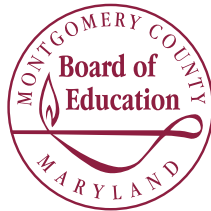


BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL AWARDS  
FOR

**Distinguished Service  
to Public Education**

in Montgomery County



*October 30, 2020  
Program 6:00 p.m.*



## PROGRAM

### *Welcome*

Mrs. Shebra L. Evans  
President, Board of Education

### *Program*

Members of the Board of Education

### *Closing Remarks*

Ms. Brenda Wolff  
Vice President, Board of Education

## PURPOSE

The Montgomery County Board of Education established the Awards for Distinguished Service to Public Education in 1997 to recognize and show appreciation to individuals, groups, and organizations that have made exemplary contributions to public education in Montgomery County. This program is a celebration of all the award recipients who work tirelessly on behalf of public education and the children of Montgomery County.



# 2020 HONOREES

## **Community Individual**

Craig Koralek

Zoe Tishaev

## **Community Group**

Building Foundations for the Future

Difference Makers

Pro Power Foundation

Volunteers in Science and Technology

Ms. Ishita Chatterjee, Ms. Sanjana Kumar, Ms. Sadhana Lolla,  
Ms. Preethi Prakash, and Ms. Megha Tummalapalli

## **Business**

DARCARS Automotive Group

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union

Elite Soccer Youth Development Academy, Inc.

## **Montgomery County Public Schools Staff**

Rina Chaves

Lana Haddad

Margaret “Peggy” Mannhaupt-Khoury

Richard “Dick” Lipsky, Ed.D.

VaRysa Williams

## **School Service Volunteer**

Anne Baldini

Sheila Chandler

Ruthanne Stoltzfus

## **Individual Pioneer**

Nancy Navarro

Elizabeth Spencer

## *Craig Koralek*

Over the past seven years, Mr. Craig Koralek, a retired chemical/environmental engineer with more than 40 years of experience, has dedicated his time to volunteering in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Volunteer Program, where he has supported Ms. Zulay Joa, the leader of the STEM Academy and science teacher at Glenallan Elementary School. Mr. Koralek has been an important and integral part of the program, which currently has more than 90 volunteers spread throughout 60 elementary, middle, and high schools in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). The program supports 130 teachers to bring the real world of STEM to more than 10,000 students every week.

During his personal time, he brings in speakers from a variety of STEM fields to provide students with real-world experiences. Mr. Koralek also teaches a unit on Climate Change and Global Warming to the Grade 4 classes, focusing on the causes and effects of climate change. Mr. Koralek has served as a school science fair judge and chaperoned class trips to the University of Maryland Chemistry Department and the George Washington University Science and Engineering Hall.

Mr. Koralek consistently demonstrates the professional and personal characteristics that personify the value of service in the spirit of enhancing the educational experience of all students. He is dedicated to developing positive and meaningful relationships with students and families and is committed to providing students with engaging learning experiences, aimed at activating their imagination and creativity, sharpening their critical-thinking skills, and building a foundation for life-long learning. The Glenallan Elementary School community is very fortunate to have Mr. Craig Koralek's investment in the STEM Academy.

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## *Zoe Tishaev*

Ms. Zoe Tishaev is an amazing young woman who has made it her mission to provide students with a voice at every table. A senior at Clarksburg High School, Ms. Tishaev proudly serves her school as the Student Government Association (SGA) president. She also serves the greater Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) area in innumerable ways. Her contributions to the conversations held in a variety of settings from the Montgomery County Council to the Board of Education to the Montgomery County Regional SGA are invaluable and, more important, she has served as a mentor and model for others.

Ms. Tishaev serves as the community relations director for all local organizations. She has led an effort to inform her peers about the boundary analysis, Board of Education policies, MCPS regulations, and other key issues. She has formed relationships with council members, Board of Education members, and key MCPS staff in order to create open lines of communication to share the student perspective on the issues at hand. Although Ms. Tishaev ran unsuccessfully for the Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB), she used this platform to advocate for her fellow students with those who are in a position to inform and make decisions.

