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DC Department of Human Resources (DCHR) Announces 17th Annual Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Awards Ceremony to Honor the Best in Public Service

Washington, D.C.: On Wednesday, June 20, 2018 [The George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Service](#) will host [The 17th Annual Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Awards](#), an annual program recognizing and rewarding D.C. Government Employees for outstanding performance and exemplary service. This year's ceremony will highlight five individual winners as well as an innovative team for their hard work and dedication to providing exceptional service to the residents of Washington, D.C.

WHAT: [The 17th Annual Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Awards](#) (hosted by The George Washington Center for Excellence in Public Service)
WHEN: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (EDT)
WHERE: The Cloyd Heck Marvin Center, The George Washington University, Cafritz Conference Center, 800 21st Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20052
WHO: Awards ceremony speakers to include:

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director, Center for Excellence in Public Leadership

Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Calvin Cafritz, President and CEO, The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

Congratulatory Remarks: Mr. Rashad Young, City Administrator, the District of Columbia (invited)

Congratulatory Remarks: Thomas LeBlanc, President, The George Washington University

Awards Recipients:

Chanel Dickerson, Commander, Metropolitan Police Department
Chanel's dedication to ensuring all Youth and Family Services Division missing person cases receive the same level of attention has motivated her to develop innovative programs, like social media outreach campaigns, to help meet the needs of the District's missing children.

Abimbola George, Behavior Technician, DC Public Schools
Abimbola has spearheaded meaningful initiatives that helped improve the culture and climate of Malcolm X Elementary School, ensuring an exemplary culture of civility, justice, and compassion while fostering a positive learning environment for students.

Kimberly Lucas, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Specialist, District Department of Transportation
Kimberly's leadership and dedication to providing the community with convenient and safe access to cutting-edge transportation, like the establishment of the Capital Bikeshare, has helped propel DC into the nation's spotlight as a leader in public transportation.

Jason Medina, Police Officer, Metropolitan Police Department
Jason's dedication to public service is demonstrated by his highly successful community outreach programs, such as the Ward 7 Baseball league, which is geared at preventing youth violence and juvenile delinquency, while restoring public trust in the law enforcement.

Josh Singer, Community Garden Specialist, DC Parks and Recreation
Josh's passion for and commitment to the environment and local community has inspired his tireless campaigns to develop citywide sustainable policies, create a fellowship of community partners, and build urban community gardens throughout the District.

The Restorative Justice Program of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for the District of Columbia Team (Ameen Beale, Seema Gajwani, Robert "Roman" Haferd, Alex Lambert, Lashonia Thompson)
The Restorative Justice Program Team has positively impacted the lives of District juveniles by taking an innovative and socially inclusive approach to reforming a culture of prosecution in favor of a path that promotes problem solving and healing.