Bogart Leashore Scholarship

What is the Bogart Leashore Scholarship?

This scholarship is in honor and memory of Dr. Bogart Leashore, Dean of Hunter College School of Social Work from 1991-2003. The scholarship will be given to a student who is dedicated to social justice and racial equity, sound social work practice, and the welfare of African-American children and families. One scholarship will be awarded: amount varies.

Who was Dr. Bogart Leashore?

Dr. Bogart Leashore (1947–2007) was dedicated to high standards of social work education, social justice and racial equity, sound social work practice, and the welfare of children and families. He was Dean of Hunter College School of Social Work from 1991 to 2003.

Bogart Leashore received his PhD in Social Work and Sociology from the University of Michigan in 1979 and joined the faculty of Howard University teaching initially in the School of Social Work. From 1979 to 1985 he was faculty member, Research Associate and Chair (1983–1985) in the Department of Urban Studies at Howard University. In 1985 he became the Associate Dean for the School of Social Work at Howard University where he served until the call to the deanship at Hunter College School of Social Work in 1991. In his 12 years as dean of Hunter College School of Social Work (HCSSW), he led the school through budget reductions, administrative cutbacks, accreditation challenges and enrollment increases. In so doing, he took HCSSW to new places—a Distance Learning Center, a Center for Permanency in Child Welfare, an Advanced Standing Master's Degree Program and a PhD Program.

Dean Leashore was a scholar and prominent actor in social work education. He served on the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education and served his social work education colleagues as president of the National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work (2000–2002).
Dr. Leashore dedicated his professional career to social work education, to social justice and racial equity, and theory development for Africentric child welfare practice. Within each of these contexts, his vision was informed by the proud inspiration of his mother, an early and active participant in the Civil Right's Movement. His favorite expression was “Stay the course.”

Although he retired from Hunter College School of Social Work in 2003, his service and expertise were extended to Clark Atlanta University, Jackson State University, Delaware State University, and University of Akron and Cleveland State University Schools of Social Work.

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