



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION HONORING WENDELL TABB

To Whom It May Concern:

The Durham Community is proud to celebrate the retirement of Mr. Wendell Tabb, former Director of Theatre at Hillside High School. The celebration will be held on August 20th, 2022, at The New Alfonso Elder Student Union & North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Student Center. The Wendell Tabb Celebration Committee is hosting a retirement ball in his honor from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Admission is \$100 per ticket. Following the ball, the committee will host a combined retirement and 60th birthday party from 8:00 pm until midnight for Mr. Tabb's supporters. The party is a free event however tickets are required for entry.

Mr. Tabb has expanded the legacy of performing arts at Hillside High School by bringing celebrities into the classroom and showcasing the talents of students on local, national, and international stages. Through the arts, he has encouraged students to expand their imaginations and develop their unique voices. He has also been instrumental in engaging the community through artistic initiatives. Mr. Tabb has used the theatre program as a vehicle for conversation around social issues to generate greater understanding and resolution. He has been credited with launching the careers of students who themselves have gained recognition on national and international stages. Moreover, organizations around the world have noted his commitment, esteeming him with numerous awards and honors over the years. In 2019, Mr. Tabb received the honor of having the Hillside High School theater named *The John H. Gattis-Wendell Tabb Theater*. The stage in the Hillside High School theater is named *The Wendell Tabb Stage*. Continuing his legacy is truly deserving of your patronage.

The Wendell Tabb Celebration Committee would like to request your sponsorship for the events honoring 35 years of service rendered by Mr. Tabb. In his honor, you are invited to place congratulatory ads in the *Encore!* Souvenir Booklet. A percentage of your monetary donation will go toward a scholarship in Mr. Tabb's name to support students in the performing arts. A sponsorship/patron form is attached to this letter for your review. We wish to thank you in advance for your sponsorship and support of the events celebrating Mr. Tabb's legacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiffany Agerston'.

Ms. Tiffany Agerston, Chairperson
The Wendell Tabb Celebration Committee