Ms. Tishaev has been a staunch advocate for the Kirwan Commission and has worked to inform her peers about the background and policies of the commission. Her leadership over these past few years will be remembered and shared with others for years to come; and her hard work and efforts to improve the lives and experiences of her peers will be the legacy she leaves when she graduates.

## *Building Foundations for the Future*

The Building Foundations for the Future (BFFF) club was founded by Sullivan Phillips, Raymond James, and Alvin James—the group originated as the Rocky Hill Middle School (RHMS) MORE (Men Organized to Raise Engagement) five years ago. BFFF’s vision is to change the culture of schools by empowering young men. The club has had a significantly positive impact on the students at RHMS and in the larger Clarksburg community. They have provided an invaluable service to adolescent and teen boys by helping them to develop leadership skills and build positive relationships with each other and within the community.

The BFFF club mentors students on a variety of topics and engages them in activities that foster communication, collaboration, leadership, problem solving, and to serve as role models for other students. In addition, they tutor students to support their academic achievement and help them develop strong work-study skills. The BFFF club encourages and facilitates opportunities for students to participate in community-service activities, such as the RHMS Black History Month Celebration.

Over the past few years, BFFF has grown to support adolescents and teens in the Clarksburg community with groups that meet at RHMS, Hallie Wells Middle School, and Clarksburg High School. BFFF has organized an annual 50 Men on Deck event, during which influential male adults welcome students to the school. This event is always well attended by members of the community and has a positive impact on how students feel as they start their day of learning. Recently, the BFFF club started to include high school National Honor Society students as mentors and tutors of RHMS students.



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## *Difference Makers*

Difference Makers was started in 2009 by a group of students at Takoma Park Middle School (TPMS). The mission is to get youth involved in service at all levels of community (local, national, and international). Student projects are designed around the Youth Service America tenets of Awareness, Service, Advocacy, and Philanthropy. Student projects focus on the elderly, underserved, disabled (physically and cognitively), socioeconomically disadvantaged, and underrepresented populations. All projects are developed and implemented by students with support from adults, as necessary.

The impact of Difference Makers, under the leadership of Bryan Goehring, their sponsor and a teacher at TPMS, has been felt both in the school and in the surrounding communities of Silver Spring and Takoma Park. This student-led group has grown exponentially in both its size and impact over the years to become an integral part of the City of Takoma Park. They have been recognized by a mayoral proclamation by the City of Takoma Park, the Montgomery County Council, and local radio stations WTOP and WGTS for being local community heroes and for their programming. Students at TPMS have been able to earn tens of thousands of student service learning hours through their work with Difference Makers. Over the past few years, Difference Makers has expanded to White Oak Middle School, Richard Montgomery High School, and Montgomery Blair High School.

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## *Pro Power Foundation*

Pro Power Foundation's founder, Mr. Mark Smith, has been a leader in the community for more than 14 years. His foundation supports youth ages 7–17 with educational supports, mentoring, sports programs, and camps. Pro Power Foundation's mission is to make a difference in the community that Mr. Smith grew up in. He has also mentored young adults who have, in turn, mentored youth and work with Pro Power Foundation to continue to give back.

For the past two years, Pro Power Foundation has partnered with Farquhar and Rosa Parks middle schools, and their cluster elementary schools, to support their summer enrichment programs and has provided mind breaks, social emotional supports, games, and physical activity for students during their half-day programs. Pro Power Foundation also extended its program to support students who need a full-day program in the summer. An additional collaboration was established with the Summer RISE program to involve high school students in running and organizing activities for students at this time.

Pro Power Foundation has had special relationships and programs with groups of students from various Montgomery County Public Schools. Mr. Smith has gone out of his way to support a group of students at Montgomery Village Middle School, coaching and mentoring a basketball team. Specific students at Montgomery Village Middle School have made academic and social gains, thanks to the mentoring provided by Pro Power Foundation. Students who did not have the funds, transportation, or support to be on a sports team or attend camp were given those experiences by Pro Power Foundation.

