



Halo Awards Program

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021
THE WESTIN ARLINGTON GATEWAY

Welcome



I would like to welcome everyone in attendance – faculty, staff, alumni, friends and neighbors of Marymount University – to our first-ever Halo Awards Dinner and Ceremony!

We were inspired to establish this inaugural awards program to recognize distinguished and noteworthy alumni, faculty, community members and organizations for their professional achievements and demonstration of one of our core values at Marymount University – service to others. The six award recipients that we will honor tonight are extraordinary difference makers, and we are so proud of their contributions to the greater good of

the Marymount community, the Northern Virginia region and our nation as a whole.

In our Strategic Plan effort to become nationally recognized as a leading Catholic university, we are dedicating ourselves to an unparalleled commitment to student success, alumni achievement and faculty and staff excellence. Our inaugural Halo Award winners represent these ideals, as well as what’s best about Marymount – a community of scholars who are lifelong learners, faculty members who foster innovation and growth and a University that values the education of the whole person and the importance of giving back. These qualities are in harmony with the traditions of our founders, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM). Because of community members like the six award-winners we are celebrating this evening, we are advancing the fulfillment of Marymount’s mission and vision every day.

Thank you all for coming, and I want to convey special appreciation to our donors and supporters who make nights like these possible. With your help, Marymount continues to have a transformational impact on thousands of lives. Your generosity ensures a bright future for the University and its students, and we are indebted to your support.

Go Saints!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irma', written in a cursive style.

Irma Becerra, Ph.D.
President of Marymount University

Halo Awards Dinner

Tonight, Marymount University recognizes six Halo Award recipients for their achievements and service to others.

Program of Events

5:00-5:45

Cocktail Reception: Second Floor

6:00-7:00

Dinner: F. Scott Fitzgerald Ballroom
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Introduction and Welcome from the Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Jonathan Elias

Remarks from Marymount University President

Dr. Irma Becerra

Invocation

Rev. Gabriel Muteru

7:00-8:00

Halo Awards Program: F. Scott Fitzgerald Ballroom

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Awards Presentation

Closing Remarks

Mr. Jonathan Elias



Marlene Malek '79

Ms. Marlene Malek is a community activist, health care advocate, and patron of the arts. Marlene earned her degree in Nursing from Marymount in 1979 while also raising her children. In addition to being an alumna, Marlene is an extraordinary advocate and volunteer at Marymount. Marlene serves on the Board of Trustees and has been recognized for her dedication and accomplishments with the Mother Gerard Phelan Gold Medal for exemplary Community Leadership, and the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. The Malek School of Nursing Professions is named in honor of Marlene and her late husband Frederic V. Malek for their service and commitment to the institution.

Marlene is Vice Chairman of Friends of Cancer Research which is our country's leading voice in advocating for policies and solutions that will get treatment to patients in the safest and quickest way possible. She serves on the Board of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, as well as the Duke University's Cancer Institute. Marlene also served on the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center Leadership Council. Marlene received a Presidential Appointment to the National Cancer Advisory Board at NIH for a six year term.

Marlene was a Presidential Appointee to the Board of Trustees for the John F. Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts from 2002-2008, and now serves on their International Committee. Additionally, she serves on the Boards of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Ford's Theater Society, Vital Voices Global Partnership, Explore Children's Museum, and the Public Broadcasting for Greater Washington (WETA). Marlene is a member of the Executive Roundtable Board of the Republican Governors Association, and serves on the Board of the George & Barbara Bush Foundation.

Washingtonian Magazine named Marlene a "Washingtonian of the Year" in 2004, and one of The Most Powerful Women in Washington in 2019. Marlene resides in McLean, VA and has two grown children and five grandchildren.



Missy Wagler '07

Melissa (Missy) Wagler was passionate about volunteering and serving the American people. She received two Master of Arts degrees in Forensic Psychology and Community Counseling from Marymount University and two Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Marketing from the University of Evansville. Missy was raised in Dallas and Carrollton, Texas, and studied abroad in England at Harlaxton College.

Missy was a Unit Chief with the FBI Cyber Division. She was with the FBI for over 13 years, serving in both leadership and volunteer capacities within her office, and had received numerous accolades, including one of the FBI's top honors, the FBI Director's Award, as well as the Office of the Director of National Intelligence Professional Awards.

Missy's years of volunteer work focused on breast cancer awareness, suicide prevention, and the health and wellness of children. She actively participated with and led local volunteer groups and fundraising events in support of these efforts. Missy was a member of the Junior League of Northern Virginia, Zeta Tau Alpha, her children's elementary Parent Teacher Association, served on the Harlaxton Board, and formerly on the University of Evansville Alumni Association and CrisisLink Boards. When not working or volunteering, Missy loved traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Missy passed away on August 3, 2021, and is survived by her husband, Derrick, and three children, Grayson (7), Pierson (5), and Lawson (3). Marymount will be honoring Missy's legacy during the Halo Awards ceremony.





