2020 VIRTUAL PGCPS HALL OF FAME GALA

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Dear Friends of Prince George’s County Public Schools,

It is my honor to welcome you to the 2020 Prince George’s County Public Schools Excellence in Education Foundation Virtual Hall of Fame Gala.

Although we may not be able to celebrate in person, I am still thrilled to pay tribute to our honorees: Congressman Steny Hoyer; Louis Wilson; Sam Brin; Susan O’Malley; Richard Arnold; Martin Lawrence; Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms and Abby Phillip.

This gala celebrates our distinguished honorees as well as our students. It is also an opportunity to recognize those who have poured into our district in support of our schools and students.

In the spirit of celebration, I would like to acknowledge each of you for making this a memorable event for years to come. Through your generous donations, we have raised over $170,000. I extend a special thanks to our Gala Sponsors, Patrons, Elected Officials, Foundation Board of Directors, Board of Education Members, Student Participants, Professional Artists, Faculty, Staff and Gala Committee Members.

Your contributions are invaluable to PGCPS and will help us to continue to enhance student learning, provide annual scholarships and directly support our mission to provide a transformative education. I am forever grateful for your commitment to help us grow and your support through the Excellence in Education Foundation.

I am honored to share this evening with you and even more proud to be a part of an organization and community where education is paramount.

You are appreciated and we could not have envisioned this without your support.

Sincerely,

Monica E. Goldson, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer

PGCPS
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Introduction Performance
Surrattsville High School Choir
Under the direction of Marcus Davis

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Cayman Kelly
PGCPS Alumnus & National Radio Host – Sirius XM's Heart & Soul Radio

Welcome
Dr. Monica E. Goldson, Chief Executive Officer
Prince George's County Public Schools

Greetings
Angela Alsobrooks, Esq., Prince George's County Executive
Edward Burroughs, III
Vice-Chair of Prince George's County Board of Education
Dr. Alvin Thornton,
Chair of Prince George's County Board of Education

Musical Performance
Marcus Johnson
Renowned Jazz Keyboardist/Pianist, Producer and Performer

Culinary Arts Demonstration
Chef Rolston “Ian” Barthley, Food Network Star and
Oxon Hill High School Culinary Instructor
Chef Talia Washington,
PGCPS Alumnus, Oxon Hill High School ’16

“Our Story”
Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc.
Video Presentation

2020 Award/Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Dr. Monica E. Goldson, Chief Executive Officer
Prince George's County Public Schools
Chief Executive Officer's Award of Excellence

Susan O’Malley
Surrattsville High School ’79

PGCPS Hall of Fame Class of 2020

Congressman Steny Hoyer
Distinguished Public Servant
Suitland High School ’57

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms
Distinguished Educator

Coach Louis Wilson Jr.
Distinguished Athlete
Frederick Douglass High School ’77

Abby Phillip
Distinguished Young Leader
Bowie High School ’06

Sam Brin
Distinguished Humanitarian
Eleanor Roosevelt High School ’05

Richard Arnold
Distinguished Professional
Bowie High School ’81

Martin Lawrence
Distinguished Professional
Eleanor Roosevelt High School ’84

PGCPS Alumni Alliance Introduction

Kenny Lattimore
Grammy Award nominated R&B singer, songwriter
and PGCPS Alum and Hall of Famer

Jazz Entertainment

Marcus Johnson
Greetings Hall of Fame 2020 Inductees:

On behalf of the Prince George’s County Board of Education, we extend to you our congratulations on your selection as 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees by the Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS). It is a high honor to be selected as members of the PGCPS Hall of Fame’s inaugural class.

The Board of Education is pleased to join PGCPS and the Excellence in Education Foundation in honoring and celebrating its second class of Hall of Fame Inductees recognizing their diverse accomplishments as humanitarians in education, the arts, athletics, spiritual, public and business affairs. We are proud of you and your unique and sustained contributions to Prince George’s County, the state of Maryland and our nation.

You are exemplars for our community and students because of your life stories. They reflect your devotion to equal high-quality educational opportunities for our students in supportive families and economically sound communities. Thank you for the determination, sacrifices, and visionary leadership that are a part of your large footprint in our community. You are sources of inspiration for our students.

We are encouraged by the growing umbrella of public and private support that is being raised over our children and school system by parents and the civic, religious and business community. We thank the Foundation and its partners for providing innovative fundraising activities to support scholarships, academic programs and services for our students. The Foundation contributes to our ability to provide a “Bridge to Excellence” for our children and enhance the Blueprint for PGCPS’ future. Thank you for being part of the bridge and blueprint as 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees.

