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MUSEUM GIVES LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP TO DEDICATED PRINCIPAL
Chicago History Museum honors Dr. Patricia D. McCann for her commitment to history

CHICAGO (September 27, 2007) – The Chicago History Museum, today presented a lifetime museum membership to Dr. Patricia D. McCann, principal of Benjamin E. Mays Academy in Englewood. Museum President, Gary T. Johnson has been visiting Chicago Public Schools over the past two years sharing history with third grade classes. On his initial visit Dr. McCann insisted that Johnson present Chicago Fire artifacts in all 18 classrooms of her school reaching a total of 429 students.

“This is the first time we’ve had a president at our institution that has made valuable and personal relationships with principals and teachers in the Chicago Public School system,” said Russell Lewis, executive vice-president and chief historian. “He opens a door so public and private schools feel welcome to visit the museum on field trips.”

Dr. McCann has been the principal at Benjamin E. Mays Academy for the past six years. Before that, Dr. McCann was a teacher at Schiller School, which served the Cabrini Green community. She would often walk students to the museum on field trips when she was at that location. This membership is a thank you to Dr. McCann for realizing the importance of Chicago’s history in our schools.

Benjamin E. Mays Academy is a pre-k, k-8, year-round school located at 838 W. Marquette Rd, Chicago, IL 60621. The donation of this lifetime membership to a deserving individual was made possible by The Helen Jacob Trust.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is a suggested donation of \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District’s generous support of all the Museum’s activities.