

OAKLAND TECH CENTENNIAL

Celebrating 100 Years of
Oakland Technical High School



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The Oakland Technical High School Inaugural Hall of Honor Inductees

In Celebration of the Oakland Technical High School's ("Tech") 100th anniversary, the Centennial Committee has selected the inaugural class to be inducted into the school's Hall of Honor. These honorees were selected from the thousands of Tech alumni and staff, representing the 100 years. Finalists were chosen from a nominated field of 85, and those eligible for selection included alumni who graduated at least 10 years prior, and faculty or staff who have served at the school for at least five years. Selections were based on their significant contributions and achievement in the Arts, Business, Community, Education, Entertainment, Government, Public Service, Sports, Science and Technology.



The Hall of Honor inductees will be formally recognized at the Oakland Tech Centennial GALA, Sunday May 24th, at the FOX Theater in Oakland, California.

2015 HALL OF HONOR CHARTER INDUCTEES

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| Stephen Bechtel '18 | Ruth Beckford '44 | John Brodie '53 |
| Wayne Brooks '65, Staff '73-'13 | Pete Cuttitta, Staff '49-'88 | Gabriel Carroll '01 |
| Dennis Chaconas, Staff '83-'88 | Leonidas D. Coates '26 | Ron Dellums '53 |
| Susan Draheim '67 | Clint Eastwood '49 | Lloyd Ferguson '34 |
| Philip M. Fisher, Staff 1896-1922 | Curt Flood '53 | Karen (Kennedy) Freeman '81 |
| Evelio Grillo, '74 | Robert Harris '61 | Rickey Henderson '76 |
| Linda Jeffrey-Sailors '58 | Louise Jorgenson '16 | Al Kyte Staff '26-'66 |
| Al Kyte Jr. '53 | Ted Lange '66 | Marshawn Lynch '04 |
| Tony Martin '31 | Tay McArthur, Staff '63-'86 | Abbas Milani '66 |
| Anita Morgan Woodley '94 | Julia Nagamoto '68 | Huey P. Newton '59 |
| Frank Oz '62 | Patricia Polacco '62 | Pointer Sisters '63, '65, '68 |
| Roger Romine '38 | William Scott, Staff '68-'83 | Mary Perry Smith, Staff '61-'77 |
| James Syhabout '97 | Mary Torrey, Staff '72-'87 | Marvin Tripp '44 |
| Tommy Wilkerson, Staff '74-'85 | Rufus Wright '85 | |

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| Inductee | Accomplishments & Contributions |
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| Stephen Bechtel '18 | President of Bechtel Corporation for nearly 30 years, managed construction of Hoover Dam. |
| Ruth Beckford '44 | Founder of four Dance associations, including the first recreational modern dance department in the United States. |
| John Brodie '53 | All-Pro NFL quarterback for San Francisco 49ers, he also had a second career as a Senior PGA Tour professional golfer. |
| Wayne Brooks '65 | Staff '71-'11 Former school president, he taught at Tech for 40 years. |
| Gabriel Carroll '01 | Won two gold medals (1998, 2001 earned a perfect score) and a silver medal (1999) at International Mathematical Olympiad, Assistant Professor, Economics, Stanford. |
| Dennis Chaconas - Staff '83-'88 | Former Tech Principal, served as Superintendent to both Alameda and Oakland Unified School Districts. |
| Leonidas D. Coates '26 | Rear Admiral, served as Deputy Chief of Naval Research, awarded the Legion of Merit for his work in Naval Research. |
| Pete Cuttitta - Staff '49-'88 | Former teacher, he taught sciences at Tech for nearly 40 years. |
| Ron Dellums '53 | Berkeley City Councilman, Mayor of Oakland. As US Congressman, fought for sanctions against the apartheid regime of South Africa. |
| Susan Draheim '67 | A classically trained violinist, she became famous as an American fiddler with a forty year musical career in the US and the UK. |
| Clint Eastwood '49 | Internationally recognized actor, Academy Award winning Director, Academy Award winning Academy Award winning Producer, musician and former Mayor of Carmel, CA. |
| Lloyd Ferguson '34 | First African American PhD in Chemistry from UC Berkeley; authored seven textbooks and over 50 research papers, co-founder of National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. |
| Philip M. Fisher - Staff '96-'22 | Groundbreaking school principal, navigating the 20 year process of making Oakland Central High School transform into Polytechnic High and ultimately to Oakland Tech. |
| Curt Flood '53 | Major League Baseball all-star and World Series champion, challenged player trade clause and sued Major League baseball, ultimately leading the way to free agency in the sport. |
| Evelio Grillo, '74 | Superior Court Judge of Alameda County in California. |
| Robert Harris '61 | Retired Corporate Council at PG&E; served as national President for three organizations: National Bar Association, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. |
| Rickey Henderson '76 | Hall of Fame Major League Baseball outfielder, holds four Major League records, including most stolen bases, and widely considered to be the greatest leadoff hitter of all time. |
| Linda Jeffrey-Sailors '58 | Served in a variety of elected positions including the Dublin School Board and Mayor. Retired from political life and became an accomplished artist. |

