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Maryland's Public Libraries Launch "Guide to Indigenous Maryland"

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LARGO, Md. (June 7, 2022)—Maryland's public libraries, under the auspices of the Maryland State Library Agency (MSLA) and Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), announce the beta launch of the Guide to Indigenous Maryland mobile app (iOS and Android) and website (IndigenousMD.info). This new, free educational resource provides an engaging entry point for Marylanders of all ages to learn about the history of local Native and Indigenous peoples. The Guide leads users on a tour of 21 curated sites throughout Maryland that reflect how Native American and Indigenous heritage is an integral part of local history and contemporary life. Sites range from the Bald Friar Ford Petroglyphs in Harford County and Piscataway Park in Prince George's County to the Askiminokonsan Indian Town in Worcester County. Tribal communities represented include the Piscataway, Pocomoke, Moyaone, Nanticoke, Chicone, and more.

Developed between November 2021 and June 2022, Guide to Indigenous Maryland is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Maryland State Library Agency, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, and Maryland's community of public library systems. The Guide was curated by Dr. Elizabeth Rule, Assistant Professor, American University. Dr. Rule is a member of the Chickasaw Nation and is renowned nationally as a leading proponent of engaging the general public with the Native and Indigenous heritage of local communities. She previously developed and launched a Guide to Indigenous DC and Guide to Indigenous Baltimore.

The sites currently featured in the Guide are drawn from over 125 sites that were submitted to the project curator and task force through an open public call for crowdsourced submissions. Sites recommended by representatives of local tribal organizations were prioritized in the curatorial process and the Guide samples

historical sites and markers, culturally significant natural landmarks, artistic works that honor local Native American and Indigenous Heritage and more. The Guide does not aim to provide a comprehensive overview of local sites, but rather a sampling to encourage further exploration.

"Maryland's libraries were honored to support and facilitate the development of this engaging new resource, which will inspire Marylanders to deepen their understanding of and respect for the Native American and Indigenous peoples whose lands we inhabit," said Roberta Phillips, CEO of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. "As a community, we need projects like Guide to Indigenous Maryland to help correct the erasure of local Indigenous culture that has occurred since European settlers arrived in the Mid-Atlantic region."

The project task force includes representatives from Maryland's 24 public library systems, tribal nations, statewide cultural heritage organizations, and Maryland State Archives. Troi Madison Newman, a Black and Indigenous artist and en-

rolled citizen of the Piscataway Nation, is the Guide to Indigenous Maryland project artist. Her design for the Guide, which features a terrapin, colors that reflect local tribal heritage, and Maryland's state flag, "embodies a minimalist concept with Maryland influence and the various indigenous communities" who call these lands home. Community members are invited to utilize the Guide and share feedback at IndigenousMD.info. This feedback will help guide enhancements to the Guide over the coming months.

The public is invited to attend a special statewide virtual event to celebrate the launch of Guide to Indigenous Maryland, "Examining and Interpreting Native American and Indigenous Heritage," on **Monday, June 20** at 7 p.m. Part of the Maryland Libraries Together series, Dr. Elizabeth Rule moderates a panel of historians, scholars, and nationally-recognized Native American and Indigenous leaders who will discuss approaches to respectfully engaging with history in order to promote greater awareness of Native and Indigenous heritage in the United States. Guests include Kyle T. Mays, PhD (Assistant Professor, University of

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Dr. Elizabeth Rule



Troi Madison Newman

County Council Adopts Legislation Recognizing Black Restaurant Week in Prince George's County

Black Restaurant Week June 19–25 to Coincide with Juneteenth Holiday

By ANGELA J. ROUSON
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Council Media

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, unanimously adopted CR-077-2022, legislation recognizing the Sunday through Saturday period that includes the County's Juneteenth celebration, as Prince George's County Black Restaurant Week.

Offered as an opportunity to leverage the economic power of all communities, of all races and backgrounds, to support

African American owned restaurants, Black Restaurant Week will begin on Sunday, June 19, running until Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Prince George's County Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II, says Black Restaurant week is a wonderful opportunity to support Black-owned culinary businesses in Prince George's County, following a very challenging time.

"The County's restaurant industry is beginning to show some signs of recovery following two very difficult years, and it is important to keep the mo-

mentum going so they are able to thrive post-pandemic. Black Restaurant Week, beginning with the commemoration of Juneteenth, is a great time to support a Black-owned culinary businesses and bolster our local economy."

Council Member At-Large Mel Franklin, sponsor of the legislation, encourages residents to support at least one Black-owned restaurant during Prince George's County Black Restaurant Week.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has hit Black-owned restaurants in Prince George's County par-

ticularly hard. These businesses serve as cornerstones for our local economy and hire a substantial number of residents while recirculating their dollars in our County. In short, when they thrive, we thrive. It is most fitting that the week of Juneteenth, the holiday commemorating the end of slavery in America, would coincide with Prince George's County Black Restaurant Week. Economic empowerment through collective action is critical to uplifting our communities and creating more equity and opportunity in our County."

Landmark Bills Increase State Funding for Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture

Expanding Banneker-Douglass Museum Operations & African American Preservation Grant

By PRESS OFFICER
MCAAHC

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 7, 2022)—On May 16, 2022, Governor Larry Hogan signed bills HB1048 and HB1088 into law, which both provide historical increases in funding for the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC).

MCAAHC Chair, Rev. Tamara E. Wilson, D.Min. said, "As the Chair of this historic commission, I am truly honored to be at the helm of this major accomplishment. This funding increase marks the beginning of a new day in African American heritage preservation in Maryland and we intend to protect and preserve our history for generations to come."

Integral in the passing of these bills was support from state officials, to include Speaker of the House of Delegates Adrienne Jones, Senator Cory McCray, Delegate Shaneka Henson, Delegate Benjamin Brooks, Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes, Delegate Darryl Barnes, and the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland.

Key advancements established by HB1048, known as the Senator Verda Welcome Act (named for Senator Verda Freeman Welcome who introduced state legislature establishing the commission in 1969), are:

- Each fiscal year, an appropriation of \$1.6 million for the Commission and its operation of the Banneker-Douglass Museum must be included in the annual budget—an increase of approximately \$900,000 an-

nually (beginning in FY 2024).

- MCAAHC will be an independent agency in the Executive Branch of State government, no longer a part of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives.

This increase in state funding for the Banneker-Douglass Museum supports much needed initiatives such as overdue capital repairs, expanded educational and outreach programs for underserved communities, and hiring additional staff to adequately support museum operations.

"African American heritage sites throughout Maryland and our state's museum now have greater resources to grow, expand, and

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National Harbor to Hold Juneteenth Freedom Celebration

Enjoy live music, dance, art, poetry and more!

By PRESS OFFICER
National Harbor

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md., (June 7, 2022)—National Harbor will hold a Juneteenth Freedom Celebration on **June 19** from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Plaza stage (150 National Plaza) with performances from the Prince George's County Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate, local dancers, live music, artists and more. The property is partnering with the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council for a day of education, reflection and celebration.

SOLE Defined, the Washington region's leading arts organization specializing in percussive dance will perform. In addition to using the body as an instrument to create musical expression, performers advance styles such as tap, stepping, sand dance and gumboot. DuPont Brass Band, a unique, soulful 9-piece ensemble from the D.C. area

consists of brass, a rhythm section and vocalists. The group was originally comprised of five music majors from Howard University who gained popularity playing at local Metro stations including DuPont Circle. More recently, the group has performed at the D.C. Jazz Festival and the Kennedy Center.

Food truck Mardi Gras Tyme will add to the festivities and offer a variety of southern cuisine samples. These food trucks complement the dozens of great restaurants in National Harbor's Waterfront District.

In addition, Mahogany Books at National Harbor (121 American Way,) will host multiple book signings on **Saturday, January 18** from 1 to 7 p.m. with signings by Dr. Tera, CNN Correspondent A. Ryan, and T. Seals.

For more information, visit www.NationalHarbor.com/events/juneteenth-freedom-day-celebration/.

