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Servers and Bartenders Rally and March in Opposition of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties Effort to Repeal Tip Credit

Server Survey Details Overwhelming Opposition to the Proposed Repeal

By PRESS OFFICER
Restaurant Association of Maryland

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 12, 2023)—Servers and bartenders from across Prince George's and Montgomery Counties rallied at Jasper's Restaurant in Largo, Maryland and marched to the Prince George's County Administration Building on Thursday, Oct. 12 to express their opposition to the proposed elimination of the tip credit in both counties.

"The servers and bartenders in Prince George's County and Montgomery County turned out today to oppose this proposed legislation because they know this is not in their best interest," said Restaurant Association of Maryland President and CEO Marshall Weston. "Servers will earn significantly less overall than they do under the current tipping system should the tip credit be eliminated and that is not good for the restaurant industry."

During the rally, Weston announced the results of a survey of servers and bartenders in the two counties, detailing an overwhelming majority of those surveyed do not support the proposed elimination of the tip credit.

Key findings include:



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Servers and bartenders from across Prince George's and Montgomery Counties rallied at Jasper's Restaurant in Largo, Maryland on Oct. 12.

- If tipped wages are eliminated, 89% of those surveyed believe that tipped employees will earn less.
- An overwhelming majority—80%—say they are likely to quit their jobs and find work in a jurisdiction that allows tip credit if the tip credit were eliminated.
- A strong majority of those surveyed—87% of tipped employees—agree that the current tipping system works well for them and does not need to be changed.

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Buttigieg Presents Tuition Grant to Prince George's, Baltimore County Community College Commercial Driver's License Programs

By TOMMY TUCKER
Capital News Service

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 11, 2023)—U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg presented grants to two Maryland community colleges Wednesday, Oct. 11 to help cover tuition in their commercial driver's license programs.

Prince George's County Community College and Community College of Baltimore County received \$173,640 and \$197,410 respectively, to help with the cost of tuition for veterans, refugees and the underserved. Gov. Wes Moore and staff from both schools attended the event in a PGCC parking lot.

"Before the infrastructure law passed, even if the school qualified for these grants, stu-

dents would still have to cover a lot of the tuition. Here at Prince George's, that comes roughly to about \$4,000," said Buttigieg. "We're tearing down that barrier with federal funding so that they can get funded to come to an excellent institution like this."

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation is part of an ongoing effort to expand job opportunities within the trucking industry. This assistance is available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Buttigieg said. The law, officially known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, provides resources to fix decaying roads, bridges, waterways and rails, and boosts transit projects, broadband access and climate



PHOTO CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE/TOMMY TUCKER

Gov. Wes Moore and U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg observe commercial tractor trailer demonstration at Prince George's Community College on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023.

change resilience, among other things.

A commercial driver's license is required to operate large vehicles, including school

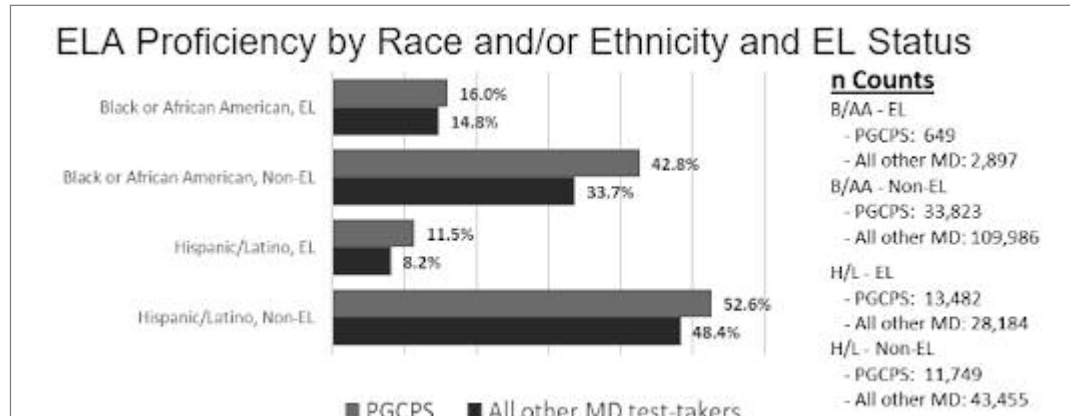
buses, large delivery trucks, shuttles and tractor trailers,

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PGCPS Black Students, English Learners, and Economically Disadvantaged Students Outscore Their Peers Across Maryland in Many Instances

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (Oct. 12, 2023)—Results from the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) for the 2022–23 school year show Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students demonstrate growth overall in both English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics.



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Washington International Horse Show • October 23–29



PHOTO BY JUMP MEDIA

WIHS honors the U.S. Armed Forces and first responders with several events and exhibitions.

WIHS Highlights Maryland Horse Month With Super-Star Horses, Entertainment, and Fun

Tickets available on Ticketmaster; Special offer for U.S. military and first responders

By PRESS OFFICER

Washington International Horse Show (WIHS)

WASHINGTON (Oct. 10, 2023)—Tickets are on sale for the 65th annual Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) presented by MARS Equestrian™. One of North America's most time-honored, competitive, and entertaining equestrian events, WIHS will take place October 23–29, 2023, at The Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD. Tickets are available on Ticketmaster.

Maryland Governor Wes Moore designated October as Maryland Horse Month to recognize and celebrate the numerous contributions made by the state's horse industry. WIHS is a pillar of Maryland Horse Month and will be a major attraction for horse enthusiasts statewide and beyond.

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Fort Washington Native Serves Aboard Navy Warship in Norfolk

By ASHLEY CRAIG
Navy Office of Community Outreach

NORFOLK, Va. (Sept. 29, 2023)—Petty Officer 1st Class Jamica Ballard, a native of Fort Washington, Maryland, serves aboard a U.S. Navy warship operating out of Norfolk, Virginia.

Ballard graduated in 2008 from Friendly High School.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Fort Washington.

"The main lesson I carry with me is from my mom," said Ballard. "She always told me to never take things personally when I'm doing a job. That lesson helps me adapt to various environments and work with people with different personalities because I may not always get along with everyone, but I can't take it to heart."

