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**Wall's Crimson Knight Foundation to Host Inaugural Awards Gala**

Wall, NJ (September 28, 2018) Wall Township's Crimson Knight Foundation (CKF) is excited to announce its honoree slate for their First Annual Crimson Knight Foundation Awards Gala at Spring Lake Manor on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6 PM.

The awards are presented to persons whose outstanding accomplishments in their professional and vocational fields have had a lasting impact on the Wall Township schools and community. They recognize a Wall Township High School alumnus for exceptional achievement in their field, a community member for their leadership and dedication to Wall Township, and a faculty member for excellence in service to the Wall Township Public Schools.

Three outstanding members of our community have been chosen to receive the following awards:

- Distinguished Alumni Award: **Marisa Brahney**, News Anchor, News 12 New Jersey
- Excellence in Community Leadership Award: **Christopher J. Gramiccioni**, Prosecutor, Office of The Monmouth County Prosecutor
- Meritorious BOE Employee Award: **Leslie S. Hollander**, Department Chairperson of Fine Arts & Music, Wall Township Board of Education

Our Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Marisa Brahney (Wall Class of 2002) is an Emmy-award winning weekday anchor at News 12 New Jersey. During her time at News 12 New Jersey, Brahney has covered many of the state's major stories including the Bridgewater scandal, the deadly 2016 Hoboken train crash, the 2015 Edgewater apartment fire and Pope Francis' visit to the tristate area. She also co-produced and anchored an in-depth documentary special called Choices & Chances: New Jersey's heroin epidemic, for which she won a 2015 New York Emmy Award.

The Excellence in Community Leadership Award award is being presented to Wall Township resident and Monmouth County Prosecutor, Christopher J. Gramiccioni. As the top law enforcement officer in Monmouth County, Gramiccioni oversees the day-to-day operations of more than 300 employees and the administration of a \$24 million budget. He also oversees the collective law enforcement efforts of more 2,000 police officers operating in 48 municipal police departments, and liaisons with court and judicial personnel and all county representatives. Prior to his appointment in 2016, Prosecutor Gramiccioni served as the Office's First Assistant Prosecutor from 2011 to 2012, and was appointed acting Monmouth County Prosecutor in 2012.

Leslie S. Hollander is being awarded the Meritorious BOE Employee Award to honor his 49 years of service as the Director of Instrumental Music. He is also the Department Chairperson of Fine Arts and Music at Wall High School. The Wall High School Bands have a long tradition of individual student musical achievement and countless awards at national music festivals. He has previously served on the New Jersey Music Educator's Association State Board of Directors Executive Committee, President of the Central Jersey Music Educators Association, President of the Monmouth Symphony Orchestra, President of the Region II International Association of Jazz Educators, President of the All Shore Band Directors Association, Conductor of the Central Jersey Region II Symphonic Band and Conductor of the Garden State Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for many years, including an appearance at Carnegie Hall. He has conducted the Wall High School Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Concert Bands at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia in 2016 and 2018.

For ticketing and sponsorship opportunities, please go to <http://gcv.me/e364bb> or send check payable to: Crimson Knights Foundation, PO Box 1502, Wall, NJ 07719.

If you have any questions, please contact: [treasurer@crimsonknightsfoundation.org](mailto:treasurer@crimsonknightsfoundation.org)

#### **About the Crimson Knight Foundation**

The Crimson Knights Foundation (CKF) is a not-for-profit foundation created to support excellence in primary school education in the Wall Township Public School District. The CKF funds programs and purchases over and above what the school district provides to maintain the excellence of facilities and opportunities in the Wall Township Public Schools. In addition, the CKF supports restoring, maintaining, and building Crimson Knights pride.

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