

Public comment regarding the nomination
for 319 N. 19th St and 312 N. 18th St-
John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School

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PLEAS TO SAVE HALLAHAN BUILDING

Eileen Erikson <eileenerikson1943@gmail.com>

Thu 10/7/2021 11:55 AM

To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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SAVE OUT HALLAHAN BUILDING, IT IS A NATIONAL TREASURE

AS I UNDERSTAND OUR HISTORY, BISHOP JOHN NEWMANN PURCHASED THE LAND IN WHICH OUR SCHOOL STOOD., 1911 AND SINCE THEN MULTIPLE YOUNG WOMEN ALL OVER THE CITY WERE PRIVILEGED TO WALK THROUGH THE DOORS OF THIS BLESSED SCHOOL. NOW IN 2021 SO MANY YOUNG LADIES WILL HAVE TO FORFEIT THAT PRIVILEGE AND SUCCEED TO ANOTHER SCHOOL OR POSSIBLY DROP OUT ALL TOGETHER. ALTHOUGH WE WERE NOT ABLE TO SAVE OUR SCHOOL, FOR GOD'S SAKE AND I DO MEAN GOD, PLEASE DEEM THIS BUILDING SACRED GROUND AND AN HISTORICAL SITE. AT LEAST A PLACE WHERE THE SPIRIT OF OUR BELOVED ALMA MATER WILL DWELL. I WILL SUPPORT IN ANY WAY I CAN TO CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF OUR HALLAHAN TRADITIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE AND PRAY THEY OPEN THEIR MINDS AND HEARTS TO US AS GRADUATES AND ALUMNAE STILL HERE ON EARTH. PRAYERS FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

EILEEN ERIKSON (CALLAHAN) CLASS OF 1961 AND RECIPIENT OF THE HALL OF FAME HONOR 2013

Allyson Mehley

From: Clare McAneny <clare_mcaneny@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:27 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan

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Good morning,

I'm writing in support of John W. Hallahan High School historical designation.

Please DESIGNATE NOW!!!! No more delays! Lady Hallahan deserves her recognition as an icon in both city and national history!

Thank you,

Clare Ryan McAneny'73

Hallahan's Historical status

MaryAnn <maryannbecker08@comcast.net>

Wed 9/22/2021 9:20 AM

To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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This is thee FIRST Catholic all girls high school in the Country!!

We have to protect what historical places that we still have. Modern technology has been tearing down many old buildings in the name of modernization.

This can NOT be the fate of such a "First" in our country's/state/city's legacy!

I ask you, please vote in favor of designating John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls high school building an Historical Building, thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Allyson Mehley

From: Diane Warden <dwarden712@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 8:45 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan History

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History defines what we were and allows a future pathway of improvement to be created. Hallahan High School-the first catholic school for girls did just that. Started in the city where our nation celebrates independence, where our nation's forefathers imagined a country beyond belief, Hallahan opened the doors of education for women in a time when it was denied. The building is the structure of history and should be preserved and recognized as that. Designate and protect this valuable piece of culture. KEEP the building, it's history significance and remember the graduates!

Diane Warden

Allyson Mehley

From: Jennifer Ferrara <jferrara@hkhcpas.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:12 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Building

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Dear Commission:

I am requesting that BOTH Hallahan buildings be deemed historic. Both buildings are Hallahan. BOTH buildings comprise ONE location of specific and incredible history. The Cathedral building is no less historic just because the architect was not famous. The women that were educated there were educated in BOTH buildings. BOTH buildings are equally historic with respect to women's education and national history. Please designate BOTH buildings as they comprise ONE entity...Hallahan.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Ferrara
Howe, Keller & Hunter, P.C.
215 South Broad Street, 4th Fl.
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-893-9112 x27
Fax: 215-893-9120*

Allyson Mehley

From: Lillian Walker Shelton <lillianwslgpc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:41 AM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan Building

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Good Morning,

I am writing this email to show my support for the John W. Hallahan Building at 19th and Wood Street in Philadelphia. I am a graduate of Hallahan as well as my late mother, my aunts and my cousins. I am absolutely appalled at what is happening now with the building and the school. I would like the building to be made into a historical site. Respectfully submitted.

Be well,

Dr. Lillian Walker Shelton, Ed.D., LPC, LCPC, ACS
Mental Health Therapist
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Silver Spring, MD 20910
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Allyson Mehley

From: maur7418@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:30 AM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan High School

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I support the designation of BOTH Hallahan buildings to the historical registry. History happened in BOTH buildings, not just one. Sincerely, Maureen Majewski

Allyson Mehley

From: Christine Bartholomew hhh <christinebart65@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 8:18 PM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School

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To Whom It May Concern: I support the designation of BOTH Hallahan buildings to the historical registry. History happened in BOTH buildings, not just one. Thank you. Sincerely, Christine Bartholomew

From: Chun, Kevin Douglas <chun@sas.upenn.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 2:18 PM
To: preservation; Chun, Kevin Douglas; Kevin Chun
Subject: Hallahan Historic Designation/ 311 N 19th St & 312 N 18th St.
Attachments: Hallahan Historic Commission email 8 30 2021 edited.pdf; Hallahan Historic Commission email 8 30 2021 edited.docx

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Also attached as a PDF and Docx file.

August 29, 2021

To the Philadelphia Historical Commission:

I support designating the properties at 311 North 19th Street and 312 North 18th street in ZIP code 19103, the John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School building and its annex known as the Cathedral building, as historic.

The building is the vision of Mary McMichan who provided its construction funds. It was the first tuition-free and purpose-built high school for the education of Catholic women in the United States, and the mother school for other girls' schools that followed in later years, such as St. Hubert's, West Catholic, and Little Flower. It predates the Nineteenth Amendment, which guaranteed women's right to vote nationwide, by nine years.

The buildings continued to serve their role to educate women of immigrant families and at-risk neighborhoods (Kensington, Northern Liberties, West Philadelphia and Roxborough) until forced to close in June 2021. By daily interactions in these buildings, this diverse community of women, now some 40,000 strong, learned tolerance, understanding and compassion towards others, starting half a century before Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement and, I reiterate, before women's nationwide right to vote.

Walt Disney was so taken by the school's mission that he agreed to let the school use his newly created character Mickey Mouse as their mascot.

Architecturally, the building's exterior upper cornice and frieze is adorned with the names of significant women in history. It is the only known building in Philadelphia to have had its cornerstone blessed by a pope, Pius X, and it contains the relics of seven saints. Major portions of the interior were designed to be lit by natural light, with transom and clerestory windows allowing sunlight into the corridors

But most significant to the modern world is that Hallahan taught young women advanced mathematics, challenging the assumption that a woman's role would be a housewife. The math department in the Cathedral building inspired a young Irish immigrant named Kathy "Kay" McNulty (Antonelli) to become one of the first computer programmers in the world. She and five female colleagues programmed the groundbreaking computer ENIAC at the University of Pennsylvania for the Department of Defense. McNulty, relatively unknown in the USA, is celebrated in Ireland as the "Mother of Computer Programming" with the Irish government's supercomputer bearing her name.

Think of this every time you use your computer or smartphone from now on: it started at J. W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School.

I encourage the commission to designate these buildings as historic, as they housed an institution that educated women in many fields of study, even before they had the right to vote.

So please designate the buildings as historic.

Sincerely,

Kevin D. Chun
Former Music Teacher,
Hallahan Girls' High School

Allyson Mehley

From: Kim Mann <kimmann90@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:29 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Save Hallahan and Cathedral Buildings and make Historial

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Please save the Hallahan and Cathedral School buildings and make them historical.

Thank you.
Kim Mann
Class 84

Allyson Mehley

From: Tim and Sue Gierke <stgierke@twc.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:06 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan designation to historic registry

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Dear Committee members

I am a 1965 graduate of Hallahan and fully support designating both buildings to the historic registry. Our school's history of educating girls, begun in 1910, must be honored by being included on the registry.

Thank you,

Suzanne Gierke

Mikwaukee, Wisconsin

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cheryl Carr <devildogjr@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 9:24 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan!!

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Dear Historic Commission Members,

I support the nomination for John W Hallahan Girls' Catholic High School's 2 buildings - 319 N. 19th St and 312 N. 18th St. The two have operated as one entity for over 100 years and should be designated historic together.

I ask that all of you designate this historic location without any further delay.

I support this to honor my mom Pearl, a proud Hallahan girl, class of 1959. Because of the closure and pandemic's timing, I will never be able to visit and walk the halls she did or say a prayer in the chapel. I will never get to visit this piece of my family's history, the city my family settled in long ago, helped create community in, raised their family in.

I am who I am because of my family and mom going to Hallahan. I didn't go to Hallahan but I heard about it my whole life. And after losing my mom, it means more to me now than ever. She shared stories of her time there up until her death and I am grateful to know what it meant to her, and now to thousand of women and men whose life it touched.

History means something different to everyone. Regardless of criteria, it is personal. A city needs to honor its history, the unique moments that only this city can say is their own. It should reflect what it created and honor that history so we can continue to celebrate it, and visit these sites, in the decades to come.

Sincerely,

Cheryl-Ann

From: LMB <lmbell458@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 7:09 AM
To: preservation
Cc: LMB
Subject: Hallahan Historical Preservation

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Dear Philadelphia Historical Commission:

I support the preservation and designation of both Hallahan buildings -- the Hallahan Building and the Cathedral building formerly the parish school for the Cathedral -- to Philadelphia's historical registry.

1. The buildings' artistic architectures offer a glimpse of history that cannot be realized by photographs.
2. If not used as schools, the buildings could be utilized for artistic education, galleries, reading rooms, quiet spaces for meditation.
3. When walking through the buildings, girls stand in awe remembering the history of the first Catholic girls high school in the United States, learning the stories of its 40,000 graduates, living its legacy in their own lives. This is what Hallahan graduates do.

The world is a better place because of Hallahan graduates. Let the buildings be preserved and designated historical so other generations can understand and share in the legacy of Hallahan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Marie Bell, Friend of Hallahan Alumnae
LMBell458@aol.com

Allyson Mehley

From: KATHLEEN MCTIGHE <kathleenmctighe@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:09 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Historical Designation

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I support the designation of BOTH Hallahan Buildings to the historical registry. Hlstory happened in BOTH buildings, not just one

Sincerely
Kathleen Ryan McTighe '69

Allyson Mehley

From: Muriel Rossi <bigtree15@sky.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 3:41 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Historic Designation

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> At present girls' education is threatened - and outright denied - in countries around the world. Mary McMichan's vision for stands as a groundbreaking moment for the higher education for girls in Philadelphia and the greater the United States. I ask that you please name both Hallahan buildings as historic.
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> Many thanks,
> Rose Rossi Devine
> Hallahan class of 1971
>
> Sent from my iPad

From: ellen4real1@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 12:44 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Fwd: Hallahan's Historical Designation Nomination

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Dear Commission:

I fully support the combined historical designation of both the Hallahan and Cathedral buildings, 319 N 19th St and 312 N.18th St respectively. There is no debating the historical early 20th century architecture, of both buildings. The rich history of Hallahan is still significant today, as it was from its 1911 beginning as the first all girls' catholic high school in the country.

By its own account, the Historical Society named John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School as "the keystone for high school education for Catholic education". Hallahan's visionary founder, Mary Hallahan McMichan, fought for equality for women. In many ways, women are still fighting for equality today, particularly in earning the same pay as our equally educated male counterparts.

The US Treasury awarded the students of Hallahan a Certificate of Merit, for selling enough bonds to purchase 132 jeeps for the Army. Based on the picture in the Special Collections Research Center on Temple University Libraries, it's clearly during World War II.

In 2011, Director Neil Burger filmed Hallahan as the police station in his movie, Limitless (starring Bradley Cooper). Clearly the historical architecture played a role in his choice.

Although these are only a few examples, Hallahan legacy has been interwoven in not only Philadelphia's history, but also the United States of America's history.

Thank you,

Ellen M. Friel

From: GirlsEducation Enterprise <girlseducation19103@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Rita Miziorko
Cc: preservation; Allyson Mehley
Subject: Re: John W. Hallahan C.G.H.S. Nomination to Philadelphia Register of Historic Places

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Thank you !

Gloria

On Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 3:21 PM Rita Miziorko <rmiziorko@hotmail.com> wrote:

To: The Members of the Committee on Historic Designation of the Philadelphia Historic Commission

I would like to support the application of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School for Nomination to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. I am aware that your committee has taken the application under consideration over the past several months. I have full confidence that the thoroughly detailed submission meets and exceeds the requirements established for the Historic Designation. Further, I know that as individuals who are committed to the preservation of Philadelphia's unique place in the history of our nation, you will agree that Hallahan deserves the protection afforded by the designation.

