Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and Maryland Women of Tomorrow

2020 Induction and Awards Ceremony

Valiant Women
Their Legacy, Our Future



Thursday, March 19, 2020

4 p.m. Ceremony ■ Conference Room East
6 p.m. Reception ■ Conference Room West
Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland

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Yun Jung Yang, Chair

The Maryland Commission for Women was first established in 1965 and was set in state law in 1971. An office in the Department of Human Resources, the Commission is a 25-member advisory board whose duties outlined in its enabling legislation include: study the status of women in our state, recommend methods of overcoming discrimination, recognize women's accomplishments and contributions, and provide informed advice to the executive and legislative branches of government on the issues concerning the women of our state. Commissioners are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor, with confirmation by the Maryland State Senate, and serve without compensation.

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Letter from Secretary Padilla Department of Human Services



Lourdes R. Padilla, Secretary

Congratulations to the extraordinary women who will be inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame this evening, and to the exceptional young women who will receive the Maryland Women of Tomorrow Award.

The Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) is the state's primary social service provider, serving over one million people annually. The Department, through its 24 local departments of social services, aggressively pursues opportunities to assist people in economic need, provide preventive services, and protect vulnerable children and adults in each of Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City.

Our vision is of a Maryland where people independently support themselves and their families and where individuals are safe from abuse and neglect.

We are the proud home of the Maryland Commission for Women and are pleased to support its work to assure that every resident of our great state, regardless of gender or identity has access to the same opportunities to achieve their very best.

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and Women of Tomorrow Awards are one way of highlighting the contributions women have made and continue to make to our history and our future. We commend the Commission for Women for this work and extend our very best wishes to all of this evening's honorees.

Lourdes R. Padilla

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Mistress of Ceremonies



Ava-joye Burnett WJZ-13 CBS Baltimore

Ava-joye Burnett joined the WJZ news team in January of 2016. She is currently a weekend anchor and general assignment reporter. During her time here she's been nominated twice for an EMMY.

Prior to joining WJZ, Ava-joye worked at WRIC-TV in Richmond, Va. as a reporter and anchor. Ava-joye started her reporting career in Hagerstown, Md. She's also worked at WUSA-TV in the nation's capital behind the scenes, as well as at CTV-News in Prince George's County, Md.

Ava-joye was born in Jamaica. When she moved to the United States, she lived in Montgomery County, Maryland. She attended Seneca Valley High School, then graduated from American University with a Bachelors of Arts degree in journalism. She is currently pursuing her Master of Studies in Law Degree at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law.

Ava-joye is a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority Incorporated and the National Association of Black Journalists. Ava-joye is also a Board of Governor's member of the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.



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March 19, 2020 ■ 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Yun Jung Yang, Chair Maryland Commission for Women

Opening

Mistress of Ceremonies: Ava-joye Burnett WJZ TV News Anchor and Journalist

Greetings

Yumi Hogan, First Lady of Maryland
The Honorable Trent Kittleman, President, Women Legislators of Maryland
The Honorable Lourdes Padilla, Secretary, Maryland Department of Human Services
The Honorable Susan Lee, Maryland State Senate
Joyce Leviton for U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin
Meshellé Johnson for U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen

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Tawanda A. Bailey and **Carole Jaar Sepe**, MCW Vice Chairs **Corinna Shen**, President and Founding Member The Foundation for the Maryland Commission for Women

2020 Achievement and Recognition Committee

Deborah L. Cartee, Committee Chair

2020 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Induction

Victorine Quille Adams (posthumous), Politician & Community Activist
Evelyn Olivia Addison Darden, Esq., Attorney, Civil Rights Advocate
Claire L. Parkinson, Ph.D., Climate Change Scientist
Nancy Grace Roman, Ph.D. (posthumous), Astronomer, "Mother of the Hubble Telescope"
Leslie R. Wolfe, Ph.D. (posthumous), Women's Rights Advocate

Presentation of Plaque to Maryland Women's Heritage Center

The Honorable Trent Kittleman, President, Women Legislators of Maryland to **Maria Johnson Darby,** President, MWHC

2020 Maryland Women of Tomorrow Awards

Jessica Holloway, 12th Grade, Richard Montgomery High School, Montgomery County Laurelle Maubert, 11th Grade, Saint James School, Washington County Carolyn Pascal, 12th Grade, Urbana High School, Frederick County Amulya N. Puttaraju, 12th Grade, Poolesville High School, Montgomery County Dataya Resenois, 11th Grade, Calvert High School, Calvert County

2020 Women's Centennial Summit

Eugenia Henry, Summit Planning Committee Chair

Reception 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. • Conference Room West • Miller Senate Office Building

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Committee Members:

Roberta Pardo, Gloria Chang, Lauren Lambert, Bonnie Luna, Ishrat Memon, April Nyman, Carole Jaar Sepe, Corinna Shen

2020 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame is a rich source of biographies of women who made significant and lasting contributions to the history and culture of our state and our nation. Established in 1985 as a partnership between the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland, the Hall of Fame honors Maryland women whose lives and work are of historic significance to the economic, political, cultural and social life of the state.