City of Bowie Juneteenth Holiday Celebrations

By PRESS OFFICER
City of Bowie

(June 13, 2022)—The City of Bowie is excited to announce a weekend-long list of events in celebration of the upcoming Juneteenth holiday.

This year marks the first time the City of Bowie will host events to honor the new Juneteenth holiday, which celebrates the date in 1865 when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take con-

trol of the state and ensure that all 250,000 enslaved people were freed. The arrival of federal troops came 2 ½ years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation that was intended to end slavery in the United States.

To kick things off, the City will host a free "Hidden Figures" movie night on **Friday, June 17** at dusk at Allen Pond Park (3330

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In & Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Ruth Runyan, 44 years at the Census Bureau, survived La Plata tornado

Ruth Ann Runyan, of La Plata and formerly of Camp Springs, died June 4 at home with family by her side. She was 81.

She was born in Louisville, Ky., daughter of Cal and Blandina Schoenbachler, graduated from Assumption HS and received dual BAs in Mathematics and Philosophy from Nazareth College.

Ruth went to work at the Census Bureau in Suitland as a survey statistician/economist and retired after 44 years as Assistant Division Chief of the Economic Census and Surveys Division. It was at Census she met Bob Runyan. They wed February 19, 1966, at Mount Calvary Church in Forestville. They lived in Suitland and Camp Springs before moving to La Plata.

During her Camp Springs years, Ruth was active at St. Philip's where she coordinated and prepared meals for church functions, including crab feasts. She was a lector, Eucharistic minister and member of the choir (with me). She had a beautiful alto/tenor voice. After moving south to La Plata, she was likewise involved at Sacred Heart Church.

Among her extensive list of memberships and volunteering were Catholic Charities, Charles County Hospice and Restorers of Mount Carmel in Maryland. She sang with a barbershop quartet and was a member of the Chesapeake Choral Arts Society. She played the piano, organ, and accordion.

She played volleyball and coed softball and enjoyed driving little sports cars including her original Triumph Spitfire, Mazda RX7s, and Miata.

Ruth loved hosting gatherings for family and friends including Thanksgiving and Easter celebrations and Kentucky Derby parties where her mint juleps often overshadowed the race!

Survivors include her husband Bob; brother Carl Schoenbachler; three children, Maria Parkhurst, Jama Hare and Mitchell Runyan; grand- and great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass was at Sacred Heart Church with Repast in Friendship Hall.

Ruth was a survivor of the 911 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and of the F4 tornado in La Plata, April 28, 2002.

Town of Morningside

The Town is hosting the Mad Hatter's Celebration of Parents Dinner on Friday, June 17 at 6 p.m., in honor of Mother's Day

(May 8) and Father's Day (June 19). An Italian-style meal will be served. Reservations and prepayment should have been made by June 15, but maybe they can still find a chair at the table for you. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the Town Hall. Info, 301-736-2300.

Morningside's monthly Town Meeting will be June 21, 7 p.m.

Neighbors & other good people

Jennifer Rae Bailey, 37, of District Heights, a 2003 graduate of Bishop McNamara HS and Lynn University, Boca Raton, Fla., died May 31. She will be remembered as a "world citizen" for her many different interests.

Fred White's Watch Shop feels like a shop from 50 years ago, with every piece of clockwork need in dozens of drawers. I took several watches to him for batteries and appreciated meeting him. The shop is in an office building at 7801 Branch Avenue. He's not always there, so call ahead at 301-868-7264.

Last week I wrote about the National Spelling Bee at National Harbor. Longtime Morningsider Sue Frederick emailed her experience: "In 1968, the Scripps Spelling Bee was held at the DAR Hall. I remember, I was competing for Francis Scott Key Junior High. Of course, I was eliminated by my first word, perversity. Never heard of the word. Today's words are so much more obscure." And she's so right!

Were you ever in a Spelling Bee? What word flunked you? Or did you win?

Crossland Reunion

"Calling Crossland Cavaliers class of '71, spouses and friends: Last year in Annapolis was a blast..." After consideration and feedback, they have chosen the Herrington Inn Resort and Marina, on the west side of the Chesapeake. The dates, Sept. 14-16, 2022. "A possible campfire on the beach or boat party Wednesday 9/14. Thursday a beautiful day either on the golf course (Chesapeake Hills in Lusby) or your choice of fun activities in North Beach, Chesapeake Beach or Solomon's Island. Thursday night, a buffet dinner in a tented pavilion on the Inlet at Herrington resort or a Deck Party Buffet at a nearby seafood restaurant. Friday, we can meet up for breakfast at a diner in Chesapeake Beach." Email Douglas.Silvern@sheppardpratt.org or Phone 240-772-0732.

Changing landscape

Maryland lawmakers unanimously passed legislation to change the name of Indian Head Highway to Piscataway Highway. But now it appears to be cancelled. Too expensive, too complicated, and not even agreed upon by some of the Piscataway Conoy Council. The State will instead erect several large signs along the route, bearing the additional name, Piscataway Highway.

Marva Nelson, of Camp Springs, wrote in Nextdoor Morningside, "The grass on the median strip of Allentown Road is ridiculously high.... The grass and medians on Branch Avenue...same thing... everything is overgrown and trash everywhere...." It's time for Prince George's to get out the mowers!

A home at 4609 John Street, in Skyline, recently sold for \$355,000.

Looking for a cat?

The Prince George's Animal Control has one for you. If you adopt on a Friday, May thru October, it will only cost \$5! Also, each adoption includes spay/neuter, current and age-appropriate vaccinations and microchip.

For information: www.princegeorgespets4us.com.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Bill Kimbles, June 18; Stephanie Phipps, June 19; Christian Nichols, June 20; my grandson Conor McHale, Aletheia Fadness, Mark Witherow Sr. and Antonio Jackson, June 21; Gary Fadness, June 22; Edson Cook, June 23; and Gloria R. Johnson, June 24.

Happy anniversary to Steve and Cornelia Blankenship, their 17th on June 18; Calvin and Debbie Brown, their 29th on June 20; Tim and Becki Cordero, their 21st on June 23; and Mary and Mike Dawes, their 49th on June 23.

Happy anniversary to my parents, Rose Marie Krummack and Dr. Richard Dyer Mudd who were married at St. Mary's Church in Ravenna, Nebraska, on June 20, 1928. Mom died in 1998, one day after their 70th anniversary; Dad died in 2002. In Heaven, I'm sure they celebrated their 114th anniversary..

Happy Father's Day to fathers everywhere!

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

BSU OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Bowie State University Office of Alumni Engagement Live at 5 June 1, 2022, celebrated one of BSU's newest alumna Entrepreneur, Kay Bee Kandles and heard all about this new alumna's business venture. Kalena Blackman, BSU '22 master's in counseling psychology KayBee Kandles.

Join the Virtual BSU Alumni Community. Follow the virtual conversation on all social media platforms. Facebook: @BSUOAE, Twitter: @BSUALUMNIOFFICE, Instagram: @Bowiealum.

NOTTINGHAM MYERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mental Health and Self Care have been a primary focus for us this year. We are providing the tools needed to take care of yourself so you can be a blessing to others.

We are praising our way to 155 years and expanding our connection and service to the community. We ask that you continue to pray with and share the posts with your family and friends to show support for our effort to grow our presence in the community. God Bless.

BULLDOG 11TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Join the Bowie State University Department of Athletics for the 11th Annual Bulldog Golf Classic. Save the date Tuesday, October 11, 2022. The Country Club at Woodmore. Shotgun Start at 8:30 a.m.

Registration fees through September 1, 2022: Per Foursome: \$650, Per Golfer: \$175, Golf Clinic: \$100. Golf Classic includes eighteen holes, greens fee and golf cart; breakfast and lunch during tournament; complimentary beverages, gift bags, prizes and much more. The Bulldog Golf Classic is a SOLD-OUT event year after year. Don't delay in securing your spot. Register today. Sponsorship opportunities.

Support Student-Athletes and win. As an auxiliary to the university, the BSU Department of Athletics is responsible for all program fundraising, and with the cancellation of the 2020-2021 athletic season due to the pandemic it created a loss of revenue for athletics.