Criterion E of the application states that the building must be the work of an architect who has significantly influenced the historical, cultural etc. development of the city, commonwealth or nation. It has been well established that in designing 319 N 19th St, the firm of Ballinger and Perrot substantially fulfill that criterion not just with the significance of designing the first Catholic Girls High School in the United States but also with their work on several college and university campuses around the country.

Hallahan not only holds an exclusive place as the first Diocesan Catholic Girls High School in the United States which provided education for young women from the working class but also as a highly respected, continually operating institution for more than 110 years. As such, Criterion A in the application is readily met. As education took place in both buildings under consideration, I ask you to consider the designation for both 319 N. 19th St and 312 N 18th St.

My parents and grandparents always emphasized that Philadelphia was a city of beautiful buildings and monuments. The Logan Circle/Parkway area of Philadelphia presents many fine examples of municipal architecture. John W. Hallahan C.G.H.S. complements the other notable structures in the area and should be preserved for its historic importance. I encourage the members of the Committee on Historic Designation of the Philadelphia Historic Commission to grant the Historic Designation to Hallahan.

Thank you for your expertise and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rita McCloskey Miziorko John W. Hallahan C.G.H.S. Class of 1967

Allyson Mehley

From: regina graney <ginagraney@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 9:22 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan

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I'm praying that we can make Hallahan high school building and Cathedral school as historical buildings 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rita Miziorko <rmiziorko@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 3:22 PM
To: preservation; Allyson Mehley
Cc: girlseducation19103@gmail.com
Subject: John W. Hallahan C.G.H.S. Nomination to Philadelphia Register of Historic Places

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Sincerely,
Rita McCloskey Miziorko John W. Hallahan C.G.H.S. Class of 1967

Allyson Mehley

From: deprinces <deprinces@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 3:09 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Historic John W. Hallahan

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Dear Commission:

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Sincerely,
Sharon DePrince
HH '79

Allyson Mehley

From: Natalie <n.fisher0701@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:57 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Buildings - Historical Designation

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Good afternoon,

As a Little Flower High School Alum, I am emailing you in support of the designation of the two Hallahan buildings.

Thank you!
Natalie

Allyson Mehley

From: Mary B <sockermare@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:39 PM
To: preservation
Subject: RE: Hallahan High School - Historical Designation

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The historical designation of the two Hallahan buildings is imperative not only as a reminder that Hallahan High School is the birthplace of Catholic education for women in America, but for the overall landscape of Center City Philadelphia. It is more important than ever that we preserve the history and architecture of these buildings; that we recognize that their value to the community far surpasses their market value. I support and request the addition of BOTH Hallahan buildings to the historical registry, to ensure that their educational legacy and timeless architecture remain a visual and prominent presence in Center City Philadelphia for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Mary Kathryn Zielinski Benner '86

Joanne Connolly
4861 Ridge Avenue
Philadelphia PA 19129

August 27, 2021

Via email: preservation@phila.gov
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is a significant historic resource in Philadelphia and BOTH buildings merit being listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.

I am requesting that BOTH Hallahan buildings be deemed historic. BOTH buildings combined make up Hallahan. BOTH buildings comprise ONE location are responsible for remarkable history. The Cathedral building is no less historic just because the architect was not as famous. The women that were fortunate to go to Hallahan took classes in BOTH buildings. I am sure many stories of memories of alumnae would mention the bridge and scurrying from one building to the other to get to class on time.

BOTH buildings are equally historic with respect to the result of educating women and the impact on national history. Please designate BOTH buildings as they comprise ONE entity...Hallahan.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joanne Connolly

Allyson Mehley

From: Marlana Rowan <marlanarowan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 11:37 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Save Hallahan

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I support the designation of both Hallahan buildings to the historical registry. History happened in both buildings, not just one!

Sincerely,

Marlana Rowan

Allyson Mehley

From: Mike Kearney <m.kearney@generalcontrolsinc.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 8:58 AM
To: preservation
Subject: HALLAHAN HIGH SCHOOL

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To all:

I am writing to encourage you all to please vote to designate The Hallahan High School and the Cathedral School buildings as Historic Sites.

Our Mother graduated from Hallahan in 1918 and Sister in 1956. Brothers and Sister graduated from Cathedral in 1952, 1954, 1956, 1957 and

Me in 1960. Please preserve these unique buildings and their history.

Hallahan H S in the sister school to Roman Catholic High School. Roman is a diverse thriving inner city school with Historic designation. Please Place Hallahan in the Historic registry.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Kearney
General Controls, Inc.
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215 850 4893 cell



Allyson Mehley

From: lorraine rocci <ilovepizza08l8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 1:33 AM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School

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Dear Commission,

I am writing to you today regarding the historical designation meeting to take place on Monday, August 30th regarding the two properties located at 319 N.19th. Street and 312 N.18th. Street.

The building known as Hallahan located at 319 N. 19th. Street was constructed in 1911 and the Cathedral building was constructed in 1914. Both buildings meet the criteria to be historically designated and both are part of the one nomination. Both buildings have operated collectively as Hallahan and both have educated women in Philadelphia for 120 years. Both buildings comprise one location of specific and incredible history and are equally historic with respect to women's education and national history as the first Catholic Girls' High School in the country. They both have strong roots and hold a very special place in the educational landscape of Philadelphia and are, therefore, both worthy of being historically designated.

For that reason, I am requesting that when considering Hallahan for the historical registry that you also please designate both buildings as they are one entity.

I want to thank you so much for your consideration and time in this very important matter. I appreciate your dedication.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Rocci
Proud 1980 Graduate

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Allyson Mehley

From: Colleen Kelly <col.kelly@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 9:57 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan High School

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To whom It May Concern:

I support the designation of BOTH of Hallahan's buildings to the historical registry. History happened in both buildings, not just one.

Sincerely,
Colleen Kelly

Allyson Mehley

From: Mary Pownall <pownallmary@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 9:28 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan 💞💞💞💞

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BOTH buildings of Hallahan MUST be deemed historical! We were the first all girls Catholic High School, which is American history, and BOTH buildings made Hallahan what it is! Both should be preserved.

Thank you,
Mary Pownall, Class of 2000

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Allyson Mehley

From: Marianne Loftus <marianne loftus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 8:55 PM
To: preservation
Subject: JOHN W. HALLAHAN CATHOLIC GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL

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As a graduate of John W. Hallahan the first all girl's catholic high school in the United States I am writing to you to request your support of the request to save the historic buildings of Hallahan at 19th and Wood Streets in Philadelphia. As you are aware there are two buildings that have educated thousands of young girls according to the wishes of Mary Hallahan as she bequeathed in her will to dedicate funds to the education of women in the Catholic faith.

The city of Philadelphia deserves the title of being a true champion of preservation of the history of girls education.

Thank you for your support.

Marianne McFadden Loftus, 1977

Allyson Mehley

From: dotburton@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 8:23 PM
To: preservation; Allyson Mehley
Subject: Hallahan Historic designation

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Philadelphia Historical Designation Commission

Dear Commission,

I am requesting that the ENTIRE Hallahan property be deemed historic and not just the original Hallahan building. More specifically, BOTH the Hallahan building and the Cathedral Parochial School building comprise ONE location of the Hallahan history.

The Cathedral Hallahan building is equally historic as the second and third floors of the Cathedral Parochial School building on 18th Street were utilized by Hallahan since as early as the 1930's.... that is 90 years! A closed in fire escape with bridge connectors on the second and third floors allow access between the buildings.

Hallahan's historical women's education occurred in both buildings. They are part of ONE historic place and ONE historic story and should be deemed as such. The two buildings are ONE entity.

I urge you to please include both buildings in the designation process.

Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Burton

Allyson Mehley

From: Jane Adams <adamsjc222@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 7:04 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan High School

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Hello:

I am a graduate of Hallahan, Class of 1967. I fully support the historical designation of both buildings of my Alma Mater. Thank you.

Jane Caldwell Adams

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

From: Susan Loyden <Sloyden@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 6:54 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan

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Good day,

I am writing to express my support for designating both of the Hallahan school buildings as historical buildings.

This school was started with private funds, by a woman who thought it important to ensure the girls of Philadelphia, the entire city, had access to a quality education. That is the reason the school was built in center city.

Please do not allow the archdiocese to profit from the closure of this beloved, historic school. It is bad enough they were successful in closing the school. My heart is broken.

I, along with all of Hallahan's alumnae and students, are begging you.

Respectfully,

Susan Martin Loyden

Class of 1984

Sent from my iPad

Allyson Mehley

From: Ted Shearer <tshearer2333@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:06 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Students and School Building

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My mother, Margaret Green was a John Hallahan graduate and wen into a great job with The Army Engineers. She passed away two years ago , but I know if she was alive she would be very upset about the the treatment The Archdiocese is giving the girl and the school building that they treasured. I worked at the Family Court and the old Youth Study Center and would keep her informed about the place that helped her become the head of Personnel.

Please do all that you can do to preserve the building and a school for females that want to attend a Catholic High School in Philly. Thank you again for providing a school for these young ladies and for the staff that will watch them continue to grow.

In closing I feel a good Catholic education is important. I went to St. Al's in South Philly, Bishop Neumann and Mount St. Mary's Univ. My two children also went to Catholic grade school, Catholic High School and Catholic Colleges. If you have a good questions about my interest, I can be reached at 856-983-3798.

Sincerely Yours, Ted S. Shesrer

Sent from my iPhone

Allyson Mehley

From: bentz424@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:02 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Historical Designation

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Dear Historical Society,

I support the designation of both Hallahan buildings to the historical registry. History happened in both buildings, not just one.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Diane Benson
9626 Convent Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19114

Allyson Mehley

From: CAROL LORD <calord620@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:26 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Cathedral and Hallahan Buildings

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask that you issue historical building status to the Cathedral school building located at 18th & Wood Streets and the Hallahan school building located at 19th & Wood Streets
Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.
Carol A. Lord

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Carol Bonewicz <cbonewicz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:09 PM
To: preservation
Cc: savingoursisterhood@gmail.com
Subject: John W Hallahan CGHS

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Dear Historical Commission:

I am writing to you today with the hopes that you would consider giving historical designation to both buildings that make up the FIRST All-Girls Catholic High School in the Country. John W Hallahan CGHS is ONE school that is made up of TWO buildings.

Even though it was not a part of the original structure, the Cathedral Building is as much a part of Hallahan as the Hallahan Building. It was one school that educated countless generations of women. History was made in both buildings.

On a more personal note, I am heartbroken that our beloved school is no more. Dealing with the decision of the AOP has been a daily struggle. Knowing that future generations of girls will not have the experience or opportunities that I had is devastating. The only comfort I have is the hope that both buildings would be saved and that the future owner will be respectful of the history that took place within those hallowed halls. The chance that we might lose the Cathedral Building is unbearable.

I thank you for your time and your consideration.

Carol M Bonewicz-Carlin
Class of 1993
"Alma Mater Glorify"

Allyson Mehley

From: Daniel Hallahan <hallahancontracting@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 9:32 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan All Girl Catholic School

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To all who this is concerned:

My name is Daniel F. Hallahan, My Grandfather and his wife donated millions to assure that the girls of Philadelphia had the opportunity for a "GOD" based education. This was done with there heart and this Historical in all aspects. For the city of Philadelphia and all the blessed students that have gone on to better Philadelphia and the rest of the world!

Allyson Mehley

From: K. A. Rogers <krogers4usa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 9:10 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Historic Nomination for John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School

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Dear Commission:

I am requesting that BOTH Hallahan buildings be deemed historic. Both buildings are Hallahan and comprise ONE location of specific and incredible Philadelphian history. The Cathedral building is no less historic just because the architect was not famous. The women, including myself a Graduate of the Class of 1992, were educated in BOTH buildings. BOTH buildings are equally historic with respect to women's education and national history. Please designate BOTH buildings as they comprise ONE entity...Hallahan.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Rogers

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: Marie Dirvin <mariedirvin@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 5:38 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan high school historic designation.

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Hello,

Please designate both buildings of Hallahan high as historic. Both buildings make up Hallahan as I knew it as class of 1981 and my five sisters, classes 1971-1994 as well as my mother, Hallahan class of 1947. My mother also attended the Cathedral grade school as a member of the Cathedral school parish. Please please designate these buildings so we will never lose them. Thank you.

