



Maryland Women's Hall of Fame
and
Maryland Women of Tomorrow
2019 Induction and Awards Ceremony

The Voices of Visionary Women:
Our Heritage and
Our Future

Thursday, March 21, 2019

5:30 p.m. Ceremony
Conference Room East

7:30 p.m. Reception
Conference Room West

Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland

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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 Services, 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, provide informed advice to the executive and legislative branches of government on the issues concerning the women of our state, and direct attention to the critical problems confronting women. 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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Welcome and Introductions

Yun Jung Yang, Chair, Maryland Commission for Women

Opening

Mistress of Ceremonies: **The Honorable Connie Morella**
Former U.S. Congresswoman and Ambassador

Greetings

Yumi Hogan, First Lady of Maryland
The Honorable Lourdes Padilla, Secretary, Maryland Department of Human Services
The Honorable Susan Lee, Maryland State Senate
U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin, presented by Joyce Leviton, Assistant to the Senator
U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, presented by Nina Ganti, Constituent Services Representative
U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer, presented by Sana Mirza, Constituent Liaison
U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao, presented by Chiling Tong, CEO & President of ACE

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Corinna Shen, President and Founding Member, Maryland WAG Foundation

2019 Achievement and Recognition Committee

Deborah L. Cartee, Committee Chair

2019 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Induction

The Honorable Marielsa A. Bernard, Senior Judge, Montgomery County Circuit Court
Augusta T. Chissell (posthumous), Suffragist
Dominique Dawes, Olympic Champion
Virginia Hall (posthumous), World War II Civilian Intelligence Operative
*Presentation of Medal for Virginia Hall by **Charles Pinck**, President, The OSS Society, Inc.*
The Honorable Rosie Rios, 43rd Treasurer of the United States
Evelyn Williams Townsend (posthumous), Community Advocate
Phyllis B. Trickett, Community Advocate
Pauline Woo Tsui (posthumous), Co-founder, Organization of Chinese American Women

Presentation of Plaque to Maryland Women's Heritage Center

The Honorable Sheree Sample-Hughes, President,
Women Legislators of Maryland to **Maria Johnson Darby**, President, MWHC

2019 Maryland Women of Tomorrow Awards

Yamini Ananth, 12th Grade, Atholton High School, Howard County
Sierra Kurtz, 11th Grade, Lansdowne High School, Baltimore County
Josephine Oshagbemi, 12th Grade, Watkins Mill High School, Montgomery County
Caitlyn Stachura, 12th Grade, Archbishop Spalding High School, Anne Arundel County
Isabella Yang, 12th Grade, Winston Churchill High School, Montgomery County

Closing Remarks

Yun Jung Yang, Chair, Maryland Commission for Women
Reception 7:30 – 8:30 pm Conference Room West - Miller Senate Office Building

Mistress of Ceremonies

The Honorable Connie Morella

Former U.S. Congresswoman and Ambassador



Connie Morella served as U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris from 2003 – 2007. She is the first U.S. Ambassador to the OECD ever to have served in the U.S. Congress.

From 1987 until 2003 Ambassador Morella represented Maryland's 8th Congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives where she developed a national reputation as a leading advocate for women, children, and families as well as a promoter of economic growth through science and technology. Before her election to the U.S. Congress, Ambassador Morella was elected and served in the Maryland General Assembly for 8 years. Prior to elective office, Morella was Professor of English at Montgomery College, Rockville, MD. Her service on the first Montgomery County Commission for Women motivated her political career.

In 2008 she was a Resident Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School Institute of Politics.

Since 2009 she has been Ambassador in Residence at American University School of Public Affairs "Women and Politics Institute."

From 2010 to 2018 Morella served on the Presidentially appointed American Battle Monuments Commission which is the guardian of our American Cemeteries overseas.

Ambassador Morella holds a B.A. from Boston University, an M.A. from American University, and 12 honorary degrees.





Deborah L. Cartee, Chair

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Committee Members:

Amanda Costley, Bonnie Luna, Ishrat Memon, April Nyman,
Corinna Shen, Ummu Thomas

2019 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 reviews the nominations and selects those to be inducted into the Hall of Fame each year. Brief biographies are displayed online at the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center (www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org) and full biographies are posted on line at the website of the Maryland State Archives at: <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/educ/exhibits/womenshall/html/whflist.html>.