We offer our sincere thanks to all of the sponsors, distinguished guests, volunteers and collaborative partners for the role they played to make our 2020 Gala successful. Our cause is just - ensuring an excellent, adequately and equitably funded and accountable education for all of our children – especially in the midst of inequities made more evident by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We hope you enjoy the 2020 virtual Gala. Congratulations and best wishes as you continue to serve as role models for our students.

Sincerely,

Alvin Thornton, Ph.D.
Board of Education Chair

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a great education that empowers all students and contributes to thriving communities.

Prince George’s County Public Schools
Marcus Johnson

Marcus Johnson is an NAACP Image Award-nominated jazz keyboardist and pianist, successful entrepreneur and inspiring author of the best-selling book For The Love Of...Living the Journey of Life with Intention, Love, Passion and Happiness. He has released more than fifteen Billboard charted albums, including his latest release titled “BALLADS...In My Voice,” showcasing his soulful interpretations of some of his favorite ballads that impacted his life and the artists who wrote and recorded them. He is also the President and Owner of FLO Brands, LLC which houses his wine label, FLO Wines, LLC., named “USA Today’s Top 10 Celebrity Wines.” Through the FLO (For the Love Of...) platform, Marcus is expanding his support of the physical, mental and spiritual health of his audience.

Cheers!

to the PGCPS
Hall of Fame Class of 2020!
Cayman Kelly

After graduating from college, pursuing employment in radio was no easy task for Cayman Kelly. However, his persistence paid off and landed Cayman his first real job in radio as a board operator. Within a month of working at the station Cayman became a promotions assistant and shortly thereafter he had worked his way up and earned the title of on-air personality at the number one station in Washington, DC.

Since he could remember, anyone who met Cayman would always compliment his voice which would develop over the years and prove to be one of his biggest assets. Pursuing his passion for radio broadcasting led him to satellite radio channel “BET Uptown,” and it was here Cayman developed the relationships and created an opportunity that would eventually birth his voice-over career and later place him as the voice of BET and BET Jazz for almost seven years.

Cayman’s personable broadcasting style, acting talents and charm are part of the total package, which have led to him hosting over a dozen 25,000-plus person festivals around the world, features in magazines, movies roles including the hit movie “Barbershop: The Next Cut” and television show appearances, live TV awards shows and more. As a client of the Don Buchwald Agency in New York, Cayman’s reach can be heard in markets across the country voicing several radio stations, including Power 105.1 in New York. Cayman can also be heard as the voice of TV Land’s highest rated show, “Hot in Cleveland,” promo voice of TV One and is currently the station voice for Bounce TV.

Cayman can be heard on Sirius XM Radio Heart & Soul from noon to 6 p.m. Eastern, six days a week with more than 2 million listeners each week. He’s interviewed some of the biggest names in music and entertainment including Academy Award winners Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Hudson, and music icons including Janet Jackson, Babyface and Mary J. Blige to name a few. But add to that, title of “author” for the release of his book “From $6 an Hour to a Million Dollar Dream,” which chronicles his path to his dream job with valuable insight on finding your passion, persevering through tough times and daring to be different to achieve success and happiness. And if that wasn’t enough - in 2020 Cayman was named the national voice for ESPN Radio and the NEW voice of ESPN’s MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. No stranger to hard work and adversity, Cayman lives by these words, “A thought is a thought until placed into action...got to go at it to gain satisfaction!"

Cayman Kelly is a PGCPS Alumnus and graduate of Friendly High School Class of 1990.
Kenny Lattimore

