

Barbara A. Seals Nevergold, PhD



On January 4, 2012, Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold was appointed an at-large member of the Buffalo Board of Education. She served as the President of the Board from July 2013 to July 2014. In May 2014, she was one of three individuals elected to serve a five year term ending in 2019. She is an active participant in many of the District's task groups and committees. Dr. Nevergold also serves as the President of the NYS Conference of Big 5 School Districts, a statewide advocacy group representing the large urban school districts. She is a member of the Resolutions Committee of the New York State School Boards Association.

Dr. Nevergold is a graduate of Buffalo State College and received a doctorate degree in counseling education from the University at Buffalo. Dr. Nevergold is a lifelong educator, who taught in the Buffalo Schools, the University at Buffalo and SUNY Empire State College. She also held leadership positions in the Friendship House and Berkshire Farms foster care and adoption agencies and was the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Buffalo and Western New York. In 1999, she co-founded the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. As a co-founder of the Uncrowned Queens Institute, Dr. Nevergold has worked to create a model for the reclamation, collection, preservation and dissemination of the biographic histories of African American women and men, www.uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com

In addition to being co-author of the book series, ***Uncrowned Queens: African American women community builders of Western New York and Oklahoma***, Dr. Nevergold has authored and co-authored numerous publications. The topics of these publications focus on preserving Western New York history (including the African American experience at the 1901 Pan American Exposition; the Buffalo connection to the Niagara Movement, 1905 and the life of Andrew J. Smitherman, a survivor of the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921), writing and sharing family histories (including her own), and women's health and social issues. Dr. Nevergold co-authored a book entitled, ***Go, Tell Michelle: African American Women Write to the New First Lady*** (SUNY Press, 2009).

Dr. Nevergold has received numerous awards for professional and community service including: Distinguished Alumnus Award from Buffalo State College, May 2010; the 2009 NYS Women of Excellence in Education Award, The NYS Dr. MLK, Jr. Humanitarian Award in 2007, Western New York Women's Hall of Fame and many others.

Dr. Nevergold and her husband of 47 years, Paul, have two children, Alanna Nevergold-Marrow and Kyle and four grandchildren, Naia, Cameron, Nahri and William.