



# *5th Annual Diane Lewis Scholarship Dinner*

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Chateau Banquets  
530 West 61st Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410**

*“ Celebrating Education & Empowering Futures “*



# Banquet Program

## ORDER OF EVENT

Welcome & Registration

### Opening Remarks

**West Side Theatre Guild Repertoire Dance Company**

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### Poetry

#### "Every Step of the Way"

Ms. Carolyn J. Lewis

## Grace & Dinner

### Keynote Speaker

Dr. Elton Amos

North Carolina

## 2025 Diane Lewis Scholarship Awards

Shauneice Richardson

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### Entrepreneurship Award

Qwamaine Chandler

### Closing Remarks & Thank You

**Mr. David Lewis**



# Diane Lewis

## As an Educator

Mrs. Lewis was a non-traditional student when she entered Purdue University Calumet, now Purdue Northwest. She earned a degree in Elementary Education with a specialization in Special Needs Education. Diane Lewis substituted in Gary and Hammond, Indiana schools. She enjoyed challenging her students academically. Her legacy for learning continues through this scholarship.

## As a Mother

As a child raised in foster care, Diane Lewis felt abandoned and isolated. In spite of it all, Mrs. Lewis dreamed of having children and providing the love and care to them that she never experienced as a child.

Diane Lewis later became a mother of eleven children. As both a mother and passionate teacher, she filled her home with educational aids to encourage, motivate, and increase her children's knowledge. Objects in the home were spelled on index cards and every task ended with an educational outcome. Before Mrs. Lewis entered post-secondary, she already grasped the tool of a practitioner and was an expert in learning techniques. If she were in the kitchen baking, she taught fractions. If she were washing clothes, her children learned about self-care.

Mrs. Lewis never failed to use life and her home as a teaching laboratory. As a former pastor's wife and a teacher of religious instruction, Mrs. Lewis worked fervently in schools and churches even while battling stage four breast cancer. After a long, courageous battle, she succumbed on December 29, 2011.

Diane Lewis patiently and lovingly gave of herself not just to her own children, but to anyone in need.



# The Diane Lewis Education Scholarship

The Diane Lewis Education Scholarship was established in 2012 to honor the legacy of Diane Lewis, a devoted mother, community advocate, and champion for education and breast cancer awareness. Inspired by her commitment to helping others and creating opportunities for young people, the scholarship was created to encourage students to pursue higher education while spreading awareness about breast cancer within their communities.

Each year, the scholarship is awarded to high school graduates who demonstrate strong academic achievement, leadership, and a passion for making a difference. Applicants are asked to communicate and strategize how they will raise awareness of breast cancer while furthering their own educational and professional goals. This unique focus ensures that recipients are not only preparing for their futures but also carrying forward a message of hope, health, and community responsibility.

Over the past twelve years, the Diane Lewis Education Scholarship Foundation has made a significant impact by awarding over \$50,000 in scholarships to local youth. Individual awards range from \$500 to \$1,000 and are used to offset tuition, books, and other educational expenses at accredited institutions. Many recipients have gone on to thrive in their chosen fields, representing a living legacy of Diane Lewis's belief in the power of education and perseverance.

Scholarship recipients are recognized and celebrated at the annual Diane Lewis Scholarship Dinner, a signature event that brings together community leaders, educators, families, and supporters. The dinner not only honors the achievements of the recipients but also unites the community in its commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders.

Students who receive the scholarship must be committed to continuing their education through enrollment in a two- or four-year college, trade school, or apprenticeship program. The Diane Lewis Education Scholarship also seeks to motivate students to pursue advanced degrees, including bachelor's and master's programs, ensuring that they are well-equipped for both personal success and positive contributions to society.

Now in its second decade, the Diane Lewis Education Scholarship has become more than just financial support—it has become a symbol of opportunity, resilience, and community. It represents a shared belief that education has the power to transform lives, and that by investing in our youth, we are building a stronger, healthier, and more hopeful future.



# SPEAKER

## Dr. Elton Amos, M.D. MPH



Dr. Elton Amos is a seasoned medical professional with over 20 years of specialized experience in correctional care medicine, administration, community healthcare, and substance abuse treatment. Currently serving as a Medical Director II at the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction, Dr. Amos oversees healthcare operations for women's prison facilities in the state, advocating for improved health care availability and quality.

Dr. Amos' passion for global healthcare is evident in his research on medications for opioid use disorder in pregnancy, conducted within a state women's prison facility. His mission extends to supporting medical staff, mentoring students and residents, and contributing as a public health servant.

In addition to his role at the Department of Adult Correction, Dr. Amos is a Collaborating Physician at Elizabeth City State University. There, he provides clinical guidance and oversight to nurse practitioners and physician assistants serving the university community.

Dr. Amos' career is marked by diverse roles, including Health Commissioner for the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. (COGIC), Public Health Medical Advisor and Bishop for COGIC in Puerto Rico. His leadership in both secular and faith-based health initiatives highlights his commitment to serving communities in need.

His academic credentials include an MD from Indiana University School of Medicine and an MPH from Columbia Southern University, with a focus on public health and epidemiology. Dr. Amos' educational journey is complemented by a Family Practice Residency at Fort Wayne Medical Education Program and postgraduate studies in Sciences at Marquette University.



Dr. Amos holds unrestricted medical licenses in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Indiana. His skills span mental health, preventive medicine, urgent care, global health, chronic illness management, and telemedicine, reinforced by certifications like BLS from the American Heart Association and NRCME from the US DOT FMCSA.

In 2025, Dr. Amos became the author of "An American Health Comparative in Black and White," adding to his repertoire of contributions to the medical field. Beyond his professional endeavors, he is a devoted husband, father, and talented musician. Dr. Amos is also fluent in German and Spanish, enhancing his ability to connect with diverse populations.

Whether in leadership roles or direct patient care, Dr. Amos continues to impact healthcare through his dedication to quality management and innovative health solutions. His career is a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence and compassion in medicine.





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