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## **THE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF TAYLOR ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL HALL OF FAME (REVISED)**

*Celebrated environmental health researcher and author, influential climate change scientist and educator, Broadway and movie composer, globally-engaged fashion designer, and award-winning physician and hypertension researcher are 2018 inductees*

Pittsburgh, PA, April 12, 2018 – Pittsburgh Alderdice High School will once again recognize distinguished alumni who are leaving their mark on the world. This year, alumni Devra Davis, Brenda Ekwurzel, Michael Himelstein, Tereneh Mosley, and Jackson Wright will join the Taylor Alderdice Hall of Fame.

- Devra Davis, Ph.D., MPH, founder and president of the Environmental Health Trust, is an environmental health researcher and author whose publications include *When Smoke Ran Like Water*, a 2003 National Book Award Finalist that reviews environmental pollution over the years, including the 1948 smog emergency in Donora.
- Brenda Ekwurzel, Ph.D., MS, is director of climate science at the Union of Concerned Scientists and co-author of *Cooler Smarter: Practical Steps for Low-Carbon Living*. Dr. Ekwurzel leads climate science education aimed at diverse populations to strengthen support for sound, science-based climate policies and has appeared on network news (ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News) and The Colbert Report.
- Michael Himelstein is a composer, lyricist, and producer whose music has been recorded by artists ranging from the Temptations, Al Jarreau, and the Brian Setzer Orchestra. His music is featured in TV, films, and on stage in productions like *The Mickey Mouse Clubhouse*, *Sid the Science Kid*, *Blades of Glory*, and *Shrek*, the movie and Broadway musical.
- Tereneh (Mosley) Idia, MS is a fashion designer who specializes in collaborations with indigenous artisans in Kenya and the USA and has exhibited around the world. She founded Idia'Dega: Elegant Ethical Apparel and Global Eco-Design Collaboration, which brings together environmentally sustainable practices with indigenous community artisans to create a global creative community.
- Jackson Wright, MD, Ph.D., emeritus professor of medicine at Case Western Reserve University, is a physician-researcher who studies antihypertensive and cholesterol-lowering agents, especially in minority populations. He has had a major role in many significant clinical outcome trials in black populations and is a recipient of the American Heart Association's 2015 Clinical Research Prize.

The Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 pm in the Alderdice auditorium. The unveiling of permanent wall plaques representing each of the inductees and a reception will follow the induction ceremony. The public is welcome to attend; no reservations are required.

Taylor Alderdice High School, also referred to as "Pittsburgh Alderdice," is a public high school located in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA. The school opened in 1927 and is named for industrialist and Squirrel Hill resident Taylor Alderdice, who was a member of the city's first school board and president of the National Tube Company, which was a subsidiary of the U.S. Steel Corporation.

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