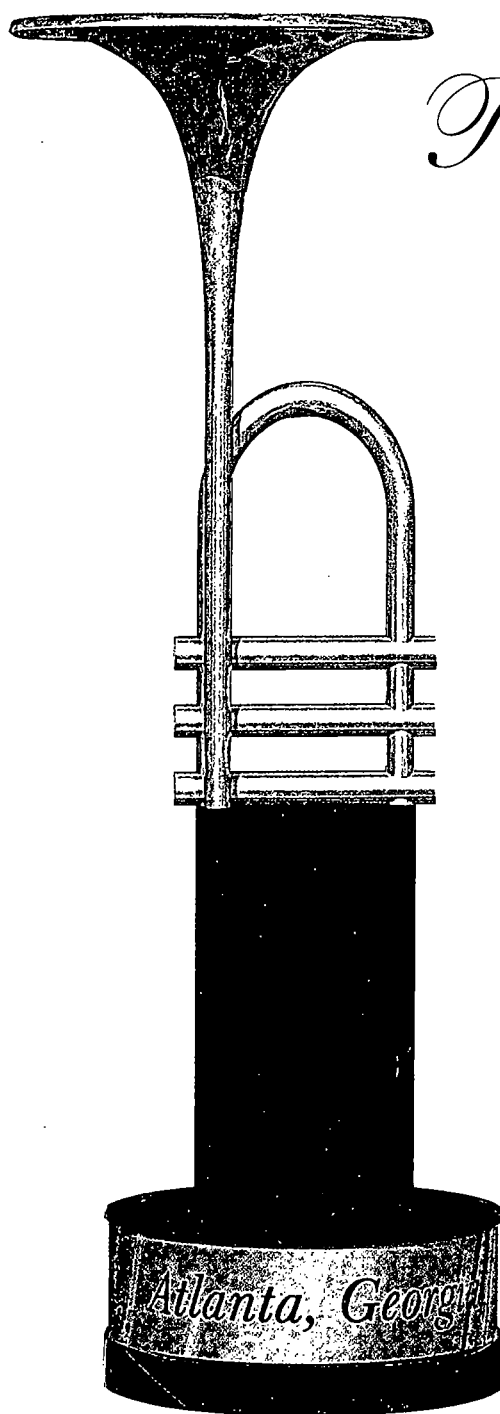




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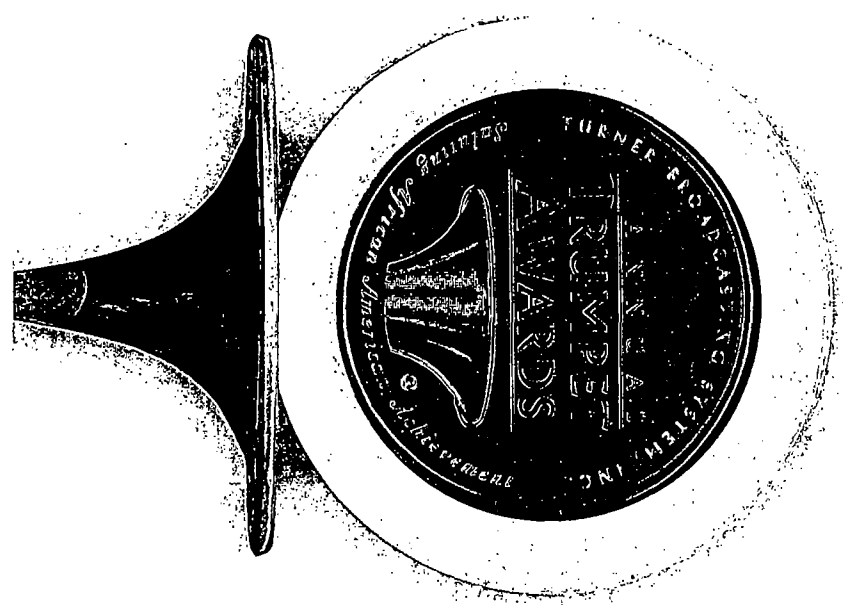
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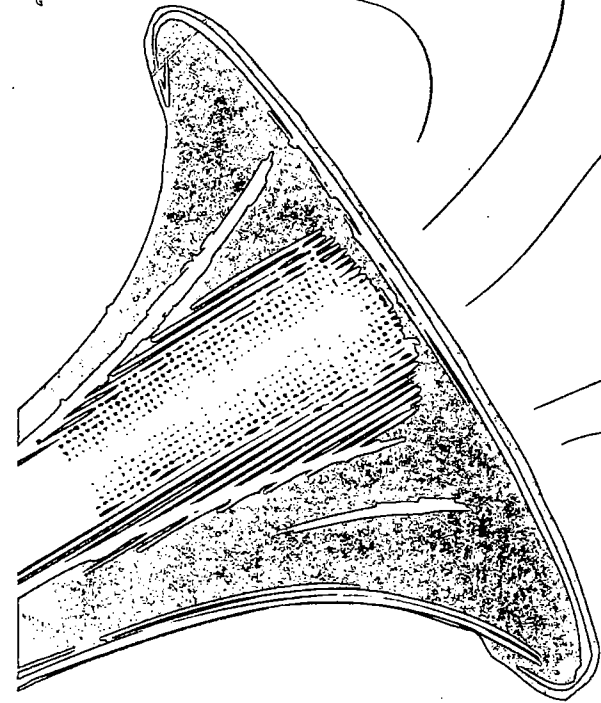
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***The state of our educational system will shape our country's future direction**