With a career spanning over two decades, highlighted by his 1996 breakthrough single “Never Too Busy” and the wedding staple “For You,” Kenny has garnered Grammy and Soul Train Award nominations, Top 10 singles, Top 20 R&B albums and an NAACP Image Award for Best New Artist, while staying sincere about giving his heart and soul to communities through music. The Washington DC native dazzles audiences with an unprecedented range influenced by his classical, jazz, and gospel upbringing. Kenny is famous for delivering just the right dose of classic crooning, exceptional runs and authentic emotion. He has placed a distinctive stamp on classic songs recorded by musical icons as Donny Hathaway and The Beatles, transformed Christmas standards, and created musical magic on iconic movie soundtracks like Love Jones, Best Man and Disney’s Lion King II Simba’s Pride. Kenny Lattimore’s recording legacy includes the critically acclaimed albums, “From The Soul Of Man,” “Timeless” and “Anatomy of a Love Song,” which produced the Top 10 single “Love Me Back.” While “A Kenny Lattimore Christmas” earned a Stellar Award nomination for ‘Event CD of the Year,’ Lattimore’s ninth solo studio album “Vulnerable” produced another Top 10 hit, “Stay on Your Mind,” which climbed the charts to #7 on UAC Billboard and held top radio positions in multiple U.S. markets. Kenny is a humanitarian who uses his life and platform as a tool to inspire others to pursue excellence and elevate positive conversation about art, culture, family and faith. Lattimore continues to tour globally, showcasing his unique creative journey through stunning and diverse set lists. Keep up with Kenny’s music, tours, merchandise, by visiting his website kennyattimore.com and following him on Instagram, and Twitter @KennyLattimore Facebook @officialkennylattimore.

Dee Dee Roper,
Internationally Known As DJ Spinderella

Dee Dee Roper, internationally known as DJ Spinderella, is a Grammy award-winning DJ, producer, rapper, writer and world class mother. Spinderella is one of the original pioneers of hip hop music beginning her career as a member of the iconic rap group Salt-N-Pepa, selling over 15 million albums and singles worldwide. Over two decades after her groundbreaking entrance into hip hop, the Brooklyn native still sets the standard for “turntablism” all over the world and is still a force to be reckoned with in the music industry. It has never been simply about cuts, beats, and rhymes says the Grammy, MTV, and BET Award Winner. “I’ve been blessed to be in the game for so many years, when many others have come and gone,” says Spinderella. “This industry is all about fun and entertainment, but humility and professionalism will take you far. I’ve also had great mentors such as DJ Jazzy Jeff, DJ Scratch, and the late Jam Master Jay.” -- DJ Spinderella

In 2019, DJ Spinderella officially announced her future plans to continue building her brand as an independent artist — to much fanfare and excitement. She performed both international and domestic gigs while mentoring up-and-coming DJs and entrepreneurs. From BET to People Magazine, Spinderella was celebrated in media for embarking on an inspiring new chapter in her career. Spinderella’s mentorship of other young DJs was proudly honored and displayed by household name brands like Barbie (Mattel) and Good Morning America.

With countless lifetime achievement awards, including the VH1 Hip Hop Honors, Global Spin Breaking Barriers’, Black Girls Rock, and BET ICON awards, Spinderella is a notable pioneer in the industry for empowering and inspiring the entire DJing community. Now, in addition to continuing to DJ the world’s largest events, she has become a motivational speaker for aspiring artists.

When she’s not spinning, she can be found at home in Dallas, TX preparing for her 2020 nuptials and helping her daughter - who is also a rising star and DJ - to raise her newborn grandson.
Susan O’Malley, 
Former President of Washington Sports & Entertainment, Retired

Susan O’Malley is a graduate of Surrattsville Elementary, Surrattsville Junior High, and Surrattsville Senior High School (class of 79). She was the Captain of patrols in elementary school, and Vice President of her high school class.

She never missed a football game or basketball game, and proudly wore the hornet uniform. Surrattsville High School had great teams back then.

O’Malley attended Mount St. Mary’s in Emmitsburg Maryland, and was the President of the Student Government.

At age 29, O’Malley became the first female president of an NBA franchise as well as one of the first women in a major front-office position in major league sports. She is the former president of the NBA’s Washington Bullets (now the Wizards) and Washington Sports & Entertainment. In her 20-year tenure with Washington Sports, she also ran the Capitol One Arena (formerly the Verizon Center), the WNBA’s Washington Mystics, and Ticketmaster Washington-Baltimore.

Never wavering from her original career goal to run a sports franchise, she interned with the Bullets (later renamed the Wizards) and the Capitals hockey team. After graduating from college, she worked with an advertising firm. But when a job opening came up within the Bullets organization for director of advertising, she was compelled to apply. Just five years later, she was named president of Washington Sports and Entertainment, including the Washington Wizards.

O’Malley took an organization ranked last to its counterparts in close to every category, and initiated policies and procedures that formed positive relationships with ticket holders, corporate sponsors, and the media. In her first season handling off-court activities, the team had the largest ticket revenue increase in the history of an NBA franchise to date. That same year, the club achieved its highest season ticket renewal rate, including the year following the 1977-78 Championship season. By the 2005-2006 season, the Wizards attracted more than 17,000 fans per game, had 14 sellouts and earned their second consecutive trip to the NBA playoffs. By the time she retired in 2007, the Verizon Center had recorded more than 21.2 million patrons.

