

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS IMPACTFUL HONOREES IN THE COUNTY

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Eleven, (11) outstanding trailblazers were honored for setting aspiring standards of **Black Excellence in Prince William County**. The Honorable Andrea O. Bailey, Supervisor of Potomac District held an indelible program Celebrating Black History in Prince William County on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, to honor trailblazers who continue to make extraordinary impacts on the lives of many constituents in the County. Supervisor Bailey's prime reasons for implementing such a program of this magnitude was to recognize the amazing trailblazers, celebrate the Black history, commemorate the heritage and accomplishments. We celebrate the African American pride as being an integral part of African culture to American history.

## TRAILBLAZERS IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

According to Supervisor Bailey, we live in a time when remembering the past to survive today and the future is crucial in daily survival. The home training of saying, **"excuse me, thank you, may I please have, I am sorry"** are all passe, but *needs to trend again for respect, humility, and integrity to get through difficult and uncertain times*. It is organizations and pure leadership that sustains our communities and our culture to pass on a strong legacy of history, tradition, and sustainability. We thank you Trailblazers for continually not letting us forget where we have come from. I welcome you today and honor you for your diligent, strong, collaborative challenging work for our county to keep us in the forefront, no matter what!

Supervisor Bailey presented accommodations to eleven individuals or organizations. They were as follows: Mrs. JoAnn Bagnerise, Mrs. Gwendolyn Washington, Dumfries, Town Council, Mr. Curtis Porter, Chair, Human Rights Commission (PWC), Dr. George M. Hampton, Middle School Named in His Honor, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity/The Boule' Mr. Roderick French, President, PWC NAACP Mr. Cozy Bailey, President, National Congress of Black Women, Ms. Patricia Jackson, Chair, Women In Community Action, Inc. (WICA), Mrs. Cynthia R. Brown, The Links, Incorporated, Dr. Anita Young, President, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., /Prince William County Chapter, Inc. Dr. Alice H. Howard, 1st VP of Programs, and Top Ladies of Distinction, Ms. Karen Cherry, President.

In conclusion, Mr. Elijah Johnson, Acting County Executive, Prince William County brought words of wisdom and thanked each recipient for their arduous work, diligence and efforts performed in the communities and to further apprise us that our groundwork has just begun. Your steadfast works had not gone unnoticed and we applaud your astute expertise to help your fellowman.

Immediately following was a reception for the awardees and guests.  
Written and Approved by Supervisor Andrea O. Bailey Potomac District.



Supervisor Andrea O. Bailey Welcomes the Trailblazers and Guests.



Featured are the awardees and Supervisor Bailey.



A Pillar in our Community, Dr. George M. Hampton Deserves this Outstanding Recognition for his contributions to so many in our community.



Supervisor Bailey Presents this Award to Mrs. Gwendolyn Washington. Receiving the award is her son, Mr. Troy Washington.



Black History, the Cornerstone in African American History depicting our Ancestry trailblazers and these Honorees have made us proud in Prince William County. What a remarkable event and a salute to our Outstanding Pillars in the Community.



Mr. Cozy Bailey, Supervisor Bailey, Mrs. JoAnn Bagnerise, and Mr. Elijah Johnson are the Awardees featured in this photo.