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Adeola Mbaneme of Shrewsbury named 2025 Black Excellence on the Hill award winner

Nominated by Representative Kane, honored by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus

BOSTON – State Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) nominated Adeola Mbaneme of Shrewsbury for the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) 2025 Black Excellence on the Hill Award, which recognizes Black leaders across Massachusetts. The MBLLC hosted award winners at the State House on February 28, 2025, where Representative Kane presented a citation from the House of Representatives to Adeola.

Adeola Mbaneme has been deeply involved in the community since moving to Shrewsbury in 2020. She served as co-chair on the town's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, which was formed following the murder of George Floyd, and co-authored the Task Force's report to the Select Board. As co-chair, Adeola used her experience in project management and healthcare IT to co-lead the Task Force as they examined and made recommendations on ways for Shrewsbury to improve equity in education, public safety, health care, and government policy. After the Select Board established a permanent Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee, Adeola joined the Committee, and currently serves as a member. She also hosts Neighbor to Neighbor, a public access television show about ways that Shrewsbury residents are working to make the town more inclusive, and has organized community forums to bring people together to discuss equity-related issues.

"It was an honor to nominate Adeola Mbaneme," said Representative Kane. "I am grateful for her commitment to making Shrewsbury a welcoming to live and work, and proud that people with her values and character call Shrewsbury home. Her hard work and passion for inclusivity strengthen our community."

"I am honored to be nominated by the Honorable Rep. Hannah Kane for my work alongside the incredible residents of Shrewsbury," said Adeola Mbaneme. "I'm grateful to live in a town that values and celebrates the diverse perspectives of its people. The mission of the DEIB committee is simple: to foster community togetherness. By building relationships across differences in age, ability, background, politics, and culture—and leading with love, respect, and kindness—we strengthen the welcoming community we strive to be. Shrewsbury is great because of its people, and I'm grateful to serve in a town that truly embraces the timeless principle of loving thy neighbor."

The MBLLC is a bipartisan and bicameral legislative caucus focused on advancing racial equity and uplifting the voices of Black and Latino communities in Massachusetts. The 2025 Black Excellence on the Hill event was the third annual celebration of Black trailblazers making a difference in their communities.

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