

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL AWARDS  
FOR

**Distinguished Service  
to Public Education**

in Montgomery County



*May 12, 2022*  
*Program 6:00 p.m.*



## PROGRAM

### *Welcome*

Mrs. Brenda Wolff  
President, Board of Education

### *Program*

Members of the Board of Education

### *Closing Remarks*

Ms. Karla Silvestre  
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 have dedicated their time and effort on behalf of public education and the children of Montgomery County.



## 2022 HONOREES

### **Community Individual**

Clarence McNeary

Catherine Navarrete

Alexandra Robbins

### **Community Group**

Foundation for Hospitality and Restaurant Management

### **Business**

Paisano's—Rockville

### **Montgomery County Public Schools Staff**

Sharon Asro Faber

Cara Grant

Marney Jacobs

Matthew Kamins

Kristin Secan

### **Individual Pioneer**

Daniel Evans



## *Clarence McNeary*

Mr. Clarence McNeary serves as a youth development specialist at the Watkins Mill High School (Watkins Mill) Wellness Center. Mr. McNeary has strived to provide positive youth development and services to more than 100 students each year, specifically focusing on African American males, but serving all Watkins Mill students for the past three years. Mr. McNeary implemented curriculum-based programs such as goal setting, leadership, sexual health, and Black male empowerment. He played a vital part in the student ambassador program that provided stipends for students to take a leadership role in food insecurity and vaccination clinic outreach.

Mr. McNeary was the original director of a food distribution site at Montgomery Village Middle School, serving more than 500 residents each Saturday for a year with many hours of outreach, coordination, volunteer management, and distribution. Mr. McNeary serves in these roles at Watkins Mill, his alma mater. Mr. McNeary also is a football coach who provides mentoring and leadership in the boys to men program. He also coaches the Excel Beyond the Bell program at Montgomery Village and Forest Oak middle schools

Mr. McNeary is a model candidate for the Distinguished Service to Education award for all of the contributions, caring, and time he devotes to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) students and families.

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## *Catherine Navarrete*

Ms. Catherine “Cate” Navarrete is inspirational in her leadership of a club, which is now a nonprofit; she founded the Body Positive Alliance (BPA). This organization grew, during the global pandemic, from a handful of friends and classmates at Walt Whitman High School (Whitman) to a regional nonprofit with 13 chapters across public and private schools in the Washington, D.C. area. Ms. Navarrete leads rich discussions and interactive lessons, arranges for guest speakers, and has established a social media presence. When the pandemic hit, she took BPA online and created new chapters at other high schools. Then she expanded to hosting a podcast, thus increasing the sphere of her influence. Ms. Navarrete is a leader among leaders, a visionary, and does all of this while maintaining a rigorous course load and various other extracurriculars, demonstrating her ability to manage her time and commitments wisely.

Ms. Navarrete’s advocacy is her greatest passion. She is unafraid to begin new initiatives to serve real needs in her community. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Ms. Navarrete launched an eight-episode podcast called Generation Body Positive, built the website for the Body Positive Alliance and related multimedia platforms, and initiated nonprofit status for the organization. She also published an article in *Darling* magazine titled “Why the Fashion Industry Needs to Evolve.” As the founder and executive director of the Body Positive Alliance, a 501(c)(3) organization,

Ms. Navarrete has turned her own eating disorder recovery into a body-positive movement, which is having a tremendous impact on teens across the nation. She is well deserving of this Distinguished Service to Public Education Award.

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## *Alexandra Robbins*

Ms. Alexandra Robbins, a Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) graduate, has gone above and beyond to devote herself to supporting MCPS staff and public education during the pandemic. In early 2021, when vaccine appointments were hard to find, she started hunting for and booking appointments specifically for MCPS teachers and school staff. The need was so great that she founded Adopt-a-Vax, a group that worked late into the nights to “adopt” people and book vaccine appointments for them, first for MCPS educators and staff and their families, then for low-income, Black, Latino, and nonnative English-speaking community members in Montgomery County.