She has been described as a skilled motivator, who “created a spirited, results-oriented work environment that has been emulated throughout professional sports.”

Jeopardy fans will also be interested to know that O’Malley is the correct response to the Jeopardy answer, “First woman to run a professional sports franchise.”
Congressman Steny H. Hoyer  
Distinguished Public Servant

As House Majority Leader for the 116th Congress, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) is the second-ranking member of the House Democratic Leadership. He is charged with mobilizing the party vote on important legislation, acting as a liaison between Members and the Democratic Leadership, and coordinating strategy within the Caucus. He also plays a key role in shaping House Democrats’ legislative priorities and in delivering the Democratic message.

Congressman Hoyer attended Suitland High School in Prince George’s County where he met his wife-to-be Judith. In 1963, he graduated with high honors from the University of Maryland, selected “Outstanding Male Graduate” that year. In 1966, he received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. That same year, at the age of 27, he won a seat in the Maryland Senate.

In 1975, he was elected President of the Senate, the youngest ever in state history, and served in that body until 1978. He was a member of the State Board of Higher Education from 1978 to 1981, the year in which he came to Congress after winning a special election.

In the Fifth Congressional District, Hoyer is a tireless fighter for economic development and a leader in creating jobs. He has helped create and save nearly 23,000 jobs by supporting federal facilities and associated businesses located in and around the Fifth District, including NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Patuxent River Naval Air Station, the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Indian Head, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the FDA at White Oak, and the future NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction in College Park.

Congressman Hoyer also works hard to protect our natural resources. In addition to supporting every major piece of environmental legislation while in Congress, he has championed efforts to replenish the declining oyster population of the Bay and to restore the Potomac, Patuxent and St. Mary’s rivers.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee from the time he took office until he entered the Congressional leadership, Congressman Hoyer has secured funding for numerous important projects in Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s, Anne Arundel, and St. Mary’s counties and throughout the State of Maryland. He also has worked to ensure that the military bases in the Fifth District not only survived base closings but grew and thrived.

Congressman Hoyer shepherded the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) to overwhelming approval in 1990, and he gained wide acclaim for guiding the Help America Vote Act to enactment in 2002. As Majority Leader, Congressman Hoyer brought the Affordable Care Act to the House Floor and ensured its passage in 2010. He was a leader in successfully ending the outdated and discriminatory policy of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” Congressman Hoyer has been a leader in ensuring American families can make it in America, and as Majority Leader, successfully fought to raise the federal minimum wage in 2007. In 2019, he brought the Raise the Wage Act to the Floor to raise the federal minimum wage to $15 an hour and continues to fight for fair wages for American workers.

As House Majority Leader, Congressman Hoyer is the highest-ranking Member of Congress from Maryland in history. Now in his 20th term in Congress, he also became the longest-serving Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Maryland in history on June 4, 2007.

Congressman Hoyer currently serves on the St. Mary’s College Board of Trustees. He also is a former member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland and the United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors.

Congressman Hoyer and his wife, the late Judith Pickett Hoyer, have three daughters: Susan, Stefany, and Anne; son-in-law Loren Taylor; grandchildren Judy, James Cleveland, and Alexa; and great-grandchildren Ava, Braedon, Brooklyn, and Savannah.

In 2020, the PGCPS Hall of Fame Gala was held virtually to honor the 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees.

2020 PGCPS Hall of Fame Inductees
Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms
Distinguished Educator

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, a resident of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, is a retiree from Prince George’s County Public Schools where she worked for 35 years and served as teacher, Guidance Counselor, Principal, Regional Director, Regional Assistant Superintendent, and Executive Director. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Knoxville College in Tennessee and a master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. She later became certified in School Administration and Campaign Management.

Oretha’s 19 years of devotion as Principal of Glenarden Woods Elementary School earned the coveted Maryland Blue Ribbon School Award. Ms. Bridgwaters-Simms’ stellar career as an educator includes being honored with the National Association of Gifted Children’s Administrator Award, the Maryland State Association of Destination Imagination Award, Friends of Odyssey of the Mind Award and The Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award.