Ballard joined the Navy 14 years ago. Today, Ballard serves as a mass communication specialist aboard USS Kearsarge.

"I was working at Blockbuster when the recession started," said Ballard. "The economy was going through a hard time and Blockbuster got phased out so I lost my job. My older brother was interested in joining the Navy and I went with him



PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS PATRICIA ELKINS, NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Petty Officer 1st Class Jamica Ballard

when he was being recruited. I ended up going but he didn't."

Kearsarge's crew is made up of approximately 1,200 crewmembers and can accommodate up to 1,800 Marines. Amphibious assault ships transfer Marines, equipment and supplies, and can support helicopters or other aircraft. Kearsarge is the third ship in the Wasp class of multipurpose amphibious assault ships and is the fourth Navy vessel to bear the name of Mount Kearsarge in New Hampshire.

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In & Around Morningside-Skyline

Remembering Orva Heissenbittel and “About Antiques”

Orva Heissenbittel, one of the founders of the Surratt Society and columnist of the Washington Star's “Antiques and Americana” and the Enquirer-Gazette's “About Antiques,” died Oct. 31, 2018, at her home in Montross, Va. She was 91.

I am writing about her now because she was a fascinating woman who would have celebrated her 96th birthday this week, on October 27. She was also my teacher.

Orva was born near Cora, Perry Township, in Ohio, the eldest daughter of Zelma and Jackson Tandy Walker. She was valedictorian of the Class of 1945 at Rio Grande High School and attended Bliss Business College in Columbus. While working for the Civil Service in Dayton, she met Capt. William Heissenbittel; they were married in 1947.

The Air Force shuttled the Heissenbittels around the U.S. before assigning them to Andrews. After they moved to Joyce Drive in Camp Springs, Orva began to give classes and seminars on antiques. She formed the American Antique Arts Association.

She even learned to make her own blown glass at Virginia Commonwealth University.

In later years Orva and William joined daughter Iris on Virginia's Northern Neck. In winter they stayed with daughter Lili in Key Largo, Fla.

Her husband of 69 years, Major William George Heissenbittel, predeceased her in 2014. She was survived by her daughters, two grandsons, and three sisters.

Orva was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and a devoted parishioner of Bells United Methodist Church, in Camp Springs.

I took Orva's class on refinishing antiques and learned how to restore a vintage trunk.

Town of Morningside

Trunk-or-Treat, Morningside's Halloween celebration, is on Saturday, Oct. 28. If you want to participate by decorating your car or if you'll have the trunk open with Halloween treats, call the Town at 301-736-2301 to reserve a spot on the parking lot. Also, there'll be a movie, games, food for sale and a Halloween costume contest for all ages. Please note, “for all ages,” so you can compete, no matter how old you are.

When my kids were growing up here, there was no place better than Morningside! That's because the Town celebrated trick-or-treat on Oct. 30 and held the Costume

Judging on Oct. 31. The kids trick-or-treated both nights.

I ran the sale house. It was Jody's!

For several years I've been listing a neighborhood house sale in my column. I've always wondered if any of my readers once lived in the house I listed. Last week it happened.

“Oh Mary, It took my breath when I read that the home at 6713 Larches Court sold. It's where my siblings and I were raised. Hope the new owners make great memories in it.” Signed, Jody Bowman Nyers.

Needless to say, I was delighted! So much so that I asked Jody to write about growing up in Morningside. Here's Jody's story:

“My family moved to Morningside in 1965 and I started in the 4th grade at Morningside Elementary then attended Foullois Junior High and graduated from Central High in 1974. Two of my Mom's sisters (Himes and Goldsborough) and her mom (Leigh) lived in Morningside which meant many cousins to play with and dinner at Nanny's on Sunday was very special! “I loved going to Teen Club and being a Campfire Girl. My best friends were Cheryl Johnston and Carol Cather as well as so many lifelong friendships that were formed. Vacation Bible school at Suitland Road Baptist Church was always a good time. Fireworks behind my aunt's house was the best spot! And being part of the Morningside Drum & Bugle Corps and Majorettes was a huge part of all our lives. “I'm sure every one of us reading your newsletter Mary has similar stories to share because it truly was a wonderful and safe place to grow up. “Thank you for letting me share just a snippet of my youth. I'd love to hear others' stories.”

So would I.

Changing landscape

A rare million-year-old fossil has been found at Calvert Cliffs along the Chesapeake Bay. It was (according to the Washington Post) a “remarkably intact skull of a 15 million-year-old, now-extinct dolphin-like creature that once swam in a shallow sea that covered most of Maryland.” The skull will be put on display at the Calvert Marine Museum.

This has been a “heavy mast year” for acorns. Such masts, apparently, come along every few years. However, I've never experienced anything like this year. The acorns have been cascading down from a tall, old

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white oak next to my driveway, sounding like they were breaking into the house in their fall, blanketing my lawn and sidewalk. Now I worry that they'll pose a problem with the lawnmower. Do they have to be raked up before mowing?

A home at 4406 Morgan Road, in Morningside, has sold for \$349,000.

Prince George's Green Summit—free and fun

Free and fun for the whole family! Electric vehicle demo, pet adoptions and resources, green exhibitors, giveaways, free reusable bag distribution (while they last), food trucks, music, face-painting, bubbles and more. This will be at the Green Summit on Sat., Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at David C. Driskell Community Park, 3911 Hamilton St., in Hyattsville. Rain date, Sat., Nov. 4, same time and place.

Chris Webb, Systems Analyst

Christina “Chris” Florence Webb, 87, of Camp Springs, died October 2, with her family by her side. She was born in Washington to the late William and Florence Wilson.

She worked as a Computer Specialist/Systems Analyst for the Systems Development Directorate, retiring from Naval ComStation Washington (Navy yard). She worked for the Department of the Navy for 40 years, 1954 to 1994.

Her official obit states, “As a single parent, in an era that this was rare, Christina was able to instill faith and confidence in her children.”

Chris was predeceased by her oldest son Shawn, who died just last May 30, and her twin brother William. Survivors include her children, Thomas, Kevin and Amy; their spouses; five grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Her funeral Mass will be held Sunday, Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m., St. Philip's Church, followed by a gathering of family and friends.

