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## PGCPS Express: Distance Learning, Hall of Fame Gala, 2021-22 Principal Postings

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### Get the Scoop

#### CEO Dr. Goldson to Host Distance Learning Town Hall

CEO Dr. Monica Goldson will host a Distance Learning Tele Town Hall on **Thursday, Nov. 5 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** as another step toward providing families with information to help make the best decisions for their children.

Last month, students and families were [surveyed](#) about their distance learning experiences, returning to in-person instruction, technology usage, and communication preferences amid the ongoing pandemic. Sixty-eight percent of parents expressed discomfort with allowing their child to return in the spring at this time.

#### COVID-19 Screening Protocol for Employees

In a continuing effort to manage the effects of COVID-19, employees must conduct a daily health check before entering the workplace. If you exhibit any of the following symptoms or conditions, please notify your supervisor, seek medical guidance and do not report to work:

- new fever or sense of having a fever;
- new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills or sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition;
- new loss of taste or smell;
- positive test for COVID-19 with recent days;
- close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19; and/or

- international travel within the last 14 days.

## Introducing the 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees



The Excellence in Education Foundation will induct eight distinguished honorees this week into the 2020 PGCPs Hall of Fame.

The honorees are **Abby Phillip**, Distinguished Young Leader (Bowie High School Class of 2006); **Congressman Steny Hoyer**, Distinguished Public Servant (Suitland High School Class of 2005); **Sam Brin**, Distinguished Humanitarian (Eleanor Roosevelt High School Class of 1979); **Martin Lawrence**, Distinguished Professional (Eleanor Roosevelt High School Class of 1984); **Louis Wilson**, Distinguished Athlete (Frederick Douglass High School Class of 1977); **Richard Arnold**, Distinguished Professional (Bowie High School Class of 1981); and **Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms**, Distinguished Educator.

The [PGCPS Hall of Fame Gala](#) will air Friday, Nov. 6 on WJLA 24 Hour News at 7 p.m. and re-air on Sunday, Nov. 8 on ABC7 at noon.

To date, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to over 300 deserving students. Proceeds from the gala will allow us to expand scholarships and enhance academic programming.

### Support Our Student-Artists

Support PGCPs student artists and participate in the Student Art Silent Auction. The silent auction will begin on Nov. 2 and end on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. In order to participate in the silent auction, you must [register](#) prior to placing a bid.

### Thank You, Sponsors!

The Hall of Fame Gala would not be possible without the contributions and commitment of many businesses, individuals and groups. Gilbane Building Company is the Hall of Fame title sponsor.



Top Photo: Whitehall Elementary School Principal Cynthia Farmer and staff celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

## In the Spotlight

### PGCPS Pride

**Brigid Prufer**, Adapted Physical Education teacher at Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center, has received the Simon McNeely Award through [SHAPE Maryland](#). She will be honored at the SHAPE Maryland Awards Virtual Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 13.



## #TeacherTuesday: Sharing Distance Learning Tips



Whitehall Elementary School teacher April Shawyer [makes music fun by engaging students in a "musical mission" with a spy theme!](#) Shawyer uses videos to introduce each week's lesson with "clues" about what students will learn.

**Nominate a colleague** who makes you #PGCPSproud by sending their name, office/school, photo and a brief description (100 words or less) to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org). Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

## Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

### #HealthyPGCPS: November Activities



November is **National Diabetes Month**. Join these upcoming Wellness Webinars with CareFirst and Kaiser Permanente:

- **Nov. 4 — Managing Sugar Cravings**
- **Nov. 18 — African American Health Issues**

The webinars will begin at 4 p.m. Details are available on the [Employee Wellness Program](#) webpage. For more information, please contact [wellness.benefits@pgcps.org](mailto:wellness.benefits@pgcps.org).

## Announcements

### Principal Positions for 2021-22 School Year

The 2021-22 principal posting are open through Friday, Jan. 15. All qualified candidates are encouraged to [apply](#).

### Workshop: How To Teach Critical Thinking

The [Paris-based Reboot Foundation](#) will host a webinar on How To Teach Critical Thinking: The Ultimate Guide. The guide will be available for free during a webinar on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. and feature two National State Teachers of The Year. [Register now](#).

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Moving Forward with School Construction

The Prince George's County Board of Education recently [voted to approve](#) Prince George's County Education & Community Partners as the preferred builder for the Alternative Construction Finance (ACF) plan to build **six new schools**. This decision follows the recommendation of CEO Dr. Monica Goldson to select the developer as the next step in

addressing the school system's aging school buildings through an innovative construction program.

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