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Dear Honorees and Guests,

We warmly welcome you to the 10th Distinguished Alumni and Friends of the Worcester Public Schools ceremony. We are delighted that you have joined us in celebrating the accomplishments of individuals who have achieved at high levels and received their foundation here in our city's public schools. We are also recognizing the College of the Holy Cross that has been an exemplary partner of the district and a generous friend of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc.

The Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc. (WEDF) is sincerely grateful to our many collaborators who make our work possible. From large foundation grants to corporate and individual donations, each and every contribution is deeply appreciated. WEDF has invested \$6 million in our most precious resource, the students of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Over the past decade, it has been an honor to recognize 100 fellow alumni who are highly successful graduates of the Worcester Public Schools. They represent a host of fields and have had spectacular careers. They have acted in front of Hollywood cameras and presented before the Supreme Court of the United States. They have fled war-torn countries and carried the wounded in battle. They are inventors, performers, doctors, humanitarians, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, spiritual luminaries, educators, authors, pioneers and heroes.

Tonight we recognize talented and dedicated individuals who have brought great pride to their families and this community. As you hear their stories, the word WOW will come to mind. Thank you again for being here to celebrate their accomplishments.

Sincerely,



Stephen E. Mills
President
Burncoat High School
Distinguished
Alumnus



Louise Clarke
Executive Director
South High School

Program

October 28, 2021

Reception

Burncoat High School String Ensemble

under the direction of Mr. Dani Rimoni

William Ryan – Violin

Tiffany Vuong – Violin

Michaela Bonsu – Viola

Thimjos Richards – Cello

6:30

Welcome

Hank Stolz, Emcee

Welcome

Tom Murray, Chairman & WEDF Board Member
A Student's Voice - Rachel Oppong, Burncoat High School

Recognition of Emmanuel "Manny" Familia

A Prayer for Children

Dinner

Presentation of Awards

Stephen Mills, President of WEDF, Tom Murray,
Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda

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for its generosity and hospitality,
to Holmes Shusas for the lovely centerpieces,
to Katherine Simmarano and the
Doherty High School Marketing Classes,
to the Doherty Field Hockey Team for serving as hosts,
and to our master of ceremonies, Hank Stolz, for
10 years with this event!*

"We Pray for Children" by Ina Hughes

We pray for children
Who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
Who like to be tickled,
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
Who sneak Popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks,
Who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those
Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
Who can't bound down the street in new sneakers,
Who never "counted potatoes,"
Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead in,
Who never go to the circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who sleep with the cat and bury goldfish,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
Who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those
Who never get dessert,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool,
Who squirm in church and scream on the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who are never spoiled by anyone,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children
Who want to be carried
And for those who must,
For those we never give up on
And for those who never get a second chance,
For those we smother.
And for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind
enough to offer it.

We pray for children. Amen.

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2019

- Matthew Aselton
- Penelope Bitzas
- Megan Condron Smith
- Diane Benson Davis
 - David Greene
 - Matt Mattus
 - Lester McCorn
 - John Morello
(*Posthumously*)
- Donna Olsen Red Wing
(*Posthumously*)
- Jonathan Starr
- Fallon Health

2018

- Rabbi Andrew Baker
 - David Brunelle
 - Cliff Goodwin
- Edward G. Hyder
 - Steve Joseph
- Peter Kazanovicz
- Robert Moylan, Jr.
- Jo-Anne O'Malley
Shepard, MD
 - Andrew Ory
 - Paul Proko
- Rev. Richard Trainor
- Susan & Cliff Rucker &
The Worcester Railers

2017

- Jaki Byard
(*Posthumously*)
- Barbara Carroll
(*Posthumously*)
- Dennis Dimitri
- Kimberly Haddad
- Sheila Harrity
- Mark Holden
- John Mirick
- Gail Radcliff
 - John Vo
- Geoffrey Zakarian
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2016

- The Honorable
John Anderson
 - Erica Ayisi
- Amy Lynn Chase
- Edwin "Ted" Coghlin
(*Posthumously*)
- Robert Goddard
(*Posthumously*)
- James Leary
- Gail Randall
- Daniel Sedgwick, DMA
 - Eric Sedgwick
 - Marcy Supovitz

2015

- Mary Aframe
- Phil Bolduc
- Arthur Chase
(*Posthumously*)
- Leslie Fish
- Laura Goldstein
- Stephen Mills
 - Joe O'Brien
- Tony Simollardes
- Ann-Marie Soulliere
 - Donna Williams
- Gerry Weston & WICN
 - Harvard Pilgrim
Health Care

