

BWS faculty and staff, all dressed up for the 2025 Annual Dinner



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2025 ANNUAL DINNER

EVENTS

AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF CELEBRATION

The BWS Annual Dinner has become a meaningful annual tradition. On February 27th, 650 members of the BWS community came together at the Washington National Cathedral for an evening of joy, inspiration, and shared commitment to our mission.

This year, we were honored to welcome acclaimed actor **Jeffrey Wright**. A native of Ward 7, in Southeast DC, Wright spoke about his experience as a student at St. Albans School and highlighted the power and opportunity offered by BWS in shaping future American leaders.

We are enormously grateful to all who attended, gave generously, and helped make this the most spectacular and impactful Annual Dinner yet!

AIMEE BURCK
ALICE LEITER
LAURA STEUART
HILARY WEST
JUAN WINANS

An extra special
THANK YOU to our
2025 Annual
Dinner co-
chairs!



"The future success of the boys of the Bishop John T. Walker School is underpinned by the educational and spiritual guidance they receive at the school. This is beneficial not only to these boys. Their success is in the interest of the town, the honor of the city, and for the good of the whole community, both black and white, and for this country." \ WRIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS FROM AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING



“Education that develops a human being —with a moral compass—sets us on a journey toward wisdom and compassion. BWS exists to provide that kind of foundation at the earliest age of formative life experience... and how blessed are we to play a part in that collective endeavor.”

RT. REV. MARIANN EDGAR BUDDE,
BISHOP OF WASHINGTON



“Our children’s wellbeing —all children’s wellbeing, all around the world—is society’s truest measure of progress.”

DR. ANGELINA ARRINGTON,
HEAD OF SCHOOL



Rahsaan G. Bernard, President of *Building Bridges Across the River*, added to the fun as he orchestrated the paddle-raising part of the program.



Legendary coach, mentor, and leader **Skip Grant** thanked **Susanna Quinn** for her \$10,000 gift to the school in his honor.

A former member of the BWS Governing Board, Grant was the longtime director of St. Albans’

Risk Program (now named the Skip Grant Program) which supported many students, including our special guest and acclaimed actor **Jeffrey Wright**.

Celebrating BWS Alumni

Thanks to the generosity of all who attended, the 2025 Annual Dinner raised \$1.4 million for our school!



BWS '18

“BWS didn’t just educate me. It inspired me to serve, to lead, and to create a lasting change. And for that I will always be grateful.”

MAXWELL BRATCHER BWS '18



BWS '17

Jordan Freeman BWS '17, with his mom, **LaKeisha Freeman**, after his special vocal performance of *Fly Me to the Moon*.



BWS '18

Daymond Parker BWS '18 is a freshman at Towson University. He spoke about being inspired by his teachers at BWS to pursue a career in education.

“I’m a history major, and I’m planning to be a teacher.”

NEXT YEAR’S ANNUAL DINNER: **MARCH 5, 2026**

CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE

ON CAMPUS



On Scientists & Inventors Day, our students arrived in costume and spent the day studying famous African American scientists and creating projects and experiments inspired by their important work.

African American History Month at BWS is a vibrant celebration of culture and innovation.

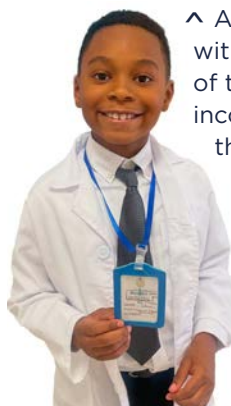
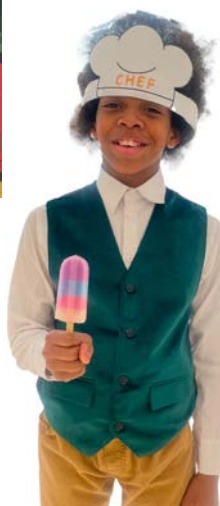


< On **African Attire Day**, students proudly showcased their African heritage by wearing traditional clothing.



^ A Salsa dance performance by **Mr. O's 5th grade class** with Dr. Arrington illustrated the rich cultural history of the African Diaspora. Salsa has deep African roots, incorporating call-and-response, rhythms, and movements that are all based on African musical traditions.

> A 5th grader dressed as **Augustus Jackson**, a Black chef who is widely considered the "Father of Ice Cream." Jackson's innovative manufacturing and flavoring methods in the 1830s laid the foundation for modern ice cream production.



< A 3rd grader dressed as the "Father of the Blood Bank," **Dr. Charles Drew**. A pioneering surgeon and medical researcher, Drew developed methods for the storing blood plasma that revolutionized blood transfusions and saved countless lives, especially during World War II.

ACADEMIC GROWTH AND MAP* TESTING



Over **90%** of Kindergarten and 5th graders met their goals in **MATH**.

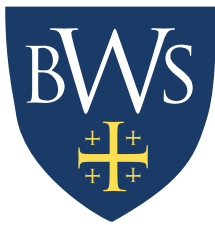
BWS celebrates all forms of growth, and this year's MAP test results show that students made significant progress across core subjects, often exceeding expectations. While we celebrate these strong results, we maintain our focus on continued growth.

This year, we are strengthening reading support for 4th and 5th graders, expanding language arts instruction, and providing small group support. We look forward to gauging the success of these efforts with the next year's MAP test.

Students made meaningful strides in reading, with notable gains in Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd grades.

Our students aren't just keeping up—they're moving ahead at a pace that reflects their hard work and our commitment to academic excellence.

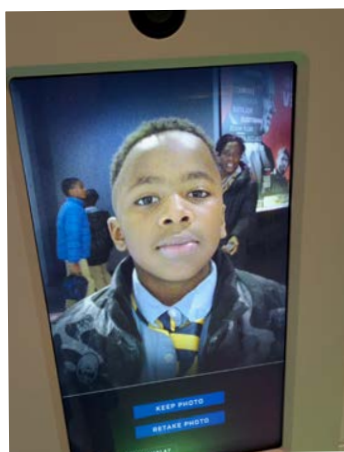
* **MAP, or Measures of Academic Progress**, is a computer assessment tool used to measure student achievement and growth against national and state standards.



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EXPLORATION

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Exciting field trips happened this spring! Students explored local history and culture at the **Anacostia Community Museum**, discovered the wonders of flight and space at the **Air and Space Museum**, and experienced the thrill of strategy and problem-solving at the **Spy Museum**. These hands-on experiences make learning fun, engaging, and memorable!



To see more pictures like these, and to read more stories about Bishop Walker School and its programs, please visit bishopwalkerschool.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

