ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New Arlington Career Center Naming Process

INTRODUCTORY MEETING   January 31, 2024

Agenda

- Introductions
- Housekeeping and Meeting Norms
- Committee Charge and Criteria
- Naming Process and Timeline
- School History and Overview
- Group Activities

Welcome, ACC Naming Committee!

Committee Chair: Dr. Barbara Kanninen, former Arlington School Board Chair
Staff Liaison: Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School & Community Relations

Staff
- Margaret Chung   Principal
- Michelle Van Lare   Arlington Tech Coordinator
- Anne Cupero   Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dept. Chair, Forensic Science teacher, and Dual Enrollment Biology Teacher, Arlington Tech
- Shane Johnson   Program for Employee Preparedness (PEP) Coordinator
- Monica Lozano Caldera   Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Coordinator

Students
- Catherine "Catey" Wright   Arlington Tech – 9th Grade
- Oscar Bonilla   Academy – 10th Grade
- Fikreyesus "Fikker" Reta   Arlington Tech – 11th Grade
- Daiber Alejandro Vasquez   English Learner Institute – 12th Grade
- Sophia Garcia   Program for Employment Preparedness (PEP) 13TH Grade
- Georgia Hardeman   Part-time (physical therapy), Yorktown High School

Welcome, ACC Naming Committee!

Alumni
- Margarita Khachunts   Class of 2022 (Arlington Tech)
- Daniela Londono   Class of 2017 (English Learner Institute)
- Edwin Reyes   Class of 2008 (The Academy)

Parents
- Cecilia Lazo   Spanish speaking parents/families
- Christy Gunville   Arlington Tech parents/families
- Octavia Johnson   ACC Parent
- Robin Taylor   Parent of part-time CTE (culinary arts) student from Washington-Liberty High School
- Elaine Firman-Garcia   PEP families

Historic and Civic Association Representatives
- Jessica Kaplan   Arlington Historical Society
- Steve Jordan Tomaszewski   President, Douglas Park Civic Association
- Ron Haddox   President, Columbia Heights Civic Association
- Brian Sigritz   Co-President, Arlington Heights Civic Association
- Alex Stevens   President, Alcova Heights Civil Association

Meeting Norms

- Be present and engaged
- There are no bad ideas – respect one another
- Raise hand to speak and ensure all have the chance to be heard
- Adhere to the goals and timeline for each meeting
- Keep one another accountable to the norms

Committee Charge

- This committee is charged with recommending a new name, or reaffirming the current name, for the new Arlington Career Center facility and campus that is now under construction.

- This is not a process to rename any of the programs within the ACC.

Naming Policy Criteria

Name of an Individual:
- Contributed to society in ways that supported the success and well-being of the individuals who live in Arlington, Virginia or the United States, now and in the future
- Their "principal legacy" aligns with the APS mission, vision, and core values and beliefs
- Has been deceased for five or more years

Geographical or Historical Relationships:
- Names of places in the neighboring community, Arlington or Virginia.
- Landmarks or places that have historic or geographic significance to the Arlington community's history and the site

Other:
- Articulate aspirations of the **educational outcomes for Arlington's students**
- Reflect the **instructional focus** of the school
- Consider the **diverse community** that they serve
- **Avoid duplicating** names of other schools in the region to prevent possible confusion with those schools

Timeline for Our Work

- January 31: Informational and Introductory Meeting; Initial Brainstorm
- February 28: Names submitted, Arlington Historical Society feedback and Survey Prep for Civic Associations and Community
- March 20: Survey results conversation and final vote by Committee
- April 25: Presentation to School Board
- May 9: School Board votes on the name

Mission

Instill a Passion for Learning by Doing

Vision

To be a united community of self-directed learners empowered through authentic academic, industry and life experiences to actualize our personal aspirations

Feed the Soil with our Core Values

Respect

Mindfulness

Resiliency

Integrity

- ❖ **Assume best intentions**
- ❖ **Listen to understand**
- ❖ **Problem solve together**
- ❖ **Seek solutions**
- ❖ **Celebrate our team!**

Ubuntu!

Arlington Career Center

CTE
900 CTE students districtwide

The Academy
60 Gr 9-12, SEL-focus, Smaller class sizes, individual mentoring

English Learner Institute
70 ESOL, age 16-21, newly arrived, w/ limited schooling

Program for Employment Preparedness
70 SPED, age 18-22, transition to work & independent living

Arlington Tech
500 students, choice STEM/PBL program, DE/Early College, work-based/capstone

Teen Parenting Program
30 teen parents, daycare, academic/counseling, social services, transportation

EvenStart
Adult Literacy Program for APS parents, daycare

50 Years! 1974 to 2024

- 1974 Arlington Career Center opened as CTE center for APS
- 1978 EBCE/SWAT now Program for Employment Preparedness
- 1981 PRIME
- 1991 CRAM now The Academy
- 1995 HILT Institute now English Learner Institute
- 2008 Governor's Career & Technical Academy of Arlington
- 2016 Arlington Tech

Breakout Discussions

- Break into four groups and discuss possible naming direction, themes and guiding principles

- Discuss with the broader group

- Rank initial ideas

- Discuss next steps