2014

- John Conte
- Mary Beth Leonard
 - Paul Gervais
(*Posthumously*)
- The Honorable Mel
Greenberg
- Dorothy Hargrove &
Gordon Hargrove
- Mark Harootian
- Frances Perkins
(*Posthumously*)
- William Soutra, Jr.
- Joshua Swidler
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2013

- Myrna Benson
- Laddavanh 'Anna'
Bouphavichith
- Deborah D. Cary
 - Allan P. 'Kool
Kojak' Grigg
 - James Hogan
 - Alexis Hyder
- Audrey Kurlan-Marcy
- Erin Moran McCormick
 - Michael Orland
- The Pagano Family
 - James Rushton
- Jonathan Silverman

2012

- John Durkin, Ed.D.
 - Jeffrey Greene
- Robert Harizi, M.D.
- Thomas Hehir, Ed.D.
 - The Honorable
Jordan Levy
 - The Honorable
Paul Mullaney
 - Rachel Markarian
- Gladys Rodriguez-Parker
 - Milton Peterson
 - Ralph Santana
 - The Hanover
Insurance Group

2011

- Charles Birbara, M.D.
 - Joanne Feinberg
Goldstein
 - Lee Gurel
 - Jarrett Krosoczka
 - Helena & Christos
Liazos
 - Miguel Lopez
 - Jessie Randall
- Stephen Pezzella, M.D.
 - Isaac Spencer
- The Junior League
of Worcester

The Class of 2021



Sydney Taylor Brown
Educator/Social Services Leader
(posthumous)
South High School

Sydney Taylor Brown was born in Sydney, Australia in 1904. She was the daughter of African American bicycle racer Marshall “Major” Taylor and his wife, Daisy. She was named for her birthplace, a city where he father was welcomed on professional bike racing tours as a world champion.

She was brought to Worcester as a newborn and aside from periods of travel outside of the country in support of her father’s career, Sydney spent her young life and teen years in Worcester until she went to college in 1921. She often described her years in Worcester as very happy ones. She had very fond memories of time spent with her friends, as well as involvement in church activities and sports.

Mrs. Brown often credited her father for inspiring her own interest in athletics and overall physical fitness. She took ballet lessons as a child, rode a bicycle herself, and played on the girl’s varsity basketball team at South High School in Worcester. Mrs. Brown also had a lifetime love of swimming. She earned Red Cross certifications in Boston in 1924 and taught swimming to local children.

At the encouragement of her parents, Sydney attended the Sargent School of Physical Education in Boston. After college, her first teaching position was at West Virginia State College, where she taught women’s physical education. While in West Virginia, Mrs. Brown met her husband, Dallas Coverdale Brown of Institute, West Virginia. The two of them served on the faculty of West Virginia State College for several years. The couple moved to New Orleans in the early 1930s and Mrs. Brown gave birth to their only child, Dallas Brown Jr., in 1932. She later pursued graduate studies at the University of Chicago. Mrs. Brown and her husband eventually divorced, and she began a career in social work in Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania, during the late 1930s.

During World War II, Mrs. Brown joined the call to work for the American Red Cross. Her duties took her to London, and later to Paris and Reims, France. She served as a site director for American Red Cross stations during the war. Mrs. Brown's detailed letters to her mother from overseas survive to this day. She was extremely proud to serve her country in this manner, and for the chance to help American troops. In 1946, Mrs. Brown returned to Pittsburgh, and worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital as a psychiatric social worker for the remainder of a career that spanned more than 30 years. Mrs. Brown maintained a very healthy lifestyle and continued to ride a bicycle and take brisk walks in her neighborhood well into her 90s. She loved to travel all over the world. She also kept a small office in her home, filled with her father's memorabilia. Throughout her adult life, she willingly gave interviews about her father's career and her life growing up with him. On a regular basis, she made appearances at cycling events to honor her father. Mrs. Brown remained a guardian of Major Taylor's legacy until her own death in 2005 at the remarkable age of 101. Some of her scrapbooks had photos of her as a child and young adult in Worcester. She was always thrilled to show these items to family and friends.

The Worcester Public Schools were instrumental in encouraging Mrs. Brown's quest for higher education. This excellent foundation helped her to make meaningful contributions to society at a time of great challenges and great changes. Her achievements were groundbreaking for a young black woman, given the era. Her success, in turn, created opportunities for others. The honor of an award dedicated to education in her hometown would bring great happiness to her family and to others who knew her.