The Department of Athletics was excited to welcome back Bulldogs for the 2021-2022 season. Proceeds from the Bulldog Golf Classic will continue to support our award-winning sports programs and the Department's goal of establishing an ongoing student scholarship program. The university is also planning to introduce its first-ever-co-ed golf program.

If you are unable to participate or sponsor the tournament this year, you can still make a donation to support student-athletes at Bowie State University. Donate today. For more information, visit the website: bowiestate.edu/bulldogclassic.

2022 MINORITY WATCH LIST RISING STARS

Trio of Bowie State Coaches named to FootballScoop's 2022 Minority List and Rising Stars. Bowie State's interim head football coach Kyle Jackson, offensive coordinator Tyrae Reid and defensive pass game coordinator and safeties coach Rod White, Jr. were all named as rising stars on the FootballScoop's 2022 Minority Watch List Announced on May 27.

The list was formed in conjunction with NFL coaches, scouts, college coaches, journalists, college administrators, and staff members from Football Scoop. Jackson and Reid were among 250 total football coaches and personnel who gained a selection in 2022 Minority Watch List/Rising Star Honorable Mention.

THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS

FY 2023 Budget adoption special moment for three council members. District 3 Council Member Dannielle Glaros, District 2 Council Member Deni Taveras, and District 4 Council Member Todd M. Turner approved their eighth and final County Budget on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Following Wednesday's FY 2023 Budget Adoption, Council Members applauded the service, expertise of their colleagues who are serving the final year of their second terms on the Council. Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II remarked. "This is their last budget adoption as a member of this County Council, but we will benefit from their contributions far into the future and for generations to come." Information received from e-mail to me from Prince George's Council Media.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Meet Paige Blake: the first student to serve on the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. "One thing I like to do when I'm serving on boards or in positions like this is I like to think about how what I say and do helps support students not only now in the present but in the future," Paige Blake.

THE NEWSLETTER

On the 26th of June at 3 p.m. Christ Church in Aquasco, Maryland, we will celebrate ALL who have gone before us during the Remember Me Day celebration. The church has been gathering sentimental photographs, each one telling a unique story of a loved one that has gone on to glory. The church has been collecting these pictures as part of the Remember Me Campaign. Members of the church were asked to submit a donation and a photograph of a departed family member for inclusion in a pictorial display in the sanctuary. The guest speaker will be Rev. Denise Norfleet Walker of St. Paul Praise and Worship Center. Nottingham Myers and Christ United Methodist Churches Cooperative Parish June Newsletter.

Around the County

In the Life: An LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration

RIVERDALE, Md. (June 10, 2021)—To commemorate Pride Month, The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, part of the M-NCPPC, is proud to present its annual event—In the Life: An LGBTQ+ Celebration.

The event will be a day focused on celebrating and highlighting Prince George's County LGBTQ+ community and allies. In the Life will showcase the LGBTQ+ DMV Ballroom scene and all its contributions to mainstream entertainment and fashion. The event will consist of 4 workshops dedicated to teaching registered participant skills from that particular ballroom category. The categories are Vogue, Female Figure Runway, Male Runway, and Choreography in heels. Workshops will support building confidence, stage presence, and allyship. The Evening conclude with a mini-ball for participants to showcase what they have learned. Winners will receive trophies and prizes.

The Department's Assistant Director for Prince George's Plaza Community Center, Tristan Colding, is spearheading the event. He stated, "During Pride Month, we recognize the willpower and resilience of those in our community who are fighting to live genuinely and freely." He continued, "The Department continues its commitment to support inclusivity of all people, and looks forward to celebrating pride month for years to come."

In The Life: A LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration Ballroom Workshop will take place on **Friday, June 24, 2022**, at the Kentland Community Center, 2413 Pinebrook Ave, Landover, MD 20785. This event is free of charge and open to all ages. For more information, visit <https://pgparks.com/calendar.aspx?EID=19844>.

Fairwood Community Park Performance Series and Music Festival

RIVERDALE, Md. (June 9, 2022)—The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, part of the M-NCPPC, is proud to announce the return of its Fairwood Community Park Performance Series and Music Festival. After a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Fairwood Community Park Performance Series and Music Festival is back—with live and in-person performances.

This year's performances—with R&B, jazz, pop, funk music and Shakespeare—will be a revival of the celebration of culture and community. They will feature outstanding performances from musicians, actors, and groups from Prince George's County and beyond. The 2022 lineup includes:

Sunday, July 10, 3 p.m.

Shakespeare in the Parks presents MacBeth. This version is inspired by the novel-turned-movie Gangs of New York.

Sunday, July 17, 4-6 p.m.

N2N Band: Old and new school R&B, soul, Motown, and contemporary pop.

Sunday, August 14, 4-6 p.m.

Brencore Allstars Band: Taking you back to the music of the rock, funk, soul superstars of yesteryear.

Sunday, August 28, 1-6 p.m. The Fairwood Music Festival

- Elyscia: Fresh. Urban. Now. This young 2021 American Idol finalist will bring down the house!
- The Exclusives: A top cover band playing a variety of music from the 60s to today.
- Kevin Jackson: Smooth jazz guitarist/composer plays selections from his chart-topping release Elevation and more.
- DC Fusion: One of the region's most in-demand party bands playing R&B, soul, go-go and more.

Performances are FREE and suitable for all ages. For more information, visit <https://arts.pgparks.com/2857/Fairwood-Community-Park-Summer-Performan>.

Eric Weaver Graduates From Goshen College

GOSHEN, Ind. (June 10, 2022)—Goshen College recently recognized 214 graduates as a part of the Class of 2022 during its commencement ceremony on May 1, 2022.

Eric Weaver, from Hyattsville, was one of the graduates and received a Bachelor's degree with an Interdisciplinary major.

This was the 124th Goshen College Commencement Ceremony and the first in-person ceremony with friends and family in two years.

Students Named to Dean's List at Hood College

FREDERICK, Md. (June 7, 2022)—The following students were named to the Dean's List at Hood College for the spring 2022 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes degree-seeking students who completed at least six semester hours of Hood work with at least a 3.5 semester GPA.

Andrews Air Force Base, MD: **Sofia Cunningham**, '25

Beltsville, MD: **Walissa Jaque**, '22

Bowie, MD: **Ryan Leonardi**, '23, **Bailey Meehan**, '22

Fort Washington, MD: **Talia Wade**, '22

Hyattsville, MD: **Ashley Arevalo**, '22, **Axel Barahona Perez**, '23,

Tramaine Turner, '22

Laurel, MD: **Riley Johnston-Napora**, '25

Students Graduate From Bucknell University

LEWISBURG, Pa. (June 3, 2022)—Bucknell University celebrated nearly 900 graduates from the Class of 2022, whose degrees will be conferred in June, on Sunday, May 22, 2022. The class represents 62 majors across Bucknell's three colleges (Arts & Sciences, Engineering and the Freeman College of Management). These students hail from 33 U.S. states and 25 nations. The list of graduates is below.

Bowie, MD: **Raven Truxson**, **Brandon Vessels**

Riverdale, MD: **Julissa Ortiz Ramos**

University Park, MD: **Serena Jones**

Also, Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Bowie, MD: **Joyce Chen**, 2024, International Relations, **Raquel Rowell**, 2023, Neuroscience, **Brandon Vessels**, 2022, Markets, Innovation & Design

Fort Washington, MD: **Camoni Mullins-Warren**, 2025, Undeclared Temple Hills, MD: **Endia Scales**, 2024, Education

Upper Marlboro, MD: **Chi Nnawuba**, 2024, Markets, Innovation & Design, **Caleb Wooten**, 2023, Education

COMMUNITY

Prince George's County Recognizes June as Flood Awareness Month

Offers flood awareness and prevention tips for residents and business owners

By LINDA LOWE
Department of the Environment

LARGO, Md. (June 6, 2022)—June is Flood Awareness Month and the Department of the Environment (DoE) wants to help County residents and business owners protect their homes, buildings, and personal belongings if flooding occurs.

