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First Lady Yumi Hogan Attends 17th Annual Rethink Recycling Sculpture Contest

Annual Contest Promotes Recycling and Creativity Among High School Students

By PRESS OFFICER
MD Governor's Press Office

ANNAPOLIS, MD (November 30, 2018)—First Lady Yumi Hogan joined Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles today at the department's 17th Annual "Rethink Recycling" Sculpture Contest. The First Lady opened the event by welcoming student artists, teachers, and parents. Later, the department awarded prizes for a horse, a dress, and a cardboard human head—all made from reused materials. Students from Carroll County, Harford County, Baltimore County, and Garrett County won the top prizes.

"The Rethink Recycling sculpture contest is just one of the many ways that the Mary-

land Department of the Environment educates and empowers our citizens to reuse and recycle. It is very exciting for me personally because this event connects two of my passions—art and our environment," said First Lady Yumi Hogan. "Maryland high school students are challenged to use recycled and reusable materials—that would otherwise end up in our landfills—to create artistic and innovative sculptures. We should continue to protect our environment and preserve it for generations to come."

"Maryland is an environmental leader because our schools keep producing students who can turn waste into wealth and litterbugs into nature lovers," Secretary Grumbles said. "These creative artists who change hearts and minds are key to the governor's goals

for recycling materials and restoring the Chesapeake Bay."

Maryland residents and businesses recycled more than 3.2 million tons of waste in 2017 and achieved a waste diversion rate of nearly 50 percent, surpassing the state's voluntary 40 percent waste diversion goal for the ninth straight year.

Rethink Recycling challenges Maryland high school students to use recycled materials to create artistic and innovative sculptures. This year, 62 entries from 23 schools across the state were on display.

Mary Garrison from South Carroll High School in Carroll County was the grand prize winner for her sculpture "Golden Mare" made using gold metal objects, necklaces, cardboard, wire, and a drawer handle. She received a Dell laptop and four passes to the National Aquarium for her efforts.

The category winners, who each received JBL Pulse 3 Bluetooth Speakers and wireless headsets, were:

- **Creativity:** Huy Nguyen, Towson High School, Baltimore County, for "The Face of Hoy," using cardboard and hot glue;
- **Workmanship:** Jocelyn Schoch, Southern Garrett High School, Garrett County, for creating "Flying Freedom," made of steel wool, wire, wood, foam, soda cans, plastic bags, CDs, and hot glue;
- **Use of Materials:** Stephanie Zulak, Joppatowne High School, Harford County, for "Cirque de Corbeille," made of cassette tape, rope, spoons, crayons, discarded jewelry, coffee filters, K-Cups, pill bottles, trash bags, and marker lids; and
- **People's Choice:** Adrianna Wood, Century High School, Carroll County, for "Screw it! I'm going to L.A.," made of screws.

The runners-up, who each received \$100 Amazon gift cards, were:

- **Creativity:** Patricia Ezeji, Patapsco High School, Baltimore County, for her work entitled "Terry the Peacock," using wood, school papers, plastic bottles, and an old pair of jeans;
- **Workmanship:** Kun Feng, Towson High School, Baltimore County, for crafting "Cardboard Phoenix," made from cardboard and hot glue;
- **Use of Materials:** Meghan Martin and Khelsa Connolly, Linganore High School,

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Violin Master Sergeant Christopher Shieh of Upper Marlboro, Md. performing with "The President's Own" Marine Chamber Orchestra.

Upper Marlboro Native Performed for President Bush's State Funeral

By MSGT KRISTIN SUZANNE DUBOIS
U.S. Marine Band Office of Communication

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 5, 2018)—Upper Marlboro native Master Sgt. Christopher Shieh, principal viola with "The President's Own" Marine Chamber Orchestra, participated in President George H. W. Bush's State Funeral Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

President Bush's State Funeral marks the 14th such event for which "The President's Own" United States Marine Band or Marine Chamber Orchestra has performed. "The President's Own" was present for the State Funerals of the following former Presidents: Gerald Ford in 2007, Ronald Reagan in 2004, Lyndon B. Johnson in 1973, Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1969, Herbert Hoover in 1964, John F. Kennedy in 1963, Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945, William Howard Taft in 1930, William McKinley in 1901, Ulysses S. Grant in 1885, James Garfield in 1881, Abraham Lincoln in 1865, Zachary Taylor in 1850, and John Quincy Adams in 1848.

