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Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

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Governor Hogan enjoys welcoming law enforcement officers for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. In this photo taken on January 9, 2020, Governor Hogan is shown with Prince George's County Police Department Chief of Police Hank Stawinski, Riverdale Park Chief of Police Colonel David C. Morris, City of Hyattsville Police Chief Amal Awad, Cheverly Police Department's Georgia Miltenberger, Cheverly Police Chief Jarod J. Towers, and officers from Riverdale Park, and the City of Hyattsville.

The Hall CP, a New Arts and Entertainment Venue At the University of Maryland, Opens in College Park

UMD alumnus and developer Scott Plank's new concept—more than 20,000 square feet—soft opened January 7 in the Discovery District, the university's innovation gateway and research park

By SARAH POLUS
The Hall CP

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (Jan. 6, 2020)—The Hall CP (4656 Hotel Drive), the new food hall and music venue from War Horse Cities CEO, developer and University of Maryland alum Scott Plank, soft opened January 7 in College Park as a gathering place for artists, entrepreneurs and members of the university community, with the official opening occurring later this month.

The Hall CP is the next big

thing to hit the Discovery District, College Park's innovation hub, composed of the Capital One Tech Incubator and WeWork, which is across the street from the Brendan Iribe Center for Computer Science and Engineering.

"The Hall CP stems from a long-standing relationship between War Horse Cities and WeWork, resulting in an incredibly simple and successful concept that similarly brought the arts and tech communities together in a unique way in San Francisco," says Plank. "Now,

we're bringing that concept to the heart of College Park."

Located on a campus as diverse as it is expansive, The Hall CP will serve as a hub for students and residents alike by creating a space that encourages a thriving art scene through special programming like creative classes and lecture series.

Boasting a performance and private events space dubbed the Longhouse—fitted with a pizzeria, coffee shop, full-service restaurant, outdoor patio and multiple bar areas—The Hall CP spans more than 20,000

square feet of activation space, consisting of approximately 7,000 square feet inside and about 13,000 square feet of outdoor area. Veteran Baltimore-area restaurateurs Chad Gauss (The Food Market) and Dennis Sharoky (Coal Fire Pizza) will run the space's food and beverage programming.

From tailgates and alumni events to performances and author talks, The Hall CP will cater to university events and

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The Hall CP, a new arts and entertainment venue in College Park, Md., boasts a pizzeria and cafe.

Bowie Council Votes to Urge Maryland to Settle Lawsuit In Favor of HBCUs

By UNA COOPER
City of Bowie

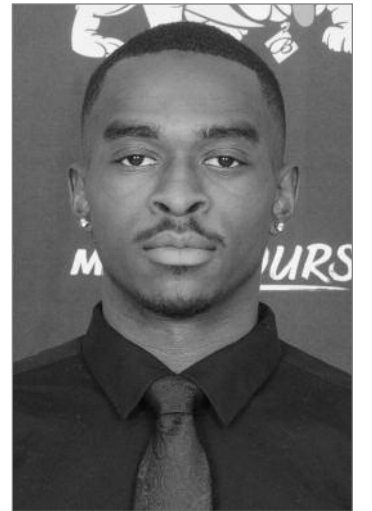
BOWIE, Md. (Jan. 7, 2020)—On January 6, the City of Bowie became the first municipality in Maryland to support Bowie State University and a coalition of alumni from Maryland Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to endorse their proposed settlement of the long-standing lawsuit against the State of Maryland. The settlement would provide \$557 million to these institutions over the next ten years.

The resolution, which was adopted unanimously by the Council, urges the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly to support the ruling of the US District Court for the District of Maryland and the offer made by the Coalition to

settle the lawsuit over equitable State funding of higher learning institutions in Maryland. (The Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Maryland Higher Education includes alumni from the State's historically black colleges and universities. The schools are not a party to the litigation.)

In comments before the vote, Mayor Pro Tem Adrian Bofo urged his colleagues to make a historic statement to support a learning institution in our backyard and to support HBCUs across the State of Maryland by encouraging settlement of the lawsuit.

The vote took place at a Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council on Monday, January 6, 2020. The resolution may be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org/hbcu_resolution.



PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY BOWIE STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

Kyaja "JJ" Williams and David Belle of Bowie State University

Men's and Women's Basketball Candidates Announced for the 2019-20 Lowe's CIAA Senior CLASS Award

By PRESS OFFICER
CIAA

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Jan. 6, 2020)—Twenty-two Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA®) men's and women's basketball student-athletes who excel both on and off the field, were selected as candidates for the Lowe's CIAA Senior CLASS Award®. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as a senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates follows this release.

The Lowe's CIAA Senior CLASS Award, which focuses on men's and women's basketball players from the CIAA, is a division of the national Senior

CLASS Award program that recognizes student-athletes in 10 NCAA Division I sports.

CIAA award candidates were nominated by their respective universities. Of those 22 student-athletes, all are in excellent academic standing at their universities with five holding GPAs of 3.5 or greater, and five were honored with preseason conference honors for outstanding performance on the court. Each of the candidates volunteers his or her time with charitable organizations and causes while upholding a reputation for positive character on campus and in the community.

"The Lowe's CIAA Senior CLASS Award shows the company's commitment to the CIAA mission, which is to support and showcase our student-athletes through community, classroom, character and competition," said CIAA Commissioner Jacque McWilliams. Their involvement on the campuses, culminating at the tournament, helps to recog-

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To register please contact the Spauldings Branch Library by January 24 at 301-817-3750 and indicate the requested coat size (2T up to 14/16).

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ChildWatch: Congress Honors CDF's Beloved MaryLee Allen's Lifelong Work to Protect the Most Vulnerable Children

It is fitting that her life's work devoted to protecting children and strengthening families is honored in a bill meant to strengthen the final piece of her legacy.

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Careers Myths vs. Facts of Landing a Skilled Trade Job

Skilled trade careers are in especially high demand today, offering long-term job security, a good living and room for advancement.

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Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye Brings Her Healing Multi-Award-Winning One-Woman Stage Play to Prince George's Community College, Center for Performing Arts January 25

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Dear EarthTalk:

What is perovskite-based solar all about, and how does it differ from silicon-based solar?

—Mary W., Baltimore, MD

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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Former Morningsider receives Woman of the Year Award at Lincoln-Reagan Dinner

Judy Draheim, formerly of Morningside, received The Woman of the Year Award at the Calvert County Republican Central Committee Lincoln-Reagan Dinner in October.

Judy is the daughter of Alice and Paul Misenheimer who lived on Boxwood Drive in the '50s and '60s. She attended Morningside School where she came to know schoolmate Allan Draheim, of Maple Road. They graduated together from Suitland High School and in 1965 they wed at Morningside Baptist Church, a marriage that's lasted 54 years.

Now both are retired, Allan from the phone company and Judy from Census. They live in Huntington.

The Woman of the Year Award is a prestigious award that recognizes and honors a woman for her community service, leadership and as a role model. She is someone who has served in many capacities and helped candidates in their election bids. Judy served on the Republican Central Committee as an associate member, worked at the election polls for many years, knocked on doors and has been campaign chair for Sheriff Mike Evans since 2010. Sheriff Evans won his fifth election in 2018.

Judy says she's very grateful for this award but was extremely surprised and could hardly speak, except to say "Thank You."

Neighbors & other good people

Judith "Judie" McCrone, Past President of VFW 9619 Auxiliary and mom of Karen Rooker, former Mayor of Morningside (now clerk-treasurer) died Dec. 17. After I attend the Celebration of Her Life on Jan. 11 at the VFW, I'll pay a tribute to her.

Former Morningside Councilwoman Carol (Kline) DeGraba and her husband Tom celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where they renewed their wedding vows in Cana of Galilee and again in Washington at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Tiffany Green is the new Prince George's County Fire Chief, the first woman to hold the office, and the youngest chief. She grew up in Fort Washington and served at Station 842 in Oxon Hill.

Back in April 1983 the Longo family lived on Lori Street in Skyline. Sadly, that year, one of them, Mike, died after being struck by a car on Suitland Parkway. Recently I received a call from Teresa, the oldest of the Longo children. She reports that her brother Joe and his wife Diane have recently moved back to Skyline and live on Clayton Lane. They were deeply touched that I mentioned this tragedy in the local history I've been including in the Skyline Newsletter; it was good to remember Mike.

Rebekah Schrier, a teacher at Stanton Elementary in SE Washington, is currently staying with me. She is delighted that her 2nd-graders have been treated to ice-skating lessons at a Washington rink during school hours. None had ever skated; now all are proud skaters.

I've enjoyed having daughter Kathleen Shearer visiting from West Chester, Ohio. Not only has she been a great help to me—washing, vacuuming, cooking—but she is amazing at jigsaws. She was particularly appreciated after I fell in the basement and injured my hand, which interfered with my typing, not to mention the washing, vacuuming and cooking.

Jobs

- Thousands of Census jobs are available nationwide. For information or help applying, call 1-855-JOB-2020.
- The Washington Post wants carriers. Apply to deliverthepost.com.

Changing Landscape

Food trucks are back in. Prince George's has passed a package of bills to make the county more food-truck friendly.

A Shoppers in Oxon Hill has been sold to Lidl, a German grocery chain that now has several stores in Prince George's.

Patsy Holson, mother of 14

Patricia Ann "Patsy" Holson, 87, formerly of Camp Springs, died Jan. 6 at her home in Ocean View, DE surrounded by her large family. And indeed, her family is large. Patsy and her husband Jim had 14 children, 40 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren.

