

Arlington Career Center (ACC) Naming Committee Meeting January 31, 2024

The ACC Naming Committee meeting convened on Wed, Jan. 31, 2024, at ACC at 6 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

1. Barbara Kanninen, Naming Committee Chair
2. Margaret Chung, Principal, ACC
3. Michelle Van Lare, Arlington Tech Coordinator
4. Anne Cupero, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dept. Chair, Forensic Science teacher, and Dual Enrollment Biology Teacher, Arlington Tech
5. Shane Johnson, Program for Employee Preparedness (PEP) Coordinator
6. Catherine "Catey" Wright, Arlington Tech – 9th Grade
7. Fikreyesus "Fikker" Reta, Arlington Tech – 11th Grade
8. Daiber Alejandro Vasquez, English Learner Institute – 12th Grade
9. Sophia Garcia, Program for Employment Preparedness (PEP) 13TH Grade
10. Georgia Hardeman, Part-time (physical therapy), Yorktown High School
11. Daniela Londono, Class of 2017 (English Learner Institute)
12. Edwin Reyes, Class of 2008 (The Academy)
13. Christy Gunville, Arlington Tech families
14. Octavia Johnson, ACC families
15. Robin Taylor, Parent of part-time CTE (culinary arts) student from W-L
16. Elaine Firman-Garcia, PEP families
17. Jessica Kaplan, Arlington Historical Society
18. Brian Sigritz, Co-President, Arlington Heights Civic Association
19. Alex Stevens, President, Alcova Heights Civil Association

Also Present:

1. Catherine Ashby, School & Community Relations Staff Liaison (Non-Voting)

Meeting Opening and Introductions

Committee Chair, Dr. Barbara Kanninen, provided a brief overview and opened the meeting for introductions. Committee members introduced the current process for the naming of the center, which is now under construction. This is not a process to rename any of the programs within the ACC.

Over the next few months, the committee will work collaboratively to make a recommendation

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- April 25: Presentation to School Board
- May 9: School Board votes on the name

History of ACC

Margaret Chung presented an overview of the school, student body, the school's mission and values, and the programs housed within ACC, including the Academy, the English Learner Institute, Program for Employment Preparedness (PEP), Arlington Tech, Teen Parenting and EvenStart. The students present at the meeting shared what they love about ACC, including the sense of community, belonging, diversity and how engaged students are in learning at ACC.

Ms. Chung also shared a brief timeline of the history and evolution of ACC:

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- Columbia School House (1871)

African American Neighborhoods – Arlington View, Penrose, Queen City, Barcroft, Nauk and Arlington Mill

20th Century

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