"We have been fortunate to have had wonderful moments with every President we serve, but President and Mrs. Bush's gratitude for our Marines and for the special music we provide in The People's House was especially warm and always engaging," said Music Adviser to the White House and Marine Band Director Col. Jason K. Fettig. "He never missed an opportunity to connect with those around him and thank them for their contributions, and the men and women in the band who got to know President Bush both during his administration and in the many years beyond will always remember his ever-present appreciation and admiration for all those who served our nation alongside him."

Violin Master Sergeant Christopher Shieh of Upper Marlboro, Md., joined "The President's Own" United States Marine Chamber Orchestra in June 1996. He was appointed principal in 1997. Master Sgt. Shieh began his musical training at age 10. After graduating in 1985 from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Md., he

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People's Choice runner-up Rayven Dears, from Suitland High School with her sculpture "Seraph," made from glass beads, wire, and wood.

Free Holiday Lyft Rides Offered In Prince George's County To Prevent Drunk Driving

DC Area Soberride Program Begins on Dec. 14 and Runs Through New Year's

By PRESS OFFICER
Washington Regional Alcohol Program

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (Dec. 3, 2018)—Combating that holiday period when, last December, 885 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving drunk drivers.* A local nonprofit organization announced today that free safe rides will be offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout Prince George's County, Maryland during the winter holidays.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2018 Holiday SoberRide® program will be in

operation nightly 8:00 pm to 4:00 am, starting on Friday, December 14th and continuing until Monday, December 31st, 2018 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday period.

During this eight-hour period, area residents age 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a SoberRide® code in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. WRAP's

weekly Holiday SoberRide promo codes will be posted at 12:00 p.m. on December 14, December 22, and December 31 on SoberRide.com.

(Last year, WRAP announced a partnership with the ridesharing service Lyft to provide WRAP's SoberRide® service in the Washington-metropolitan area. SoberRide®, the popular free safe ride service to prevent drunk driving, is now solely available via the Lyft mobile app ridesharing platform.)

"Last December, nearly 2,000 (1,838) Greater Washington residents did the right thing and availed themselves of this lifesav-

ing service rather than possibly driving home impaired," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP's President. "For SoberRide's hours of operation on New Year's alone, this level of ridership (1,225) translated into SoberRide removing a would-be drunk driver from Greater Washington's roadways nearly every 23 seconds."

The charity also offers its SoberRide® program on St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day, and Halloween.

SoberRide® is offered throughout Lyft's Washington, D.C. coverage area which includes all or parts of the District of Columbia; the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's; and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William.

"Lyft is proud of the role ridesharing has played in reducing impaired driving across the nation. Here in the DC area, partnering with the Washington Re-

gional Alcohol Program allows us to take our commitment to providing safe, convenient, and affordable transportation a step further, particularly during times of the year when people are out celebrating and in need of a ride home," said Steve Taylor, GM, Lyft Washington, D.C.

Sponsors of this year's Holiday SoberRide® campaign include the 395 Express Lanes, AAA Mid-Atlantic, Anheuser-Busch, Brown-Forman, Constellation Brands, District of Columbia Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Giant Food, Glory Days Grill, Heineken, Kendall-Jackson, Lyft, MillerCoors, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

Since 1991, WRAP's SoberRide® program has provided 73,510 free safe rides home to

would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

Founded in 1982, the nonprofit [501(c)(3)] Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) is a coalition of diverse interests using effective education, innovative programs and targeted advocacy to end alcohol-impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington, DC metro area. Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths historically lower than the national average.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide® initiative can be found at www.SoberRide.com.

*Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, <https://www.trafficssafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/buzzed-driving-drunk-driving/holiday-season>

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Greenbelt Hires Its First Economic Development Coordinator

"... I look forward to deepening engagement with the business community to ensure that they have what is needed to thrive and to support innovative, sustainable growth."

