

# ARCHITECTS *of* CHANGE

By challenging old ideas and institutions, they are changing minds, hearts and possibilities for those who follow.



FROM TOP LEFT:

Frederick R. Nance, Leland D. Melvin, Matthew Guidry, Ph.D., Dianne Reynolds-Cane, M.D.

FROM BOTTOM LEFT:

Sister Cora Marie Billings, RSM, Michael R. White, Vel R. Phillips, Eddie N. Moore, Jr., Rear Admiral Michelle J. Howard

**T**his outstanding group of people has demonstrated more than an extraordinary dedication to serve. They've also proven their ability to make a powerful difference in areas as diverse as education, health, religion, science, the military and public service. Whether they broke down barriers of discrimination, advanced education, commanded Navy ships or pioneered space travel, they became role models for a new generation. These are Dominion's 2009 "Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership Series" honorees. Through careers built around improvement and change, they inspire young people to see beyond the ordinary and use their talents and ambitions to achieve greatness.

The "Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership Series" is an annual program sponsored by Dominion Resources to honor the contributions of influential African-American leaders. In conjunction with this program, Dominion is helping prepare future leaders by providing student scholarships and grants, as well as resource materials for schools. To learn more about the program, its honorees and available resource materials, visit [www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com), keyword "strong."



## Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership Series

### HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009 HONOREES

#### 1970s

##### VEL R. PHILLIPS

*becomes the first woman and the first African American elected to statewide constitutional office as Wisconsin's Secretary of State.*

#### 1990s

##### MICHAEL R. WHITE

*begins his tenure as the longest-serving mayor in the history of Cleveland.*

##### SISTER CORA MARIE BILLINGS, RSM

*is recognized as the first African-American nun to lead a Roman Catholic parish.*

##### REAR ADMIRAL MICHELLE J. HOWARD

*becomes the first African-American woman to command a U.S. Navy ship, the USS Rushmore.*

##### EDDIE N. MOORE, JR.

*assumes the presidency of Virginia State University.*

#### 2000s

##### MATTHEW GUIDRY, PH.D.

*retires as deputy director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.*

##### LELAND D. MELVIN

*blasts off on a 13-day, 5.3 million-mile journey on the space shuttle Atlantis.*

##### DIANNE REYNOLDS-CANE, M.D.

*is appointed the first African-American woman president of the Virginia Board of Medicine.*

##### FREDERICK R. NANCE

*is named regional managing partner in the global law firm, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey.*