Each year the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland call for nominations of women who have made history in fields such as the arts, athletics, business, community advocacy, education, government, the humanities, human rights, law, medicine, the military, philanthropy, and science. An independent, all-volunteer committee representing leaders of statewide women's organizations reviews the nominations and selects those to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Brief biographies are displayed online at the Maryland Women's Heritage Center (www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org) and full biographies are posted online at the website of the Maryland State Archives at: http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/educ/exhibits/womenshall/html/whflist.html



2020 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame



2020 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Selection Committee

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Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Honorees

1985 - 2017

1985

Margaret Brent *
Rachel Carson*
Hon. Rita C. Davidson *
Hon. Gladys Noon Spellman
Harriet Ross Tubman*

1986

Lillie Carroll Jackson *
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*
Henrietta Szold*
Jeannette Rosner Wolman
H. Margret Zassenhaus, M.D.

1987

Clara Barton*
Frances Ellen Watkins Harper*
Juanita Jackson Mitchell
Mary Shaw Shorb, Ph.D.
Helen Brooke Taussig, M.D.*

1988

Hon. Barbara Ann Mikulski Sadie Kneller Miller * Mary Eliza Risteau * Martha Carey Thomas * Verda Freeman Welcome

1989

Bertha Sheppard Adkins * Eugenie Clark, PhD. Hon. Lavinia Margaret Engle* Lena King Lee Estelle R. Ramey, Ph.D.

1990

Hon. Lucille Maurer Enolia Pettigen McMillan Pauli Murray* Adele Hagner Stamp * Mary Lemist Titcomb*

1991

Rita R. Colwell, Ph.D. Mary Elizabeth Lange* Claire McCardell* Bessie Moses, M.D.* Alta Schrock, Ph.D.

1992

Annie Armstrong* Anna Ella Carroll* Rose Kushner Hon. Margaret Collins Schweinhaut Carmen Delgado Votaw

1993

Hon. Rosalyn Blake Bell Lucille Clifton Elizabeth King Ellicott* Jean Spencer* Martha Ellicott Tyson*

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Hon. Rosalie Silber Abrams Mary Elizabeth Banning* Harriet Elizabeth Brown Hon. Constance A. Morella Mary Adelaide Nutting*

1995

Jill Moss Greenberg Mary L. Nock* Amanda Taylor Norris, M.D.* Nettie Barcroft Taylor Euphemia M Goldsborough Wilson*

1996

Madeleine L. Ellicott* Ethel Llewellyn Ennis Mary Digges Lee* Brigid G. Leventhal, M.D.* Barbara Robinson

1997

Diane L. Adams, M.D. Sol del Ande Mendez Eaton Catherine R. Gira, Ph.D. Hon. Helen L. Koss Rosa Ponselle*

1998

Constance Ross Beims Mary Katherine Goddard* Elaine Ryan Hedges* Mary Carter Smith

1999

Florence Riefle Bahr* Lillian C. Compton* Edith Houghton Hooker* Elizabeth Fran Johnson Bernice Smith White

2000

Constance Uriolo Battle, M.D. Lois Green Carr Sonia Pressman Fuentes Josephine Jacobsen Rosetta Stith, Ph.D.

2001

Kathleen Feeley, S.S.N.D. Misbah Khan, M.D. Charmaine Krohe, S.S.N.D. Eunice Kennedy Shriver Sandra W. Tomlinson, Ph.D.

2002

Mabel Houze Hubbard Florence P. Kendall Mary Young Pickersgill* Hon. Lorraine Sheehan

2003

Viriginia Walcott Beauchamp Edith Clarke* Hon. Kathryn J. DuFour Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D. Etta H. Maddox* Deborah A. Yow

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Emily Edmonson* Nancy Grasmick, Ph.D. Esther McCready Margaret Byrd Rawson Vivian V. Simpson*

2005

Shoshana S. Cardin B. Olive Cole* Susan R. Panny, M.D. Edyth H. Schoenrich, M.D., M.P.H.

