**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**2018 Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame and**

**Women of Tomorrow Honorees Announced**

**Baltimore —** On March 15, 2018, the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly will induct five women into the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame and will present “Women of Tomorrow” awards to five students during a 5:30 p.m. ceremony at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis.

This year, the Hall of Fame inductees include an Assistant Maryland Attorney General, two educators and community leaders, Maryland’s first African American woman commissioned U.S. Air Force officer and a courageous enslaved woman.

The Women of Tomorrow Awards program, established in 1997, recognizes young women who have achieved records of academic excellence, extraordinary community service and outstanding leadership.

**WHAT:** Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame Induction and Women of Tomorrow Ceremony

**WHEN**: Thursday, March 15, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE**: Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis.

**WHO:** Hall of Fame Inductees:

Sandra I. Barnes, Esq., Assistant Maryland Attorney General

Sandra Williams Ortega, Ph.D., Maryland’s First African American Woman Commissioned U.S. Air Force Officer

Emily Saunders Plummer (posthumous), Courageous Enslaved Woman, Inspiring Mother

Rita L. Robinson, Ph.D., Educator, Community Leader

Hattie N. Washington, Ph.D., Educator, Founder of Aunt Hattie’s Place

 Women of Tomorrow honorees:

Vivian Flanagan, Severna Park High School, Anne Arundel County

Faith Kean, Winston Churchill High School, Montgomery County

Chelsea Mikal, Mt. Hebron High School, Howard County

Sarah Ronayne, Kent Island High School, Queen Anne’s county

Amelia Claire Smith, Walkersville Middle School, Frederick County

**MEDIA**: Individual interview opportunity will be available after the ceremony. B-roll opportunity is available prior and post event.

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