Milestones

Happy Birthday to Clyde Miller, Catherine Alvis, Jody Nyers and Christina Ramsey Eckloff, Oct. 22; Mary Flood Dawes, Oct. 23; Daniel John Fitzgerald and Anna Norris, Oct. 24; my granddaughter Kathryn Shearer and Donna Anderson, Oct. 25; Linda Ferguson Sandoval, Juanita Starke and Christopher Flaherty, Oct. 27; and Diane Cvitko, Oct. 28.

Send your birthdays to me at muddmm@gmail.com.

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Brandywine-Aquasco

EIGHTH ANNUAL ENDOWMENT BRUNCH

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Washington Metropolitan Area Alumni Chapter held their 8th Endowment Brunch 2023 honoring their legacy at Harborside Hotel in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Honored were Dr. Earl Richardson, Princess Sarah Bentil, Deborah Hayman, John Lee, Eric Spencer, Erika Thompson.

HONORING OUR LEGACY: Willie E. Clark graduated from Maryland State College, Eastern Shore, in 1952, now known as University of Maryland, Eastern Shore (UMES). Willie is one of six charter members of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, established at Maryland State College in 1949. As all known defensive back on the Hawks football team, Willie is recognized in the UMES Hall of Fame. As proud “Hawks” of Maryland Eastern Shore College, Willie, his wife Conni, and several fellow graduates gathered (during the 1960s) and chartered the Maryland State College-District of Columbia Alumni Chapter; Willie presided as president. Chapter meetings were held regularly, and all alumni were eagerly committed to promoting, uplifting, and supporting ongoing activities and financial support for their illustrious alma mater. “My fondest memories of Maryland State College are outstanding professors and wonderful student camaraderie.”

Dr. Lola LeCounte earned her B.A. in English Education from Maryland State College in 1956. Dr. LeCounte's accomplishments include teaching English, French, drama, and theater arts at several junior and high schools, prior to becoming an adjunct professor at George Washington University. Dr. LeCounte was also named supervisor of the educational program for the Lorton Reformatory. She retired from the public school system in 1992. In addition to her professional achievements, Dr. LeCounte has been an active member of her church, her neighborhood civic association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and her beloved Alma Mater.

Wilhelmina Wedge Cornish is a native of Maryland. She received a BA Degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and an MSA Degree in Business from Indiana Wesleyan University. She has held professional leadership positions in Workforce development, Continuing Education, Community Development and Fundraising in organizations and agencies in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. She has a rich community service volunteer background serving as President of several organizations, including the UMES Washington Metropolitan Area Alumni Chapter and the Holmehurst South Community Association, a Commissioner of the Enterprise Road Corridor Commission, and a member of several organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

McKinley Hayes received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He received his Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling from Bowie State

University and pursued additional post-graduate work at University of Maryland College Park, Trinity College, Catholic University of America, and Nova University. As an alumnus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Mr. Hayes has remained an active member of UMES National Alumni Association since graduation. He has had numerous workshops and receptions for the sole purpose of recruiting students who can enhance the University. He also served as President and Vice-President of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area Alumni Chapter. As an alumnus of University of Maryland Eastern Shore, he is one of the recipients of the Presidential Medal of Honor and numerous other awards. Two of the highest honors he has received were the distinguished Alumni Award from the National Association for Equal Opportunity (NAFEO) and an inductee in the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Hall of Excellence. As a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. he has been involved with chartering a few chapters as well as involved with the Guide Right Program and Social Committees. In the area of community service McKinley believes in giving back and making a community a better place.

The musical guests were Karen LeCounte who is the daughter of the honoree, Dr. Lola LeCounte, and a native Washingtonian. She is an eclectic vocalist, teacher, choir director, song and literary writer, and creator of The Black Infusion Project. She fell in love with classical music at the age of five. She started singing at church and was inspired by the famous singers and musicians that were affiliated with Plymouth UCC. She began her professional career as a soloist in 1976 at the Ford's Theater in a show called “Happy Birthday Black America”. Currently, she enjoys inspiring her students at Anacostia High School, ministering in music at various churches in the area and watching her daughter, Kiana, spread love, and change the community through her love for God and her music.

K'La Soul is a native DC singer-songwriter who brought the vibes and empowerment to the people. Performing has always been a part of her life. K'La attended the Magnet Arts program at Hyattsville where she engulfed herself in the vigorous music theory curriculum and participated in nationwide competitions and adjudications and won. Soul attended Duke Ellington School of Arts prior to securing a job singing at Howard University, broadcasting every Sunday morning on WHUR - FM 96.3 radio station. In 2017, she wrote, personally recorded, and released her first mix-tape, “Finally.” From that stemmed many opportunities around the world. While in Florence, Italy, she received the “Angel Medallion Award,” commissioned by John Pope and awarded by The Vatican. K'La Soul is currently working on a Visual Album that is set for release in 2024. The other two musical guests will be named in my next article.

Navy from A1

Serving in the Navy means Ballard is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

“I think the Navy is important to national defense, especially for what we represent perception-wise,” said Ballard. “We want to maintain the perception of being a power force. We're able to be ready at all times for the call to duty.”

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to trained sailors and a strong Navy.

Ballard has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

“I'm proud of being Sailor of the Year for 2022 and being meritoriously promoted to petty officer first class,” said Ballard. “Being Sailor of the Year comes with the responsibility of being the face of the command and also a really nice parking spot. A lot of the sailors, especially junior ones, saw me working hard, and the fact that they see me being recognized, allows them to not lose hope. It shows them that people are watching, that they can be recognized and that everything they're doing is not for nothing.”

As Ballard and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the U.S. Navy.

“For me personally, serving in the Navy means consistency,” said Ballard. “Despite the changes in the Navy and the culture, there's enough consistency to support me and my family financially.”

Ballard is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible. “I would like to thank my mom, Shari Davis, for her support,” said Ballard. “I also want to thank my older brother, Vaurice Davis. Even though he didn't end up joining the Navy with me, he's still been a huge support.”

Ballard appreciates the opportunities the Navy has provided and recommends others consider taking advantage of those opportunities as well. “If I had one thing to tell young people it would be to give the Navy a chance, whether it's one contract or more,” added Ballard. “There are so many opportunities and career fields you can take up in the military.”

