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- P R E S E N T S -

# Honorary Certificate of Applied Politics Reception



- F E A T U R I N G -

**Teri Geiger and  
Dannette Palmore**

September 21, 2021

## Teri Geiger



Teri Geiger is a native of Jackson, Ohio and a graduate of Ohio University. In 1986, Geiger was accepted into the coveted Legislative Service Commission Fellowship Program and began her 35-year career in Ohio state politics and government.

Geiger served in numerous staff roles in the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives, and later in the US Senate and House of Representatives, including service as State

Director for US Senator Rob Portman and her current position as Chief of Staff to Congressman Troy Balderson (OH12).

In 1996, Geiger was appointed Chief of Staff to the majority caucus in the Ohio Senate and served three Senate presidents in that role. She remains the only woman to have served in that position.

In 2003, Geiger was named one of the top ten most “powerful, influential women in state government.”

Former Senate President Bill Harris said at the time “She has the unique ability to assess the significance of what bills do and determine not only the impact on the state, but the political impact.”

She and her husband Roger live in Dublin, Ohio.

## Dannette Palmore (1949 - 2021)



Dannette Mozelle Palmore was born in Columbus, Ohio. A Columbus South High School graduate, “Danni” attended Capital University in Bexley, OH, where she developed her quick wit and a keen sense of the power of politics.

As a staffer, she moved through the Ohio House of Representatives’ ranks and joined Lt. Governor Richard Celeste’s office, and the Ohio Democratic Party. In 1988, Palmore served as the National Deputy Director for

Jesse Jackson’s historic presidential campaign. In the 1990s, she focused on statewide and local races in Ohio, including those of US Senator John Glenn, Governor Ted Strickland, and Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman.

Danni’s accomplishments earned her recognition in *Who’s Who in American Politics, Campaign & Elections Magazine*, a guest lecturer at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She used these experiences to launch PolicyWorks, consulting on many significant community projects, including the Long Street Cultural Wall in Columbus.

Danni was a political and personal mentor to many and widely regarded as a force for good in Ohio and national politics. Danni Palmore passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, January 15, 2021.



### Opening Remarks and Welcome

**JOHN C. GREEN**

Director Emeritus, Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

**GARY L. MILLER**

President, The University of Akron

### Presentation of Honorary Certificates

**STEPHEN BROOKS**

Associate Director Emeritus, Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

### Remarks

**TERI GEIGER**

**DANNETTE PALMORE\***

### Bliss Institute Professional Network Remarks

**GREG BENNETT**

### Closing Remarks

**JOHN C. GREEN**

Director Emeritus, Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

\*Award is posthumous and will be accepted by daughter, Erika Jones.