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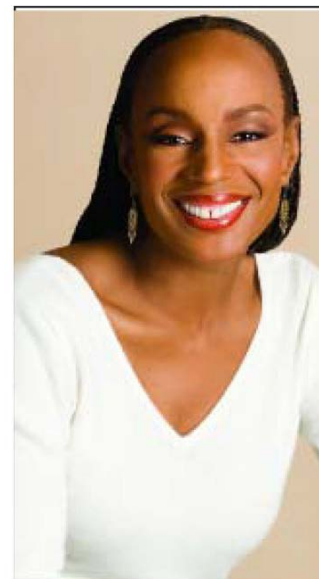
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In Tulsa
Former Editor Of Essence Is Recipient
Of Sankofa Award

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Special to the Chronicle

TULSA—Susan L. Taylor, the former editor of Essence magazine, was presented the 2014 Sankofa Freedom Award of the Tulsa County Library System. The award was presented at an event held Friday at the Rudisill Regional Library. Miss Taylor began her career with the magazine in 1970 as a freelance fashion and beauty editor. She was named editor-in-chief of Essence in 1981. While with the magazine, she also wrote an inspirational column, "In the Spirit." Subsequently, selected columns were published in three volumes. Miss Taylor is also co-author (with her husband, Khephra Burns) of the book, "Confirmation: the Spiritual Wisdom That Has Shaped Our Lives." Miss Taylor was presented the Henry Johnson Fisher Award by the American Society of Magazine Editors and she is the recipient of the NAACP President's Award for Visionary Leadership. Today, she is involved with the National Cares Mentoring Movement, which she founded in 2006 as Essence Cares. The organization is a campaign to recruit adults to help at-risk children and to stem the incarceration of young adults. Miss Taylor is co-founder of Future PAC, a political action committee to help Black women candidates for federal-level and state-level political offices. She is co-chairman (along with Danny Glover, the actor) of Shared Interest, which works to raise funds to finance the building of housing in rural areas of South Africa. The former magazine editor serves on the boards of directors of the Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.



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