Nominate the women who inspire you. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Details enclosed.

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The contributions that women have made to society have had – and continue to have – a strong impact on our world. I am honored to celebrate Women's History Month during March, and to raise a testament to the contributions of women in our nation's history and in the history and future of Baltimore City.

Each and every day, I see women dedicated to living their best life, pursing personal and professional goals while serving their families and communities. And we know that the next generation of women leaders are watching and learning.

In January I announced the Inspired to Inspire: Champions & Visionaries city-wide essay contest. I invite you to nominate the woman who is, or was, most inspirational in your life. Nominees must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of Baltimore City.

During the first week of Women's History Month I will announce the selected seven inspirational women of this program. These women, along with other inspirational female icons from Baltimore's past and present, will be recognized throughout the month of March. I will share Inspired to Inspire videos featuring our seven women on Facebook and Twitter, and other stories I hope you will enjoy.

I applaud the inspirational women of Baltimore. I hope you will join me as we celebrate Women's History Month and the Inspired to Inspire: Champions and Visionaries program throughout March. For more details on the contest visit www.baltimorecity.gov/inspired.

Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

IN CELEBRATION OF
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake presents the 2nd Annual

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Inspired to Inspire is an essay program that recognizes women who live in Baltimore City and are an inspiration and role model to others.

2015 WINNERS

Lela Campbell
Executive Director, A Step Forward, Inc.

Shirley Gregory
President, Helena Community Association

Takee Jobe
Founder, Girls Leadership Academics Mentoring, Inc. (GLAM)

Beth Laverick
Events Manager, Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore

Pamela Curtis Massey
CEO & Founder, Pushing the Vision Outreach

Rosalie (Davis) Melvin
Registered Nurse and Comfort Food Ministry

Colleen Samantha Smith
Co-Founder & Director, Captivate Kids Ministry

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2016 winners will have a private dinner with the Mayor and other select guests in April at The French Kitchen at Lord Baltimore Hotel, a video interview that will appear on CharmTV, and a special gift bag.

THE French KITCHEN charmTV LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL est. 1928

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ELIGIBILITY

- The contest is open to writers of any age.
- Past winners are not eligible to win.
- Employees of the City of Baltimore are not eligible to win but are encouraged to nominate individuals.

REQUIREMENTS

- The contest deadline is Friday, February 17, 2016.
- Essay must highlight a woman who is 18 years old or older.
- Nominees must live in Baltimore City, and has been an inspiration and/or role model to the writer of the essay.
- Individuals can nominate more than one person.
- A separate essay must be written for each person being submitted for consideration.
- The top of each page must include: Name of Author & Contact Information; Name of Person being written about in the essay & their contact information including email address and phone number.
- Essay(s) can be no more than 750 words but must be a minimum of 250 words.
- Essay(s) must be the original work of the submitter.
- Each essay must be typed in English, double-spaced, using a 12 point standard font with 1" margins on all sides. Recommended fonts: Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial.
- Any quotations or copyrighted material must be identified properly. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
- By submitting an essay, the writer agrees that the work may be reproduced in whole or in part at the editor's discretion and can be published in any format or forum without the expectation of financial compensation.

SUBMISSION

- All submissions must be RECEIVED by February 17, 2016.
- All submitters must complete and submit a registration form.
- Submissions may be emailed, faxed, or sent by regular 1st class mail.
- All submissions will be judged by a select panel of leaders from the Baltimore community.

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APPLICATIONS & ESSAYS DUE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____STATE _____ZIP_____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

AGREEMENT:
I hereby certify that this entry is my original work. I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the contest and will be bound by all requirements. I understand that by entering this contest, my work becomes the property of the City of Baltimore and may be reproduced in whole or in part at the editor's discretion and can be published in any format or forum without the expectation of financial compensation.

Writer's Signature _____ Date _____

If writer is under 18 years of age:

Parent or Guardian Permission:

I have read and understand the rules and regulations and I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in the Inspired to Inspire contest.

Signature _____ Date _____

Relationship _____

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