{ The commitment of the First Lady and the President towards education }

Jonathan Levin's dedication as a teacher

The qualities a teacher should possess in order to become a recipient of this award.

The importance of a teacher being devoted to developing youth

An example to possibly pull from:

It is truly my honor to join the Trumpet Awards in lifting the work of a teacher. I believe the future of our nation is buttressed upon our educational system.

In 1997, the world lost a great teacher. Jonathan Levin, was a shining example of someone who believed that teaching went hand in hand with nurturing. This year will mark the second teaching award given in his name. Jonathan Levin cared for his students fiercely. He gave up an opportunity to live the "good life," in order that his students might one day aspire to have one. Education illuminates the futures of our children. It builds their confidence and allows them to discover their self worth. Jonathan knew that. He went beyond the school doors and into his students community. He understood the significance of building trust through honest and informed exchange.



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December 10, 1998

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Attention: Ms. Pam Cicetti

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. will observe Black History month by honoring a few, of the many, African American men and women who have achieved special greatness in spite of racial prejudice and discrimination that continues to permeate our society.

On Monday, January 11, 1999, Turner Broadcasting will present its **7th Annual Trumpet Awards Ceremony** which is a prestigious event for a select group of African Americans who have made enormous contributions to humankind and helped to make a better world for us all.

The Clinton Administration's record in appointing African Americans to national and Cabinet positions is impressive and unprecedented. Its impact has had far-reaching effect on the well-being of African Americans in making achievements possible. Mr. Clinton's pledge and commitment to provide better employment, education and economic opportunities for Black Americans make the *promise of America* available to us all.

We invite you to attend this impressive event, read the President's official Proclamation and present the Jonathan Levin Memorial Teacher's Award (*see attached information regarding award*) to the assemblage as well as our vast television audience. The award recipient is Walter Sallee, an outstanding teacher with the Baltimore City Public School System (*back ground information enclosed*).

The *Trumpet Awards Dinner* will be held in the International Ballroom of the OMNI Hotel at CNN Center on Monday, January 11, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. and is expected to attract a capacity audience (by invitation only).

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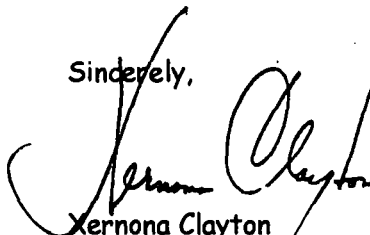
The previous Trumpet Awards Dinners have been very successful and were attended by nearly 1000 prominent citizens, both locally and nationally, and have received extensive press coverage. We have had the pleasure of honoring some very outstanding Americans, including:

Judge Leon Higginbotham, Rev. Jesse Jackson, James Earl Jones, Dr. David Satcher, Ambassador Andrew Young, Muhammad Ali, Maya Angelou, Dr. John Hope Franklin, Marian Wright Edelman, Harry Belafonte, Myrlie Evers Williams and the late Florence Griffith Joyner and Mayor Tom Bradley.

We will televise the awards ceremony. The previous year's television program, not only aired to a national viewing audience, but was distributed by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service Broadcast Center to military installations around the world, which included 156 countries and 20 U.S. naval ships. The 1999 program will be distributed to 165 countries and 35 U.S. naval ships.