2019 Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame Selection Committee

La’Kenya Walter, Co-President, Business & Professional Women of Maryland (BPW/MD)

Magistrate Hope Tipton, President, Women’s Bar Association of Maryland

Susan Wierman, Co-President, American Association of University Women (AAUW MD)

The Honorable Susie Proctor, Maryland House of Delegates

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Marielsa A. Bernard, Senior Judge, Montgomery County Circuit Court

Nominated by Alexandra Douglas, Certified Court Language Interpreter, Montgomery County Circuit Court

A life-long resident of Maryland, Marielsa Althea Bernard is a Senior Judge of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland and is the first judge of Hispanic descent in the history of Montgomery County. She was appointed to the District Court in September 1998 and elevated to the Circuit Court in March 2002. She had been an attorney in general practice for more than 17 years focusing on criminal, civil, immigration, and family law.


Judge Bernard is one of the founding members of the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association (MHBA) and served as its second President. During her tenure, she initiated and organized a program of pro bono fairs that won the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) People's Pro Bono Award as well as the MSBA Best Service to the Public Award. She continued to serve on MHBA's Board for many years.

Following the tragic death of her daughter Katheryn (Kate) in December 2014 from an opiate overdose, Judge Bernard reached out to other mothers who had suffered a similar loss and started a weekly support group, S.O.U.L. (Surviving Our Ultimate Loss). In 2016 Judge Bernard planned the first Montgomery County International Overdose Awareness Day "Ceremony of Remembrance," which was sponsored initially by S.O.U.L. This annual event has grown to include the co-sponsorship of both the Montgomery County Government and the Montgomery County Circuit Court Adult Drug Court.

Her long history of leadership on behalf of women and girls includes serving for three years as the initial Chair of the Montgomery County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) where among other programs she started "Choose Respect Montgomery," a teen dating violence educational awareness project that has grown to include presentations in middle and high schools as well as an annual conference. She also started a fatherhood initiative that featured a county-wide parenting conference for fathers. Judge Bernard also chaired the Montgomery County Steering Committee of the 2014 Interfaith Domestic Violence Initiative through the Maryland Governor's Office of Community Initiatives.

She was a member of the Hispanic/Latino Advisory Group to the Montgomery County Executive and past Vice-President of the Hispanic Alliance. She did extensive pro bono work for the East Takoma Park Silver Spring Community Center, the Spanish Catholic Center, and St. Camillus Parish. Judge Bernard initiated and has continued working for almost 20 years with the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) Storybook Project in the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women helping incarcerated mothers read and record stories for their children to maintain the bond between mother and child until the family can be reunited.

Judge Bernard has held leadership positions on the Maryland State Bar Association including Chair of the Hispanic-Latino Lawyers Committee, and a two-year stint as Co-Chair of the MSBA Leadership Academy. A member of the Montgomery County Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, and the Women's Bar Association of Montgomery County, she initiated the Latina Youth Empowerment Conference and the Take-Your-Daughter-to-Work-Day Program, sponsoring "at-risk" high school students. She is a Fellow of both the Maryland State Bar and the Montgomery County Bar Foundations. She served on the Public Trust and Confidence in the Maryland Judicial System Committee, the Business and Technology Task Force, and the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Bias. Judge Bernard has had a Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV Preeminent Jurist for many years.

 *"We often hear rhetoric about children being our most precious resource, but unfortunately, those words are all too often empty. We cannot continue to put the needs of our children last on our list of priorities."*



Augusta T. Chissell, Suffragist

Nominated by Heather Barrett and Kacy Rohn, Administrator of Research & Survey, Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland women suffragists played an important role in the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote in 1920. State suffrage leaders, including Augusta T. Chissell, developed a robust network of grassroots organizations across Maryland, greatly shaping the fight for women's rights. The work of these activists has largely been forgotten, especially African American suffragists, who were excluded from prominent suffrage organizations and omitted from newspaper coverage and organizational records. Early twentieth-century African American suffragists' work was particularly important at a time when Jim Crow laws sought to undermine hard-won civil rights.

Augusta Chissell was an important African American leader of the women's suffrage movement in Baltimore City in the early twentieth century. Chissell had deep roots in Baltimore's women's clubs that fostered leadership skills as they promoted causes including education, healthcare, and prohibition. She was an officer in Baltimore's Progressive Women's Suffrage Club and held a leadership position in the prominent Women's Cooperative Civic League. Chissell, her neighbor Margaret Gregory Hawkins, and activist Estelle Young lived and worked in neighborhoods now part of the Old West Baltimore Historic District. The close proximity of these organizations' members, driven by residential segregation, made it convenient for them to hold meetings in their homes, and they often gathered at Chissell's home on Druid Hill Avenue in Baltimore.

