

## Trenton NAACP to honor 10 at awards dinner

WEST WINDSOR — The Rev. William E. Coleman, Jr., of Ewing, chair of the Board of Trustees of Mercer County Community College (MCCC), will be among 10 individuals honored at the NAACP's Trenton Branch 39th annual Freedom Fund Awards Dinner on Oct. 25. Coleman will receive the Catherine S. Graham Humanitarian Award for his outstanding achievements in reaching out to youth and adults in the community and for his ministry. Also honored at the event will be MCCC's recently retired vice president, Dr. Beverly Richardson of Willingboro, for her work in education. Each recipient will be recognized as an exemplary citizen for dedicated service to the greater Trenton community. A well-known Trenton civil right activist, the late Catherine S. Graham worked steadfastly to improve the quality of life for all individuals, regardless of race. According to Alex Bethea, president of the NAACP's Trenton Branch, Coleman has continued the work for which Graham is known. An ordained Baptist minister, Coleman serves as associate minister at Shiloh Baptist Church. He is also a pastoral visitor/chaplain at St. Francis Hospital and a project coordinator for NHS Parkside Recovery Mobile Addiction Treatment Program. An MCCC trustee since 2003, Coleman serves as a college ambassador with the Council of Community Colleges' Executive Committee. He is retired from the New York City police department, where he served as a detective and as executive director of Job Corps. Tickets for the dinner are \$60 per person. A cocktail reception begins at 4 p.m., with the awards dinner and program at 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 392-6772.

