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## **Janet Miller to Receive Top Honor at Nashville Public Education Foundation 2025 Public Schools Hall of Fame**

***Highly anticipated event to also celebrate MNPS alumni Martesha Johnson Moore, Marlene Eskind Moses, and Tom Parrish for their lasting impact on Nashville***

**NASHVILLE, TENN. – April 16, 2025** – The Nashville Public Education Foundation (NPEF) will present the Nelson C. Andrews Distinguished Service Award, its highest honor, to Janet Miller, chief executive officer (CEO) and Market Leader, and incoming vice chairman of Colliers Nashville, at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Public Schools Hall of Fame. Alongside Miller, the event will recognize Chief Public Defender Martesha Johnson Moore, Marlene Eskind Moses, family law attorney at GSRM Law, and Tom Parrish, chief operating officer (COO) at the Scarlett Family Foundation, as distinguished Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) alumni. The Hall of Fame luncheon, presented by First Horizon Foundation for the eighth consecutive year, will take place on September 30, 2025, at the Music City Center in downtown Nashville.

“We are immensely grateful for the individuals who dedicate their time and lives to supporting our community, and we are excited to induct these honorees into our Public Schools Hall of Fame,” said **Katie Cour, President & CEO of NPEF**. “Janet Miller has given so much to Nashville, leading on critical issues to help ensure our city is a great place to work and live. We are also incredibly proud of our MNPS Distinguished Alumni, who continue to demonstrate the excellence that comes from Metro Schools with their contributions to our city.”

### **Nelson C. Andrews Distinguished Service Award**

The Nelson C. Andrews Distinguished Service Award, presented by Vanderbilt University, is given to a leader in the Nashville community who has made a significant impact on making Nashville a city that works for everyone and inspires others to lead and serve. The award’s namesake was a renowned Nashville civic leader, philanthropist and longtime supporter of public education who was the founding president and chairman of Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital and Leadership Nashville and a former chairman of the Tennessee State Board of Education.

This year’s recipient, Janet Miller, is a Nashville native and dedicated community leader with a rich history of service and impact, including 11 years as CEO of Colliers Nashville and 21 years as chief economic development officer for the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure there, she was instrumental in driving major job creation projects for over 400 corporations, including Asurion, HCA, Beretta, Mars Petcare, Nissan, Bridgestone, Dell, BNY Mellon and UBS. She has held board positions with the Metropolitan Transit Authority (now WeGo), the Nashville Public Education Foundation, the Nashville Entrepreneur Center, Leadership Nashville, and the Rotary Club of Nashville. Today, she serves on the boards of Studio Bank and Delta Dental of Tennessee, while maintaining active leadership roles with several of the organizations she’s long supported. Miller was the 2024 Junior Achievement’s Nashville Business Hall of Fame Laureate and has been recognized on the Nashville Business Journal’s “Most Admired CEOs” list (2015–2024) and “Power 100” list (2014–2024).

### **Distinguished Alumni Awards**

Additionally, three MNPS graduates will be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award, presented by Belmont University. The award is a celebration of MNPS alumni who have displayed leadership in their professions, have made significant civic, business and/or community contributions, and have positively impacted the lives of others. The 2025 Distinguished Alumni are:

- **Martasha Johnson Moore**, a graduate of Whites Creek High School, is the Nashville Metropolitan Chief Public Defender. She is the immediate past president of the Nashville Bar Association and a board member of the National Association of Public Defenders. Moore was recognized as a 2021 Woman of Influence, selected “Best of the Bar” 2021 and 2022 by the Nashville Business Journal, and received the University of Tennessee Alumni Promise Award in 2023.
- **Marlene Eskind Moses**, a graduate of Hillsboro High School, is an internationally recognized family law attorney at GSRM Law. She has served as president of both the International Academy of Family Lawyers and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Marlene has received distinguished alumni awards from Tulane and the Nashville School of Law.
- **Tom Parrish**, a graduate of Hillwood High School now known as James Lawson High School, is the COO of the Scarlett Family Foundation, which works to ensure all Middle Tennessee students have access to a high-quality education. He served on the Education Report Committee for the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and previously chaired the Steering Committee of the Middle Tennessee Donors Forum. He also served on the Blueprint for Early Childhood Success steering committee and the Trailblazer Coalition Advisory Council.

Since 2005, the Public Schools Hall of Fame has grown to serve as a catalyst for advancing conversations about the critical role that public schools play in our society. **Candice Storey Lee, Vice Chancellor for Athletics and University Affairs and Athletic Director at Vanderbilt University**, and **Brandon Corbin, Regional Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Ascension Saint Thomas**, are this year’s event chairs.

NPEF invites the community to join in celebrating the 2025 honorees at the 21st Public Schools Hall of Fame event. More information, including sponsorship opportunities, is available at <https://nashvillepef.org/hall-of-fame/>.

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### **About the Nashville Public Education Foundation**

The Nashville Public Education Foundation (NPEF) is a nonprofit organization committed to ensuring every child can thrive in Nashville’s public schools. NPEF works to improve student outcomes in Nashville’s public schools by identifying challenges and advancing evidence-based solutions. Since 2002, NPEF’s role as a catalyst for transformation has yielded tangible results in areas such as teacher professional development, teacher compensation, principal quality, and college access. Learn more at [www.nashvillepef.org](http://www.nashvillepef.org).

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