In the early twentieth century, the women's suffrage movement began to secure the support of important state and national organizations. In 1914, the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs (NACWC) endorsed women's suffrage, and local clubs and associations moved quickly to draw further public support by holding mass meetings. The first public meeting of the Women's Suffrage Club drew a large and enthusiastic crowd to Grace Presbyterian Church in December 1915, and in 1916, the NACWC brought their biennial national convention to Baltimore, where the suffrage movement was a major topic of discussion.

Following passage of the 19th Amendment, Chissell authored *A Primer for Women Voters*, a recurring column in the Baltimore Afro-American that offered guidance to new African American women voters. She organized training sessions for women at the neighborhood Colored Young Women's Christian Association (CYWCA) and later served as the Chair of the Women's Cooperative Civic League and as Vice President of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP. The Women's Club used the CYWCA to hold weekly 'Citizenship Meetings' for new women voters and ongoing lectures on voting and civic responsibility.

Augusta T. Chissell's legacy endures in her former home at 1534 Druid Hill Avenue, where she lived during her decades of civic activism, and in the former CYWCA building at 1200 Druid Hill Avenue, where the Women's Suffrage Club began hosting public meetings in 1915.



“Since it is only by doing and not simply by observing, that one really understand or knows a thing, it is necessary that woman not only have access to the ballot, but that she use it.”

From A Primer for Women Voters, the Baltimore Afro-American October 1, 1920



Dominique Dawes, Olympic Champion

Nominated by Colin Byrd, Greenbelt City Councilman, City of Greenbelt, MD

Dominique Dawes is an Olympic Gold Medalist, three-time Olympian, brand ambassador and motivational speaker. She is the only American gymnast to medal at three different Olympic Games in the team competition and the first African American gymnast to win an Olympic Gold medal. Dominique paved the way for other young African American gymnasts to strive for Olympic glory. At the 1996 Atlanta Games, Dominique became the first female African American gymnast to win an individual medal, capturing bronze with her floor exercise performance, helping solidify her place in the USOC Hall of Fame.

After years of dedication to gymnastics and a brief stint on Broadway, this University of Maryland graduate retired to focus on her passion to encourage, educate and motivate others on the topics of health, fitness and empowerment. Dominique has served as a co-host for Yahoo! News' Weekend Edition and as an Olympic correspondent for FOX Sports. As part of FOX Sports' analyst team during the 2012 London Olympic Games, Dominique recapped daily events and conducted a sit down interview with All-Around Gold Medalist Gabrielle Douglas. While in London, Dominique was also interviewed by top national media including *USA Today*, *Piers Morgan* and *Good Morning America*. She was also a part of the President and First Lady's Olympic Delegation and had the privilege to conduct an interview with the First Lady.

Dominique, appointed by President Barack Obama, served as the co-chair of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition alongside NFL Quarterback Drew Brees. Through this program she worked closely with the First Lady to help promote the *Let's Move!* initiative, educating children on fitness and nutrition while motivating them to get moving.

Dominique was born in Silver Spring, Maryland on November 20, 1976. Today, she is a highly requested keynote speaker who delivers powerful and inspiring messages on leadership, personal drive, building your foundation for success and living a healthy lifestyle. She has the unique ability to empower audiences, from corporate executives and small business owners, to women's groups and moms, universities and youth organizations.

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Three-time Olympian ('92, '96, '00)
- Olympic Gold Medalist ('96 Atlanta); member of the "Magnificent Seven"
- Olympic Bronze Medalist on Floor (Individual Event)
- 1st African American Gymnast to win an individual medal
- Only one of three female American gymnasts to compete in three Olympics
- Only American Gymnast to win a Team Medal at three different Olympics

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Co-Chair of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition (2010 to present)
- Good Morning America Special Correspondent (Rio 2016)
- FOX Sports Olympic Analyst (London 2012)
- Yahoo Correspondent (Beijing 2008)
- President of the Women's Sports Federation (2004-2006), the youngest President in the Foundation's history
- First spokeswoman for the Girl Scouts of the USA's "Uniquely Me" self-esteem campaign



"As an athlete, my sole focus was on the pursuit and dream of winning an Olympic gold medal – thus solidifying my mark in history. Today, as a mother of four kids, my dream is to ensure that my kids have a happy childhood. Unlike an Olympic gold that will fade in time, a happy childhood will last forever."



