

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Oneeka Williams

Dr. Oneeka Williams is a Harvard Medical School graduate who ranks among the top urologic surgeons in the United States. A native of the Caribbean, she was born and raised in Guyana, South America, and moved with her family to Barbados at the age of 10 where she attended Christ Church Foundation School and Harrison College. From an early age, her science teacher mother and journalist father instilled in her a love for the sciences and writing.

“My childhood was filled with the joys of discovery and exploration as my science teacher Mom took every opportunity to expose us to the wonders of science. On the other hand my Dad shared his passion for writing and I grew up writing poetry for every occasion including birthdays, holidays and family reunions.”

Dr. Williams’ professional journey includes an undergraduate degree in Biophysics at Johns Hopkins University, graduate degrees in public health and medicine at Harvard Medical School, and surgical training at leading academic medical centers including Massachusetts General Hospital and The Lahey Clinic.

Through her volunteer work in the community and as a teacher and mentor, Dr. Williams is committed to inspire all children, especially girls, towards a greater interest in science, a positive attitude, and the pursuit of excellence in all their endeavors. To further her advocacy of literacy and science education, she is authoring a series of children’s books. Her first two children’s illustrated books were **Dr. Dee Dee Dynamo’s Mission to Pluto** and **Dr. Dee Dee Dynamo’s Meteorite Mission**, both published in 2013. A third book in the series will be coming out in the summer of 2014, with more titles to follow.

Dr. Williams is a practicing surgeon at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Boston and is an assistant clinical professor of urology at Tufts University School of Medicine. She lives just outside Boston with her husband, Dr. Charles Leon Anderson, Jr., a neonatologist, hospital management specialist, and corporate executive, and their son, Mark.

Dr. Williams books, which can be viewed at www.drdeeededynamo.com, are available both as hardcover and Ebooks, and can be purchased online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other retailers. For more information about Dr. Williams, visit her website at www.droneeka.com.

Congratulations to all Awardees

Noah Webster

continued

Hector Cruz-Rodriguez,
Sean Carreras

S&H Math

(Gaming/Apps) Grade: 8

Pathways Academy of Tech & Design Magnet

Brandon Murillo
Joseph Sperduto

Pretzel Punch

(Gaming/Apps) Grade: 12

Renzulli Academy

Marleesa May

Wheel-O-Matic

Screen Desk

(Inventions) Grade: 6-8

Armando Rodriguez
Isaiah John

Duvaasan Phu Ibas

Acts of Kindness

(Filming) Grade: 8

Marcus Washburn

Shaila Murdock

Grace Graham

Acts of Kindness

(Filming) Grade: 10

Renzulli Academy

continued

Crisbelle Lara

Counting by Coins

(Gaming/Apps) Grade: 5

Dwayne Phillips

Spelling

(Gaming/Apps) Grade: 7

Pranav Peddibhotla

Three Hard Math

(Gaming/Apps) Grade: 8

Sport and Medical Sciences Academy

Jansher Aujla

Wood Sealants

(Traditional)

Grade: 6-8 Physical

University High School of Science & Engineering

Mason Hazzard

High Power Rocketry

(Traditional)

Grade: 9-12 Physical

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AWARDS PRESENTATION

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

“Connecticut Science Center”

Hoffman 3-D Theater

250 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Sandra Inga
S.T.E.M. Director,
Hartford Public Schools

Mr. Steve Balcanoff
Co-Chair
SINA, Inc’s REACH Committee

Grades K-5 6:00-6:05
Grades 6-12 6:50-6:55

Acknowledgements

Mr./Ms. Quiz
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Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Sandra Inga

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Oneeka Williams
Surgeon,

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Boston, MA

Keynote Address: DREAM BIG – “Not even the Sky is the Limit!”

Grades PK-5 6:05-6:20
Grades 6-12 6:55-7:10

Award Presentations

Mrs. Brandi Lumpris and Mr. Ralph Minaya

Grades PK-5 Awards 6:20-6:45
Grades 6-12 Awards 7:10-7:50

Closing Remarks

Dr. Sandra Inga

Grades PK-5 6:45-6:50
Grades 6-12 7:50-8:00

8:00PM Movie (“Animalopolis”) @ Hoffman 3D Theater
All are welcome, content grade appropriate for PK-5

Congratulations to all Awardees

Annie Fisher
STEM

Ms. Wright’s Class
Under the Sea
(Traditional) Grade: K-2

Marina Classen
Jomar Fraquada
*Emma Saves
the Day*
(Filming) Grade: 6

Garrett Bartko
*See Through
Fridge*
(Inventions) Grade: 3-5

Betances Early
Reading Lab
Valerie Nunez
Jeremy Molinari
*Is Your Black Shirt
a Heater?*
(Traditional) Grade: 3-5

