



Carter G. Woodson High School

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Rededication Ceremony

October 23, 2024



Presentation of Colors	JROTC
National Anthem	“The Star-Spangled Banner” Francis Scott Key <i>Performed by Woodson Vocal Ensemble</i>
Special Selection	“Lift Every Voice and Sing” James Weldon Johnson/J. Rosamond Johnson <i>Performed by Brandon Garner and Sarea Manson</i>
Welcome	Kevin Greata <i>Principal, Carter G. Woodson High School</i>
Opening Remarks	Dr. Michelle C. Reid <i>Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools</i> Rebecca Baenig <i>Assistant Superintendent, Region 5</i> The Honorable Karl Frisch <i>School Board Chair, Providence District</i> The Honorable Rachna Sizemore Heizer <i>School Board Member, Braddock District</i>
Special Tributes	The Honorable Megan McLaughlin <i>Former School Board Member, Braddock District</i> Paul “Red” Jenkins <i>Head Basketball Coach, 1962-1997</i> Jessie Woodson Johnson <i>Relative of Carter G. Woodson</i> “The Lesson” Lyrics from poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar Music by Marques L A Garrett <i>Performed by Woodson Vocal Ensemble</i> Hiroko Rose, Enoch Tan, Audrey Kanesaka <i>Student Ambassadors</i> Yeamlak Tekabe, Nathnael Belay, Lucas Ezana, Oziofu Sanni <i>Black Student Union Officers</i>
Reflections	The Honorable David Marsden <i>Senate of Virginia</i> The Honorable James Walkinshaw <i>Fairfax County Board of Supervisors</i> Anthony Harris <i>Principal, Frost Middle School</i> Kaitlyn Shaw <i>Co-President, Black Student Union</i> Sean Cranford <i>Co-President, Black Student Union</i>
Principal’s Charge	Kevin Greata <i>Principal, Carter G. Woodson High School</i>
Ribbon Cutting	Invited guests

We would like to recognize the school board members serving at the time of the unanimous vote to change our school's name to Carter G. Woodson High School: Elaine Tholen (chair), Karl Frisch (vice chair), Megan McLaughlin (authored and proposed the motion), Abrar Omeish (seconded the motion), Tamara Derenak Kaufax, Karen Corbett Sanders, Laura Jane Cohen, Karen Keys-Gamarra, Ricardy Anderson, Melanie Meren, Rachna Sizemore Heizer, Stella Pekarsky

Special Thanks to:

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This celebration would not be possible without the hard work of the Carter G. Woodson Planning Committee:

Students:

Hiroko Rose, Enoch Tan, Audrey Kanesaka, Hannah Kuehn, Kye Leiva, Vivian Chen, Alex Moon, Adrianna Jarz, Joelle Rice, Sean Cranford, Kaitlyn Shaw, Nathnael Belay, Yeamlak Tekabe, Lucas Ezana, Oziofu Sanni

Carter G. Woodson Staff:

Blair Smith, Paula Disalvo, Alexa Pugnetti, Erinn Harris, and Leslie O'Shaughnessy

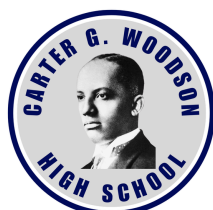
FCPS Staff:

Becky Baenig | Assistant Superintendent, Region 5
Anthony Harris | Principal, Frost Middle School
Alfonso Smith | Principal, John R. Lewis High School
Kim Harrison | Director of Student Services, John R. Lewis High School

Community Members:

The Honorable Megan McLaughlin | Former School Board Member, Braddock District
Dr. Vernon Walton | Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Vienna

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students, parents, community members, staff, and alumni who have supported our school's transition to our new namesake, Carter G. Woodson, through both actions and shared enthusiasm.



Carter G. Woodson High School's mission is to empower our community to reach their individual potential by creating a healthy environment of mutual respect, responsibility, equity, and inclusion.