reach new audiences; enhance ASALH's operations, governance and communications to build better/sustaining bridges to the public; help foster accurate understanding about the contributions of peoples of African descent in building the United States and the world; and create and secure funding for a long-term academic program that produces the next generation of scholars trained to research, record and disseminate the history of peoples of African descent.

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