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Dr. Mary Lee Brady-Atkins Returns to Alma-Mater for Black History Month
Oldest Living Descendant of Sally Hemings of Monticello and Subject of Upcoming Documentary to be Inducted into Pittsburgh Westinghouse Wall of Fame

WHAT: Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS), Pittsburgh Westinghouse Academy 6-12, and Westinghouse Commission of Recognition will host a special event to honor the remarkable achievements of Dr. Mary Lee Brady-Atkins, the oldest living descendant of Sally Hemings of Monticello. In recognition of her storied career in social sciences and psychology, the 95-year-old will join the school's lengthy list of distinguished alums via a special Wall of Fame induction ceremony. Following the ceremony, Dr. Brady-Atkins will donate framed copies of the 1st and 2nd drafts of the Declaration of Independence to the school district, which Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters will be on hand to accept.

Dr. Brady-Atkins is currently the subject of a documentary in production by filmmaker Sanjay Rawal, known for documentaries on Netflix like "Food Chains" and "Gather," and Emmy award-winning film director Emmai Alaquiva, founder of Ya Momz House Inc. Alaquiva will be in attendance to moderate a Q&A with students and Dr. Brady-Atkins, bringing Black History to the forefront. This event serves to celebrate her legacy, honor her contributions, and provide an opportunity for students to engage with a distinguished alumna.

WHERE: Pittsburgh Westinghouse High School Library
1101 N. Murtland St. Pittsburgh Pa, 15208

WHEN: February 8, 2024, 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

WHY: Throughout Black History Month, schools across PPS celebrate the achievements and contributions of African Americans locally, nationally, and internationally. This event is part of the Pittsburgh Westinghouse community's ongoing commitment to honor the accomplishments of its esteemed alumni, who have made remarkable contributions to Pittsburgh and beyond. This event highlights Dr. Brady-Atkins' achievements and underscores the collective impact of individuals within our school community who are dedicated to excellence and positive change.

Members of the media are invited to attend.

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