



September 15, 2015

Dear Prospective Nominator:

The Alexandria African-American Hall of Fame Project (AAAHOFP) is seeking to honor five (5) African-American women who have made significant contributions to the Alexandria African-American community. These women will be recognized for their efforts at our inaugural **"Phenomenal Black Women"** program on **February 27, 2016** at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Avenue, Alexandria, VA. We are inviting the public to submit nominations of black women who meet the attached criteria by **October 15, 2015**. The goals of this effort are to:

- honor the achievements of these women;
- document the contributions of black women to the Alexandria community, or past, present and future generations; and,
- foster appreciation for the diversity of the African-American experience in the City of Alexandria.

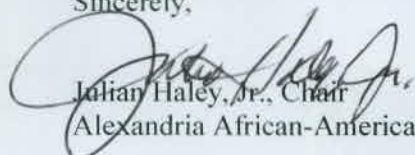
The AAAHOFP is dedicated to researching and preserving the intellectual and visual property of pioneers who illuminated the paths for future generations in Alexandria, VA. Given its historical significance, the committee determined that the Charles Houston Recreation Center, located on the site of the old Parker-Gray School, was an appropriate site to honor and recognize outstanding individuals who contributed to the betterment of the Alexandria African-American community.

The Committee's first phase of work led to renaming the Charles Houston Recreation Center gymnasium after Coach Louis Johnson and Mr. Morris Siebert, two individuals who made outstanding contributions to the youth of Alexandria. In addition, the Committee led a successful campaign to rename the Center's swimming pool to the Memorial Pool in honor of nine (9) African-American youth who drowned while swimming in the Potomac River because they were prohibited from utilizing the Alexandria Municipal Pool, a "whites only" pool prior to integration.

The second phase was to permanently display a mural and Hall of Fame to showcase the accomplishments and contributions that 64 individuals made to local and national history despite strong adversity with dignity and whose characteristics of perseverance, commitment, and dedication to being positive role models left an indelible mark in the African-American community.

The Phenomenal Black Women program is the next phase of our continuing work to preserve the history and highlight the contributions of Alexandria's African-American community. The Phenomenal Black Women AdHoc Committee is counting on you to support our efforts to bring recognition to the contributions of black women in the City of Alexandria by nominating a "Phenomenal Woman" who meets our stated criteria. Do not hesitate to contact Julian Haley, Jr., Chair at (571) 217-9951 if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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