

Special Recognition Award - presented to **R. David Baumgartner** at the 2013 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his leadership as the first chairman of the NSDKC Speakers Bureau. Over a four-year period he has planned, developed, and implemented our Speakers Bureau program that now furnishes speakers to historical, social and community service organizations, as well as area schools. Through the Speakers Bureau, NSDKC is able to expand its mission to educate and advocate for the preservation of the heritage of the Greater Kansas City area.

Special Recognition Award – presented to **John F. Hess, Jr.** at the 2013 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his outstanding leadership as Membership Committee Chair for nearly a decade. In addition, over the past five years he has planned, developed and implemented the MEET & GREET initiative which creates opportunities for prospective members to be engaged in a social setting with NSDKC members typically at a noted business or historic site in the Greater Kansas City area. John's leadership skills have enabled the NSDKC membership to continue to grow.

The George E. Hicks Award for Perseverance – presented to **Gary L. Hicks** at the 2013 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his exemplary years of perseverance in completing the entrance drive renovations at the Alexander Majors House. For many years, the entrance had been dangerous for drivers as they exited the site onto the busy State Line Road because of sight limitations for oncoming traffic. Using his engineering, project management and fundraising skills, he directed the removal of the retaining wall and dirt embankment, eliminating the safety hazard.

The Lee I. Pickering Award of Excellence – presented to **Frank McMillian** at the 2013 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his dedication and outstanding achievements that has greatly advanced our organization in digital communications. As a volunteer, he has used his skill sets to develop a fully new website, upgrade our newsletters, and transform our membership data base systems that enable us to expand our communications with our members. He has fully documented and archived all of this information for our future preservation and with his diligence and leadership, these skills have been transferred to other leaders and staff in our organization.