Patsy was born in Washington to the late William and Mary Agnes Hill. She graduated from St. Cecilia's Academy

and married James E. "Bootie" Holson. She ran the administrative side of the family-owned business, J&J Contractors, for 20 years.

The Holsons were among the first families of St. Philip's Parish, and Patsy served with the Sodality. She was a member of her neighborhood Woodland Homemakers and enjoyed ceramics, sewing, needlepoint and crocheting.

Patsy was preceded in death by three of their children, Mary Christine Delincki, James Holson and Bonnie Jean Watson, and her sister Rosemary "Pinki" Hill. Survivors include Bootie, her husband of 67 years; 11 children, Cathy Waltersdorff, Barbie Lloyd, Pat Holson, Vicki Farri, Maureen Taylor, Joan Emrick, Ann Horak, Paula Caulk, Michael Holson, Jeannine Schaefer and Mark Holson; her brother Rev. Paul Hill and sister Pamela Hill.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Philip's on January 14 with burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

A special memory: Years ago, when I had only 7 children and Patsy had 14, I asked her how she could possibly have time to be so involved in the Sodality. She told me that each year she took on just one out-the-family activity and gave it as much as she could.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Gene Desmarais (99!) and Courtnei Bland, Jan. 3; GI Market's Jennifer Jung, J.B. Thomas and Christa Neale, Jan. 4; Suitland historian Darlie Norton, Ariel Thomas, Sarah Vilky and Terry Foster, Jan. 6; Eva Hugings and Charles Boxley, Jan. 8; Patty Gallatin, Jan. 11; Martin Miller, Frank Binsted and Roc Wheeler, Jan. 13; Curtis DeMarco Knowles, my son Mike McHale, Kathleen Giroux and Joanie Mangum, Jan. 14; Robert Koch, Jan. 15; and Dolly Wood, Jan. 16.

Happy anniversary to Tom and Monique Laws, Jan. 3; my grandson Conor and Heather McHale, their 16th on Jan. 3; my son John and Michelle McHale, their 23rd on Jan. 4; former Morningside Councilman James and Yvonne Ealey, their 3rd on Jan. 6; Diane and Steve Zirkle, Jan. 9; David and Lori Williams, Jan. 9; Gary and Melody Barnes, Jan. 14; and Frank and Sharleen Kelly Cappella, their 75th (!) on Jan. 15.

Around the County

Bowie City Council Hosts Four Listening Sessions for Bowie Residents

During the months of January and February, the Bowie City Council will host community listening sessions in different parts of the city to hear what is on the minds of residents. The first session takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the South Bowie Community Center.

Mayor Tim Adams and the other members of the Council look forward to getting input from Bowie residents about local matters, especially about how the city should be spending tax payer dollars, and where the Council should be focusing its attention.

In a recent video promoting these sessions with voters and emphasizing the importance of getting their input, Adams said, "As we knocked on doors during the campaign we promised to hear your voice, to listen to you about what's important to you. We don't want to tell you; we want to hear from you."

In total, the Council will host four listening sessions, one in each of the four Council districts. Residents who can't attend one of the evening sessions, can email comments or questions for the Council to publicinfo@city-ofbowie.org. They can also post comments to the City's social media sites or call 301-809-3032 to share their thoughts.

City of Bowie Listening Session Dates:

Wednesday, January 15, 7 p.m.—South Bowie Community Center, 1717 Pittsfield Lane

Wednesday, January 29, 7 p.m.—City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road

Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m.—Huntington Community Center, 13022 8th Street

Wednesday, February 26, 7 p.m.—Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive

For more information, residents can call City Hall at 301-262-6200.

—Una Cooper, City of Bowie

Cheverly 2020 Census Kickoff Meeting!

We Count! Nosotros Contamos!

Come to our Cheverly 2020 Census Kickoff Meeting to learn more about why it is critically important that everyone living in Cheverly is counted and how you can help! Like, Follow, Share via [@WeCountCheverly](https://www.facebook.com/WeCountCheverly).

Saturday, January 18 from 1–3 p.m., Hosted by Cheverly American Legion Post 108, 3608 Legion Dr, Cheverly, MD 20785

Door Prizes!—Information!—Sign Up to Lead and Serve!

Did you know that only 73% of the residents in Cheverly were counted in the 2010 Census? You deserve to be counted and our community is counting on you! The Census is safe and your information is protected!

¡Premios de puerta! ¡Información! ¡Regístrate para liderar y servir! ¿Sabía que solo el 73% de los residentes en Cheverly fueron contados en el Censo 2010? ¡Usted merece ser contado y nuestra comunidad cuenta con usted! ¡El Censo está seguro y su información está protegida!

By law, every 10 years the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. Your participation determines representation and how billions in federal funds are distributed. If our community is undercounted, friends and neighbors miss out on an estimated \$18,250 per person over a 10-year period. Statewide, that's a total of \$26.6 billion over a 10-year period.

Por ley, una vez cada 10 años el censo estadounidense realiza un conteo de cada residente en los Estados Unidos.

Su participación determina la representación y cómo se distribuyen miles de millones de dólares en fondos federales. Si nuestra comunidad no se contabiliza, amigos y vecinos pierden alrededor de \$18,250 por persona en un período de 10 años. En todo el estado, eso representa un total de \$26,6 mil millones al cabo de un período de 10 años.

—Cheverly, MD, Jan. 7, 2020

Local Students Honored

Clarion University Announces Fall Dean's list

CLARION, Pa. (Jan. 10, 2020)—The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. To earn placement on the dean's list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 grade point average.

Capitol Heights, MD, Marc Bartkowiak
Riverdale, MD, Virginia Mooney

—Tina Horner, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Geneva College Announces Dean's List for Fall 2019

BEAVER FALLS, Pa. (Jan. 9, 2019)—Geneva College announces the Dean's List of undergraduate students for the fall 2019 semester. To be eligible for this recognition, students in traditional programs must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while passing 12 credit hours or more.

Sierra Dunfee, Music Education major from Upper Marlboro, MD, was named to Geneva College's Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester.

Geneva College is a Christ-centered academic community that provides a comprehensive education to equip students for faithful and fruitful service to God and neighbor. Offering over 145 traditional undergraduate majors and programs, fully online Adult Degree Programs and high-demand graduate degrees, Geneva's programs are recognized for their high quality. Geneva is included on Kiplinger's Personal Finance's "2019 Best College Values" list and has one of the top undergraduate engineering programs in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report. Adhering to the truth of Scripture, a Geneva education is grounded in God's Word as well as in a core curriculum designed to prepare students vocationally to think, write and communicate well in today's world.

—Cheryl Johnston, Geneva College

MCC Announces Fall Term Dean's List

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (Jan. 9, 2020)—One hundred seventy-nine students were named to the Fall 2019 (August to December) Dean's List at Marshalltown Community College. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have taken 12 or more credit hours during the semester (a full-time class load) and have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average while attending MCC classes in Marshalltown, at Iowa Valley Community College Grinnell, or online. The MCC administration, faculty and staff congratulate these students for their academic excellence.

Students are listed below by hometown:

Laurel, MD, Quavon Blackwood

—Robin Ancil, Iowa Valley Community College Grinnell

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

UMES KENDRA WOOD

Hawk in the halls of Congress: Kendra Wood (15) is a clerk for the United States House of Representatives committee on Science, Space and Technology. The committee is chaired by Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), who is the first African American and first female ranking member of the committee. Its jurisdiction includes a "special oversight" function giving exclusive responsibility among all Congressional Standing Committees "to review and study, on a continuing basis, all laws, programs and government activities involving federal non-military research and development." Wood, a Suitland, Maryland native earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science marine science concentration from University Maryland Eastern Shore.

Kendra's professional goal was to work in a research laboratory or help save animals from oil spills. She assists in the preparation and conduct of markups. She has an active role during the markups. Kendra sits in front of members of Congress with a professional staff member Counsel. She reads the bills and amendments. If there are recorded votes, she calls the roll, tallies the votes, and reports the count back to the chairwoman. She also helps with hearing preparation and maintains and archives their committee's records.

Kendra had no interest in working in politics. When the opportunity presented itself to intern on Capitol Hill, she didn't think that she would use her environmental science degree. After the start of her internship, she learned the political side of the science world. She was able to see the hands-on-work of Congress and learn the process of how money gets appropriated to our government agencies, which trickled down to the campus research that she experienced. She enjoyed this journey that connected her undergraduate studies to politics, and she knew Capitol Hill was the place for her. After working for two members of Congress, Prince George's County Council, and a political campaign, she was given the opportunity to work with the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

"Kendra stated that UMES gave her the education and

opportunities to be where she is today. Her work under Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-Living Marine Cooperative Science Center, and the National Science Foundation allowed her to explore the world of research, travel and stand out as a political staffer. She also gained long-lasting friendships, a strong work ethic, and became a confident Black woman as a result of her UMES experience."

"Kendra's advice is to use your undergraduate years to delve into STEM or government field to identify your passion. Internships are a great way to gain experience and knowledge of the field. Ultimately, choose a degree where you will enjoy your job, make money and have a happy life."

Information about UMES Kendra Wood taken from UMES (The Key) a newsletter for students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends, December 2019.

CLINTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Clinton United Methodist Church is soliciting applications for the position of Organist. Proficiency on the piano is a requisite. Must be able to read music and accompany the Chancel Choir on Anthems and Cantatas. A degree in music is preferable and being able to play by air is a plus.