Around the County

Council Member Edward Burroughs Launches Free Security Camera Program For District 8 Residents

Program named in honor of Jayz Agnew, 13, who was killed in his yard last year

District 8 Council Member Edward Burroughs III is partnering with the nonprofit Joan's House, Inc. to provide free surveillance cameras to District 8 residents.

The program is in honor of Jayz Agnew, the 13-year-old boy shot and killed while raking leaves in his front yard last November. The case remains unsolved and there is no known surveillance footage.

“We're excited to introduce this groundbreaking initiative aimed at enhancing safety and security in our community,” said District 8 Council Member Edward Burroughs III and Joan's House, Inc. in a joint statement. “The Jayz Agnew Security Camera Pilot Program will revolutionize the way we approach neighborhood security, fostering a more connected and accountable environment for us all.”

The Council has also passed Jayz Law, a measure separate from this program, that establishes a security camera incentive program that will be available countywide when implemented.

Council Member Burroughs has heard from community members who want security cameras and he immediately took steps to meet that need. Joan's House will provide and install Blink 3rd generation cameras.

To be eligible, you must be a District 8 resident living in a single-family home without any security cameras. You must have WiFi, an email account, and a smartphone that can access the Google Play or Apple Apps store.

Jayz's mother, Juanita Agnew, praised the new program saying: “Justice can come in different forms. So the fact there is no arrests, the fact there is no suspects, but we have initiatives in his honor, to me is justice in a way.”

Three PGCPS Schools Named Among America's Healthiest

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (Oct. 16, 2023)—The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation, recently recognized three Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) elementary schools for their efforts to transform their sites into healthier places for students and staff.

Springhill Lake, Robert R. Gray and Bond Mill elementary schools are among 781 schools nationwide to be named as America's Healthiest Schools for the 2022–2023 school year. The recognition, awarded by Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a leading children's health organization, honors schools' dedication to supporting the health and well-being of students, staff and families.

“We're honored to receive this national recognition highlighting our efforts to create healthier learning environments for students and staff,” said Superintendent Millard House II. “Nutrition, food access, enhanced physical and health education and thoughtful wellness policies all contribute to schools where our students can grow and thrive.”

The schools were recognized for healthy policies and practices across categories including:

Springhill Lake Elementary—Cultivating Staff Well Being (in collaboration with Harmony SEL at National University and Kaiser Permanente), increasing Family & Community Engagement (in collaboration with Kohl's), improving Nutrition & Food Access, implementing Local Wellness Policy, bolstering Physical Education/Physical Activity, enriching Health Education, promoting Tobacco-Free Schools and supporting School Health Services

Robert R. Gray Elementary—Implementing Local Wellness Policy, bolstering Physical Education/Physical Activity and enriching Health Education

Bond Mill Elementary—Supporting School Health Services

COMMUNITY

Horse Show from A1

According to an economic impact study conducted by Stephen S. Fuller, professor emeritus at George Mason University, WIHS 2022 was an important source of economic activity and contributed \$9.85 million to Prince George's County, with further growth potential expected in the coming years.

WIHS attendees will experience the beauty and athleticism of the finest horses and riders in the country and the world, including Olympic veterans, plus enjoy entertaining exhibitions, boutique shopping, historical displays, VIP hospitality, an autograph session with top jumping athletes, and Kids' Day. As a 501(c)(3) event, WIHS benefits Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) as well as the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Prevention. A special half-price offer is available for U.S. military and first responders. Daytime admission is free every day.

Thursday, October 26—“WIHS Goes Western” at MARS Barn Night

Cheer on horses and riders in a night of entertainment for all with special “WIHS Goes Western”-themed events for youth and barn groups. Competition includes top international jumping with the \$78,000 Welcome Stake and \$40,000 Accumulator Costume class.

Groups wishing to enter Barn Night contests to win prizes, visit the Barn Night page on WIHS.org to learn more. The deadline to submit contest entries is Thursday, October 19.

Friday, October 27—Military Night Presented by Boeing

Experience exhilarating show jumping at its finest as WIHS salutes the U.S. Armed Forces and first responders on Military Night presented by Boeing. International riders are in the saddle for the \$78,000 Speed Final with the American flag Jump for TAPS, supporting Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. Events include the WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase, famed Australian horseman Guy McLean and his string of horses, and international show jumping riders trying a new discipline in Army vs. Navy Barrel Racing.

U.S. Military and First Responder Ticket Offer Supported by ROKK Solutions and PlusPR

Special offer for U.S. military (including active duty, reserve, retirees, and disabled veterans) and first responders (law enforcement, paramedics, and firefighters).

- Valid on Military Night only, Friday, October 27: 50% off any ticket, adult or child, except ‘Ticket & Dinner’
- Offer available only at The Show Place Arena box office with Military ID, VA Beneficiary ID, or first responder ID
- Up to four tickets per ID, while supplies last

Saturday, October 2—World Cup Night Presented by Experience Prince George's

The ring will be electric as top horses and riders from around the world take center stage for the \$450,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington CSI5*-W for the President's Cup presented by Experience Prince George's, with the biggest, most challenging jumps and the largest purse of the show.

But first, it's the work-off for the three-phase WIHS Equitation Final, where a panel of judges will determine which talented junior rider will be named WIHS Equitation champion. For added entertainment, junior jockeys will saddle up for the wildly fun WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase.

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.—WIHS Kids' Day Presented by Delta Air Lines

This free event takes place rain or shine and is educational and fun for all. Activities include pony rides, face painting, a horseless horse show, a pony kissing booth, and more.

Tickets: What You Need To Know

Daytime Admission is free. No ticket is required for daytime sessions on Monday through Sunday, October 23–29, including early evening competition on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Watch the show, explore the grounds, shop the concourse, visit historical displays, and enjoy a variety of food trucks.

Evening Events (Thursday, Friday, Saturday): All designated evening session tickets are reserved seating. Select your seat from four ticket types:

- Ticket & Dinner: Watch and dine in the best seats at WIHS. Collect your hot buffet-style dinner and beverages, then dine at your seat. Includes unlimited refills of non-alcoholic beverages. Each adult ticket also includes two servings of beer/wine.
- Premium Ticket
- Select Ticket
- Standard Ticket—The most inexpensive ticket per night:
- Barn Night, Thursday, October 26: \$20 adult, \$15 child. Learn more about Barn Night contests.
- Military Night, Friday, October 27: \$30 adult, \$20 child. 50% off tickets for U.S. Military and first responders.
- World Cup Night, Saturday, October 28: \$45 adult, \$35 child.