Deb
Longua
Zamero '89

Deb Longua Zamero (DLZ) is the purple-headed award-winning Interior Architectural Designer in Los Angeles who founded her own firm after two decades of collaborating with the best minds in architecture and interiors at the nation's top firms. To this day, DLZ continues to collaborate with outstanding design and architecture firms who share the same passion for excellence in design.

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DLZ and her works have been featured in several publications, including Interior Design Magazine, Contract Magazine, Designer Magazine, The Agency's Daily, Japan's ECCIFO Magazine, Country Home Magazine, and is a contributing design expert for The Washington Post. Awards include: Multi-Year Best of HOUZZ (2018-2021), Shaw Contract Design Awards Category Finalist, BUILD Home & Garden Luxury Design Award, Design Is...Award, ASID Community Service Award, Designer Magazine Public Service Award, March of Dimes Public Service Award (multiple), ASID's Outstanding Chapter Award, ASID Distinguished President Award, National Leadership Award.



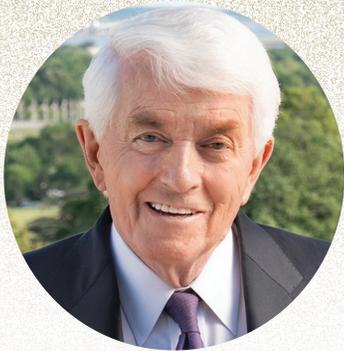
Diane
Murphy

Dr. Diane Murphy is a professor and Director of the School of Technology and Innovation at Marymount University. She was educated and worked throughout Europe before coming to the US, where she worked as a government contractor, serial entrepreneur, and for the last 20 years as a college professor here at Marymount.

She is a well-respected professor in the information technology field, educating students for high level positions in government and industry. She has an expansive portfolio of publications and conference proceedings in cybersecurity and has worked for several years to increase the number and diversity of females in the cybersecurity workforce, including a number of NSF research projects. She is known for her educational innovation developing and implementing new programs to support our ever-changing digital world.

She is actively engaged with students, from introducing high school students to cybersecurity and AI in summer camps to working with doctoral cybersecurity students on their scholarly research. She was named a recipient of the 2020 Commonwealth of Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award for her tireless contribution to education.





Tom Donohue

Thomas J. Donohue served as president and chief executive officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce from 1997 to 2019, the first person to hold both titles concurrently in the organization's history. From 2019 to 2021, Tom served as chief executive officer alongside Suzanne Clark, who was elevated to president of the U.S. Chamber. Concluding the leadership transition, Tom stepped down from his role as CEO in March of 2021 and now serves as an advisor to the organization and a member of its board of directors.

During his tenure, Donohue built the Chamber into a lobbying and political powerhouse with expanded influence across the globe and helped secure business victories on Capitol Hill, in the regulatory agencies, in politics, in courts of law and in the court of public opinion, and before governments around the world.

Donohue led efforts to expand trade and domestic energy production, rebuild America's infrastructure, combat an avalanche of new regulations, protect intellectual property, revitalize capital markets, and advocate for legal, tax, education, and entitlement reform. In addition, he challenged attacks on free enterprise while working to protect the business community's right to speak and participate in the political and policy affairs of the nation.

Under Donohue's leadership, the Chamber emerged as a major political force in races for the Senate and the House of Representatives. As part of this bipartisan effort, millions of grassroots business advocates, as well as the Chamber's federation of state and local chambers and industry associations, mobilized in support of pro-business candidates.

Donohue established the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, which advances significant legal reforms in the courts, at the state and federal levels, and in elections for state attorneys general and Supreme Court judges. He dramatically expanded the activities of the U.S. Chamber Litigation

Center, the Chamber's law firm, which represents the business community's interests in the courts. He also reinvigorated the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, which houses Hiring Our Heroes, a program that identifies job opportunities for returning veterans and military spouses.

Previously, Donohue served for 13 years as president and CEO of the American Trucking Associations, the national organization of the trucking industry. Earlier in his career, he was deputy assistant postmaster general of the U.S. and vice president of development at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Born in New York City, Donohue earned a bachelor's degree from St. John's University and a master's degree in business administration from Adelphi University. He holds honorary degrees from Adelphi, St. John's, Marymount, Bradley, and Pepperdine universities, along with the National University of Ireland at Maynooth.

He is a recipient of the Horatio Alger Award and the Boy Scouts of America National Capital Area Council's Lifetime Achievement Award. He holds the highest civilian honor from Germany and South Korea, as well as the Order of the Crown (Commander Class) presented by the Crown Prince of Belgium and the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun awarded by the Government of Japan.

Donohue and his late wife, Liz, have three sons and five grandchildren.





Alyson McNair

Alyson McNair, a loving wife and mother, was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She started her career at the age of 14 as a Staff Assistant for East New York Betterment, a nonprofit that assisted the elderly. It was there she learned the importance of nonprofits and their ability to help shape and ultimately change communities.