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| Louise Jorgensen '16 | Professional dancer and choreographer, best known as the force behind the Oakland Christmas Pageant, she directed and choreographed the pageant from 1919 until the last production in 1987. |
| Karen Kennedy Freeman '81 | Alum and current teacher in OUSD, played major role in establishing MLK Jr. Holiday in California. |
| Al Kyte Staff '26-'66 | High school counselor and History teacher, he became coach and then the head of the Physical Education department. Won 22 championships in men's basketball and baseball. |
| Al Kyte Jr. '53 | First baseball, basketball coach and physical education teacher at Skyline High. Became an instructor, administrator, coach, and bio-mechanics researcher at UC Berkeley from 1963 to 2000. |
| Ted Lange '66 | Veteran of stage, film, and television for 40 years. He is a director, playwright, and screenwriter. Associate Professor at School of Cinema/Television at USC. |
| Marshawn Lynch '04 | National Football League running back, current NFL rushing leader and NFC Champion. Philanthropist; co-founder of Family 1st Foundation. |
| Tony Martin (Alvin Morris) '31 | Award winning actor, singer, and musician who was married to performer Cyd Charisse for 60 years. |
| Tay Mc Arthur - Staff '63-'86 | Taught Government and History, spearheaded the adoption of MLK, Jr. Day as a California holiday, four years before King's birthday was enacted as a holiday throughout the US |
| Abbas Milani '66 | Iranian historian; as a university lecturer in Iran, he was a jailed as political prisoner. Currently a research fellow and co-director of the Iran Democracy Project at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. |
| Anita Morgan Woodley '94 | Multi-award winning actress, radio producer, playwright, and journalist. Currently a producer and on-air contributor to the NPR affiliate in North Carolina. |
| Julia Nagamoto '68 | Attended UC Berkeley, now retired from Wells Fargo Finance, in programming, systems design and into the broader field of Information Technology. |
| Huey P. Newton '59 | Co-founder and leader of the Black Panther Party, University lecturer. |
| Frank Oz (Oznowicz)'62 | Director, actor, and puppeteer, is one of the foremost Muppet performers and Jim Henson's closest collaborator; also responsible for creating several key characters on Sesame Street. |
| Pointer Sisters '63, '65, '68 | Grammy winning R&B trio with 13 Top 20 hits in the 1970's-1980's, they have continued to achieve international success in their 5th decade. |
| Patricia Polacco '62 | Literary award winner; author and illustrator of over 50 children's books. |
| Roger Romine '38 | One of first Tuskegee Airmen selected from the Bay Area, he flew countless missions under incredible pressure. A pilot from 1942-1944, he died in a plane crash in Italy at age 24. |
| William (Scotty) Scott - Staff '68-'83 | Much loved head of Tech's security and a major "life guide" to thousands of Technites, as a community "deacon pillar" at Beth Eden Church (50 years) and a dedicated 60-year Mason. |
| Mary Perry Smith Staff '61-'77 | Mathematics Teacher; co-founded Mathematic Engineering Science Achievement Program (MESA), co-founded Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame. |
| James Syhabout '97 | Working in some of the best restaurants in the world, he is one the most influential chef-restaurateurs in the East Bay, and owner of the first |

Michelin rated restaurant in Oakland.

**Mary Torrey - Staff
'72-'87**

Outstanding Bio-Science teacher, created Tech's first academy, the Health Academy, securing the program funding and garnering the enthusiastic support of Kaiser Hospital.

**Marvin (Marv) Tripp
'44**

Educator and site administrator for 40 years in Oakland and Orinda districts.

**Tommy Wilkerson -
Staff '74-'85**

Neighbor and community liaison, she was a gracious symbol on Tech's campus and was the loving, calming force on campus--much like the grandmother many wished they had.

Rufus Wright '85

Police Sergeant, serving in Oakland Police Department for over 25 years.

History

In 2013, several parents, administrators, and alumni came together on the Oakland Technical High School campus to determine what should be done to recognize the school's landmark occasion: Oakland Tech approaching its 100th year opening on Broadway. The Hall of Honor reunites those students and faculty who have left a significant imprint on the larger community, and to kickoff the **Million Dollar Campaign**, an 18 month fundraising effort to support programmatic efforts at Oakland Tech.

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