Visit the WIHS ticket page for more details and links to purchase on Ticketmaster. Tickets may also be purchased in person at The Show Place Arena Box Office upon arrival, while available.

FREE Parking at Show Location

The Show Place Arena, Prince George's Equestrian Center
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

For more information about WIHS, visit wihs.org, join WIHS on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, and YouTube. Tag using #WIHS2023, #FEIJumpingWorldCup, and #Longines.

Outscore from A1

In ELA, students exceeded pre-pandemic performance across all grade levels, with Black and Hispanic students outperforming the state and scoring significantly higher than their peers across all other Maryland school districts. See Graph 1.

English learners and those from economically disadvantaged families also outscored students with similar backgrounds across Maryland in ELA. See Graph 2

In mathematics, PGCPs students saw improvements from SY22 to SY23 across almost all grade levels, with Black students demonstrating math proficiency at a rate similar to their peers across the

state. However, black students from economically disadvantaged families scored higher than their counterparts in the rest of Maryland.

“More than half of the 50 Maryland schools showing the greatest improvement in ELA are in Prince George's County—proof that our students are trending in the right direction,” said Superintendent Millard House II. “Data also shows that nearly 25 percent of our students are just on the cusp of proficiency, which speaks to the effectiveness of post-Covid interventions and instruction.”

MCAP results also brought good news for PGCPs programs that support students with special needs and English

Embry A.M.E. Church in College Park Celebrates Its 120th Anniversary With a Benefit Concert

Featuring the Singing Sensations Youth Choir of Baltimore

By ZANDRA JENKINS
Embry A.M.E. Church

Embry A.M.E. Church in College Park celebrates its 120th Anniversary with a benefit concert featuring the Singing Sensations Youth Choir of Baltimore.

Their repertoire consists of choral, patriotic and pop music, spirituals, show tunes, children and freedom songs, Motown, as well as songs in different languages.

The concert will be held **Sunday, October 29, 2023** at 3 p.m. at the Washington Brazilian SDA Church, 8108 54th Ave., College Park.

Adult tickets are \$25, Youth 18 & under \$15. The concert benefits the church building and sanctuary.

To purchase tickets, contact Zandra Jenkins (301-908-1909), Barbara Seldon (301-552-1542), or Linda Butler (301-868-7660).



The Singing Sensations Youth Choir of Baltimore will be featured in a benefit concert for Embry A.M.E. Church's 120th Anniversary.

Marietta House Museum November Events

By STACEY HAWKINS
Marietta House Museum

Lunchtime Lecture Series: “Training and Careers in Museums”

Curious about a career in museums? Join us on **Wednesday, November 1**, noon–1 p.m. for “Training and Careers in Museums” with Professor Rob Forloney. This is a free hybrid lunchtime program and interactive discussion about educational opportunities and training for careers in museums and history organizations. Mr. Forloney will take questions and discuss museum careers and educational opportunities with attendees.

Mr. Forloney has consulted with many museums including Brooklyn Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. He also serves as an adjunct professor in Goucher College's Cultural Sustainability program as well as the museum studies programs at Johns

Hopkins University and the University of Delaware. Mr. Forloney strives to ensure that communities' voices are heard and are empowered by museums and history organizations.

Attendees must register to receive the TEAMS link. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/bp65j6cm>. For more information, please call 301-464-5291 or email mariettahouse@pgparks.com.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD. 20769, and is a property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

A Veteran's Day Tea & Talk: “Our Men Go Off to War: The USCT Fathers and Sons from Marietta”

Please join us on **Sunday, November 12**, 1–3 p.m. to honor Veteran's Day at a Tea and Talk: Our Men Go Off to War: The USCT Fathers and Sons from Marietta.

Dr. Julie Rose will give a talk featuring the men of Marietta who joined the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War. Hear updated research about Calfus Brown, Edward Jackson, and more, including where their families relocated following the war.

An 1800's style tea will be served following the talk. Complimentary guided tour passes will be offered to Tea and Talk attendees. Recommended for ages 12 & up, (ages under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). \$35/person. Reservations are required. **Please register at this direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/5aydpphy> no later than November 8, 2023.** For more information, please call 301-464-5291 or email mariettahouse@pgparks.com.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Local organization receives support from State Farm® in a lot of different ways

By PRESS OFFICER
State Farm

Local State Farm agents across the Maryland region continue to demonstrate what it means to be a Good Neighbor by stepping up to help our community. This past week, State Farm agents and associates volunteered to help SheRises, Inc. deliver much needed resources to new mothers in Prince George's County. While volunteering they also delivered two special gifts, a \$7,500 donation via the State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant program and a U-Haul truck filled with over 10,000 diapers and baby wipes.

“At State Farm, we are committed to helping build stronger communities,” shares Dwayne Redd, Corporate Responsibility Analyst. “For us, it's not enough to simply say we are Good Neighbors, we take every opportunity to embrace the responsibility to make the community better by being a part of a solution.”

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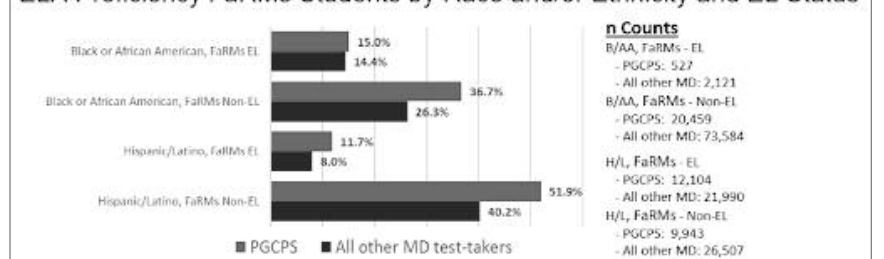
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ELA Proficiency FaRMs Students by Race and/or Ethnicity and EL Status



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Learn more about PGCPs' MCAP performance in comparison to its peers across Maryland, including data analyzed using a multi-tiered approach that factors in the district's unique enrollment by race, ethnicity, English proficiency and student

group. 2023 MCAP Individual Student Reports, which allow families to view their student's performance compared to peers in their school, county and the state, will be distributed to parents by October 20.

