## PROJECT'S BALTIMORE CURRICULUM PROJECT'S

# ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A BCP 5TH GRADER?

Celebrating BCP's 20th Anniversary & Founder Muriel Berkeley's 70th Birthday



April 21, 2016 6:15pm-8:30pm City Springs Elementary/Middle School

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# PROGRAM

6:15pm Doors Open/Dinner Served

7:30pm Welcoming Remarks

Laura Doherty, President, Baltimore Curriculum Project

Presentation about Dr. Muriel Berkeley

George Hess, Chairman, Baltimore Curriculum Project

Muriel Berkeley, Founder, Baltimore Curriculum Project

7:45pm Quiz Show

8:30pm Doors Close

# CONTESTANTS AND MC

Victor Abiamiri is a portfolio analyst at Brown Advisory and works with the portfolio management team to help manage the balanced accounts of their private clients. He also serves on the BCP Board of Directors. Prior to joining Brown Advisory, Victor played five seasons as Defensive End for the Philadelphia Eagles NFL team. He is a former summer intern of Brown Advisory and held additional in-



ternships at Park Lane in Los Angeles and Samuel James Limited in Baltimore. Victor grew up in Randallstown, Maryland, and graduated from the Gilman School.

**Dwight Guyton** is currently a fifth grade student at City Springs Elementary/Middle School. He has attended City Springs since Prekindergarten. Dwight has two sisters and one brother. He enjoys entertaining his younger brother and playing football. When Dwight grows up he would like to be a professional football player for the Ravens. He is grateful to be a part of *Are You Smarter Than a BCP 5th Grader*.



Selene Santos Gonzalez was born and raised in the Upper Fells Point neighborhood of Baltimore. She is eleven years old, and loves spending time with her family, cooking, reading, and playing with her dog, Dino. Wolfe Street Academy has been Selene's academic home since pre-kindergarten and she is an excellent student. In her spare time, Selene is involved with Destination Imagination and Lego Polytics with the after school program at WSA. Selene has



and Lego Robotics with the after school program at WSA. Selene has earned a scholarship to attend Bryn Mawr for middle school next year and aspires to one day graduate from Princeton University and become a veterinarian.

Robert Heck (Master of Ceremonies): A native of New York City, Robert Heck has worked in the entertainment industry for more than 30 years. His career as an actor and writer includes work in network TV shows, feature films, theater, industrial films and trade shows, as well as commercials and interactive computer presentations. In addition, he has provided creative services to many Fortune 500 compa-



nies, government agencies and industry associations. He received a B.S. in Marketing from Fordham University. In 1992 Mr. Heck joined Maryland Public Television (MPT). In an eighteen year career as an on-air host (Bob the Vid Tech), Bob received ten Capital Region Emmy Awards and a national CINE Golden Eagle Award.

Vivi Kaminaris has attended Hampstead Hill Academy since kindergarten. She is currently a member of the tennis team, ceramics club, and Hampstead Hill Players drama club. She also plays the cello. Vivi enjoys reading graphic novels and playing in a variety of sports such as lacrosse, tennis, and basketball. She enjoys spending time with her family. She is excited to have the opportunity to represent HHA.



Brooke Lierman was elected to represent Maryland's 46th Legislative District in the House of Delegates in 2014. She is an experienced civil rights attorney and community activist, and a proud resident of Fell's Point, where she lives with her husband and young son. Brooke currently works as a civil-rights attorney at the Baltimore firm of Brown Goldstein and Levy LLP and serves



on the executive board of the Fell's Point Residents Association and the board of the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance.

Dr. Gregory E. Thornton comes to Baltimore City Public Schools from Milwaukee Public Schools in Wisconsin, a district similar in size to City Schools, where he served as superintendent from July 2010 to June 2014. The Milwaukee superintendency was the latest in a series of leadership posts Dr. Thornton has held in large urban school districts, and in which he consistently has improved student achieve-



ment. He shares Baltimore's commitment to children, and his accomplishments over the years align closely with City Schools' priorities and areas of reform focus. In Baltimore, Dr. Thornton sees an opportunity to sure all students graduate positioned to succeed in college, career training, jobs, and life overall.

Jimmy Uhrin (Traffic Jam Jimmy) is the Traffic Reporter for FOX45 and he has been with the station for almost 40 years. Joining FOX45 in the production department soon after the station was launched, Jimmy also was part of the Captain Chesapeake show, starring as the popular sea monster character, "Mondy." Jimmy joined the news team in 2012. Today you'll see Jimmy traveling along local roads in the Len Stoler Mobile Trak, bringing you the latest traffic conditions as



in the Len Stoler Mobile Trak, bringing you the latest traffic conditions as he reports during the daily rush hour with Candace Dold.