2006

Susan P. Baker Liebe Sokol Diamond, M.D. Bea Gaddy* Marilyn Hughes Gaston, M.D. Rebecca Alban Hoffberger Grace Snively*

2005

Colonel Annette M. Deener Sally T. Grant Prasanna Nair, M.D., M.P.H. Karen H. Rothenberg, J.D., M.P.A. Hon. Audrey E. Scott

2008

Eleanora Fagan, "Billie Holiday" * Ramona McCarthy Hawkins, R.Ph. Ellen Moses Heller Hon. Pauline Menes Toby Barbara Orenstein Emily Wilson Walker, M.D.*

2009

Ilia Feher*
Diane Griffin, M.D., Ph.D.
Harriet Legum
Allyson Solomon
Anne St. Clair Wright*

2010

Claire M. Fraser-Leggett, Ph.D. Anne Catherine Hoof Green* Irene Morgan Kirkaldy* Almira Hart Lincoln Phelps Bernice R. Sandler, Ph.D. Lillie D. Shockley

2011

Lucy Diggs Slowe*
Carol Greider, Ph.D.
Barbara Holdridge
Ligia Peralta, M.D.F.A.A.P.,
F.S.A.H.M.
Gertrude Poe
June Willenz

2012

Maureen Black, Ph.D. Margaret Dunkle Hon. Diana Gribbon Motz Hon. Nancy Kopp Alice Manicur, Ed.D. Gwendolyn Rooks

2013

Hon. Helen Delich Bently Hon. Jean B. Cryor* Charlene Mickens Dukes, Ed.D. Hon. Ellen Sauerbrey Linda Shevitz Beatrice Tignor, Ed.D.

2014

Dorothy Bailey Agnes Kane Callum Renee Fox, M.D. Susan Goering Henrietta Lacks* Ann Cipriano Rees

2015

Hon. Beverly B. Byron Gail de Planque, Ph.D.* Mary S. Feik Katherine L. O'Brien, M.D. Linda Singh Sue Fryer Ward*

2016

Sophia Arabatzis Balis, D.D.S. Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms Mary C. Goodwillie* Elaine Danforth Harmon* Joanne Katz, Sc.D. Lizette Woodworth Reese*

2017

Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, Ph.D. Carolyn W. Colvin Hon. Donna Edwards Mary Elizabeth Garrett* Katharine Blodgett Gebbie, Ph.D.* Kathleen Genevieve "Katie" Ledecky Helen Maroulis Lilian Welsh, M.D. *

2018

Sandra I. Barnes, Esq. Sandra Williams Ortega, Ph.D. Emily Saunders Plummer * Rita L. Robinson Hattie N. Washington, Ph.D.

2019

Hon. Marielsa A. Bernard, Esq. Augusta T. Chissell* Dominique Dawes Virginia Hall* Hon. Rosa "Rosie" Gumtaotao Rios Evelyn Williams Townsend* Phyllis B. Trickeett Pauline Woo Tsui*

 $* \ Posthumously \ inducted$



Victorine Quille Adams, Politician, Civil Rights Leader

Nominated by Dr. Ida E. Jones, University Archivist, Morgan State University

Victorine Quille Adams (1912 – 2006) was the first African American woman elected to the Baltimore City Council. She served four terms from 1967 to 1983. Her tenure on the City Council inaugurated the continuous presence of African American women in Baltimore City politics. A native of the city, she sought to improve political representation, civic participation and economic opportunity for all Baltimoreans.

Born on April 28, 1912 to Joseph Quille and Estelle Tate Quille at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Victorine attended Robert Brown Elliot School #104, Frederick Douglass High School, Coppin Normal School and Morgan State College. All of these public institutions were

created for "colored" people. In 1943 Victorine, Kate Sheppard, Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Vivian Alleyne, and Emma Dudley chartered the National Council of Negro Women Baltimore Section. These women campaigned for equity within the military during WWII.

In 1946, five years after Maryland ratified the 19th amendment, Ms. Adams founded the Colored Women's Democratic Campaign Committee. The CWDCC's motto was "if democracy is worth fighting for, it's worth voting for." Its initiative welcomed all, registered all, and enlightened all interested in placing more women in politics. Its first campaign resulted in the election of Harry Cole to Maryland State Senate. Judge Cole was the first African American elected to the State Senate in Maryland. The CWDCC mobilized support for Verda F. Welcome resulting in her election as the first African American woman in the Maryland Senate in 1962.