The Organist would serve as principal organist and pianist for the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on the first two Sundays of each month, special and holiday services, serve as accompanist for the Chancel Choir which meets for rehearsals on the first, third, and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:30–9:00 p.m. and serve under the guidance and direction of the Minister of Music and Pastor. Prior experience for playing the worship service is preferred.

Please submit resumes to: E-mail: cumcmd@verizon.net, Web: www.cumcmd.org. Mail: 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735. For more information, call the Church Office at 301-868-1281. Reverend Dorothea J. Belt Stroman, Senior Pastor, Clinton United Methodist Church.

COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Brain Fitness Can Help Fight Memory Loss

It's a common problem many of us encounter as we age—we forget more things and it seems to happen more frequently. It can be a frustrating experience and even a frightening one as we worry that serious issues of dementia are just around the corner.

While researchers are only beginning to understand exactly why our brains seem to be more prone to memory issues as we get older, they have, however, begun to make real progress in finding ways to help fight memory problems as we age. And the latest advice is that we all ought to begin proactively working to keep maximum brain function at a much earlier age.

Many older folks try to keep mentally active through activities like crossword or Sudoku puzzles, and that's a good thing. But more recent research is finding that such activities simply may not be providing the level of stimulation needed for real "brain fitness."

Brain fitness starts with mental activities that truly engage your mental powers. They can take a variety of forms. Critical thinking, for example, requires you to think about a topic that you understand and agree with, and then to look at that same subject from the opposite point of view. Can you evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of that subject from a totally different side than the one you're normally on?

You want to stimulate your brain in ways that require it to really think about finding new solutions. Locating new recipes and then working out ways to improve them is such an activity. Learning and using new vocabulary words, tackling a foreign language, or taking up a new hobby like art or music, are all ways to maximize brain effort and increase brain stimulation.

Brain fitness also requires recognizing that the brain is a part of your body and is affected by your fitness. It requires exercising more, eating healthier and staying fit overall. It means staying on top of potential health risks, like your blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Doing a daily crossword puzzle may be fun and provide some brain stimulation, but really working for brain fitness means doing things to improve your reasoning, problem-solving and memory abilities, activities that are a real mental stretch. At the same time, staying fit and managing health risks are the keys that can all add up to better mental health and long, positive brain function.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

Local Students Honored from A2

UW-Madison Announces Fall Dean's List

MADISON, Wis. (Jan. 8, 2020)—The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2019–2020 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

Students from our area who have received this honor:
Brandywine, MD, Kevin Crosby, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci
Lanham, MD, Christian Eken, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci
Laurel, MD, Niya Beverley, School of Education
 —Mike Klein, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Goshen College Announces Dean's List for Fall Semester 2019

GOSHEN, Ind. (Jan. 7, 2020)—Goshen College recently recognized 188 undergraduate students for excellence in academics on the fall 2019 Dean's List. **Olivia Ann Martin, a first-year Mathematics major from Hyattsville, MD,** was recognized for academic excellence on the fall semester Dean's List at Goshen College. Martin is a graduate of Elizabeth Seton High School.

The Dean's List includes students earning at least a 3.75 GPA, while completing at least 12 hours of coursework for a letter grade. Only grades from the designated semester are included in the Dean's List selection process.

Initiated in the fall of 1999, the Dean's List celebrates the achievement of Goshen College students who have met high academic standards and can motivate students preparing for graduate studies.

—Brian A. Yoder Schlabach, Goshen College

Local Student Named to MVC's Fall 2019 Dean's List

MARSHALL, Mo. (Jan. 3, 2020)—Dr. Diane Bartholomew, vice president of academic affairs for Missouri Valley College, has announced the Fall 2019 Dean's List. The requirements for the Dean's List are a 3.3 or higher grade point average; at least 12 graded hours for the semester and no "D," "F," or "Incomplete" grades for the semester. The following student from the area was named to the Dean's List:

Largo, MD, Marcelaine Augustin, Junior, Biology
 Known for its dynamic, richly diverse, and friendly educational environment, Missouri Valley College offers many opportunities to grow in mind, body, and spirit. Grounded in the liberal arts, undergraduate studies empower students to master interdisciplinary skills needed to succeed in a knowledge-based global society.

—Danielle Durham, Missouri Valley College

Children Bundle-up for Winter With Free Coats and Books @ Your Library!

By DONNA SCOTT-MARTIN
PGCMLS

DISTRICT HEIGHTS, Md. (Jan. 9, 2020)—The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) will partner with Operation Warm to provide a complimentary new coat and book to the first 150 children that participate in the "A Warm Welcome to the Library" event at the Spauldings Branch Library on Saturday, January 25, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This program, which is generously sponsored by Wawa, offers children a chance to explore their local library and take home useful items for the winter season. To register please contact the Spauldings Branch Library by January 24 at 301-817-3750 and indicate the requested coat size (2T up to 14/16).

"Staying warm in the winter is not only important for the health and safety of our children, but having a nice new coat boosts confidence and emotional well-being," said PGCMLS Program Services Manager Rachel Zukowski. "Thank you to Operation Warm and Wawa for providing this great opportunity to children in our community."

Operation Warm provides warmth, confidence and hope to children in need through the gift of brand new winter coats. We believe a brand new coat is more than a coat. Through serving millions of children in need across North America, we have seen that a brand new coat offers a child physical and emotional warmth, confidence to socialize and succeed, and hope of a brighter future.

IMAGE COURTESY PGCMLS



¡Una bienvenida cálida a la biblioteca de Spauldings!

Operation Warm se asocia con El Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativa del Condado de Prince George's en dar un abrigo nuevo y dos libros nuevos a cada niño que participe. Este programa divertido dará una oportunidad a introducir a niños y sus familias a todo lo que la biblioteca ofrece.

¡Llame antes del 24 de enero para guardar grupo! 301-817-3750
Tallas disponibles: 2T, 3T, 4T, 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16

sábado, 25 de enero | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Biblioteca de Spauldings -- Salon Grande
5811 Old Silver Hill Rd. District Heights, MD. 20747

Sobre Operation Warm
Operation Warm provee calor, confianza, y esperanza a los niños a través del regalo de abrigos nuevos. Creemos que un abrigo nuevo es más que un abrigo. A través de servicio de millones de niños en Norte América, hemos visto que un abrigo nuevo ofrece al niño calor físico y emocional, confianza socializar y superar, y esperanza de un futuro mas brillante.



Council Member Derrick Leon Davis Elected COG Board Chair

Davis to Chair Council of Governments Board of Directors in 2020

By ANGELA J. ROUSON
Prince George's County Council Media

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (Jan. 8, 2020)—Prince George's County Council Member Derrick Leon Davis (D) – District 6, was elected 2020 Chair by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) during its January 8 meeting. The COG board also elected Arlington County Board Member Christian Dorsey, and District of Columbia Council Member Robert C. White to serve as Vice-Chairs in 2020.

COG Chair Davis, who joined the board in 2016, had served as COG Board Vice-Chair since 2017. With a focus on regional transportation and housing concerns, he has served as a member of COG's Metro Strategy Group, working to forge consensus on dedicated funding for Metro, and led the Housing Strategy Group, developing COG's regional housing targets in 2019.

COG Chair Davis looks forward to continued service in this new regional leadership post.

"Serving as COG Board Chair is a signal honor, providing an important opportunity

to continue the significant progress we have achieved to advance our region. I look forward to leading with my colleagues, Vice-Chair Dorsey and Vice-Chair White, and COG board members to address regional interests and concerns."

Under the new leadership team, COG will build on recent regional collaboration related to housing and transportation and focus on optimizing land use around high capacity transit stations, defined as Metro-rail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcar, bus rapid transit, and multimodal stations. The board will also continue its focus on advancing racial equity regionally and in local government programs and policies.

Council Chair Davis noted the important work ahead to build on the region's transit goals.

"To create more transit-oriented communities that are accessible to all residents, we need to take our forward-looking planning and placemaking to the next level," Davis said. "Our region is a national leader in transit use and walkable communities, but we know there's still plenty of untapped potential to better connect our jobs and housing to transit and grow our economy."



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COG is an independent, nonprofit association of 24 local governments supported by financial contributions from its member governments, Federal and State grants and contracts, and donations from foundations and the private sector. COG connects leaders across borders to help shape strong communities in Metropolitan Washington.

The Board of Directors is COG's governing body and is responsible for its overall policies, functions, and funds. Board members are appointed each year by the participating local governments and by caucuses of state legislative delegations from the region.

CASA Launches "People are Power" Program

Supports Changing Democracy through Engagement of People of Color in Critical States

By LIZETTE OLMOS
CASA

HYATTSVILLE, Md. (Jan. 7, 2020)—On Jan. 7, CASA announced a partnership with six organizations: Action NC, the Jolt Initiative, Michigan United, MOSES, NAKASEC, and Voces de La Frontera through its People are Power program. Awarded the Communities Thrive Challenge, a collaboration between The Rockefeller Foundation and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the People are Power program will support sophisticated organizations in critical states to deepen their impact.

"The People Are Power organizations share similar progressive values and a commitment to racial, economic, and immigrant justice," said CASA Executive Director Gustavo Torres. "They have demonstrated interest and capacity to run field and civic engagement programs. They can create or already have an individual membership structure. They will be building a membership program in a swing state for the Presidential in 2020 or a place where immigrants are at least 20% of voters."

