Ralph A. Hunt

Growing up in Oxford North Carolina the eight children of Johnnie and Amanda Hunt enjoyed the benefits of love close family ties and adequate housing, food, and clothing. Mr. and Mrs. Hunts lack of education did not hinder there quest to lead their children down a path to a better life. While traveling this path they taught them important values and lessons about life, work, and education. These values has consistently guided their seventh child, Ralph A. Hunt, Sr., who has become one of the most dedicated effective and powerful government leaders in North Carolina’s history.

In 1950, Mr. Hunt enrolled in Johnson C. Smith University in charlotte, north Carolina, on a work aid scholarship. He interrupted his education in 1953 when he left to serve his country during the korean war. He returned to the University in 1955 and graduated a year later with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics. In 1964, he earned a master’s degree from North Carolina Central University.
Editing Exercises

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Mae C. Jemison, M.D.

In the 1960’s, when the Gemini and Apollo space flights occurred, a small girl in Chicago watched in awe, saying softly to herself “I want to do that.

This thoughtful child did not stop to reflect upon being a female and an African American or about the odds against her becoming an astronaut. Mae Jemison steadfastly believed this was her destiny.

She realized education was her pathway to the stars and with her parent’s support, she could accomplish her mission. She prepared herself by reading books on astronomy and other sciences and she devoured science fiction as well. Her feet were planted firmly on the ground but she was reaching for the stars.

In 1987, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) selected Jemison for the Astronaut Corps. On September 12, 1992 she blasted into orbit aboard the space shuttle Endeavor. As chief researcher on that seven-day mission, her main task was to study bone tissue during the period of weightlessness.
Annie Brown Kennedy

Annie Brown Kennedy born and raised in Atlanta Georgia has shared her passion for law and justice with Georgia citizens, those in North Carolina and her family. Her quest to uphold the laws of the land began over than 50 years ago.

Kennedy earned an undergraduate degree from Spelman College and a law degree from Howard University. She was licensed to practice law in Georgia in 1952 and moved to North Carolina in 1953 with her husband and children. She passed the North Carolina bar in 1954 and immediately began practicing law. At the time that she began practicing law she was the second African-American female to practice law in North Carolina. In 1955, her husband joined Kennedy in the practice of law forming one of the first husband and wife law partnerships in North Carolina.

Kennedy whose special interests include the rights of women, African Americans and children counsels young people to “set goals and high standards for yourself and work hard to achieve them. Be kind and considerate of other people and always have a positive attitude.”
According to Ruth Coles Harris “If life gives you a lemon, use it to make lemonade.” She should know. Despite several racial barriers, the retired Virginia Union University (VUU) professor became, in 1962, the first black woman in Virginia to earn a state license as a certified public accountant. At the time, there were fewer then 100 black CPAs in the country.

Until her retirement in May 1997 Dr. Harris had worked at the university for 48 years, more than half her life. Under her leadership, VUUs business program grew from a small department with two majors and enrollment of 114 students to a school with four majors an associate major and enrollment of more than 400 students.
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Paul B. Higginbotham

When he was a teenager Paul B. Higginbotham and his twin brother made a solemn vow to each other that they would spend the rest of their lives improving the life of others and bringing equality and justice to our world. More than 30 years after his vow Paul Higginbotham are the first African American to serve as a judge on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals.

Higginbotham’s journey for justice began during his childhood. His father was a civil rights leader in Columbus Ohio and marched with Martin Luther King, Jr., in Montgomery, Alabama, and at the March on Washington in 1963.
# Corrections to the Editing Exercises

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1. Oxford, North Carolina,
2. love, close family ties,
3. their
4. path,
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7. Charlotte
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**Annie Brown Kennedy**
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