HEALTH *and* WELLNESS

Free Community Roundtable on Hospice and Palliative Care in Prince George's County

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
Hospice of the Chesapeake

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 11, 2023)—There are many myths and misunderstandings surrounding hospice and palliative care. Everyone in the community can gain insight and get answers from the experts about these essential services when Hospice of the Chesapeake hosts a community roundtable, "Hospice and Palliative Care in Prince George's County," from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Student Center at Bowie State University, 1400 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, Maryland.

The panel will include multiple Hospice of the Chesapeake experts including Chief Medical Officer Dr. Marny Fetzer and will be moderated by Director of Nursing and Clinical Advocacy Rachel Sherman, DNP, FNP-BC. Also joining the panel will be Dr. Alvin Reaves III with U.S. Acute Care Solutions; Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN, CNE



PHOTO COURTESY HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE
Hospice of the Chesapeake Director of Nursing and Clinical Advocacy Rachel Sherman, DNP, FNP-BC

of Bowie State University; Prince George's County District 9 Council Member Sydney Harrison; Maryland State Senator Michael Jackson; and

Chaplain Robin Walker, MDiv., BCC, of the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center.

Sherman is looking forward to facilitating this discussion about a topic that she is passionate about in the county she calls home. "I have advocated for health equity in Prince George's County for my entire professional life," she said. "Being in a leadership position with a respected organization known for its hometown roots offers more opportunities to help educate the community about the importance and availability of advanced illness and end-of-life care for themselves and their families."

The community roundtable is open to the community and free to attend, but as seating is limited, people are asked to reserve a space at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prince-georges-county-community-roundtable-discussion-tickets-732217200357>.

Council Member Krystal Oriadha Champions Maternal Health Legislation

Measures Aim to Alleviate Maternal Health Disparities in Prince George's County

By LINDSAY WATTS
Prince George's County Council Media

A pair of maternal health resolutions, sponsored by District 7 Council Member Krystal Oriadha, was introduced by the Prince George's County Council on Tuesday, October 10, and will now go to committee.

The first resolution (CR-090-2023) would create a Black Maternal Health Fund of up to \$1 million to ensure organizations that provide wraparound services to women in need have necessary resources.

"The Black Maternal Health Fund will support our nonprofits who are working to alleviate maternal health disparities, often with a limited budget and insufficient resources," said Council Member Oriadha. "This measure won't solve the problem overnight, but it is a step in the right direction."

The second resolution calls for a maternal health audit of government agencies in Prince George's County. It establishes a Policies and Healthcare Options Task Force to audit County policies and healthcare benefit options with a focus on maternal health. The five-member task force would be comprised of a County Council representative; Health Department Director or designee; Office of Human Resources

Management (OHRM) Director or designee; and one representative from two separate organizations focusing on maternal health work.

"As an expecting mother, there are issues surrounding maternal health that have been brought to my attention. I realized with my county health insurance I could not give birth in the county because my insurance provider does not have a contract with any Prince George's County hospital. I think it's important that as a county, we do better, and I pledge to make sure we do just that," Oriadha said. "We cannot ignore the fact that black women die of maternal related complications at rates much higher than their white counterparts."

Black women have the highest maternal mortality rate in the U.S. and are three times as likely to die in childbirth as white women, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CR-090-2023 and CR-091-2023 have been referred to the Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFP) for consideration.

RAM Set for Free 2-day Clinic in Largo, Md.

Free dental, vision and medical services set for Nov. 11–12

By PRESS OFFICER
Remote Area Medical

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 12, 2023)—Remote Area Medical—RAM®—a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision and medical care to those in need—will hold a free, two-day clinic on Nov. 11–12. RAM will be set up at the Prince George's Community College, located at 301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774 for two days only. This clinic is in collaboration with the The Links, Incorporated's Prince George's County (MD), Mount Rose (MD) and Willow Oak (MD) Chapters.

All RAM services are free, and no ID is required. Free dental, vision and medical services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The patient parking lot will open no later than 11:59 p.m. (midnight) on Friday night, Nov. 10, and remain open for the duration of the clinic. Once in the parking lot, additional information regarding clinic-opening processes and next steps will be provided. Clinic doors open at 6 a.m.



Due to time constraints, patients should be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION services. Medical services are offered, in addition to dental or vision services, free to every patient attending the clinic. For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit www.ramusa.org or call 865-579-1530. Patients may also visit the Facebook Event for this clinic at <https://fb.me/e/T2n5kMMb>

Services available at the free RAM clinic include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions, dental X-rays, eye exams, eye health exams, eyeglass prescriptions, eyeglasses made on-site, women's health exams and general medical exams.

In some situations outside of RAM's control, such as inclement weather, vol-

unteer cancellations or other circumstances, the parking lot may open earlier or a smaller number of patients may be served. RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible. Clinic closing time may vary based on each service area's daily capacity. For more information, please see RAM's FAQ page: www.ramusa.org/faqs-frequently-asked-questions/.

About Remote Area Medical: RAM is a major nonprofit organization that operates pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision and medical services to individuals in need who do not have access to, or cannot afford, a doctor. Founded in 1985, RAM has treated more than 910,000 individuals with \$189.5 million worth of free healthcare and veterinary services. Since its foundation, more than 196,000 volunteers—comprised of licensed dental, vision, medical and veterinary professionals, as well as general support staff—have supported RAM's mission.

MedStar Health Welcomes Gastroenterologist Robert J. Schenck, MD

By CHERYL RICHARDSON
MedStar Health

MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center recently welcomed gastroenterologist Robert J. Schenck, MD, to the gastroenterology team.

Dr. Schenck cares for patients with a wide range of gastrointestinal conditions including reflux disease, difficulty swallowing, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, and liver disease. He also performs colonoscopies and upper endoscopies (EGDs).