Action NC, the Jolt Initiative, Michigan United, MOSES, NAKASEC and Voces de la Frontera are all organizations that work primarily with Latinx, AAPI, immigrant, and

African American working-class people and were chosen for their deep focus on grassroots organizing, mobilization, and leadership development. Each organization will grow even deeper membership models and voter engagement programs through cross-training and one-on-one technical assistance sessions throughout the year. Each organization enters the Communities Thrive Challenge program with deep expertise in some of these areas but seeks to develop additional capacities.

"At its core, Jolt Initiative aims to build a stronger democracy by empowering Latinos to be civically-minded," said Antonio Arellano, Interim Executive Director at Jolt Initiative. "Ensuring everyone's voice is heard is a day-to-day mission and one that wouldn't be possible without support from champions like CASA, that seeks to uplift marginalized communities through programs such as the "Building Sustainable Power" Incubator Program. This grant will allow us to further our mission at a time when it's most critical to the future of our country."

Congratulations to the 2020 partners:

Action NC: An organization that confronts and reduces the root cause of poverty, underdevelopment, and social and economic inequality through grassroots education,

training, organization and mobilization. For more information, go to <http://www.actionnc.org/>

Jolt Initiative: The Jolt initiative recognizes the participation of Latinos to build a stronger democracy and ensure that everyone's voice is heard. Jolt builds the leadership capacity of Latinos to increase their civic involvement and mobilize their peers to action. For more information, go to <http://www.joltinitiative.org/>.

Michigan United: A coalition of labor, civil rights, and business members fighting for the rights of homeowners, renters, immigrant families and students. For more information, go to <https://www.miunited.org/>.

MOSES (Metropolitan Organizing Strategies Enabling Strength): An organization that develops faith leaders and builds relationships to advocate for social justice through a group of congregations. Over the last two election cycles MOSES has organized over 20+ Judicial and Criminal justice town halls. In 2018, in partnership with Advancement Project and Nation Outside, 200+ citizens were registered to vote while in jail. For more information, go to mosesmi.org.

COMMENTARY

Marion Wright Edelman

President Emerita,
Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Congress Honors CDF's Beloved MaryLee Allen's Lifelong Work to Protect the Most Vulnerable Children

In October, the most significant provisions of the Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First) took effect. Family First was signed into law in 2018 and represents a long sought historic opportunity to transform our child welfare system after years of steady, difficult, unglamorous effort by child welfare advocates with the late MaryLee

Allen, the Children's Defense Fund's beloved Director of Policy, often leading the charge. MaryLee devoted her life to improving children's lives—especially our most vulnerable children in the child welfare system—and cheered the passage of this important law and what it would mean for children.

Before Family First, states, tribes, and territories could claim federal reimbursement for services to a child only after removal from their family and placement in the foster care system. Family First allows for the first time these federal dollars to be spent on qualified, evidence-based mental health, substance abuse and in-home parent skill-based programs and services to strengthen families to enable children to stay safely in stable, loving homes. It is the first major modernization of child welfare in decades and it is helping us move toward a system that prevents millions of children from facing the trauma of child maltreatment and entering the foster care system.

In November, a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators and Representatives saw an opportunity to help states, tribes, and territories implement the historic reforms under Family First. They introduced the Family First Transition Act (FFTA) to provide jurisdictions valuable resources to help them upgrade their systems and meet new requirements. The bill also delays some requirements in the law, allowing states to more effectively tailor their prevention systems to the needs of their specific citizens. FFTA, which was signed

into law in December, was a bold package that will help ensure Family First's effective implementation across the country.

Family First was the last major piece of child welfare legislation our beloved MaryLee helped shape and realize and she continued pushing for its successful implementation until the very end. So all of us at CDF and in the child advocacy community rejoice that the final provision of the new FFTA renames the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Program to honor MaryLee's unwavering commitment to helping the most vulnerable children. This is one of the most significant sources of federal funds for family preservation and was one of the many major reforms MaryLee helped enact in her 42 years of tireless and effective labor at the Children's Defense Fund. It is fitting that her life's work devoted to protecting children and strengthening families is honored in a bill meant to strengthen the final piece of her legacy.

MaryLee would have deflected the attention of this richly deserved honor and reminded us that our responsibility is to continue working diligently to ensure all children safe, permanent, loving homes. All of us at CDF most certainly will.

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

War With Iran Is Ill-Advised and Thoughtless

"When the United States uses military force, the American people and members of the United States Armed Forces deserve a credible explanation regarding such use of military force. The War Powers Resolution requires the President to consult with Congress 'in every possible instance' before introducing United States Armed Forces into hostilities. Congress has not authorized the President to use military force against Iran. Congress hereby directs the President to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran or any part of its government or military, unless—(1) Congress has declared war or enacted specific statutory authorization for such use of the Armed

Forces; or (2) such use of the Armed Forces is necessary and appropriate to defend against an imminent armed attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or its Armed Forces, consistent with the requirements of the War Powers Resolution."

—War Powers Resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, January 9, 2020

The Trump Administration has said the death of Iran's top military commander, Maj. Gen. Qasim Suleimani, was necessary to prevent American deaths the general was plotting, and the world is safer because of his death.

I don't know a soul in America who feels

safer now than we did before January 3. And that includes President Trump, who has spent the days since Suleimani's death issuing empty threats on Twitter, some of which are clearly war crimes.

The United States has been in conflict with Iran since 1979, when students stormed the American embassy in Tehran and held 52 Americans hostage for more than a year. In four decades since the Iranian Revolution, Iran has been the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism. For 22 of those years, the last 40 years, Suleimani has led the Quds Force, a U.S. designated terrorist organization, which has armed and trained terrorist and paramilitary groups throughout the Middle East.

Yet Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama—and even Donald Trump, for the first three years of his term—all declined to kill or capture Suleimani, for a very good reason: such a move would be tantamount to a declaration of war, not only with Iran, but with its inestimable network of proxies around the globe—what Iran expert and Carnegie Endowment senior fellow Karim Sadjadpour has called "a Shia foreign legion."

We don't want this war. We don't need this war. We cannot afford this war, neither in blood nor in treasure. Nearly half a billion lives have been lost in the conflicts in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan since 9/11, including 15,000 U.S. troops and military contractors. More than

970,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veteran disability claims have been registered with the Veterans Administration.

The United States federal government has spent or obligated \$5.9 trillion dollars on the wars in the Middle East.

As a study by the Watson Institute at Brown University noted, "This total omits many other expenses, such as the macroeconomic costs to the US economy; the opportunity costs of not investing war dollars in alternative sectors; future interest on war borrowing; and local government and private war costs. The current wars have been paid for almost entirely by borrowing. This borrowing has raised the US budget deficit, increased the national debt, and had other macroeconomic effects, such as raising consumer interest rates. Unless the US immediately repays the money borrowed for war, there will also be future interest payments. We estimate that interest payments could total over \$8 trillion by the 2050s."

The Trump Administration has not articulated or advanced a strategy with respect to Iran. President Trump cannot keep us safe with a Tweet, as he seems to believe.

The House on Thursday passed a resolution to force President Trump to come to Congress for authorization before taking further military action against Iran, but it will take the forceful involvement of Senate leadership to keep us out of another Middle East quagmire.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day: Governor Hogan Announces Hometown Heroes Legislation, Urges Passage of Violent Crime Initiatives

Tax Relief for Police, Firefighters, and First Responders

By SHAREESE CHURCHILL
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Jan. 9, 2020)—Governor Larry Hogan marked National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by announcing that he is introducing legislation to provide tax relief for police, firefighters, and first responders, and urging lawmakers to pass his crime plan. The governor made the announcement after hosting a reception for police officers at the State House.

The **Hometown Heroes Act of 2020** exempts law enforcement, fire, rescue, corrections, and emergency response personnel from state tax on all retirement income specific to their service in those professions.

"Time and time again, our state has called on our dedicated law enforcement officers and first responders, and every single time they have answered the call with no regard for their own personal safety," said Governor Hogan. "Our top priority is keeping our citizens safe, and in order to do that it is essential that our police officers, firefighters, and all of our first responders have the tools, the support, and the resources they need to

do their jobs effectively and efficiently. The out-of-control violence in our streets is the number one problem facing the state and the number one concern of Marylanders—passing our crime package absolutely must be job number one for the legislature."

This week, WTOP reported, "A poll conducted just before the upcoming Maryland General Assembly session on Wednesday found that voters want lawmakers to focus on crime."

Hometown Heroes Act of 2020

This is the fifth year that Governor Hogan has introduced legislation to eliminate state taxes on the retirement income of first responders. In 2017, the governor was proud to enact the Hometown Heroes benefit so that first responders can exempt the first \$15,000 of their retirement income from state taxes. This year, he is again pushing to fully exempt all retirement income for these occupations and to lower the age of eligibility from 55 to 50.

Governor Hogan has a strong record of advocacy for first responders and public safety professionals in Maryland. Last year, he enacted multiple

bills to expand medical coverage for firefighters, including the Firefighter Jesse McCullough's Cancer Protection Law, and has pushed for policies and projects that keep first responders safe by enhancing their communications infrastructure.

Governor Hogan's Crime Package

Last month, Governor Hogan announced a series of new initiatives and expanded legislation to get violent offenders off the streets and address the violent crime crisis facing Baltimore City.

The **Violent Firearm Offenders Act** will significantly increase tougher sentences for violent offenders who commit crimes with guns, including those who repeatedly illegally carry firearms, those who illegally transfer guns to people they know intend to use them in a crime, and those who steal firearms or possess stolen firearms.