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Overlord

Overlord is shallow comic book carnage with no subtext, but it successfully walks the line between serious and ludicrous without tipping over into camp, and the war-movie tropes are used effectively

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

I read the federal government's recently released climate change report, and was surprised to learn that global warming is even being blamed for an increase in foodborne illness. What's the connection?

—Jeremy Brotherton, Camden, ME
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TOWNS and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Remembering Pearl Harbor, on the 77th anniversary

On Dec. 7, 1941, a young sailor, Jerry Glaubitz, was aboard the heavy cruiser USS San Francisco at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked. His ship was strafed, but not heavily damaged, and Jerry survived. Four battleships were sunk, other ships damaged, and 2,335 died. The next day President Roosevelt signed the Declaration of War.

On Dec. 7, 1988, Jerry was installed as National Vice President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors at their 47th Annual National Commemoration at Virginia Beach.

On Dec. 7, 1991, Jerry Glaubitz, with his wife Jean, accompanied President George Bush and his wife Barbara to ceremonies aboard the USS Arizona, remembering Pearl Harbor on the 50th anniversary.

On Dec. 7, 2018, I am writing this column.

I'm remembering that sailor, Jerry Glaubitz. He not only survived, but he went on to be elected Mayor of Morningside, a job he held for 43 years, to become the longest serving mayor in Maryland. He died April 26, 2005.

Only yesterday, Dec. 6, President Bush was laid to rest at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M.

Neighbors and Other People

Angela G. Alsobrooks was sworn in as Prince George's County Executive on Dec. 3, and I congratulate her. She is the first woman to serve in that office.

Stacie and John Smith, of Skyline, are proud of their granddaughter Adaja Branhams who is a freshman at West Virginia State University. Her good grades won her a full scholarship.

We've been on the news all week, with President Bush 41 making his last trip to Andrews. Crowds gathered on the base at the arrival and at the departure. Years ago his motorcade would have traveled Suitland Road, half a block from my house. Now Andrews has created a quick trip from the base to Suitland Parkway. Also, the National Park Service won't let us gather along the Parkway as we used to.

There was good coverage on TV of Suitland Parkway. What they didn't show was the miles-long traffic jam on Allentown Road, waiting to get on the Parkway. I was there.

News from Morningside

Morningside holds its monthly Town Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the Town Hall, 7 p.m.

The Morningside VFD Rescue Squad and Ambulance crew have been able to review techniques for defeating roll-up security gates at a local construction project. They consider it just another day of cooperation with private contractors to help improve their service to the public.

Breakfast with Santa at the Morningside Firehouse

Morningside is hosting its annual Breakfast with Santa at the Morningside Firehouse on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m. The fee is \$5 but it must be paid in advance. You can go to the Town Hall (6961 Ames St.) or call 301-736-2301 for information.

Suitland Road Baptist Church

Pastor Kelvin McCune invites you to their annual Christmas Day service at Suitland Road Baptist, 9 to 10 a.m. The church is at 6412 Suitland Road. For information, call 301-735-4075.

Also, Carolyn Pruitt reminded me that Bible Study continues Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church. All are welcome.

Changing landscape

Once upon a time it was Skyline Elementary School. Now it's the Skyline Administrative Office for the County Schools. On Dec. 12 the Bus Driver Fair was held in that building. (By the way, they are hiring bus drivers. Interested? Go to nicole.eubanks@pgcps.org.)

WSSC's Piscataway Bio-Energy Project is under construction, the most technically-advanced project ever constructed by WSSC in its 100 years. Go to wsscwater.com/bioenergy for more about this innovative project.

Fran Farrar, Andrews Officers' Club Wife

Philomena Frances "Fran" Farrar, 91, formerly of Skyline, died June 4 in Dunkirk. She was born in Brooklyn.

She was a member of the Officers' Wives Club at Andrews and was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening, bowling, and singing. Years ago Fran was a member of St. Philip's Church in Camp Springs; in recent years she attended Jesus the Good Shepherd in Owings.

Fran's husband, Billie Lee Farrar died in 1992. Survivors include sons Mark and John, daughters Barbara and Janet, twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Burial was at Arlington.

