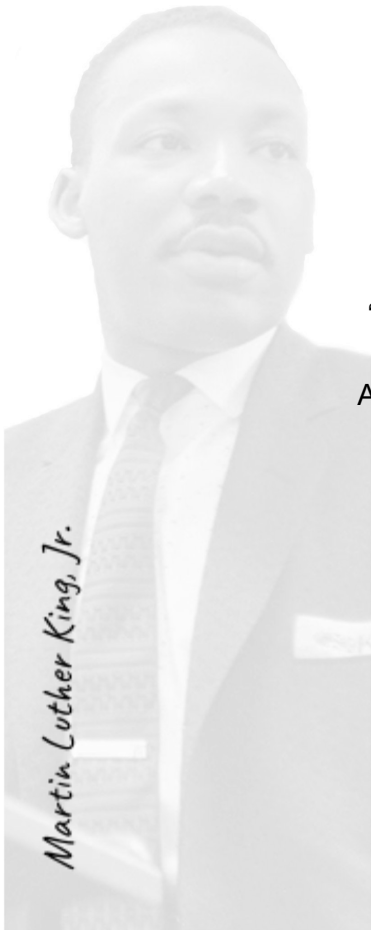


NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT BLACK HISTORY ORATORICAL COMPETITION

North Penn High School Auditorium
Thursday, February 24, 2022
6 pm - 8 pm



Dr. Curt Dietrich, Superintendent
Dr. Todd Bauer, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. D'Ana Waters, Assistant Superintendent
Tina Stoll, North Penn School Board President



Martin Luther King, Jr.

Welcome

Dr. Marjorie Diègue

Introduction of the Masters of Ceremony

Master of Ceremony - Isaiah Dia

The Black National Anthem

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” by James Weldon Johnson

Myaira Jefferson, North Penn High School Student

Accompanied by: Josh Jenkins and Stephen Dobkowski

Oratorical Presentations - Group 1 (Grades 4-5):

Isabella Laczynski- Bridle Path - Grade 4

Saanvi Waghmare- Nash - Grade 4

Juleah Mayberry- Hatfield - Grade 5

Jake Kelley- Inglewood - Grade 5

Katherine Phillips- Montgomery - Grade 5

Peyton Jackson- Montgomery - Grade 5

Olivia Taylor- Nash - Grade 5

Oratorical Presentations - Group 2 (Grades 6-7)

Mollie Devine- Bridle Path - Grade 6

Tatyana Pometun- Gwyn Nor - Grade 6

Jeffrey Jimmy- Gwynedd Square - Grade 6

Iyanna Charitable- Gwynedd Square - Grade 6

Nokukhanya Ndlovu- Nash - Grade 6

Makayla Lewis- Nash - Grade 6

Angelica Garcia- North Wales - Grade 6

Prem Pathak- Pennfield - Grade 7

Oratorical Presentations - Group 3 (Grades 8-12)

Madison Malone- Penndale - Grade 8

Summer Kresge- Pennfield - Grade 8

Zianna Dobson - Penndale - Grade 9

Glenn Xavier- Pennfield - Grade 9

Phailin-Rain Ashanti- NPHS - Grade 10

Kairee Glass- NPHS - Grade 10

David Lyons- NPHS - Grade 11

Dominique Bethel- NPHS - Grade 12

Presentation of Awards and Closing Remarks

North Penn School Board Members

Dr. Curt Dietrich, Superintendent

Dr. D’Ana Waters, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Nick Taylor, Assistant Principal, NPHS





Lift Every Voice and Sing

By: James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been
Watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
Slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met
Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget
Thee;





The Judges

Tamara Della Anderson is a multi-talented producer, activist, singer, actor, writer, and director. She is a founding member of the Racial Justice Organizing Committee, Black Lives Matter at School, and the Melanated Educators Collective and is the curator of the BIPOC Database and Resource Guide. Check out the new artists at her production company, The Gumbo Lab and her book, *Soul of Chanteuse*, is available on Amazon.

Nicholaus P. Bernardini is a fourteen year public school educator, labor organizer, social activist, musician, artist, husband and father of three young ladies. He is a co-founder of Philly Hub for Liberatory Academics and a core member of the Racial Justice Organizing Committee and is also a curriculum writer for African-American History for the School District of Philadelphia.

Dr. Jill Clark is currently the CEO of a Philadelphia charter school and has served as Principal and Teacher in Montgomery County schools, including Upper Dublin, Cheltenham and Colonial. She is also an adjunct professor at La Salle and Gwynedd Mercy Universities. Dr. Clark, a married mother of two, joins us this evening in honor of her late mother, Julia Parker, who was a teacher for 30 years at our very own Gwyn-Nor Elementary. Dr. Clark brings her love, compassion and empathy to all of you gathered here this evening in full recognition of your contributions to Black History today and tomorrow.

J'Mel Johnson is an educator, author, mentor, singer, and songwriter. She has been an educator for 20+ years, and has been a part of the North Penn School District for 18 years. She is the other half of TommyJay, the husband and wife singing duo. Together they write, sing and perform songs that reflect love. Johnson is also the author of the published book, *Quotes & Jokes: A Mental Detox for Tweens & Teens*. She has a special passion for motivating & inspiring tweens & teens, and helping them cultivate their character. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter, which is an organization committed to public service.

George Whitehair has been the Chair of Publicity for the International Spring Festival, one of Pennsylvania's largest multicultural organizations, and is now the lead researcher, historian, author, and one of the driving forces behind the legacy of Dr. Frank E. Boston. An alumnus of Temple University and Rutgers University, he published "We Are You", a book on the contributions of immigrants, which led to discovering Dr. Boston and the contributions he made to his community. Retired now, he concentrates on writing and promoting his latest project on Dr. Frank Boston and the Doc Boston Adventures comic book.



Thank You

The Black History Oratorical Committee would like to thank Penndale's own - Voices of Empowerment, under the leadership of Mrs. Brooke Bernardini, for serving as ushers tonight and for providing the decorations in the high school lobby. Special thanks to our goal 4 staff and P.I.E. parents for volunteering, the League of Employees of African Descent at Merck for your support, and a huge thank you to Mrs. Cynthia Douglas, North Penn teacher, who came up with this brilliant idea in 2019.