

Plenary Speaker Biography

Yvonne Flowers

From the City of Poughkeepsie Website:

Yvonne Flowers is a lifelong City of Poughkeepsie resident and former four-term Common Councilwoman. She is the first African American to become city mayor.

She is a graduate of Poughkeepsie City School District and Dutchess Community College. She has served as Chair of the city's Finance Committee, Co-Chair of the city's Procedural Justice Committee and has been on the board of directors of numerous organizations, including R.E.A.L Skills Network Inc., Hudson River Housing and the Dutchess County Board of Ethics. She worked at Dutchess Community College for more than 33 years as the college's Grants and Contracts Finance Officer and former Supervisor of Student Accounts Office.

Flowers became involved in community activities at a young age, working alongside her father John M. Flowers Sr., who coordinated large community events, including the John Flowers Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt, Father's Day Parade/Celebration, and Community Day Picnic.