Jack Lukasewicz, member of Navy Golf League at Andrews

John Edward "Jack" Lukasewicz, 83, of Camp Springs, died Nov. 22 in Leonardtown. He was a Computer Systems Analyst with the Census Bureau and the Department of the Navy for 39 years, and a Navy vet.

He was a member of the VFW in Morningside, the Knights of Columbus, and was a longtime parishioner and usher at St. Philip's Church. He was a member of the Navy Golf League at Andrews, and enjoyed fishing, crabbing and hunting. He rooted for all the Washington teams—the Capitals, Nationals and Redskins.

His wife Jacqueline and brother Kenneth predeceased him. Survivors include four daughters, Diane Hartmann, Laura Strickland, Judy Morgan and Carol Lukasewicz, and five grandchildren. Services and burial will be in Pennsylvania.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Linda Gryskewicz, Dec. 15; my next-door neighbor Stacie Smith and Erin Nicole Brown-Sandoval, Dec. 16; Morningside Councilman Bradley Wade and David Williams III, Dec. 17; Charlene Baker and Paul Ratliff, Dec. 18; my grandson Michael Gallegos, Dec. 19; and Ricky Nichols, Dec. 20.

Happy anniversary to Margaret and Leslie Greene, their 75th (!) on Dec. 18; Bill and Betty Malkowski, their 66th (!), Dec. 20; and Ray and Betty Call, Dec. 20.

Around the County

Prince George's County Council Elects New Leadership Team

Council Chair Todd Turner and Vice-Chair Rodney Streeter to Serve in Legislative Year 2019

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's County Council

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (December 4, 2018)—The newly-elected Prince George's County Council, convening for the first time, elected Council Member Todd Turner (D)—District 4 to serve as Chair for Legislative Year 2019. Council Member Rodney Streeter (D)—District 7, was elected to serve as Vice Chair. The newly-confirmed Council Leadership team presided over the first session of the Legislative Year 2019 on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Chair Turner and Vice Chair Streeter will serve in leadership through December 3, 2019.

For the first time since 1982, the Council includes two voter-approved At-Large Members, expanding the legislative body from nine to 11 members.

Chair Turner, upon accepting the Council's Gavel of Leadership, pledged to be a "bridge builder" during his leadership term.

"It's been said that a good leader understands that leadership is responsibility, not power, and requires compromise, not dictates. I take this responsibility and role seriously, and I extend my deepest gratitude to my colleagues for your confidence in my ability to serve you and the County Council in this capacity. My goal is to be the bridge builder between the returning and new members of the Council, as well as with our new County Executive."

Chair Turner also looked to the future, comparing the new 11-member Council to a winning football team.

"We are at a pivotal time in our County's history, and I am excited for the future. Like a football team

preparing to take the field for the first game of the season, we are 11-members strong and ready to meet the challenges ahead. Included among those seated on the dais today are seasoned veterans and proven free-agents from other teams. We also have rookies eager to put their skills to the test, and we even have one player returning to his old team. While our positions on the field may be different, we all share the same goal—building a strong team and winning for Prince George's County."

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, who made history as the first woman elected to serve as Prince George's County Executive, addressed the Council during the Gavel Exchange Ceremony, thanking them for their service and sharing a lesson from her father.

"My father told me there are two things in life you must protect, your name and your time. When you lose them, you never get them back. This moment is significant in that we are exchanging the gavel; there are new faces, and it reminds me of the insecurity of time. Together, the time we have is finite, but the work that we do, if we do it well, will last well beyond us. Years from now people may not remember our names, but they will remember the work we did together. I look forward to working with each of you, and I look forward to people saying we did it better than anyone has ever done it before."

Council Chair Turner, a resident of Bowie, was reelected to serve a second four-year term on the County Council in the November 2018 General Election. Vice Chair Streeter of Hillcrest Heights, was elected to serve his first term on the Prince George's County Council in the 2018 General Election.

Over 80 Percent of Prince George's County Schools Achieve Top Three Ratings on New State Accountability System

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's County Public Schools

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (December 4, 2018)—A total of 168 schools in Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS)—83.6 percent—received the three highest ratings on Maryland's new five-star system.