The Judicial Transparency Act

will require the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy to publish sentencing records of judges in violent crime cases to hold the sys-

tem more accountable to the public for sentencing decisions.

The **Witness Intimidation Prevention Act** will toughen penalties for witness intimidation resulting in serious physical injury or death, and expand the courts' ability to admit statements made by intimidated witnesses under certain circumstances to all crimes.

The **Victims' Right to Restitution Act of 2020** will make restitution orders to victims of crimes mandatory.

Learn more about Governor Hogan's violent crime plan at <https://governor.maryland.gov/session2020-crime/>

Board of Public Works Approves Funding For Clean Water and the Chesapeake Bay

Grants will reduce pollution, improve water quality

By JAY APPERSON
Maryland Department of the Environment

BALTIMORE (Jan. 8, 2020)—The Maryland Board of Public Works approved more than \$4.7 million in grants today to reduce pollution and improve water quality. The Board is composed of Governor Larry Hogan, Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp and Comptroller Peter Fran-
chot.

"These are smart investments to protect public health and prevent water pollution in Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay," said Maryland Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles. "Reducing pollution from septic systems will help us to grow the state's econ-

omy and lead in the race to protect and restore Chesapeake Bay watersheds."

The following projects were approved today:

Upgrade Septic Systems—Statewide

Grants from the Bay Restoration Fund totaling \$4,775,000 will provide funding for counties to upgrade on-site sewage disposal (septic) systems and make sewer connections to significantly reduce the discharge of nitrogen, one of the most serious pollutants in the Chesapeake Bay. Counties will focus on upgrading septic systems located within the critical area. Eighteen Maryland counties will benefit from the grants.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Can My Husband Use the “Restricted Application?”

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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Dear Rusty:

My question is about the “restricted application for spousal benefits only” I saw referenced in an article. I will turn 66 in February and have applied for my “full retirement benefit” and will continue to work full time. My husband turned 66 this month and has not yet applied for his benefits. According to the Social Security paperwork sent to us, I will receive about \$1900 a month and my husband, who is self-employed, would only receive \$500 to \$600. If my husband claimed “spousal benefits only” using the restricted application, would I still receive my \$1900 and he would receive 50% of that for an estimated total of \$2850? Doesn't seem to make sense to me! As you can see, we must be in denial of our age and are not knowledgeable about Social Security!! **Signed: Inquisitive Senior**

Dear Inquisitive: Based on the amounts you quoted in your email (which I assume were recent estimates from the Social Security Administration), your husband should claim his own benefits this month and then claim his normal spousal benefit in February when your benefits start. Since your husband has already reached his full retirement age of 66, his spousal benefit will be the full 50% of the benefit you are entitled to when you reach your full retirement age in February.

Although your husband qualifies for and can submit a “restricted application for spousal benefits only” (as described in the article you read), there is little reason for him to do so because his own benefit, even if he delays claiming it until he is 70, will be less than his spousal benefit from your record. Instead, since his spousal benefit from you will be the highest amount he will ever be eligible for, he can just claim his own benefit first and then claim his regular spousal benefit to begin when your Social Security retirement benefit starts. Here's why:

If your husband's current benefit at his full retirement age (FRA) would be \$600 and he's not yet collecting, he could earn delayed retirement credits (DRCs) at a rate of 0.667 per month of delay (8% per year of delay). That will mean his own benefit would be 32% more at age 70 than he is now eligible for at his FRA, which means his maximum benefit on his own earnings record will be \$792/month (\$600 plus 32%).

The only reason to file the restricted application (for which he is eligible only because he was born before January 2, 1954) is to let his own benefit grow while he collects a spousal benefit, so he can switch to his own higher benefit later. But since his spousal benefit from you will be about \$950—more than the maximum benefit he can get from his own record at age 70—his most prudent choice would be to simply claim his own benefit now and apply for his normal spousal benefit to start when your SS benefit starts in February. No need for him to file the restricted application because his own benefit will never be higher than his spousal benefit. And just for complete clarity, your husband collecting his spousal benefit from you will not affect your own Social Security retirement benefit in any way.

The 2 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) (<https://www.amac.us>) is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at <https://amac.us/join-amac>.

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Careers

Myths vs. Facts of Landing A Skilled Trade Job

(StatePoint) With the demand for skilled trade workers growing nationwide, you may be looking to launch your career, change professional paths, or hone current skills in order to advance in your industry.

As you go about the process, consider these few myths and facts about landing a skilled trade job:

- **Myth:** It will be hard to find training in my local area.

- **Fact:** There are numerous free resources available to connect you with local training opportunities. Veterans and their spouses for example, can seek career assistance from organizations such as amvets.org. In the case of the HVACR industry, locating training organizations in your zip code is as simple as visiting nate.org, which provides online services to English and Spanish speakers, as well as certification and recertification.

- **Myth:** All training programs are pretty much the same.

- **Fact:** Not all certification programs offer the same quality education, nor are they associated with the same breadth of

job opportunities. Those in the HVACR industry, for example, can set themselves apart by getting North American Technician Excellence (NATE) training.

“Not only do contractors prefer working with NATE-certified technicians, consumers look for this certification as well because it ensures that a knowledgeable, well-trained and highly experienced technician will service their home heating or cooling system,” says Anthony Spagnoli, NATE's director of training and education.

- **Myth:** Skilled trade careers don't offer room for growth.

- **Fact:** Skilled trade careers are in especially high demand today, offering long-term job security, a good living and room for advancement. To learn more about existing growth opportunities, tune into the podcast “Blue is the New White.” Available for download on Apple Podcasts and Spotify, this is also a good resource for those seeking to get their foot in the door.



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- **Myth:** Career support will be hard to come by once I receive my certification.

- **Fact:** Connecting with a seasoned professional who can act as your mentor is a great way to build relationships, network and learn as you go. This is especially important for those who have traditionally been underrepresented in a given industry. You can find mentors on-the-job, at industry events and through online resources such as Women in HVACR, which among its initiatives, connects young women in the industry with mentors. Visit womeninhvacr.org/mentorship to learn more.

Looking to break into HVACR or another skilled trade industry? Check out available resources which can help you get trained, certified and employed with confidence.

Junior League of Prince George's County

The Junior League is a group of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

We are hosting our next information meeting on Jan. 25, 2020, from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the Savage Library Branch (Howard County Library System), 9525 Durness Ln., Laurel, MD 20723. Become a founding member today of the Junior League of Prince George's County. RSVP at jlpgpresident@gmail.com.

—Diana Emerson, President, Junior League of Prince George's County

The Hall CP from A1

beyond. In addition to serving as an additional social and creative space for students, the new concept will also be a gathering place for alumni, WeWork clients, visitors staying at the nearby The Hotel at the University of Maryland, and, with the addition of the incoming Purple Line Metro stop, D.C. residents, too. In collaboration with the university and its president Wallace Loh, UMD Chief Strategy Officer for Economic Development Ken Ulman and real estate developers Chesapeake Realty Partners and partner Jon Mayers, Plank is helping to grow College Park into a top-tier college town with The Hall CP.

Plank has come full circle since his days studying urban planning and architecture as a University of Maryland student, going on after graduation to experiment with different endeavors, from owning a painting business to becoming a partner at his brother Kevin's company Under Armour, to ultimately launching War Horse nearly a decade ago. He recently delivered the commencement speech for the UMD School of Agriculture, Planning, and Preservation's winter graduation ceremony, was the recipient of the university's Distinguished Alumni Award in December 2019 and was recognized as an honoree for the Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Real Estate award in 2017.

With The Hall CP, Plank looks to highlight diverse skill sets and celebrate the concept of the “artist as the hero.” From the painter to the professor, all members of the university community will be welcome at The Hall CP to indulge their creativity as well as their cravings.

The Hall CP will operate seven days a week on a limited basis, serving only the café and pizzeria menus, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Extended hours, full dining menu and programming activations will begin in late January 2020. For more information, please email events@thehallcp.com or visit www.TheHallCP.com.

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Pizza is among the food offerings at The Hall CP.



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The Hall CP comes from UMD alum and developer Scott Plank.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Maryland Awarded Federal Innovation Funds to Address Impact of the Opioid Crisis on Maternal and Child Health

By DEIDRE MCCABE and MAUREEN REGAN
Maryland Department of Health

BALTIMORE, Md. (Jan. 6, 2020)—The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has launched the Maternal Opioid Misuse (MOM) model this month, using funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The MOM initiative focuses on improving care for pregnant and postpartum Medicaid participants who are diagnosed with opioid use disorder (OUD).

“The Maryland Department of Health remains committed to ending the opioid crisis, and the MOM model is one very specific but critical approach,” said MDH Secretary Robert R. Neall. “By targeting these resources and continuing to align efforts—from the federal level to our local partners—we will increase support for women and families in seeking treatment and finding success in recovery.”

According to CMS, substance use is a leading cause of maternal death. Because pregnant and postpartum women are more likely to be receiving health care, MOM focuses on providing additional resources to women with OUD during and after their pregnancies. The initiative strives to deliver better care from maternity and primary care to behavioral health care and substance use disorder treatment.

Maryland is one of 10 states to secure MOM funding. The state will receive \$3.6 million over the next five years to implement the initiative, with the opportunity to receive an additional \$1.5 million based on performance targets. Maryland's Medicaid program will work with CMS to develop long-term coverage and payment strategies, while

working with its HealthChoice managed care organizations to improve care and service to pregnant and postpartum women with OUD.

