

About the IMPACT Awards

The George Washington Black Alumni Association (GWBAA) IMPACT Award is the highest form of recognition bestowed on distinguished Black alumni by the GWBAA Executive Committee. Each year, the GWBAA celebrates three Black alumni during the awards program, which occurs during Alumni Weekend. Through professional endeavors and community engagement, IMPACT Award recipients have made indelible contributions to their alma mater, their local communities, and society at large.

Alumni selected for the IMPACT Award come from diverse personal and professional backgrounds, exerting influence and providing support in a wide range of areas including research studies and publications, leadership development, education, academic achievement, community service, and the arts. IMPACT Award recipients are positive examples to current students, and remind fellow alumni of the shared responsibility that we all have to ensure the continued vitality of the university.

The GWBAA Executive Committee heartily commends the recipients of the IMPACT Award. We extend our most sincere thanks for their extraordinary work and the equally extraordinary manner in which they represent alumni of the George Washington University.



Program

5:00 pm Welcome Reception

5:30 pm Opening Remarks

Christian A. Washington, CCAS BA '06, LAW JD '09
GWBAA Chair
Dr. Steven Knapp, President,
The George Washington University

5:45 pm Presentation of Honorees

Fadesola Adetosoye, CCAS BS '08, GWSPH MS '10
GWBAA Vice-Chair

- 2015 IMPACT Award Recipients
- Special Recognition
- Recognition of Emerging Impact Recipients

6:25 pm Closing Comments

Christian A. Washington

6:30 pm Networking Reception

Dessert is served

7:00 pm Program concludes

The GWBAA Executive Board extends its sincerest thanks to President Steven Knapp, the Office of Alumni Relations, University Faculty & Staff, and all of our fellow Black alumni for your continuing support of the organization and our efforts.

2015 Award Recipients



Will Alexander, SEAS BS '04, GWSB MBA '06

Will Alexander is a 2000 graduate of The School Without Walls. Upon graduation, he was awarded the Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Scholarship to attend the George Washington University and pursue studies in Mechanical Engineering. As a student, he joined the GW Cheerleading team, was active in the National Society of Black Engineers and joined the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. amongst a host of other extracurricular activities. In 2004, he was awarded a Presidential Administrative Fellowship to continue graduate studies at GW, this time pursuing an MBA with a concentration in Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

After graduating in 2006, Will began a career in construction management and joined Turner Construction as an engineer in their Special Projects/ Interiors division. In 2012, Will joined the staff of Foulger-Pratt Contracting, LLC having worked as both superintendent and project manager on his assigned projects. In 2014, he was offered a position as senior associate with JM Zell Partners, Ltd., a boutique real estate consulting firm located in Georgetown. He now holds real estate salesperson licenses in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

Will has maintained his connections to campus by frequently volunteering to speak to student groups on topics of professional development, guest lecturing within the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences on topics of sustainability and industry trends, and participating as a judge for the MBA case competition held by the School of Business. He has previously served as the chairman of the Engineering Alumni Association with a dual appointment to SEAS' National Advisory Council.

Will and his wife, who is a GW alumna, reside in Ft. Washington, MD with their young son.



The Honorable Lee F. Satterfield, LAW JD '83

In 1992, Judge Satterfield was appointed an associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, which is a general jurisdiction court. Currently, he is the Chief Judge of the Superior Court. He also is a member of the District of Columbia Courts Joint Committee on

Judicial Administration which is the governing committee for the DC Courts. He has served as the Presiding Judge of the Family Court of the Superior Court and Presiding Judge of the Domestic Violence Unit. He also has served as a Drug Court judge and in the Criminal and Civil Divisions of the Superior Court. He is a member of the Steering Committee of the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence, serves on the Board of the National Center for State Courts, and is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.



Dr. Lindsay Marsh Warren, CCAS BA '98, SMHS MD '02

Dr. Lindsay Marsh Warren attended the George Washington University for undergraduate, medical school, and residency training, specializing in anesthesiology. Dr. Warren is currently a staff anesthesiologist practicing with Aisthesis Partners in Anesthesia.