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## *Volunteers in Science and Technology* *Ishita Chatterjee, Sanjana Kumar,* *Sadhana Lolla, Preethi Prakash, and* *Megha Tummalapalli*

Ms. Ishita Chatterjee, Ms. Sanjana Kumar, Ms. Sadhana Lolla, Ms. Preethi Prakash, and Ms. Megha Tummalapalli serve the students of Hallie Wells Middle School as student coaches for the school's Science Olympiad teams. While they did not attend Hallie Wells as students, as the school was not open when they were in middle school, they wanted to give back to the community they lived in and reached out to the principal of Hallie Wells. For the past four years, they have conducted weekly after-school meetings, from October to April, to prepare, organize, mentor, and coach students to compete in the Maryland Science Olympiad competition.

These women have had a tremendous impact on the students they have worked with over the past four years as well as future students in the Clarksburg area. In addition to coaching students in the Science Olympiad competition, they have shown them that females can be successful in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)-related fields and encouraged many of the female participants to enroll in STEM courses, both in middle school and when they transition to high school.



## *DARCARS Automotive Group*

DARCARS Automotive Group is the gold standard for a symbiotic partnership between industry and education. They have been part of the local landscape for the past 40 years, and have been building and enhancing a relationship with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) over many decades. Their unwavering support for MCPS students is evident in their donation of time, funds, and resources.

DARCARS, through the advocacy of owner Jamie Darvish, has had continuous representation on the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation's (ATF) board of directors for many years. Through this partnership, the DARCARS Automotive Group has helped shape automotive curriculum and project-based learning throughout MCPS. DARCARS representatives share their automotive and business expertise with staff and students at all five MCPS ATF program locations, advising the ATF of industry trends and workforce needs, offering field trips, and guiding curriculum updates to ensure students have the skill sets necessary for a lucrative career. Over the past five years, the DARCARS Automotive Group has reaffirmed their commitment to educational excellence as an incredible asset to the MCPS community.

Over the past decade, the DARCARS Automotive Group has increased their partnership with MCPS. Additional DARCARS representatives have engaged with the ATF program, under the leadership of Technical Director Farzad Makarehchi, a senior member of the DARCARS family. This engagement has increased the pipeline of MCPS graduates who are skilled and certified in the automotive field. As an active member on the board of directors, Mr. Makarehchi focuses on increasing opportunities for students to visit, shadow, and interact with dealership personnel, thereby exposing them to the multitude of career possibilities at local dealerships.

The DARCARS Automotive Group team members have been tremendous supporters of MCPS career and college programs. The resulting nationally recognized automotive training creates a pipeline of local, skilled technicians and provide them with lucrative careers in the automotive industry.

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## *Educational Systems Federal Credit Union*

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (Credit Union) has been a long-time partner with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), with a core purpose of serving the education community. The Credit Union fulfills its mission by helping our teachers, administrators, support staff, students, parents, and retirees, each and every day, to achieve their financial goals and dreams.

The Credit Union supports MCPS students, administrators, teachers, and support staff, through scholarships, internships, charitable donations, and financial education. They also provide professional development awards and sponsor events.

The goal of the Educational Systems Federal Credit Union is to make a difference in the lives of our employees, students, and parents. We are grateful for their amazing efforts!



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## *Elite Soccer Youth Development Academy*

For 10 years, Elite Soccer Youth Development Academy (ESYDA), owned and directed by Agbegnigan Amouzou (Also known as Coach Fofo) has provided after-school, evening, and weekend activities to more than 300 students.

The ESYDA development program works with youth from low-income families. Youth are able to play soccer and exercise. They also participate in leadership and academic activities that support them and their families. Coach Fofo works with the team members and coaches to teach families how to be more engaged in their children's lives, how to participate in their academic careers, and how to become their child's biggest advocate. This school year, ESYDA formed the first inclusive soccer team for MCPS students in Silver Spring, Maryland. This neuro-diverse elementary school soccer team includes students with autism and intellectual disabilities playing together with typically developing students, on the same team.



## *Rina Chaves*

Ms. Rina Chaves has spent 28 years in education and is consistently going above and beyond without hesitation or complaint. She is currently employed with MCPS as an ESOL transition counselor.

Over the years, Ms. Chaves has seen a lot of change in how services for the immigrant population have been provided. This includes how serious issues such as violence in communities and sexual abuse have affected the ability of families to adjust to their new country and culture. Hence, her focus has shifted to building the capacity of educators to understand where these students are coming from and to understand them better in general.