Ms. Bridgwaters-Simms’ leadership and commitment to her community goes far beyond her service as an educator, community organizer, and advocate for women and youths. Her participation in state and national education initiatives enabled her to develop and establish education policy and utilize technology, innovation and creativity to enrich traditional teaching methods and enhance student-teacher-parent communication. She worked to galvanize women to volunteer and support various campaigns and spurred community participation in the election process. Her leadership has made indelible marks on organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. where she served as president. Ms. Bridgwaters-Simms served in leadership roles on many boards including Vice Chair of the Maryland State Human Relations Commission, Chair of the Prince George’s Community College Board of Trustees; Chair of Maryland State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education; judge for Destination Imagination; trainer for the Accelerated Principals Academy; and facilitator for the Conflict Resolution Center in the Town of Glenarden.

Ms. Bridgwaters-Simms has also been the recipient of many awards and honors including the Prince Georgian of the Year Award, the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame; Top Women of Service Award from Washington View Magazine. She was recently honored by accepting an invitation to serve as an issue expert who works in collaboration with the Gooden Center for Law, Media, Policy & Historic Preservation, LLC.

Ms. Bridgwaters-Simms grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. She is the oldest daughter of Joe and Mary Norris and the proud mother of Timothy Joe Bridgwaters, John Simms, III, and Monique Abney. She lives in Upper Marlboro with her husband, John Simms, Jr.
Louis Wilson Jr.
Distinguished Athlete

Louis Wilson Jr. has been coaching basketball for the past 36 years. He is currently the head basketball coach at Dr. Henry Wise Jr. High School. This past year his team won the County and State championships.

Coach Wilson graduated from Howard University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree. His coaching career started at his alma mater, Frederick Douglass High School where his 1986 basketball team won the County Championship and were the State Finalist. Coach Wilson was an assistant coach at Howard University for two years. His next coaching job landed him at Largo High School for nine years and he won four County Championships and one State Championship. Riverdale Baptist School recruited him next where he coached for 17 years and won three National Championships.

Coach Wilson has received the Coach of the Year award four times during his career (1997, 2001, 2005 and 2014). His winning success put him in the forefront in 2014 to be selected as the head basketball coach to lead the McDonald’s Capital Classic East team. In addition, he served twice as assistant coach.

For 38 years, Coach Wilson has been the commissioner of the Falconers Summer League, which has been in existence for 46 years. He led one of the top AAU programs in the area as well as Five Star summer basketball camps. These programs have been supporting student athletes of all ages, from Washington DC, Virginia and Maryland while providing entertainment to the community throughout the summer months.

Coach Wilson has assisted over 400 students with receiving full or partial scholarships to attend a college or university. He has been a mentor to many of his former players who have followed his footsteps and became coaches at the high school and the collegiate level. Approximately 30 of his former players have played or continue to play basketball at the professional level. Coach Wilson is very active in the community and is a member of many sports groups such as: the Pigskin Club of Washington, Inc., Puma Pride Boosters, the Falconers Organization, Bison Express and the Coaches Association of Prince George’s County. Coach Wilson has reached one of the greatest milestones of a coach career, winning 700 high school games on a local and national level.
Abby Phillip  
Distinguished Young Leader

Abby Phillip attended Bowie High School from 2002-2006, where she was President of the National Honor Society and an officer in Student Government. Abby participated in a number of clubs and activities. She was a violinist in the Bowie High orchestra and participated in outdoor track and field.

From Bowie, Abby went on to attend Harvard University, where she concentrated in Government. She worked on the school’s newspaper, The Harvard Crimson, for four years; sang in the Radcliffe Choral Society as well as the Harvard Memorial Church Choir. Abby was an active participant in public service clubs and activities, including multiple trips to Mississippi and Memphis, Tennessee, as part of a civil rights and service tour. Over the years, as a college undergraduate and as a professional journalist, Abby sought to give back to the community through the mentorship of several high school students.

Abby is a CNN Political Correspondent covering the 2020 Presidential Election. She joined the network in 2017 to cover the Trump administration and served as White House Correspondent through 2019. In January 2020, she moderated CNN’s Democratic Presidential Debate in Iowa.

Abby joined CNN from The Washington Post where she most recently served as a national political reporter, covering the White House. While at The Washington Post, Phillip wrote on a wide range of subjects related to the Trump White House, including efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, and the president’s overseas trip to Poland and Germany for his first G-20. As a campaign reporter during the 2016 election, Abby extensively covered Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign.

Abby was also a general assignment reporter for The Washington Post, where she covered domestic and international news, including the Charleston, S.C., and San Bernardino, Calif., massacres. Before joining The Washington Post, Abby was a digital reporter for politics at ABC News. She has also covered the Obama White House for POLITICO as well as campaign finance and lobbying.