Marie Eileen Dirvin Hallahan class of 1981.

Sent from my iPhone

Allyson Mehley

From: jmlei <jmlei@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 5:27 PM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School - 19th Street and 18th Street

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Dear Committee on Historical Designation:

I am writing in regard to the upcoming meeting on 8/30/2021. As a graduate of Hallahan, I am requesting that BOTH the Hallahan and the Cathedral buildings be deemed historic. Both buildings are considered Hallahan and comprise ONE location of specific and incredible history with respect not only to women's education, but also to local and national history. The Cathedral building on 18th Street is no less historic. As one of the thousands of women that were educated there, I was educated in both the Hallahan and the Cathedral buildings. The buildings were connected and I was in both buildings daily during my 4 years at Hallahan. Please designate BOTH buildings historic as they together are John W. Hallahan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine DeMarco McCoy, Class of 1975
128 Second Avenue
Broomall, PA 19008

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Allyson Mehley

From: kflan747@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 4:07 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan designation

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Dear Commission:

I am requesting that BOTH Hallahan buildings be deemed historic. Both buildings are Hallahan. BOTH buildings comprise ONE location of specific and incredible history. The Cathedral building is no less historic just because the architect was not famous. The women that were educated there were educated in BOTH buildings. BOTH buildings are equally historic with respect to women's education and national history. Please designate BOTH buildings as they comprise ONE entity...Hallahan.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Flanagan, Hallahan class of 2009

Sent from my iPhone

Allyson Mehley

From: A Brodsky <ajmbrodsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 3:27 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Building as an Historic Building

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To the preservation@phila.gov. My name is Anita Mullen and I am a graduate of Hallahan High School Class of '77. I would like to humbly submit this request on behalf of the tremendous efforts to consider both the Hallahan and Cathedral Buildings as historic entities in the history and legacy of education both in Philadelphia and in the country. Thank you for considering our petition scheduled to be heard this coming August 30, 2021.

Anita Mullen

From: Dana Cost <danacost@ymail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 3:18 PM
To: preservation; Suzanne Edinger
Subject: Hallahan Historical Designation

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Dear Commission:

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Sincerely,

Dana Cost "83

Allyson Mehley

From: Marie Flemming <mef51477@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Suzanne Edinger; preservation
Subject: Historical Designation of BOTH HALLAHAN BUILDINGS

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Dear Commission:

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Sincerely,

Marie Angeli Flemming
Class of '73

Allyson Mehley

From: JoAnne Mann <joannemann2@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 2:28 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Preserve both Hallahan and Cathedral buildings

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Allyson Mehley

From: mags306@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:52 PM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School/Cathedral School building

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Historical Committee'

As a former graduate and neighbor

I am requesting the commission consider the John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School building along with the adjacent Cathedral School building both to be deemed historical because they are it is more than the brick and mortar with these buildings it is what they stand for have stood for this past century of education thousands of students to become world class leaders in their various careers and people of integrity through the teachings in both of these buildings

Thank you

Patricia A. Howell

Cathedral graduate
John W. Hallahan graduate

Allyson Mehley

From: Danielle Giangreco <danielle_giangreco@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:45 PM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School

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Dear Commission:

Please designate both Hallahan buildings to the historic registry immediately and without delay.

Women's history lived within those walls! A fact is a fact and that history is not disputable.

Danielle Giangreco

Allyson Mehley

From: Nadine Boulware <flossiecamac@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:16 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan buildings

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Dear Historical Commission,

Please designate both Hallahan buildings as historical buildings. When I attended I had classes in both buildings. The Cathedral building holds so much history.
I tutored children who went to school there.
I am sure those students want that building to stand as a landmark.
Please let these buildings be designated as historic so that rich history is not lost.
Thank you.

Nadine Boulware
Hallahan Class of 76

From: Betty O'Brien <itzyobrn@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 2:42 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan High School Property Historical Designation

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To whom it may concern: I'm writing to you urging that BOTH buildings Hallahan and The Cathedral School Building be declared HISTORICAL. History is history and it does NOT CHANGE. When I attended Hallahan High School we had classes in BOTH buildings. Why should those buildings now be separated in designation? I urge you to do what is correct!

Thank you Elizabeth Itzstein O'Brien class "58

Allyson Mehley

From: carol wadsworth <caw324@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:17 PM
To: preservation; Carol Wadsworth
Subject: J W Hallahan buildings

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Dear Philadelphia Historical Society:

Please consider the JW Hallahan buildings (the main building and the cathedral) for Historical designation. Although some would say it's just a building, it's much more than that. The very first Catholic High School for girls!! All others trying to emulate JW Hallahan, a school that taught me diversity, friendship, sisterhood, and how to navigate your way in a man's world. Other than the emotional attachment the building in and of itself is beautiful! Marble, stained glass windows and all the history it holds! Proud history! Even Walt Disney himself saw the value in JWH. Who else was given the written consent to use his most beloved character Mickey Mouse!... what a privilege!

In a society demanding change PLEASE don't let our proud history and again a beautiful building be destroyed without a thought.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Carol (McDevitt) Wadsworth '78    

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Allyson Mehley

From: Eileen Erikson <eerikson1943@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:14 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Buildings

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Hallahan both buildings are historical this should not be destroyed in any way. The richness of these buildings are observed in every way daily by the women who were fortunate enough to graduate from these hallowed halls.
Eileen Erikson 1961

Sent from my iPhone

From: Marylou Montuoro <hugmlm710@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:32 AM
To: preservation

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My name is Marylou Montuoro. I am a graduate of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School class of 1964. I am presenting to you a concern for our school located at 19th and Wood Streets. This school which was begun over 100 years ago was for the main purpose of educating women, Catholic women who have made many contributions to our community. I submit to you my request to preserve not only the Hallahan building but the Cathedral building as well as an Historic site. I am a retired Catholic School teacher and I can say from my heart that my education at Hallahan gave me a strong base on which to build. I cherish my faith which was strengthened, my education which was enhanced and my friendships which are cherished. I am submitting my request to you to consider Hallahan as an Historical Institution.

Sincerely,
Ms. Marylou Montuoro

From: EILEEN TEPPER <MY3SUNS44@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 11:30 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Historical Designation for John W. Hallahan CGHS & Cathedral School

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Dear Commission:

When considering the historical designation of the John W. Hallahan C.G.H.S., please include the Cathedral School building. Cathedral is an integral part of Hallahan. Both buildings always operated as schools.

When attending Hallahan, I had classes in the Cathedral building and in the "New" building, which is what we called the Hallahan building. As you can tell by the previous sentence, I am old enough to receive "historical designation!"

Please remember this school is the first school for Catholic girls in the country. Our brother school, Roman Catholic, was the first Catholic boys High School in the nation and has already received the historical designation. We have a rich history of dedication, diversity and community service in the City of Philadelphia.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,
Eileen Tepper '62

cc: Friends of Hallahan
File

Allyson Mehley

From: hprisco710@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:23 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Property

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Philadelphia Historical Designation Commission

Dear Commission,

I am requesting that the entire Hallahan property be deemed historic and not just the Hallahan building. The Cathedral building is just as historic. Historical women's education occurred in both buildings. They are part of one historic place and one historic story and should be deemed as such...together as one entity. Please include both buildings in the designation process.

Sincerely,

Hope Prisco

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Allyson Mehley

From: Sue Clements/Kathleen S. Clements <suehpae@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 10:02 AM
To: preservation

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Sincerely,
KathleenS. Clements, Class of 1968

Allyson Mehley

From: Madison Safarowicz <safarowiczm96@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:49 AM
To: preservation

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I am requesting that the entire Hallahan property be deemed historic and not just the Hallahan building. The Cathedral building is just as historic. Historical women's education occurred in both buildings. They are part of one historic place and one historic story and should be deemed as such...together as one entity. Please include both buildings in the designation process. I am a Hallahan alum, this school is as historical as it gets and this history is the reason why people seek out Hallahan and it's traditions. Please mark this as a historic as Hallahan is as historic as it gets!

Sincerely,
Madison Safarowicz

From: Janice Soulas <jsoulas430@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:41 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Philadelphia Historical Designation Commission

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Sincerely,

Janice Soulas

From: Marianne <mccallism@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:34 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Designation of John W Hallahan Buildings as Historical

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Thank you
Marianne McCallister

From: Julia Marandola <jgcm913@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 9:50 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan is Historical

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Hi!

I am requesting that the entire Hallahan property be deemed historical. The Cathedral building is just as historic. Both buildings have been used equally for decades to educate young women. They are one historic place and have helped create one historic story, together. They deserve to be deemed as such. The history that has been created within both buildings over the last 100+ years is truly something that deserves preservation. I ask that you please include both buildings in the designation process.

Thank you for your time,
Julia Marandola '13

From: Eden Roy <eden.wroy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 9:03 PM
To: preservation
Cc: Eden Roy
Subject: Preserve Hallahan school property

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Sincerely,

Eden Roy
eden.wroy@gmail.com
Sent from my iPhone

Allyson Mehley

From: Kathy Klinger <kaklinger617@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:13 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan buildings

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Sincerely,

Katherine Burns Klinger

Sent from my iPhone

From: Maria Marvasso <mmarvasso@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:04 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Historical Designation

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Sincerely,

Maria Marvasso
Class of 2008

Sent from my iPhone

From: denisefullmer <denisefullmer@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 6:46 PM
To: preservation
Subject: John W Hallahan Bldg

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Sincerely,
Denise M (Cunningham) Fullmer (68)
Sent from my iPad

Allyson Mehley

From: ftessier3159 <ftessier3159@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:34 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Historic designation for J W Hallahan CGHS buildings

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Philadelphia Historical Designation Commission

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Fran Mignon Tessier
Class 1969

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

From: Joe Blaston <jblaston141332@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:34 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Philadelphia Historical Designation Commission

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My family has a long and wonderful history with Hallahan starting with my Aunt who became an Immaculate Heart Nun for 70 years. She graduated in 1938. My mother graduated in 1948 and many of her sisters and my cousins also attended the school. It would be absolutely tragic to see that building modified in any way.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Blaston

Allyson Mehley

From: Maureen Malone <malonemo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:34 PM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan building

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Begin forwarded message:

From: maureen malone <maureenmalone74@icloud.com>
Date: August 17, 2021 at 2:40:29 PM EDT
To: Maureen Malone <malonemo@hotmail.com>

Dear Commission,

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Sincerely,
Maureen Malone
Class of 1992
Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

From: Suzanne Edinger <sedinger134@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:08 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan

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Please designate BOTH Hallahan buildings as historic! Women were educated equally in both buildings! They are each an integral parting women's history, Philadelphia history, and education history!

They are one entity! One building! One complete chapter in America's and Philadelphia's history!

Do not allow the owners to prevent further generations from experiencing the history of these magnificent buildings and the miracles that occurred within!

Thank you for your consideration!

Suzanne Edinger

Allyson Mehley

From: Bella Amichetti <bca226@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 1:28 PM
To: preservation
Subject: John W. Hallahan Historical Designation

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of myself, class of '72 and my mother, Carmella Panichelli Finnegan, class of '45.

We are unable to attend the zoom meeting on the 30th so we are writing to share our desire to grant the Hallahan building and the Cathedral building Historical Designation.

Over 120 years of historical education was provided to thousands of young women from across the City of Philadelphia due to the amazing vision of Mary McMichan.

Both buildings were home to many women who have gone on to do great work throughout the Delaware Valley and beyond.

These buildings are part of a very unique story of education for the City as well as the country. We feel both buildings should be historically designated as one entity so that the story can be preserved for whatever the future use of the buildings may produce.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Bellamaria Finnegan Amichetti '72
Carmella Panichelli Finnegan '45

From: Jaclyn Maisch <jaclynrm10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 1:20 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Philadelphia Historical Designation Commission HALLAHAN

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Dear Commission,

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Sincerely,
Jaclyn Moore '09

Sent from my iPhone

From: Becca Zarnowski <beccazarnowski84@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 1:01 PM
To: preservation
Subject: John W.Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School

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Philadelphia Historical Designation Commission

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Sincerely,
Rebecca Zarnowski graduated class of 2016 Sent from my iPhone

From: Clare McAneny <clare_mcaneny@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:38 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Historical Designation

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Philadelphia Historical Designation Commission

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Sincerely,

Clare Ryan McAneny 'HH 73

Allyson Mehley

From: Carmen Brown <carmenolmobrown@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 5:33 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan

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Dear Historical Association.

I am writing to plea that you please consider Hallahan and Cathedral, historical Buildings.