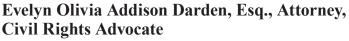
In 1948 Ms. Adams operated the Charm Center. It was the "only black owned and operated" clothing store for women in Baltimore. She initiated Project Beauty and Charm, a six-week course offered to female residents ages 18 and older. Project Beauty was designed to instill the confidence necessary for success in the public square, providing coaching in poise, presentation and deportment.

On August 19, 1958, she and Mrs. Ethel P. Rich co-founded Woman Power, Incorporated (WP) with the goal of mobilizing Black women for political action/power; community involvement and educational commitment. WP's motto was "each one, reach one; each one, teach one." They believed that every woman could teach something and every woman could learn something. Men were welcome to join the Minute Men, an affiliate of the WP.

In 1966, Ms. Adams successfully ran for the Maryland House of Delegates. She resigned after a year and won a seat on the Baltimore City Council. She created the Baltimore Fuel Fund, a public-private partnership that raised money from charitable contributions to help families needing financial assistance with heating costs. The Fuel Fund humanized government assistance that worked with poorer residents and was replicated by other cities throughout Maryland.

Ms. Adams did not crave attention but solutions to problems. An exemplary public servant, inspirational leader and outstanding role model, she was a woman of great competence and compassion.

"I have paid my dues to Baltimore. I feel I should be regarded not only as (a) wife but as a woman who has used her influence and affluence to better the community in which she lives."



Nominated by Jennifer Jones

Ms. Darden, a resident of Howard County and a native of Annapolis, Maryland, is the 11th African American woman ever to be admitted to the Maryland Bar. A graduate of the Morgan State University and the University of Maryland School of Law, she completed the Harvard Law School Institute for Lawyers with a special emphasis on Class Action Torts and Constitution Law. She is the founder of Addison-Darden, a mother-son law firm, established April 1, 1988.

Her legal career began in 1976, and over four decades, included representation at the local, state and federal levels. Her early legal training began at Johnson and Smith under the tutelage of the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Johnson, a trail blazing civil rights attorney. As an associate at Johnson and Smith, and later as supervisory trial attorney at the Baltimore District Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Ms. Darden was responsible for several major class action Title VII cases against Fortune 500 companies in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Her class action civil rights cases focused primarily on behalf of Black and female police officers, firefighters, longshoremen, and steel workers in Maryland and across the nation who had been deprived of equal pay, promotions and other benefits, and who had suffered the consequences of wrongful discharge, demotions and failure to hire. As a result of these Title VII class action lawsuits, sweeping changes were made in the Baltimore City Police Department and Fire Department. Black Police Chiefs, Black Fire Chiefs and other high-ranking officers across the United States owe a debt of gratitude to the pioneering civil rights litigation of Evelyn Darden and her mentor, Judge Johnson.

Ms. Darden was one of the first African American women to serve as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Maryland. In January 1983, she accompanied Kurt L. Schmoke to the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and was assigned to the Special Narcotics and Homicide units. She prosecuted numerous jury trials and was responsible for eliminating several major drug rings in Baltimore City. Her extensive trial experience included a five year partnership with renowned trial attorney, Johnny Cochran who nominated her for the National Trial Lawyer of the Year for Public Justice Award In 2002. Her trial experience also earned her a two-term position on the Board of Governors for the Maryland Trial Attorneys. There she served on the legislative committee and was instrumental in lobbying efforts that resulted in the repeal of the Parent-Child Immunity Law in Maryland. In private practice, she has consistently focused on keeping Maryland families safe and securing justice and large monetary awards for victims of negligence.

Ms. Darden earned national recognition and the Maryland Trial Lawyer of the Year Award for the landmark settlement in *Gary J. v. State of Maryland*, for 4.5 million dollars including an education fund for 900 male juveniles who were physically and emotionally abused at the Juvenile Boot Camps in Western Maryland.

Ms. Darden is a maternal descendent of Marylander, Rev. Samuel Green, Sr., 1802 – 1877, an Underground Railroad Conductor, Visionary Founder of Morgan State University and first cousin to Harriet Tubman. (Rev. Green was the only person ever caught, arrested and sentenced to 10 years in State Penitentiary in 1857 for possessing an anti-slavery publication, <u>Uncle Tom's Cabin.</u>) Ms. Darden continues to serve the community as a volunteer, providing Pro Bono counsel for several organizations and as an international motivational and cultural awareness speaker. A video documenting Ms. Darden's accomplishments may be found online at https://Vimeo.com/64330854.

"Motivation, determination, perseverance, the North Star on the road less traveled will ultimately lead to a successful journey, by His Grace."