June also marks the beginning of hurricane season and severe weather conditions can cause flooding, threaten lives, and damage property. County residents are encouraged to be flood ready, flood smart, and flood safe.

Floods are the nation's most common and costly natural disaster. Local and large-scale flooding can happen at any time and anywhere. Just six inches of moving water can knock a person down, and two feet of water can sweep a vehicle away. Knowing your risk, taking proper precautions, and developing a strategy is vital to reducing damage should flooding occur.

The best time to make a flood plan is now. Many flood management resources are available on the Department of Homeland Security website to help residents prepare. Community residents are also encouraged to work together and implement grassroots solutions such as adopting and cleaning a stream or stenciling storm drains with 'Do Not Dump' reminders to prevent and alleviate flooding.

Alert Prince George's is a text message notification service that advises subscribers in the event of significant flooding. In addition, DoE's offers flood prevention tips and information and a Flood Awareness poster that provides information on what causes flooding, how to prevent local flooding, and

how to protect homes and businesses in the case of a flood. Follow these safety tips when a flood watch or warning alert is issued for Prince George's County, and know what to do when encountering flooding:

- Avoid walking or driving through floodwaters.
- If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher ground.
- If floodwaters rise around your car, but the water is not moving, abandon the car and drive to higher ground. Do not leave the vehicle if you enter moving water.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

The Department of Homeland Security website also offers guidance on making a flood plan and information on flood insurance premiums, on which County residents can save up to 25 percent. For more information on insurance rates and tips, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Risks and Costs webpage.

The County also participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) Program. CRS stresses the importance of informing residents of flood hazards and reducing flood risks. DoE's 2020 Progress Report – Hazard Mitigation Plan, Status of Mitigation Actions to Address Flood Hazards details additional information on these efforts. This document also summarizes the County's progress on flood-related actions identified in the 2017 Prince George's County and City of Laurel Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Contact PGC311 or visit DoE's Flood Management web page for more information.

Bowie State's Myles Frost Wins the Tony Award

Marylander Makes History on Broadway

By DAVID LEE THOMPSON
Bowie State University

BOWIE, Md. (June 12, 2022)—Bowie State University's (BSU) Myles Frost has received Broadway's highest honor, a Tony Award, for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical starring as Michael Jackson in MJ: The Musical. Faculty, students, and administrators at the university are celebrating his history making accomplishment.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Myles Frost has won a Tony Award for his portrayal of music icon Michael Jackson in Broadway's MJ: The Musical," said Dr. Aminta Breaux, President of Bowie State

University. "Myles is the youngest HBCU student to win a Tony. I believe the best is yet to come," she said.

Frost is also the youngest actor to win a Tony Award solo in his category. He was a 22-year-old junior and budding music technology major at Bowie State before being selected in 2021 for the starring role on Broadway after the musical's producers saw a high school YouTube video of him performing Jackson's hit "Billie Jean".

"Words can't express how proud the entire Bowie State University family is to know that Myles has won a Tony Award," said Breaux. "He exemplifies excellence which is one the univer-

sity's core values, and he'll be a role model for other Bowie State students for generations. There seems to be no limits to his artistic talent, and BSU looks forward to supporting him throughout his career."

Bowie State University (BSU) is an important higher education access portal for qualified persons from diverse academic and socioeconomic backgrounds, seeking a high-quality and affordable public comprehensive university. The university places special emphasis on the science, technology, cybersecurity, teacher education, business, and nursing disciplines within the context of a liberal arts education. Visit bowiestate.edu

Duval High School Educator Named 2022 Christa McAuliffe Outstanding Teacher

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (June 13, 2022)—DuVal High School science teacher Dr. Terri Dove is the recipient of the 2022 Christa McAuliffe Outstanding Teacher Award from Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). Dr. Dove has been serving students as a science teacher for 10 years.

"Dr. Dove's ongoing dedication to lifelong learning and engaging students in science epitomizes the spirit

of this award," said Dr. Monica Goldson, Chief Executive Officer. "Her commitment to ensuring high achievement in science inspires and develops future scientists, engineers and mathematicians."

This is not the first time Dr. Dove has been recognized as an exceptional educator. The Maryland Association of Science Teachers (MAST) presented her with an Outstanding Educator Award in 2020 and she received a PGCPS Outstanding Educator Award in 2017.

As Professional Development

Lead Teacher (PDLT) at her school, she shares her wealth of knowledge with colleagues through weekly instructional strategy emails and provides one-on-one and small group training. She is both a presenter and an invited attendee at national conferences.

"One of Dr. Dove's most striking qualities is her passion and commitment to high student achievement in science," said principal Pamela

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ChildWatch:

Time to Act

"He went there and shot my teacher—and told my teacher good night and shot her in the head. And then he shot some of my classmates . . . I thought he was going to come back to the room, so I grabbed the blood and put it all over me."

This was from the devastating video testimony 11-year-old Uvalde, Texas fourth grader Miah Cerillo shared with Congress on June 8. Miah was describing how she witnessed her teacher and classmates being murdered at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde on May 24, and how she survived the mass shooting by smearing herself with blood from the friend who had been killed next to her and then staying very quiet. Once again, as a nation we have allowed our children's nightmares to become real. Will this be the time we finally act to protect children, not guns?

Miah was the youngest of a group of survivors, family members, and witnesses who testified at this week's Congressional hearing on the gun violence crisis to explain how gun violence has changed their

lives forever. Miah's pediatrician, Dr. Roy Guerrero, opened his own testimony by saying: "I was called here today as a witness. But I showed up because I am a doctor . . . I swore an oath. An oath to do no harm. After witnessing first hand the carnage in my hometown of Uvalde, to stay silent would have betrayed that oath. Inaction is harm. Passivity is harm. Delay is harm."

Dr. Guerrero explained that he attended Robb Elementary School as a child. He has been Miah's doctor since she was born, including when she survived liver surgery as an infant, and he was grateful to recognize her at Uvalde Memorial Hospital the day of the shooting and see she had survived. But he also attended to two of her murdered classmates, and he described how their bodies had been so badly destroyed by the assault weapon that killed them that the blood-spattered cartoon characters on the clothes they had been wearing when they left home that morning were the only visible clues left to the children's identities. Dr. Guerrero told the committee:

"I chose to be a pediatrician. I chose to take care of children. Keeping them safe from preventable diseases I can do. Keeping them safe from bacteria and brittle bones I can do. But making sure our children

are safe from guns, that's the job of our politicians and leaders. In this case, you are the doctors and our country is the patient. We are lying on the operating table, riddled with bullets like the children of Robb Elementary and so many other schools. We are bleeding out and you are not there. My oath as a doctor means that I signed up to save lives. I do my job. I guess it turns out that I am here to plead. To beg. To please, please do yours."

The House responded later the same day by passing the "Protecting Our Kids Act," a gun violence legislation package that includes raising the age to buy some automatic rifles from 18 to 21, establishing new federal offenses for gun trafficking and selling large-capacity magazines, incentivizing and regulating safe gun storage, and strengthening regulations on bump stocks and ghost guns. This package passed with bipartisan votes in the House, but is unlikely to be able to make any progress in the Senate. But there is still hope the Senate will make progress on some form of gun violence prevention in the days ahead. Any first step is a desperately needed step away from inaction and passivity and towards doing something to protect children instead of guns.

Uvalde fourth grader Lexi Rubio's parents Kimberly and Felix also appeared before Congress on June 8. Kimberly Rubio described how they last saw Lexi on the morning of the shooting when they attended the school's awards ceremony, where Lexi was recognized for earning all A's and winning the "Good Citizen" award. As Lexi headed back to class, they promised they would celebrate that night by going out for ice cream, told her they loved her, and told her they would pick her up after school. Instead,

less than a half hour later, the 18-year-old gunman armed with an AR-15-style rifle and hundreds of rounds of ammunition entered the school and headed for Lexi's classroom. Kimberly Rubio told the committee:

"We do not want you to think of Lexi as just a number. She was intelligent, compassionate, and athletic. She was quiet. Shy, unless she had a point to make. When she knew she was right, as she so often was, she stood her ground. She was firm, direct, voice unwavering. So, today, we stand for Lexi, and, as her voice, we demand action. We seek a ban on assault rifles and high-capacity magazines. We understand that for some reason, to some people, to people with money, to people who fund political campaigns, that guns are more important than children, so at this moment we ask for progress. We seek to raise the age to purchase these weapons from 18 to 21 years of age. We seek red flag laws, stronger background checks. We also want to repeal gun manufacturers' liability immunity. You have all seen glimpses of who Lexi was, but I also want to tell you a little about who she would have been. If given the opportunity, Lexi would have made a positive change in this world. She wanted to attend St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, on a softball scholarship. She wanted to major in math and go on to attend law school. That opportunity was taken from her. She was taken from us. . . ."

