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

*Pediatric kidney specialist, songwriter and musical director, dentist and civic leader, best-selling author, and civil rights attorney are 2020 honorees who will be celebrated on May 12, 2022.*

Pittsburgh, PA, April 23, 2022 – On May 12, 2022, Pittsburgh Allderdice High School will recognize the 2020 honorees whose induction ceremony was postponed because of the pandemic. The distinguished alumni are Ellis Avner (1966), Michele Brouman (1964), Judith (Loftin) Davenport (1957), Nathaniel Philbrick (1974), and William Rubenstein (1978).

- Ellis D. Avner, MD, Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics and Physiology at the Medical College of Wisconsin, was a renowned pediatric kidney specialist with expertise in polycystic kidney disease (PKD) who had earned teaching and research honors. He retired in 2015 from directing the Multidisciplinary Program for Childhood PKD at the Children's Hospital and Health System of Wisconsin.
- Michele Brouman is an award-winning composer, performer, producer, and musical director. Her songs, which include the classic "My Favorite Year," have been recorded by Reba McEntyre, Michael Feinstein, Dame Cleo Laine, Olivia Newton-John, Jean Smart, and Dixie Carter. Her work has been featured in television, film, theater productions, and in 20 animated features for children.
- Judith (Loftin) Davenport, DMD, MPH, is a retired dentist, businesswoman, and civic leader. She and her husband founded the Sheridan Broadcasting Corporation, which became one of the largest African American-owned broadcasting companies. She served on boards, including The Heinz Endowments and The Corporation for Public Broadcasting and has been recognized for her philanthropy.
- Nathaniel Philbrick, MA, is an award-winning author, sailor, and Nantucket historian. His *New York Times* bestseller *In the Heart of the Sea* won the National Book Award in 2000 and was the basis of the 2015 film directed by Ron Howard. He has published six additional bestsellers including *Mayflower*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history, and *Valiant Ambition*, winner of the George Washington Prize.
- William B. Rubenstein, JD, a Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, is an expert in civil rights advocacy and complex litigation. He worked for the American Civil Liberties Union's National LGBT and AIDS Projects, litigating complex civil rights cases, including the landmark case in which New York's highest court became the first in the country to recognize a gay couple as a legal family.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 pm in the Allderdice auditorium. The event is free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Audience members must comply with the COVID safety policies that are in place at the time of the event. An option to participate virtually is provided on the Alumni and Friends of Allderdice website ([www.allderdicealumni.com](http://www.allderdicealumni.com)).

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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