Ms. Chaves has worked tirelessly to raise awareness about trauma in schools. In 2018, she started The Hope and Resilience Center, a small nonprofit organization to promote healing and success through “hope and resilience trauma-informed training and consultation.” Most of the work is done during pre-service, a two-day training that is extremely informative and provides practical tips for teachers. Ms. Chaves also trains other MCPS professionals who work with families and children. As student populations become increasingly diverse, the work of Ms. Chaves and her team has been significant. Ms. Chaves has helped spearhead a series of trauma-informed trainings for staff that has helped build the capacity of teachers to be better equipped to support students who have been impacted by trauma. She is an outstanding human being.

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## *Lana Haddad*

Ms. Lana Haddad is very deserving of the Distinguished Service to Public Education Award, for the breadth and depth of her 27 years of service to the students and staff of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). From her first job as a Head Start instructional assistant to her current position as administrative services manager for the Board of Education, she has made an invaluable contribution to the education of the students of MCPS.

Ms. Haddad has been the administrative services manager to the Board of Education for the past five years. She is a master at handling and organizing voluminous amounts of information (and keeping track of all the paper that goes with it), managing the calendars of the eight members of the Board and its chief of staff, helping the public, and supervising the daily operations of the Board staff and office. She does this all with kindness and timely efficiency.

In addition to being a self-starter who uses her initiative and meets deadlines (she often anticipates what people need and gives it to them before they have to ask for it), she understands the need to maintain confidentiality in her work when necessary. She has outstanding writing and technology skills, and is committed to the success of those for whom she works.

Ms. Haddad has had a significant impact on students, the school system, and the community at large. She has helped to ensure that the students, teachers, high-level administrators, and Board of Education members have everything they need for an outstanding instructional program.



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## *Margaret “Peggy” Mannhaupt-Khoury*

Ms. Margaret “Peggy” Mannhaupt-Khoury has been the Gaithersburg Middle School (GMS) grant site coordinator for a program called GMStrong! for the past five years. GMStrong! is an innovative, cutting-edge, holistic program that incorporates messages of hope, health, strength, and leadership into a variety of activities addressing the often-overlooked needs of all GMS students relating to bullying, mental health, and the repercussions of poverty. Ms. Khoury has collaborated with multiple organizations to design and facilitate a schoolwide program of social and emotional learning. She has trained countless peer leaders to help all students develop their “sources of strength,” or protective factors that prevent suicide and increase school connectedness.

Ms. Khoury’s GMStrong! provides wraparound services to the most impacted students and serves as a model for other schools looking to build students’ social and emotional intelligence. She has achieved amazing results for GMS students. Some results include reduced office behavior referrals, increased attendance, and better academic performance.

Ms. Khoury has been trained in the Sources of Strength, a national program, and has trained adult advisors (GMS staff) and peer leaders (GMS students) to be leaders in spreading messages of hope, help, and strength throughout the school. Over the past five years, Ms. Khoury has improved the program by listening to students and staff. Student voice is the critical piece that helps the program succeed. The entire community benefits from her commitment and passion.

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## *Richard “Dick” Lipsky*

Dr. Richard “Dick” Lipsky arrived at Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in 1985, and he has worked tirelessly and successfully since then to build MCPS TV into a key central services unit that serves students, staff, and the community. At its height, MCPS TV was 22 people, producing more than 400 programs annually that connect families and staff to critical information that improves teaching and learning in MCPS.

In recent years, Dr. Lipsky has worked to increase and improve programs that support key MCPS stakeholders, including increasing the number of staff development programs, student instructional programs, and key “explainer” or public information programs. In the latter category he has been instrumental in establishing programs about the MCPS budget, staffing, and systemwide operations.

One example of Dr. Lipsky’s work is Homework Hotline Live!—the student homework-help program. As students have integrated technology in their lives, Dr. Lipsky has been instrumental in ensuring that the TV program has grown to include support via the web, social media, and text. He has increased instructional staff support to ensure this valuable resource remains viable to students. His expertise and innovation are invaluable in MCPS.

