

Privilege Award Community Recognition and Celebration Explained

Through the Bernie L. Bates Foundation, Inc., Community Recognition component, The Privilege Award and Community Recognition Celebration seeks to formally recognize members of the Fairfax County community who most closely follow the tenets and principles practiced by the late Lord Fairfax, Colonel (Retired) Marion L. "Barney" Barnwell. These community members exhibit excellence and commitment to community welfare, all while being pillars in the Fairfax County community who demonstrate a "pay it forward" mentality.

The Foundation looks forward to honoring staffers, donors, or volunteers whose gifts of time, expertise and resources have significant and positive impact within Fairfax County. Recognized individuals will be community activists, considerate, unselfish, and kind, with a demonstrated history of community involvement, and volunteerism. Based solely on each organizations submitted nomination form, the nominee's service will be highlighted, and they will receive a commemorative memento during the Community Recognition portion of the Celebration.

In addition, the appointed President's Privilege Award Nominations Committee will review all submitted nominations. This three-member committee chaired by former Alexandria Mayor William "Bill" Euille, will select the most impactful nominee, and designate them as the overall President's Privilege Awardee for 2024.

Guest Speaker Jeffrey C. McKay Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



This year's guest speaker is the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay has more than 25 years of experience working for Fairfax County. For the duration of his time on the board, he has been a champion for equity, education, affordable housing, transportation, revitalization, and the environment. As a lifelong Fairfax County resident, he will share his thoughts on the importance of volunteerism and community involvement.

Chairman McKay is actively involved in regional leadership roles, serving on various transportation authorities. His contributions have earned him recognition, including being named Citizen of the Year in 2019 by the Mount Vernon - Springfield Chamber of Commerce and receiving the 2020 Sustainability Champion Legacy Award from the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions. Chairman McKay resides in the Franconia District with his wife, two children, and a retired racing greyhound.