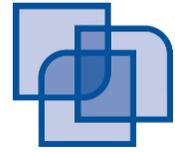




2019 Community Leader Family Award



Rev. Jonathan R. Staples and Tanya Staples

The Staples are a force of nature, a dynamic and engaging couple who give their all to making this city stronger, smarter, and more inclusive. Jonathan is the pastor of First Shiloh Baptist Church, and since his arrival in Buffalo, he has worked tirelessly to serve his congregation and build bridges across the traditional divides within our city. Tanya is the Director of the Community School Initiative at Say Yes Buffalo, where she oversees initiatives to strengthen our children's academic success and enhance their college and career readiness. Both are active in the community, giving of themselves in support of local, national, and international causes, yet they have always prioritized being a family and raising their two daughters.

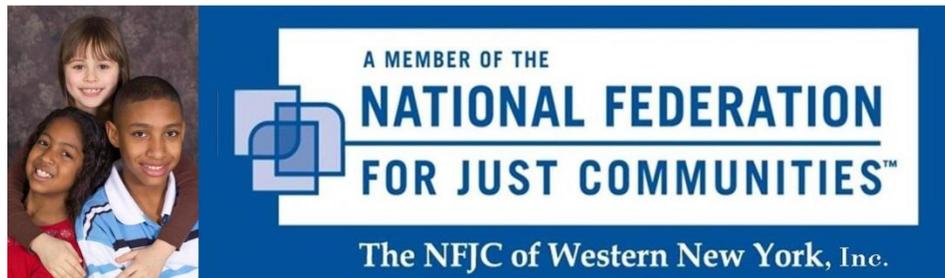
Rev. Jonathan has served as Pastor at First Shiloh since 2006, where he leads many programs and coordinates outreach services such as a food pantry, a prison ministry program, and the Willing Workers, Shiloh's oldest service club that offers materials and services to the community in times of need. Today he sits on the Racial Equity Task force and is a renowned and prize-winning orator. A graduate of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, he is the former Moderator of the Bay Area Baptist District Association, President of the Black Caucus of the American Baptist Churches of the West, and was a Senior Program Associate at the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies.

Tanya is an educator who is passionate about enhancing growth and protecting the wellbeing of all students. In her role at Say Yes, she develops and oversees strategies that support children in their academic endeavors. A native Buffalonian and proud graduate of Canisius, she was Director of the Clarkson Center, and was a

Commissioner of Community Services and Recreational Programming for the City. She is the former CEO of the YWCA of WNY and was Vice President and Director of Community Affairs at M&T, where she headed the Buffalo Promise Neighborhood program.

Buffalo and WNY are fortunate to have such a strong, engaged, and multitalented couple who are dedicated to affecting long term change. In recognition of their many efforts, the NFJC of WNY proudly presents Reverend Jonathan and Tanya Staples with the 2019 Community Leader Family Award.

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