Lexi's mother concluded: "Somewhere out there, a mom is hearing our testimony and thinking to herself, 'I can't even imagine their pain,' not knowing that our reality will one day be hers—unless we act now."

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

National Urban League 21 Pillars Tour Focuses On Racism and Excessive Force Among Kansas City Police Department

"Governance of the KCPD is an atavistic vestige of slavery and Jim Crow that does not foster public confidence and trust. The stakeholders whose tax dollars fund the department lack the power to redress the KCPD's incompetence and deficiencies. Despite the abysmal clearance rate, the BOPC maintains the status quo. As a result, the community is disillusioned by its disenfranchisement and the department's incompetence. Victims of violent crime who lack confidence that the perpetrators will be brought to justice take matters into their own hands contributing to an escalating cycle of violence."

—Kansas City civil rights leaders to Attorney General Merrick Garland

In 2019, officers of the Kansas City Police Department investigating a traffic accident stormed into the backyard of Cameron Lamb's home and shot him dead as he was backing his truck into his garage. Those officers, never prosecuted, still are on the force.

In 2020, a KCPD officer shot Donnie Sanders in the back as he fled from a traffic stop. The officer, who was not wearing a body camera, and who falsely claimed Sanders had a gun, The KCPD was neither disciplined nor reprimanded.

Last year, Malcolm Johnson was shot execution-style in the head while face down on the ground with several police officers on his back. Officers allege that Johnson had a gun and shot an

officer in the leg, but video captured at the scene raises questions about their account.

The list of similar incidents is appallingly long. KCPD officers have used deadly force more often than 98% of similarly-sized departments, killing 36 people between 2012 and 2020. A Black person was more than four times as likely to be killed by police as a white person in Kansas City from 2013 to 2020. Does this staggering use of deadly force make the KCPD more effective? Far from it. The department has cleared or solved only two out of every 10 violent crimes and placed 495th out of 500 of the largest law enforcement agencies in the country. But the citizens of Kansas City, 30% of whom are Black, have little recourse because of a racist policy dating to the Jim Crow era that gives a state board control of the city's police force.

This week, the National Urban League took our 21 Pillars Tour - a nationwide initiative to promote our common-sense framework for safe and effective law enforcement - to Kansas City. Watch the event here: <https://nul.org/program/police-reform>. We heard heartbreaking stories from the survivors of KCPD racism and violence. We engaged in substantive discussions with members of the law enforcement community. And we reiterated our wholehearted support for the tireless activists and advocates who are working to bring about much-needed reforms, most notably Urban League of Kansas City President and CEO Gwen Grant.

Grant, who helped lead a successful effort to oust former KCPD Chief Rick Smith, is suing to

release the department from state control and has asked the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate the department's disturbing patterns of misconduct, discrimination, and violence against communities of color.

As Grant explained in a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland, "During the Civil War, Missouri never seceded, but it was mostly sympathetic to the Confederacy. St. Louis, however, was Union-leaning. Claiborne Jackson, Missouri's segregationist governor, didn't want St. Louis to control its own arsenal, so in 1861, he encouraged the state legislature to pass the 'Metropolitan Police Bill' that gave the state control of St. Louis's police department . . . one state representative called the bill 'an effort to disenfranchise and oppress the people of St. Louis because they were not sound on the Negro question.' One of Jackson's appointees to the first police board confirmed that it was 'adopted to enable our people to control St. Louis'"

In 1874, the state also seized control of the Kansas City force. The Missouri Supreme Court declared the Kansas City Board of Police unconstitutional in 1932, but another segregationist Governor, Lloyd Crow Stark, re-instituted the Board in 1939.

St. Louis took back control of its police force in 2013, leaving Kansas City the only city in Missouri, and the only major city in the United States, without local control of its own police department. For Kansas City, the Jim Crow era persists.

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reach new heights. We aim to make Black history and culture a greater central focus in Maryland; so that more residents and tourists can understand our state's history, community life, art forms, civil rights, and social justice causes," said Chanel Compton, Executive Director of MCAAHC and the Banneker-Douglass Museum.

For the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program,

key advancements established by HB1088 are:

- Increasing the amount of the appropriation to the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Fund from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 each year.
- Repealing a requirement that the recipient of certain grants provide a certain matching fund and altering the maximum amount of a certain grant that a recipient may receive.

The African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program, administered by Maryland Historical Trust in partnership with MCAAHC, provides grants to assist in the preservation of buildings, sites, or communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience throughout the state of Maryland. Maryland Historical Trust anticipates an increase in grant awards of approximately 25 to 40 new projects per year, up from the cur-

rent average of 12 new projects funded per year. With this additional funding, new grant support staff will be needed as well.

Both bills take effect July 1, 2022.

The Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture is committed to discovering, documenting, preserving, collecting, and promoting Maryland's African American heritage. The Commission also provides technical

assistance to institutions and groups with similar objectives. Through the accomplishment of this mission, the MCAAHC seeks to educate Maryland citizens and visitors to our state about the significance of the African American experience in Maryland. To learn more, visit <https://africanamerican.maryland.gov/>.

The Banneker-Douglass Museum is a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives and the State of Maryland's official museum

of African American heritage and culture. It serves to document, interpret, and promote African American history and culture through exhibitions, programs, and projects in order to improve the understanding and appreciation of America's rich cultural diversity for all. The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission is free. Visit <http://bdmuseum.maryland.gov>. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

Juneteenth from A1

Northview Drive in Bowie). Bring snacks and a blanket or chairs and see the story of the African American women behind one of NASA's greatest space operations. "Hidden Figures" books will be given to the first 50 households in attendance.

Next, on **Saturday, June 18** at 2 p.m., the Coalition of African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) presents "The Road to Jubilee: A Juneteenth Celebration" at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater at Allen Pond Park. It is a musical extravaganza with singers, an African drummer, pianist, dancer, and narrator that weaves together in an artistic form the history of enslavement and the hope for

freedom. Singers from the First Baptist Church of Glenarden will also perform several songs. This event is for everyone and open to all ages. Attendees should bring a blanket or chairs and snacks. There will be giveaways while supplies last.

On **Sunday, June 19**, beginning at 7 a.m. the Diversity Committee will host a Juneteenth Sunrise Walk and Workout event at Centennial Park, which is located behind City Hall (15901 Fred Robinson Way, Bowie).

In celebration of Juneteenth and Father's Day, there will also be a Fathers and Family Bike Ride, beginning at Allen Pond Park at 9 a.m. The ride is organized by the Prince George's County Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys and "My Brother's Keeper",

a local nonprofit organization. The City of Bowie Police Department is a co-sponsor of this event. The bike ride is for experienced cyclists and includes a 36-mile ride to Annapolis. It will be followed by a Fathers and Family Juneteenth Celebration at 12 p.m. at Allen Pond Park.

The weekend celebrations conclude with a concert Sunday evening at Allen Pond Park at 7 p.m. performed by "Proverbs Reggae Band".

A full list of events can also be found at www.cityofbowie.org/juneteenth.

See page A6 for more Juneteenth events around the area.

Teacher from A3

Smith."She is a creative, resourceful and effective educator whose classroom environment is student-centered and engaging."

