

Young appointed Rev. Arthur Ferguson, Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Rev. Arthur Ferguson preached the gospel of peace, love, and reconciliation, preparing the church to grow and become a beacon in the Clear Lake community.

On Saturday, November 18, 2006, at the Post Conference Planning Meeting of the Texas Annual Conference, Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate, appointed Reverend Kevin L. Hodge, to serve as Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Pastor Hodge and his new bride, First Lady LaShawn Hodge came with a vision to take the congregation "to the next level" of spiritual growth, church construction, and church expansion.

On Sunday, February 17, 2013, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie moved Pastor and Sister Hodge to a ministry at Shiloh AME Church in Galveston, Texas. On Friday, March 8, 2013, Reverend Derrick Cyprian was appointed Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Rev. Cyprian, his wife Chalita, and their two sons, Derrick and Jared, came with excitement and a desire to help the community reach their committed goals: to grow spiritually, increase God's kingdom, and build a home sanctuary to house Clear Lake AME Church ministries. By the grace of God, this was fulfilled and the sanctuary was completed. Clear Lake AME Church held its inaugural worship service in its new home on Sunday, May 12, 2019 and the new sanctuary was dedicated on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

The Clear Lake African Methodist Episcopal Church is committed to fulfilling the Great Commission through worship, fellowship, youth programs, outreach initiatives, and Christian education. The Lord has used this church as an amazing witness and we are privileged to have such a place of worship in the 36th Congressional District of Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BREANNE VEEDER FOR RECEIVING THE SPORTS MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Breanne Veeder from Cinco Ranch High School for receiving a Sports Medicine scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Breanne received this scholarship through distinguished service students provide through KISD athletic programs. For 12 years, Memorial Hermann Katy has awarded these scholarships to KISD students who are worthy of this recognition, and Breanne rightfully earned this award. Breanne is planning to continue her studies at the University of Texas San Antonio. We wish her the best of luck in her future career.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Breanne Veeder on receiving the Sports Medicine Scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAURA WHALEN SLANE ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, Laura Whalen Slane. This year, Laura was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame at the 35th annual dinner on August 11, 2019 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of field hockey.

Every year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame

and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Laura is a graduate of Crestwood High School's Class of 1996. There she played several sports including basketball, soccer, track and field, and field hockey. In 1995, Laura was named field hockey team captain and helped her team secure the AAA District Championship. For her impressive efforts, she was placed on the All-Conference first team and the All-State second team. In addition to her many accomplishments in field hockey, she was also the captain of the basketball team and set a number of district track records.

After high school, Laura continued her excellence in sports at Rutgers University. During her time at Rutgers, she won several field hockey awards including The Mission Statement Award, The Coaches Award, Rutgers Defensive Player of the Year, and Team MVP. She also earned other honors during her college career, including Big East Player of the Week, Big East Academic All-Star, and Rutgers Player of the Year. She played on the Big East All-Conference team and was named a Division I Regional All-American. While helping her team accomplish six shut-out games, she succeeded in breaking the Rutgers school record for most defensive saves in a single season.

In addition to her stunning sports record, Laura pursued an academic career which led her to become world history teacher in New Jersey. She has taught at Warren Hills Regional School District for 16 years while coaching for the past 13 years. To date, her teams have only lost a total of 5 games under her leadership. Laura still has time to participate in other sports as well; she plays in a soccer league and runs 5ks and half-marathons when time allows. She is supported in her sports endeavors by her husband Roger and son Andrew.

It is an honor to recognize Laura on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her tremendous athletic career and service to the community be a source of inspiration to future athletes in Pennsylvania.