Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
of the
NEWLY MODERNIZED
FRANCIS L. CARDOZO EDUCATION CAMPUS

Looking to the Future
Where Dreams are Realized

Friday, October 18, 2013
4:30 p.m.

Francis L. Cardozo Education Campus
1200 Clifton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Looking to the Future
Where Dreams are Realized
85 Years of Embracing Excellence
Congratulations
Cardozo High School
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

October 18, 2013

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations to all of the students, teachers, parents and various other local community members in attendance for today's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our beautifully renovated Cardozo High School – what a remarkable facility.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have helped make this ribbon cutting possible. And to the students, I ask you to seize this moment and take advantage of what your newly renovated school has to offer. From the new gymnasium and art installations, to the overall facility upgrades, Cardozo High School belongs to you, and to the entire community.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, you have my best wishes for an enjoyable event, fruitful school year, and continuously bright future.

Vincent C. Gray
Mayor, District of Columbia
CONGRATULATIONS
FRANCIS L. CARDozo
October 18, 2013

As the Councilmember of Ward One, it is my honor to personally congratulate all the teachers and students at the Francis L. Cardozo Education Campus on the occasion of your Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Francis L. Cardozo continues to stand as a foundation of academic excellence, learning, strength, hope and inspiration.

I congratulate Principal Tanya Roane and your faculty for your dedication and commitment in supporting your students in their educational and academic pursuits.

On behalf of my Ward One constituents and myself, I wish you much success in your endeavors in life.

I am wishing you the very best in life,
Greetings from the
Cardozo Alumni Association

As President of the Cardozo Alumni Association, it is indeed an honor and a pleasure to extend our congratulations on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new "Cardozo Education Campus".

This event embodies not only the past, but the future of our school’s history. Each of the members of the Alumni Association would like to extend our best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

Valarie Harris-Green
President
Cardozo Alumni Association, Inc.
October 18, 2013

Dear Alumni, Friends and Supporters

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the newly modernized, state of the art, Francis L. Cardozo Education Campus! What an excellent opportunity to bring together community, families, parents, students and our staff. We are excited to have a school that is on the cutting edge of technology and able to compete in a global society.

We are certain that you share the sense of pride that we have for this amazing school. We have an open school policy and welcome each of you to return to visit, volunteer or just be a part of the Cardozo Education Campus.

Cardozo has a rich heritage that spans more than 85 years. We arrived at the present location in 1950, and today we witness the return to its former glory. It is certainly one of the premiere architectural edifice in the city, and is most deserving of being on the Historical Register. As you tour, you will see the beautiful restored atriums, Lecture Hall, hardwood floors, and recessed water fountains. Moreover, we now have an official size gymnasium that will allow us to play home basketball games for the first time.

One of our goals at Cardozo is to make certain that each student is able to look to the future and realize their dreams of becoming successful and productive citizens in today’s society.

Sincerely

Tanya S. Roane
Principal
Ribbon Cutting Program
Dr. Tanya S. Roane, Principal
Presiding

Presentation of Colors
Cardozo JROTC

National Anthem
Mr. Andre Jackson, Class of 1988

Negro National Anthem
Lift Every Voice and Sing

Welcome
Dr. Tanya S. Roane

Introduction of the Mayor
Ms. Samantha Nelson, Class of 2014

The Mayor
The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Greetings
The Honorable Jim Graham
Councilman, Ward One

Zillah Jackson Wesley, Class of 1967
School Improvement Team

Mr. Frazier O'Leary, Jr.
Cardozo Faculty

Alumni Reflections
Mrs. Joan Chaconas, Class of 1949
Dr. Patricia McCrimmon, Class of 1959
Mr. Sandy Lee, Class of 1968

Music Selection
Ms. Nischka Nigginbotham, Class of 2001

Alumni Reflections
Mr. Richard Myles, Class of 1974
Mrs. Karen Roberts Turner, Class of 1982
Mr. Julius Foster, Class of 1990

Introduction of Special Guest
Admiral Steven Rochon

Special Remarks
Mr. Charles Allen, Cardozo Alumnus

Alumni Reflections
Ms. Ana Martinez, Class of 2009
Mr. Ivan Ango, Class of 2010

Introduction of the Chancellor
Mr. Raul Moreno, Class of 2014
Remarks ......................................................................................................................... Chancellor Kaya M. Henderson

The Newly Modernized Cardozo Education Campus ............................................... Mr. Allen Y. Lew
City Administrator

Ms. June Locker
Department of General Services

Musical Selection ............................................................................................................. The Cardozo Alumni Marching Band

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Ribbon Cutters

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray, Mayor
Chancellor Kaya M. Henderson, D.C. Public Schools
The Honorable Jim Graham, City Council, Ward One
Mr. Allen Y. Lew, City Administrator
June Locker, Department of General Services
Dr. Tanya S. Roane, Principal
Samantha Nelson, Class of 2014
Raul Moreno, Class of 2014
Mr. Frazier O'Leary, Cardozo Faculty
Mr. Charles Allen, Cardozo Alumnus
Mr. Julius Foster, PTA President/Class of 1990
Ms. Teresa Luther, Department of General Services
Ms. Zillah Wesley, Class of 1967
JROTC Cadets
Francis L. Cardozo Senior High School was at first a business department organized in 1887 as a part of the high school of the Miner Building, under the direction of Professor Francis L. Cardozo. Professor Cardozo was an educator of note in that he advocated education for Blacks in the United States when such a position was unpopular. In 1878 he was appointed to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. and became associated with education in the District of Columbia. He was the principal of the Washington, D. C. Colored High School in 1884, the forerunner of Dunbar High School, and remained there until 1896.