Claire L. Parkinson, Ph.D., Climate Change Senior Scientist, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Nominated by Josefino Comiso, Senior Scientist Emeritus, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Dr. Claire L. Parkinson is a climate scientist world-renowned for her work on sea ice, satellite observations, and climate change. She was drawn to polar research because of the Antarctic Treaty, which preserves an entire continent "for peaceful purposes only," and became one of the earliest women to conduct field work in Antarctica when, as a graduate student, she participated on an otherwise all-male Ohio State University expedition in 1973 - 1974. For her dissertation, she developed the first computer model of Arctic and Antarctic

sea ice incorporating both sea ice dynamics and thermodynamics, before joining NASA and becoming an early expert in analyzing satellite data.

Claire Parkinson was born in 1948 on Long Island and moved to Montpelier, Vermont, in 1960. She earned her B.A. in Mathematics at Wellesley College in 1970, then tutored delinquent teenagers in Burlington, Vermont, before entering graduate school at Ohio State, where she earned her Ph.D. in Geography/Climatology in 1977.

Dr. Parkinson moved to Greenbelt, Maryland, in 1978, and has lived in Greenbelt for the past 41 years, working as a climate scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Her career at NASA began in a small group tackling the problem of determining sea ice information from satellite data. The group published the first atlas of Antarctic sea ice from satellite data in 1983, after which Dr. Parkinson assumed the leadership role in producing the corresponding atlas for Arctic sea ice, published in 1987. Since then, she has used the satellite data to determine and quantify changes in the sea ice covers of both the Arctic and the Antarctic since the 1970s.

Dr. Parkinson authored a 1985 book on the history of science, a 1997 book on examining the Earth with satellite imagery, and a 2010 book summarizing 4.6 billion years of climate change and detailing her concerns regarding potentially dangerous geoengineering proposals. She has also coauthored several additional books, including a textbook on climate modeling.

Since May 1993, Dr. Parkinson has additionally served as Project Scientist for the Earth-observing Aqua satellite, which launched in May 2002 and since then has been transmitting data regarding Earth's atmosphere, oceans, land, and ice. The Aqua data have been used in thousands of publications by scientists worldwide and in numerous practical applications, including weather forecasting and forest fire monitoring.

Throughout her career, Dr. Parkinson has engaged in outreach to children and the public, and since childhood she has been involved in issues of civil rights. She was an invited speaker at a Martin Luther King Day commemoration in Vermont in 2007 and volunteered full-time for 38 days in the recovery efforts following a sequence of devastating hurricanes in 2017. Her NASA outreach includes leading a collaboration between NASA and the Maryland Women's Heritage Center that produced a book and six posters on Women of Goddard: Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Dr. Parkinson has been elected to the prestigious U.S. National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, American Philosophical Society, and American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

"A major goal for humanity should be to give everyone – irrespective of gender, race, disability, or any other characteristic – a fair chance to reach his or her potential.

Progress is being made, but there is still a very long ways to go."



Nancy Grace Roman, Ph.D., Astronomer, "Mother of the Hubble Telescope"

Nominated by Dr. Pat Stocker, President American Association of University Women – Bethesda Chevy Chase Branch

Born in 1925, raised in a time when women were discouraged from pursuing a science career, Nancy Grace Roman not only succeeded in establishing herself in a scientific career but also she left a legacy for future astronomers. Often called the "Mother of Hubble" for her efforts in making the Hubble Space Telescope a reality, Dr. Roman was instrumental in establishing a new era of space-based astronomical instrumentation.

Nancy Grace Roman was born in Nashville, Tennessee, to music teacher Georgia Smith Roman and geophysicist Irwin Roman. When she was 12, the family moved to Baltimore where Nancy Grace's father, Irwin, was hired as Senior Geophysicist at the Baltimore, MD office of the US Geological Survey. Although discouraged by those around her, Roman knew by the time she was in high school that she wanted to pursue her passion for astronomy. She attended Western High School in Baltimore where she participated in an accelerated program and was graduated in three years.

Dr. Roman attended Swarthmore College in 1946 where she earned her bachelor of arts in astronomy. While she studied there, she worked at the Sproul Observatory. She went on to earn her Ph.D. in the same field at the University of Chicago in 1949. Dr. Roman was the first Chief of Astronomy in NASA's Office of Space Science, setting up the initial program and was the first woman to hold an executive position at the space agency.