Ms. Robbins was a voluntary recess/lunch monitor from 2013 to 2020, and she has been an MCPS substitute teacher/paraeducator since 2019. Instead of keeping her substitute teaching paychecks, she uses them to purchase classroom supplies, books, pick-me-ups, and personal protective equipment (PPE) for teachers and school staff. This is something she does quietly under the radar. Ms. Robbins’ efforts to help make MCPS staff and students feel safe and cared for are remarkable and inspiring.

She has had a deep, lasting, outstanding impact on students, the school system, and the MCPS community. By helping to facilitate vaccinating school staff and by donating masks, PPE, hand sanitizers, and soap to schools, she helped MCPS keep teachers and their families as safe as possible. By volunteering as a recess/lunch monitor, she bolstered school staffing. As a substitute educator, Ms. Robbins makes every student feel loved, and teachers know that when she covers for their classes, their students will not miss a beat in the curriculum. She even comes up with extra creative touches beyond the substitute plans. She is a bonus to MCPS and to our community.

## *The Foundation for Hospitality and Restaurant Management*

In 2018, before the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, The Foundation for Hospitality and Restaurant Management (FHRM) was a newly created foundation within Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Dedicated hospitality leaders joined ranks with representatives from educational entities and established a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization. With a mission of creating opportunities within the hospitality and restaurant management industry, the goal of FHRM has been to attract future hospitality leaders and entrepreneurs.

As a response to MCPS's Strategic Plan, FHRM has been dedicated to reducing and eliminating disparities in student learning. For example, prior to the creation of FHRM, county high schools offered hospitality-related courses. However, there was no cohesive curriculum addressing a variety of opportunities in place for students. Students engaged in culinary-arts-related courses at Paint Branch High School operate a frequently visited café and have provided catered events to outside organizations, while Edison High School of Technology students operate their café only periodically. In order to promote equal opportunities for students, FHRM has been working with MCPS to implement curriculum standards and further develop a curriculum that ensures equitable experiences, no matter where students access FHRM programming.

Through curriculum revitalization for programming, FHRM partners are working to ensure that participants will have solid foundational skillsets for a lucrative career. FHRM's endless pursuits to ensure the highest-achieving MCPS graduates make the foundation an exemplary candidate for the Distinguished Service Award.

## *Paisano's Rockville*

Paisano's Rockville, managed by Mr. Manny Chavez, holds several fundraisers each school year for elementary, middle, and high schools in Rockville. Paisano's Rockville, through Mr. Chavez, goes above and beyond to anticipate the needs of staff and students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and finds new and innovative ways to be of service. They are in tune with the climate in the county, when teachers need support or there is a need to give special thanks with goodies or discounts and encourage students to be involved in their community. Little wonder that Mr. Chavez and Paisano's Rockville was nominated by four different individuals for this award.

Mr. Chavez has been a huge supporter of Richard Montgomery athletics. He has provided discounts for pizza for concessions and has arranged for delivery as well. Paisano's Rockville hosts restaurant nights for Twinbrook and Flower Valley elementary schools, Richard Montgomery High School, and Julius West Middle School. They are a regular pizza contributor for Booster Club concession stands for fall and winter seasons at Richard Montgomery, Walter Johnson, and Rockville high schools (indoor). They even donate 15 pizzas each month to the safety patrol meeting at Bayard Rustin Elementary School. Their outreach does not reach just appetites! They also have held a Winter Weather (hat and glove) Drive for students at Twinbrook Elementary School during a challenging winter.

Manny Chavez tries to think outside the box in order to support MCPS staff. He often asks what countywide events are coming up and stays on top of the MCPS calendar to see when teachers need a special pick-me-up! He and his Paisano's Rockville team are very deserving of this Distinguished Service Award.

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STAFF

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## *Sharon Asro Faber*

When ESOL and Theater Teacher Mrs. Sharon Asro Faber began teaching at Watkins Mill High School in 2016, she created and carved out the first theater course designed for new immigrants to our country. Mrs. Faber worked with the administration to develop a user-friendly, full-year arts elective curriculum that students enjoy taking as their elective credit(s) toward graduation. The program is highly popular and grew from one section to three sections in its first year. It continues to be in demand and thrive. As part of Watkins Mill's ESOL Student Pathway toward graduation, counselors are encouraged to place ESOL 9th and 10th grade students into Mrs. Faber's theater course for the social-emotional skills her class provides students to better prepare them for college and career readiness. Community stakeholders like Imagination Stage say that Mrs. Faber is their "Number 1 Partner" in the greater Washington, D.C. area, because she collaborates with them to bring meaningful weekly bilingual Drama Workshops with professional actors and teaching artists, making real-life theater even more accessible to her emergent multilingual learners, at no cost to the school or students.