As a sophomore at GW, Dr. Warren was chosen as an Early Selection Honoree for the School of Medicine. As a junior, Dr. Warren co-founded "Word Up," a student-led outreach that provides a spiritual and social support system for its members through weekly sessions and gatherings. She received an Excellence in Student Life Award for her student leadership. After her senior year she was ordained as a minister.

In 2006, Dr. Warren founded the Worth The Wait Revolution (WTWR), an abstinence movement that is the counter-culture to the "sexploitation" of our day. WTWR has hosted galas, runway events, and more to promote the theme of 'sexual purity with contemporary style and urban class' over the years.

Dr. Warren has published three books: *The Best Sex of My Life: A Guide To Purity*; *The Best Sex of My Life: Confessions of A Sexual Purity Revolution*; and a children's book, *I Am Worth The Wait*. She has been featured on CNN's Young People Who Rock, BET's Lift Every Voice, NPR's Tell Me More with Michelle Martin, and in The Washington Post.

In 2010, Dr. Warren married her husband, Gareth P. Warren. Gareth and Lindsay are the happy parents of their beautiful daughters, Grace and Charis.

Special Recognition



Rear Admiral Fernandez L. Ponds, GWSB MS '03

Rear Admiral Ponds, a native of Alabama, earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Alabama and received his commission from Officer Candidate School in June 1983. Ponds holds a Master of Science degree in Information Systems Technology from GW, a Master of Science degree in Military Studies from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College, National Defense University.

Ponds has commanded numerous high-level units during his naval career. His shore assignments include various leadership roles, including serving as senior fellow on the 2010 CNO Strategic Studies Group; and Commander Navy Region Hawaii, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Ponds assumed his current duties as Special Assistant, Commander Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet on June 29, 2015. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four), Meritorious Service Medal (five), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three) and various service and campaign awards. He is also an Honorary Chief Petty Officer, a 'special' honor bestowed on a select few for sustained superior engagement with, and contributions to, the collective U.S. Navy CPO community and enlisted force.

In 2013, Ponds was awarded the GWBAA IMPACT Award while assigned as Commander, Region Hawaii/ Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific for his performance, contributions, and impact within the local community and across the whole of government in implementing and advancing security, energy, environmental, historical and educational initiatives throughout Hawaii.

Past Recipients

2006

Lamar Thorpe, CCAS BA '07, MA '09
Abby Charles, CCAS BS '04, SPHHS MPH '06
Monica Monroe, LAW JD '98

2008

Jeanette Michael, LAW JD '75 (Washington, DC)
Dr. Jeff Gardere, CCAS PhD '84 (NY/NJ)
Judge Darrin Gayles, LAW JD '93 (South Florida)
Distinguished Recognition: Kerry Washington, CCAS BA '98

2009

Helen Cannaday Saulny, GSEHD MA '88
Relinda Loiusy, LAW LLM '95
Bonika Renee Wilson, GSEHD MA '05

2010

Dr. Daniel B. Fagbuyi, CCAS BS '95, SMHS MD '99
Vincent C. Gray, CCAS BA '64
Joseph R. Rogers, Jr., CCAS BA '99

2011

McClain Elizabeth Bryant, LAW JD '07
David Burt, GWSB BBA '01, MS '03
Omar Woodard, ESIA BA '05, CCAS MPA '07

2012

Tyrone R. Aiken, GWSB MS '02
Tina A. Arrington, CCAS BA '93
Kyle Farmbry, ESIA BA '92, GWSB MPA '94, PhD '99

2013

Rear Admiral Fernandez L. Ponds, GWSB MS '03
Dr. Pierre N. D. Vigilance, CCAS BS '91
Brian A. Williams, Esq., LAW JD '02

2014

Darrell Norman Burrell, GWEHD CERT '06
Denise Coley, CCAS BA '73
Venessa M. Perry, CHES, GWSPH MPH '99