She was involved in most of the high-profile projects at NASA. Among the many space missions she helped develop were three orbiting solar observatories - the Orbiting Astronomical Observatories - a pair of satellites to study the sky in ultraviolet (which cannot be seen from Earth); the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE), which took pictures of the leftover radiation from the Big Bang; and the Hubble Space Telescope. Although she had retired from NASA in 1979, she returned as a consultant to coordinate the engineers and astronomers working on the project. Because of her contribution, she often is called the "Mother of Hubble."

Outside her work, Dr. Roman enjoyed going to lectures and concerts and was active in the American Association of University Women. Throughout her career, Dr. Roman was also an active public speaker and educator, and an advocate for women in the sciences.

In 2017, the Lego toy company released a set of figurines honoring four pioneering women of NASA – including astronauts Sally Ride and Mae Jemison, computer programmer Margaret Hamilton and Dr. Roman.

Dr. Roman died at the age of 93 on December 25, 2018.

My career was quite unusual so my main advice to someone interested in a career similar to my own is to remain open to change and new opportunities. I like to tell students that the jobs I took after my Ph.D. were not in existence only a few years before. New opportunities can open up for you in this ever changing field.

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Leslie R. Wolfe, Ph.D., Women's Rights Advocate

Nominated by Jennifer Tucker, Former Vice President, Center for Women Policy Studies

Dr. Leslie R. Wolfe was a visionary leader for women's human rights. She was a skilled policy analyst and gifted strategist who worked for transformational change. The hallmark of her work and advocacy was a multiethnic feminist approach to policy issues affecting women and girls that recognized the combined impact of bias and discrimination based on race/ethnicity, income, age, disability and sexual orientation, which is often referred to today as intersectionality.

Dr. Wolfe was born November 24, 1943 in Washington, DC. Her family moved to Bethesda, Maryland where she attended Montgomery County Public Schools. She graduated with a

bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, earned a master's degree from the University of Maryland and a doctorate in English Literature from the University of Florida in 1970.

In 1979, she was appointed Director of the U.S. Department of Education's Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) Program. WEEA was a relatively new program that provided federal funding for model programs designed to support the implementation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Dr. Wolfe referred to Title IX "as the big stick for ending sex discrimination and bias against women and girls in education" and WEEA as "the carrot for showing us how to do it."

Under Dr. Wolfe's leadership WEEA's priorities changed to focus on the combined impact of sexism-plus-racism and sexism-plus-disability bias, and the needs of other marginalized women. These changes allowed WEEA to fund many small women's organizations, community-based programs, and disability groups. The impact continues to be felt today.

Dr. Wolfe left the government in 1983 to become the director of the Project on Equal Education Rights (PEER) of the National Organization for Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund (now Legal Momentum) before becoming President of the Center for Women Policy Studies in 1987. In 1989, the Center published a ground breaking study by Phyllis Rosser, which examined sex and race bias in the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), the exam widely used in college admissions. The study analyzed the performance of 100,000 students and showed how the SAT was biased against female students and students of color. When the study's results were published, only a handful of accredited colleges and universities had rejected the SAT from their admissions requirements. Today the number stands at 1050 -- about 40 percent.

At the Center, Dr. Wolfe was instrumental in drawing attention to many areas of concern for women and girls, balancing work and family and workplace diversity; reproductive rights and justice; violence against women and girls; trafficking of women and girls; the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on women in the United States and globally. She created several bold initiatives aimed at providing state legislators, women Parliamentarians and Ministers with learning opportunities, information and support to develop creative and effective policy options using a women's human rights framework.

Dr. Wolfe served as a member of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees and the Montgomery County Commission for Women, leading its projects on Educational Equity and Sexual Harassment in the Public Schools. She resided in Montgomery County until she died November 30, 2017.

"We who believe in freedom are in the same boat. Some of us – by virtue of our race, class, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, immigration status, or language – are in first-class cabins, and some of us are in the cargo hold. We are not the captain. The boat is stratified by race, class, and gender; it is often brutal and it is governed by patriarchal assumptions. If we remain isolated in our separate cabins and cargo holds, we cannot transform this society, this boat. We need to open our doors wide to each other."

2020 Maryland Women of Tomorrow



The Maryland Women of Tomorrow Awards was established in 1997 to recognize and to honor extraordinary young women who have demonstrated a commitment to leadership, community service and academic excellence. Nominations are received from educators, civic, community and religious leaders across the state. An independent committee reviews all the nominations and makes the very difficult decision of selecting the honorees. This year, five honorees were selected from among the many nominees of 10th to 12th grade students from all across Maryland.