Dr. Dove was recognized and presented with this year's Christa McAuliffe Award during a surprise classroom visit from PGCPs administrators today. Students in the school's pom squad and band made the celebration memo-

orable. Her name will also be added to the Christa McAuliffe award plaque at the Sasser Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

Other nominees included Kadia Brown, Imagine Foundations at Leeland Public Charter School; Stephanie Lee, Templeton Elementary School; Mary Lorena, Templeton Elementary School; Carolyn Sauer, Kenilworth Elementary School; Jacob Scott, International High School at Langley Park; Arnold Somera, International

High School at Langley Park; and Bernadith Tan-Piengco, Templeton Elementary School.

The Christa McAuliffe Award honors an outstanding educator based on competitive standards of excellence established by other teachers. The award is a tribute to McAuliffe, the Teacher-In-Space who lost her life aboard the space shuttle Challenger in January 1986. McAuliffe taught in Prince George's County from 1971 to 1978.

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

I'm a Widower With 3 Minor Children—What About Social Security?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation,
the non-profit arm of the **Association of Mature American Citizens**

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away a few days ago and I have three children—ages 15, 11, and 10. Is there anything I need to do?
Signed: Suddenly Widowed

Dear Suddenly Widowed: We are so sorry to hear of your wife's passing; please accept our condolences for your loss. Here's what you need to know about Social Security:

- Your wife's minor children will all be eligible for a survivor benefit, which will be based upon the Social Security benefit amount your wife had earned up to the month she died. The children can collect their survivor benefit until they are 18 years old (or 19 if they are still in high school).
- The standard minor child benefit amount is 75% of your wife's "primary insurance amount" (or PIA, which is the benefit she had earned until she died) but, since there will be three children collecting, the Family Maximum will apply. The Family Maximum limits total survivor benefits to between 150% and 180% of your wife's PIA. Typically, with 3 survivors, the Family Maximum should come out to about 175% of your wife's PIA. Social Security will determine these numbers when you apply for benefits for the children, which you should do by calling 1.800.772.1213, or making an appointment at your local SS field office (find it at www.ssa.gov/locator). The funeral home which handled your wife's arrangements will send a copy of her death certificate to Social Security, but SS will probably require you to provide each child's Social Security number and birth certificate, and you may also need to provide your wife's death certificate if they ask for it. As each child becomes age-ineligible for minor child benefits, the benefit for each remaining minor child will automatically increase, up to their maximum 75% of your wife's PIA.
- Because your children are minors, you will need to act as their Representative Payee. Social Security will guide you through that when you contact them to apply for benefits for the children, but it essentially means that their benefits will be paid directly to you and you will be obligated to use that money on behalf of the children. You can review Social Security's Representative Payee rules at this link: www.ssa.gov/payee/.
- Regardless of your age, as your wife's surviving spouse with minor children you could be eligible for a "child in care" surviving spouse benefit until the youngest child is 16, but you should be aware of the following:
 - If you are working full time, you probably will be ineligible for child-in-care spouse benefits because of your earnings. Social Security imposes an earnings limit for those collecting early spousal or survivor benefits.
 - If you are eligible for child-in-care benefits and collect the same, it would detract from the benefit amount each of your children will get because of the Family Maximum discussed above. In other words, the Family Maximum amount (which Social Security will determine based on your wife's PIA) is the total amount that can be paid out on your wife's record, regardless of how many survivors are collecting.

As your wife's spouse, you will also be entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255, which you can request when you speak with Social Security. Once again, please accept our condolences on the loss of your wife. I hope the above information is helpful at this difficult time.

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (www.AmacFoundation.org) is the Association's non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors. Together, we act and speak on the Association members' 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 www.amac.us/join-amac.

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Indigenous from A1

California, Los Angeles; Author, "An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States"; Saginaw Anishinaabe), Ashley Minner, PhD (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; Artist; Assistant Curator for History and Culture, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian), Rico Newman (Elders Council, Choptico Band of Piscataway Indians), and Norris Howard Jr (Leader, Pocomoke Nation). Free, registration required (pgcmls.info/events). ASL interpretation and captions will be available.

Dr. Elizabeth Rule is Assistant Professor of Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies at American University. She is an enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Rule's research on Indigenous issues has been featured in the Washington Post, Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien, The Atlantic, Newsy, and NPR. She is also a published author, releasing scholarly articles in the American Quarterly and in the American Indian Culture and Research Journal. Rule has two forthcoming monographs. The first, "Re-producing Resistance: Gendered Violence and Indigenous Nationhood," analyzes the intersection of violence against Native women, reproductive justice, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women;

this work received the Julien Mezey Award from the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities in 2020. Rule's second monograph, "Indigenous DC: Native Peoples and the Nation's Capital" (Georgetown University Press), analyzes historical and contemporary sites of Indigenous importance in Washington and compliments her Guide to Indigenous DC mobile application.

Beyond the classroom, Rule continues her work as an educator by presenting her research and delivering invited talks on Native American issues. More than 100 public speaking engagements and interviews have taken her across three continents and to seven countries. Venues for such presentations in-

clude the United Nations Association-USA, the Institut des Amériques in Paris, France, the National Congress of American Indians, the Women's and Gender Studies Intellectual Forum at MIT, the National Gallery of Art, and more. Previously, Dr. Rule has held posts as Director of the Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy and Faculty in Residence at George Washington University, Director of the Native American Political Leadership Program and the INSPIRE PreCollege Program, MIT Indigenous Communities Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow at American University, and Ford Foundation Fellow. Rule received her Ph.D. and M.A. in American Studies from Brown University, and her B.A. from Yale University.

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The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) helps customers discover and define opportunities that shape their lives. The Library serves the 967,000+ residents of Prince George's County through 19 branch libraries, a 24/7 online library, and pop-up services throughout the community. PGCMLS is a responsive and trusted community-driven organization. Programs, services, and outreach activities serve booklovers, immigrants and refugees, job seekers, children, young professionals, seniors, and families alike. PGCMLS is the recipient of the 2021 Urban Libraries Council Top Innovator Award for Workforce and Economic Development. Learn more at pgcmls.info/about-us.

White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Names 2022 HBCU Scholars

By PRESS OFFICER
U.S. Department of Education

(June 10, 2022)—Today, the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities announced its ninth cohort of HBCU Scholars, recognizing 86 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, civic engagement and much more.

Currently enrolled at 56 of our nations HBCU's, the scholars were selected from a competitive pool of over 350 students. Applications also required the signature of their HBCU president or designated HBCU faculty, adding a level of prestige to this application process.

"The HBCU Scholars announced today have dedicated themselves to their learning and exemplify the talent that our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities have nurtured for generations," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "The Biden-Harris administration is committed to supporting these leaders and I cannot wait to learn from them while they serve as ambassadors for the White House Initiative and their institutions."

Over the course of an academic school year, HBCU Scholars will serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative on HBCUs. They will be offered training and cross-university networking opportunities. Scholars will also have an opportunity to work on issues specifically related to the HBCU community and participate in national and regional events with professionals from a wide range of disciplines.

"As an HBCU graduate I'm honored to announce our HBCU Scholars, our future leaders of tomorrow. At HBCU's we are a family, we build each other up and we're taught that we can do and be anything," said

Dietra Trent, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity through HBCU's. "I look forward to supporting the growth of our HBCU family through the Scholar Recognition Program."

A key feature of the HBCU Scholar Program is a partnership with NASA to foster innovation and opportunity for the cohorts. This partnership with NASA makes the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) Innovation Tech Transfer Idea Competition (MITTIC), "Mini MITTIC" part of the HBCU Scholar Program. Through the Mini MITTIC program students will partner in developing ideas to commercialize technology derived from NASA intellectual property. Scholars will have the opportunity to present their IP ideas during the National HBCU Week Conference in September.

"The goal with Mini MITTIC is to provide the HBCU Scholars with an authentic experience while ensuring they leave with the foundational tools to utilize NASA intellectual property to create their own business concept and participate in the full MITTIC competition," said Misti Moore, NASA's Johnson Space Center MUREP Lead & MITTIC Activity Manager.