I attended Cathedral as a young kid and I absolutely love the experience and education that I received while a student at Cathedral. I further went on to Hallahan. I am an alumni from the class of 1975. I had the most wonderful and amazing experiences while a student both at Hallahan and Cathedral. Our daughter also attended Hallahan she is the class of 2005. I am very proud of the school as it provided me with a wonderful education that has made me the person that I am today. I am pleading that you reconsider destroying the school to make condos as it is home for so many of us. We take great pride in being graduates of Hallahan High!

Please reconsider destroying our legacy!    

Respectfully,

Carmen Olmo-Brown'75

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Allyson Mehley

From: rrcrrr17@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 7:47 PM
To: preservation
Subject: FW: Hallahan/Cathedral Building

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From: rrcrrr17@verizon.net <rrcrrr17@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 7:38 PM
To: preservation@phil.gov
Subject: Hallahan/Cathedral Building

To the Historical Commission:

As a graduate of the class of 1969, and a proud member of the Alumnae of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School, I sincerely hope for and support the designation of both the Hallahan building and the Cathedral building be deemed historic. This center city building has educated a diverse group of young women from various sections of our city, and it holds our hearts and our love. Being the first all- girls Catholic High School in the country is of historical value in itself.

I am hoping that as you make this decision, you will consider the many women who have contributed to our city, our state, and our country, and have called Hallahan their Alma Mater.

Sincerely,
Rosemarie Cunningham Rahill
Class of 1969



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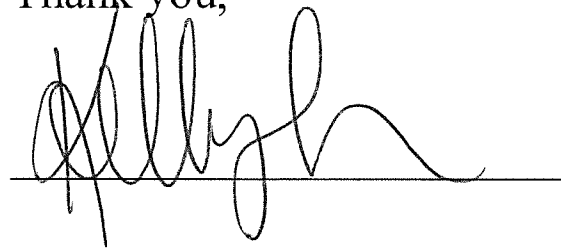
June 14, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

As the 1st Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia, this school deserves to be designated historic. As a building that has a cornerstone from the Pope himself, flown in from Rome, and over a 100 years of history this building should be designated as historic. I am hereby petitioning that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool be registered historic.

Thank you,

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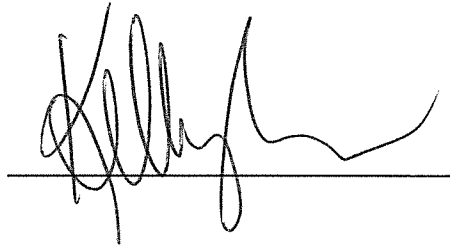
June 14, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building.

Best,

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June 14, 2021

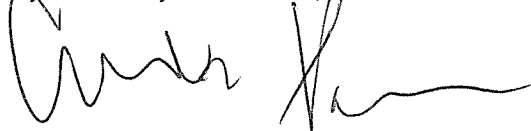
To Whom it may Concern:

Hallahan is one of the oldest buildings in Fairmount. The interior of the building has over 110 years of tradition. It is evident from the outstanding support by its students, their families, and alumnae members it holds a special place in many hearts and wonderful memories for many for over a century.

Even today there are not many testaments or monuments to Honor women.

Hallahan's building has displayed and honored women for over 110 years. The names of famous women are etched into the interior of the building. I am sure if you have done your due diligence of research, you will realize how important this building is to the history of women.

Thank you for your time,



June 14, 2021

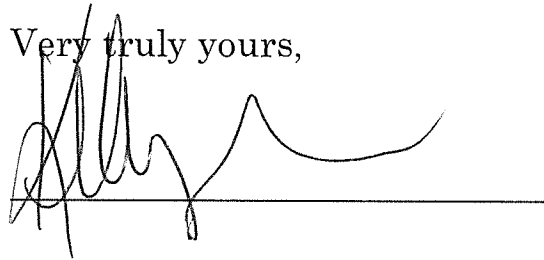
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

RE: 311 N. 19th Street and 312 N. 18th Street

I support the nomination of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building. !

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John W. Hallahan", written over a horizontal line.


June 14, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am hereby requesting John W. Hallahan High School be designated as historic.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,



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June 14, 2021

Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

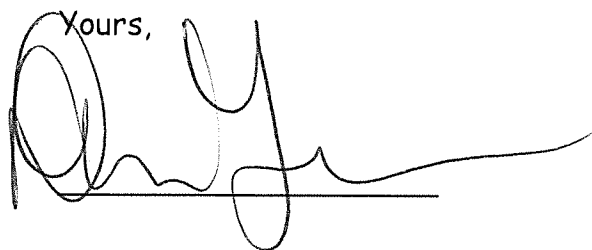
Dear Mr. Farnham:

I was fortunate enough to attend John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool (a/k/a Hallahan) and receive a Catholic Education and be a part of a sisterhood.

Our brother school, Roman Catholic High School has the same history as us, first All Boys Catholic High School, they have been designated historic from 1986. We deserve the same nobility!

Both schools are beautiful buildings on the outside, but on the inside, set the standard of the Catholic Education System for the entire nation. The closing of Hallahan High School greatly effects Catholic Education in the City of Philadelphia.

Please, at least protect a significant landmark of our beautiful City.

Yours,
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June 14, 2021

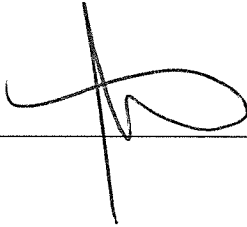
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

By copy of this letter, I fully support John W. Hallahan building designated as an historic designation. Since 1911 Hallahan has educated over 40,000.00 woman. Mary McMichan was ahead of her time. It would be a devastating loss for the City's historical landscape to alter this beautiful building.

I am submitting this request as a resident of Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,



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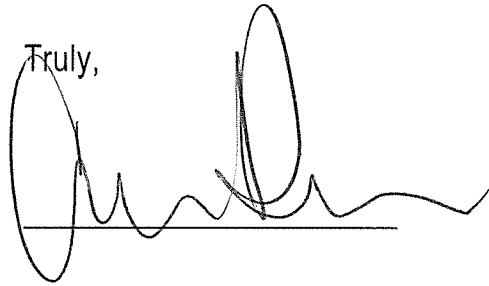
June 14, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am offering my support that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool be enrolled as an Historic building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This beautiful building sits in a neighborhood filled with history. This building is part of this history of Philadelphia.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

June 11, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The building of J.W Hallahan, located at 311 N 19th St., is a building people can look at and see the history of Philadelphia with their own eyes. From outside the city, one only notices the skyscrapers built less than a decade ago, but when walking through the streets of Philadelphia one can see what this city was built on and what this city has been through. Aside from all the good this building has done for young women over the past century, it is a part of Philadelphia's identity and should be deemed historical.

Thank you,

Shannon Shale
Christine Spladino
Michelle Horton
Marie Eckelmeier
Chris Morris

June 14, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this request and apply the historical designation title to John W. Hallahan, at 311 N. 19th Street. It is an incredible work of art and should be deemed historical. The architecture of this building is rare in our city as buildings get added.

Thank you,

Joseph B. Hession
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June 12, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in regard to the John W. Hallahan school closure and the historical designation of the building. As you may be aware, Roman Catholic High School's building was opened in 1890 to provide a quality catholic education to young men in Philadelphia. Several years later, in 1911, the doors of John W. Hallahan were opened to provide a quality catholic education to young women in Philadelphia. These buildings were erected with the same message and are equally historic given what they have accomplished. Please preserve this part of Philadelphia's women's history the same way it has been preserved for the young men of Roman Catholic.



James Dan

Sarah Mayus

Kyndra Grady

Kristen McFarlane

June 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

As women continue to make strides in equality, one of the first buildings that started it all should be made historical! Please consider my request and give Hallahan, at 311 N. 19th Street, the historical designation it deserves!

Thank you,

Melissa Stauffer
M. Stauffer
M. Stauffer
M. Stauffer

June 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The building at 311 N. 19th Street is an incredible work of art and should be deemed historical. As we see new buildings going up in the City of Philadelphia, it is rare to see such beautiful craftsmanship. Please accept this request and apply the historical designation title to this building. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Best,

Julia Kuneck
Alexandra Stoffers
Halle Anderson
Madison Negro

June 11, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Please acknowledge the historic presence that the building of J.W. Hallahan provides for the city of Philadelphia. The building opened its doors only 10 years after the completion of the City Hall building, in 1901. It was built by the same generation, with the same techniques, and the same image of Philadelphia at that time. For this building not to be deemed historic would mean that the City Hall building wouldn't be either. Philadelphia is known for its foundational construction living side by side with modern construction. This building has been a part of this city's heart for over 110 years, please protect it by making it a historical site.

Deanna Samson
Andrew Richy
Jessica Kelly
Joan Koneck

June 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

In 1911 the building we now know as John W. Hallahan, at 311 N. 19th Street, was built and a piece of history was started. The building should have been deemed historical way before 2021!
Please consider our petition to save this beautiful piece of architecture!

Thank you,

LaRissa

M. Dorian

Ashleigh Houch

Kim Houch

Lan Noel Kirk


Judith Bracale

June 14, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today requesting for you to designate John W. Hallahan at 311 N. 19th Street as a historical building. The building represents distinct architecture that does not exist anymore and should be preserved.

Thank you,


Mary DiBernardino (081)



Christine Friel

Margaret B. Deviney

June 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

John W. Hallahan at 311 N. 19th Street represents a piece of history and I am calling on the Historical Commission to deem the building historical so that history does not get erased from our city! Our city is over-populated and the last thing our neighborhood needs is another condo building. We need to save our history!
Thank you,

Michelle A. Gondos MSN, RN, CENP
Rebecca Smith

Deanna Devenney
Brandon Bays

June 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today in reference to the historical designation of John W. Hallahan at 311 N. 19th Street. The architecture of the building is admirable. I walk from Fairmount to work in Center City each day and always look up as I pass the building. The new construction in our city does not compare to this building and it should be saved!

Thank you,

Mary Frances Derrin
Margaret J. H. Derrin
Miranda Gorman
Doris Seltzer

June 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The architecture of John W. Hallahan at 311 N. 19th Street is beautiful. Please save a piece of our Philadelphia history and deem the building historical! It's sad that the school itself has closed but the architecture and engraving is a masterpiece!

Thank you,

Kieran Kelly
Maggie Kelly
Nathan E. Kelly
Maggie Kelly

June 7, 2021

Allyson.Mehley@phila.gov

preservation@phila.gov and friendsofhallahan@gmail.com

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street – 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School–historic designation

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am currently a student at Roman Catholic High School, as you know we have a special relationship with John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School.

I agree that Hallahan's building be designated as historic.

From,

KATE BACKLEY
Alexa Carr
William M. Nicholas

Maureen Rupp

June 14, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

RE: 311 N. 19th Street and 312 N. 18th Street

I strongly believe John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School should be designated as a historic building. Therefore, you have my support for this nomination. Thank you for making an effort to preserve our building historic buildings.

Thank you,

Madelin Kelly
Laurie Breda
Eunice Lee
Loree Lee

June 14, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School—historic designation

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I strongly support the nomination that our sister school John W. Hallahan be designated as an historic building.

Very truly yours,

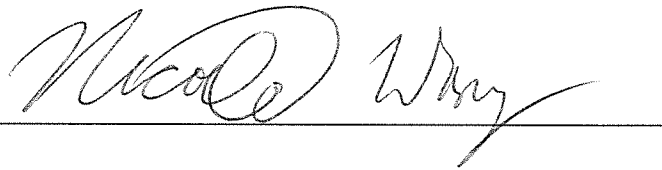
Donna Kelly
Kelly Carroll
Molly Carroll

June 14, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

Thank you for considering John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School historic application. By copy of this letter, I hereby support this nomination, and request John W. Hallahan High School be designated as historic.



Lindsey Kelly
Andrea Handle
Jamie Kahn
Sarah Kichay

June 14, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is a significant historic resource in Philadelphia and deserves to be listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.

Thank you,

Nicolette Procopio

Hanna McCloud

Emily Burke

Roxie Fogila

June 14, 2021

*Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director*


RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School—historic designation

Dear Mr. Farnham:

John W. Hallahan High School building deserves to be deemed historic.

I support the nomination.

Regards,


alysstalamita
Lauren Derrinney
Guaranna Leon

June 7, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am hereby petitioning that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School, the First All Girls Catholic High School, in the country, be designated as historic. The building located at 311 N. 19th Street is filled with history and one of a kind architectural detail.