Elementary, middle, high and charter schools were among the high-performers. Designed to prepare all students for post-secondary success, the new accountability system is aligned with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and rates schools on a one- to five-star scale. The highest-performing schools receive a five-star rating.

"The state's new accountability system provides a snapshot of how schools help students achieve success in the classroom and beyond. We will use it as a tool to strengthen teaching and learning," said Dr. Monica Goldson, Interim Chief Executive Officer. "I am proud of Prince George's County Public Schools' continued progress. Every student deserves a five-star school. And we will do what it takes to help every school get there."

A total of 192 schools were rated. Nine schools were ineligible for ratings according to the state's criteria. The number of schools in each category is as follows:

- five-star — nine schools (seven elementary, one high and one charter)
- four-star — 75 schools (61 elementary, five middle, four high and six charter)
- three-star — 84 schools (55 elementary, 16 middle, nine high and three charter)

- two-star — 21 schools (eight elementary, three middle and 10 high)
 - one-star — three high schools
- Elementary schools include those with a kindergarten through eighth grade configuration.

The schools with a one-star rating, such as alternative and Evening High Schools, serve non-traditional students enrolled to gain high school credits towards graduation.

Results for individual schools may be found online on the PGCPS School Information Page and Maryland Report Card. The school system's website also includes ESSA information and resources.

The new Maryland Report Card includes student achievement growth on state tests in English Language Arts and math; postsecondary readiness; proficiency for English language learners; graduation rate; and students with access to and earning credit for a well-rounded curriculum. In future years, the ratings will include science and social studies achievement and the results of a student/faculty climate survey.

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 25 largest school districts, has 208 schools and centers, more than 134,000 students and nearly 19,000 employees. PGCPS is nationally recognized for innovative programs and initiatives that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including arts integration, environmental and financial literacy, and language immersion.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

"REMEMBERING THE TIMES"

Christ United Methodist Church Outreach Committee, Aquasco, Maryland hosted a celebration program and luncheon honoring their Seasoned Saints Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the American Legion Post, Hughesville, Maryland. Rev. Constance C. Smith is the Pastor of Christ UMC Church.

Honored Guests 80 years and older were Mr. Robert Adams, Mrs. Teresa Banks, Mr. James Bond, Mrs. Catherine Brooks, Mrs. Alberta Butler, Mrs. Lillian Duckett, Mr. Herman Glascoe, Mrs. Lula Hawkins, Mr. Clinton Smallwood Holland, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Mrs. Lillian Makle, Mrs. Barbara Pinkney, Mr. Orville Pinkney, Mrs. Ruth Turner, and Mrs. Ora Wilson.

Guest speaker was Rev. Michael Parker of Bells United Methodist Church, Camp Springs, Maryland. The Outreach Committee of Christ United Methodist Church would like to thank their speakers and everyone who supported the event for their efforts in making this event a great success.

ROTC COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

ROTC Commissioning Ceremony was held December 13, 2018 in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, Recital Hall at Bowie State University. The ceremony was held to congratulate cadets who have reached their goal by earning a commission as an officer in the United States Army. Congratulations Cadets.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

New Hope Fellowship/Nottingham Myers UM & Christ UMC hosts Blue Christmas. Not everyone is up and cherry for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, depression, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease makes parties and joviality painful for many people.

The service of remembrance and hope will be held on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The address is 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Pastor of Christ UMC is Rev. Constance C. Smith. Photographs of your loved ones for presentation may be submitted to: Newhopeevent@gmail.com

BADEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Check out Baden's Hall at Baden's Hall Rental web page or click "Book Now" if you are having an event or looking for somewhere to have it visit <http://www.badenvfd.com/content/hall>.

SUBURBAN MARYLAND SPRING HOME SHOW

The Home Show will be held January 26, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. The location is The Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. The Home Show is free to the public.

The Home Show goal is to motivate, inspire, and excite you for your upcoming home improvement. Their events feature a wide selection of home improvement professionals in a fun interactive environment. For more information on this event visit: <http://www.mdhomedshows-sp.com/>.