Abby was raised in Bowie, Maryland, and is a graduate of Harvard University with a degree in Government. She currently lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband.

Sam Brin  
Distinguished Humanitarian

Sam Brin graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 2005.

He completed his bachelor’s degree at the University of Maryland in 2009 with a major in computer science and minor in physics. Sam worked as a software engineer at Mass General Hospital before co-founding Butter Systems, a Y-Combinator backed hospitality tech startup. In 2014, joined fledgling stock trading app Robinhood as an early employee. He went on to lead recruiting and people operations at Robinhood through several funding rounds and stages of growth. Sam has directed over $7 million in grants to support social programs and academics in Prince George’s County and the surrounding DC metro area. Recent grants have provided support for students, food pantries, small businesses, and immigrant communities in Prince George’s County. In 2020, Sam has launched The Pull Up Fund, a new nonprofit designed to build upon this work. The Pull Up Fund will support new social programs and infrastructure for underserved communities around the country.
Richard R. Arnold II
Distinguished Professional

Richard R. Arnold II was selected by NASA in May 2004. Before his NASA career, the Maryland native worked in the marine sciences and as a teacher in places like Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and Indonesia. During STS-119, he accumulated more than 12 days in space. The objective of the mission was for the delivery of the final pair of power-generating solar array wings and a truss element for the International Space Station. While onboard, he conducted more than 12 hours of spacewalks. Arnold most recently served as served as Flight Engineer on the International Space Station for Expedition 55 and 56.

Born in Cheverly and raised in Bowie, Maryland Arnold is married to Eloise Miller Arnold of Bowie. They have two daughters, and he enjoys running, fishing, reading, kayaking, bicycling and playing guitar. Arnold received a Bachelor of Science from Frostburg State University, Maryland in 1985; completed a teacher certification program at Frostburg State in 1988; and received a Master of Science in Marine, Estuarine & Environmental Science from the University of Maryland in 1992.

Arnold began working at the United States Naval Academy in 1987 as an Oceanographic Technician. Upon completing his teacher certification program, he accepted a position as a science teacher at John Hanson Middle School in Waldorf, Maryland. During his tenure, he completed a Masters program while conducting research in biostratigraphy utilizing radiometric dating at the Horn Point Environmental Laboratory in Cambridge, Maryland. Upon matriculation, Arnold spent another year working in the Marine Sciences including time at the Cape Cod National Seashore and aboard a sail training/oceanographic vessel headquartered in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. In 1993, Arnold joined the faculty at the Casablanca American School in Casablanca, Morocco, teaching college preparatory Biology and Marine Environmental Science. In 1996, he and his family moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he was employed as a middle and high school science teacher and Department Chair at the American International School. In 2001, Arnold was hired by International School Services to teach middle school mathematics and science at the International School of Kuala Kencana in West Papua, Indonesia. In 2003, he accepted a similar teaching position at the American International School of Bucharest in Bucharest, Romania.

Selected as a Mission Specialist by NASA in May 2004. In February 2006, he completed Astronaut Candidate Training that included scientific and technical briefings, intensive instruction in shuttle and space station systems, physiological training, T-38 flight training, and water and wilderness survival training. In August 2007, he completed aquanaut training and served as a mission specialist on a joint NASA-NOAA mission, NEEMO 13 (NASA Extreme Environment Mission Objectives), where he lived and worked in and around Aquarius - the world’s only underwater laboratory. During the 10 day mission, the crew of NEEMO 13 conducted experiments and operations in a simulated lunar outpost. In 2009, he completed training as a Deep Worker submersible pilot and has supported underwater operations for the Pavillion Lake Research Project and NASA NEEMO. In 2016, Arnold led a multinational crew in a European Space Agency 6 day mission mapping and exploring a large cave network in Sardinia. Arnold has served as a Capsule Communicator (Capcom) in Mission Control. Arnold has accumulated over 1000 hours in multiple aircraft.

STS-119 Discovery (March 15-28, 2009) was the 125th shuttle flight, the 36th flight of Discovery and the 28th shuttle flight to the space station. The primary objective of this flight was to deliver the final pair of power-generating solar array wings and a truss element to the station. The mission also delivered and returned with an expedition crew member. During this mission, Arnold accumulated 12 hours and 34 minutes during 2 spacewalks. Discovery landed at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, having traveled 202 orbits and 5.3 million miles in 12 days 19 hours and 29 minutes.