Built in 1911, this historic landmark adds to the rich history and culture of Philadelphia, a city known for its preserved history. This beautiful building sits in a neighborhood of many historical places such as Logan Circle, the Central Library, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Family Courthouse and the Franklin Institute.

As the 1st All Girls Catholic High School in the United States it played an important part in the development of not only Philadelphia's education systems, but all over the country. I had the opportunity to attend this school when I was a student at Hallahan from 1995-1999. Over 40,000,000 women, like myself, have over 100 years of memories within its walls, and I cannot imagine the great loss of the history of women's education in our great city.

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is a significant historic resource in Philadelphia and merits being listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. I am submitting this request as a lifelong citizen of Philadelphia and a woman who shares in the history within its walls.

Sincerely,

Bridget Morak
Formerly Bridget Evans, HH class of 1999
7004 McCallum Street
Philadelphia, PA 19119
215-410-9473

June 7, 2021

Allyson.Mehley@phila.gov
preservation@phila.gov and friendsofhallahan@gmail.com

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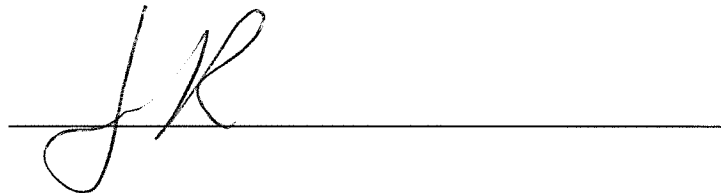
Dear Mr. Farnham:

Mary McMichan gave women a voice and opportunity to receive a free Catholic education. Since 1911 John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School, as educated over 40,000 women. Mary McMichan was way ahead of her time, she cared about the future of women.

By copy of this letter, I fully support John W. Hallahan building designated as an historic designation.

The mere thought that 311 N. 19th Street, would not be the home to such a beautiful building, is a distressing thought.

Very truly yours,



Jody Connolly
4861 Ridge Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19129

June 10, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

**RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School
Historic Designation**

Dear Dr. Farnham:

I am supporting the petition that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool, (Hallahan) the First All Girls Catholic Highschool, in the country, be designated as historic.

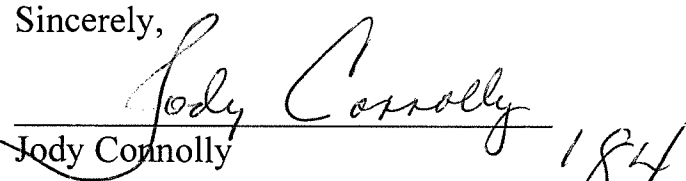
When Reverend John W. Shanahan called out that there was a need for an establishment in the City of Philadelphia for a Catholic High School for girls, so they have the right to the same academic opportunities as boys, Mary McMichan answered that call. Hallahan High School and the Catholic Education system for girls' rests upon her vision, sacrifice, and generosity of our foundress.

The building located at 311 N. 19th Street is filled with history and one of a kind architectural detail. As you are well aware, they don't construct buildings like Hallahan anymore – the new standard is skyscrapers, taller, shiner and with more amenities.

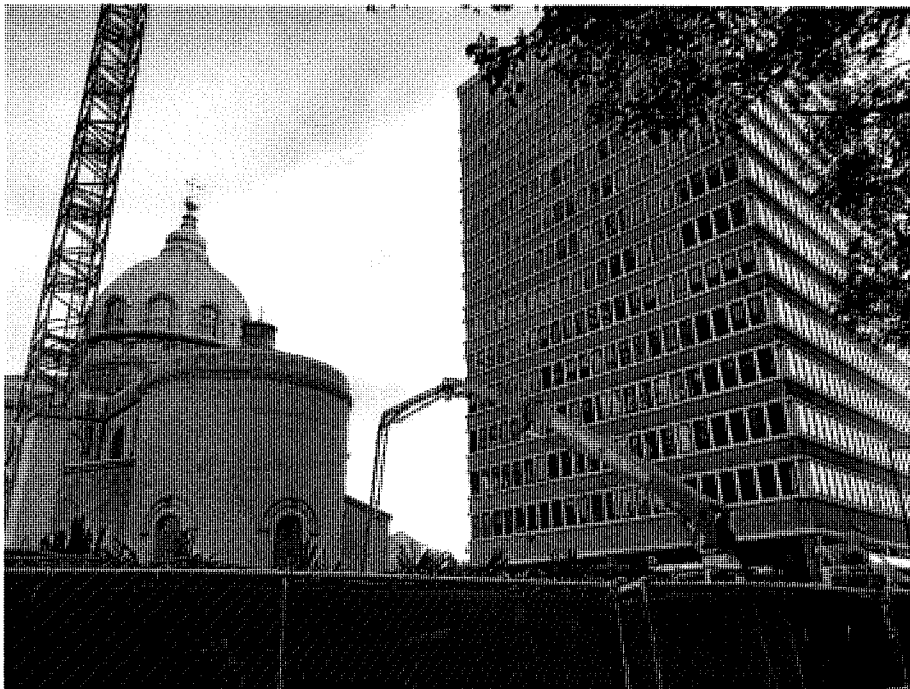
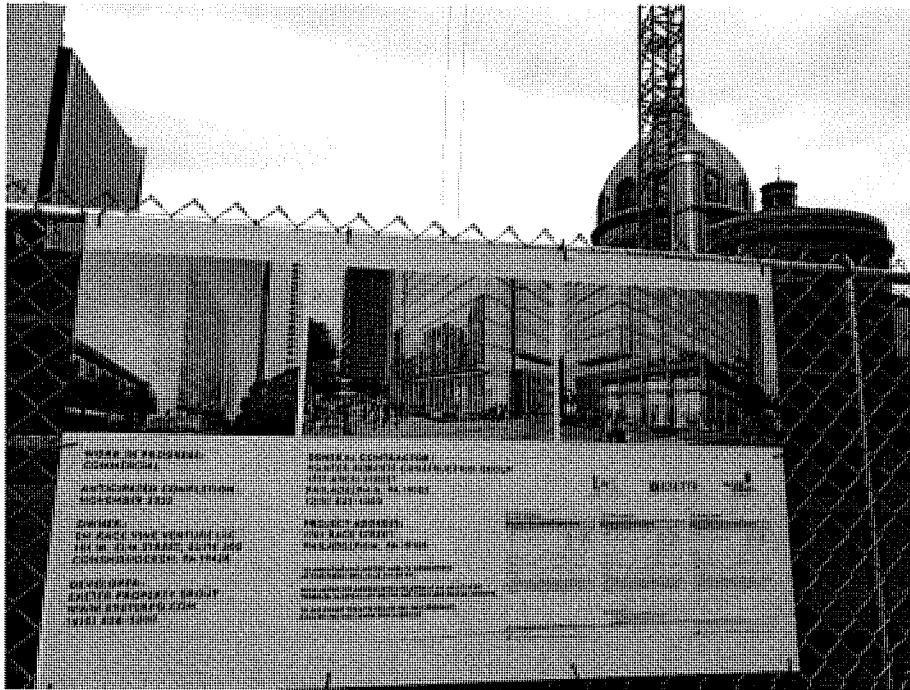
I work in Center City and walk by Hallahan and the 222 Building every day. I am sure if you do not protect the Hallahan building, the pictures below, will depict the fate of this incredible building.

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is a significant historic resource in Philadelphia and merits being listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,


Jody Connolly 184

If you do not designate Hallahan as Historical – this is what will happen. This is the property of the 222 building.





33 Cathedral Place - Proposed < > X



Exeter Property Group has proposed two residential towers for the corners of 17th and Vine and 17th and Race Streets, surrounding the historic Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul. The first phase will include 273 luxury rental units and 3,000 square feet of ground floor retail in the 23 story tower on the corner of 17th and Race Streets. The angled glass wall exterior will feature copper trim to mimic the dome of the Cathedral. The top floors will feature amenities including a fitness center, community room and outdoor deck overlooking the Parkway and the city skyline. The second phase will include a 685 foot-high tower on the corner of 17th and Vine Streets.

June 7, 2021

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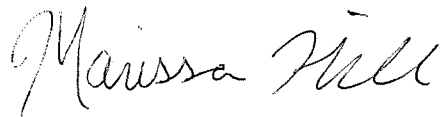
Dear Mr. Farnham:

RE: Protect this significant landmark

I can't imagine walking through Fairmount and John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School majestic building standing there for the next century.

Please, protect a significant landmark of our beautiful City.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marissa Hill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Marissa Hill".

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

June 9, 2021


Attn: Dr. John Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building. The building's structure speaks of a lost craft in architecture not to mention what it has stood for for so long - the education of young women in the City of Philadelphia.

Your consideration for this building to be designated "Historical" is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Nordeman

Philadelphia Historical Commission

1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor

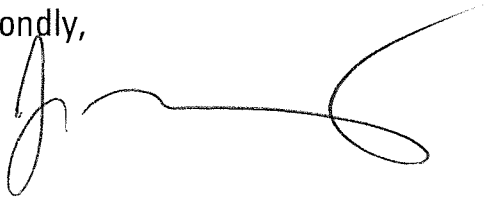
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

They say a picture says 1000 words. All you need to do is look at the exterior of the building and appreciate all its beauty. If you are lucky enough to have walked the halls, no other words are needed. Honor her, as she should be.

Fondly,

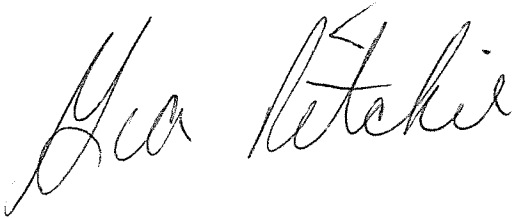
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Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

As if Covid wasn't a bad enough year, the closing of Hallahan was devastating news.

Give us some good news, protect the legacy - designate Hallahan as Historic.

Here's to better times,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gus Petakie". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Here's to better times,".

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

June 9, 2021

Attn: Dr. John Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am writing to request that the John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School building be designated as a Historical building. As a resident of Philadelphia, I appreciate all the history that Philadelphia has to offer. One of them being the oldest all-girls' high school. I am disappointed that my daughter will not have the opportunity to attend John W. Hallahan High School and continue the long-standing legacy. It would be detrimental to the history of Philadelphia not to have the building itself. Accordingly, I am respectfully requesting that this building be designated as a historical building.

Thank you for your consideration of this heartfelt request.

Sincerely, .

Jennifer Mannion
Jennifer M. Mannion

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building.

Allow her the distinguished honor so deserving for all her years of service.

Thank you for consideration of my request,

Rebecca Brown

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

June 9, 2021

Attn: Dr. John Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I completely endorse the Petition that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School be designated as a historic building. As part of the education of young women for over 100 years and huge part of this City's unique history, please take into consideration the historical designation of this beautiful building. The closing of the school has been devastating enough. The devastation DOES NOT have to continue. Please add Hallahan as one of Philadelphia's Historical Buildings.

Sincerely,



Madeline S. Baio

June 7, 2021

Allyson.Mehley@phila.gov
preservation@phila.gov and friendsofhallahan@gmail.com

*Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director*

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I would like to add my support to the efforts to have John W. Hallahan designated as a Historical landmark in Philadelphia.

Women were being underserved as not being offered the opportunity for a Catholic education and Mary H. McMichan changed that.

Even today, there are very few accolades to women, Hallahan and all it stands for is one of them.

Hallahan is one of the oldest buildings in Fairmount. I have seen pictures when Hallahan was being built there was nothing around it, except the library. This building is a testament to a vision and plan that succeeded.

Please consider my request to add Hallahan to the Historical Listings.

*Sincerely,
Michelle Farnham*

Barbara Ann Vernitsky
4859 Ridge Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19129

May 6, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch St.
13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

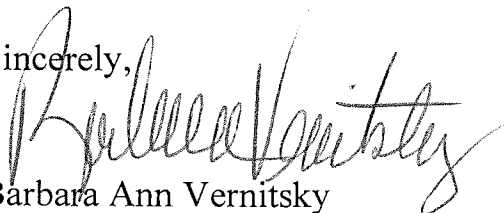
I am writing this letter in regard to designate John W. Hallahan as a historical building. As commercial and industrial activity increased in Center City, this building played and continues to play an important role in Philadelphia. The cornerstone of the building was laid on April 26, 1911, with thousands attending.

Mrs. McMichan was an extraordinary woman and way ahead of her times. Her vision, from the beginning of the 20th century, provided an opportunity for education and welcomed "the daughters of the working-class families".