Betances STEM
Felix Martensen
Kind Club
(Filming) Grade: 4

Emily LaValley
Avila Thompson
*Kindness Pass
it On*
(Filming) Grade: 5

Dominic Shakleton
Cone Catcher 2000
(Inventions) Grade: 3-5

Ria Thakur
Ocean Exploration
(Gaming/Apps)
Grade: 4

Anirudh
Venkataraman
Asteroid Blaster
(Gaming/Apps)
Grade: 5

Breakthrough
Magnet South
Mariela Vazquez
Time to Write
(Traditional) Grade: 3-5

Desaraena Carr
LeeAndrie Rosario
*Random Acts
of Kindness*
(Filming) Grade: 5

Gabriel Cruz
Derrick Christie
*Random Acts
of Kindness*
(Filming) Grade: 7

Steven Cooper
Tyrese Padilla
Kemoy Thompson
*Random Acts
of Kindness*
(Filming) Grade: 8

Mariana Bates
Baking Fun
(Gaming/Apps)
Grade: 5

Capital
Preparatory
Magnet School
Victor Adams
Let it Flow
(Traditional)

Grade: 6-8 Physical

Ms. Strakova’s
Tissue Holder
(Invention) Grade: PK

Madison Lee
Cane-Aider
(Invention) Grade: 3-5

Ms. Ellingwood’s Class
Mega Folder
(Invention) Grade: K

Capital
Preparatory
Magnet School
continued
Ms. Scapellati’s Class
*The Handy Dandy
Ribbon Reminder*
(Invention) Grade: 1

Ms. Gambino’s Class
The Pencil Keeper
(Invention) Grade: 2

Classical Magnet
Allison Gunter,
Audrey Rosinsky
Focus on the Bird
(Traditional)
Grade: 9-12 Biological

Holly Weldon
Emily Haythorn
Quantum Interface
(Traditional)
Grade: 9-12 Physical

Nicholas Kukla
Rashil Kamdar
Shannon Kennedy
*Random Acts
of Kindness*
(Filming) Grade: 11

Cameron Morosky
Mail Box
(Invention) Grade: 6-8

John Castro
Colin Ciervo
Cellularity
(Gaming/Apps)
Grade: 9

Matt Cook
*Quadratic
Formula*
(Gaming/Apps)
Grade: 11

Environmental
Sciences Magnet
@ Hooker
Ms. Clavette’s Class
Go Fish
(Traditional)
Grade: K-2

Taylor Marchand
Mussels Unfiltered
(Traditional)
Grade: 6-8 Biological

Kevin Braunwart
*Finding the Sweet
Spot*
(Traditional)
Grade: 6-8 Physical

Patricia Rodriguez
Be a Friend
(Filming) Grade: 5
Isabelle Rosado
Talk, Walk Squawk
(Filming) Grade: 6

Great Path
Academy
Richard Hamilton
Samad Ahmad
Gregory Adams
The Kind One
(Filming) Grade: 10

Sherita Rosa,
Arlonzo J. Boswell
Small Acts Matter
(Filming) Grade: 12

Myia Tedeschi
*The Conquering
Bear*
(Inventions)
Grade: 9-12

Obdulio Santiago
Reinaldo Stewart
Math
(Gaming/Apps)
Grade: 10

Hartford Magnet
Trinity College
Academy
Jasmine Kermode
*Brush Away
Bacteria*
(Traditional)
Grade: 6-8 Biological

Sameeha Shaikh
*Studying the
Effects of Colored
Light on the Rate
of Photosynthesis*
(Traditional)
Grade: 9-12 Biological

Sean McCarthy
Eliot Serrano
Kristopher Marques
*Emergency
Messenger*
(Gaming/Apps)
Grade: 11

High School, Inc.
Jahydeliss Minano
Poetic Mind
(Traditional)
Grade: 9-12 Biological

Cameron Evans
*Turning Milk
into Plastics*
(Traditional)
Grade: 9-12 Physical

Jahlil Bates
Jashar Haslam
Ryan Cuyler
Acts of Kindness
(Filming) Grade: 11

Manny Garcia
Shaylnn Christian
Glasgow Locke
Acts of Kindness
(Filming) Grade: 12

Journalism
Media Academy
Magnet
Walter Vazquez
Jordan Nixon
Elijah Williams
*The Kindness of
Fellow Students*
(Filming) Grade: 11

Kennelly
Elementary
Ms. Gilson’s Class
M&M Meltdown
(Traditional)
Grade: K-2

Kinsella Magnet
School of the
Performing Arts
Ananya Gulati
*Which Gum is Bad
for Your Teeth?*
(Traditional)
Grade: 6-8 Biological

Maria C. Sanchez
Keyshlianie Cosme
Brandy Quinonez
*The Effects of Cell
Phone on Reaction
Time*
(Traditional)
Grade: 3-5

Noah Webster
Daniel Tominovich
*Ultimate
Sportsman Stick*
(Invention) Grade: 6-8

Joshua Hotchoy
Circle of Kindness
(Filming) Grade: 8