HBCU Scholars will also be invited to the 2022 HBCU Week National Annual Conference, on September 20-23 in Washington, D.C. During the conference, they will participate in sessions designed to engage a spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation, and personal and professional development. Most importantly, scholars will have opportunities to engage with one another and showcase their individual and collective talent.

"As an HBCU Scholar I was able to connect with leaders and meet professionals from various sectors including government, the NFL and entertainment industry," said

Paige Blake, 2022 HBCU Scholar, Bowie State University. "The professional development skills I gained through the Scholar Program provided me with tools to navigate well beyond my academic career and I now proudly serve on the President's Board of Advisors on HBCU's."

Program events are designed to enhance HBCU Scholars professional development and create post-graduation opportunities within non-profit, business, and federal agency partners to ensure that as a nation we remain globally competitive.

More information about the 86 HBCU Scholars' activities will be provided in the coming months as they serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

2022 HBCU Scholar Cohort Maryland

- Baltimore—D'Aria Couther attends Bennett College, Greensboro, NC
- Baltimore—Oladayo Akinpelu attends Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
- Baltimore—Stephanie Leggette attends Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD
- Brandywine—Jamie Reed attends Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD
- Brandywine—Nyah Christen attends University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD
- Clinton—Sydney Carr attends University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD
- Hyattsville—Chaylah Francis attends Bowie State University, Bowie, MD
- Odenton—Drake Smith attends Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, Lincoln University, PA
- Temple Hills—Nina Rutherford attends Benedict College, Columbia, SC

Maryland State Police Warn Public of Online "Scam" Involving the Sexual Extortion of Minors

By PRESS OFFICER
Maryland State Police

EASTON, Md. (June 7, 2022)—Maryland State Police remind parents of online safety and to be aware of online scams involving the sexual extortion of minors.

The Maryland State Police have received numerous reports of minors being contacted by other social media users who begin chatting with them via messaging services such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat. Social media platforms may provide users the ability to communicate with other users via messaging services.

Investigators believe online predators may often give the impression they are romantically interested in the minor being targeted, to gain their trust. As the chats progress, the suspect user will request sexually illicit photographs of the minor, and might even send photographs back to the minor in return.

If a minor sends a sexually illicit photograph of themselves to the suspect account, the suspect user will proceed to demand the minor send them money, typically in the form of gift card and prepaid credit card numbers that are readily available at most stores. The suspect accounts advise that if money is not sent, the illicit photographs of the minor will be sent to family, friends, and posted online accompanied by distasteful comments about the minor. While not always, investigators have found that the sus-

pect accounts typically originate from foreign countries which significantly limits the ability to formally identify a suspect.

The Criminal Enforcement Division - Eastern Region urges parents and guardians to talk to and educate their children about the importance of online safety; specifically, the following points:

- When contacted by an account you do not know, it is very possible the account does not belong to who they say they are;
- Although an account might seem harmless at first, the nature of a chat can quickly become threatening and intimidating;
- DO NOT click on unknown links / URLs sent by unknown accounts;
- DO NOT take illicit photographs of yourself;
- DO NOT send illicit photographs of yourself online;
- If you are contacted by an unknown account, it is best to ignore the message, report the account to the social media platform, and block the account from being able to view your profile.

Safety on the Internet includes the use of any device that has access to online activity. Investigators from the Maryland State Police Computer Crimes Unit remind all ages to be vigilant as it relates to internet safety. Children are often the target populations for online criminal activity.

Parents are encouraged to monitor their children's use of all digital devices. Digital

devices include laptops, tablets, desktop computers and 'smart' phones.

Internet Safety Tips for Parents:

- Place computers in a common area of the house and not bedrooms
- Educate yourself about digital devices and the Internet
- Make reasonable rules and set screen time limits
- Reinforce the guiding rule "Don't talk to strangers"
- Put accounts in your name and know your child's passwords
- Don't let your children give out personal information online
- Be aware of other digital devices your child may be using
- Review the use histories or logs of your digital devices to see where your children have been online

Complaints involving the exploitation of children should be filed with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at www.missingkids.com or 1-800-THE-LOST. Complaints of child exploitation may include harassment, cyberbullying, sexual abuse and child pornography. Maryland State Police investigators in the Computer Crimes Unit work closely with NCMEC in the investigation of crimes involving child exploitation. If a

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OUT on the TOWN

Are We There Yet

An Exhibition of New Work by Wesley Clark Opens June 17, 2022

By PRESS OFFICER
Pyramid Atlantic Art Center

HYATTSVILLE, Md. (June 3, 2022)—Are We There Yet features a collection of new works by Artist Wesley Clark. The works primarily consist of graphite on paper drawings and lithographic prints, the latter made at Pyramid Atlantic during Clark's recent Keyholder Residency.

Are We There Yet opens Friday, June 17 in Pyramid's Helen C. Frederick Gallery with an Artist Reception from 6–8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. RSVPs are requested to help allow for social distancing. The exhibition runs through July 31, and gallery hours are Wed–Thu, 10–8 p.m.; Fri–Sat, 10–6 p.m.; and Sunday 12–5 p.m. Masks are required in the gallery. Pyramid is located at 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville Maryland 20781. More info and RSVP link at pyramidatlantic.org or 301-608-9101.

Of the work Clarks says, "At its core, the works are exercises in mark making, expressing pent up energies (thoughts, feelings, conversations) through drawing. "Where do I want to go," "Where should I go," and "Where am I going" are encapsulated in Are We There Yet. This incessant, child-like phrase is a check-in that takes measure of my progress; becoming the primary tool plotting my trek."

Clark begins from words, which are sometimes worked to a degree of obscurity by the time the work is complete. Each work unfolds with each mark made or subtracted. "On one hand, these works become artifacts of the moment (or moments). Records. On the other hand, there's a loose narrative woven when reading the marks. Single words or short phrases are the conceptual substrates from which these drawings are built. The words originate from songs, sermons, or conversations and are chosen for a particular strength or for a need to further ponder. While executing a drawing, the word(s) fall back to a low mental reverberation; a gentle processing of their meaning or relevance."

During his residency at Pyramid, Clark delved into lithography with support from the printshop at Pyramid Atlantic. "The lithographic works required a deconstructive



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Wesley Clark, "Untitled #1," 22x30" graphite on paper, 2021.

analysis of my drawing process. The adding and subtracting of material to control the tonal spectrum to reach a similar execution is almost completely reversed with many unknowns tossed in for good measure. This makes for a whole new discovery at the time of pulling the prints."

Pyramid is thrilled to exhibit Clark's drawings and lithographs in this exhibition. When asked about his residency, Clark remarked "Working at Pyramid Atlantic has been an eye opening experience, like being inducted into the CIA. I knew of its existence, but I had no clue of the National and global reach of this high level printshop operating right down the street from me. This residency gave me the time, space, and opportunity to explore ideas that had been brewing for quite some time."

Clark's art practice challenges and draws parallels between historical and contemporary cultural issues with a primary focus surrounding Blacks in America and the African Diaspora. A native of the DMV, Clark now lives in Hyattsville, MD. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting from Syracuse University and a Master of Fine Arts from George Washington University. Clark's

recent exhibitions include The American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center (DC), Columbia College Glass Curtain Gallery (IL), and Prizm Art Fair during Art Basel (FL). His work is in the collections of Asheville Art Museum, The Studio Museum in Harlem, and Kaiser Permanente, among others.

This exhibition is made possible in part through the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

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Founded in 1981, Pyramid Atlantic is a non-profit contemporary art center fostering the creative disciplines of papermaking, printmaking, and book arts within a collaborative community. We equip, educate, and exhibit in our historic Hyattsville home. Our vision is to create an artistic hub in Hyattsville that inspires and enables local, national, and international artists to create and innovate in our core disciplines; elevates the local arts and small business scene; and enhances the quality of life for artists and neighbors. We value artistic excellence, infrastructure for artists, hands-on experiences, and collaboration.

