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Nashville Alliance Announces 2010 Nashville Public Schools Hall of Fame Inductees

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Nashville Alliance for Public Education has announced it will induct six new members into the Nashville Public Schools Hall of Fame. This marks the first time in the Hall of Fame's history that two individuals will receive Distinguished Service awards. The awards ceremony will take place on March 2, 2010.

"The positive impact of effective public education in Nashville will be on display when the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees take the stage in March," said Robert Lipman, chairman of the Nashville Alliance board of directors. "We are very proud to honor these individuals for their commitment to public education, their hard work in their respective professions, and their overall contribution to the Nashville community."

The 2010 alumni inductees are:

- Dr. Keith B. Churchwell, M.D. (McGavock Comprehensive High School, 1979), executive director/chief medical officer, Vanderbilt Heart & Vascular Institute.
- Richard Fulton (East High School, 1945), mayor of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County from 1975 through 1987.
- R. Milton Johnson (Stratford High School, 1974), executive vice president and chief financial officer, Hospital Corporation of America.
- Walter G. Knestrick (Hillsboro High School, 1955), founder of Walter Knestrick Contractors, Inc., former chairman of the Tennessee Arts Commission and a founding board member of the Frist Center for the Visual Arts.

The 2010 Distinguished Service Award inductees are:

- Kix Brooks, award-winning singer and songwriter
- Tammy Genovese, former chief executive officer of the Country Music Association

HCA will be the exclusive presenting sponsor for the 2010 Hall of Fame.

"HCA is proud to support this year's Nashville Public Schools Hall of Fame and the Nashville Alliance for Public Education's commitment to quality education in our city," said Richard Bracken, CEO of HCA. "Milton Johnson has been a consistent supporter of educational and community service organizations in Middle Tennessee, and we could not be more proud of him for receiving this recognition."

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Created in 2005, the Nashville Public Schools Hall of Fame celebrates the successes of public education by honoring talented graduates of Metro Nashville Public Schools, as well as local leaders who have provided distinguished service to influence public school excellence.

The Nashville Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to securing private resources to help improve Metro Nashville Public Schools. Since its inception, the organization has raised more than \$20 million to advance student success in key academic areas such as reading, language arts, music, math and science. The Nashville Alliance also supports programs and initiatives to improve graduation rates and enhance the professional development of public school educators. Donations to the Nashville Alliance can be made online at www.nashvillealliance.org or by phone at (615) 783-2810.