

P.A.S.D. ANNOUNCES WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

THE PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT **MS. PATRICE D. BANKS** AND **MR. ROBERT B. MORRISON** WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WALL OF FAME. CEREMONIES ARE SLATED FOR MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM LOBBY STARTING AT 7:00 PM.

MS. BANKS WAS BORN IN NORRISTOWN, RAISED IN PHOENIXVILLE PA, AND WAS A 1998 GRADUATE OF PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL. MS. BANKS IS ALSO A GRADUATE OF LEHIGH UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2002 WITH A DEGREE IN MATERIAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.

AFTER WORKING FOR DUPONT FOR A DECADE, MS. BANKS MADE A CAREER CHANGE AND ATTENDED DELAWARE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE EARNING A DEGREE IN AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY.

IN 2013 MS. BANKS BECAME PASSIONATE ABOUT EMPOWERING HERSELF AND OTHER WOMEN TO INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AUTOMOBILE REPAIR WITH FREE CAR CARE WORKSHOPS TO LEARN THE BASICS OF CAR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE. IN 2017 MS. BANKS OPENED GIRLS CLINIC REPAIR CENTER IN UPPER DARBY PA. THIS IS A FULL SERVICE REPAIR GARAGE WITH WOMEN MECHANICS AND A NAIL SALON.

MR. MORRISON WAS BORN IN OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, WAS RAISED IN KIMBERTON PA, AND A 1979 GRADUATE OF PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL. MR. MORRISON ATTENDED MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS EARNING A MUSIC MAJOR PERCUSSION DEGREE. HE HAS ALSO EARNED AN HONARY DOCTORATE FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

AFTER COLLEGE MR. MORRISON WORKED FOR THE PEARL CORPORATION WHICH DEVELOPED THE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES LINE OF MARCHING PERCUSSION SNARE DRUMS. HE ALSO WORKED FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUSIC MERCHANTS, OVERSAW THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION, AND IN 1995 WORKED ON THE FILM, MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS. LATER HE HELPED ESTABLISH THE MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION.

IN 1998 MR. MORRISON WORKED FOR MTV AND BECAME CEO OF THE VH1 SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION. IN 2003 MR. MORRISON CREATED THE MUSIC FOR ALL FOUNDATION WHICH EXPANDS MUSIC EDUCATION NATIONWIDE.

DURING HIS CAREER MR. MORRISON HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED WITH A PRIME TIME EMMY AWARD, PEABODY AWARD, GRAMMY RECOGNITION AND THE NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN ARTS AND EDUCATION.

PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO JOIN US IN HONORING MS. BANKS AND MR. MORRISON. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, A RECEPTION HONORING THE INDUCTEES WILL BE HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.