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School, the first Diocesan all-girls Catholic high school in the US building stands as a constant reminder of past challenges and the fierce efforts to overcome them.

Please take action to designate this beautiful building and protect this neighborhood for present and future generations.

Sincerely,



Barbara Ann Vernitsky

June 6, 2021

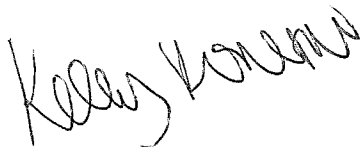
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Please accept this letter as support of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building.

It is obvious to all that the building is sitting on prime real estate and worth lots of money. Please safeguard its history and allow that glorious building to remain standing forever!

Why should the story of Hallahan be erased?

Respectfully

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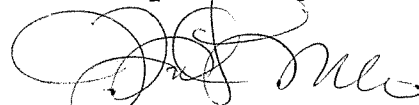
June 9, 2021

Attn: Dr. John Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am writing with regard to the nomination of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building. I was very disappointed to hear about the closing of the school as it is my grandmother's alma mater. As I am sure you are aware, it is the oldest all girls' school in the country. The building has been part of Philadelphia's landscape for over 100 years. It would be disgraceful for such a beautiful building not to be designated as a historical building and continue to be part of the great City of Philadelphia.

Respectfully,



J. Fred Lorusso

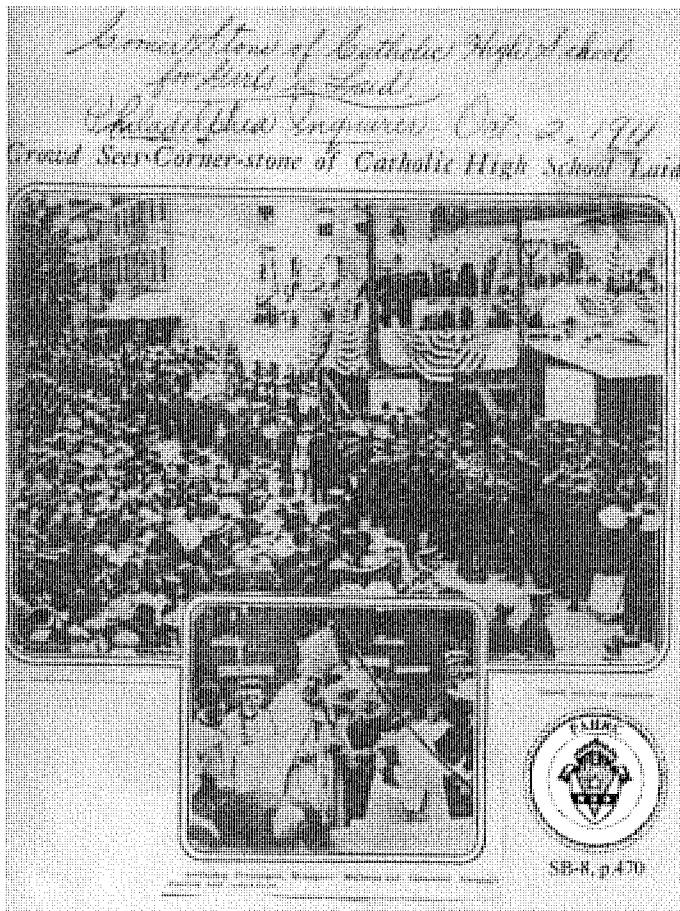
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Dear Mr. Farnham:

Over 6,000 people stood in the rain, as they laid the cornerstone. The cornerstone at the corner of 19th and Wood Streets was purchased in Milan for \$165, then brought to Rome for a papal blessing. It contains a metal box with artifacts from 1911. As the 1st Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia, this building deserves to be designated historic. Need I say more....

Kathleen M. Dougherty - Gessler



John Hebal
4829 Ridge Avenue
Phila., PA 19129

May 6, 2021

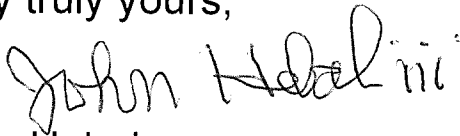
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am writing this letter to support the designation of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School at 311 North 19th Street, Philadelphia, PA as a historic landmark. Please protect this commendable institution for both the past and future generations of Philadelphians. There is only one century-old building left in this neighborhood that retains its original purpose for educating young women.

Hallahan, "the building," with all its precious architectural characteristics, and Hallahan, "the legacy," is as relevant today if not more than ever. This local treasure housing many traditions deserves to be preserved and I urge the Commission to protect it.

Very truly yours,


John Hebal

Allyson.Mehley@phila.gov
preservation@phila.gov and friendsofhallahan@gmail.com

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

What can you say about a building that was built in 1911, is in prestige condition and features beautiful architecture details? There is so much history lining those halls, it is clearly evident, that the building should be honored and preserved. Mary McMichan was a forerunner and John W. Hallahan Catholic School building, deserves to remain standing tall as a reminder and tribute of ALL the women lucky enough to receive a Catholic education from Hallahan, due to Mary's generosity.

Best,

Donna Johnson P.O. Subakanya Johnson

Virginia M. Rabchuk
4837 Ridge Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19129

May 11, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

By copy of this letter, I fully support John W. Hallahan building designated as an historic designation. As the 1st Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia, this school deserves to be a landmark and have the same respect as Roman Catholic Highschool, just a few blocks away. Roman Catholic HS at Broad and Vine Streets has been listed on the city's historic register since 1986.

Since 1911, Hallahan has educated over 40,000.00 woman. Mary McMichan was a visionary - she offered woman of the working-class family and opportunity to receive an education - even before women had the right to vote.

I have spent my career working in law firms located in Center City. I can't imagine walking through the city streets and not seeing Hallahan girls in their traditional blue jumpers and saddle shoes, or even imagine that magnificent historic building, with notable architectural characters will not be standing proudly for the next century.

I am submitting this request as a resident of Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,


Virginia M. Rabchuk

June 7, 2021

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

RE: 311 N. 19th Street and 312 N. 18th Street

I endorse the Petition that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School be designated as a historic building. Please offer the protection it clearly deserves!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura A. Stankiewicz". The signature is written in dark ink and features a large, elegant loop at the end of the last name.

Roni Lenox
201 Nagle Road
Birdsboro, PA 19508

May 8, 2021

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

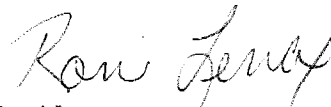
Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am requesting that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool. The First All Girls Catholic Highschool, in the country, be designated as historic. The building located at 311 N. 19th Street is filled with history and one of a kind architectural detail.

This building is a historic landmark. Built in 1911 with a cornerstone from Rome, stained glass windows, intricate stone work. They just don't make buildings like this anymore. Please don't let Hallahan become another building being replaced by more condos. Fairmount already has enough of them.

The interior is filled with tons of memories, that should not be allowed to be demolished. So many fortunate women earned diplomas from Hallahan and have entered society prepared to succeed. It is impossible to calculate the number of Hallahan girls who have impacted society as teachers, scientists, writers, police officers, musicians, nurses, artists, administrators, etc. Hallahan girls are everywhere! This institution is a legacy and should be able to continue the work it started.

Sincerely,


Roni Lenox

June 5, 2021

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am offering my support that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool be enrolled as an Historic building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

After the All Boys Catholic High School was formed, Mary Hallahan McMichan, provided the same for the girls. Since 1911 her charity provided an education for close to 40,000 women.

This charming building rests deservedly in a quaint part of the City filled with history. Where it should remain for many years to come for all to see its beauty.

I am one of many, who are making this plea to honor Mary Hallahan McMichan's vision and story, and of course her building.

Sincerely,

Mary Town

Harry Lindsay
4857 Ridge Avenue
Phila., PA 19129

May 6, 2021

Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch St.
13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as an historic building. Please help save this building which consists of beautiful architectural details inside and out – withstand the test of time. I can think of no other building deserving of such a title.

Thank you for your consideration,


Harry Lindsay

June 7, 2021

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preservation@phila.gov and friendsofhallahan@gmail.com

Philadelphia Historical Commission
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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School—historic designation

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am a student at Roman Catholic High School, as you know John W. Hallahan is our sister school.

I support that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School be designated as an historic building. Roman Catholic's building was designated historic in 1986. Hallahan's building deserves the same claim.

Thanks,

Aidan Biangreco '24

June 9, 2021

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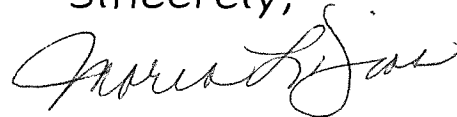
Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am writing regarding the nomination of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building. I am sure that you have received all kinds of letters regarding the designation of this building so I hope that you will continue to read this letter. I was raised in Philadelphia, but I was born in Portugal and immigrated to Philadelphia when I was 2 years old. My parents would take me back to Portugal every few years to see my family. I was always proud to say that I was from "Philadelphia". It was not until I took my son to Portugal in 2019 that – through his eyes – I really appreciated the old architecture, the mosaics and the stained-glass windows of churches, cathedrals, and various parks. I also thought that I lived in a city with rich history and beautiful buildings, such as the John W. Hallahan building. As one of the oldest schools in Philadelphia with so many unique attributes and

history, it would be crime not to have it designated Historic and preserve its history and craftsmanship for future generations of not only Philadelphians, but for people all over the world that visit this awesome City.

Hoping that you can make the decision to list this building as a Historical building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maria L. Dias', written in a cursive style.

Maria L. Dias

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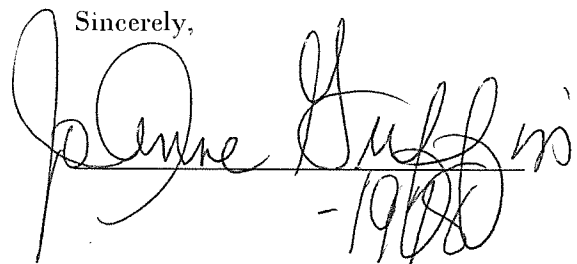
Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am hereby petitioning that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool, the First All Girls Catholic Highschool, in the country, be designated as historic. The building located at 311 N. 19th Street is filled with history and one of a kind architectural detail.

This building is a historic landmark. Built in 1911 this building represents a unique style of architecture and materials important to our city. They just don't make buildings like this anymore. I implore you please do not let Hallahan become another building being replaced by more condos or another parking lot. Fairmount already has enough of them.

As the 1st All Girls Catholic High School in the United States it played an important part in the development of not only Philadelphia's education systems, but all over the country.

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is a significant historic resource in Philadelphia and merits being listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

-1911

**Hazel Altomare
4200 Mitchell Street
Apt 410
Philadelphia, PA 19128**

May 9, 2021

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1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director**

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am offering my support that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool be enrolled as an Historic building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This beautiful building sits in a neighborhood filled with history. This building is part of this history of the neighborhood and should remain a part of the neighborhood.

This institution has provided over 40,0000 women an excellent education and was trying to continue to do so. In 2019 Hallahan instituted a new program with Community College of Philadelphia to allow Hallahan graduates to receive both a High School Diploma and an Associates Degree.

I am one of many, who are speaking out against the closure of the school and destroying over 100 years of history.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazel Altomare', written in a cursive style.

Hazel Altomare

June 7, 2021

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Re: Protect Hallahan

Dear Mr. Farnham:

As the 1st ALL Girls Catholic High School in Philadelphia, this school deserves to be designated historic. The building is filled with history and unique architectural details both inside and out.

Mary Hallahan McMichan and her family deserve to be honored and respected for her dedication and support of educating so many women.

Please protect the legacy of Mary McMichan and the Hallahan Family.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our Petition.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Cudde".

June 7, 2021

Allyson.Mehley@phila.gov
preservation@phila.gov and friendsofhallahan@gmail.com

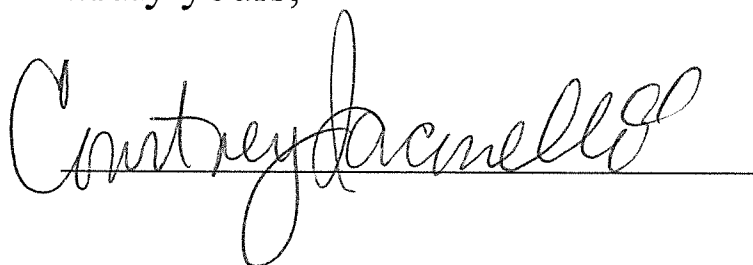
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Dear Mr. Farnham:

RE: 311 N. 19th Street and 312 N. 18th Street

I hereby request that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School be designated as a historic building. Please protect her!