Virginia Hall, World War II Civilian Intelligence Operative

Nominated by Lisa Kraus, Archeologist, Maryland Environmental Services

Virginia Hall, of Baltimore, became our country's first and arguably greatest spy of the Second World War. During the course of her astounding career, and despite a significant physical disability, she served as an intelligence officer for the British Special Operations Executive, the U.S. Office of Strategic Services, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Born in Baltimore on April 6, 1906, Virginia spent her formative years on the family's "Box Horn Farm" in Parkton, Maryland. She attended Roland Park School outside of Baltimore; studied languages, economics, and history at Radcliff and Barnard; and graduated from the Consular Academy in Vienna, Austria.

Virginia started her career as a clerk for the U.S. State department in Warsaw, Poland, but had larger ambitions to join the Foreign Service. (Of the several thousand Foreign Service Officers at the time, only six were women; none were ambassadors.)

She persevered and studied to take the Foreign Service exam. Then in Smyrna, Turkey disaster struck—she was injured in a hunting accident and lost a portion of her left leg, and her dreams vanished. The State Department had strict rules forbidding people with amputated limbs from joining the Foreign Service.

Virginia quit the State Department and when World War II broke out, she took a job as an ambulance driver in France. When the Nazi's overran Paris, she escaped to London. The United States was not yet in the war but Virginia caught the eye of British Intelligence and was recruited to be its first spy—man or woman—to live behind enemy lines in Vichy France.

There she stayed, recruiting agents, organizing resistance fighters, reporting on the German military, until she was betrayed. The Nazis called her "La Dame Qui Boite," the lady who limps. Hunted by Gestapo Chief, Klaus Barbie ("The Butcher of Lyon"), Virginia had to make a harrowing last-minute escape over the snow-capped Pyrenees, dragging her prosthetic limb, "Cuthbert" behind her.

Despite the ordeal, Virginia Hall demanded to return to France but her British spymasters refused. It would be a suicide mission, they said. She was too well known. The Gestapo was still hunting her. But she did return, this time with the American Office of Strategic Services, where she led several thousand French resistance fighters on the eve of the D-Day invasion.

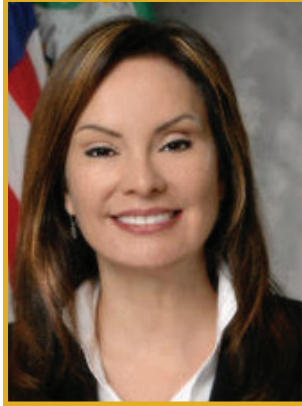
After the war, Virginia joined the CIA and became one of the Agency's first Operations Officers.

For her courage and bravery, Virginia was awarded the U. S. Military's Distinguished Service Cross (the only woman so honored in WWII); she was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE); and was nominated for the French Croix de Guerre.

In retirement and for the last 16 years of her life, Virginia lived in Barnesville, Maryland. She died at Adventist Hospital in Rockville July, 1982.



*"My neck is my own...
and I'm willing to get
a crick in it because there's
a war (going on)..."*



Rosa “Rosie” Gumtaotao Rios, 43rd Treasurer of the United States

Nominated by Jodi Finkelstein, Executive Director, Montgomery County Commission for Women

Rosie Rios was the 43rd Treasurer of the United States and is most recently known for leading the efforts to place a portrait of a woman on the front of U.S. currency for the first time in over a century. Upon her resignation in 2016, she received the Hamilton Award, the highest honor bestowed in the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Rosie was the longest serving Senate-confirmed Treasury official beginning with her time on the Treasury/Federal Reserve Transition Team in November 2008 at the height of the financial crisis. She is the CEO of Red River Associates, a real estate consulting firm and has recently completed her term as a Visiting Scholar at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University.

In her role as Treasurer of the United States, Rosie was the CEO of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the U.S. Mint, including Fort Knox. Her day-to-day responsibilities included overseeing all currency and coin production activities with almost 4,000 employees in eight facilities nationwide and an annual budget of approximately \$5 billion. In the first five years of her tenure, she saved over \$1 billion by implementing efficiencies and innovative concepts while meeting increased production demand and increasing employee morale at record levels. Her signature currently appears on a world-record \$1.5 trillion out of the \$1.6 trillion in circulation worldwide.

