

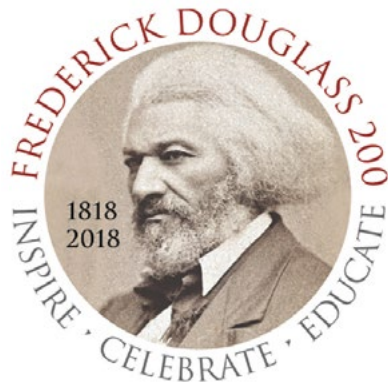
Frederick Douglass

Talbot County's Native Son and International Hero

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Presented by the Frederick Douglass Honor Society



Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Wreath Laying Ceremony

Harriette Lowery, Frederick Douglass Honor Society, Mistress of Ceremony

- Presentation of Colors.....Easton High School ROTC
- Invocation.....Reverend Dartanyon L. Hines, Asbury and Scotts United Methodist Church
- Welcome.....Harriette Lowery
- RemembranceLt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, State of Maryland
- Special Guest.....Historian & Genealogist Lyndra nee’ Pratt Marshall
- Proclamation.....Senator Adelaide C. Eckardt, District 37B
- Laying of Wreath.....Frederick Douglass Descendants & Lyndra nee’ Pratt Marshall
- Amazing Grace.....Mikehia Pinkney, Easton High School Band Saxophonist
- Benediction.....Reverend Wendell Gary, Bethel A.M.E. Church

The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is proud to honor Frederick Douglass today on his birthday. Born into slavery on February 14, 1818, his intellect, passion, and courage allowed him to escape to freedom and become one of the most influential men in the 19th century. During his last visit to Talbot County in 1878, he stood on this very ground in front of the Courthouse and spoke to a group of people holding on to his every word. As we assemble today to honor one of the most significant figures in our nation’s history and the father of freedom, equal rights for all, and justice, let us remember his words, *“You are not judged by the height you have risen, but from the depth you have climbed.”*

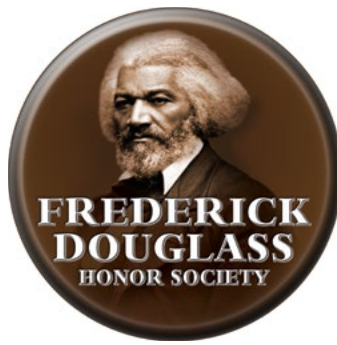
Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford is an accomplished attorney with lifetime experiences in both the public and private sector. He served as Associate Administrator for the U.S. General Services. After a nomination by President W. Bush and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he served as Assistant Secretary for the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Lt. Governor Boyd also served as Secretary of the Maryland Department of General Services under Governor Robert Ehrlich.

Senator Adelaide C. Eckardt was a member of the Maryland House of Representatives from 1995 to 2015. She became a member of the Maryland Senate on January 14, 2015, representing the District 37B serving Talbot, Caroline, and Dorchester Counties. Senator Eckhardt has proven to be a dedicated and effective leader and powerful voice for the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Her service has been instrumental in the growth of our economy, health care, and sustainability of our heritage and traditions.

Lyndra nee’ Pratt Marshall is an Oral Historian, and the former Chair of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, which is committed to discovering, documenting, preserving, collecting, and promoting Maryland’s African American heritage. Marshall is also an internationally renowned genealogist, author, teacher, lecturer and a partner of the African Ancestry Inc., the pioneers in DNA Genetic Testing. She is also the owner of GENE-ALL-OF-US, Inc., a Family Heritage Research and Resource Center.

Reverend Dartanyon L. Hines has functioned over the past 27 years in ministry as a Preacher, Church school and Chief Administrative Officer, Outreach Minister, Youth Minister, Young People Department Advisor, Missionary, Evangelist, Spiritual Counselor, Friend and Brother. He is proudly serving the Scotts United Methodist Church and Asbury United Methodist Church.

Reverend Wendell Gary is the Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Church in Easton. He was ordained an itinerant deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in April 1996 and ordained as itinerant elder in 1998. He previously served as associate pastor at Oak Street A.M.E. Church in Baltimore; appointed pastor of the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Church Hill in 1998; and nine years later, appointed Pastor of Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church in Worton. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education and a Master of Science degree in Business Education from Morgan State University. He obtained a Master of Arts degree in Theology from St. Mary’s Seminary & University in Baltimore. He has also done graduate work in criminal justice and computer science.



Please join the Frederick Douglass Honor Society on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Avalon Theatre for an “Evening with Frederick Douglass”. Nationally acclaimed actor and scholar Fred Morsell will portray Frederick Douglass during a 90-minute performance on stage starting at 7 pm. The performance is free and open to the public. Morsell is one of the most celebrated impersonators in the nation and well respected for flawless performances and bringing history alive.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for our annual Frederick Douglass Day, located at the Talbot County Free Library and the Talbot County Court House. The Bicentennial event will offer extraordinary opportunities to celebrate, learn, and enjoy the life and legacy of Talbot County’s native son and international hero.

For more information on 2018 Bicentennial Events in Talbot County and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, please visit www.frederickdouglasshonorsociety.org or the Frederick Douglass Honor Society Facebook Page or www.fd200.org.

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The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is dedicated to developing programs that continue the Douglass legacy of human rights, education, personal growth, and involvement of citizens. Our goal is to honor

Frederick Douglass here in his birthplace, Talbot County, Maryland, where his experiences in his youth - both positive and negative - helped form his character, intellect, and determination. It became Frederick Douglass’ life goal to bring black people and America away from the ancient institution of slavery. It is our hope that all people will long remember him as a true leader and world-renown hero.