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Courtney Acme", written over a horizontal line.

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

**RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School—
Historic Designation Nomination**

Dear Mr. Farnham:

Hallahan set the standard for a Catholic education throughout the country. Mary McMichan gave the *not so fortunate* an opportunity to receive an education. Girls from every section of the Philadelphia, came to Center City to take advantage of such an opportunity.

The building's entry way boasts of marble floors and walls, a grand chandelier and hand painted portraits of John W. Hallahan and our Foundress Mary. Throughout the building you will find stain glass windows, mosaic tile artwork, intricate woodwork to name just a few things on this historical marvel. The building is rich with history but is also a beautiful masterpiece. These details and craftsmanship are not being put into the buildings being built today. We must preserve this piece of history.

Please add Hallahan to the list of Philadelphia Historical Buildings. Give her the title she deserves!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Lanzetta". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Kathleen Lanzetta".

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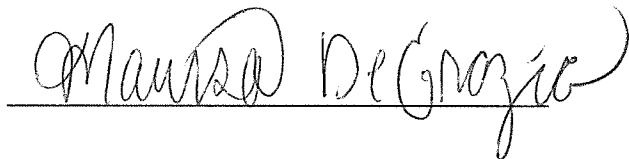
Dear Mr. Farnham:

I can't imagine walking through the Center City and not seeing Hallahan Girls in their blue jumpers and recognizable saddle shoes.

I can't imagine walking through Fairmount and not seeing the Hallahan building.

I SUPPORT John W. Hallahan Catholic Girl's High School building being designated as an historic landmark.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maunsa DeGrazio", written over a horizontal line.

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Built in 1911, this historic landmark adds to the rich history and culture of Philadelphia, a city known for its preserved history. This beautiful building sits in a neighborhood of many historical places such as Logan Circle, the Central Library, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Family Courthouse and the Franklin Institute.

As the 1st All Girls Catholic High School in the United States it played an important part in the development of not only Philadelphia's education systems, but all over the country. I had the opportunity to attend this school when I was a student at Hallahan from 1995-1999. Over 40,000,000 women, like myself, have over 100 years of memories within its walls, and I cannot imagine the great loss of the history of women's education in our great city.

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is a significant historic resource in Philadelphia and merits being listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. I am submitting this request as a lifelong citizen of Philadelphia and a woman who shares in the history within its walls.

Sincerely,



Bridget Morak
Formerly Bridget Evans, HH class of 1999
7004 McCallum Street
Philadelphia, PA 19119
215-410-9473

June 6, 2021

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School—historic designation

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am a graduate of Roman Catholic High School, as you know John W. Hallahan is our sister school.

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School nomination to be designated as an historic building. The Roman building was designated historic

Roman Catholic High School was on the "chopping block" back in the early 80's, so I truly sympathize with what these women are experiencing.

Regards,

David Schrab

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Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am offering my support that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool be enrolled as an Historic building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

When Reverend John W. Shanahan called out there was a need of the establishment in the City of Philadelphia for a Catholic High School for girls, so they have the right to the same academic opportunities as boys. Mary McMichan answered that call. Hallahan High School and the Catholic Education system for girl's rests upon her vision, sacrifice and generosity of our founder.

This beautiful building sits in a neighborhood filled with history. This building is part of this history in Fairmount.

I am one of many, who are speaking out against the closure of the school and destroying over 100 years of history.

Truly,

Amy G. Miller 1992

Michelle J. Farnham
Christine M. Aze
Sgt. James DeGroot #532
Erica Struck

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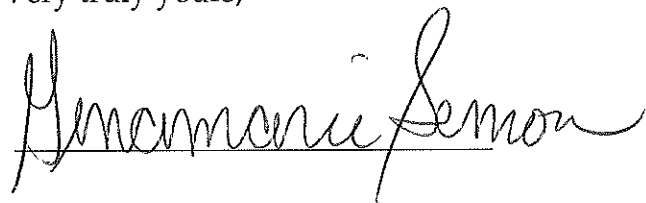
By copy of this letter, I fully support John W. Hallahan building designated as an historic designation. Roman Catholic HS at Broad and Vine Streets has been listed on the city's historic register since 1986. As the 1st Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia, this school deserves to be a landmark and designated historic.

Even before women had the right to vote, Mary McMichan gave women a voice and opportunity to offer them a Catholic education. Since 1911 Hallahan has educated over 40,000.00 woman. Mary McMichan was ahead of her time.

It is a devastating loss for the City of Philadelphia on both an education standpoint and historical landscape.

I am submitting this request as a resident of Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Genamorie Simon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Genamorie Simon".

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Sincerely,

Carly C. McQuinn
Kancy Mc Knight 1970

June 5, 2021

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Dear Mr. Farnham:

Hallahan was founded in 1911 as the first Diocesan high school in the nation. For over 110 years, Hallahan has provided young women from diverse economic, academic, and social backgrounds with a rigorous, faith-based, college-preparatory education which promotes personal development and prepares them for the future. Selective students were also fortunate enough to have dual-enrollment with college courses with the Community College of Philadelphia.

When Mary McMichan graciously donated her endowment, I am sure she did not truly realize the impact of her generosity for educating young women for over a century!

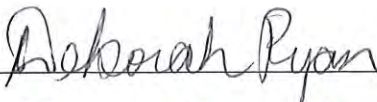
The Center City location offered numerous forms of transportation and employment opportunity going back to the time after the Civil War. Introduction of horse-trolleys, followed by electric cars expanded the distance of the daily community, which drew more students and families into the city, which stimulated economic growth.


Not only did what happen in the building, impact the city, it is the building itself. The building was designed by Ballinger & Perrott whose work has significant impact on our City's footprint.

Hallahan not only holds a special place in the hearts of graduates, but has offered and continues to offer significant value to our City.

I am hereby requesting John W. Hallahan High School be designated at historic forever preserving these two beautiful buildings and the important stories of the Girls of The Hallahan High!

Thank you for your consideration of this request,




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June 5, 2021

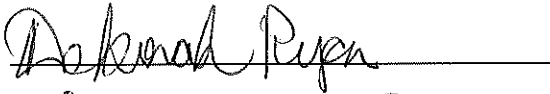
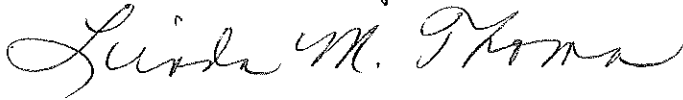
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RE: 311 N. 19th Street and 312 N. 18th Street

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School
being designated as a historic building.

Very truly yours,

June 5, 2021

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director
Dear Mr. Farnham:

Thank you for considering John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School historic application.

I just want to ask you, how can building with so many names of women inscribed on the building not be preserved?

These selected names, I am sure were chosen very carefully to stand the test of time.

Saint Cecilia patron of Music

Saint Helena foundress of churches Saint Brigid of Ireland

First Woman educator Saint Gertrude lover of books

Saint Margaret of Scotland promoter of Christianity

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary devoted to the poor

Joan of Arc Saint

Patriot Isabella of Castile

Friends of Columbus Vittoria Colonnade

Patron of art Saint Teresa

Seraph of Spain Margaret Roper

Model daughter Saint Rose of Lima

Rose of the Southern Cross Katerina Tekawitha Lily of the Mohawks

This history of this school is more than a landmark, it is an institution that should be honored and preserved for educating over 37,000 women. Mary McMichan was a pioneer and John W. Hallahan Catholic School building, deserves to remain standing tall as a representation of ALL the woman fortunate to receive an education from Hallahan.

Alma Mater Glorify,

Nancy Meier - '70

Francine Meier - '73

Lisa B. Garipow '77
Roselind Lightbourne - '77
(Patterson)

June 5, 2021

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I support the plea to designate John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School (herein referred to as Hallahan) buildings to be designated as historic.

Hallahan's building was designed by one of Philadelphia's leading architects of ecclesiastical buildings. The firm of Ballinger & Perrot. In addition to Hallahan's building, they designed numerous Roman catholic, Methodist Episcopalian churches & parish schools and were a major influence of the architectural landscape of this city. Perrot left behind a large collection of work including buildings at Georgetown University, Fordham University, St. Joseph's College, Immaculata College and Good Counsel College as well as numerous other churches and affiliated buildings.

Hallahan is one of the oldest building in the neighborhood that still functions in its original capacity - to educate women. There are very few buildings and monuments dedicated to exclusively honor women.

I ask that the Commission approve Hallahan's application to the registry.

Thank you.

Joanne Abel
Dana Roth '14

Gina Lepore '08

Deana Aguado '03

Gene Bateman '02

Mary Beth DeLaughlin '16
Regina McLaughlin Bateman '69
Kimberly Rogers - CLASS '92

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Dear Mr. Farnham:

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building.

How long do you think it will take the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to sell that building? How long do you think it will take the new buyer to secure a permit to tear it down?

We all realize that building is prime real estate and worth a lot of money. I am asking that you please safeguard its history and allow that magnificent building to remain standing forever!

Sincerely,

Kathy Smith

June 6, 2021

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Dear Mr. Farnham:

As the 1st Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia, this school deserves to be designated historic. As a building that has a cornerstone from the Pope himself, flown in from Rome, and over a 100 years of history this building deserves to be designated as historic. Please protect the legacy of Mary McMichan and the Hallahan Family.

My request is being submitted as a life-long resident of Philadelphia.

Thank you,

At Rita Ricci-Johnson
Haley Ricci
Jordan Ricci
Rita Jordan Johnson
Victoria Frezzi
Debbie Johnson Frezzi

June 6, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

**RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School—
Historic Designation Nomination**

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am a graduate of Roman Catholic High School, (Roman) as you know John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School (Hallahan) is our sister school.

Collectively Roman and Hallahan schools initiated a diocesan high school system that became a model throughout the nation! Roman and Hallahan were both established by individuals who wanted to see Catholic education available for all, not just the rich.

Both were and are composed of a diverse student body that drew from every section of Philadelphia, including the surrounding counties. Both the buildings and the opportunity for education have impacted Center City's landscape and economic growth.

There is a life-long bond between Roman and Hallahan. You can't mention Hallahan, without thinking or mentioning Roman or visa versa.

As Roman was designated historic in 1986, it only makes sense that Hallahan now joins them!

So, please consider adding Hallahan to the list of Philadelphia Historical Buildings.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Egan", is written over a horizontal line.

Josie Owens Egrich
7553 Valley Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19128

June 5, 2021

Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
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Dear Mr. Farnham:

I was fortunate enough to attend John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool (a/k/a Hallahan) and experience first hand a Catholic Education and a sisterhood. I was very active in the athletic program and always proud to put on my team uniforms.

I currently have a daughter in Hallahan and one that is incredibly sad, she will never get to experience being a "Hallahan Girl".

Our brother school, Roman Catholic High School (a/k/a Roman) has the same history as us, first All Boys Catholic High School, they have been designated historic from 1986. We deserve the same respect!

Roman and Hallahan were both the first Diocesan High Schools in the Nation to offer Catholic Education which was only available at private institutions for the wealthier families. Both schools not only are housed by magnificent buildings, but also set the precedence for the standards of the Catholic Education for the entire nation. The closing of Hallahan High School greatly effects Catholic Education in the City of Philadelphia.

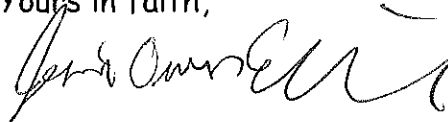
By the numbers HALLAHAN	By the numbers ROMAN
96% Hallahan Graduates pursue higher education	96% Roman Graduates attend Post-secondary institutions
Student to teacher ration	Student to teacher ration

20:1	22:1
Received in college grants and scholarships \$22m	Received in college grants and scholarships \$24m
Advanced placement courses 12	Advanced placement courses 11

Hallahan is a century old building in the neighborhood that retains its original purpose - to education women. It deservingly sits in one of the most beautiful sections of the City. It is surrounded by beautifully, crafted buildings such as the Philadelphia Free Library, the Swann Memorial Fountain, the St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, and numerous others. I can't imagine walking through Fairmount and Hallahan's famous building, not standing there in all its glory.

Please, protect a significant landmark of our beautiful City.

Yours in faith,



Josie Owens Egrich

June 7, 2021

Allyson.Mehley@phila.gov
preservation@phila.gov and friendsofhallahan@gmail.com

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Dear Mr. Farnham:

I support the plea to designate John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School (a/k/a Hallahan) buildings to be designated as historic.

