



## **Greater Rochester Association of REALTORS® Breaking Barriers Award Winners**

This annual award honors the legacy of Howard W Coles, a local civil rights leader and REALTOR®, who dedicated his life to advancing social justice. Coles was the publisher of Rochester's longest running Black-owned newspaper, the Frederick Douglass Voice, and Rochester's first Black radio announcer. He used these platforms to advocate for better housing, education, and employment opportunities for African Americans in Rochester. As a real estate agent, he fought discrimination against Black Homebuyers and worked to improve housing conditions in the city.

Chavon Spears	(2025)
Damaris Rivera	(2024)
Doug Doebler	(2023)
Tysharda Thomas	(2022)
Niner Davis	(2021)