









Mr. Holland is an example for our children. He grew up in a minority-majority city much like Mt. Vernon, and through education and hard work, he rose to the top of his field. He shows us that children coming from everywhere can go anywhere they want.

- GERALD DENNIS, Founder, Executive Director, NSSA

















THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US AND FOR OUR STUDENTS



# 2022 CHAIRMAN'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GALA **ELEVATING STEM EDUCATION IN MT. VERNON**

JOIN THE NORTHEAST STEM STARTER ACADEMY AT MT. VERNON CELEBRATE STEM LEARNING GALA!

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

**Greentree Country Club** 538 Davenport Avenue New Rochelle, NY 10805 6:00 PM RECEPTION, 7:00 PM DINNER AND PROGRAM

## Celebrating the life of NSSA's CHAIRMAN ROBERT HOLLAND, JR.

April 11, 1940 - December 22, 2021

### **HONORING:**

### **BEN BOYKIN**

Former Chairman, Legislator, District 5

### LYNDON J. MITNAUL, Ph.D.

Senior Director. Regeneron Genetics Center

### **GERALDINE ABBEY-MENSAH, M.D.**

**Division of Interventional Radiology Division of Breast Imaging** Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital

#### **RECOGNIZING NSSA STUDENTS & EDUCATORS**

Our Vision

To provide at-risk, underserved children attending public schools in Mt. Vernon and the region with access and exposure to enhanced, challenging STEM learning that will empower them to break through existing barriers and achieve educational and life success.

### PURCHASE TICKETS OR SPONSORSHIP:

https://NSSA2022Gala.eventbrite.com

#### **NSSA 2022 GALA AMBASSADORS**







**ATTORNEY MAYO BARTLETT** 



KENNETH G. KRAETZER



**DR. PHILLIP ORTIZ** 

Fred Schwam was the 30vear owner and Chief Executive Officer of American Christmas, commercial Christmas decorating firm based in Mount Vernon, NY.

Fred has been a member of the Advisory Board of Directors for NSSA since 2014. He continues to support the all-important effort to provide exceptional science programming to the children of Mount Vernon and wants to see NSSA realize the vision for a permanent. state-of-the-art home.

Al Bunshaft, retired senior executive and board member working to make STEM/STEAM education and careers more accessible.

As a senior executive lead Dassault Systèmes Americas & General Manager of IBM's engineering software division. Mr. Bunshaft said that "NSSA is an example of the kind of program we need to see in more communities. Helping our young students see the excitement of learning and doing. Opening minds to incredible their possibilities in their future."

Mayo Bartlett is the Principal Attorney at the Law Offices of Mayo Bartlett. He worked for the DA's Office for more than ten years as a litigator in the Superior Court Trial Division & Chief of the Bias Crimes Unit. Co-founder of SAFE PASSAGE, a youth law forum that brings classroom. He was a member of the Advisory Board of the Westchester Holocaust Ed Center, assisting in the development of a Juvenile Hate Crime Offender Program.

Children's book "A Day at the Museum.", and a supporter of the NSSA since 2014.

Ken Kraetzer VP of cbsiServices, Harrison, NY conducts the #cbsiTalkingBusiness video podcast speaking with banking and business education leaders. Serves on the Board of the Marketing Club of NY. As a volunteer, he has evolved into an award-winning radio and video issues of law and policy to the reporter focusing on veteran's Annual Biomedical Research issues, active military, and college sports, including West Point and Army Football.

Ken received awards from the Dept. of the Army, NY State  $\,$ Broadcasters Assoc., and the Mayo is the author of the American Legion Media Alliance. Ken is an NSSA advocate and supporter.

Phillip Ortiz received "Distinguished Mentor Award" from the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science and chaired numerous symposia and conferences for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Minority Conference for Students.

He is a tireless champion of all things STEM, is currently working on a number of projects to enhance SUNY's leadership in this area, and a supporter of the