



The David Rittenhouse Award

Born in the 1707 Homestead at RittenhouseTown, David Rittenhouse achieved success as a clockmaker, surveyor, mathematician and astronomer. Rittenhouse collected data for the 1769 transit of Venus. He served as Vice Provost and Trustee at the University of Pennsylvania and taught astronomy there. After the War of Independence, Rittenhouse assisted the new government in a number of significant ways including being Treasurer of Pennsylvania. George Washington appointed Rittenhouse the first Director of the US Mint. At the death of his friend and colleague, Benjamin Franklin, Rittenhouse succeeded Franklin as the second President of the American Philosophical Society. In 1791 he completed his survey of the Mason Dixon Line.

The David Rittenhouse Award is given to an individual or organization who has demonstrated excellence in the field of astronomy, civil engineering or any of Rittenhouse's many fields of interest.

This award will be given every other year.

*Historic RittenhouseTown's Board of Directors invites
you to join in honoring*

Dr. Derrick H. Pitts

as he receives the

David Rittenhouse Award

Colonial Feast, Cocktails & Silent Auction

Wednesday, November 10

6PM-9PM

City Tavern

138 South 2nd Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

*All proceeds benefit Historic RittenhouseTown's Education Program and
Preservation Projects*

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