Expedition 55/56 (March 21 through October 4, 2018). The crew launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome aboard Soyuz spacecraft. Arnold, who served as Flight Engineer, was joined by Astronaut Drew Feustel and Russian Cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev. Arnold saw the arrival and departure of 6 visiting vehicles, participated in dozens of educational downlink events and ventured outside the space station on three spacewalks to perform maintenance and upgrades. Arnold’s three spacewalks totaled 19 hour and 30 minutes; he now has conducted 5 spacewalks in his career with a total of 32 hours and 4 minutes. Ricky Arnold logged in 197 days in space during Expeditions 55 and 56 and will have totaled 209 days in space on his two flights.
Martin Lawrence
Distinguished Professional

Martin Lawrence is a German-born American stand up comedian, actor, producer and director, and a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Class of 1984.

Lawrence came to fame during the 1990s, establishing a Hollywood career as a leading actor. He is best known for his hit TV show Martin which paved the way for black television and created some of the most iconic and beloved characters of all time. He is also known for films including House Party, Boomerang, Bad Boys 1 & 2 as well as the most recent Bad Boys for Life, the highest grossing film of 2020. Other films include Wild Hogs, Nothing to Lose, Blue Streak, Life, Big Momma’s House 1, 2 and 3, and A Thin Line Between Love and Hate.

Beginning his career in comedy, Lawrence started by doing comedy shows in the Washington, D.C., area and supported himself through odd jobs. Eventually, he ended up moving to New York City and found his way to the legendary Improv Theatre. Shortly after appearing at The Improv, Lawrence won a performance spot on Star Search. He did well on the show and made it to the final round, but did not win.

His loss on the show was actually a win as executives at Columbia Pictures TV saw Martin's performance and offered him the role of Maurice Warfield in What's Happening Now!!; this was officially his first acting job. Upon cancellation of that show, Lawrence found bit parts in various films and television series. His breakthrough role was as Cee in Do the Right Thing. Other roles quickly followed in films such as the House Party series, Talkin’ Dirty After Dark, and the Eddie Murphy vehicle Boomerang.

During this period he was selected to host the groundbreaking series Def Comedy Jam on HBO. Def Comedy Jam was raw and real; a fan favorite, and a game changer for Lawrence.

During his stint with Def Comedy Jam, Lawrence was approached to do his own series and the MARTIN show was born. The show, which aired on FOX, ran from 1992 to 1997 and was an enormous success. Martin was the flagship of Fox's Thursday-night line-up, which drew millions of viewers away from NBC's “Must See TV” line-up. Martin’s ratings continued to skyrocket.

Martin ended its run in 1997, Lawrence found work in comedy films, going on to be one of the most sought after comedic actors of his time. Many of his films were blockbusters at the box office, including Nothing to Lose, Life, Blue Streak, Big Momma’s House, Black Knight and National Security.

In 2006, Lawrence appeared on Inside the Actors Studio, during which Lawrence briefly brought back to life some of the characters he had portrayed on Martin. He also appeared in Open Season as Boog, one of the main characters of the film. The movie also starred Ashton Kutcher, Debra Messing, and Gary Sinise. Lawrence starred in Disney’s College Road Trip co-starring with Raven-Symoné.

In 2020, Lawrence reprised his role as Detective Marcus Burnett in the third installment of the Bad Boys franchise, Bad Boys for Life, again alongside Will Smith. The film was considered a financial success, grossing $112 million in its first four days of release.

As one of the most successful touring comics of all time, millions around the world have seen Martin’s concert films. “You So Crazy” “Runteldat,” “Doin' Time In Hollywood” are all some of the most watched comedy films in television history. When not making movies or shooting TV shows, you can find Martin out on the road as part of his traveling comedy tour “The Lit AF Tour” which will be in a city near you in 2021.
November 6, 2020

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone taking part in the 2020 Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) Hall of Fame Gala. This event brings our community together to recognize the many extraordinary endeavors beyond the classroom and showcase the excellence of PGCPS.

Education is a powerful tool that can change the outcome of an individual’s life. You have shown how a strong education is everlasting and can pay dividends for years to come. Tonight you induct eight new members into the PGCPS Hall of Fame. This year’s class includes my good friend and colleague Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. Leader Hoyer has been a tireless advocate for the hardworking families of Maryland and has dedicated his life to public service. We are lucky to have him as a member of the Maryland delegation and I am lucky to call him a friend.

