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11 Honorees to be Inducted into the University City High School Hall of Fame ***Oscar-Winning Disney Animator Marlon West to Deliver Keynote***

St. Louis, MO (Aug. 2, 2017) – The tradition continues as **University City High School (UCHS)** Principal Susan Hill and Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Ph.D. PHR, announced that 11 new alumni are being added to the historic high school’s star-studded Hall of Fame (HOF).

Oscar winner **Marlon West** (UCHS Class of 1981 and HOF 2002), lead Disney effects animator – Moana, will serve as keynote speaker for the induction ceremony on **Friday, October 13, 6 – 9 p.m.**, in the *Fleur de Lis* room of the Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel, located at 7730 Bonhomme Ave., 63105. This year’s honorees are:

- **Jack Fishman, Ph.D. (1966)**, professor of meteorology, department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Saint Louis University;
- **Marlene Scheinkman Hammerman (1969)**, social justice and women's rights activist;
- The late **Hasan Houston (1976)**, UCHS tri-sport athlete, Chicago Bears, commodities broker, federal probation officer;
- **Robert Kalish (1958)**, journalist and author, "Bloodrun" book series;
- **James Katzman (1964)**, co-founder, Tandem Computers, Inc. and private investor in high tech companies;
- **Anthony “Tony” Neal (1979)**, president and CEO, Education Equity Consultants;
- **Virginia E. Palmer (1979)**, U.S. Ambassador to Malawi;
- **Jerry Sugerman (1959)**, conservationist;
- **Jake “Alex” Williams (1975)**, television production;
- **Todd Williams (1985)**, assistant professor, department of Music Education, Indiana Wesleyan University; and
- **Andrew Woods (1975)**, president, Andrew Woods & Associates, LLC./Public Relations.

Hill says, “The Hall of Fame, photos and biographies of honored graduates from each era, is a tremendous source of pride and inspiration for our students. It is not uncommon to hear one of them predict that they’ll be on that wall someday.” She added, “And, we are grateful to have Marlon West return to tell them that they can make their dreams come true. Having created the effects of fire, water, snow, destruction and magic in a string of Disney blockbusters, Marlon is a perfect example of what you can do with talent, imagination and determination.”

In 2017, the historic high school held its 100th commencement. The University City community continues to take pride in its tradition of graduating individuals who have made, and are making, a difference in the world through philanthropy and contributions to their fields of expertise. This years’ inductees are joining the likes of Thomas Lanier “Tennessee” Williams, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright (“Cat on a Hot Tin Roof”); Bob Gale, writer and producer (“Back to the Future” movies); Marlon West, Disney animator (Lion King/Moana); Gerald Greenwald, former Chairman and CEO of United Airlines; Cornell “Nelly” Haynes, Jr., national recording artist; Marylen Mann, founder of national non-profit OASIS and others who once proudly walked the halls of UCHS.

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The UCHS Hall of Fame was launched in 2000 and remains a daily inspiration to the students who walk the same paths and sit in the same classrooms as these accomplished men and women. Presently, the HOF committee biennially (and on odd numbered years), calls for nominations in the last week of January. Eligible alums are those who graduated at least 10 years prior and have positively impacted our world through noteworthy achievements in their chosen fields or areas of interest.

General Admission tickets to the UCHS Hall of Fame Induction Dinner are \$80 per person and may be purchased at UCHSHOF.eventbrite.com. Seating is limited so please order your tickets now.

Read more about the UCHS HOF, including how to nominate and information about its prestigious members at ucityschools.org/HallOfFame. More information for the induction dinner will soon be posted on-line or you may call the University City Education Foundation's Director of Development Lori Willis at (314) 456-5457.

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Water

Fire

Destruction

Snow

Magic!

Keynote Speaker: Marlon West
University City High School - Class of 1981 / 2002 HOF
Head of Effects Animation - Moana, Walt Disney Studios

UCHS Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
Friday, October 13, 2017, Sheraton Hotel Clayton

The 2017 inductees: Jack Fishman (1966), Marlene Hammerman (1969), the late Hasan Houston (1976), Robert Kalish (1958), James Katzman (1964), Tony Neal (1979), Virginia Palmer (1979), Jerry Sugerman (1959), Jake "Alex" Williams (1975), Todd Williams (1985) and Andrew Woods (1975).

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