DISTRICT 7 EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

The District 7 Education Roundtable will be held January 16, 2019 from 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. at Princeton Elementary School 6101 Baxter Drive, Suitland, Maryland. "The District 7 Education Roundtable is a community-based forum comprised of community leaders, citizens, educators and students from the 10 communities and 20 education facilities within Board of Education District 7. Its mission is to advise District 7 Board of Education Member K. Alexander Wallace on community, school, budgetary and Board policy matters."

District 7 Education Roundtable meetings will be held once a month during January, March and May. Refreshments will be provided, and meetings will take place in schools throughout the district. To participate in the roundtable, perspective members must either be a resident of District 7 or a student, parent/guardian, or PGCPS staff member of a school within District 7.

To join the roundtable, individuals must email Board Member K. Alexander Wallace, District 7, at: kalexander.wallace@pgcps.org.

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COMMUNITY

Success of Inaugural Healthcare Symposium Promises Its Return in 2019

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, MD (Nov. 28, 2018)—There are many ways one can spend a sunny Saturday in November. The fact that more than 225 professionals and community members chose to spend Nov. 3 at Prince George's Community College learning about hospice, palliative, elder and bereavement care is a sign to the organizers of the inaugural Caring for the Continuum of Life: A 2018 Healthcare Symposium that it was an overwhelming success. The event was so well-received, the non-profit plans to offer the educational event again in 2019.

Hosted by the Chesapeake Life Center, Hospice of the Chesapeake and Chesapeake Palliative Medicine and sponsored by University of Maryland Capital Region Health, Liquified Creative, Visiting Angels and Green Point Wellness, the symposium featured 24 expert presenters in the fields of hospice and palliative care, grief counseling and aging in 14 different sessions. It also was supported in part by a grant from the Hospice Care Connection.

"We are part of the world's most advanced healthcare systems and we still see people struggle to navigate decisions about treatment or gain access to the care that will best meet their needs," Hospice of the Chesapeake President and CEO Ben Marcantonio said. "What we see most sig-

PHOTOS BY ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
OF HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

(Nov. 3, 2018) Edith Perry, Community Liaison for state District 21 Del. Joseline Peña-Melnyk, delivers an official citation from the Maryland General Assembly congratulating Hospice of the Chesapeake for its inaugural symposium to President and CEO Ben Marcantonio and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Eric Bush.

nificantly, is that patients and families do not always receive all the information they need to make informed decisions about the care they want."

Marcantonio said the goal of the symposium was to provide much-needed education to empower patient-centric decision making and begin to change the way families experience advanced illness, end of life, and grief and loss. "We believe that, as community partners, we have a responsibility to increase awareness and understanding as well as reduce the burden of making these life-changing decisions," he said.

Judging by the response of many of the participants, that goal was achieved and exemplified by the vibrant "DocTalk Q&A" closing session where a panel of physicians answered questions ranging from when in the care continuum should one refer a patient to hospice care to the efficacy of medical marijuana.

"We believe we have made one big step towards positively impacting how our community experiences illness,

(Nov. 3, 2018) Duke Medical Center bioethicist Dr. Richard Payne presents the opening session as the keynote speaker. Participants were able to enjoy his expert contributions throughout the day as he interacted with presenters in other learning sessions.

end of life and loss," Marcantonio said. "There is still a lot of work ahead of us. We hope to make another big step when we do this again next November."

Watch for updates on the symposium's website at www.caringforlifemd.org.

Caring for life throughout the journey with illness and loss is the mission of Hospice of the Chesapeake. For more information, please visit www.hospicechesapeake.org.



Free December Health Resources Provided by Doctors Community Health System

By PRESS OFFICER
Doctors Community Hospital

LANHAM, MD (December 3, 2018)—Throughout the year, Doctors Community Health System offers numerous screenings and support groups. Some of the upcoming events include:

Free Screenings on Mobile Health Clinic

Visit the Wellness on Wheels (WOW) mobile health clinic to receive free screenings (diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure) as well as medication reviews and education. For updated care locations, call 301-324-4968 or visit DCHweb.org/WOW. (Most times are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

December 13—Hollywood Plaza Shopping

Center 9801 Rhode Island Avenue College Park, MD

December 15—Seaton Memorial AME Church Health Fair, 5507 Lincoln Avenue, Lanham, MD (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)