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## *VaRysa Williams*

Ms. VaRysa Williams has unknowingly taught special education students life skills through academic experiences, and she has helped individual students reach their academic grade level and gain social skills that would benefit them throughout life. Ms. Williams' ability to reset and teach logic and understanding in a moment of small crisis, during school hours, has made a significant difference in the way her students deal with tough situations. She found a way to get through to children with autism and other disabilities so that when she speaks they listen and respond to what she asks of them. She made learning no longer a chore, but fun for all.

Ms. Williams takes the time to explain things to parents and provide them with helpful tips and tools to help their children academically. She goes above and beyond to teach, reach, and lead children to academic success and understanding and she has taught parents how to work with their children.

Ms. VaRysa Williams truly has made it all about the children.



# SCHOOL SERVICE VOLUNTEER ---

## *Anne Baldini*

Ms. Anne Baldini has been a highly regarded and outstanding teacher in MCPS for many years. She retired as a science teacher from William H. Farquhar Middle School three years ago and, since then, she has been volunteering at Brooke Grove Elementary School (Brooke Grove) on a weekly basis, providing a full eight-hour day of service. Ms. Baldini does an incredible job of helping both staff and students. She expertly inputs data, creates documents, locates and gathers resources, puts up displays, organizes and labels materials, manages a schoolwide reading incentive program, creates data spreadsheets, sends orders to Copy-Plus for teachers, organizes materials for professional learning community meetings, compiles resources for intervention groups, laminates materials and designs anchor charts, among many other things. Brook Grove is better able to help students be successful because of Ms. Baldini's work every week.

Ms. Baldini is highly regarded by all staff members and students. No task or request for help is too daunting for her. She goes to Brooke Grove each week with a smile on her face and a positive attitude, ready to do anything and everything needed or asked of her. Often times, she will stay past the work day to finish tasks or projects that are needed in a timely manner. Brook Grove is a better school and teachers and students are more successful because of Ms. Baldini's work.

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## *Sheila Chandler*

Mrs. Sheila Chandler provides amazing support to the staff and students of James Hubert Blake High School (Blake). She serves as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Parent Coalition (NAACP-PC) coordinator, parent volunteer, temporary part-time employee, and overall support to the Blake community. Her dedication to and passion for the well-being of students has had a positive impact on many students.

Mrs. Chandler has focused a great deal on directly supporting students at Blake. Over the past three years, Mrs. Chandler has worked to improve NAACP PC meetings. Knowing the struggle to get parent attendance during the evening, she changed her focus during the 2018–2019 school year. Rather than meetings focused on engaging parents in the evening she moved to having meetings during the day, directly supporting students. She worked with Blake staff to develop monthly programs that support the growth, development, and leadership of students. Many of the sessions are targeted at the needs of the students, and students receive VIP Invites to attend. Sessions have covered topics from college and career readiness to job skills and everything in between.

Mrs. Chandler continues to use her role as a community representative to support and engage parents and has supported the school on many occasions by reaching out and working with parents who feel disenfranchised and frustrated. She has worked to support and coach these parents to help them feel connected to and engaged with the school.

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## *Ruthanne Stoltzfus*

Ms. Ruthanne Stoltzfus, a retired teacher, felt called to volunteer as a crossing guard in the heart of Germantown in October 2012, when the Seneca Valley community lost Christina Ward Morris, who was killed while walking to school. Ms. Stoltzfus has stood at the corner of Middlebrook and Rt. 118 virtually every school afternoon for the past seven years. She met with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation pedestrian safety coordinator for specific training to educate the students. Ms. Stoltzfus engages the students as they wait for the light and establishes connections and relationships, in hopes that they will understand that she is truly concerned for their safety. Standing at this intersection every afternoon demonstrates extraordinary commitment to the safety of students crossing these roads.

It is Ms. Stoltzfus's desire that the strengthened partnership between community groups such as Safe Routes to Schools and the Action Committee for Transit along with MCPS will result in safer routes for all students. Her volunteer work is a concrete step in keeping MCPS students safe while those safer routes are developed.