“As we continue to combat the opioid crisis, this new funding presents a unique opportunity to improve health outcomes for one of Maryland's most vulnerable populations,” said MDH Chief Operating Officer Dennis Schrader. “This initiative will result in bringing better health care to mothers and children at an especially critical time.”

The new funding is a timely and strategic complement to the CDC's Overdose Data to Action grant, which MDH's Public Health Administration received in September 2019. The three-year cooperative agreement enables the state to leverage more timely overdose data to support increased intervention and prevention capacities.

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, pregnant and postpartum women who misuse substances are at high risk for poor maternal outcomes, including preterm labor and delivery complications. The problems are frequently made worse by malnourishment, interpersonal violence and other health-related social needs.

“The social aspects of health care play an enormous role in public health,” said Deputy Secretary for Public Health Fran Phillips. “Medicaid's MOM initiative aligns with Public Health's community-based opioid intervention and prevention efforts. Together, we have greater potential to help more women with opioid use disorder and their infants get better care across the state.”

For more information about the MOM model, visit <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/maternal-opioid-misuse-model/>.

Free January Health Resources Provided by Doctors Community Health System

LANHAM, Md. (Jan. 3, 2020)—Throughout the year, Doctors Community Hospital offers numerous screenings and support groups. They are designed to help people maintain and improve their overall health. Some of the upcoming events include:

Free Women's Heart Health Support Group

Tuesdays: January 28, March 24, May 26, September 22 and November 24, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Doctors Community Hospital, 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 5th Floor, DSE Room, Lanham, MD 20706
301-552-8058 | DCHrehab.org

Join heart disease experts who provide educational information to women while encouraging them to make well-educated and heart-healthy decisions.

Free Lymphedema and Chronic Swelling Support Group

January 30, July 16 and December 17, 2–4 p.m. / April 16 and October 15, at 5 p.m.–7 p.m. |

Doctors Community Hospital, 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 5th Floor, DSE Room, Lanham, MD 20706
301-552-8144 | DCHrehab.org

Join people who have lymphedema as they share their experiences while learning about the latest treatment and management options. —Chondria Andrews, Doctors Community Hospital

OUT on the TOWN

Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye Brings Her Healing Multi-Award-Winning One-Woman Stage Play to PGCC, Center for Performing Arts January 25

The Fannie Lou Hamer Story, "Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired" Highlights the Inspirational Journey of the "Mother of Voter Registration for Black America Impacting ALL"

By DJEHUTY SE HOTEPE

Healing Through The Sound of Music

WASHINGTON (January 8, 2020)—Prince George Community College is bringing to its campus and surrounding Maryland/DC communities the awe-inspiring and healing production of Healing Through the Sound of Music's multi-award winning 90-minute One-Woman Stage Play, *The Fannie Lou Hamer Story, "Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired,"* by dynamic performer Playwright / Actress / Singer... Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye...and directed by award winning Director / Producer / Documentarian / ... Byron C. Saunders. Largo is the first stop in Maryland of Aimbaye's 2020 National Tour Commemorating Women of Civil Rights and Social Justice. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 at www.pgcc.edu/arts. The performance will be at the Center for

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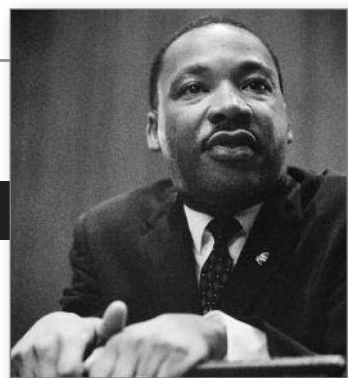


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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATIONS

Prince George's County Top Ladies of Distinction 8th Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Dress/Attire: Business Casual
Description: Join the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Prince George's County Chapter, for our 8th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Our theme: "Together We Stand, United We Serve." We look to honor and celebrate the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through tributes, song, inspirational entertainment, a powerful word from our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Debyii Sababu-Thomas, and a delectable breakfast to feed your belly and soul! There will also be vendors and a photography booth present to enhance the celebration! We look forward to celebrating with you and your family! Get your tickets today and help us raise funds to meet the needs and continue to serve our community!!
Cost: \$50. **Tickets at Eventbrite**
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Camelot by Martin's, 13901 Central Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Contact: <http://www.tlodpgcc.org/>

MLK Day of Service Presented by Kaiser Permanente in Partnership with CKAR CDC and Neighborhood Design Center

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Description: Fun, Food & Festivities! Bring your friends and family with you, and welcome 2020 by staying on top of your health. Kaiser Permanente, along with our partners, is proud to support the Greater Riverdale community for our annual MLK Day of Service. Mobile health van, yoga/zumba classes, soccer game.
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Templeton Elementary School, 6001 Carters Lane, Riverdale, MD 20737

2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration – Washington

Date and Time: Monday, January 20, 2020, 8:30 a.m.–noon
Description: Hosted by UNCF Washington and the Washington Inter-Alumni Council, the 37th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration will help send more students to and through school. Keynote speaker: Dr. Maya Rockeymoore Cummings. Invocation & Benediction by Rev. John Savoy, New Dimensions Church, Lanham
Cost: \$75. <https://www.uncf.org/event/2020-martin-luther-king-jr-birthday-celebration-washington>
Location: The Hotel at the University of Maryland, 7777 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20740
Contact: 202-810-0333, Harry.Christian@uncf.org

MLK Day: A Celebration of Service!

Date and Time: Monday, January 20, 2020, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Description: It's a celebration of MLK. A celebration of love. A celebration of service. Join us as we honor MLK's legacy by focusing on his teachings on the values of love and service work. Donations of cold weather items are encouraged. Highlights: 9–11 a.m.: Join us for the MLK mentoring and networking breakfast with free hot food. Noon–5 p.m.: Pop-up spoken word performances. A keynote speech and Q&A with veteran and organizer, Jonathan Hutto on MLK's legacy. Create a special note card for nursing home residents. A screening on the power of service. 2–4 p.m.: Join the family-friendly Museum Kids Club: Happy Birthday Dr. King! Party with Jessica "Culture Queen" Hebron, Education Fellow-In-Residence. Enjoy a children's book reading and freedom song sing-a-long, protest sign-making, a peaceful protest march and an "I Have A Dream" themed goal setting for the New Year as well as a cupcake toast to celebrate Dr. King's 90th birthday!
Cost: Free. **Register at Eventbrite**
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center, 4519 Rhode Island Ave, North Brentwood, MD 20722
Contact: pgaamcc.org

Office of Community Relations MLK Day of Service 2020

Prince George's County MLK Day of Service
Date and Time: Monday, January 20, 2020, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Description: Join us for our 1st Annual MLK Day of Service. There are opportunities to serve in each region of the County. Free.
1) Youth Employment Seminar (ages 14–18): 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at Community of Hope A.M.E. Church, 3801 Branch Avenue (rear, lower level of Iverson Mall), Temple Hills, MD. Youth employment information including: on-the-spot interviews, hiring tips, SYEP program training, community service hours, and a special raffle and gift for students who complete the 5 seminar stations.
2) Baby Items Donation Drive: 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Prince George's Child Resource Center, 9475 Lottsford Road, Largo, MD. New or gently-used items are needed for low income or homeless teens and women. Items needed include: baby strollers, car seats, baby bags, diapers/wipes, and coats (ages newborn to 4T).
3) Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) MLK Day (ages 14–18) 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at Buck Lodge Middle School, 2611 Buck Lodge Road, Adelphi, MD. Join us for a day of diversity and heritage. FREE health screenings (ages 5–15), diverse workshops, arts and crafts, Sip'N'Paint, cultural performances, music, entertainment and more! *Legislation signed in 1983 marked the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a federal holiday. In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service. Each year, on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is observed as a "day on, not a day off." MLK Day of Service is intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."*

MLK Day Celebration at The Lewis

Date and Time: Monday, January 20, 2020, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Description: Celebrate the legacy of Dr. King at the Lewis Museum! Stop by A Ride To Remember Story Hour and Mural Art Project to explore the story of the desegregation of a local amusement park and carousel. Join Dr. Traci Parker, Assistant Professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, as she discusses Department Stores and the Black Freedom Movement. Enjoy an Urban Theatrical Presentation and Talkback session of the Voices of Carmen, examining escalating conflicts among young people. Prepare to be wowed by selections by Baltimore City College Choir. View the Annual High School Juried Art Exhibition.
Cost: Special \$5 Admission
Location: Reginald F. Lewis Museum 830 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202
Contact: 443-263-1800, www.lewismuseum.org

20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

Date and Time: Monday, January 20, 2020, 12–2 p.m.
Description: The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) is proud to present the 20th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade alongside the City of Baltimore. The parade commemorates the life of civil rights leader and icon Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Spectators are welcome to view the parade along the route on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard between Eutaw Street and Baltimore Street.
Contact: www.promotionandarts.org/events-festivals/20th-annual-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-parade

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Tribute & Celebration

Date and Time: Monday, January 20, 2020, 4 p.m.
Description: Montgomery County celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King's life through dramatic readings, musical and dance performances. The theme for this year's program is "Children of the Dream." In addition there will be the presentation of the Humanitarian Award, Children of the Dream Awards. In addition there will be a Visual Arts Display honoring Dr. King. *This concert is not presented by Strathmore.*
Cost: Free tickets are required for this event and will be distributed on-site on the day of the performance starting at 3 p.m.
Location: The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD 20852-3385
Contact: www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/mlk-tribute