December 17—Shoppes at New Carrollton 7898 Riverdale Road New Carrollton, MD

December 18—John E. Howard Senior Activity Center, 4400 Shell Street, Capitol Heights, MD (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)

December 19—Powder Mill Village Apartments, 3625 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD

December 20—Harmony Hall, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

December 21—Shops at Iverson, 3737 Branch Avenue, Hillcrest Heights, MD

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Saying "No" to a Child's Holiday Demands

The holidays can make all of us feel like "kids" again. It's mostly a happy time, but also a season with heavy doses of marketing pressure. As adults we're able to control (usually) the impulses brought on by all those "buy stuff now!" ads, but our children face the same tidal wave of advertising without the experience to help temper the desires the ads create.

There are real reasons why the latest, heavily advertised toys can seem so appealing to our kids. It's a normal part of development for children to fantasize and jump from reality to a make-believe world with ease. Watch small children dressing up or acting out elaborate games and you can see how real those fantasy worlds can be for a child.

This ability to engage in fantasies is also why all the newest and "hottest" toys can seem so appealing. Children can easily dream about owning that exciting new game or toy, something they can imagine playing and sharing with friends, and maybe even being envied for owning.

These childhood dreams can be very strong during the gift-giving season, and when we have to let our kids down and say "no" to the latest requests it can leave us feeling like we're bad parents. This, however, may be an emotional reaction, but not a realistic evaluation.

As a parent there may be legitimate reasons why agreeing to a child's demands simply isn't practical, or desirable, or maybe even possible. While those reasons may make sense for you, for the child looking to fulfill his or her fantasy, your adult reality has little or no meaning.

Our normal parental response to a child's over-the-top request, or "demand," might be something like, "No, that toy is simply too expensive." Such a response often will lead to escalated tension that makes the child cling even harder to the fantasy of how wonderful it could be and how you just don't understand.

Instead, it often works better to allow the child to hold on to and enjoy the fantasy. Respond by showing you understand how wonderful and fun it might be to have that toy. Don't resist the fantasy, but give your child the time to return to reality at his or her own pace. Save the discussion of why the toy is not a good decision for a calmer time when the fantasy is not as strong.

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COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

Incoming House Majority's Agenda Must Include the Main Street Marshall Plan

"America is already a great country: our challenge is to make its greatness apply fairly and equitably to all of its people. As the only Member of elected Leadership from a red state and largely rural district, I will work tirelessly to be a voice for the millions of Americans who feel left out and communities that are too often left behind."

—Newly-elected House Majority Whip
Rep. James Clyburn

The pending Democratic takeover of the U.S. House of Representatives marks a major turning point, perhaps far more significant than most Americans realize. For the last two years, the current Administration has careened, unchecked,

through a series of misguided policy mishaps, from family separations at the border to emboldening white nationalists and neo-Nazis, and mangling the response to Hurricane Maria.

The Administration's signature achievement, a massive tax shift to benefit corporations and the wealthiest Americans, serves only to worsen income inequality and explode the federal deficit.

The clear mission of the incoming Congress is not only to put a halt to the Administration's misguided agenda but to advance an agenda aimed at reducing inequality, expanding opportunity and enforcing civil rights and racial justice.

An encouraging sign that the Democratic majority does intend to advance such an agenda was the unveiling of a legislative package—known as

H.B. 1, to emphasize its importance—reforming the nation's political processes.

The bill includes new donor disclosure requirements for political organizations, public financing for political campaigns, a mandatory Supreme Court ethical code, expansion of access to the polls and a reduction of partisan gerrymandering.

We believe H.B. 1 is a good start. Among the other issues the incoming House majority must address on Day 1 are: increasing the federal minimum wage and indexing it to inflation, strengthening and restoring the Affordable Care Act, a comprehensive and targeted infrastructure bill and protection for "Dreamers"—young immigrants covered by Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

The most significant and impactful initiatives the new House majority could adopt, which includes much of the above, can be found in the National Urban League's Main Street Marshall Plan, a comprehensive blueprint addressing lack of opportunity and economic inequality in America's urban communities.

Elements of the Main Street Marshall Plan were introduced as part of a major legislative proposal introduced by members of the Congressional Black Caucus earlier this year.