Rosie’s entire career has focused on real estate finance, economic development and urban revitalization in both the public and private sectors. Prior to her presidential appointment in Treasury, Rosie was Managing Director of Investments for MacFarlane Partners, a \$22 billion real estate investment management firm based in San Francisco. Other real estate/urban revitalization activities include the Director of Economic Development and/or Redevelopment for multiple cities such as Oakland, Fremont, San Leandro and Union City.

Rosie is a graduate of Harvard University and was selected as the first Latina in Harvard’s 382-year history to have a portrait commissioned in her honor. She currently serves on the board of Fidelity Charitable Trust and the Schlesinger Council at Harvard. In 2018, she was appointed as a member of America 250, a Congressional Commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the nation’s founding in 2026 and serves on the Executive Committee. Her personal passion includes EMPOWERMENT 2020, an initiative that facilitates the physical recognition of historical American women. Its first project, Teachers Righting History, recognizes historical American women in classrooms across the country. She is now launching Notable Women, an Augmented Reality educational initiative in collaboration with Google. She remains active in real estate finance and is consulting on several transformational projects in the Bay Area under her “RESCUE” initiative: Real Estate for Socially Conscious Urban Empowerment.



“Be your own knight in shining armor. Find the leader within to empower yourself and empower others.”



Evelyn Williams Townsend, Community Advocate

*Nominated by The Honorable Addie C. Eckardt, Senator for the Maryland General Assembly
Nominated by Johnette Lanham, Assistant Treasurer, Harriet Tubman Organization*

Evelyn Williams Townsend was born December 27, 1922 in Bennettsville, South Carolina. She lived in Cambridge, Maryland from 1955 until her death, February 15, 2008. She was an outstanding educator and community leader, who also worked tirelessly in Cambridge and the state of Maryland to preserve the legacy of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. For over twenty years, she served as president of the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center, and secured a \$50,000 grant to pay off the mortgage at the 14224 Race Street Building in Cambridge. Her dedication and commitment kept the story of Harriet Tubman alive for future generations.


Evelyn attended the public schools of Winston Salem, North Carolina and after high school graduation, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree (BS) from Winston Salem Teachers College and a Master's Degree from New York University, majoring in Early Childhood Development and Elementary School Administration. She continued her education at Morgan State University, Columbia University, and the University of Maryland at College Park.

She built her career in the public school system for 38 years, serving as administrator and teacher. Her years as an educator included service as Vice Principal and Reading Teacher in Talbot County, CETA Program Supervisor at Vienna Elementary, Principal at Peachblossom Elementary and Principal Glasgow Elementary School. She also worked at St. Clair Elementary School, Warwick Elementary School, Mace's Lane Middle School, Cambridge Middle School, as well as Dorchester County Project Head Start Director and Policy Council.

Evelyn was a longtime member of Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church, serving in such capacities as Sunday school teacher, Director of Summer School Programs, member of Angelic Choir and Combined Choir, Bible Study Class participant and Past Superintendent Waugh Church School. She supported the many programs and activities of the church.

Active in the community, she served as President and Vice President of the NAACP, President and Vice President of the Harriet Tubman Organization, Board member of the Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce Member Executive Board, Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Council and Girl Scout Troop Leader Member, Tourism Committee, member of the Heart of Chesapeake Heritage Area Committee, Recipient (twice) of the Dorchester County "Most Beautiful Person Award," Advisor to the Speer Trust Foundation (Poverty Initiative), Organizer & Director of the Summer Youth Programs, DCDC Head Start Director Original Board Member, President Sailwinds Park, Inc. Committee, participant of the Seafood Feast-i-val Annual Committee, founder of the Eastern Shore "A More Perfect Union" (Improve Understanding of Different Backgrounds), member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW), Maryland State Teacher's Association (MSTA), Dorchester Retired Educators Association (DREA) and Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA).

Through Mrs. Townsend's efforts, Dorchester County became the home of the Harriet Tubman National Underground Railroad Historical Park. The park opened on March 10, 2013 in honor of the date of Harriet Tubman's death 100 years before.

 *"So many people come from as far as California to see the site that was Harriet's home... we hope to make the pilgrimage an annual affair so that folks can learn the rich history of Dorchester County."*



Phyllis B. Trickett, Community Avocate

Nominated by Susan Athey, President/CEO – Founder Garrett County Commission for Women


Phyllis B. Trickett, a mentor, model leader and woman of valor has made significant and lasting contributions in the field of Community Advocacy. Her legacy within the community of Garrett County and Maryland-ward has spanned several generations. She is a distinguished business woman having contributed to the power of the voice of women through community involvement, collaborative ventures, and persistent activism.

