



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Wall Township Public Schools Crimson Knight Foundation to Host 6th Annual Awards Gala**

Wall, NJ - The Crimson Knights Foundation, Inc. (CKF) is pleased to announce its honorees for the 6th annual Gala Awards, which will be held at the Spring Lake Manor on Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 PM.

The awards are presented to individuals who exemplify outstanding accomplishments in their profession or philanthropic service to the extent that they have had a lasting impact on the Wall Township schools and community. The awards recognize an alumnus for exceptional achievement in their field, a community member for their leadership and dedication to Wall Township, and a Board of Education employee for excellence in service to the Wall Township Public Schools

The three awards and deserving members of our community are:

- Distinguished Alumni Award: **Dr. Meghan Womack, Emergency Room Physician, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital**
- Excellence in Community Leadership Award: **Patrolman Michael Malone, Best Defense Foundation and Wall Township Police Department**
- Meritorious Board of Education Award: **Dr. Tracy Skinner, Supervisor of Social Studies & World Language/MLL (Grades K to 12)**

Our **Distinguished Alumni Award** recipient is Dr Meghan Womack an Emergency Room physician who practices at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital – Rahway. After graduating Wall Township High School in 1995, she studied Neuroscience at the University of Pennsylvania graduating with honors. She performed clinical research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Breast Cancer Center in NYC prior to starting her medical education at Rutgers RWJ Medical School. Dr. Womack returned to Philadelphia to complete her emergency medicine residency at Temple University where she was honored to be the second woman in program history to serve as chief resident. She spent the next several years working in Trenton, hoping to make a difference in a community with limited health care access and resources. She has worked at Rahway Emergency Department for the past 15 years, where she spent countless



hours in the hospital during the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Womack is a clinical instructor for Rutgers RWJ Medical School and site director for the Emergency Medicine clerkship, helping to educate and train the next generation of emergency physicians.

The **Excellence in Community Leadership Award** is being presented to Wall Township Police officer Mr. Michael Malone. Fulfilling his lifelong goal of serving his hometown, Malone was sworn in as a Police Officer in the Wall Township Police Department on January 8, 2003. He has since dedicated over 23 years of service to the community, where he currently serves at the rank of Patrolman. In 2012, while on routine patrol, Malone met and befriended Major General Harry J. Rockefeller, a highly decorated World War II combat veteran and longtime Wall resident. Their friendship lasted until Rockefeller's passing in 2017. In keeping with a promise made to his friend, Malone led the effort to dedicate the Wall Township PBA World War II & Rockefeller Memorial Monument, unveiled on November 11, 2018, at Wall Township Police Headquarters.

Malone was invited by Best Defense Foundation founder Donnie Edwards to join the organization as a volunteer. Since 2019, he has served as the Foundation's Director of Veterans Affairs. In this role, he is responsible for the care, safety, and overall experience of World War II veterans during their return journeys to the battlefields, towns, and cities where they served. Malone has personally escorted and supported more than 200 World War II veterans to Normandy, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Pearl Harbor.

Dr Tracy Skinner, our **Meritorious Board of Education Award** recipient, has been serving the students, schools and community of Wall since 2014. She currently supervises and leads the K - 12 departments of Social Studies and World Languages. In addition, Dr Skinner coordinates the program and services of language instruction and support for students whose primary language isn't English, helping them to achieve English proficiency and academic success through specialized Language Instruction Educational Programs (LIEPs)

In 2016 Dr Skinner completed her Literacy Certification. Her leadership and service have been widely recognized, including recognition from the New Jersey Social Studies Supervisors Association in 2022. Under Dr Skinner's leadership Wall Township Public Schools was highlighted by the New Jersey Department of Education's RevNJ Schools initiative in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Outside of her time in the schools Dr. Skinner volunteers her time to a variety of organizations. She was recognized for her efforts with the Excellence in New Leadership Award from the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore in 2018 Wall Township.

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#### **Ticket Sales info;**

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Patrolman Michael Malone was recognized as the police officer of the year by the Manasquan VFW Post 1838. The award was given in recognition for his hard work and dedication to the Rockefeller Memorial and continued support of our community's veterans.



Dr Tracy Skinner celebrating the preparations for the United States Semiquincentennial. As Supervisor of Social Studies this is a perfect opportunity to bring the classroom and community together.



Dr. Meghan Womack, MD, a dedicated Emergency Medicine specialist with over 20 years of experience providing high-quality care to the community. Dr. Womack serves on the medical staff at [Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital \(RWJUH\) Rahway](#), where she is an integral part of the emergency services team. Known for her kindness and patience, Dr. Womack is recognized by her patients for her ability to clearly explain complex medical situations, providing comfort and clarity during stressful hospital visits.