Yellow Ribbon Fund to Host Two-Day Bike Ride for Wounded Veterans

Second Annual Yellow Ribbon Ride Will Raise Funds for Wounded Veterans, Families and Caregivers

By PRESS OFFICER
Yellow Ribbon Fund

BETHESDA, Md. (June 7, 2022)—Yellow Ribbon Fund, one of the most influential veteran support organizations for post-9/11 wounded, ill and injured service members, caregivers and families, will host the second annual Yellow Ribbon Ride sponsored by First Financial Group and VetSteps Financial on **July 23–24** in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Yellow Ribbon Ride raises funds to support Yellow Ribbon Fund's wounded veterans, families and caregivers.

The ride, which features three route options, a 25, 35 and a 50-mile, will begin at the Mount St. Mary's University campus in Emmitsburg, MD and end at the Eisenhower Convention Center in Gettysburg, PA. The trails will pass through the scenic Catoctin Mountains and Gettysburg battlefields. After the ride, participants will enjoy the Rockin' Rider's Festival, which features live bands, food trucks and a finisher ceremony. Registration fees include a Saturday night stay at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, breakfast the following morning, the official Yellow Ribbon Rider jersey, complementary rest stops, on-call bike mechanic, Support and Gear (SAG) and bag transport to and from the hotel.

Riders will cycle alongside some of our nation's heroes—wounded veterans whom Yellow Ribbon Fund has assisted. Funds raised through the event will directly benefit these service members through the veteran support organization's programs and mission. These essential programs provide service members, families and caregivers with support, stability and hope.

"We look forward to hosting the second annual Yellow Ribbon Ride because it helps us raise money to support wounded veterans and their caregivers but also because it is a wonderful opportunity for several of our wounded veterans to ride alongside other participants. Cycling is an adaptable sport



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that can be instrumental in helping veterans gain control in their lives after injury," says Gina Harrow, Yellow Ribbon Fund Executive Director. "This event is also a wonderful opportunity for the community to relax together and support the riders as they start and finish each leg of the ride."

Adaptive sports allow wounded veterans to use their minds and bodies to create positive change in their lives. As participants ride throughout the course, they can achieve a sense of normalcy and belonging while reaching a point where disabilities are not a defining factor. This is the case for veteran rider, finisher and speaker Missy Perry, who was unable to walk until 2021.

"I signed up for this ride because I have finally got to a point in my life where I decided my disabilities no longer define me," says Perry. "I realized that adaptive sports were my way back to good mental and physical health, and when I ride with other wounded veterans it's an amazing feeling. My goal for this ride is to finish and show others you can overcome illness or injury despite obstacles."

Event information and registration details are available at YellowRibbonRide.com. Donations can be made directly to the Yellow Ribbon Fund by visiting YellowRibbonFund.org, or by email at donate@YellowRibbonFund.org. For more information about

Yellow Ribbon Fund, getting involved or making a tax-deductible donation to the veteran support organization, please visit YellowRibbonFund.org.

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Yellow Ribbon Fund is a national nonprofit veteran service organization dedicated to serving severely ill and injured post-9/11 wounded service members and their families from every branch of the United States military following unexpected medical crises. With the help of donors, Yellow Ribbon Fund's Crossroads and Keystone programs enable them to have a significant impact on helping service members and their families navigate their life-long recovery journey. The Crossroads Program provides families with hotel stays for acute stays at Walter Reed National Medical Center. Fully furnished apartments local to the hospital for long-term stays and car rentals for families to have full access to transportation without restriction. The Keystone Program steps in and takes care of the family unit that experiences the long-term effects of injury and recovery. The Yellow Ribbon Fund's top priority is to keep families together during the recovery process. They accomplish this by providing housing and transportation along with caregiver support when and where it's needed. For more information, go to YellowRibbonFund.org or call 240-223-1180 or email at email@YellowRibbonFund.org.

AREA JUNETEENTH EVENTS

2022 Festival for Juneteenth

Date and time: Saturday, June 18, 2022, 12–5 p.m.

Description: The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is pleased to announce its 2022 Festival for Juneteenth: the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This free family event is open to the public. As a part of our ongoing mission to provide exciting and unique cultural programming to county residents, the Juneteenth celebration is a must-attend event that will surely delight all. With live entertainment, visual art exhibition, arts activities, history activities, food and merchandise vendors, and non-profit exhibitors.

Cost: Free Ages: All ages

Location: Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

More info: <http://www.pgparcs.com/Juneteenth>

Juneteenth Parade in District Heights

Date and time: Saturday, June 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Description: Come join us in District Heights on Juneteenth as we walk in a community parade. Wear sneakers and be prepared to get your steps in. Parade starts at 11 a.m., departing from First Baptist Church of District Heights.

Cost: Free Ages: All ages

Location: (Parking Lot) 6419 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747

The Lake Arbor Foundation, Inc. Presents

Lake Arbor Community Day: A Juneteenth Celebration

Date and time: Saturday, June 18, 2022, 1–7 p.m.

Description: Lake Arbor Day is back paying homage to Juneteenth. The Lake Arbor Foundation, Inc. invites the community to be involved to make this celebration a great success.

Location: Lake Arbor Fairgrounds, 1399 Golf Course Drive, Mitchellville, MD 20721

Juneteenth Freedom Day Festival

Date and time: Saturday, June 18, 2022, 12–6 p.m.

Description: Enjoy live music, African cultural drumming, food, art, poetry and more at this free Juneteenth celebration for all ages.

Cost: Free Ages: All ages

Location: Shops at Waldorf Center, 3003 Festival Way, Waldorf, MD 20601

Annapolis Juneteenth Celebration

Date and time: Saturday, June 18, 2022

Description: Historic Annapolis is pleased to celebrate and honor Juneteenth as a sponsor of the Annapolis Juneteenth Celebration. Join the community in celebration of this day of freedom at the free parade and festival on Saturday, June 18!

Parade, 12 p.m.

The Annapolis Juneteenth Parade will kick off at noon at Annapolis City Dock. Celebrate this day of independence and the past, present, and future of African Americans with our entire community.

Cost: Free Ages: All ages

Location: Annapolis City Dock

Festival, 2–9:30 pm

Description: Visit Historic Annapolis following the parade at the Annapolis Juneteenth Festival! Enjoy family activities, raffles, giveaways, and more at our festival table. The event features live music and entertainment, food, vendors, and a Freedom Way display, followed by fireworks.

Cost: Free Ages: All ages

Location: Bates Athletic Complex, 935 Spa Road, Annapolis
Historic Annapolis is also pleased to offer half-price adult admission for visitors at the **Museum of Historic Annapolis**, 99 Main St, Annapolis, MD 21401 on Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19, 2022. Explore Annapolis: An American Story and the diverse history of our unique capital city across more than 400 years, plus enjoy special family activities.

Annual Juneteenth/Father's Day Celebration and Marketplace

Date and time: Sunday, June 19, 2022, 1–5 p.m.

Description: We will celebrate African American culture and this year's celebration features several artists and performers. Your experience will include poetry, dance, music, storytelling, art and food, and will present the self-determination, artistry, and faith of Black Baltimore. Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom, community, family and culture, and is open to everyone.

PLEASE NOTE: Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test AND a valid state-issued ID are required for entry. The Center will follow Baltimore City's masking recommendations.

1–5 p.m.: Marketplace Opens

1–5 p.m.: Art Exhibition: "Led by the Spirit" featuring the work of J. Alpha Massaquoi

1:30–2:30 p.m.: Tap & Breakin' Pop Up Classes

1:45–3 p.m.: African Drum Circle *please bring your drums

3:30–5 p.m.: Juneteenth Celebration

Cost: Free Ages: All ages

Location: Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center, 847 North Howard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Virtual Lecture: Juneteenth: The Destruction of Slavery in the Civil War

Date and time: Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Description: Dr. Richard Bell will share about this momentous event and how it marked a new birth of freedom—an occasion we now commemorate as Juneteenth.

Advance registration required: <https://www.annapolis.org/media-content/virtual-lecture-juneteenth>

Can't watch our Virtual Lectures live? We invite you to register; all registrants will receive a link to the recording of the lecture to watch at their convenience. The lecture recording will be available for two weeks. Live closed captioning is available for all lectures.

Cost: Free Location: Zoom Online Event

This Virtual Lecture is made possible in part by the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County.

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