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7th Annual
HALL of FAME
DINNER & FUNDRAISER

February 21, 2018
Tavistock Country Club

Dear Friend of Camden Schools Foundation,

Please join us for a festive evening of good food, fellowship, and entertainment at Camden Schools Foundation 7th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner, **February 21, 2018**, at Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield.

The highlight is the induction of five new members to our Hall of Fame, a distinguished group of men and women who attended Camden City public schools and who contribute substantially to the regional community.

The 2018 Hall of Fame Honorees are:

Dr. Lawrence Ragone

Founder, South Jersey Eye Center, Camden

Camden County Freeholder Carmen G. Rodriguez

Former Science Teacher and Principal

Mike Rozier

New Jersey's 1st Heisman Trophy Winner

Zetra Goodman Waters

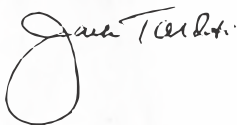
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Dr. Nyeema Watson

*Associate Chancellor for Civic Engagement,
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This event is a major fundraiser for Camden Schools Foundation, a 501(c)(3), that been an educational safety net for Camden students for 14 years. Please help us continue to provide scholarships, STEM education and other vital services so that Camden youth get the quality education they deserve.

The reception **begins at 5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there. Thank you.



Jack Tarditi
President, Camden Schools Foundation

PS: Your contribution is tax deductible.

Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone, founder of the South Jersey Eye Center in Camden, has spent a lifetime trying to rescue low-income children and adults from the limitations of poor eyesight. With \$150 in cash and a generous spirit, Ragone launched the South Jersey Eye Center 56 years ago, determined to fight against preventable and reversible vision loss.

Ragone graduated from Camden High School and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. He spent two years in the Army dispensing eye care at military bases in California and Japan. During his career, he maintained a private practice, taught at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and rose to become president of the New Jersey Academy of Optometry.

Carmen G. Rodriguez came from Puerto Rico to Camden as a child, determined to make the most of her new home. Today, the former high school science teacher and principal holds two master's degrees, has sweeping responsibilities as a Camden County Freeholder, advises the Camden City school district on bilingual education, and is the mother of four children. Known for her compassion, she is especially committed to strengthening family bonds and providing for the homeless.

After graduating with honors from Woodrow Wilson High School, she earned her B.S. at Rutgers University and taught science in Camden and Audubon before becoming principal of Kingdom Charter School in Gloucester Township. The Merchantville resident also holds M.Eds. in English as a Second Language from the College of New Jersey, and in Chemistry Education from the University of Pennsylvania.

Mike Rozier, New Jersey's first Heisman Trophy winner, is Woodrow Wilson High School's favorite football son. So revered is the record-breaking running back that the school's track and field stadium bears his name. Known for grit and speed, Rozier was a standout player at the University of Nebraska and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

His professional career began in 1983 when he was awarded the Heisman Trophy and was the number one draft pick. Rozier played for the Jacksonville Bulls and Pittsburgh Maulers in the United States Football League for two seasons, followed by the Houston Oilers and Atlanta Falcons in the NFL for seven. Plagued with injuries, he retired in 1991. Since then, the Winslow Township resident travels the lecture circuit and makes regular appearances at charitable golf outings. The fifth of six boys, Rozier attributes his success to his parents. Now, the father of three children, he and his wife, Rochelle, an attorney, live in Winslow Township.

Zettra Goodman Waters is a senior vice president of Freedom Mortgage Corp., a Mount Laurel-based company with an average annual revenue of \$2 billion. A 19-year veteran of the company, Waters is responsible for call center operations, overall management of the customer experience, and oversight of loans from application 'til closing.

A 1986 Camden High School honors graduate, Waters graduated with majors in economics and history from Oberlin College in Ohio, including a semester at Oxford in London. She continues to support the Camden City school district by mentoring students and alumni. The Voorhees resident is married to Brett Waters, another Camden High School alum who served as chief of staff for Camden City.

Dr. Nyeema C. Watson is the associate chancellor for civic engagement at Rutgers-Camden, where she strives to connect the vast resources of the university with communities in Camden and South Jersey. She is responsible for fostering volunteerism and mentoring among Rutgers students and staff, driving community-based research, and forging partnerships with K-12 schools to create a pipeline to college for urban youth who are underrepresented in higher education.

A Woodrow Wilson High School graduate, Watson worked for the New Jersey Department of Education where she managed state and federal grants, including a \$13 million program for before-and-after school programs for children attending low-performing schools.



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