For the past six years, Mrs. Faber has been able to uplift and expose approximately 600 English language learners (ELL) to an innovative theater program, using best practice culturally based, trauma-informed theater and arts activities to create a sense of community among the participants and provide a safe space for immigrant youth to share their stories. The aim is to help students begin the healing process that will allow them to assimilate into their new community and make them feel welcome.

Mrs. Faber's ESOL-Theater program provides ideal opportunities for ELL to tap into and develop the social-emotional skills they need to be successful in college and career. Allowing them to participate and interact with a culturally sensitive bilingual play and drama workshops that speak to their experience and personal stories, allows them to connect and acclimate to their new surroundings and enhance their literacy. It engages them in their learning by encouraging them to speak English with less hesitancy and more confidence, and helps provide social support to succeed, aligning with the Strategic Framework of Montgomery County Public Schools.

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## *Cara Grant*

Dr. Cara Grant has more than 20 years of service supporting students, families, and community across numerous work groups, including Pride Alliance, Montgomery County Appointed ex-officio member of the Commission on Health, Montgomery County Government Human Trafficking Committee, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Health Professional Learning Network, MSDE PE Professional Learning Network, MSDE Adapted Physical Education Professional Network, and many other organizations. Additionally, she has been pivotal in shaping countywide initiatives, including Be Well 365 and the innovative schools' wellness component, linking organizations and fostering cross-office work within central office, as well as with outside government agencies and businesses.

During the past three years, Dr. Grant has continued her work serving the whole child through project development in Be Well 365, developing MSDE health and physical education curriculum framework documents, linking schools with free equipment and resources before and during the Covid-19 pandemic (i.e., delivering Free PE kits at lunch pickup during the Covid closure). Her work includes development of adapted physical education, health education, and physical education curriculum materials and resources. She worked to develop extended physical activity opportunities through online modules for summer, integrating social emotional learning and mental health connections with students. She enlists and recruits students to contribute their voice and perspective in curriculum development and enhancements. She serves with equity, diversity, and inclusion, as exhibited through state and national presentation work and a focus on connecting the equity office with health and physical education content. She is a constant advocate for all students to be seen and heard in and through the curriculum, as exhibited by her longstanding work with the LGBTQ+ community and Choose Respect Montgomery. Student wellness and well-being is a priority in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), due to her influence and support in numerous committees, work groups, products, and curricula provided.

Simply put, the impact is equity and access (i.e, distribution of physical education kits during Covid, with a focus on Title I schools). When she is in the room, she is a fierce advocate and voice who is not afraid to speak up on behalf of those who may not be represented at the table. For all of these reasons, she is deserving of this Distinguished Service Award.

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## *Marney Jacobs*

Ms. Marney Jacobs, the administrative secretary at Ashburton Elementary School (Ashburton), is a committed member of the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) community and exemplifies all that the Board of Education's Distinguished Service to Public Education in Montgomery County Award stands for. Ms. Jacobs exemplifies all that MCPS wants from its employees and while she does so much for Ashburton, Walter Johnson High School (Walter Johnson), MCPS, and the Service Employees International Union Local 500 (SEIU), she does so with a quiet leadership, often in the background, but very much running the show.

She is incredible as the administrative secretary in the largest elementary school in MCPS, performing all of the duties in her job description faithfully, as well as duties that are outside of it. Ms. Jacobs has been an incredible partner to the staff at Ashburton and has scaled her impact to other organizations within MCPS. Mrs. Jacobs attends community events at Ashburton and Walter Johnson; she is a fixture in the Ashburton neighborhood and has served as a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) president at Ashburton. She has worked with the Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) members to foster stronger relationships between the Board and the school community and has represented the voices of PTA, SEIU, and MCPS with clarity, passion and a commitment to students.

