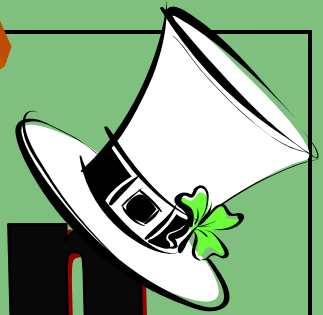


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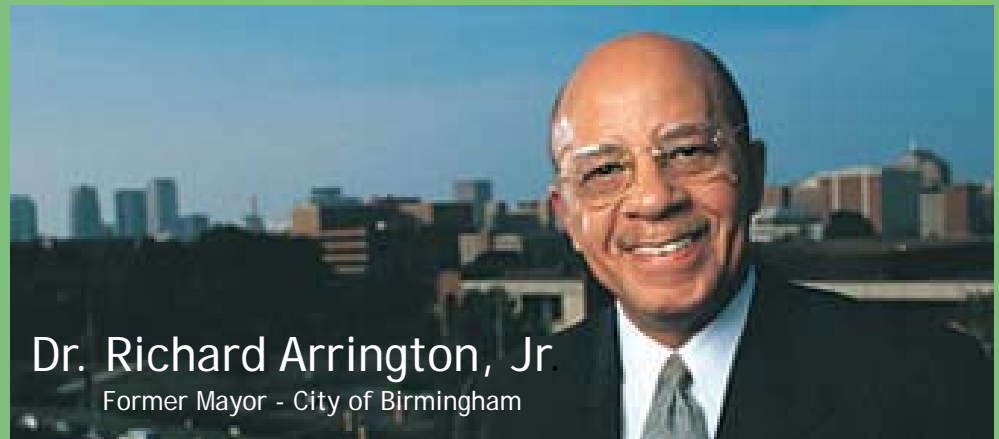
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Richard Arrington, Jr. was born October 19, 1934 in Livingston, Alabama. He was the first African American mayor of the city of Birmingham, serving five terms (20 years) from 1979 to 1999.

Arrington's father moved his family to the steel-town of Fairfield from rural Sumter County when Richard Jr. was five years old to take a job with U.S. Steel. The steady work was an improvement over sharecropping, but Richard Sr. still had to supplement the family income by

working off-hours as a brick mason. Arrington was a standout student at Fairfield Industrial High School, where he had first decided to study tailoring. With those classes full, he instead learned dry cleaning, graduating in 1951 at the age of 16 he took a job at a cleaner and applied to Fairfield's Miles College.



Dr. Richard Arrington, Jr.  
Former Mayor - City of Birmingham

Arrington majored in biology at Miles and excelled in the classroom and as a leader, rising to the presidency of his chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans. He was also an officer in the Honor Society and the Thespian Club. In his third year of college, while still living at home, he married Barbara Jean Watts. He graduated *cum laude* in 1955 and took a position as a graduate assistant at the University of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan.

He earned a master's degree in 1957 and returned to Miles as an assistant professor of science where he taught for six years before entering the University of Oklahoma doctoral program in zoology in 1963. He earned his doctorate at Oklahoma in 1966, completing a dissertation on the "Comparative Morphology of Some Dryopoid Beetles", and, at the urging of President Lucius Pitts, returned to Miles as acting dean and director of the summer school. He was quickly promoted to chair of the Natural Sciences Department and eventually was named Dean of the College. He received his Ph.D from the University of Oklahoma in 1966.



Guest Reservations REQUIRED - March 24, 2009

Amin Tarzi, Ph.D  
Director of Middle East Studies  
Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA

Speaker's Topic: "Neo-Taliban" -  
Who, What, Where and How

Meet the **2009 Outstanding ROTC Cadets**  
Scholarships are awarded upon verification of the cadets enrollment at any college or university.



**\$1,000 winner**  
Cadet 2nd Lieutenant  
Veronica Santos  
Homewood High School



**\$1,000 winner**  
Cadet Colonel  
Katrina Monique Ward  
P.O. Jackson Olin High School



**\$2,000 winner**  
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel  
Tonesa N. Jones  
Huffman High School



**\$2,000 winner**  
Cadet Colonel  
Aureale Vann  
Ramsay High School



Major General A.C. Blalock, The Adjutant General to Alabama, was the special guest speaker for the event.

Each Cadet had her picture taken with General Bill Clark (left) and Major General Blalock.

For the first time in the history of the scholarship awards the judges were unable to choose a winner. The first and second place scholarships were divided equally between Cadet Jones and Cadet Vann.



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### Next Tuesday's Program March 17, 2009 12:00 Noon



**Dr. Richard C. Arrington, Jr.**  
Former Mayor - City of Birmingham



### Upcoming Programs

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| March 24 | Dr. Amin Tarzi<br>Director of Middle East Studies<br>Marine Corp University |
| March 31 | Mark Claypool<br>President & CEO<br>Educational Services of America         |
| April 7  | Kate Nielsen, CEO<br>Community Foundation of Greater<br>Birmingham          |
| April 14 | Richard Shelby<br>U.S. Senator for Alabama                                  |

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Board of directors will meet on Tuesday,  
March 17 at 11:15 a.m. in Room A - 3rd  
floor, The Harbert Center.

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