We hope your demanding schedule will allow your acceptance. We will do what ever is necessary to accommodate your needs. Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Sincerely,



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Jonathan Levin Memorial Teacher's Award

Jonathan Levin

*T*he contributions of school teachers are critical and access to quality education, made possible through good teachers, has the potential to significantly better our society.

A teacher in the New York public schools, Jonathan Levin was described as *extraordinary* by his students. They further stated, "He was a wholly involved teacher who found creative and unusual ways for his students to expand their world of learning. He cared about kids."

Jonathan Levin, the son of Time Warner Inc. Chairman and Chief executive Officer Gerald M. Levin, gave up a "privileged" life to teach children from disadvantaged neighborhoods. A dedicated teacher, he provided hope and encouragement to students who had little in their lives.

Unfortunately, Mr. Levin's teaching career was cut short by his untimely death last year. We have chosen to establish a living tribute to him for the love and care he had for his students. Each year, the Trumpet Awards will choose a teacher who best embodies Jonathan Levin's passion for teaching and present the recipient an award in his memory.

An independent distinguished panel of judges selected the first recipient from thirty-six nominations. Trumpeting the teaching skills of Mrs. Beth Burney, a teacher at Horningside School in Atlanta, is one of Turner Broadcasting's contributions to advancing quality education and perpetuating the legacy of Jonathan Levin.

As a testimony to his impact and influence, his Taft school co-workers said, "Jonathan was not a teacher because he had to be; he was a teacher because he wanted to be."

The Jonathan Levin Memorial Teacher's Award is a tribute to Mr. Levin and to teachers everywhere for the enthusiasm, interest, dedication and their lasting impact on children.



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Walter J. Sallee

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Professional Biography

One of the primary factors that influenced me to be a teacher was my family. My grandfather, my mother, and a number of other relatives were teachers. As a youngster, I remember watching my mother grade papers, create assessments, and call parents. I also remember that she brought some of her students home occasionally to spend time with our family. I often said to myself that someday I want to do what she does. It seemed like so much fun.

It wasn't until much later that I realized that what my mother was doing was hard work. I remembered the long hours that she spent working after she got home. I realized that the students whom she occasionally brought home often did not have families of their own. I also realized that what she was doing was much more than just a job. She was shaping and molding young minds so that they would someday be successful adults. After college, I decided that I, like my mother, wanted to be a teacher. I, too, wanted to shape young minds and make a difference in young lives.

I think that my greatest contribution and accomplishment in education is the work I am now doing with a very special group of young men. For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of working with an all male class. I began working with these young men as third graders. Many of them came to me with low self esteem, labels, and no one to show them how a young man should conduct himself academically and socially. Now as fourth grade young men almost ready for grade five I see a proud group of young men beaming with confidence and ready to take on life's challenges. I

have taught these young men to believe in themselves and to think positively. Many of the students in my class have learned to resolve problems constructively and to form positive relationships with other children. Additionally, I have seen an improvement in the quality of the work produced by my students in terms of writing ability, reading comprehension, and the ability to apply mathematical concepts. I attribute this success to parental support, administrative support, and countless hours of hard work.

Community Involvement

In my opinion, community involvement is a very important part of teaching. In order to be an effective educator, it is important to get involved in the school community. In 1995, I was awarded the Mayor's Citation for public service. This award was for helping to organize and participating in an after-school activities program for students in the Harford Heights community. This program included sports, academics, music, and other activities.

Currently, I am working with the Reach-Out-and-Touch after-school program as a mentor and an athletics director. The focus of this program is to teach children how to resolve conflicts effectively and to resist the negative influences that some of the children face in their communities.

I have also been working with the Maryland Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) program for the past four years. This program is designed to encourage young students who show an interest in mathematics and science to pursue their interests, develop their skills, and perhaps embark on a career in engineering.

I believe that my commitment to the school community through involvement in after-school programs has helped me to become a better teacher. It has helped me to build and strengthen relationships with the parents and has allowed me to see the

strengths and abilities of the children beyond the typical classroom setting. I have also had the opportunity to work with students throughout the school community in addition to those in my own classroom. Through these programs, I have been able to facilitate the building of leadership skills which the student can apply in their own classrooms and in life.

Philosophy of Teaching

I believe that all children can learn. All children have the right to a quality education in a safe environment that is conducive to learning. If, for some reason, children fail to learn or to achieve, then we as educators have not performed our responsibility. One factor which makes me an outstanding teacher is the fact that I am dedicated to my profession. I am willing to put in the extra time in order to make sure that my students develop and achieve. My aim is to address the individual needs of each of my students while facilitating the development of my class as a whole.

