

DR. DAVID RIVERS



Dear NUF Family,

We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of NUF Alumnus and Former Board Chair Dr. David E. Rivers, Class of 1974. Dr. Rivers was a steadfast supporter of National Urban Fellows, serving as a Mentor and Chair of the NUF Board of Directors from 2015 to 2020.

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I served as Vice-Chair under Dr. Rivers and quite simply, he loved NUF. He readily acknowledged how being a NUF alum changed his life, and he was determined to provide the same opportunity for others to benefit from our beloved program. I am proud to have served with him as a Board member. I will recall fondly the many conversations that we had with a singular purpose of moving NUF forward.”

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Beyond his NUF work, he served in a variety of senior positions with the City of Atlanta, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Energy, and D.C. Government. He was also Advisory Board Chairman of the National Conference on Health Disparities, designed to reduce health disparities through sustaining and strengthening healthy communities. Most recently, he was the Director of Public Information and Community Outreach at the Medical University of South Carolina and was recently elected as a Board Commissioner for the Charleston Water System.



His dedication to investing in the next generation of leaders was also evident in his service as Chair of the Board of the James E Clyburn Scholarship & Research Foundation.

National Urban Fellows family mourns the loss of this giant and is deeply grateful for his legacy of over four decades of dedication, support, and advocacy as a public servant and a supporter of this organization that has helped him and other courageous leaders become more impactful change agents. Thank you Dr. Rivers for your friendship, for your passionate pursuit of justice and racial equality, and for your relentless NUF advocacy over so many years. Together, we will continue the hard work of advancing NUF's mission.

May you Rest in Eternal Peace, good sir.

In Solidarity,

Miguel Centeno

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Board Chair

