

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where
we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever
stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.



Pinellas County
Urban League

THE 42nd ANNUAL **JOSEPH L. CARWISE** awards

FEBRUARY 25, 2026 | 6:00 P.M.
CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL



Joseph L. Carwise

JOSEPH L. CARWISE

Pinellas County Urban League would like to honor the late Dr. Joseph L. Carwise. Dr. Carwise retired from the Pinellas County School system after 36 years of service. He began his career teaching mathematics at Pinellas High School in Clearwater Florida and concluded his career in the District's Research Department. Dr. Carwise received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Bethune -Cookman College and his Doctorate from Indiana University. Dr. Carwise was appointed by Dr. Howard Hinseley to oversee the pupil assignment office where he was responsible for enforcing the Federal Court Order of desegregation. He was confronted with many challenges, but handled them with integrity, justice and love.

Dr. Carwise was the first black member of the City of Clearwater Commission where he served three years as Vice Mayor. He was a life member of the NAACP, Chairman of the United Negro College Fund, member of the Board of Directors of Life Saving Bank and Loan Association, Chairman and Charter member of the Clearwater Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., President of Bethune -Cookman College Alumni Association of Florida, and a member of the Civil Service Board and Phi Delta Kappa.

Given Dr. Carwise's many accomplishments, dedicated work, and passion for teaching and learning, the Pinellas County School Board in 1991 honored his legacy with naming the Carwise Middle school after him. Among many of his attributes, he loved reaching out to others, ministering the Word of God, and helping as many youth as possible. Dr. Carwise was married to his college sweet -heart Panchitta Cook Carwise, and they had three children, Joann, Joseph Jr. and Andreta.

PROGRAM

*Presentation of Colors &
Pledge of Allegiance*

Clearwater High School
Marine Corps JROTC

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing" by
James Weldon Johnson*

Ladies Chorus
Carwise Middle School

Invocation

Elder Ben Adams
St. John Primitive Baptist Church

Greetings & Welcome

Nikki Gaskin-Capehart
Pinellas County Urban League

Program Host

Kathleen Young Parker
PCS Minority Achievement Officer

Acknowledgement

Kevin K. Hendrick
Superintendent

Step Performance

Largo Middle School

*Dr. Carwise Scholarships and
Community Awards*

Nikki Gaskin-Capehart
Pinellas County Urban League

Excellence in Education Panel

Marcus Brooks , Chief Impact Officer,
Foundation for a Healthy St Pete
Jonathan Ebberhart, Private Banker,
JP Morgan Chase & PCUL Board Member
Loreal Hill , Founder, Loaded Lashes

Elementary Recognition

Kathleen Young Parker
& School Principals

"This Little Light of Mine"

Ladies Chorus
Carwise Middle School

*Middle and High School
Recognition*

Kathleen Young Parker &
School Principals