I am pleased also to recognize your other new inductees: Coach Louis Wilson, Sam Brin, Susan O’Malley, Richard Arnold, Martin Lawrence, Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, and Abby Phillip. Each of these individuals received their early education in Prince George’s County Public Schools, and parlayed those lessons into success in their chosen fields. Those fields range through an array of occupations, demonstrating the strength of that foundation.

I join you in celebrating your success and continuing pursuit of excellence. I thank the Excellence in Education Foundation for hosting this event and for all the great work you do to help PGCPS students succeed. All best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator
November 6, 2020

Ms. Thea A. Wilson  
Foundations Relations Officer  
Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc.  
14201 School Lane, Suite 116  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dear Ms. Wilson,

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for being nominated as the Distinguished Public Servant for the Prince George’s County Public School’s Hall of Fame Class of 2020. I am honored to be recognized alongside the other fantastic inductees, and I am glad that we can all gather virtually to celebrate this occasion.

The Excellence in Education Foundation of PGCPS supports a cause that is near and dear to my heart. As a graduate of Suitland High School in 1957, my young adulthood was shaped by the students, faculty, and staff of the Prince George’s County School system. My wife, Judy, was an educator in Prince George’s County, and she was a trailblazer and champion for the children of this county. A strong education is vital to the prosperity of this nation, and non-profit organizations like the Excellence in Education Foundation promote and enhance the welfare of the entire community.

Though we cannot gather in person this year, I am grateful for the distinction of being a part of this year’s PGCPS Hall of Fame class, and hope we can all safely celebrate together someday soon. With great thanks and well wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

STENY H. HOYER

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November 6, 2020

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A Message from Governor Larry Hogan

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the PGCPS Hall of Fame Gala hosted by the Excellence in Education Foundation! I am delighted to provide this message to you on this wonderful occasion.

Tonight, the Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS is proud to welcome seven new inductees to the Hall of Fame. Distinguished among their peers, tonight’s honorees have made significant impacts in their chosen fields. It is a great privilege to honor these accomplished men and women for their efforts to better our community.

Prince George’s County Public Schools is one of the nation’s largest school districts with 208 schools and centers, more than 130,000 students, and nearly 19,000 employees. The Excellence in Education Foundation works with PGCPS to improve the quality of the student’s education, equipping them with the skills and resources to compete globally.

I am so proud and thankful to the contributors, event planners, and all those whose hard work and dedication have made this exceptional event possible to benefit the youth of Prince George’s County. I thank you again for attending and I look forward to continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
Governor
October 20, 2020

Prince Georges County Public Schools Foundation
14201 School Lane
Suite 105
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Congratulations! Once again this year the Prince George’s County Public Schools Foundation has chosen several distinguished honorees for their 2020 Hall of Fame Gala. This year, COVID-19 has changed the way we host such events, but I am certain the virtual gala will be well attended.

I would like to applaud this year’s honorees. The contributions that you make in philanthropy, sports, education, and many other fields is proof that education is key to a successful career.

I will continue to advocate for the students who attend public schools in the State of Maryland. By providing the necessary tools, every student in Maryland will receive an excellent education, regardless of their zip code.

Once again, best wishes to this year’s honorees. I wish you much continued success.

Sincerely,

Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
November 6, 2020

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens and residents of Prince George’s County, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the members, guests and sponsors of The Excellence in Education Foundation for Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS), Inc.’s 2020 Hall of Fame Gala. I commend everyone who has worked diligently to organize this virtual gala to honor outstanding PGCPS alumni and benefit so many deserving students.

As you gather to celebrate this event, please join me in congratulating the 2020 PGCPS Hall of Fame inductees for their personal and professional achievements, as well as for their service to our community. This year’s distinguished honorees include Congressman Steny Hoyer, Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Richard Arnold, Martin Lawrence, Coach Louis Wilson, Abby Phillip, and Sam Brin. This year’s honoree for the CEO’s Award of Excellence is Susan O’Malley, the first female president of an NBA franchise.

We are truly Prince George’s Proud of these great men and women and their accomplishments. These outstanding PGCPS alumni have been inspirational leaders and successful role models in our community, region and nation.

I salute the Excellence in Education Foundation and the work you are doing in Prince George’s County to raise funding for hot meals, scholarships and academic programming in the classroom, while also recognizing and honoring Prince Georgians who have added great value to our communities. Congratulations on a successful gala and best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

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