Kayla Ward is a 5th grade student at Govans Elementary School. She is 11 years old. She has attended Govans since 2nd grade. Her favorite subject is mathematics. Her hobbies include reading, dancing, and drawing. She is also a member of the Govans Civic Club.

## MURIEL BERKELEY INNOVATION FUND

This evening, the Baltimore Curriculum Project is celebrating both our 20th Anniversary and the 70th birthday of BCP Founder Muriel Berkeley.

BCP created the Muriel Berkeley Innovation Fund to honor Dr. Berkeley's steadfast devotion to the students of Baltimore City and to support special BCP projects and pilot programs.



While basic services for BCP schools and BCP administration are funded by Baltimore City Public Schools, innovative projects and programs require about \$50,000 - \$100,000 per year. The Fund would allow BCP to concentrate its efforts on growing these ideas and matching fund opportunities.

As Dr. Berkeley has said, "My seventy year supply of memories is filled with children and teachers energized by the thrill of skill building and learning. New tools such as Direct Instruction, CHAMPS, Core Knowledge, NWEA assessments, Restorative Practices and Singapore math are but a few of the innovations that have made our schools successful. But we need to keep the ideas flowing and accessible to our schools and all children in Baltimore."

The Muriel Berkeley Innovation Fund will ensure that BCP has the necessary funds to provide our schools with the best tools available. Please join us in continuing the education legacy of Muriel Berkeley.

You may contribute to the Muriel Berkeley Innovation Fund using the remittance envelope on your table or online at: bit.ly/berkeleyfund

# THANK YOU TO THE 2016 GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

Laura Arvizu, Muriel Berkeley, Laura Doherty, Bailey Fine, George Hess, Brenda Kahn, Jeff Krick, Sue Lattimore, Marvelyn Johnson, Jon McGill, Tobi Morris, Mike Niccolini, Brandon Scott, Target, Larry Schugam, Angela Scott, and Scott Wolgamuth.

Special thanks to WBFF Fox 45 for featuring a mini - Quiz Show with our students on the morning news and for producing two PSA's for BCP. Thank you also to Gerry's Tire Services for providing parking for this event.

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#### The Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP)

operates a network of neighborhood charter schools in Baltimore City.

#### **Neighborhood Charter Schools**

BCP converts existing schools into neighborhood charter schools. As conversion charters, BCP schools serve neighborhood zones. Any child living in the neighborhood may enroll without applying through a lottery.



City Springs E/M School, Hampstead Hill Academy and Wolfe Street Academy took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the 2015 Johns Hopkins Community Science Fair.

#### **Empowering Children**

BCP schools provide every child with a liberal arts

The BCP/USTA Tennis League serves five schools in Southeast Baltimore.

education that builds a solid foundation for high school, college, and career. We firmly believe that "If the child hasn't learned, the teacher hasn't taught."

#### **Empowering Teachers**

BCP provides teachers with the best research-based tools available and customized training to use those tools effectively. Educators from around the country look to BCP to learn about effective instruction.

#### **Empowering Schools**

Since 1996, BCP has brought an array of effective educational programs to Baltimore including Direct Instruction, CHAMPS, Restorative Practices, NWEA, and Core Knowledge.

#### A Replicable Education Model

Because BCP neighborhood charter schools serve the same children as traditional public schools, our model will work in any school.



Wolfe Street Academy received a National Community Schools Award for Excellence in 2015.







#### The BCP Education Model

- **Direct Instruction**: a research-based curriculum that teaches all students to mastery
- Reading Mastery Mastery
- Core Knowledge: coordinated Core Knowledge content from PreK - 8.
- Core Knowledge
- In-Class Coaching: expert coaches provide oneon-one teacher mentoring
- Professional Development: customized training for over 150 teachers
- **Recruitment** recruiting and pre-screening potential teacher candidates





- **CHAMPS** a positive classroom management curriculum
- Restorative Practices a school culture and conflict resolution model
- **NWEA MAP** an online assessment that measures student growth



- BCP Middle Grades Curriculum a web-based Core Knowledge curriculum
- **Back Office Supports** financial management, human resources, partnerships, fundraising, and more...



The Leading Minds series engages local stakeholders and national experts in discussions of cutting-edge educational issues in order improve K-12 education.

#### **Emergency Management Support**

From securing pro-bono legal counsel to replacing a boiler, BCP's staff are always ready, willing and able to help our schools address the unexpected challenges that arise throughout the school year.

#### **Partnerships**

BCP actively engages with community and corporate partners to bring additional resources, programs and volunteers to our schools.

#### **Special Projects**

BCP provides support for a variety of special school projects such as Hampstead Hill Academy's \$3 million Early Learning Wing Renovation and the City Springs EMS Community Athletic Complex.

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