



CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

20th ANNIVERSARY

Gala

HONORING WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS

Forward Feminine



Charles County Government

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Armed Forces



Dottery Washington

For her commitment and service for pushing to establish a Southern Maryland SportsPlex community center for Charles County

Education



Claudia Bellony-Atanga

For her work as the first African-American board member and president of the Charles County Public Library's Board of Directors



Stephanie Bryan

For her work educating, encouraging, and empowering young girls to find their voices



Kimberly Hill

For her commitment to a strong STEM program as the first female superintendent of Charles County Public Schools and her encouragement of females and minorities to participate in the computer science curriculum



Stephanie McCaslin

For her commitment to encouraging young women to seek careers in formerly male-dominated careers, particularly focused on math



Yvonne Medley

For her dedication to mentoring individuals to write literary works and influence the books that we read

Education



Dorothea Smith

For her tireless efforts and vision to get funding to establish the African American Heritage House, and for her service as a member of the Kiwanis Club, Charles County Substance Abuse Advisory Coalition, and Charles County Sheriff's Advisory Council



Monique Wilson

For her passion as an exceptional science teacher, STEM coordinator, and director of the James E. Richmond Science Center, and for mentoring minority youth in a weekend robotics program

Entrepreneurship



Tanya Barnett

For her advocacy work with women and girls with alopecia and her commitment to providing free books for children in Charles County



Kim Briscoe-Tonic

For her concern and passion for supporting Charles County families



Ylonda Dowleyne

For her support and dedication to assisting Charles County female veterans gain access to appropriate services



Darlena Ford

For her work with children and families through her home school curriculum

Entrepreneurship



Robin Marion

For her work in promoting health and fitness and providing free services in the community



Quiana Murray

For her dedication in establishing a Southern Maryland women's business group that assists women with starting their own businesses



Alicia Perkins

For her commitment to the arts, by establishing the "Take a Bow" performing arts organization



Dr. Trenance Richardson

For her dedication in establishing REAL Women, a life-transforming, empowering effort to help women change through authenticity and healthy relationships



Pam Roberts

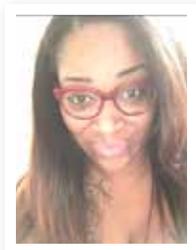
For her more than 15 years of service in providing a place for pampering and relaxation at the Galleria Salon and Spa



Shelly Tucker

For her work to establish the Mom with Tots blog, a vital resource for families with small children, providing information on health and wellness and fun activities

Entrepreneurship



Dajonaire Washington

For her commitment to starting her own business as a cosmetologist and cosmetology instructor, educating every guest about proper hair care



Tammy Wright

For her dedication as an advocate for healthy lifestyles through her business, ABC Fitness Connection, LLC, and for coordinating blood drives, fundraisers, and donation drives for homelessness and cancer awareness

Government/Politics



Rebecca D'Ambrosio

For her dedication to community initiatives and mentoring future leaders



Michelle Reynolds

For her tireless service as a volunteer, manager, and member of the Chaplaincy Support Team at the Prince George's County Correctional Center in Upper Marlboro in affiliation with Good News Jail and Prison Ministry

Health/Medical



Dr. Dianna Abney

For her genuine care for children in Charles County and her commitment to healthy families as the first African-American female Charles County health officer



Rene' Brooks

For her commitment to providing quality medical care to homebound Charles County veterans, allowing them to maintain a better quality of life

Health/Medical



Yvette Lane

For her commitment to providing quality medical care to home bound Charles County veterans, allowing them to maintain a better quality of life



Veronica Randolph

For her commitment to providing quality medical care to homebound Charles County veterans, allowing them to maintain a better quality of life



Teresa Robinson

For her dedication as the director of nursing and her work in quality assurance at Sagepoint Senior Living Services, where she rebuilt the entire nursing structure and created a strong leadership team



Linda Smith

For her tireless efforts over 30 years to improve the health of residents of Charles County, her commitment in establishing Project Graduation, and her work with the Substance Abuse Advisory Coalition



Dr. Patricia Vance

For her dedication to training and mentoring psychology students at the Charles County Department of Health

Human and Social Services



Tanya Barnett

For her advocacy work with women and girls with alopecia and her commitment to providing free books for children in Charles County through her nonprofit organization, Forever Free Books



Claudia Bellony-Atanga

For her passion for bringing STEM education to the library as the first African-American board member and president of the Charles County Public Library Board of Directors



Roberta Berry

For her commitment to providing programming and services to citizens of Charles County and her community work as a juvenile justice professional and social worker



Rene' Michelle Fenwick

For her advocacy work with victims of domestic violence



Robin Kegg

For her commitment to teaching youth about sports by establishing Robin's Pee-Wee soccer organization



Courtney Knichel

For her commitment to bringing baseball to Southern Maryland by serving as the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs marketing manager

Human and Social Services



Yvonne Medley

For her dedication to teaching incarcerated persons about writing their stories by establishing the Life Journeys Writing Guild



Catherine Meyers

For her dedication to serving children and families through the establishment of the Center for Children



Heather Sells

For her effort and work at the Catherine Foundation. Her actions will make an impact on those lives she touched as well as those lives were saved. She runs the foundation efficiently with grace, good humor, and great attitude



Sheeba Smith

For her passion and service to helping people through community outreach at the Spring Dell Center



Tamara Stallings

For her work to bring awareness to work equality, highlighting women's veterans resources, and developing workshops to provide budding entrepreneurs guidance to maintain confidence in carrying out their goals and dreams



Sandy Washington

For her more than 18 years of service to the less fortunate and supporting families, and for being one of the first African-American females to establish a Charles County nonprofit organization, LifeStyles of Maryland in 1998

Human and Social Services



Janice Wilson

For her commitment to service as a member of the NAACP and the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, and for being a voice for voiceless, underserved, and overlooked citizens

Law Enforcement



Sylvia Mudd

For her commitment to the community as the first female sworn deputy in the Charles County Sheriff's Office



Sarah Vaughn

For her commitment to showing at-risk teens a better way of life by providing options and experiences through the teen court program

Science and Technology



Temitope Akinwumi

For her support of youth empowerment, mentoring programs, job readiness, apprenticeships, and STEM for children from K-12



Vonda Hicks

For her passion in the field of math and her commitment to her students

Young Trailblazer



Tatianna Griffin

For her dedication to helping others who are less fortunate through unselfish acts of kindness such as helping her sister bring donuts to the fire and sheriff departments, helping to pay for groceries, taping coins to vendor machines, and leaving a \$100 tip for a waitress, all with her own funds



Kennedy Smith

For her work to create the Tiara ASCEND program, and for helping to develop a culture of high academic excellence and achievement at St. Charles High School



Leslie Thompson

For her dedication to starting a Red Cross Club at St. Charles High School (photo unavailable)

Young Trailblazer, Jr.



NaKyiah Nichols

For her service in the areas of mime and dance, and for being a young author who shares information about the impacts of domestic violence on children



Jaime Reed

For her commitment to demonstrating an entrepreneurial spirit by writing a book promoting a healthy lifestyle for her peers



Tayler Somerville

For her dedication to spreading and showing love to others through unselfish acts of kindness such as helping her sister bring donuts to the fire and sheriff departments, helping to pay for groceries, taping coins to vendor machines, and leaving a \$100 tip for a waitress, all with her own funds