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**Enmanuel “Manny” Familia
Public Safety Hero (posthumous)
Doherty Memorial High School**

Enmanuel “Manny” Famillia was born in La Vega, Dominican Republic. He came to Worcester as a young boy and graduated from Doherty Memorial High School, Class of 2001. Following high school, he attended Quinsigamond Community College and was most recently pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Anna Maria College. Manny served as a Police Officer for the City of Worcester for the past 5 years. He was a member of Class 01-16 and was initially assigned to the Operations Division serving the northeast section of the city. Manny transferred to Operations days which was his last assignment. Only in the police department for a short time, Manny made a huge impact; he was a member of the Tactical Patrol Force, the Crisis Intervention Team, a Crisis Negotiator, and a Department Recruitment Officer. Officer Familia was training to become a member of the SWAT Team before he tragically lost his life in the line of duty.

Manny was a devoted member of the Worcester Community. Off duty, Manny represented the WPD participating in various charities including the Tarantino 5K, WPD Basketball Team, Tarantino Softball Tournament, and the United Way and Boys and Girls Club Dodgeball Tournament.

When Manny had time off, he remained very active serving as the basketball coach for St. Peter's Church. He loved watching his son play baseball, enjoyed vacationing in Florida and going to the beach with his family.

Manny leaves his wife of 22 years, Jennifer and their two children, Jayla and Jovan.



**John Goldsberry, M.D.
Physician
North High School**

John Goldsberry, Sr. is an outstanding member of the North High School class in that not only did he become a physician, but as a member of Worcester's community of color, he reached that goal

despite myriad challenges. Dr. Goldsberry is also a veteran of World War II.

He has served on a number of boards and associations including the Mechanics Hall Board of Trustees, the Worcester Art Museum (Corporator), the Board of Health - City of Worcester, the Economic Club, the Rotary Club, the Worcester State Hospital Human Rights Commission, the United Congregational Church (Deacon) and the Central MA Heart Association.

The legacy of Dr. Goldsberry's family includes his great-grandfather, William H. Brown, a local businessman and upholsterer whose portrait will hang in Mechanic's Hall. In 1868, Mr. Brown was accepted as the first member of color in the Worcester County Mechanics Association. Dr. Goldsberry is married to Dr. Dorista Goldsberry, also a physician and leader in the Worcester community. They have four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**Mary Beth Bolduc Heffernan
Artist/Professor of Art
Doherty Memorial High School**

Mary Beth Bolduc Heffernan is a Los Angeles based visual artist who brings an interdisciplinary research-based practice to questions at the nexus of representation, corporeality, ethics, social history and medicine.

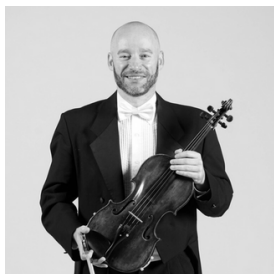
Raised in Worcester, she was nurtured as a young artist by teachers at Flagg Street School like Ann McGreevy, librarian Joan Piccolo, and music teacher Mr. Smith. At Forest Grove, art teacher Bill Gangi encouraged her artistic passions and modeled what it meant to be a practicing artist. When awarded

the state-level Gold Key Award, the recognition buoyed her self-perception as an artist, and it helped clarify that this was her calling. At Doherty, art teachers Yogi Tsang and Anthony Trippi cultivated a community of young artists who were encouraged to expand and deepen their commitment to art. The art academy-like experience was all the more remarkable amidst the depredations of Proposition 2-1/2 that cut art programs to the bone. She is deeply grateful for the dedicated teachers and remarkable cohort of fellow students that challenged and supported her throughout her formative 12 years in the Worcester Public Schools.

She earned her BFA at Boston University, graduating Magna Cum Laude and awarded the inaugural Kahn Career Entry Award, followed by an MFA at the home of California conceptualism and the Feminist Art Program, the California Institute of the Arts. She continued to develop her art through the lens of critical theories as a fellow at the Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program in New York City. After teaching at the Rhode Island School of Design and Brown University, she was appointed to the tenure track at Occidental College, where she is currently Professor of Photography, Sculpture and Interdisciplinary Arts. In 2021, Occidental College presented her with the Graham L. Sterling Memorial Award for distinguished professional achievement, teaching and service.