She was born in Gorman, Maryland in 1927 and has resided in the State of Maryland for 91 years. She is a graduate of Georgia's Beauty School, owned and operated a local salon, The Vogue, for 40-years.

She worked to establish the first community business association and was active on the Garrett County Promotion Council, pre-existing the local Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Private Industry Council and the Tri-County Council.

Phyllis's vision and commitment to achieving outcomes is demonstrated at the outset with the goal to improve the status of women and working at the state and national levels to assert fair and equal rights for women; most notably, historically, on organizing efforts to ratify the equal rights amendment and various subcommittee work with the National Committee on Pay Equity.

She served as the Chair of the Maryland Commission for Women (1990-95), was a Board Member of the National Association of Commissions for Women and Maryland State Coordinator for the Interagency Council, UN Women's Conference, One Year Later. Phyllis actively coordinated her activities with the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women. Phyllis is a founder of the Garrett County Commission for Women, the Garrett County Women's Hall of Fame, as well as having served as President of the Maryland Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW) and of the local BPW-Garrett County.

 *“Women, don't be afraid to stand up and fight for your equal rights. Take time to help the less fortunate and help others find their voice!”*

Phyllis was elected National Chair, The Young Careerists, which promotes young leaders to be involved in networking in their communities; all about mentors promoting protégés. Of Progress and Promise, Title IX, Phyllis worked with inter-organizational women's groups to ensure women in sports were provided the educational resources deserved, partnering with USDE and on the local level supported efforts that girls' sports teams were adequately resourced and funded.

Phyllis organized funding for and is a founder of Garrett County's first domestic violence shelter, the DOVE Center. She served as a 1988 Maryland Delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She is a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and was active in missions for Burlington United Methodist Youth Services, shelter programs for children who need loving homes. Phyllis has earned numerous awards and honors; BPW Woman of the Year, PTA Service Awards, American Heart Association Merit Award, multiple Governors' citations for distinguished leadership, and honorable mention in Women of Achievement in Maryland History.

These accomplishments are magnified when considered in the context of a small rural jurisdiction like Garrett County. As Maryland's smallest county by population, one of its poorest and most mountainous, these accomplishments are enormous and are a testament to all that makes Phyllis such an extraordinary woman.



Pauline Woo Tsui, Co-Founder, Organization of Chinese American Women

Nominated by Chiling Tong, Founding President, International Leadership Foundation

Pauline Woo Tsui was born in Nanjing, China in 1920, during a time when women were second-class citizens. She believed it was essential that girls in China were properly educated. Pauline graduated from the McTyre High School, and earned a BA in Education from St. Johns University in Shanghai.


World War II forced drastic changes in life, as Pauline fled from her home to escape the Japanese occupation. With few resources, she made her way on a one-month journey to Chongqing where she lived for three years enduring many hardships. When the war ended, Pauline secured passage on a boat sailing from China to the United States. As her father was born in Hawaii, she entered the United States for the first time as an American citizen.

Pauline settled in New York where she earned a MA in Music Education from Columbia University. Her plans to establish schools in Shanghai were halted by the Communist Revolution in China. Instead, she moved to Washington, DC where she met and married T. L. Tsui, a senior diplomatic officer for the Nationalist Chinese government. Pauline focused on supporting her husband's career and on raising her children. To help support her family, Pauline worked at the United States Army Map Service (now the Defense Mapping Agency Topographic Center) for 30 years.

It was during this time; Pauline encountered discrimination against Chinese women. She observed in times of government downsizing that it was always women and minorities whose pay was reduced and titles removed. This became a driving force for Pauline. She was promoted to the position of Federal Women's Program Manager at her agency where she advocated for the equal treatment of 700 female employees. She also co-founded a chapter of the organization for Federally Employed Women (FEW) and founded a child care center for agency employees. Her job taught her that organizing was the key to gaining equality. She joined the Organization of Chinese Americans and served as Vice President, expanding her understanding of organizing in the community. The United Nations declared 1975 as the International Women's Year and Pauline was named to the Advisory Board of the State Department.

In 1977, Pauline co-founded the Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW), an organization dedicated to empowering Chinese women through education and training. OCAW continues to pursue its mission and now has chapters across the United States. Pauline was the Executive Director from 1983 to 2007. Under her leadership, OCAW established scores of training sessions for professional and non-professional Chinese women including the Chinese American Women Educational Equity Program, the Presidential Classroom Scholarship Program, the Rural Scholarship program for Chinese girls in rural China, the International Young Piano Scholarship Award, English Training for new immigrants, professional training for new immigrants, and the OCAW Asian American Leadership Development Program for senior management for both the public and private sectors.