Ms. Jacobs' principal noted that she has been the ideal partner, stewarding the school's vision to seek equitable outcomes for all students. She is passionate about equity, will often attend educational conferences and sessions focused on equity on her own time, and often passes around books related to equity to the staff. She is innovative in her approaches to the job, but always keeps her focus on what is best for students.

Ms. Jacobs is the gold standard for administrative secretaries in MCPS and a good person, which is why so many families, staff members, and students feel as connected to her as they do to their own family. Ms. Jacobs' work has brought in thousands of dollars in donations for schools in MCPS. Her work has helped students feel safe at school and their ability to learn in a positive environment is increased, and members of the community feel a deep sense of pride and love.

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## *Matthew Kamins*

Mr. Matthew Kamins has dedicated more than 30 years of service to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), both as a school psychologist and as the supervisor of Psychological Services. His dedication to the students of MCPS has always come first and foremost. Mr. Kamins' combination of content knowledge and commitment to students is unparalleled.

According to one principal, "Mr. Kamins' greatest strength as a school psychologist is his supportive, empathetic, and caring approach to building relationships with staff members, students, and parents." He demonstrates a positive, collaborative problem-solving orientation with students, parents and guardians, staff members, and administrators. During meetings with parents, he has an exceptional way of communicating and easing their concerns or distress with his incredible skills of active listening, realness, respect, and courtesy. Mr. Kamins' wealth of psychological strategies and the resources he shares combined with his compassionate responsiveness to the individual needs of children, staff, and families is beyond commendable.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Kamins, was cochair for the first and only MCPS Mental Health Task Force. He was instrumental in developing the first school system crisis response (Critical Incident Stress Management program, based on Jeff Mitchell Model) and trained staff in that model. Named psychological services specialist and then supervisor of psychological services, Mr. Kamins is, quite simply, an innovator who facilitates systems-level change as easily as he guides the implementation of effective interventions for academically struggling or behaviorally challenging students. He is guided by the research, and yet he has the wisdom and experience to know how to adapt sound research into pragmatic, user-friendly practice. He is dedicated to data-based decision making and a full, multitiered range of services, support, strategies, and programs; and yet, he is an independent thinker who does not embrace a model or approach simply because someone says that needs to be done.

Mr. Kamins is a practitioner's practitioner—a leader and supervisor extraordinaire. He motivates an entire staff of school psychologists and other related services professionals to take on new, yet necessary, roles—as consultants, mental health practitioners, and academic and behavioral intervention specialists. He is an asset to MCPS and very deserving of this Distinguished Service Award.

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## *Kristin Secan*

Ms. Kristin Secan is a strong, passionate, and child-centered leader who leads the charge for elevating autism services within Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). She has been instrumental in expanding services for students with autism from one classroom serving students who were significantly impacted by autism into a large, countywide spectrum of services.

Ms. Secan consistently keeps students at the center of all decision making and advocates for high-quality educational experiences for all students. Within MCPS, she is highly regarded for her leadership and mentors emerging leaders within the Department of Special Education Services. Under her leadership, autism services in Montgomery County have grown to be internationally recognized and respected.

During the systemwide closure caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, Ms. Secan provided leadership to ensure that all alternate learning outcome (ALO) students in Montgomery County had access to high-quality virtual instruction and also helped to prioritize special education students when MCPS prepared for returning students to in-person instruction. She worked to ensure that all special education classrooms were provided with necessary and appropriate personal protective equipment when they returned to in-person instruction in March 2021. Ms. Secan played a large part in leading the team that developed and implemented training related to a safe return to school for ALO students prior to March 2021, when in-person instruction resumed.

In the past five years, Ms. Secan has prioritized collaboration with stakeholders and community partners to include the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Xminds, Montgomery County Police Department Autism/IDD and Alzheimer's Outreach Program, adult service agencies, and nonpublic educational leaders. Ms. Secan led her team in creating a website that provided at-home resources and parent training for families during the pandemic. Ms. Secan has been an active participant in the autism community in Montgomery County for the past 40 years, starting with Montgomery County Autism Society of America (MCASA) in the 1980s, then working with many community organizations over the years. She is dedicated and passionate and very deserving of this Distinguished Service Award.

