

## STAR OF DESTINY HONOREES

*"Generations connected by the many stories of our city's past" (THS Mission)*

**KAREN VIALLE**, a Tacoma native and descendant of pioneers, dedicated her professional life to public service. A graduate of Wilson High School and the University of Puget Sound, she held advanced degrees from Washington State University. She served as a Tacoma City Council member for two years and in 1990 became the first woman elected as Mayor of Tacoma. As Mayor she played a major role in the Foss Waterway cleanup, the Tribal Land Claims Settlement, Union Station renovation and the development of the University of Washington Tacoma. She worked in state government for five years as assistant director of the Office of Financial Management. As a Tacoma School Board member, she brought decades of experience in governance, community service and education. Prior to joining the school board, Vialle had spent 10 years as a substitute teacher in Tacoma Public Schools.



**DR. DOLORES SILAS** has served in diverse roles in Tacoma as an educator and civic leader. After several years as an elementary school teacher in Tacoma, she moved into administration, becoming principal of DeLong Elementary, becoming the first African-American woman to serve as a Tacoma Public Schools administrator. In 1978 she was elected President of the NAACP Tacoma Chapter, and in 1991, she was appointed to the Tacoma City Council, and the first African-American woman to serve in that role.



**PAT MCCARTHY** has dedicated herself over the past three decades to building her community into a better place by bringing integrity, innovation, and quality to government through a deep understanding of how local government operates and of the needs of communities. She served for 12 years on the Tacoma School Board. From 1991 to 1998, Pat was an administrator at the University of Washington Tacoma. In 2002 she was elected as Pierce County Auditor and re-elected in 2006. She went on to become the first woman elected as Pierce County Executive in 2009 and again in 2013. She is the 11th Washington State Auditor, and became the first woman elected to the position when she took the oath of office in 2017.



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**THERESA PAN HOSLEY** is being honored for her work with the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation — a nonprofit organization founded in 1994 and dedicated to educating people about Tacoma's expulsion of Chinese immigrant workers in 1885. As president of the Foundation, Hosley led the effort to establish Reconciliation Park which opened in 2011. She was awarded the Greater Tacoma Peace Prize in 2016 for her leadership. The nomination described: "Her main strengths as a leader are her patience, soft yet firm touch, and her ability to listen. She is a manifestation of a peacemaker, promoting enduring reconciliation and harmony."



**STELLA KEATING** doesn't believe in waiting around for the adults in her community to solve its most pressing issues. The way she sees it, young people are the future of civic leadership and also deserve a seat at the political table. "It's important for me because it's not just adults living in the city — it's also youth," said Keating, who was appointed to Mayor Woodards' Youth Engagement Task Force. Keating plans to keep exercising her voice to illuminate and find solutions to issues like homelessness, housing affordability, and creating more inclusive spaces for LGBTQ individuals. "I definitely do want to work in the city as either a council member or the mayor," she said about her vision for the future. "I know that my goal is to start at the bottom and work my way up to my higher goal, which is to become the first transgender president of the United States."



**NADINE GIBSON** was elected as an eighth-grade student to serve on the 2018-19 Legislative Youth Advisory Council, the formal voice for Washington youth in the State Legislature. The council consists of 22 students 14 to 18. Involved with Washington state government, the council has the opportunity to experience the legislative process and voice their concerns about issues affecting youth. Nadine is a resident of Legislative District 27 and a very active member of her school and local community. Though this program is designed for high school students, an exception was made to recruit Nadine to the council due to her outstanding active leadership in the community.