Calendar Spotlight

Engineering 101

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 11 a.m.
Description: What is an engineer? Engineers design and build things to solve specific problems. Learn the basics of engineering through an interactive, hands-on challenge. Construct your own design from plans to prototype. Learn something new while having fun—what more can you ask?!
Cost: \$5 per participant includes museum admission and supplies.
Location: College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740
Contact: 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544

Teddy Bears Picnic

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 3 p.m.
Description: A fun indoor picnic, with stories, songs, dances, and activities for your little one to share with a favorite plushie friend. Spend time with your kids at CPAA AHA Kids events.
Cost: Free
Ages: Ages 3 and up, must be accompanied by an adult
Location: Old Parish House Address, 4711 Knox Rd, College Park, MD 20741
Contact: 301-927-3013 (leave message)

Dinosaur World Live, presented by PGCC

Date and Time: Saturday, January 22, 2020, 7–9 p.m.
Description: Meet a host of impressive creatures, including every child's favorite flesh-eating giant, the Tyrannosaurus Rex, a Triceratops, Giraffatitan, and Segnosaurus, to name a few!
Cost: \$39.75 (Level B), \$49.75 (Level A) (includes \$4.75 service charge)
Location: Grand Theater, Center for Performing Arts, Prince George's Community College 301 Largo Rd, Largo, MD 20774
Contact: 301-546-7422, <https://www.pgcc.edu/arts/events/>

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College Park Aviation Museum

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Located on the grounds of the world's oldest continuously operating airport, the **College Park Aviation Museum** opened in 1998 with the goal of preserving and promoting the history of aviation innovations at College Park Airport while encouraging further research and inspiring curiosity in the history and science of flight. The museum houses historic and reproduction aircraft related to the history of the airfield. The rotating exhibits and family-friendly, hands-on activities make for a unique experience with each visit. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., except for major holidays. Admission: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Children \$2 (FREE for children 1 and under).

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Upcoming Events

Dance Theater of Harlem, presented by PGCC

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30, 2020, 7–9 p.m.; Friday, January 31, 7–9 p.m.; and February 1, 2–4 p.m. and 7–9 p.m.
Description: The 17-member, multi-ethnic company performs a forward-thinking repertoire that includes treasured classics, neo-classical works by George Balanchine and resident choreographer Robert Garland.
Cost: \$59.75 (Level C), \$69.75 (Level B), \$99.75 (Level A) (includes \$4.75 service charge)
Location: Grand Theater, Center for Performing Arts, Prince George's Community College 301 Largo Rd, Largo, MD 20774
Contact: 301-546-7422, <https://www.pgcc.edu/arts/events/>

Panel Discussion: Music and the Black Vote

Date and Time: Saturday, February 1, 2020, 1–2 p.m.
Description: Explore the times and history of the Black Vote in America and how music was influenced by its many challenges from the Black Codes to the 15th Amendment and today's times. Three experts, a musician, social scientist, and historian will take you on this musical and educational journey. This event is in partnership with the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts. ADA: Yes
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708
Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Unwrapping Chocolate's Secrets

Date and Time: Saturday, February 1, 2020, 1–3 p.m. *Space is limited; registration required by January 25.*
Description: Just in time for Valentine's Day, become a connoisseur of chocolate! Join foodways historian Joyce White for a decadent guided tasting. Then, learn how to spice your own chocolate.
Cost: \$15 per person
Location: Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737
Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

Calendar of Events

January 17–January 25, 2020

No Excuse For Dating Abuse Paint and Parley

Date and Time: Friday, January 17, 2020, 7–9:30 p.m.
Description: Join us for an evening of painting as we learn about the signs of teen dating abuse and the eye-opening statistics behind human trafficking. Dinner and giveaways will be provided.
ADA: Yes
Cost: Free—Register through Parks Direct!
Location: South Bowie Community Center, 1717 Pittsfield Lane, Bowie, MD 20716
Contact: 301-249-7200 | TTY: 301-699-2544

Craft & Create: Jewelry Basics

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 11 a.m.
Description: It is time to let your creative-self shine in 2020. Join us in learning about basic jewelry tools and materials. Participants will learn how to make earrings, bracelets, and necklaces and take their creations home. No experience required. Materials provided.
Cost: Free
Ages: Adults
Location: PGCMLS Upper Marlboro Branch Library
14730 Main St., Upper Marlboro MD 20772
Contact: 301-627-9330

Prince George's County NAACP Youth and College Social Kick OFF

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Description: MLK Day of Service. Special Guest: NFL Tight End Kyle Carter. Autographed footballs and other merch giveaways.
Location: 9201 Basil Court, Suite 115, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Heroes of the Underground presented by PGCC

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 2–4 p.m.
Description: *Heroes of the Underground Railroad* is an inspiring exploration of the lives and work of notable Abolitionists and slaves from America's Underground Railroad.
Cost: \$14.75 (includes \$4.75 service charge)
Location: Proscenium Theater, Center for Performing Arts, Prince George's Community College
301 Largo Rd, Largo, MD 20774
Contact: 301-546-7422, <https://www.pgcc.edu/arts/events/>

Step Afrika!

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 22 and Friday, January 24, 2020, 11–12 p.m.
Description: Feel the powerful movement of Step Afrika! Enjoy an hour-long interactive program that blends the percussive dance style of stepping practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities. Infused with songs, storytelling, and humor, this show is sure to get audiences on their feet!
Cost: \$10, purchase at Parks Direct! or call 301-277-1710
Ages: 60 and better
Location: Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD 20784
Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2554

Career Kickstart: Mapping the Job Search

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 6 p.m.
Description: Looking to make a career transition? Learn how to create an active job search that will produce viable job opportunities. Presented in partnership with Employ Prince George's.
Cost: Free
Ages: Adults
Location: PGCMLS Oxon Hill Branch Library
6200 Oxon Hill Rd., Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Contact: 301-839-2400

Xtreme Teens: Annual Black & White Party

Date and Time: Friday, January 24, 2020, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.
Description: Come dressed to impress in your formal attire, share great memories, and dance the night away. Permission slip required to attend!
Cost: \$3 with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Rollingcrest / Chillum Community Center
6120 Sargent Road, Chillum, MD 20782
Contact: 301-354-2808; TTY 301-445-4512

Teens on The Go: So Others Might Eat in DC (Service Learning Hours)

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25, 2020, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Description: SOME is a community-based service organization to help and support residents experiencing homelessness and poverty. This volunteer service will consist of delivering services in the dining rooms. Light refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Bus will leave at 9 a.m. and will return at 3 p.m.
Cost: FREE *Bring money to eat lunch*
Ages: 10–17
Location: Langley Park Community Center
1500 Merrimac Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20783
Contact: 301-445-4508; TTY 301-699-2544

2020 Suburban Maryland Spring Home Show

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25, 2020, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sunday, January 26, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Description: At the Home Show, the goal is simple: to inspire, motivate and excite you for your upcoming home improvement—whether it is a minor renovation or a major remodel. This event features a wide selection of home improvement professionals in a fun, interactive environment.
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: The Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Ave., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Contact: 301-952-7900

Paint Branch Creek in Concert

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25, 2020, 8–9:30 p.m.
Description: Paint Branch Creek presents an evening of original songs that reflect on where we've been, question where we're going, and linger on old memories.
Cost: \$10 Early Bird, \$12 in advance, \$15 at door, \$10 students & seniors, \$8 child 12 & under
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD, 20712
Contact: 301-699-1819



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B&O Railroad Museum Announces Exhibit Featuring Rarely Seen Railroad Signs From Around the World

By DANA GOLDSTEIN
B&O Railroad Museum

BALTIMORE, Md. (Jan. 3, 2020) The B&O Railroad Museum unveils a new exhibit, *Lines of Sight: Railroad Signs and Signals*—an artful display of historic railroad signs and signals from across the ages and world.

This unique temporary exhibit showcases a vast global collection of antique railroad signs from North America, Far East, U.K., Australia, Nigeria and even former USSR! “This is a real treat for rail enthusiasts, art lovers, historians, and the general public,” said Kris Hoellen, Executive Director of the Museum, “it’s a remarkable collection that has not previously been displayed and has something for everyone—it’s simply cool.” Chief Curator Jonathan Goldman explains

that “since the story of the B&O Railroad traces nearly 200 years of American history, these signs and signals provide a window into the two-century long legacy of visual communication in the American rail industry.”

There’s a fun interactive element with a mini stage and tablet screen welcoming visitors of all ages to be the conductor and learn how to use flag signals for trains in front of a mural of the Harper’s Ferry tunnel. Additionally, guests will glean an understanding of the complexity of railroad signals that were and are used to keep rail traffic flowing safely.

Keep the little conductor excitement going with free kid-friendly activity books to take home (available inside the exhibit area).

The *Lines of Sight* exhibit is included with admission and available through March 15, 2020. For more information about the exhibit

or the B&O Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit www.borail.org.

The B&O Railroad Museum™, a full affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most comprehensive collection of railroad artifacts in the Western Hemisphere including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American Railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. Call 410-752-2490 or visit www.borail.org.

Chimpanzee Born at the Maryland Zoo—It’s a Girl!

By CLAIRE AUBEL
The Maryland Zoo

BALTIMORE, Md. (Jan 7, 2020)—The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is thrilled to announce the birth of a female chimpanzee, born on Sunday, December 29, 2019, to 24-year-old chimpanzee Raven.

The Zoo’s animal care staff had been providing routine prenatal care, keeping a close eye on the pregnant female, and the birth appeared to go smoothly. Raven and the baby have spent their first week together bonding in a quiet off-exhibit area.

