

# Black Chamber honors area achievers at dinner

By The Star's staff

Several area black residents were honored at a reception Saturday for achieving decision-making positions.

The dinner, sponsored by the Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, Inc., was held at the New Lincoln Building.

Recipients were honored because of their importance in increasing black participation in the business community, according to a chamber press release.

"These appointees will serve as positive role models to black youth as well as making an impact on the black community,"

the release said.

"We think they are very worthy individuals," said M.C. Richardson, chamber secretary. "They could serve as a positive role model we so desperately need in our community."

Richardson said the persons being honored, many of whom hold state or county offices, are in positions to encourage employment of minorities.

"By the mere fact they are in decision-making positions, they can increase business participation of blacks throughout the state," he said.

The reception was also held in honor of Black History month.

Those honored:

● Buck Buchanan, Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners.

● Dr. T.J. Bryant, Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.

● Carl McCoy, chairman on the Governor's Commission on Minority Business Development.

● Dr. Charles Keith Whittaker, Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council.

● Rebecca E. Bryant, Tourism Commission.

● Inez G. Wesley, Missouri state board of cosmetology.

● Howard Nelson, president of the Missouri State Dental Board.

● Robery Woodley, Jackson County Sports Authority.

● The Rev. Earl Abel, Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission.

● Prentice Gault, Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness and

Health.

● Lutrecia T. Church, Missouri Council on Women's Economic Development and Training.

● Joyce J. Neaves, Missouri Board of Nursing.

● Dwayne Crompton, Board of Curators of Lincoln University.

● Evelyn L. Williams, Missouri State Mental Health Commission.

● Stacey Daniels, Missouri Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

● The Rev. William Clark, Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority.

● John L. Williams, Missouri Division of Youth Authority Board.

● Fernando Gaitan, Missouri Court of Appeals judge.

● Jon R. Gray, Jackson County Circuit Court judge, Division 18.