2020 Maryland Women of Tomorrow Selection Committee

Linda Fihelly, Co-President, Business & Professional Women of Maryland (BPW/MD)

Dr. Suzan Harkness, Associate VP for Academic Affairs, Notre Dame of Maryland University

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Jessica Holloway, 12th Grade, Richard Montgomery High School, Montgomery County

Nominated by: Kimberly McLurkin-Harris, Youth Council Advisor, NAACP

Jessica is pursuing a Full Diploma in the Richard Montgomery High School, Magnet International Baccalaureate Program which combines the rigor and challenge of the IB curriculum with a competitive, county-wide student selection process. With a 4.38 GPA on a 4.0 scale, Jessica has excelled in the most rigorous coursework offered. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society and has been named an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Jessica is the Co-founder of the Richard Montgomery Black Student Union, Vice President of the Montgomery County Branch NAACP Youth Council, and a member of the Debate and Model Congress teams. She also serves as the Student Government Special Functions Coordinator.

As a Girl Scout, Jessica was awarded the Bronze and Silver Awards. She is currently completing her Girl Scout Gold Award project by hosting workshops to help African-American and Hispanic students acquire the necessary skills to gain entry into Montgomery County High School magnet programs.

Jessica's career goal is to become an epidemiologist. She has participated in the Physician Scientist Training Program since middle school. During the summer of 2016, she spent six weeks at Southern Methodist University learning the fundamentals of laboratory research. In the summers of 2017 and 2018, she interned at the Thomas Jefferson College of Pharmacy and spent seven weeks conducting Alzheimer's disease research. In the summer of 2019, she interned at the University of Washington Chemical Engineering Lab and researched the inflammatory and oxidative environment of cultured brain slices.

"The "Woman of Tomorrow" is proactive and innovative in creating opportunities not only for herself but for other women too. The "Woman of Tomorrow" knows she has a duty to lift other women and support other women's goals."



Laurelle Maubert, 11th Grade, Saint James School, Washington County

Nominated by: Steven Lachut, Dean of Students

Laurelle Maubert comes from a military family. Her father, as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, was deployed to active duty overseas three times during her childhood. A resident of Fredrick County, Laurelle is now a Junior at Saint James School in Hagerstown where she excels both in her academic work and in her community service.

She has maintained a 3.87 GPA, earning Academic High Honors in a demanding, college preparatory curriculum. Both at St. James and in the community, she

demonstrates outstanding leadership. She is a co-leader of the Model United Nations Club and won an award as the Outstanding Delegate at the 2019 Baltimore Area Model United Nations Annual Conference.

She co-founded the Frederick County Chapter of Students Demand Action, leading local advocacy initiatives for common sense legislation, presenting the keynote address at the Frederick Women's March in 2019, hosting a supply drive for victims of domestic violence at Heartly House, advocating for gun reform in Annapolis, holding a tree-planting ceremony in honor of victims of gun violence in Frederick County, convincing Frederick to join Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and organizing an "orange out" for community faith organizations. She was honored as the Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore's Peacemaker of the Year in 2018.

Laurelle plays on the Varsity Cross Country Team, the Varsity Dance Team and the Junior Varsity Lacrosse Team. She is a journalist for the Saint James School newspaper, the Jacobite, a Saint James School tour guide, an organizer for the Frederick Women's March, and a Frederick County Youth Summit organizer for She Leads.

"Women of Tomorrow bring unique talents that may not fit traditional ideals, however, these talents allow them to address problems, organize, and develop strategic plans in order to effectively confront current issues in a way that honors their past experiences while also keeping the future in mind."



Carolyn Pascal, 12th Grade, Urbana High School, Frederick County

Nominated by: Katharine Warehime, School Counselor

A graduating senior, Carolyn Pascal has earned a 4.0 weighted GPA and is first in her class. She earned Highest Honors as a Freshman, Sophomore and Junior, and was honored as an AP Scholar of Distinction in 2019. In the summer of 2018, she was selected for the University of Virginia Advance Program for Talented High School Students and earned six college credits in Soviet Union History and Business Communication.

She is the founding CEO of the nonprofit organization, Educate Girls to Eradicate Hunger, Inc., which raised sufficient funds in its first year to provide tuition, room, board, uniforms, and learning supplies for the entire year for 71 girls in Malawi, and worked to increase public awareness that educating teenage girls in developing countries lifts families out of poverty. In addition to providing educational opportunities, the organization educates people in developing countries to help reduce child marriage and corresponding birth rates and to reduce the spread of HIV. For the last two years, Carolyn has organized the Educate Girls Superhero 5K, from which all proceeds went to educate girls in Malawi.

