

6 will be inducted into Maryland Women's Hall of Fame

The Maryland Commission for Women will hold its induction ceremony beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller Senate Office Building.

The 26th annual Maryland Women's Hall of Fame induction is being held during Women's History Month.

Each year the Maryland Commission for Women and Women Legislators recognize women of high achievement. This year's six honorees' contributions have made lasting impressions in the environment, science and technology, education, the arts, social justice, civil rights, the armed services and religion.

The 2011 honorees:

Lucy Diggs Slowe was the first Dean of Women at Howard University. Slowe (1885-1936) was nominated posthumously by Angela Gib-



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son, president, Alpha-Epsilon Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Slowe was a pioneer shaping educational reform for women of color in Maryland and the country.

As Dean of Women at Howard University, she helped establish a "women's campus" at Howard, (three new dormitories for women) and influenced the philosophy and appointment of female



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deans to African American campuses throughout the country.

Carol W. Greider, Ph.D. is a Nobel Prize winner in Physiology or Medicine. She was nominated by Dr. Edward D. Miller, dean, School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

In 1984, working together with Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, Greider discovered telomerase, an enzyme



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that maintains telomeres, or chromosome ends. Her groundbreaking discovery is relevant in the treatment of cancer, heart disease and premature aging.

Barbara Holdridge, co-founder Caedmon Records, is the initiator in spoken-word recordings. She was nominated by Christine Moulton, executive director, National Women's Hall of Fame. Caedmon was the pioneer



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the HIV epidemic among young people. She was nominated by Dr. E. Albert Reece, dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Peralta is associate professor of pediatrics and epidemiology, Chief Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, and director of the Adolescent HIV Program of the Department of Pediatrics, University of Maryland

in spoken-word recordings and eventually became a multi-million dollar company, recording readings by Dylan Thomas, Ernest Hemingway, Marianne Moore, e.e. cummings, Collette and others.

Dr. Ligia Peralta is a pioneer in the global fight to stem

School of Medicine.

Gertrude L. Poe is known as "Maryland's First Lady of Journalism." She was nominated by Jennifer Hafner, director, Maryland Newspaper Project, at the Maryland State Archives. Poe served as editor for 41 years of *The News Leader*, a weekly newspaper in Laurel.

In 1958, Poe was elected the first woman to head the Maryland Press Association.

June A. Willenz is a human rights advocate who was nominated by Denise Scotto of Global Legal Strategies

Willenz served as executive director of the American Veterans Committee for 40 years, advancing the AVC's perspective "citizens first, veterans second." She was the first woman to head the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Task Force on Military/Veterans Affairs.