From 1887 until 1928, the Business Department was continually moved from one school to another. From 1887 to 1900, the Business Department was under the supervision of the Academic High School, and from 1900 to 1912, under the supervision of Armstrong Manual Training School. In 1919, the name was changed to the Department of Business Practice, and all work was under the leadership of Mr. W. F. S. Jackson. In October, 1916 the Department of Business Practice was moved to Dunbar High School, where, on November 1, 1919, Mr. G. David Houston was appointed its head teacher.

In 1927, a conference of business men and women met at Dunbar High School with the Educational Employees of Divisions 10-13, to discuss ways of bringing into closer contact the Department of Business Practice and the business men and women in the community. The problem at issue comprised organizing a separate high school, providing means by which the school should be properly equipped, and coordinating the commercial high school with the various business interests of the community.

As a result of the conference the Department of Business Practice was made a separate senior high school in the spring of 1928. The new school was named after Francis L. Cardozo, who had done much to promote the teaching of business to the black youth. Later the school was moved to the old “M” Street Building, with Mr. R. N. Mattingly as its first principal. In February, 1933, Cardozo moved to 9th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, NW.

Cardozo was the first commercial high school in the United States for African Americans and was one of the first rank secondary school in the country. Its graduates attended many of the leading universities throughout the country with the foundation of the essentials of business. Cardozo became known as the “Clerks” because of its business focus, and later adopted the wise old owl as its mascot. In 1950, Cardozo moved to its present location at 13th and Clifton Streets, NW which was formally Central High School.

On September 30, 1993, Cardozo High School was added to the National Register of Historic Places. It is located in the Ward 1 of the Columbia Heights area which is about one and a half miles long and a mile wide. It is one mile from the White House. The present day population is around
thirty-two thousand people. In 1999, the revitalization initiative formed around the Columbia Heights Metro station in 1998 served as a catalyst for extensive economic development. In the past few years, it has gentrified considerably; however, it is still arguably the most ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods in the city.

Cardozo has continued to embrace its legacy of educational excellence through its 85 year history. Thirteen principals have served Cardozo. They include:

Mr. R. N. Mattingly – 1928 - 1955
Mr. James N. Saunders - 1955 - 1961
Dr. Bennetta Washington - 1961 - 1964
Mr. Randall R. Evans - 1964 - 1969
Mr. Gerald R. Brown - 1969 - 1973
Mr. David L. Sanders - 1973 - 1978
Mr. Waverly M. Jones - 1978 - 1983
Dr. James A. Williams - 1983 - 1986
Mrs. Geraldine R. Johnson - 1986 - 1994
Mr. Bernard C. Lucas, Sr. - 1994 - 1995
Mr. Reginald C. Ballard, Jr. - 1995 - 2006
Ms. Barbara Childs - 2006 - 2007
Dr. Gwendolyn R. Grant - 2007 - 2012
Dr. Tanya S. Roane - 2012 to Present

In the 2013-2014 school year, Cardozo transitioned to 6th through 12th grades and became the Cardozo Education Campus.
Guest Speaker

Charles Allen was born in 1946 to the late Eugene and Helene Allen in the old Columbia Hospital for Women in the District of Columbia. He is the only child born to that union. Charles was educated in the DC public school system starting with Park View Elementary School (1951-58), Banneker Junior High School (1958-61) and Cardozo High School (1961-64). He transferred to and graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in Prince Georges County, Maryland in 1965. Charles lettered in football and track at Cardozo and while at Fairmont Heights gained 1000 yards rushing during the 1964 season, being subsequently named to the All Prince Georges County first team by the Washington Daily News.

Charles attended then Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland from 1965 to the spring of 1966, joining the United States Army shortly thereafter. He served with the 10th Special Forces Group and 8th Signal Battalion in the Federal Republic of Germany from April 1967 until October 1967 at which point he was transferred to Company A, 1/502nd Infantry Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. He Deployed to South Vietnam in December of 1967, spending one year in country with said unit as a Combat Infantryman. In May 1968, Company A captured more enemy combatants alive than any other military unit during the entire course of the Vietnam conflict. Charles is a Past President of the 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam Veterans Organization (2010-2012). Charles is authorized to wear among other awards, the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), the Parachutist Badge, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Vietnam Service Ribbon, two awards of the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the Overseas Service Ribbon, etc. He was awarded status as a Distinguished Member of the 502nd Infantry Regiment (DMOR) in 2008.

Charles retired from the federal government in 2002 with an aggregate of 37 years of service. He worked as a Federal Protective Officer (US Special Police), a District of Columbia Corrections Officers, a 15 year Criminal Investigator in the DC Army National Guard leading eventually to a Special Investigators position with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, United States Department of State. Charles holds an Associate of Applied Science Degree from the old Washington Technical Institute, 1977 (UDC) and a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from American University, 1978.

Charles is married to the former Ortaciana Brooks (Eastern, HS, 72), they are the proud parents of 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Charles was married to the late Gwendolyn Jefferson (Cardozo, 64) with two children born of that union. Two of Charles's children are first responders with the DC government, serving on the Police Department and Fire Department respectively. Charles' hobbies are studying movies, travel and day dreaming about being young again (smile). He is a member of the Bachelors-Benedict Club, Inc. which is the oldest Black male social club in Washington, DC.

The recently, critically acclaimed movie, "The Butler" was INSPIRED by the life of Charles's father of Eugene Allen who worked at the White House for 34 years serving 8 Presidents and their families. Charles is immensely proud of his participation in bringing that story along with that of the brave heroes of the Civil Rights Movement to the big screen and the world.
THE FRANCIS L. CARDozo
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