



Deputy Superintendent: Dr. Stacey Wilson-Norman

Breakfast with DPS Deputy Superintendent Wilson-Norman

Mount Vernon Baptist Church hosted a "Breakfast Conversation for Youth and Parents" with Durham Public School (DPS) Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stacey Wilson-Norman during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 am. About forty students and parents were provided information on Durham Public School "The Right Choice for Educating Your Children." Wilson-Norman highlighted the diverse academic offerings and the quality dedicated administrators and teachers who support the district's belief that all children can learn and succeed. Students and parents played lingo by matching the district's informational facts and winning prizes. According to Kayla Miles, a eighth grade student at Rogers Herr Middle School, "I really had fun and learned some interesting things that I was not aware about DPS." One of the parents and also a grandmother, Geraldine Young remarked "we are fortunate to have a strong school system in Durham."

The conversation ended at 10:15 am. Deputy Superintendent Wilson-Norman joined the congregation in the 11 am worship service.

George Faison, Broadway's First African American to Win a Tony Award for Best Choreography, to Appear at Hillside's Opening Night Gala of THE WIZ

Hillside High School will honor the legendary Broadway choreographer Dr. George Faison at its opening night gala of its production of "The Wiz" on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m.

Faison is a celebrated producer, writer, composer, director, choreographer and dancer. He made history in 1975 when he became the first African American to win a Tony Award for Best Choreography for "The Wiz." He began his career as a principal dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre. His Broadway career began with the musical "Purlie." After leaving the Ailey Company he formed his own company, the George Faison Universal Dance Experience. He has also choreographed and staged concerts for musical greats including Ashford and Simpson, Roberta Flack, Stevie Wonder, Earth, Wind and Fire, Dionne Warwick, Stephanie Mills and many more.

Faison accepted an invitation to visit Hillside given by Drama Director Wendell Tabb as part of his "Celebrities in the Classroom" program. The program is committed to inspiring a high level of artistry by connecting young people with artists who have paved the way and are eager to share their knowledge of the business with high school students in the arts. "I am elated that Dr. Faison will visit Hillside to share his expertise and experiences with our students", said Hillside Principal Dr. William Logan. "Mr. Tabb's 'Celebrities in the Classroom' program has connected artists with our students and encouraged them to pursue their dreams of performing at the collegiate and professional levels."

Dr. Faison will work with Hillside Drama students on Thursday, Nov. 3, in preparation for their opening of The Wiz. He will also be honored with the annual Trailblazer Award In The Arts during the Opening Night Gala Celebration.

In 2000 Faison and co-founder Tad Schnugg established The Faison Firehouse Theater, a 130-seat full service, digitally advanced performing arts and culture center. He also created The Firehouse Respect Project, a youth empowerment troupe for community outreach that continues today. Dr. Faison has recently directed and choreographed "The Wiz 40th Anniversary Celebration."



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Hillside will also present its Distinguished Theatre Alumnus Award to Ms. Veronique McCrae, founder and executive director of The 1:10 Project, a non-profit arts collective consisting of Act Trinity Creative Arts Services, V. Lash Productions and The 1:10 Project (originally established as Act Trinity Performing Arts Company in 2005). The Community Ambassador Award will be given to the Hillside High School National Alumni Association for their unwavering support of the Hillside High School Theatre Program.

The gala event for "The Wiz" will take place on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. Other show times for "The Wiz" are Saturday, Nov. 5, at 3:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3:15 p.m. For tickets and more information contact Hillside High School at (919) 560-3925 ext. 25240 or order online at www.seatyourself.biz/hillside.



The Community Health Coalition would like to announce that Michelle Laws, PhD is working at the Coalition as our first Community and Population Health Fellow. Michelle Laws recently received her PhD in Social and Behavioral Sciences from Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Medicine in the

Department of Health Policy and Behavior. Michelle is a longtime women and human rights activist who has combined her civic engagement work with her education and professional experience to help reduce health disparities and improve health equity for African American and poor communities. "We are proud to have her on board working closely with us in this fight to improve the quality of life and overall well-being of African Americans and other medically marginalized populations in our service area," says Elaine Hart Brothers, MD, MPH, and the director and co-founder of the Community Health Coalition. Michelle focuses much of her efforts on resource development, health education and promotion design and delivery with expertise in cultural tailoring. Her research areas include hypertension self-management, cardiovascular disease prevention and women's health. She has superior skills in program evaluation and qualitative research methods. If you are interested in working with Michelle or contracting her services through our office, send email to health-coali@gmail.com or call at (919) 470-8680.

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