

America's Leaders

Six Americans Honored With Heinz Award

(NAPSA)—Six inspirational Americans, whose extraordinary accomplishments encompass a range of human endeavor—from song to science, aeronautics to air quality—have been selected as this year's recipients of the Heinz Awards. Each prize includes a \$250,000 cash award.

The recipients in their respective categories are:

Arts and Humanities: Bernice Johnson Reagon, Ph.D., civil rights activist, performer, educator and founder and long-time artistic director of Sweet Honey In The Rock, a world-renowned a cappella ensemble of African-American women.

Environment (shared): Mario J. Molina, Ph.D., Institute Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and John D. Spengler, Ph.D., professor and director, environmental science and engineering program, Harvard University. Their groundbreaking work covers the full range of human health issues related to both indoor and outdoor air pollution.

Human Condition: Paul Farmer, M.D., Ph.D., physician and medical anthropologist, Harvard Medical School, and founder, Partners In Health. Dr. Farmer has dedicated his life to proving that quality health care can and must be delivered to the world's most impoverished citizens.

Public Policy: Geraldine Jensen, founder and president, the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support (ACES). Ms. Jensen's vision and determination created a national child support enforcement reform movement.



The Heinz Awards were established through the Heinz Family Foundation to honor the legacy of the late Senator John Heinz.

Technology, the Economy and Employment: Paul B. MacCready, Ph.D., inventor, engineer and chairman, AeroVironment, Inc. Known as the “father of human-powered flight, Dr. MacCready has used his genius to develop alternative forms of transportation and control pollution.

In announcing the awards, Teresa Heinz, chairwoman of the Heinz Family Foundation, said, “These distinguished Heinz Awards honorees, though different in their backgrounds and professions, share the most noble of human qualities. We are proud to recognize their exceptional work.”

The Heinz Awards were established through the Heinz Family Foundation of Pittsburgh by Mrs. Heinz to honor and carry on the legacy of her late husband, Senator John Heinz, who died in 1991.

For more information about the awards, visit the Web site at www.heinzawards.net.