

Mr. Robert L. Brown



Robert L. Brown recently retired from the University of Connecticut, where he has been employed since September of 1970. For over sixteen years, Mr. Brown worked closely with students and their parents in the Connecticut Precollegiate Enrichment Program (CONNPEP)/Upward Bound program based out of Storrs, CT and also working out of both Hartford and New Haven high schools.

In January 1987, he transferred to the UCONN Greater Hartford campus and became the program manager of the Student Support Services program which is a program within the Center for Academic Programs. There he has gained the support of both the Greater Hartford chapter of the UCONN Alumni Association and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to award book scholarships to deserving, needy students in the program.

Mr. Brown has also been extremely supportive of social justice causes. In February 1994, the University allowed him to take a year and a half, paid leave to become a Loan Executive to the Special Events department of the 1995 Special Olympics World Games Organizing Committee in New Haven. He has continued his support of Special Olympics as well as many other community efforts throughout the state.

Over the years, Mr. Brown has received numerous awards for both his work with students and his volunteer work with many organizations, including the Hartford Board of Education, Connecticut Association of Black Social Workers, the Connecticut Association of Latin Americans in Higher Education, the Connecticut Association of Educational Opportunity Programs, and Special Olympics Connecticut.

After 38 years at the University, Mr. Brown retired on July 1, 2009 but was rehired as Interim Program Manager with this contract ending on July 30, 2010. He is past President of the OBCM Advisory Board and still serves on the Board; he is a past Vice Chairman of the Board of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office for Catholic Schools; currently a parishioner at St. Michael Church in Hartford, he is Vice President of St. Michael Parish Council, a member of the St. Michael Gospel Choir, a member of the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir, and Treasurer of the Knights of Peter Claver, St. Benedict Council #311. Mr. Brown is presently the Board Secretary of the Klingberg Family Centers, on the Board of Special Olympics Connecticut, and a member of the Connecticut Association of Latin Americans in Higher Education.

Mr. Brown and his wife, Phyllis, a recently retired public school teacher, have been living in Bloomfield, Connecticut for fourteen years. They have two adult children, Sean and Shirene, both living in Greensboro, North Carolina and one grandchild, Dawn.