Named “an inspiring force” in 2020 Los Angeles art, her work is in the permanent collections of The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens; the Hammer Museum’s Grunwald Center Collection; the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Light Work of New York; the New York Public Library; and the Nevada Museum of Art’s Center for Art + Environment and the Wellcome Collection in London. She was awarded the prestigious City of Los Angeles Individual Artist Fellowship.

In 2015, she created the PPE Portrait Project in response to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, a social practice art project that is now supporting COVID care at UMass Memorial Medical Center, and scores of hospitals across the globe. Her work has garnered reviews in The Times (London), The New York Times, the LA Times, Smithsonian Magazine, and Hyperallergic, and featured on NPR, CNN, The Rachel Maddow Show and international features in Beijing, Tokyo and London.



Dmitry Kustanovich
Performing Artist
Doherty Memorial High School

Dmitry Kustanovich immigrated to the U.S. to Worcester at age 5 from St. Petersburg, Russia. Summers at the Greenwood Music Camp in Cummington, MA and participation in Alexander

Schneider's New York String Seminar propelled him into a career in music. After graduating from Doherty Memorial High school, he completed violin studies at the New England Conservatory and Manhattan School of Music. He then attended the Curtis Institute of Music working with Joseph de Pasquale, former principal violinist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Philadelphia Orchestra.

Dmitry joined the Fort Worth Orchestra in 2005. He has also performed with the Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Seattle Symphony Orchestras and has toured the U.S. and Europe working with many of the world's greatest conductors.

In his spare time, Dmitry enjoys playing chamber music with his Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra colleagues in their group Sedici Strings, road trips, hiking, cycling, baseball and chess.



Barry Levenson
Lawyer/Museum Founder & Curator
Classical High School

Barry Levenson, from the last graduating class of Classical High (1966), was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin and served as head of the Criminal Appeals Division. He argued dozens of cases at the

Wisconsin Supreme Court and even argued and won a case before the United States Supreme Court – with a jar of mustard in his pocket.

Barry began collecting jars of mustard on October 28, 1986, the morning after his beloved Red Sox lost the World Series. Depressed and unable to sleep, he drove to an all-night supermarket to search for the meaning of life. There in the condiment aisle he heard a voice coming from the mustards: "If you collect us, they will come."

He did and they have. Barry eventually quit his job and founded

what is now the nonprofit National Mustard Museum in Middleton, Wisconsin. He curates the world's largest collection of mustards and mustard memorabilia.

In addition to his mustardy duties, Barry has written several books, including *The Seventh Game* (about the first 35 seventh games of the World Series) and *Habeas Codfish* (about food law). He also teaches food law at the University of Wisconsin Law School and lectures on food law around the country.

He is active in the local theater community, and wrote *No One Goes to Hell for the Food*, a full-length play that ran for nine performances at Madison's famous Bartell Theater.



Stacey Luster
Education Professional/Lawyer
South High School

Stacey Luster, J.D. is a 3rd generation Worcesterite, who secured her place in Worcester's history by becoming the only African-American woman to be elected to the Worcester City Council.

Stacey is a proud graduate of the Worcester Public Schools, who went on to graduate from St. John's University in New York, Boston University School of Law and is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Stacey has given back to the community in many volunteer capacities, including responding to community needs by becoming the Co-Founder of Black Families Together and the Black Excellence Academy. Stacey has also served on the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, the Worcester Business Development Corporation, YWCA of Central Massachusetts, the Worcester Art Museum, Fallon Community Health Plan, Greater Worcester Community Foundation and Board of Trustees Chairperson for Quinsigamond Community College. Presently, Stacey is serving as a Board Member of Ascentria Care Alliance, Director of Country Bank and the President of the Board of Trustees for Mechanics Hall.

Stacey is a consummate public servant, who has dedicated her professional life to public education, through leadership positions at the executive level of the Worcester Public School, Quinsigamond Community College and currently in her role as General Counsel/Assistant to the President at Worcester State University.



Timothy MacDonald
Health & Wellness Manager
Burncoat High School

Tim MacDonald is owner and president of his family's business, Worcester Fitness, in Worcester. Born and raised in Worcester, Tim attended public schools: Greendale and Clark Street Elementary Schools, as well as Burncoat Middle and High School, graduating in 1994. Following his graduation

from UMass Amherst in 1998 with a degree in Sports Management, he returned to Worcester and after working briefly at a local insurance company, began working at his family's business.

Since joining in the early 2000's, Tim and his family have continued to grow their business and strengthen their commitment to the community. They offer sponsorship to community charitable road races, local fundraisers, the Worcester Public Schools Mini Olympics, Worcester Boy's and Girl's Club and are annual supporters of Hanover Theater for the Performing Arts.