# INDIVIDUAL PIONEER

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## *Nancy Navarro*

Since her election to the Montgomery County Board of Education in 2004, Ms. Navarro, has been a guiding light for Montgomery County residents by working to improve the lives of all students and residents and champion all students in Montgomery County.

As a resident of Maryland for more than 26 years, Ms. Nancy Navarro has worked throughout her career in public service to improve the lives of all students and residents within Montgomery County. As an elected official, Ms. Navarro, has been a champion for equity and social justice for all. She has led by example and has provided important leadership for racial equity for all through her role as an elected official and her many outreach efforts and community-based meetings. She has been an ardent advocate for dedicated funding for high-quality and accessible early childhood education and prekindergarten. She was a lead sponsor of Bill 13-15, which created the Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative, providing technical assistance, training, and mentoring to prospective and licensed family child-care providers. Additionally, Ms. Navarro's leadership was instrumental in creating the Montgomery County Children's Opportunity Fund, which leverages private dollars to fund high-quality programs that are both sustainable and scalable. Ms. Navarro has used her position on the County Council to encourage economic growth and development in traditionally underserved regions.

Ms. Navarro authored the framework for the county's Early Care and Education Initiative and the Economic Development Platform Resolution, both launched during her council presidency. The Early Care and Education Initiative is a \$7 million investment to provide access to top-quality early education. The Economic Development Platform Resolution is a guiding document that identifies a thriving and diversified economy, greater innovation, racial equity and social justice, and environmental sustainability as desired outcomes. Throughout her career, Ms. Nancy Navarro has demonstrated that enlightened leadership does make a difference. She has provided exceptional leadership in education for all students in Montgomery County.

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## *Elizabeth Spencer (In Memoriam)*

Ms. Elizabeth Spencer was a very influential member of the Board of Education, from 1974–1982, and advocated for students, regardless of race, gender, or religion and regardless of whether the student was college-bound or not. As she said when she left the school board in 1982 to run in a Republican primary for U.S. Congress against one of her board colleagues, “I speak and act with common sense, and avoid gross emotionalism and attempts to polarize issues and people.” She was known for her sterling integrity, common sense, and ability to get along with people of varying viewpoints.

In 1976, Mrs. Spencer was one of the deciding supporters in a 4-3 Board vote to desegregate Rosemary Hills and Chevy Chase Elementary Schools, by having students in Grades K–2 attend Rosemary Hills and students in Grades 3–6 attend Chevy Chase. Rosemary Hills became a symbol of integration in Montgomery County, and a 5-2 majority of the Board that was elected in 1978 in opposition to the school system’s desegregation efforts voted to close Rosemary Hills in 1981. MCPS now uses many different measures to encourage the integration of schools, all built on the decisions that Mrs. Spencer made in the 1970s.

Mrs. Spencer established the rights and responsibilities of the student board member position, enforcing and defending the student’s legal rights on more than one occasion, and providing wise counsel to the first four students to serve on the Board that set the standard for future student board members. Although Mrs. Spencer unfortunately passed away in March 2020, it is fitting for her to be recognized by the Board for her contributions to public education in Montgomery County.



# PREVIOUS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

## 2019

Romina Byrd  
Byron Johns  
Priscilla Fritter Peterson  
Craig Rice  
Kimberly Summers  
Partnership for Excellence  
Carol Trawick  
Chaunetta Anderson  
Sarah Fillman  
Taylor Garber  
Randi Gritz  
Elizabeth Nardin  
Sarah Delphus Neubold  
Sean Pang  
Lola Rogers  
Laurie Tarner  
Osar Alvarenga and Sarahi Segura  
Joan Paull  
Marshal Greenblatt  
Mike Michaelson

## 2018

Nancy Floreen  
James Garratt  
Daniel Riddle  
Milagro Flores—Gaithersburg Mothers' Club  
Kristen Eccleston  
Sulma Flores  
Genevieve Floyd  
Matthew Johnson  
Kevin Shindel  
Barbara Woodward  
Mary Gross  
Karen Ward  
Michael A. Durso  
Odessa Shannon