In 1992, she moved to Montgomery County, Maryland where she lived until she passed away on November 27, 2018.

 *"The many equalities that women fought for in the last century, are now the opportunity for young women to choose a new direction for the women's movement. I do hope young Chinese-American women will seize upon this opportunity to map out a trajectory where all women and men can live and work happily and equally together."*

Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Honorees

1985 – 2018

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

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2019 Maryland Women of Tomorrow



The 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 60 nominees from 10th – 12th graders all across Maryland.



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**Yamini Ananth, 12th Grade, Atholton High School,
Howard County**

*Nominated by Lynette M. Burns, Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher,
Atholton High School*

Yamini ranks 3rd in over 250 seniors and earned a perfect score on her ACT. She was named a National Merit Commended Scholar, inducted into the National Spanish, English, and Science Honors Societies, and leads her school's Model United Nations.

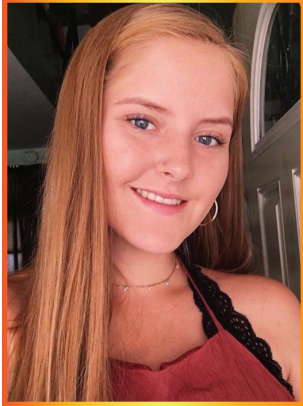
She lobbied the Howard County and Maryland State Boards of Education about the 8 – 10 year delay in diagnosis for diseases that cause chronic pelvic pain and spoke about this issue during the 2017 Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour session in Howard County. Yamini partnered with school nurses to develop brochures that reached more than 17,000 students. She presented at community events reaching nearly an additional 1,000 people. Yamini initiated a feminine hygiene product drive collecting thousands of items to be donated to people impacted by the Ellicott City flooding. She then trained the club leadership to continue the event annually. She also volunteers with the North South Foundation, raising money for underprivileged students in India, chairs the River Hill Teen Advisory Council, and is a student member of the River Hill Board of Directors.

Yamini has worked as a research intern at the Johns Hopkins Institute for Cell Engineering on two major projects examining potential stem cell therapies for myopia, and evaluating brain immunological response to intra-arterial drug delivery. In 2017, Yamini won the PBS-Genentech Emperor Science Award and spent the summer of 2018 developing and testing a database correlating glioblastoma patient tumor and molecular data and will be presenting her research at the National Comprehensive Cancer Network's annual symposium.

Yamini hopes to pursue engineering, while working to make a difference in her community.



*“Women pioneering change
are linked across generations,
by the strength of their beliefs
and their bravery in action, often
against the social current.”*



**Sierra Kurtz, 11th Grade, Lansdowne High School,
Baltimore County**

Nominated by Bethany Dentes, Visual Arts Department Chair, Baltimore County Public Schools

Sierra is at the top of her class and currently has a 5.13 Quality Point Average, and a 4.0 Grade Point Average. She is enrolled in four Advanced Placement courses, as well as honors and leadership courses. She is a Physical Education Recreation Leader (PERL) which allows her to be a peer mentor and mediator. She serves as the Student Government Association Secretary for the class of 2020, and participates in National Honor Society. She has organized several school wide events such as arts & culture night, two college fairs, and most recently a blood drive through the Red Cross. She was the captain of the varsity soccer team.

After school, Sierra volunteers daily as a Kindergarten aid at Lansdowne Elementary. She participates with a “Peer Autism Counseling Group” that provides social experiences and peer interaction with autistic high school students. She hopes to continue working with autistic students in the future, and others with developmental disabilities.



“Women today have the power to influence the world for centuries to come.”

Sierra hopes to continue having a positive impact in her community by majoring in psychology, with a focus on developmental disabilities, specifically autism.



Josephine Oshagbemi, 12th Grade, Watkins Mill High School, Montgomery County

Nominated by Lauren Squier, Teacher, Watkins Mill High School

Josie and her family emigrated to the United States from Nigeria eight years ago. She has a 4.7 Grade Point Average on a scale of 5.0. She has been elected to the school's student government for the past four years. Josie has organized pep rallies, blood drives, friendly competitions between staff and teachers, activities for the special needs students, and food and clothing drives.


For the past three years, Josie has served on the Principal's Leadership Club as an ambassador between the students and administration.

She is also a member of the school's African Student Association, and organizes a yearly African Ball where all students are able to experience the different cultures seen on the African continent.

