

MR. and MRS. BERT J. HASH, JR.

Bert J. Hash, Jr., is the retired President and CEO of the Municipal Employees Credit Union of Baltimore (MECU), Inc., a position he held from December 1996 until June 2014. Mr. Hash was a seasoned financial services executive with over 44 years experience in managing various aspects of banking and financial services. During his 18 year tenure in the Credit Union Industry, Bert has been active on numerous boards and committees. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT).

Active in numerous professional and civic organizations, Mr. Hash serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity; serves as Vice Chair of Morgan State University's Foundation; serves as Chairman of the Industrial Development Authority of Baltimore City and serves as Treasurer of the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership Board.

His many awards include: Morgan State University's Alumnus of the Year, Judith A. Burgin Memorial Credit Union Professional of the Year Award, CEO of the Year by the Credit Union Times Magazine, WMAR-TV "Lasting Legacy Award" in Baltimore, Credit Union Executives Society's Hall of Fame, Wright Patman Credit Union Hall of Fame Award, UFSC Nathaniel Harris Life Time Achievement Award, Associated Black Charities Torch Bearer Award, A. Phillip Randolph Community Service Award, Credit Union Executive Society CEO Executive of the Year Award, Havre de Grace High School Life Time Achievement Award, Baltimore Urban League--Whitney M. Young Award, Daily Record 50 Most Influential Marylanders, and the African American Credit Union Coalition Life Time Achievement Award".

Bert holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Morgan State University.

Joan S. Hash, a Howard County native, has over 30 years of experience in the information security field having managed the Computer Security Division at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, Maryland and the Social Security Administration's National Security program. Ms. Hash holds the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) designation as well as a B.S. in Chemistry from Morgan State University and a Masters in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University. She is now retired.

Joan and Bert have made it their life's work to give back to the next generation of young people to help them be successful in life. They have established multiple endowments in support of scholarship efforts at several colleges including their Alma Mater, Morgan State. Much of the funding is in support of programs in the areas of **Business and Science**. They have generously contributed to many charitable initiatives in the Howard County community as well. They know that success is tied to opportunity and unselfishly support programs targeted to helping young people achieve and succeed in whatever profession they choose.