Ballinger & Perrot were the architectures, who designed numerous Roman Catholic churches and schools in the City of Philadelphia.

Hallahan is one of the oldest building in the neighborhood that still functions in its original capacity – to educate women. There are very few buildings or memorials dedicated to honoring women.

I respectfully request that the Commission approve Hallahan's application to the registry.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allyson Mehley", written in a cursive style.

June 7, 2021

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Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am sure, I am not the only one outraged by the closing of John W. Hallahan High School. When Reverend John W. Shanahan realized there was a need for an All Girls Catholic High School in Center City Philadelphia. Mary McMichan provided that school Hallahan High School and the Catholic Education system for girl's rests upon her vision, sacrifice and generosity of our founder.

I am offering my support that John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls Highschool be enrolled as an Historic building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Truly,



To whom it may concern,

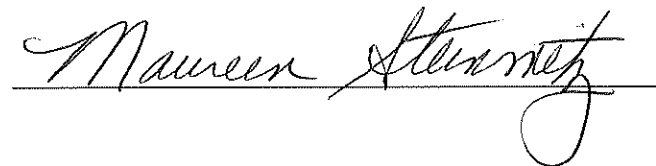
I would like to add my support to the efforts to have John W. Hallahan designated as a Historical landmark in Philadelphia.

As women were longing to obtain equality of opportunity with men, and with the generosity from Mary McMichan, this opportunity was finally offered.

Today, there are few monuments to women, but Hallahan's building has displayed and honored them for over 110 years. The names of women of courage such as Kateri Tekakwitha and Joan of Arc, are etched in the buildings, and if you take the time to "Google" these names, each tells a fascinating story.

Hallahan is one of the oldest buildings in Fairmount. Not only is the building itself a testament to architecture. The interior of the building has over 110 years of tradition. It is evident from the outpouring of support by its students, alumnae members and their families it holds a special place in many hearts for over a century.

Thank you for considering my request,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maureen Stuenkel", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large, looping initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'l'.

June 5, 2021

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Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

RE: 311 N. 19th Street and 312 N. 18th Street

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School
being designated as a historic building.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Atimmetz

June 5, 2021

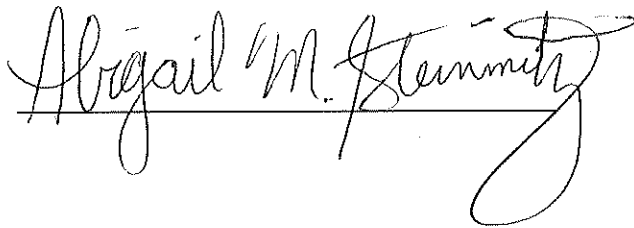
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Dear Mr. Farnham:

RE: 311 N. 19th Street and 312 N. 18th Street

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School being designated as a historic building. Please protect the legacy!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Abigail M. Stemmer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

June 6, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Farnham:

As the 1st Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia, this school deserves to be designated historic. As a building that has a cornerstone from the Pope himself, flown in from Rome, and over a 100 years of history this building deserves to be designated as historic. Please protect it.

My request is being submitted as a life-long resident of Philadelphia.

Thank you,

Mary Kelly
Maureen Mulligan
Colleen Borth
Peggy Dolan
Kelly McCloskey

June 6, 2021

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director

RE: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School—historic designation

Dear Mr. Farnham:

I am a graduate of Roman Catholic High School, as you know John W. Hallahan is our sister school.

I strongly support John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School nomination to be designated as an historic building. Roman Catholic's building was designated historic in 1986. Hallahan's building is owed the same nomination.

Thank you,

Kevin McCormick

June 7, 2021

Allyson.Mehley@phila.gov
preservation@phila.gov and friendsofhallahan@gmail.com

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Dear Mr. Farnham:

RE: Save Hallahan Building

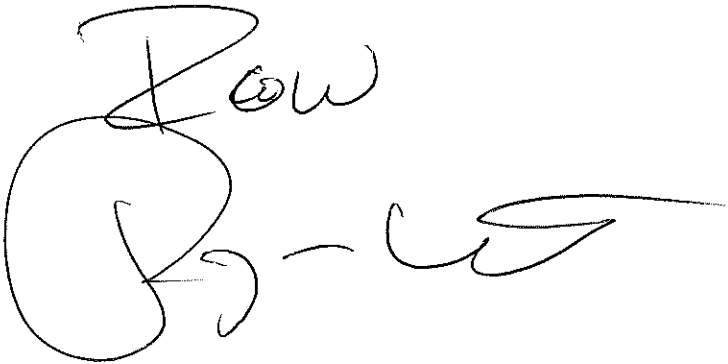
John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School, is not only a special place to it's graduates, but the offers significant value to our City.

The endowment from Mary McMichan changed lives forever. I am sure she did not truly comprehend the impact of her donation would provide an education over 40,000 women.

This extremely detailed and thought-out designed building, should remain in tack as is for another 100 years.

I am hereby requesting John W. Hallahan High School be designated at historic forever preserving these memories of the Girls of The Hallahan High!

Thank you for your consideration of this request,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Wengert". The signature is stylized, with a large, loopy "R" and "W" that are connected. The "Y" is also connected to the "R". The "G" is a simple loop, and the "E" is a horizontal line. The "R" and "W" are the most prominent parts of the signature.

RYAN WENGERT

June 7, 2021

Attn: Dr. Jon Farnham, Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street - 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Dear Mr. Farnham:

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School offered a Catholic Education for over 39,000 lucky graduates. Mary Hallahan McMichan, changed the lives of so many. As the first Diocesan All-Girls' Catholic High School in the Nation - it was a game changer. The closing of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School will greatly affect the teachings of a Catholic Education in Center City.

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School is over 110 years old. It belongs exactly where it is, with no changes. Hoping you make the right decision and protect this pioneering structure forever.

Yours,



Joe Carroll

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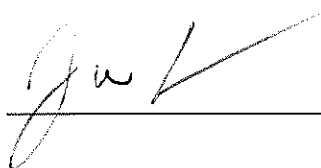
By copy of this letter, I fully support the John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls building designated as an historic designation. As the 1st Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia, this school deserves to be a landmark and designated historic for many more to see.

Mary McMichan supported women's education and over 38,000 were blessed by her generosity. Mary McMichan was a kind remarkable woman with a mission.

It is a calamitous loss for the City of Philadelphia on both an education standpoint and historical landscape.

I am submitting this request as a concerned citizen of Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,



SIGNATURES NEEDED

NOMINATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING TO THE PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MELISSA STAUFFER

Melissa Stauffer 460 HERMIT ST PHILA PA 19128 Melissa Stauffer

Name	Address	Signature
BARBARA NICHOL	5741 ORTHODOX ST 19137	Barbara Nichols
JANE CUMMINGS	228 Pensacola Street	Jane Cummings
Joanne Abel	353 Daylilly Way	Joanne Abel
Gerardine Bukowski Abel	353 Daylilly Way	Gerardine Bukowski Abel
Suzann Abel	2950 S. Cleveland St	Suzann Abel
Kimberly Rogers	800 Central Ave., Glendora NJ	Kimberly Rogers
DENISE LAGOCKI	3040 Miller St P.P. 19134	Denise Lagocki
TARA HAINES	3040 Miller St. P.P. 19134	Tara Haines
Colleen Lagocki	2404 E Allegheny Ave P.P. 19134	Colleen Lagocki
Kathleen Tims D'Intino	4 Hemlock K Dr Blackwood NJ	Kathleen Tims D'Intino
THOMAS JOHNSTON	2517 Tilton St 08012	Thomas Johnston
Meg Kelly	2038 E. Somerset St 19134	Meg Kelly

Name	Address	Signature
RYAN MARKERT	2569 E CLEARFIELD	Ryan Markert
Kevin McCormick	3947 Constance Road	Kevin McCormick
John Sessions	2124 Sergeant St	John Sessions
Ashley Reilly	2360 E 17TH ST	Ashley Reilly
Timothy Markert	2835 PRATT STREET	Timothy Markert
Chris Kulb	4435 Richmond St	Chris Kulb
Melissa DeAndre	1822 Finch Drive Bensalem	Melissa DeAndre

6312 Shelbourne Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111
April 6, 2021

Dr. Jon Farnham
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Dear Dr. Farnham:

J.W. Hallahan C.G.H.S., 311 N. 19th Street

Hallahan was the unique, the original, the first Catholic Girls High School in our nation. It set the example of post-grade school education for young women from families of moderate means.

Fittingly, the beginning centered around a lay woman. Mrs. Mary McMichan graciously offered the funds to build the school in memory of her beloved brother for whom it was named.

Early in its history and for decades Hallahan existed and functioned through the holiness and joyful generosity

of five orders of religious sisters. They cooperatively divided the academics and other activities seamlessly among the different orders. Later, dedicated lay teachers joined the sisters.

Down through the years, regardless of the size of the student body, Hallahan's graduates earned millions of dollars worth in competitive scholarships to colleges and universities.

Further, numerous businesses called our teachers every spring and asked them to send graduates-to-be to apply for employment with their firms. I was one of those girls. I easily got the job, along with another classmate. The bosses told us quite seriously, "We only want Hallahan girls."

Recently I heard the school administration had arranged for a number of

upperclass students to earn college credits at Philadelphia Community College in advance of high school graduation.

All this while still welcoming girls from families with very moderate means.

So much good, for so many years, now shut down.

It is an added sadness to ponder altering, defacing, or destroying this building. This would seem to erase the physical testimony of what happened there. The Hallahan successful model and the students' deep affection for everything Hallahan would be only a transitory memory of those who lived it.

I am asking respectfully that you designate the Hallahan School building as an historical site to be preserved.

Sincerely yours,

Regina V. Gillard '55

Allyson Mehley

From: brunoleslie3@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 5:21 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Opposed to Demolition of 5139 Wayne Ave.Phila 19119

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We are opposed to the demolition if 5139 Wayne Ave, as want to see this residence preserved as an Historical Residence
Sincerely,
Leslie and Frank Bruno
Germantown Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19144

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)

Allyson Mehley

From: Yolanda <ycarrozza@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 6:39 PM
To: Jon Farnham; preservation
Cc: friendsofhallahan@gmail.com
Subject: Hallahan Buildings: Opposed to 6 month continuance; Request 30 days

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Dear Dr. Farnham:

I am strongly opposed to any continuance other than 30 days for the consideration of the Hallahan buildings for Historical Designation. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is well aware of this process and this building merits immediate consideration.

Sincerely,
Yolanda Carrozza

Sent from my iPhone

Allyson Mehley

From: Elizabeth Di Berardino <elizabeth.diberardino@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 10:30 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Save Hallahan

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30 Days. No more.

Allyson Mehley

From: megdeviney@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 10:00 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Save Hallahan

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30 days! No more!!!

Meg Deviney
Class of 2007

Allyson Mehley

From: Jon Farnham
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 7:38 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Fw: Hallahan Historical Designation

Jonathan E. Farnham, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
Working Remotely

From: Carly Mcaneny <cmcaneny16@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:19 PM
To: Jon Farnham <Jon.Farnham@phila.gov>
Subject: Hallahan Historical Designation

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Sincerely,

Carly McAneny

Allyson Mehley

From: Carly Mcaneny <cmcaneny16@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:20 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Hallahan Historical Designation

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Sincerely,

Carly McAneny

Allyson Mehley

From: Jon Farnham
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:08 AM
To: preservation
Subject: Fw: Save Hallahan

Jonathan E. Farnham, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
Working Remotely

From: Forbes Kids1 <forbeskids1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:27 PM
To: friendsofhallahan@gmail.com <friendsofhallahan@gmail.com>; Jon Farnham <Jon.Farnham@phila.gov>;
perservation@phila.gov <perservation@phila.gov>
Subject: Save Hallahan

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Dear Dr. Farnham,

I am a Hallahan graduate from the class of 87. I can't express to you how much the thought of the closing of my precious high school grieves me. The immaculate Historical buildings in which this school was built upon are in the danger of being lost forever. I am strongly opposed to continuance other than 30 days for the consideration of the Hallahan buildings for Historical Designation. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is well aware of this process and this building merits immediate consideration. The preservation of it's legacy rests in your government department. The donations from families to form Schools, hospitals, parks and a multitude of buildings is to preserve their family history. If there is no standard for preservation why would families donate anything for future use? The Hallahan family built the school for the future of women and now because the ground is worth more than the school tuition payments the history is up for debate.

Sincerely,
Roseann M Forbes