

Janie L. Mines

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Janie L. Mines was born in Aiken, South Carolina. She is one of two daughters of the Reverend W. L. Mines and Daisy Sheppard Mines. She graduated from Aiken High School in 1976 as the class salutatorian. She received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy from the U.S. Representative Butler Derrick and entered Annapolis as a part of the first group of women to attend the Naval Academy. Janie was the only African American woman accepted in that class and graduated in 1980. Later, she was awarded a prestigious Sloan Fellowship and earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the Alfred P. Sloan School of Business Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

During Ms. Mines' military career, she served as a Supply Corps Officer, holding several logistics positions, including a tour at the Navy Annex to the Pentagon and aboard the USS Emory S. Land (AS-39). She held management positions of increasing responsibility in several corporations, including warehouse manager, logistics manager (training and safety for 18-wheel truck fleet), finance manager, procurement manager, and an internal consultant responsible for implementing large scale change. Ms. Mines was most recently employed as a Senior Vice President of Strategic Sourcing, in which she led a team of professionals in negotiating and managing agreements for real estate services, personnel services, consulting, utilities, and financial services. She was responsible for over \$2 billion dollars of procurement funds. Ms. Mines currently owns her own management consulting firm, Common Cents Business Solutions, Inc., in Fort Mill, South Carolina, focusing on quality and productivity. Additionally, she is involved in a strategic partnership with Queen Associates, Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina.

This honoree is a resident of Fort Mill and the mother of one son, William. She founded a non-profit organization, Boys to Men Club, Inc., after observing the needs of socioeconomically disadvantaged adolescent boys in the community. Ms. Mines attributes her success to a strong family foundation that taught her to put God first in all that she does. She credits strong parental involvement with much of her success. She believes that if our youth are taught that they "can do all things through Christ" who strengthens them, they would lose the hopelessness that is demoralizing them.

She communicates that all of our youth have a tremendous opportunity to be valuable, contributing members of society, but to achieve this they must stop looking back at the difficulties of the past and work diligently to prepare themselves for the future. She teaches that it is important that we learn from the past, move forward, and not be trapped by the negative situations that we have faced. Additionally, she tells her young men to respect themselves and one another, for it is impossible to get respect without first being willing to give it.

This outstanding public servant advises youth to avoid disruptive behavior in schools and society that will result only in severely limiting any opportunity to achieve their goals in life. She knows that education will be critical to their success. Also, if our youth will respect themselves and be confident in their own personal value, then disruptive behavior will cease and doors of opportunity will open. Ms. Mines is an untiring champion for young people and believes that we must love them and teach them to love themselves and that our entire society will be better for it.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Whitney Young named executive director of National Urban League in 1961. Benjamin E. Mays born in 1895.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>James Baldwin, writer, was born in 1924.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The Congress of African Peoples convention was held in Atlanta in 1970.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>"Long" John Woodruff won an Olympic gold medal in the 800-meter run in 1936.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Edwin Moses and Evelyn Ashford won gold medals in Olympic track & field in 1984.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Voting Rights Act signed by President Johnson in 1965.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ralph J. Bunche, diplomat and first African-American winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was born in 1904.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Matthew A. Henson, explorer and first to reach the North Pole, was born in 1865.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Jesse Owens won four Olympic gold medals in 1936.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Clarence C. White, composer and violinist, died, 1880.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Thaddeus Stevens, abolitionist, died in 1868.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Frederick Douglass' home in Washington D.C. was declared a national shrine, 1922.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper was founded in 1892.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ernest Everett Just, scientist, born in 1883.</p>
<p>Assumption</p> <p>15</p> <p>Liberia established by freed American slaves, 1824.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Louis Lomax, author, was born in 1922.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Marcus Garvey born in 1887.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The first African-American admitted to the University of Mississippi, James Meredith, graduated in 1963.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Benjamin Banneker published his first Almanac in 1791.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Richard Allen chaired the first National Negro Convention in Philadelphia in 1830.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>William "Count" Basie, jazz pianist and musician, was born in 1904.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>John Lee Hooker, blues singer and guitarist, was born, 1917.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>National Negro Business League founded in 1900.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Edith Sampson was appointed first African-American delegate to the United Nations by Harry S. Truman, in 1950.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters organized in 1925.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>William Dawson elected Black Democratic Party vice presidential candidate, 1943.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>W.E.B. DuBois died in 1963.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>March on Washington in 1963.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Charlie "Bird" Parker, jazz musician, was born in Kansas City in 1920.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford, Jr, became the first African-American astronaut in space in 1983.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Eldridge Cleaver was born in 1935.</p>				