

McJamerson Achiever Builders



ABOUT THE FOUNDERS

Dr. Jimmy "JMc" McJamerson was an Associate Professor of History at Grambling State University. His passion for helping youth led to his first book titled *On the Shoulders of Our Ancestors*. He also made various contributions as a member of Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and as a motivational speaker. This loving father of two, Nicole and Jimmy II, was also author of *Transformed, Moved & Fixed* and of more than 500 poems. The late Dr. McJamerson was an award-winning poet and historian with the Southern Conference on African Americans.

Dr. Nanthalia McJamerson is a retired Professor of Education from Grambling State University. She also served as a Visiting Professor at South Carolina State University. Her books include *Reconstructing Lives: Taking the Mystery out of Success* and a poetry collection titled *Contrary to Rumor, I'm Wonderfully Made*. Dr. McJamerson's community work is expansive. Mentor and consultant are among her titles. One of her greatest joys was serving as Co-Director of the GSU LA GEAR UP Summer Learning Camps for youth, 2005-2012.

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The Program

Joyce "The Voice" Evans, Presiding

Introduction of General Contractor

SHIFT I

The Book as Audience Participation

SHIFT II

The Book as the Author's Reconstruction

Music: Rev. John Griffin, Pastor
St. Mary CME Church

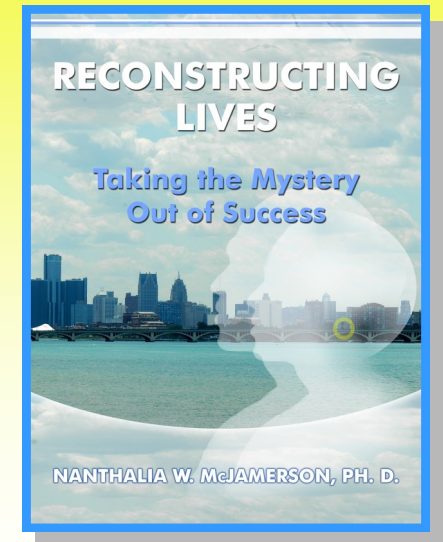
Work-Day Closing Prayer
Rev. Julius Sumler, Pastor
New Rocky Valley Baptist Church

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GSU Teacher Candidates: Kelsey Ross,
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RECONSTRUCTING LIVES:
TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF SUCCESS



A Book Signing & Mini-Seminar

Author:
Dr. Nanthalia McJamerson

Theme:

Building Future Icons

Date: September 10, 2017
Time: 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Mary Scott Hobdy Foyer
Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center
Grambling State University
Richard J. Gallot, Jr., President

Thank you, God, for My “PJs”

Good morning, Lord.
Thank you. Thank you for:

Presence, Your presence in my life.

Preciousness, which is the gift of love
through family and friends.

Purpose that sustains my life and future
and ensures the “new thing”

You are doing in me.

Portion, a portion of health and strength
(as our ancestors used to say).

Property and abundance.

Pleasure: happy experiences, beautiful things
and the magic of nature.

Privilege of having some of the best people on
the planet as part of me and
of giving a part of myself to them.

Promises: Your promises of “affectionate and
watchful care” (AMP), courage, strength and
victory.

Thank you. Thank you for:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, my Savior
and my Redeemer (as my Mother used to say).

Joy, indescribable joy, the kind
my Father spoke of—in tears—
at every Thanksgiving dinner.

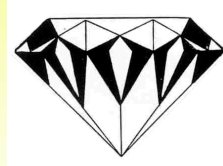
Jewels: Sparkling discoveries of my value.

Journey, especially the parts of life’s journey
spent with the coaching and conscious
companionship of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Take Yourself to the Appraisers

You are a diamond!
You are brilliant, beautiful,
strong, prismatic and precious.



But when someone makes you feel
deficient, decadent, depreciated, or discolored,

I recommend this:

Forget what observers say.

Forget what buyers pay.

Forget the debris that surrounds you.

Take yourself to the appraisers
to determine your *real*,
inimitable, *immeasurable* value.

The appraisers are
loved ones who cherish you,
friends who chose you,
leaders who inspire you,
and learners who reproduce you.

Better, yet, get
the ultimate vision of yourself:
Take yourself to the
JEWEL CREATOR.

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I Waited...Until You

HE SAID:

From the dawn of my life
to the realization of my manhood,
I waited for you.
I searched for a woman
who would become my lady,
my lover and my friend.

SHE SAID:

I knew all about Love’s symbols,
and was impressed with their infinity,
but I had never ever felt
Love’s powerful divinity, until you.

HE SAID:

Your appreciation of life
and your pursuit of excellence drew me to you.
The softness of your touch and
the beauty of your essence
have satisfied my search.

SHE SAID:

Like a champion, I mastered chronic affliction;
I was never a slave to any addiction.
I had independence in abundant supply
but no freedom, no wings for me to fly,
until you.

HE SAID:

Without a doubt,
you are the embodiment
of all I have dreamed about,
and I am proud to have chosen you
as my lady.

THEY BOTH SAID:

My search is over! I wait no more.