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**Reliving the Journey (1933-1966)
Celebrating the Legacy (2006-
JUDGE ESSOM V. RICKS, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Dear Friends, Alumni and Colleagues

The Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center (BLC) is proud to honor the legacy and outstanding contributions of Judge Essom V. Ricks, Jr. (1946-2007). Judge Ricks, a 1964 graduate of Bates, spearheaded the efforts to establish what is now the Wiley H. Bates Heritage Park. The BLC is the center-piece complex and its mission is to preserve and share the rich history of the school, faculty, staff and its relationship to the entire community.

In February, 2008 we hosted our first Gala in his honor to raise funds for scholarships and ongoing operations of the BLC. Each year we have pledged to award two (2) scholarships in Judge Ricks' honor. We have awarded \$23,000.00 since 2008 and plans are underway for our 2020 Judge Essom V. Ricks Jr. Scholarship Gala.

Judge Ricks was a great advocate for higher-education and served as chairperson of numerous committees dedicated to preserving this educational landmark. Through his concerted and determined efforts, the BLC is strategically positioned to serve as a cultural hub within Annapolis, Anne Arundel County and the region. As we approach our thirteenth anniversary we are still working steadfastly to share the rich heritage of the former Wiley H. Bates High School.

The 2019 Judge Essom V. Ricks, Jr. Memorial Scholarships were awarded this spring and we are seeking donations to support deserving students and parents to help off-set the sky rocketing cost of attending colleges and universities for 2019 and into the future.

Your tax-deductible contributions toward those efforts would be greatly appreciated. We sincerely thank you and offer best wishes for a new year of adventure, learning and growth for us all.

Sincerely,
Linda Hicks Boyd

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