Josie has been a member of the Minority Scholars Program in Montgomery County, organizing and attending county-wide events encouraging minority students to excel in and out of school, and working with school and government leaders to determine strategies to close the achievement gap.

In the eighth grade, Josie founded the Gaithersburg Library Writing Club, which allows teens to work on writing skills necessary for success in school and college. Fluent in English and Yoruba, and quickly learning French, she volunteers to help parents learn English. She also uses her background while traveling with librarians after school to elementary schools giving students access to books to read at home.

Josie plans to double major in accounting and international business, with a minor in English. Her dream is to work with businesses around the world.

 *"A Woman of Tomorrow... is helping women find their own voice despite society's expectations."*



Caitlyn Stachura, 12th Grade, Archbishop Spalding High School, Anne Arundel County

Nominated by Angela Bentzley, IB DP Coordinator/English Teacher, Archbishop Spalding High School

Caitlyn is pursuing the Full Diploma in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP). With a 4.42 Grade Point Average on a scale of 4.0, Caitlyn has excelled in the most rigorous coursework offered. While taking six IB courses, Caitlyn wrote a 4,000 word essay exploring the extent to which the United States upheld democratic values during the Israeli/Palestinian conflict from 2012-2016. Without taking the Advanced Placement (AP) Government class, she earned a top score on the AP exam. She also independently learned content equivalent to two years of French in order to excel in her IB French course.

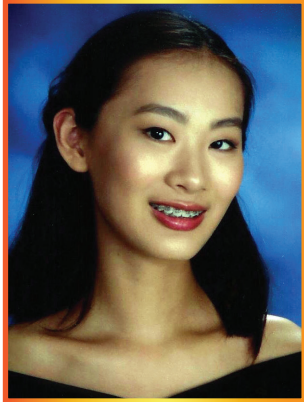
Caitlyn is president of the Model U.N. club, media director for the Diversity Club, IB student ambassador, and member of the National Honor Society. She also organized the first community art show at Archbishop Spalding High School, curating and hanging over 30 works.

She is a Planned Parenthood Peer Educator, facilitating monthly interactive health lectures for teens and has been a camp leader at ArtFarm Annapolis, running lessons for female campers about self-image and positive social media skills through the lens of photojournalism. She taught herself the 18th century analog film development process, and has produced stunning works of art centered on portraiture photography.

She interned for political campaigns and plans to pursue a degree in political science and attend law school with a focus on human rights advocacy.



“A woman of tomorrow views the world beyond herself, one where a ‘glass ceiling’ exists for no one, and strives to implement that change through ordinary, everyday actions.”



Isabella D. Yang, 12th Grade, Winston Churchill High School, Montgomery County

Nominated by Tiffany Kaufman, School Counselor, Winston Churchill High School

Isabella has a weighted Grade Point Average of 4.68 and a perfect score on her ACT. She has taken 12 Advanced Placement (AP) classes and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. She is a National Merit Semi-Finalist who is active in the National English, French, and Science Honors Societies. She participated in the school's debate team, student ambassadors program, and theatre productions, and received the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

As a Girl Scout, she was awarded the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award, the highest possible distinction in Girl Scouting. Isabella earned her Gold Award through her efforts to combat stigma and miseducation about mental illness in the Asian-American community. She planned, organized, and conducted a mental health seminar and assembled experts from Mental Health 360, Harvard University, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Pan Asian Volunteer Clinic to discuss mental health and emotional wellness. The event gathered over 180 attendees.

Isabella is also a competitive figure skater, skating over twenty-five hours per week. She participates in the divisions of ice dance and synchronized skating, primarily. She is a part of DC Edge Synchronized Skating Teams and has over ten gold medal wins in domestic competition, including Eastern Sectional champions, twice.

She interned with the Naval Defense Institute's SEAP Program, wherein she contributed to Naval research on the rickettsial disease scrub typhus. Isabella oversaw the various methods of testing a specific assay, or treatment, of scrub typhus and worked with other scientists to ensure the most effective treatment was being developed. She worked at the MedStar National Rehabilitation Network as a physical therapy intern, and the MedStar Washington Hospital Center as a pathology intern. She also volunteered at Shady Grove Medical Center as a nurse's assistant.

Ultimately, Isabella's goal is to enter the medical field, specifically orthopedic surgery.



"I have used my voice to speak out against maltreatment and stigma against my community. These qualities will enable me to become a leader and an advocate for others."

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