My teaching style is a student-centered approach to teaching that allows me to act as a facilitator for learning. I feel this approach works for me because the students have more opportunities to participate in hands-on learning activities. difficult concepts are easier to grasp when students of the opportunity to discover some things on their own. Once the children have made a discovery, I can then guide them in using and applying the information meaningfully.

Another factor which makes me an outstanding teacher is the support that I get from other staff members, parents, administrators, and students. These are the primary stakeholders in the educational process. Teaching does not take place in a vacuum. Rather, it takes the commitment of all of the stakeholders to make teaching and learning a successful experience. Without this support, a teacher cannot be successful, no matter how talented he or she may be.

Education Issues and Trends

One of the major issues in public education today is safety in the public schools. Though many of us do not always think of safety, or perhaps just take it for granted, recent headlines remind us that safety is an important issue that should be at the forefront in every school system. No longer do we believe that student-on-student violence takes place only in urban settings. Violence can occur at any time and at any school.

The "experts" do not seem to be able to pinpoint the cause for this recent trend of violence. However, I believe that one cause may be a lack of communication between parents and their children. In today's fast-paced climate where there are situations where both parents must work to support a family and other situations where single parents are raising families and sending children to school, there simply is not much time for parents to spend as much quality time as they would like with their children. As a result, there seems to be a generation of children who are poorly supervised, have little direction, and are possibly headed for trouble.

I believe that schools can help to solve this problem. By establishing counseling programs within the school community, schools can bring the parents and children together by involving them in a variety of activities that can strengthen the relationship between parents and their children. Such activities can include book clubs, mentoring programs, field trips involving parents and students, parenting classes, and more. Additionally, schools can sponsor after-school activities for children that will keep them active physically and academically during the early evening hours while parents are working. This will also help to provide supervision for children and may prevent them from finding trouble.

Maryland's Educational Reform

Maryland's school reform initiatives have been beneficial to both students and teachers alike. By setting statewide goals, the state of Maryland has clearly defined what is expected from teachers and students. Though I have heard some complaints about the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program, I think that this program will prove to be very helpful to children in the long run. Through this program, children are encouraged to think analytically and use higher-order critical thinking skills, which will help them to be productive citizens when they reach the real world. Productive citizens help to strengthen the community and by reforming the educational system and developing its young citizens, Maryland has taken a major step toward becoming a stronger state economically and socially.

Since the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program has been a tool used to evaluate the effectiveness of schools, it has helped schools to better prepare students to meet statewide goals. Personally, the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program has helped me align my instruction with the goals of the state of Maryland. It has helped me to be sure that I teach the children how to apply skills learned in the classroom. In order for children to be successful on the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program test, they must be able to respond thoughtfully to problems which are multi-step, interdisciplinary, and thematic in nature.

How to Strengthen the Profession

I believe that I can strengthen the teaching profession by encouraging more qualified, positive men to become teachers. Teaching in a community where many of the children are raised in single-parent households and where the mother,

grandmother, or an aunt is the head of the household, I strongly feel that there should be more men in the school system not only to teach academics but also to serve as social role models for the children. Children, especially young males, need to see men who can show them how to be young men and productive members of our society.

I can also strengthen the profession by working to improve up on my own skills. I will continue to implement ideas and techniques learned in professional development sessions in my own classroom. By participating in professional development activities I can learn new strategies and more about the content of the curriculum.

Serving as a mentor to prospective teachers and new teachers is another way that I feel that I can strengthen the teaching profession. Currently, I am working with student interns from Morgan State University and Towson University. In this capacity, I am able to help these individuals reach their full potential as teachers.

I do not think that there should be any one basis for accountability in the teaching profession. School systems should be held accountable in a variety of ways. First, there should be an effective tool in place for evaluating teachers. Teachers certainly should be held accountable for student performance. Secondly, school systems should be held accountable for student performance using a variety of assessments including standardized tests and statewide functional tests. Finally, school systems should be evaluated by other indicators such as the number of high-school graduates who are able to find employment or go on to college.

Conclusion

It is an honor to be a teacher. I am very proud to say that I work for the Baltimore City Public School System. I take my profession very seriously. I realize, like those members of my family before me, that teaching is so much more than a job. It is an opportunity to shape and mold young minds and to serve as a role model to children who may not have anyone else to show them the way. The hours of

dedication and service and the support of the stakeholders in the educational process enable me to be successful at what I do.

