

Eric Hall Biography

Eric LaMar Hall is an associate minister at Peace Missionary Baptist Church, Veteran of the United States Army, President of the Central Pratt Neighborhood Association, 2016-2017 President of Miles College Political Science Club, Director of the Angel Toy Drive, a core leader for the Black Lives Matter Birmingham Chapter, and community activist and advocate.

He graduated from P.D. Jackson-Olin High School in 2000. Upon completion of his diploma he immediately enlisted in the Alabama Army National Guard (2000-2009) During his tenure he earned several awards among these the prestigious Army Achievement Award Medal recipient of the United States Department of Defense for dedicated service in Operation Enduring Freedom. Following his service, he enrolled at Lawson State Community College and maintained a 3.0 GPA. He soon transferred to Miles College where he consistently excelled academically. He graduates in 2018 with Bachelors in Political Science and Government. Eric is applying for the joint MPH/MPA program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

In 2011, He worked tirelessly to address the suffering in his community following one of the most disastrous tornadoes that Alabama had ever seen. He formalized these efforts by becoming the Executive Director of Community Development. He was able to partner with organizations such as Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH), SERVE Alabama, United Way of Central Alabama, and Jefferson County VOAD to assist hundreds of families. What he learned from this experience was that our youth are often neglected in disaster relief efforts. Thus, Camp Noah, a program geared toward addressing the social and emotional trauma of children, was born.

In 2012, First Lady, Michelle Obama, and Congresswoman, Terri Sewell, recognized Eric for his leadership and dedication as the coordinator and director of Camp Noah.

In 2013, Hall received the highest commendation from the State of Alabama House of Representatives. As an intern with Alabama Law Institute, he mastered complex legislative issues, assisted staff in policy meetings, performing extensive research, and learning the legislative process.

In 2014-2016, Eric served as a liaison to Birmingham City Council, working directly for the office of Councilor Marcus Lundy. In this capacity, he attended neighborhood meetings, reported neighborhood concerns, connected the people in communities to their elected official, drafted reports, worked in tandem with various departments in the City of Birmingham to address community needs and concerns, and devised strategies for addressing pressing issues in District 9.

In 2016, Hall received the 12th Annual A.G. Gaston Community Service Award and was

nominated for a Fusion Award for his unrelenting commitment to improving the quality of life for residents and citizens of the Greater Birmingham Metropolitan area. His work continues to center vulnerable and marginalized communities. He has been persistent in efforts to empower the people. Some of his work includes a massive voter registration drive and partnership with organizations such as the Black Youth Vote, National Action Network, Black Women's Roundtable, National Coalition of 100 Black Women (Birmingham), NAACP, and others. Even more, his activism and advocacy are endless he also managed to lead efforts to combat police terrorism in Pratt City, advocate for families affected by police brutality, organize a committee of people to address issues of mass incarceration, as well as assist ex-inmates with community service opportunities. His work has led to structural changes in the city of Birmingham and he hopes to do even more as City Councilor of District 9.

“Black humanity and dignity require Black political will and power. Despite constant exploitation and perpetual oppression, Black people have bravely and brilliantly been the driving force pushing the U.S. towards the ideals it articulates but has never achieved. In recent years we have taken to the streets, launched massive campaigns, and impacted elections, but our elected leaders have failed to address the legitimate demands of our Movement. We can no longer wait!”

Birmingham District 9 covers the following communities: Acipco-Finley, Central Pratt, Dolomite, East Thomas, Enon Ridge, Ensley, Fairmont, Hooper City, North Birmingham, North Pratt, Oak Ridge, Sandusky, Sherman Heights, Smithfield Estates, South Pratt, Thomas, Tuxedo, and Wylam.