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Gastroenterologist Robert J. Schenck, MD

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University of Maryland School of Nursing Students Improving Health Equity Through Free Health Resources to Prince George's County Community

Nursing students, in partnership with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, to provide health screenings, blood pressure screenings and health education to the community at no cost.

By ANDREA CASTILLO
PGCMLS

LARGO, Md. (Oct. 11, 2023)—A newly created partnership between the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) and the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) will provide much-needed health resources to the community, while providing a critical clinical experience for nursing students.

The initiative—Talk Health with the University of Maryland School of Nursing—places entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students from UMSON at the Universities at Shady Grove in the Greenbelt Branch Library on Mondays this fall.

"The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is able to provide access to health information and resources to the public with key services such as blood pressure screenings, medication education, and primary care referrals," said PGCMLS Central Area Director Quemar Rhoden, who worked closely with UMSON to help launch the partnership. "The University of Maryland School of Nursing is an amazing organization, and we are truly grateful for their entire team that makes such a mean-



PHOTO COURTESY PGCMLS AND UMSON
Nursing student Folahanmi Suberu takes the blood pressure of Tiffany Connelly.

ingful impact in the lives, and health, of our customers."

By partnering with UMSON for the Talk Health series, PGCMLS continues a long tradition of offering health resources to Prince George's County residents, Rhoden said.

"PGCMLS is committed to supporting the well-being of our community. Some examples from the past few years include our COVID-19 Vaccine Hunter Hotline, 'Get Active: Ride & Read' stationary bikes in library



branches, and our 'Case-worker in the Library' series with Maryland Department of Human Services," he added.

For nursing student Bukola Oladipuo, working directly with the community is extremely fulfilling, especially when it comes to educating them about the importance of managing their health.

"A lot of people—after checking them, we realize that they didn't take their blood pressure medication that morning," Oladipuo said. "Letting them

know how important it is to be compliant with the medication regimen—it's something rewarding for me."

Each week, under the supervision of clinical faculty, the students will conduct free health screenings, referrals, health education and classes on a variety of topics, including stress reduction, healthy eating and nutrition, managing chronic illness, and low-impact exercises.

NOTE: Students cannot assist with first aid, wound care, emergency services, diagnosis of illness or vaccinations.

"Public libraries and public health are a natural combination," said Karin Russ, JD, MS '09, BSN '89 RN, assistant professor. "Libraries are one of the last free spaces and provide the public with access to information and technology. And now, they will provide the ability to talk with health professionals one-on-one."

Russ, who coordinates clinical experiences for the BSN Community and Public Health nursing course, has been teaching public health and environmental health classes at UMSON since 2009, said the School looks forward to being able to help improve health equity in Prince George's County.

"This new partnership is a cost-effective way to build healthier communities," she added.

The collaboration between UMSON and the library system expands work that began last year. In spring 2023, UMSON BSN students were placed in

multiple branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library throughout Baltimore in a partnership that was the first of its kind in Maryland.

For more information about the partnership, and to see the full schedule, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/d9c3zvmb>.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE



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Restaurant Association of Maryland President and CEO Marshall Weston speaks at the rally.

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- Many agree that customers tip better when service is better (84%), and 70% of those surveyed already earn more than minimum wage and that they have the ability to have schedule flexibility
- Many (37%) tipped employees say they are earning \$20.00–\$29.99 per hour, while others are earning \$30.00–\$39.99 per hour (28%), \$15.00–\$19.99 per hour (24%) or \$40.00 per hour or more (11%).
- A majority—80% of those surveyed—believe that customers are unlikely to continue tipping on top of any mandatory service charge.
- A majority (86%) say they want the current system with a lower base wage and tips that provide the ability to earn more than the minimum wage, while 14 percent want a different system with a higher base wage, but a less certain outcome on tipped income for the server.

A statewide tip credit repeal bill considered in the Maryland General Assembly failed to pass earlier this year because of strong restaurant industry opposition and scores of servers who urged lawmakers to reject it because they make significantly more money under the current tipping system.

Like all workers, restaurant tipped employees must earn at least the full applicable minimum wage per hour in base wages plus tips. There is no subminimum wage for restaurant tipped employees. Under federal, state, and local minimum wage laws, employers are required to make up any deficiencies if a tipped employee does not earn enough in base wages plus tips to make at least the full minimum wage.

Tipped employees are among the highest earners in full-service restaurants, earning a median of \$27 per hour including tips, according to National Restaurant Association research. Servers at some restaurants can earn \$40 or more per hour including tips.

Restaurant server earnings would significantly decrease if the tip credit was eliminated because most restaurants would be forced to impose a service charge on customer checks to cover the substantially higher labor costs. Customers are unlikely to tip on top of service charges.

<https://www.marylandrestaurants.com/save-the-tip-credit>

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among others.

“We believe in veterans, and we believe in the importance of trucking, for the country, for our economic security, and for our future,” said Buttigieg. “You in Maryland have a governor who understands the importance of infrastructure and of transportation in people’s everyday lives.”

Both Buttigieg and Moore are veterans—Buttigieg was a naval officer and Moore served in the Army—and both were Rhodes scholars. The two announced in January a project to rebuild the 150-year-old B&P Tunnel in Baltimore, renaming it the Frederick Douglass Tunnel.

James Brackins, 70, a recent graduate of the Commercial Driver’s License program and an Army veteran, introduced Buttigieg to the crowd of under 100. Brackins joined the program as a part of his goal to build affordable housing in his hometown of Jonesville, Louisiana.

“Now, I’m one step closer to achieving that goal,” said Brackins. “It gives me great joy to know that others will be supported in their dreams, just as I have been supported thanks to PGCC.”

Moore and Buttigieg greeted staff and the CDL instructors and toured the commercial tractor trailers used in the program. PGCC partners with Mr. George’s Driving School of Gaithersburg, which provides instructors and equipment for training.

At one point, Moore hopped in the passenger seat of a commercial tractor trailer to ride along with a demonstration of driving through the parking lot and backing up between cones.

Moore praised PGCC, mentioning his visit a few weeks prior with President Joe Biden to the campus.

“It says so much about this administration that just weeks after the president came to Prince George’s County Community College, that Secretary Buttigieg is here again as well,” said Moore.