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And I am ~~excited~~
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Jonathan Levin -
Commitment to teaching,
Sacrifice,
hopest
Lifting the lives of
Students

It will take a united effort from all of us, officials, teachers, parents, and students. And we must remember to honor and support those men and women who dedicate their lives to developing our children...America's teachers. My Congratulations to the Trumpet Awards and Mr. Walter Sallee.

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Turner Broadcasting Announces the 1999 TRUMPET AWARDS Honorees; Ceremony To Air on TBS Superstation Sunday, Feb. 21

Bryant Gumbel, Jessye Norman, Smokey Robinson and Jackie Joyner Kersee are among the honorees at Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.'s 1999 TRUMPET AWARDS ceremony to be held at Atlanta's Omni Hotel at CNN Center Monday, Jan. 11, at 6:30 p.m. and premiering on TBS Superstation Sunday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. (ET)/4 p.m. (PT). The TRUMPET AWARDS, hosted this year by Debbie Allen and Kweisi Mfume, honor African-American achievers in fields as diverse as law, medicine, politics and entertainment.

The 1999 TRUMPET AWARDS Honorees

Philanthropist **Matel Dawson, Jr.**
Television journalist **Bryant Gumbel**
Producer-director, *Ebony Fashion Fair* **Eunice Johnson**
Opera diva **Jessye Norman**
Singer-songwriter **Smokey Robinson**

Special honorees include Chairperson for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights **Dr. Dorothy Height**, Living Legend award winner; Congressman **John Lewis**, PINNACLE award winner; and **Frank Sinatra**, recipient of the Humanitarian Service award for a non-African-American for service to the community (posthumous award accepted on his behalf by **Barbara Sinatra**).

This year's ceremony will also include a new award, the Circle of Athletes, honoring athletes who use their abilities to be positive role models both on and off the field. The inaugural honorees in the Circle of Athletes are track-and-field champion **Jackie Joyner Kersee**, baseball legend **John "Buck" O'Neil** and football coach **Eddie Robinson**.

Entertainers at the 1999 TRUMPET AWARDS include **Jennifer Holliday** and **Ernestine Dillard**.

Xernona Clayton serves as executive producer of the 90-minute ceremony, with **Rick Kaplan**, president of CNN/U.S., serving as producer.

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About the Trumpet Awards

"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in his life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed"

—Booker T. Washington

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. created the annual TRUMPET AWARDS in 1993 to demonstrate total community involvement, global respect for all humanity and a strong commitment to diversity. To this end, the TRUMPET AWARDS herald the accomplishments of African-Americans and other men and women who have significantly enhanced the quality of life for all Americans.

The Mission

The mission of the TRUMPET AWARDS is to inspire, educate, stimulate and enlighten human minds to the reality that success, achievement and respect are void of color and gender.

The Criteria

Potential TRUMPET AWARD honorees are men and women who, through consistency and longevity, have achieved success in a chosen profession or career. They are people viewed not only for what they have individually achieved, but for the achievement they inspire in others.

Related Events

Meet the Authors—Sunday, Jan. 10 at the Georgia World Congress Center. This special program sponsored by Starbucks, features 13 nationally acclaimed authors at a book signing party.

Lunch with the Arts—Monday, Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Club New Balance. This luncheon celebrates the work some of the country's most accomplished black artists.

TRUMPET AWARDS

Facts

- The first-ever TRUMPET AWARDS ceremony was held Feb. 16, 1993, at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta, Ga.
- There were 27 honorees for the inaugural event, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, James Earl Jones, Gwen Torrence, Quincy Jones, Justice Thurgood Marshall and Herman Russell.
- The 16 honorees for the second TRUMPET AWARDS ceremony in 1994 included Muhammad Ali, Maya Angelou, Lena Horne, Carole Simpson, Jesse Hill Jr., Nancy Wilson and Gordon Parks.
- The 1995 TRUMPET AWARDS honored Hank Aaron, Diahann Carroll, Marian Wright Edelman, Phylicia Rashad, Randall Robinson, Carl T. Rowan and Billy Dee Williams.
- In addition to high-profile honorees, past TRUMPET AWARDS presenters have included Jane Fonda and Coretta Scott King in 1994 and Denzel Washington in 1995.
- Pontiac, a sponsor of the 1995 TRUMPET AWARDS, honored two Atlanta high school students with \$5,000 Future Achiever scholarships.
- Actor Denzel Washington, inspired by the emotion of the evening, donated a \$100,000 check to the NAACP during the 1995 ceremony.

