The Montgomery County Executive Hispanic Gala congratulates all participating schools and students!

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett encourage all qualifying MCPS High School seniors to apply for the 2018 Maryland Hispanic Achievement Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Application Requirements:

- Graduated from a Maryland High School within the last four years
- U.S. Citizen, Resident or Dreamer
- Must attend a Maryland college or University in the Spring of 2019
- Proof of financial need
- GPA 2.5 or higher

Apply Online at www.MontgomeryHispanicGala.org

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett

18th Annual MCPS Latin Dance Competition

Music Center at Strathmore
Monday November 20th, 2017 • 7pm to 9pm

Schools will compete in Eight Categories:
Cha-Cha, Bachata, Merengue, Salsa, Parent/Student, Best in Show, Alumni, and Jack&Jill.

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The mission of the After School Dance Fund (ASDF) is to provide artistic, technical, and financial support for the establishment of and maintaining after school Latin dance programs in area public schools. ASDF offers its programs in an effort to combat the troubling prevalence of preventable social and health issues in the Latino community, including childhood obesity, teen pregnancy, high rates of high school drop-outs, and the devastating influence of gangs in our communities. The ASDF initiative aims to create a consistent and safe space for students, where they can participate in a positive group activity with peers.

Participants in the After School Dance Program learn to showcase popular Latin dances with choreographed performances, and through this process, they discover the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Dance is a vehicle for increased cultural awareness and pride, while also promoting exercise and having fun. ASDF believes that these learned qualities help each student become a more confident person, leading to better academic performance in high school, and thus, paving their way to opportunities in higher education and beyond.

For more information, contact Executive Director, Ricardo Loaiza, at Ricardo@Baila4Life.org or 301-538-8824. Please also visit our webpage: www.Baila4Life.org

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PROMOTING HEALTH, EXERCISE, CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND UNITY THROUGH LATIN DANCE EDUCATION
Good luck to all the competitors at the Eighteenth Latin dance competition.

All the best to all the hard working students of MCPS

Montgomery County Board of Education
DECLARATION

WHEREAS, The 18th Annual Montgomery County Public Schools Latin Dance Competition will be held on November 20, 2017, and

WHEREAS, This event offers a unique opportunity for students to express themselves in creative, personally, and meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, Through the process of preparing for competitions, performers preserve and share their culture and traditions, while valuing the multiple perspectives of others; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education would like to thank the coaches and staff who through dedication and hard work volunteer their time to share their knowledge and culture with the students through the expression of dance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED

That the Montgomery County Board of Education congratulates the Latin Dance Competition on its 18th Anniversary and thanks the commitment of time and energy both teachers and students place in this important project.

Michael A. Durso, President
November 20, 2017

Judith R. Docca, Vice President
November 20, 2017
WHY DANCING IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE EXERCISE FOR THE BRAIN by Dr. Kathrin Rehfeld.

“Exercise has the beneficial effect of slowing down or even counter acting age related decline in mental and physical capacity.”

“This study shows that two different types of physical exercise (dancing and endurance training) both increase the area of the brain that declines with age. In comparison, it was only dancing that lead to noticeable behavioral changes in terms of improve balance.”

The content of the dance classes induced a permanent learning situation with constantly changing choreographies, which participants had to memorize accurately.

We are proud to offer this discipline, sport, performing arts and world dance to our MCPS students, parents and community.

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SURPRISE PERFORMANCE BY STUDENTS

Welcome
Ivan Gaviria, Board Chair of After School Dance Fund
Gabriel Albornoz, Director of MC Recreation

Special Remarks
Mr. Isiah “Ike” Leggett,
Montgomery County Executive

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Maria V. Navarro, Chief Academic Officer, MCPS

Baila4Life VISIONARY AWARD
Dr. Judith Docca, VP Board of Education, MCPS

Rules
Ricardo Loaiza, Executive Director, ASDF

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Ricardo Loaiza, After School Dance Fund

Competition – 1st Half

- Cha Cha Couples Division
- Merengue Couples Division
- Bachata Couples Division
- Salsa Couples Division
- Parents/Student Division

Intermission

Refreshments and Snacks in the Lobby

Dance Competition- 2nd Half

Recognition of Sponsors, Judges and Special Guest

Best In Show

Junior Division
- Damascus HS
- Magruder HS
- Northwest HS
- Northwood HS

Senior Division
- Clarksburg HS
- Einstein HS
- Gaithersburg HS
- Quince Orchard HS
- Watkins Mill HS

Alumni Division
- Clarksburg HS
- Einstein HS
- Gaithersburg HS

Jack & Jill Division
Jack & Jill Division Two couples per school

Announcement of Winners by Categories

On stage all participating students and parents

2017 SCHOOLS TEAM NAME SPONSORS PRINCIPALS
Clarksburg HS UNIDOS Mantza Aguila, Jesus Sema
Damascus HS Los que Bailan Mary E. Cotton
Einstein HS Titanes Salseros Paula Pero
Gaithersburg HS Sabor Latino Aranda Brown
Magruder HS Magruder Rumberos Smaroula Stephens, Marjorie Lincoln
Northwest HS Paso Fuerte Angelica Agosto, Mike Morales
Northwood HS Calor Gladiador Heath Bradley, Tania Pacheco, Cristian Lemus
Quince Orchard HS JUNTOS Charlene Cardona, Tanya Mohan
Watkins Mill HS OLAS Carmen Zapata, Ariana Peralta

Edwuard Owusu
Case Crouse
James Fernandez
Christine Handy Collins
Leroy Evans
James D’Andrea
Mildred L. Charley-Greene
Carole Working
Carol L. Goddard