She is also the founder of the Indigenous Peoples Literature Society, designed to cultivate understanding and acceptance across cultures by providing a platform for indigenous voices to be heard. To date, Carolyn has exposed over 1,900 people to indigenous literature from the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. Active in her school and her community, Carolyn is a member of the National Honor Society, the Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society, and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica. She was selected to represent Urbana High School at the 2018 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference. In addition, she is a competitive swimmer participating on the Urbana High School Varsity Swim and Diving Team, winning varsity letters twice.

"Learning the most effective solution to hunger in developing nations is educating teenage girls, I had found my life's work. I structured a ten-year plan: educate 100 impoverished girls while completing my education so I can devote my career to fighting for the underrepresented.

For more information, please visit my website at https://educategirlstoeradicatehunger.org/"



Amulya N. Puttaraju, 12th Grade, Poolesville High School Montgomery County

Nominated by: Ramou Sivakamasundari, Sunday School Teacher, JSS Spiritual Mission

Amulya has excelled both academically and in community service. She has been a straight-A student throughout middle and high school, earning a perfect 4.0 GPA, while taking 14 AP classes. She was named National AP Scholar and AP Scholar with Honors in 2018 and won second place at the state level in the National History Day competition. Amulya is proficient in four languages in addition to English: French, Sanskrit, Hindi and Kannada. She won a bronze award in the National French Contest in 2017.

In the summer of 2018, she interned at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, working with the Cell Biology Research Team on novel technology addressing combat wound management.

She has studied Indian music and dance, teaches an advanced dance class at the Indian Classical Dance School and has given several on-stage performances. In the summer of 2019, she participated in Sotheby's Summer Institute in New York City, where she curated her own exhibit as her culminating project. She has been a member of her school's LitMag for four years and is now its senior editor and is co-president of the National Art Honor Society. Creative as well, Amulya won third place in the national Peep Diorama Competition hosted by the Washington City Paper!

As a Girl Scout, Amulya has earned her bronze, silver and gold awards, working on service projects that included crocheting hats for NICU patients, promoting literacy at community centers, and organizing a youth summer camp at ISS Mission.

Amulya is one of the founding members of the Asian Student Association (ASA) at Poolesville High and has been elected as one of its four officers fostering inter-cultural appreciation and acceptance. She is also an officer of the Red Cross Club at her school where she has organized fundraisers and blood donation drives each year to benefit the American Red Cross. She is President of the JSS Youth Committee and a member of the DECA business club at her school.

"Being a woman of tomorrow means having the strength to fight injustice, unafraid to challenge an entire industry where all odds are against you. It means bravely speaking up for your ideals even if that's seen as 'unladylike.' A woman of tomorrow is innovative, undeterred by the most formidable barriers, and equipped to make revolutionary changes that advocate for everyone."



Dataya Resenois, 11th Grade, Calvert High School, Calvert County

Nominated by: Rochelle P. Hawkins, Mentor-Advisor, Destined4Success

Dataya is a junior at Calvert High School in Prince Frederick, Maryland. She is also a student at the Academy of Health Professions in the Career and Technology Academy. At this academy, students earn articulated college credits through the College of Southern Maryland. Upon graduation in 2021, Dataya will have earned professional licensure as both a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and a Geriatric Nursing Assistant (GNA).

Currently enrolled in several Advanced Placement classes including AP Language and Composition, AP Government Politics, and AP Biology, she has earned a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society of High School Scholars. She is also a member of Chi Sigma Mu, an honor society for high-achieving minority students.

Dataya participates in Destined4Success, a mentoring group for African American girls in grades 9 through 12 at Calvert High School. This year, she was elected president of the organization. She has facilitated group sessions on Self Esteem Building and Getting to Know You, assists with organizing college tours and planning community events. In addition, she was elected Vice President of Skills USA in the Career and Technology Academy, and through this organization, participates in leadership conferences, plans meetings and events, and assists with the group's administration.

Outside of school, Dataya is a member of the Daughters of Compassion Ministry at her church, where she participates in the feeding the homeless program at the Project Echo homeless shelter, providing meal preparation, fellowship and organizing social events. She also participates with Farming for Hunger, learning to plant and harvest vegetables to feed the less fortunate. In addition to all this, Dataya works as a Day Care Center Aide.

Dataya's career goal is to study medicine and serve her community as a medical doctor to continue her passion for caring for others.

"A woman of tomorrow will, by her commitment, motivate, encourage, and influence others to maximize their potential personally and professionally to become future leaders. She will adapt and thrive to become a great influential leader of the future."

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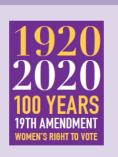
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