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THE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF TAYLOR ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL HALL OF FAME

Human rights data analyst, national leader in journalism, award-winning poet, public health policy maker and researcher, and community-engaged attorney are 2019 inductees.

Pittsburgh, PA, February 18, 2019 – Pittsburgh Allderdice High School will once again recognize distinguished alumni who are leaving their mark on the world. This year, alumni Patrick Ball, Jeffrey Ballou, Daniel Borzutzky, Marsha Lillie-Blanton, and Edgar Snyder will join the Taylor Allderdice Hall of Fame.

- Patrick Ball, PhD, founded the Human Rights Data Analysis Group, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that applies rigorous science to the study of human rights violations. He has provided quantitative analyses for truth commissions, non-governmental organizations, international criminal tribunals and United Nations missions around the world.
- Jeffrey Ballou, MA, is a news editor for the Americas at Al Jazeera Media Network's English language channel and the immediate past president of the National Press Club. He has worked at C-SPAN, WTTG-TV, WTOP-AM, NPR, Hearst Broadcasting and Hubbard Broadcasting (CONUS) and helped to launch Al Jazeera Media Network's English language channel.
- Daniel Borzutzky, MFA, has authored several books of poetry, including a winner of the 2016 National Book Award, *The Performance of Becoming Human*, which draws connections between the U.S. and Latin America, specifically regarding border politics, economic disparities, and state violence. He teaches in the English Department and Latin American and Latino Studies Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Marsha Lillie-Blanton, DrPH, is a public health professional who has worked on health and health care access issues facing vulnerable populations for more than 30 years. She has held positions in government, a national health foundation, and academia. She is currently an Associate Research Professor with the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health.
- Edgar Snyder, JD, founded Edgar Snyder & Associates, a law firm specializing in personal injury law that has represented more than 50,000 people. He and his firm are active in community service, engaging with dozens of charities. He has chaired the Pittsburgh Jewish Holocaust Center and founded the SOS Pittsburgh emergency fund of the Jewish Family and Children's Service.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will take place on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm in the Allderdice auditorium. The unveiling of permanent wall plaques representing each of the inductees and a reception will follow the induction ceremony. The event is free and open to the public; no reservations are required.

Taylor Allderdice High School, also referred to as "Pittsburgh Allderdice," 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 Allderdice, 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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