## 2017

The Highwood Theatre  
Code.org  
Richard Reynolds  
Kids in Need Distributors  
Steven Boden  
Michael Shpur  
Carol Petersen  
Nicholas Saadipour  
Daman Harris  
Lisa Büttner  
Gary Temple  
Patricia B. O'Neill

## 2016

Dottie Fitzgerald  
Joe Hooks  
Melissa McKenna  
Montgomery County Business Roundtable  
for Education  
Bruce Crispell  
Geoffrey Edgar  
Patricia Janus  
Fernando Moreno  
Jeanette Simmons  
Paul Geller  
Anthony Giles  
Larry A. Bowers

## 2015

Joe Kessler  
Robert Thomas  
Arthur Williams  
Conflict Resolution Center of  
Montgomery County  
Liberty's Promise  
Montgomery County Alliance of  
Black School Educators  
Passion for Learning, Inc. (Cynthia  
Rubenstein)  
Strathmore Education (Lauren Campbell)  
Imagination Stage (Bonnie Fogel)  
Stephanie Brant  
Patricia Hurd  
Mary Scott  
James Lipton  
Stuart and Marilyn Morrison  
Sherry Reba  
Emily Talaga  
Isiah Leggett

## 2014

Susan Gardiner  
Steve Peterson  
Neal Wilson  
Commonweal Foundation  
Down Syndrome Network of  
Montgomery County, Inc.  
Carl Stein-RE/MAX Pro's Realty Company  
Washington Area New Auto  
Dealers Association  
Leroy Hyson  
Octavia Jeffries  
Michelle Newton  
Charles Overly  
Kris Secan  
Mario Parcan  
Hank Heller

## 2012–2013

Richard Edelman  
Larry Edmonds  
Antonio Hernandez-Cardoso  
Katya Partan  
Savers, Inc.  
Leo Schwartz  
Michael Calvert  
James A. Distler  
Ronald Frezzo  
Kevin Ambrose  
Victoria Couch  
Kelly and Thomas Giblin  
Irene Coleman and Siham Eldadah

## 2011

Laurie and Steve Augustino  
Pamela H. Moomau  
Kaiser Permanente  
Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy &  
Ecker, P.A.  
Whole Foods Market–Kentlands  
Marla Caplon  
Eric A. Davis  
Denise Stultz  
Tuyet B. Tran  
Don Hauprich  
Isabella Mia Lee  
James McMann  
Bruce Adams  
Bonnie Cullison  
Stewart Edelstein

## 2010

Samantha Lint  
Kay Romero  
Monte Tarbox  
Montgomery County Students Information  
Technology Foundation, Inc.  
Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta  
Sigma Theta Sorority  
Audubon Naturalist Society—GreenKids  
Michael Priddy/Intervise Consultants, Inc.  
Michael Campbell  
Erick Lang  
Joe Rubens, Jr.  
Building Services Team  
College Gardens Elementary School  
Pamela Slater, Vivian Nation, George Powell,  
Opral Samuels, Rico Wims, and  
Yu-Lan Yinlin

## 2009

Officer Marcus Dixon  
Emily McDonell  
Admissions and Enrollment Management at  
Montgomery College  
Junior Achievement of the National Capital  
Area Montgomery County District Office  
Montgomery County Students  
Construction Trades Foundation, Inc.  
Deloitte  
United Communications Group  
Karen Crawford  
Susan Freiman  
Daric Jackson  
Susan Marks  
Linda Wanner  
Bernard Warfield  
John Burley  
Mark Freedman  
John William Smith

## 2008

Ana Brito  
Thomas M. DeGonia, II  
Patti Twigg  
The Christ Episcopal Church of Kensington  
College Tracks  
PALA: Padres y Alumnos Latinos en Acción—  
(Latino Parents and Students in Action)  
Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.  
Montgomery County Teachers Federal Credit  
Union (MCTFCU)  
Giles R. Benson  
Andrea Bernal  
James M. Douglas  
Gail Fribush  
Karen C. Woodson  
Pat Adam  
Anjan Choudhury  
Joan Karasik  
George B. Thomas, Sr.

