



MICHIGAN WOMEN FORWARD NAMES FIVE INDUCTEES INTO WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Two historical and three contemporary women to be recognized

LANSING. **July 19, 2018**—MWF: Michigan Women Forward is proud to induct five women into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. The 35th annual dinner and ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Kellogg Center and Hotel, East Lansing, Mich.

The contemporary women inductees include **Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha**, the Flint Water Crisis whistleblower, Wayne County Prosecutor **Kym Worthy** and Chemist **Dr. Angela K. Wilson**. In the historical category, the Hall of Fame is recognizing **Agatha Biddle** who negotiated the 1855 Treaty of Detroit and **Clara Stanton Jones**, the first woman and first African American to serve as director of a major city public library. The women join 318 other Hall of Fame winners.

“We are particularly proud of the 2018 class of inductees, our first since Michigan Women Forward took over the Hall of Fame in March of this year. We believe the women entrepreneurs and young women leaders we serve can learn from and be inspired by the women who have been recognized as Michigan's most accomplished. We invite all Michiganders to learn about them at *HERstory*, our historical center, in the Meridian Mall in Okemos, said CEO Carolyn Cassin.

On March 1, MWF: Michigan Women Forward merged the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame into its operations. Recently, MWF also acquired the Entrepreneurial Institute of Mid-Michigan.

Established in 1983, the Women's Hall of Fame is located at Meridian Mall in Lansing. For a complete list of inductees since its founding in 1983, visit <http://www.michiganwomen.org>.

Tickets to the dinner are \$150 per person and can be purchased at www.michiganwomen.org/awards_dinner.aspx. Event sponsorships are also available.

MWF was founded in 1986 by 20 extraordinary visionaries who conceived of an organization that would encourage women to play an active role in philanthropy and governance. Its mission is to transform Michigan to achieve equality and empowerment for women and girls. For more information, visit www.miwf.org.

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BIOS OF 2018 WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HISTORICAL WINNERS

Agatha Biddle (1797-1873) of Mackinac Island was a Native American Chief, community leader, preserver of Native traditions, philanthropist and businesswoman of the Mackinaw area in the nineteenth century. Biddle helped negotiate the 1855 Treaty of Detroit, which restored some of the lost hunting and fishing rights of the Odawa people and obtained monetary compensation for the tribe.

Clara Stanton Jones (1919-2012) of Detroit broke barriers and blazed new trails as an African American woman in Detroit during the early and still-largely racist civil rights era of the 1960s and 1970s. A Missouri native and graduate of Spellman College and the University of Michigan, she accepted a job as librarian at the Detroit Public Library in 1944. In 1970, she was first woman and first African American selected to serve as director of a major public library system in the U.S. —the then 105 year old Detroit Public Library.

CONTEMPORARY WINNERS

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha is an advocate for the well-being of children. Trained as a physician and public health expert, her groundbreaking research led to the public exposure of the lead crisis in Flint will be recognized for years to come as the key to bringing public attention to the fate of children in Flint. She continues her advocacy work as the Director of the Pediatric Public Health Initiative and the administrator for the federally funded Lead Registry.

Dr. Angela K. Wilson is an American computational, theoretical, and physical chemist. She is currently the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor of Chemistry in the department of chemistry of Michigan State University. She also serves as director for the National Science Foundation's Division of Chemistry where she controls a \$250 million budget.

Kym Loren Worthy is the current **prosecutor** of Wayne County, Michigan. She is the first African-American woman to serve as a county prosecutor in Michigan, She became internationally recognized for prosecuting then Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick at the beginning of March 2008. Presently, Worthy is working on resolving a massive backlog of unprocessed rape test kits in Detroit. In 2009, one of her assistants discovered a massive number of kits sitting in a warehouse that the Detroit Police Department had used as an overflow storage facility for evidence. Eventually, over 11,431 rape test kits—some of which had been sitting unprocessed for a decade or more—were discovered in the warehouse.