



## **PGAHC Board Leadership Ready for 2018-19**

### *Meet New Chair Tomeka C. Bumbry*

A remarkable new team of leaders now step into position at PGAHC. Elected to office in June, they include Tomeka C. Bumbry, Chair; Petrella Robinson, Vice Chair, Konrad Herling, Treasurer and Ronald Wilson, Secretary

Tomeka Caldwell Bumbry views Prince George's through a variety of lenses---which lends to her leadership strengths for PGAHC. She is the Chief of Staff to Prince George's County Councilmember Todd Turner (D-Dist. 4) and has an extensive career in local and regional politics. Bumbry is also First Lady of Le Detroit Baptist Church and as such holds numerous positions and relationships within the church and the faith community. The Upper Marlboro resident has been a member of the PGAHC board and looks forward to bringing her experience in politics, business, faith and the arts to bear in her upcoming work as chair.

"I'm very excited about the direction of our board," Bumbry says. "My inspiration comes from a passion that my parents instilled in me. My desire in becoming chair was in looking at the work we have done for the past five years and seeing how I can use my leadership to step up to take the organization to another level. So, I think with our current board members, working with our new staff and our Executive Director Rhonda Dallas, we can really make a difference in this county."

Bumbry is a graduate of Troy State University. She completed advanced studies in public policy at Clark Atlanta University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and is a member and past president of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., National Harbor (MD) Chapter.

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## **PGAHC Hosts Reception for Arts Grants Recipients**

FY2018 PGAHC grant recipients came together to share and celebrate at a quaint PGAHC reception in June. Held at Hyattsville's Art Works Now, PGAHC hosted the occasion on a perfect Saturday afternoon to give artists a chance to connect with one another and bond around the challenges - and joys - of getting funded.

The event was attended by over 25 guests.

It was a great opportunity to enjoy the results of PGAHC in action---aiding artists in obtaining funding for their work.

Pizzeria Paradiso, a great cultural partner and ally of the arts community, provided delicious, authentic wood-fired pizza and refreshments.





## PGAHC Board Vice Chair Graces **ESSENCE** Magazine

*Essence* magazine has a long tradition of celebrating and spotlighting strong, positive African American women. The editors extended that great work to include North Brentwood Mayor Petrella Robinson, a Prince Georgian resident and the newly elected PGAHC Board Vice Chair.

The May 2018 edition features a spread on the "Woke 100 Black Women" and Mayor Robinson is photographed prominently among women from around the nation.

On the benefit of having a strong network of Black women mayors, Robinson said to *Essence*: "We've always been strong, and we're getting stronger. We can make a powerful change like our ancestors did. The more women who come out and do what they're doing, the more we can keep our families together."



# PGATI Successfully Connects Teacher Learning With The Arts

PGAHC partnered with the Prince George's County Public Schools' Arts Integration Office and Bowie State University, to host the 2018 Prince George's Artist Teacher Institute (PGATI) at BSU July 9-12. Over one hundred teachers gained the skills necessary to integrate the arts - music, theater, dance, visual arts and media - into all academic content areas. This is the third year the community arts panel was held at BSU.

PGATI assembled classroom teachers, art specialists, teaching artists and arts integration professionals in a four-day professional development environment. The gathering was intended to establish a community of educators prepared to integrate the arts and build AI instructional capacity at the 93 schools that are now in the program. Teachers have mastered arts integration, artistic approaches and explored many creative processes as well as shared lesson plans that will sustain these important skills in their instruction throughout the year. PGAHC also hosted a panel at PGATI that highlighted the artists in residency (AIR) at PGCPS schools. This training experience will ensure Arts Integration best practices will continue to connect schools with the local arts community throughout the year.

## Art in the Park Night

On May 5th, PGAHC and the Bowie Baysox came together for a diverse art experience that focused on writing and literacy entitled **Read A Book Night**. In conjunction with the artists of LW Arts & Design, fans participated in arts and humanities events throughout the game. The evening included a meet and greet with youth authors and an auction on baseballs decorated by the Baysox players to support the PGAHC.







National Night Out was a cultural success as much as it was a community winner. Leaders such as Angela Alsobrooks (second from right) participated along with artist/photographer Luther Wright (far left), creator of the community art painting experience, giving the occasion added community value - and a bunch of fun.

## PGAHC Lights Up National Night Out with the Arts

The traditional National Night Out got a cultural boost this year with the participation of PGAHC on August 1. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.





Angela Alsobrooks Enjoys Community Painting

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## **PGAHC Board Member Yolanda Muckle Named To Wall Of Fame At Beltway Plaza Mall**

For their extraordinary work in contributing to the Greenbelt community and the region, Craig and Yolanda Muckle will be inducted to the Beltway Plaza Mall's Wall of Fame in November.

Yolanda Muckle is a PGAHC board member. Her work with the board has helped navigate it to becoming a transformational organization impacting arts and culture in the county. She



is also chair of the Prince George's Association of Realtors and one of Long & Foster's best performing realtors.

The Wall of Fame honor is well deserved as this generation of county professionals leaves powerful, positive impressions on Prince Georgians that will be felt for years to come. Congratulations!

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## Forest Heights: A Day For Family And The Arts

The picture-perfect August 4 afternoon had it all: everything from painting to laser tag, live music to full court basketball.

PGAHC partnered with the city of Forest Heights to add to the festivities and to provide information on the PGAHC's work to support and promote the arts in Prince George's. In spite of the over 90-degree heat, nearly 200 guests, tourists and families joined the *Forest Heights Annual Fun Day and Food Festival*.

Local talent and leaders gave the event additional vibrancy and edge. Vocalists and rappers with original material burned up the mics and kept audiences moving.



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