

PROPOSAL TO RENAME WINCHELL PARK

There is a proposal, initially brought forth by residents, to rename Winchell Park after concerns were raised about Alexander Winchell, the park's namesake. Winchell was a University of Michigan professor of physics, civil engineering, geology and paleontology. A U of M committee reviewed Winchell's work and noted that "by both contemporary standards and even in the context of Winchell's day, his most notable work — the 1880 book titled, 'Preadamites, or a Demonstration of the Existence of Men before Adam' — was unambiguously racist and out of step with the university's own aspirations in those times." In this time of national reflection and dialogue on racial justice, the Parks Advisory Commission (PAC) is facilitating a process to rename the park in honor of an individual that celebrates racial diversity and social equity.

A subcommittee of PAC, including community members, selected six potential candidates to rename Winchell Park after. Please review the biographies of these exceptional individuals and help choose a new name for the park. The survey will remain open until Aug. 30.

Once the survey is completed a resolution will be taken to PAC recommending a name change for Winchell Park. From there a resolution will be presented to Ann Arbor City Council for their consideration and final vote.

Letitia Byrd



Rose Letitia Byrd was born in Bluefield, West Virginia in 1927. She passed away in Ann Arbor on June 14, 2018, the day before her 91st birthday. Byrd was a public-school educator, counselor and a dedicated community leader in Ann Arbor. She sat on the SOS

Community Crisis Board of Directors, Dawn Farms Board of Directors and the University Society Musical Board of Directors. She was the president of the Links, Incorporated Chapter and the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. She was a member of the National Council of Negro Women and a supporter of the African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County. She founded the David R. Byrd Center and was selected as the Ann Arbor Citizen of the Year in 1997. Click here to read more about [Rosa Letitia Byrd](#).

Dr. Eliza Mosher



Dr. Eliza Mosher, was born in 1846 in Cayuga County, New York. She passed away in Manhattan in 1928 at the age of 82. Dr. Mosher was a physician, author and one of the University of Michigan Medical School's first female graduates. She practiced in hospitals,

prisons and privately in New York and London. In 1896, she accepted a position as U of M's first Dean of Women and Professor of Hygiene. Dr. Mosher was the first female professor recognized by the university. There she acted as a liaison for the university's female employees and students — this was a crucial role in a time when men severely outnumbered women on campus. In 1930, the University of Michigan established Mosher-Jordan Hall in honor of Dr. Mosher and Myra B. Jordan. Click here to read more about [Dr. Eliza Mosher](#).

Joseph Dulin



Joseph "Joe Duline" was born in Evansville, Indiana in 1935. He passed away in Ann Arbor in 2014. Dulin was the founding Principal of Roberto Clemente Student Development Center in

Ann Arbor, which was created to help students struggling in traditional educational settings. Dulin served as the principal for 35 years. He had a reputation as a no-nonsense educator who cared deeply about his students. In 1995, he and his wife Yvonne created the National African American Parent Involvement Day which is still celebrated nationally and locally. In 2009, Dulin and his wife established the Joseph and Yvonne Dulin Scholarship Fund. This AAACF Community Scholarship program provides economically disadvantaged, youth of color, and first-generation college students with financial assistance and holistic support. Dulin was

featured in the documentary film “Bridging the Gap: The Joe Dulin Story” which highlighted his educational beliefs and commitment to the Ann Arbor community. Click here to read more about [Joseph \(Joe\) Dulin](#).

Dr. Hazel M. Turner



Dr. Hazel M. Turner, was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1923. She passed away in Ann Arbor in 2010. Dr. Turner was a public-school administrator, dean of students and passionate supporter of students with learning difficulties. She became Ann Arbor Public Schools’ first Black administrator in 1966 after graduating as a Doctor of Education at New York University. She served on the State of Michigan’s Board of Education Advisory Committee, on the Board of Directors for the YM-YWCA, and on the Board of Directors for the Family Service Center. Dr. Turner was the second person designated as the Ann Arbor Citizen of the Year in 1998. She was the recipient of the Founders Day Award from New York University in 1971 and the Outstanding Female Educator from Delta Kappa Gamma in 1978. Click here to read more about [Dr. Hazel M. Turner](#).

Dr. Lynn Conway

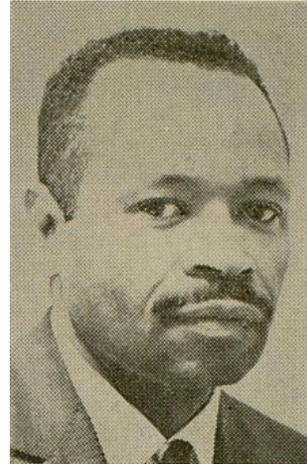


[Dr. Lynn Conway](#), most often referred to as Dr. Conway, was born in Mount Vernon, New York in 1938. She lives in Michigan. Dr. Conway is known as a pioneer of microelectronics chip design and as a transgender rights advocate. Dr. Conway

worked at IBM in the 1960s, solving complex computer architecture problems. Her work there influenced the technology sector for decades, but her contributions were not recognized because she was fired from IBM after transitioning from male to female. Dr. Conway was forced to start her career over, keeping her previous identity hidden.

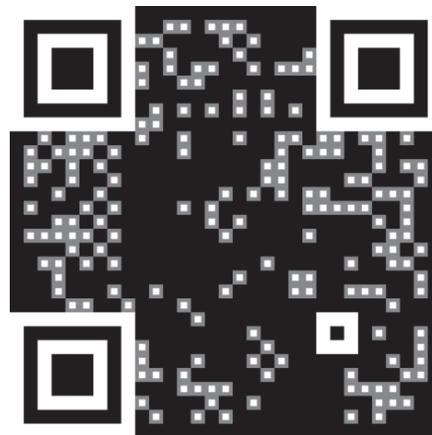
She conducted groundbreaking research and co-authored Introduction to VLSI Systems which quickly became the standard textbook in chip design. Dr. Conway enjoyed many academic appointments including as Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan. She is now a Professor Emeritus at U of M.

Dr. Harold J. Lockett



Dr. Harold J. Lockett, was born in Wilmington, Delaware in 1924. He passed away in Ann Arbor in 1994. Dr. Lockett was a child psychiatrist, assistant professor at the University of Michigan Medical Center and community leader. He earned his medical degree at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee followed by a residency

at U of M. Dr. Lockett served on the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education from 1965-1971. In 1968 he was elected vice president of the board, and in 1969 he became the board’s first Black President under the slogan “Schools are for all the children.” Dr. Lockett believed a successful education system “... meets the needs of all people in a changing society with changing needs.” He also served as the senior child psychiatrist for the State of Michigan Department of Mental Health. Click here to read more about [Dr. Harold J. Lockett](#).



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