# INDIVIDUAL PIONEER

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## *Daniel Evans*

Mr. Daniel Evans is a candidate for the award for Distinguished Service to Public Education in Montgomery County Public Schools by virtue of 33 years of service as the Richard Montgomery High School (Richard Montgomery) social studies teacher and coach of their Mock Trial Team. Mr. Evans has provided outstanding service and leadership to numerous students for his 33 years, the last 8 years of which followed Mr. Evans' retirement in 2014.

The specific impact provided includes the opportunities afforded the Mock Trial Team annually, the recognition of Richard Montgomery as being consistently successful at a highly competitive and rigorous level, plus the pride enjoyed by the Richard Montgomery community in witnessing the success of this team over a 33-year period. The team's record over the years in awards and accomplishments has been significant (26 years as Montgomery County champions; 10 years as Maryland state finalists; and 4 years as Maryland state champions). However, Mr. Evans would be the first to highlight his team members' love of competition along with developing an appreciation of the American judicial system as byproducts of team membership.

Team members acquire a proficiency in life skills, along with an enhanced interest in their curricular studies, directly leading into other academic areas. Students learn to listen, read extensively, and critique all facets of those cases assigned. Numerous former team members remain in communication with Mr. Evans, with many entering the legal profession. As an example, two Richard Montgomery graduates have won the prestigious Bates Award from the Michigan University Law School, given annually to an outstanding senior.

A characteristic distinguishing Mr. Evans from other individuals is the length of time he served as Mock Trial coach. Team selection, preparation for trials, and consistent follow-up with the entire team, including alternates, is significantly time consuming. To remain involved for this length of time, including eight years into retirement, is a testament to his passion and love of teaching.

Mr. Evans, as his students would affirm, is truly outstanding and deserving of this Distinguished Service Award.



# PREVIOUS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

## 2021

Byron Diaz  
Susan Douglass  
Kate Haydon  
Starbucks Coffee Company – Maryland  
Region  
Jessica Berrellez  
Jeffrey Donald  
Daryl Howard  
Jennifer Lowndes  
Robin McCue  
Kenneth Nwocha  
Morris Hudson  
Jack R. Smith

## 2020

Craig Koralek  
Zoe Tishaev  
Community Group  
Building Foundations for the Future  
Difference Makers  
Pro Power Foundation  
Volunteers in Science and Technology  
DARCARS Automotive Group  
Educational Systems Federal Credit Union  
Elite Soccer Youth Development Academy, Inc.  
Rina Chaves  
Lana Haddad  
Margaret “Peggy” Mannhaupt-Khoury  
Richard “Dick” Lipsky, Ed.D.  
VaRysa Williams  
Anne Baldini  
Sheila Chandler  
Ruthanne Stoltzfus  
Nancy Navarro  
Elizabeth Spencer

## 2019

Romina Byrd  
Byron Johns  
Priscilla Fritter Peterson  
Craig Rice  
Kimberly Szummers  
Partnership for Excellence  
Carol Trawick  
Chaunetta Anderson  
Sarah Fillman  
Taylor Garber  
Randi Gritz  
Elizabeth Nardin  
Sarah Delphus Neubold  
Sean Pang  
Lola Rogers  
Laurie Terner  
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  
Katy Partan  
Savers, Inc.  
Leo Schwartz  
Michael Calvert  
James A. Distler  
Ronald Frezzo  
Kevin Ambrose  
Victoria Couch  
Kelly and Thomas Gibling  
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  
Darc 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  
Startec 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)  
National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
Lucille Maurer  
Roscoe Nix  
Gerard F. Consuegra  
Amado "Sonny" Narvaez  
Juanita Sweadner



## **VISION**

*We inspire learning by providing the greatest public education to each and every student.*

## **MISSION**

*Every student will have the academic, creative problem solving, and social emotional skills to be successful in college and career.*

## **CORE VALUES**

*Learning  
Relationships  
Respect  
Excellence  
Equity*

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