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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Raytown Quality Schools Announces 2023 Hall of Fame Alumni Honorees**

(Raytown, MO) — Raytown Quality Schools is pleased to announce the 2023 Alumni Hall of Fame honorees who will join the ranks of distinguished district alumni during the fall 2023 induction ceremony.

Honorees include Anthony Bestafka-Cruz, Kemet Coleman, Lesa McCord Francis, Dr. Keith Hardiman, Kenneth Hardiman, and Bill Price.

Anthony Bestafka-Cruz is a Raytown High School Class of 2006 graduate who works as an attorney in Washington, D.C. with the Office of the Legal Adviser for the U.S. Department of State. In this role, Anthony serves in a legal advisory and litigation capacity. He also works with diplomats, foreign governments, and legal representatives on human rights matters. In 2022, Anthony addressed the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the U.S.

Lesla McCord Francis is a Raytown High School Class of 1975 graduate, best known as an award-winning business leader with more than 30 years of experience leading teams and companies. She has also served as Chief Executive Officer and was the first woman named CEO of a \$1 billion dollar staffing company. Most recently, Lesa was President and CEO of Supplemental Health Care, one of the top 10 healthcare staffing companies in the U.S.

Kemet Coleman is a Raytown High School Class of 2005 graduate, known as a local musician, entrepreneur, and small business owner. His note-worthy accomplishments include opening the doors of Kansas City's first black-owned brewery, his award-winning song 'Get Out' which serves as the official song of the KC Streetcar, leading the vocals for the band The Phantastics, and being one of the founding members for the Brass & Boujee ensemble.

Dr. Keith Hardiman is a Raytown High School Class of 1997 graduate who works as a member of the Senior Executive Service for the U.S. Department of Air Force. His current role is Director of Air Force Information Management for the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, and the Headquarters Air Force Chief Information Officer and Liaison to the Pentagon Architecture Council. He is actively involved in his community, working as a School of Business Professor for his alma mater, serving on the board for the Black Liberal Arts Center, and serving as a member of various other organizations.

Kenneth Hardiman is a Raytown High School Class of 1997 graduate who has more than a decade of experience as an executive chef. He has led more than half a dozen independent restaurants, from the Midwest to the West Coast, into award-winning eateries.

His love for food and expertise in the craft has led him to the role of Regional Executive Chef for the Levy Restaurants Special Events Division. Kenneth also forms part of numerous organizations that help others turn their lives around for a better future, and support communities in need.

Bill Price is a Raytown High School Class of 1963 graduate. He has been the founder and president of Shamrock Cabinet in Raytown for more than 50 years. Shamrock Cabinet is known as one of the Midwest's most renowned makers of award-winning, handcrafted custom cabinets and fixtures. He has received many accolades and recognitions throughout his career. He has also served as an active member of his community through civic involvement and volunteer work.