Tim has become an extremely successful and generous part of the Worcester Community and has focused his efforts in our city. He has a reputation as being the best part of Worcester has to offer because of his roots and support in the city. Tim resides in the area with his wife and daughter.



Walter Shea
Business Leader/Community Activist
North High School

Walter J. Shea was a 1965 graduate of North High School who went on to attend Quinsigamond Community College and Worcester State University and is also a veteran of the United States National Guard.

Walter has been an outstanding example of a community activist whose resume indicates what an extraordinary leader and advocate he has been for many not-for-profit organizations throughout the

Worcester area. His community service includes the Worcester City Council, longtime member and current Chair of the Worcester License Commission, Ancient Order of Hibernians fundraising chair, American Cancer Society fundraising chair, Director Mass chapter for Cystic Fibrosis, Worcester Parks Football League founder and first director, Emerald Club Board of Directors, the Hanover Theater Board of Directors, Past Chairman – Worcester Democratic City Committee, Delegate – Massachusetts Democratic State Convention, Board of Directors Worcester Welfare Community Board, Board of Directors Neighborhood Improvement Program, Chairman: Bishops Fund Diocese of Worcester and Member – Pope John 23rd, Knights of Columbus.

He worked for many years in former Congressman Joe Early's office, served on the Worcester City Council and has served on the License Commission where he still presides as Chair. Walter is also currently the Vice President at O'Brien and Gibbons Insurance Agency 1992-present.



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Public Schools (W.P.S). Our long-standing and revered partnership with W.P.S. highlights the type of collaboration that works toward mutually shared academic, civic, cultural goals.

Through community-based service learning, academic research, S.P.U.D. volunteering, internships, community service work-study, tutoring, and mentoring, Holy Cross faculty, staff, and especially students engage with schools in classrooms across the city. Holy Cross' Teacher Education Program provides more avenues to engage, as does the Arts Transcending Borders programming and Scholarship in Action grants, and Athletics events and outreach. Students also find ways to serve W.P.S. youth by volunteering in after school tutoring and recreational programming offered by nonprofit agencies. Pre-pandemic, Holy Cross students committed to over 70,000 volunteer hours in Worcester area schools and agencies during the school year.

The College has a strong tradition of supporting the Worcester community by contributing through sponsorships, in-kind donations, in addition to its service and volunteering efforts. We are particularly grateful for opportunities to support academic and educational efforts aligned with our mission. Last year, the College awarded more than a million dollars in scholarships to seventy Worcester residents. Annually we donate eighty thousand dollars to support Libby, the Worcester Public Library's mobile library, to serve the Worcester community. In addition, through donations, drives, and sponsorships, we help organizations whose work is critical to addressing and correcting social, health, and racial inequities to improve the lives of our youth.

The College of the Holy Cross is proud of our commitment to the Worcester Public Schools and our relationship with its administration, faculty, staff, and students. We are also honored to have a long-standing partnership with the Worcester Educational Development Foundation and its efforts to recognize the tremendous achievements of Worcester Public Schools and its alumni.

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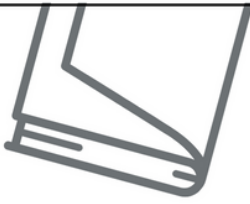
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The Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc. (WEDF) is here for the children of Worcester.

Established in 2005, our mission is to support the programs and initiatives of the Worcester Public Schools as its administrators and teachers work to ensure that every student has a strong educational foundation and is ready for post-secondary education and the world of work and citizenry.

This year, WEDF continues to focus on four key areas: Arts & Culture; Health & Wellness; College & Career Readiness; and STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics). Through the generosity of local foundations, 22,000 students will engage with cultural institutions through classroom preparation followed by grade-level field trips. Coats for Kids will distribute warm winter outerwear to 3,000 students; AVID, funded by Hanover Insurance, will begin preparing students for high level courses beginning in elementary school; memorial scholarships will be distributed; and WEDF will offer mini-grants for classroom teachers and district personnel. A new program, Connected Scholars, will provide computer scholarships to 100 college-bound graduates.

WEDF depends on a caring community to carry out our mission. To grow and enhance support for the Worcester Public Schools, WEDF has launched "Worcester Alumni & Friends", a network for alumni and supporters of the Worcester Public Schools. Learn more and join at www.worcesteralumni.org.

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