## 2007

Joan Donovan  
Evelyn Liu  
Karen Benn Marshall, Ph.D.  
Chinese American Parents and Students  
Association (CAPSA)  
IMPACT Silver Spring  
Project Change  
Jon Enten, Enten & Associates  
Riderwood Village Retirement Community  
Lockheed Martin Corporation  
Aggie Alvez  
Dianne Jones  
Elaine Petrulakis  
Michael A. Thomas  
Aashish Dewan  
Rebecca (Becky) Faherty  
Paul Rockwell  
Dr. Gabriel Jacobs

## 2006

Matt Boratenski and the American  
Film Institute (AFI)  
Choice Hotels International,  
Office of the General Counsel  
Julie Bennett  
Glenn Kikuchi  
Chinese Culture and Community Service  
Center, Inc.  
Montgomery County Police Community  
Outreach Section  
Project Reboot  
Douglas Duncan  
Robert Barnes  
MCPS Green Building Program  
Darryl Norwood  
Diana Sayago  
Bernice Albert  
Robert Paulsen

## 2005

Mark Drury and Shapiro & Duncan  
William Schlossenberg and The Gazette  
Art Billings  
Nguyen Minh Chau  
The African Immigrant and Refugee  
Foundation  
Conquista tus Sueños (Realize Your Dreams)  
Hospice Caring, Inc.  
William Porter  
Michael Subin  
Robert Barnes  
Nivea Berrios  
Virginia Bumblis  
Susan Bain  
David Lechner

## 2004

Gene Kijowski  
Melvyn Leshinsky  
Eileen Lavine  
Identity, Inc.  
Progress Club of Rockville  
Rotary Club of North Bethesda  
Ana Sol Gutierrez  
Teresa Wright  
Joseph J. Lavorgna  
Jerry M. Marco  
Joan Rackey

## 2003

AmeriDream, Inc.  
Lockheed Martin Corporation  
Dr. Yvette Butler  
Theodore W. Urban  
Linkages to Learning  
Margit Meissner  
Susan Barrett  
Dedra H. Greene  
James J. Laws

## 2002

Fitzgerald Auto Malls  
Starrec Global Communications  
Esther P. Gelman  
John Lopes  
Ruby A. Rubens  
The City of Gaithersburg  
Interages  
Mental Health Association of  
Montgomery County  
Blair G. Ewing  
Joseph Howard  
Owen Nichols  
John F. Brooks, Jr.  
Carol Burke  
Richard Sprecher

## 2001

The Nellis Corporation  
Nextel Communications  
Dr. Alan Cheung  
Diane Cockrell  
Marina McKee  
Career Transition Program of St. Luke's House  
The Washington Opera  
Lillian B. Brown  
Robert Hines  
Larry A. Bowers

## 2000

Wanda Brown of PEPCO  
Elida Vargas-Carrasco  
James and Linda Cafritz  
Lois Stoner  
Michelle Turner  
Benjamin Banneker Honors Math  
and Science Society  
Hispanic Parents Committee at  
Albert Einstein High School  
Mary Ann Bowen  
Lawrence Shulman  
Richard Wilson  
Betty Collins  
Sandra Shmookler

## 1999

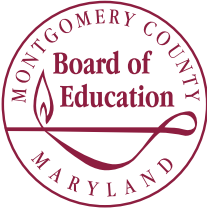
Pennie Abramson and Barry Scher of  
Giant Food  
GE Information Services  
Ron Leung  
Lois Robertson  
Montgomery County Branch of the  
NAACP Parents Council  
After School Activity Coordination Program  
(ASAC)  
Gene W. Counihan  
John L. Gildner  
Ronald M. Feffer  
Kevin Keegan  
Madeline Griffin

## 1998

Douglas Schiffman  
Montgomery County Students Automotive  
Trades Foundation  
African American Festival of Academic  
Excellence  
Sharp Street Hosts an Academic Resource  
Program (SHARP)  
Hanley J. Norment  
Carol M. Hyatt  
Samira Hussein  
Phillip F. Gainous  
Dr. Dawn Thomas

## 1997

Marriott Suites of Bethesda  
General Electric Information Services and  
Elfun Society  
Howard Hughes Medical Institute  
I. Austin Heyman  
Hugh Packard  
George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy  
American Coalition for Assistance and  
Mentoring Program (ACAMP)  
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