

Kirby Wright is a lifelong Danville resident known for being an educator, entrepreneur, and dreamer.

He received a Bachelor of Science from Johnson C. Smith University, a Master of Education from the University of Virginia, and a Bachelor of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University. His post-graduate work included courses at Wooster College, Cleveland State University, and Virginia Tech.

In addition to his educational achievements, Mr. Wright was also a Captain in the United States Army and served in the Korean War. He is also a private pilot, and he was a certified Mandt System Trainer.

Mr. Wright worked in Pittsylvania County Schools for 37 years as a teacher, social worker, administrator, retired as the Director of Alternative Education in 1996. He also worked at Danville Community College as the Director of Apprenticeship and Special Projects until his retirement in 2009.

In 2000, he opened RC Wright Group Home which is now known as Negril, Inc. Negril, Inc. specializes in providing quality care and support for individuals with intellectual disabilities that desire to remain in their homes or in a small unique group home setting with a home-like atmosphere or they may choose to attend day support services. In 2014, Mr. Wright started Right Choice Car Wash. In 2015, while attending a meeting in Chicago he took note of the limousines moving around the canal area downtown. Ever the entrepreneur, he recognized that Danville did not have a service like that and saw an opportunity. Upon his return, he bought his first Nissan passenger van and started W&W Luxury Limousine Service. As the company grew, he saw the need for larger and more luxurious vehicles. Additional vehicles were purchased to meet the diverse needs of clientele and the business still thrives today.

Mr. Wright advocated for the community by serving on several boards or commissions, including the Governor's Olmstead Community Integration Oversight Board, State of Virginia Human Rights Committee, Chairman of the Board for Piedmont Credit Union, the Danville Regional Foundation Board, Foundation Board for Danville Regional Medical Center, Danville YMCA, Goodwill, Inc., the Hatcher Center, Danville Area Council of Community Services, the Virginia Association of School Social Workers, and the United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County. He is also a proud lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Mr. Wright is an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. With his late wife Thelma G. Wright, the couple had one daughter Tammy. His family continued to grow when Tammy Wright-Warren and her husband Craig had two children – Craig Warren, Jr and Tamela Williamson (Ridge).



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