Upon graduating from Hofstra University with a B.A. in Political Science, Alyson relocated to the Washington, DC Metro area to work on Capitol Hill. Shortly thereafter, she transferred her invaluable experience gained from her work on the Hill to the private industry with BAE Systems, a defense contracting company.

At BAE Systems, she worked with the company's Political Action Committee, Government Affairs, Communications, and Human Resources departments. During her employment with BAE Systems, Alyson understood, even more, the hardships people encountered in their attempts to obtain employment after incarceration. It was with that knowledge she decided to start a nonprofit to address the issue head-on.

Therefore, she began conceptualizing and planning for Perfect, Inc., a nonprofit organization that empowers women formerly incarcerated through employment training, mentorship, mental health support and employment placement with companies providing fair pay and benefits.

Alyson is passionate about Perfect Inc.'s efforts to create a world whereby women with a history of incarceration can receive the proper support needed to become contributing citizens to society.

In 2018, Alyson went back to obtain her Master's in Business Administration and a second Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Merchandising. She is in the process of obtaining both degrees from Marymount University.



Melissa "Missy" Wagler '07 Halo Scholarship at Marymount University

The Melissa "Missy" Wagler '07 Halo Scholarship was created to honor the life of Missy Wagler (1982-2021). Missy graduated from Marymount University in 2007 with dual graduate degrees in Forensic Psychology and Community Counseling. During her distinguished career, she was a Unit Chief with the FBI Cyber Division. She was with the FBI for over 13 years, serving in both leadership and volunteer capacities within her office, and had received numerous accolades, including one of the FBI's top honors, the FBI Director's Award, as well as the Office of the Director of National Intelligence Professional Award.

The Marymount community is exceptionally proud of the life, career, and community service of our friend and alumna. Missy was an active community volunteer and leader, serving on boards and volunteering even with a distinguished and demanding job, a wonderful husband, and three fabulous little boys.

The Melissa "Missy" Wagler '07 Scholarship will be used to support a Marymount student who displays extraordinary commitment to community service and financial need.



Derrick, Missy, Grayson, Pierson, and Lawson.

Thank You!

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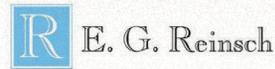
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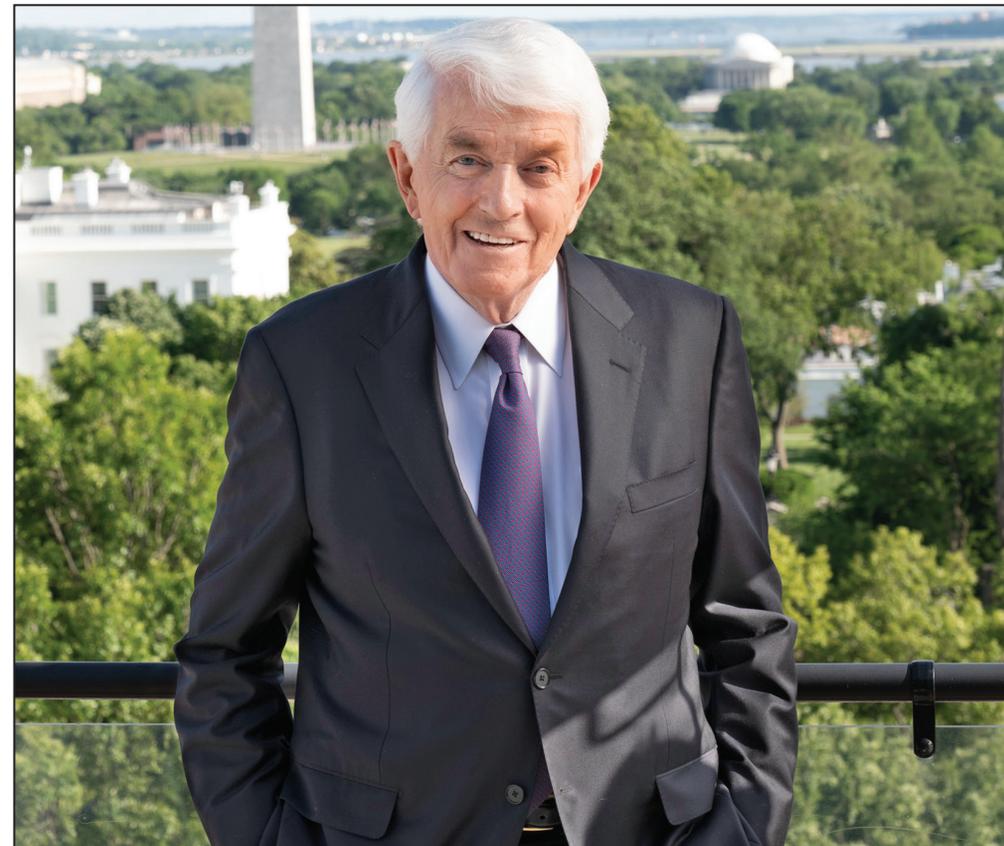
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