Community colleges are an important area for Moore because he attended a two-year college, receiving an associate degree from Valley Forge Military College. In his speech,

Prince George’s County Association of REALTORS® Installs 2024 President, Officers, and Directors and Recognizes REALTOR® of the Year

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCAR

REALTORS®, friends and colleagues gathered to attend the Installation Ceremony of PGCAR 2024 President Gene Sementilli, associated with Century 21 New Millennium. President Sementilli was installed by PGCAR Past President, Boyd Campbell, a longtime friend, and Maryland REALTORS® 2018 President. Gene [took] the helm of the Prince George’s County Association of REALTORS® (PGCAR) on October 1.

In a momentous occasion filled with excitement and anticipation, we are thrilled to congratulate our newly elected President and the esteemed members of the 2024 Board of Directors. This significant milestone is a cause for celebration and reflection, as we usher in a new era of leadership and embark on a journey filled with promise, growth, innovation, and community building.

President Sementilli’s administration will focus on professionalism and reminding consumers, whether buying or selling, that REALTORS® are their essential partner in real estate transactions.

Additionally, 2023 REALTOR® OF THE YEAR, Rachel Jefferies, was honored at this prestigious event for her significant business-accomplishments, faithfulness to the Code of Ethics, leadership, civic and community involvement, and local, state and National Association activity.

Other newly elected and installed Officers and Directors include:



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PGCAR 2024 President Gene Sementilli

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2023 REALTOR® OF THE YEAR, Rachel Jefferies

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- Carole Warren, Keller Williams Preferred Properties

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Business Fraud Prevention Seminar

Registration Open, required for Nov. 3 event hosted by UMD, Prince George’s County Police

By PRESS OFFICER
University of Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (Oct. 12, 2023)—Digital age-infused financial crimes against businesses are the focus of a single-day seminar on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, from Justice for Fraud Victims (JFV) at the University of Maryland’s Robert H. Smith School of Business in cooperation with the Prince George’s County Police Department’s Financial Crimes Unit.

The site is the College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 3501 University Blvd., E. Adelphi, Md. The event is free with advance registration, via <https://terps4justice.org/>.

Keynote speaker is Stephen Dougherty, a financial investigator and forensic analyst for the Secret Service’s Global Investigative

Operations Center. He will join experts from the FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and Federal Trade Commission, along with counterparts from UMD Smith and Prince George’s County, to give insights for students and professionals across business and criminology fields.

The doors open at 8:30 a.m. From 9–9:45 a.m. a session of introductions and discussion by the seminar’s hosts will include a presentation by Prince George’s County Police Department’s Financial Crimes Unit on identity theft in apartment rental scams.

Subsequent presentations:

- 10–10:45 a.m.: Ransomware attacks, Bank account takeovers, IC3 and other crimes (FBI)
- 11–11:45 a.m.: Mail Fraud targeting the business community. (U.S. Postal Inspection Service)

- 12–12:45 p.m.: Keynote: Business email compromises. (U.S. Secret Service - Stephen Dougherty)

- 1–1:45 p.m.: How the FTC can help prevent fraud targeting the business community. (Federal Trade Commission)

- 2–2:45 p.m.: Embezzlement/Accounting protocols (UMD Smith)

The seminar is a product of JFV, a collaboration, launched earlier this year, of UMD Smith and Prince George’s Financial Crimes Unit, along with the State’s Attorney’s Office. The program offers students a unique volunteering opportunity to investigate financial fraud—including against members of vulnerable populations—with local law enforcement officers.

To RSVP and for more information, go to the Justice for Fraud Victims homepage: <https://terps4justice.org/>.



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Gov. Wes Moore rides with Prince George’s County Community College commercial driving school student Carlos Sanchez Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023.

Moore said his junior college experience was the foundation of his career.

“Our support for community colleges is not just everlasting, it’s personal,” said Moore.

In 2023, PGCC’s transportation, distribution and logistics departments trained more than 500 students and it has enrolled more than 300 more since July.

“Much like the Department of Transportation, we, too, are committed to the mission of providing safe, efficient, sustainable and equitable commerce in our community,” said Sherrie Johnson, vice president of external affairs, communications, and advancement at PGCC.

Buttigieg has been in Maryland since his Impact Maryland forum Tuesday, sponsored by The Baltimore Banner, where he addressed electric vehicles and transit infrastructure. During that event, the secretary was forced off the stage by climate protesters critical of a planned oil export facility near Houston.

Hospice of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament Brings in a Quarter Million Dollars

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, Md. (Oct. 10, 2023)—Facing a historic anniversary year, the 20th annual Hospice of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament scored the fundraising equivalent of an eagle. With a long list of sponsors and more than 250 golfers, the event broke another record, raising \$250,000 for the not-for-profit that serves Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, and Prince George’s counties.

No doubt the venue and joyful attitude accompanied by food, drinks and giveaways helped to make it another successful year. Held Sept. 28 at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course, the tournament offered hospitality that began with an omelet bar in the morning, shrimp and bourbon along with grilled lunch at the turn and a gourmet awards banquet to cap off the day.

The great success of this tournament was made possible by the generous support of its sponsors, including our Masters level sponsor, The Michael Stanley Foundation; U. S. Open sponsors All Green Management, Brown’s Toyota of Glen Burnie, and First National Bank; Augusta

sponsor Greenberg Gibbons; Heritage sponsors, Carpet and Wood Floor Liquidators, Crescent Cities Charities, Inc., Heinsohn Contracting Inc., Thomas Howell, and Twin Oaks Consulting; and Pebble Beach sponsors Charter Financial Group, DataLink Interactive, First Citizen’s Bank, FLOHOM Inc., Green Point Wellness, Gunther Refuse Services, HM2 Buck for Hope Foundation, Shore United Bank, Sturbridge Development Company and Winegardner GMC Prince Frederick.

The event is planned by the Hospice of the Chesapeake Golf Committee, an incredible group of volunteers who each year create a memorable outing focused on supporting the programs and services this hometown hospice provides for those living with and affected by advanced illness. They already are planning for next year when the 21st annual Golf Tournament is held September 26, 2024, at Queenstown Harbor.

Caring for life throughout the journey with illness and loss is the mission of Hospice of the Chesapeake. Visit www.hospicechesapeake.org.