“The baby is gripping well and is very vocal,” said Erin Cantwell, mammal collection and conservation manager. “Similar to many new moms, Raven needs a lot of support and encouragement. She’s a first-time mom, and we are using behavior training to guide her on how to carry and nurse the baby properly.”

Chimpanzee gestation is approximately 8 months long. Prenatal care begins once staff get a positive pregnancy test. The veterinary and animal care teams also performed routine ultrasounds on Raven to make sure the baby was growing appropriately.

The tiny new addition looks like a miniature version of her mom, with fluffy black hair covering most of her body. She spends nearly all of her time cradled in Raven’s arms. Chimp babies usually weigh 2–3 pounds at birth. Raven is the second chimpanzee to give birth at the Zoo recently. In July 2019, the Zoo welcomed baby Lola. At

6-months-old, she still spends the majority of her time close to her mom, Bunny. The care team hopes that Raven will gain comfort and confidence in her mothering skills by spending time with Bunny and Lola.

“These two babies are essential for the long term genetic health of the chimpanzee population in human care, as reproduction in AZA-accredited zoos has been slow the last several years,” said Cantwell. “They will also provide excellent baby rearing experience for not only Bunny and Raven, but for all of the chimps in our troop. It is very important for all the troop members to be around young babies so that they learn how to properly interact with them. Our guests will get the joy of watching two young chimps grow up and explore their new world together.”

Developmental milestones are similar to those for human babies. The care team will monitor the baby for important successes, such as the ability to hold her head up on her own, for her to use her fingers and toes to grasp things, learning vocalizations and facial expressions, and teething.

Since Raven is a first-time mother, the Animal Care team has placed her with a smaller group of chimps, including Bunny and her baby, Lola. This arrangement allows Raven to focus on caring for her baby, and not have to worry about the complex social dynamics of chimp society.

Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) are classified as endangered on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature’s



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY THE MARYLAND ZOO (IUCN) Red List. One of the greatest threats to the wild chimpanzees is loss of habitat, the African forest, from commercial logging, agriculture and fires. Poaching and disease also put the wild population at risk.

The birth is the result of a recommendation from the Chimpanzee Species Survival Plan (SSP) of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). SSPs provide breeding recommendations to maximize genetic diversity, with the goal of ensuring the long-term survival of the population and the health of individual animals.

There are currently 14 chimpanzees in The Maryland Zoo’s troop including the newborn. While most of the troop can be seen daily in the Chimpanzee Forest, Raven and her baby will remain behind the scenes for a short period of time to allow them to continue to strengthen their bond.

For updates, visit www.marylandzoo.org and www.facebook.com/marylandzoo.

Earth TALK™ Perovskite Solar: Bring on the Future

Dear EarthTalk:

What is perovskite-based solar all about, and how does it differ from silicon-based solar?

—Mary W., Baltimore, MD

No doubt, solar power has been growing rapidly, with a 28-fold increase since 2009. This expansion has been driven mainly by a massive reduction in the cost per kilowatt of solar-generated electricity. In many regions, it’s more economical to set up solar arrays than it is to create a new coal or natural gas plant. But how much further can we really take solar given that we’re already maxing out the efficiency of our panels and many regions of the world are still too dark to take advantage of them accordingly?

One answer might be perovskites. This

calcium titanium oxide crystal found in the Earth’s mantle can be used instead of silicon as a semiconductor driving the capture and transmission of energy from solar rays to electricity. There are many different types of perovskites, but they all share the same general molecular structure. Recently, materials scientists have been working on ways to harness their unique electrical and photovoltaic properties to boost the efficiency of solar collection. They see this as an imperative, given that our current crop of silicon-based panels top out at only 20 percent efficiency in ideal conditions, and that’s after decades of research and development to optimize them.

In 2009 when research in perovskite-based solar was just beginning, panels made with the crystal showed efficiencies of around four percent. By 2018, researchers boosted this number to 24 percent. No other type of solar technology has seen an efficiency jump of this magnitude in such a short amount of time.

Several other properties add to the appeal of perovskite-based solar cells. They are relatively easy and cheap to produce, and are suitable for use in applications that silicon-based panels aren’t. Perhaps most important, they can generate electricity using wavelengths of light that most of our current commercially available panels can’t harness. Researchers envision a future where perovskite panels are actually fused into a layer on top of traditional silicon panels. In this tandem application,

perovskite panels would capture part of the incoming light while the rest shines through for the silicon panels below.

Despite the promise of perovskites, there are still many hurdles to overcome before they can become a viable large-scale option. One is lifespan: Silicon-based panels last between 25 and 30 years, while perovskite versions created in the lab only last a year at most. Another issue is scalability. The high efficiencies in perovskite cells that scientists have observed have only been achieved on very small (“postage stamp” sized) panels. On larger perovskite panels, the efficiencies have been much lower. The final big obstacle for perovskite researchers to overcome is toxicity. At the moment, high-efficiency perovskite cells can only be made using relatively toxic compounds, such as lead. While less toxic versions exist, they are also less efficient.

Daunting though these challenges may be, many bright minds are working to solve them. While solar power’s future is by no means certain, it is looking increasingly like this powerful little crystal will play a major role in bringing sun-derived energy into the mainstream market.

CONTACTS: Worldwide Renewable Energy Forecast 2019, fi-powerweb.com/Renewable-Energy.html; Rise in Perovskite Research 2011-2015, bit.ly/perovskite-research.

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Researchers at the University of Oxford in the UK are experimenting with perovskites as the semiconductor in these small tin solar cells that could someday be on your rooftop supplying your home with free electricity.

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The male and female winner will be announced during the CIAA Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina, and presented with the prestigious Senior CLASS Award trophy at the championship games on Saturday, February 29.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Lowe's CIAA Senior CLASS Award recognizes the CIAA's top senior men's and women's basketball student-athletes. In addition to the core requirement that a candidate be an NCAA Division II CIAA senior in men's or women's basketball, the award winners are selected based on personal qualities that define a complete student-athlete. These areas of excellence are defined by the four Cs: community, classroom, character and competition. Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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Founded in 1912, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) is the first African American athletic conference and one of the most recognized conferences in Division II. The CIAA conducts 14 championships attended by more than 150,000 fans from around the country. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, the CIAA is governed by the Presidents and Chancellors of its 12 member-institutions: Bowie State University, Claflin University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Johnson C. Smith University, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, Livingstone College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, and Winston-Salem State University. Chowan University is an associate member for football and bowling. For more information on the CIAA Basketball Tournament, visit CIAATournament.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

CASA Launches from A3

NAKASEC: A community-based AAPI organization that believes in empowering people from the bottom up. They engage in building activities, campaigns and events. For more information, go to <https://nakasec.org/>

Voces de la Frontera: A membership-led organization led by low wage workers, immigrants, and youth. For more information, go to <https://vdlf.org/>.

With over 100,000 members across the states of Maryland, Virginia, and South-Central Pennsylvania, CASA is the largest member-based Latino and immigrant organization in the mid-Atlantic region. CASA organizes with and litigates on behalf of low-wage immigrants. More information about CASA can be found at www.wearecasa.org and on Twitter at @CASAforall.

Fannie Lou Hamer Story from A6

Performing Arts, Proscenium Theatre located at 301 Largo Rd., Largo, MD, January 25 at 3 p.m.

The performance consists of riveting storytelling, eleven emotionally stirring songs from the Civil Rights Era, and a horrific video lynching montage. Aimbaye is celebrating an unsung hero who became a catalyst for the passage of the Voter's Rights Act of 1965. The play is an entertaining educationally-focused production that addresses the struggle for human dignity and freedom.

Aimbaye created the play after watching a television interview with Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, the Mother of Voter Registration for Black Americans which impacts ALL AMERICANS. Aimbaye said she was struck by the realization of Hamer's incredible story and mesmerized by her kindness and forgiveness. Hamer's truthful account of voter registration suppression and brutal jail-house beatings moved Aimbaye to conceive the powerful one-woman stage play, "The Fannie Lou Hamer Story."

Ms. Aimbaye has the power of a warrior when she speaks and the voice of an angel when she sings evoking emotions with tears of joy and pain as well as sorrow and laughter certain to spontaneously lift you out of your seats to your feet in a thunderous applause. A critic once wrote, "When Ms. Mzuri sings God smiles and angels flap their wings." It is said, "Aimbaye embodies the heart, passion, and activism of Mahalia Jackson and Aretha Franklin combined with the Spirit and Determination of Fannie Lou Hamer. Her voice is an incredible force of dynamic power rarely encountered creating a grassroots tidal wave of voter registration and participation to raise awareness of the history of Blacks access to Fair Representation through the Voting Power of One Vote. Audiences will feel the courageous spirit and determination of Mrs. Hamer's emotional twists and turns in her triumphant quest for human dignity and freedom.

Aimbaye travels the country with her signature performance in theaters, churches, high schools, colleges, universities, and civic organizations. The show has become a captivating backdrop for voter registration wherever it is performed, leaving audiences inspired and spellbound.

Healing Through the Sound of Music was conceived in 2009 by Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye AKA Lorraine T. Pope adopted the Swahili name Mzuri (beautiful) Moyo (Heart) Aimbaye (who sings). Therefore, Healing Through the Sound of Music is dedicated to creating enlightening educational entertaining performances that HEAL, INSPIRE and RAISE HISTORICAL AWARENESS for viewing audiences of all ages. For more information, please visit: <https://www.thefannielouhamerstory.com/>

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