The Congressional Black Caucus' Jobs and Justice Act includes Main Street Marshall Plan proposals addressing investment in public schools and

infrastructure, a living wage for all Americans, restorative justice for ex-offenders, and tax incentives for hiring young people, veterans, and the unemployed.

It's significant that the incoming Congress is the most racially and culturally diverse in history, including first Native American congresswomen and the first Muslim congresswomen. The practical effect of such diversity is that Congress can more truly represent the interests of all its citizens—not just the wealthy, white men who still make up its largest contingent.

In an open letter to her colleagues, incoming Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi wrote, "It is my hope that as we deliver on our For The People agenda—lower health costs, higher wages by rebuilding America and restoring integrity in government—we do so in a way that will address economic disparity in this Country. This Freshman Class has also made integrity in government its priority, supporting H.R. 1, in our Better Deal for Our Democracy. As Justice Brandeis said, 'We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.'"

We look forward to working with Rep. Pelosi and her colleagues on both sides of the aisle to restore integrity to government and create economic, educational and social opportunity for all Americans.

Marion Wright Edelman

President, Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Remembering My Dear Friend and Freedom Fighter Dr. John Maguire

"Up until I was 16 years old and a senior in high school, I did the same thing my friends did. We drove through the Black side of town throwing pebbles at Black guys and yelling racial epithets. We were the White oppressors. I was the White oppressor."

My dear friend Dr. John Maguire readily admitted his childhood in Montgomery, Alabama and Jacksonville, Florida didn't make him a likely champion of racial equality. But when he passed away recently at age 86, John—the president emeritus of Claremont Graduate University, former president of the State University of New York (SUNY) Old Westbury, and recipient of many accolades and honors—was widely respected as an extraordinarily committed advocate for civil rights and social justice. His story is a powerful example of the power and possibility of personal growth and change.

John described his parents as "radical segregationists," although he also said they didn't see themselves as "bigots" and believed there was a difference between the two. But he was a product of his place and time until that senior year of high school when everything began to change. He was chosen to go to an integrated YMCA baseball camp in Ohio where players were deliberately assigned roommates of other races. He remembered passing a soda around among his new group of friends and suddenly realizing it was the first time his lips had touched something a Black person's lips had touched, a simple moment that shattered an imaginary taboo.

When he enrolled at Washington and Lee University the following fall, professors there slowly began to challenge his old racial assumptions. He attended a conference at Crozer Theological Seminary during his sophomore year where he was again assigned a Black roommate: Martin Luther King, Jr. Right away he found Dr. King and his ideas brilliant and compelling. It was the start of a friendship that lasted until Dr. King's death and a relationship that influenced my friend John deeply as he was starting to change his own world view.

Throughout a Fulbright year in Edinburgh, divinity school and doctorate at Yale, and postdoctoral research at Yale, Berkeley, and in Germany and the Philippines, my friend John's perspective kept broadening. Eventually, he didn't just come to understand and accept the Civil Rights Movement in the South—he jumped in himself as a fervent ally and participant. This was true to who he was: a "happy warrior" ready to act justly.

In 1961 Dr. King encouraged him to join the Freedom Rides with his divinity school classmate and friend Dr. William Sloane Coffin, Jr. I begged to join them but they thought it too dangerous for a woman! I was furious having grown up in the South and having been jailed for

sitting in at Atlanta City Hall's cafeteria in 1960 without shields from Jim Crow. Life magazine featured John Maguire's experience seeing the South's violent racism from the other side and being arrested in Montgomery, his former hometown, for trying to order coffee at a bus station. He was eventually represented by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Thurgood Marshall and Jack Greenberg and Yale Law professor Lou Pollak in a case that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. By then John was a faculty member at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. While many of his colleagues cheered him on and helped pay his fines and legal costs, some colleagues and alumni were deeply critical of his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. But John was not turning back.

A few years later he helped Vincent Harding draft the historic anti-war sermon "Beyond Vietnam" that Dr. King gave at Riverside Church on April 4, 1967, exactly a year before his assassination, warning America against succumbing to the "giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism" and telling us we needed a revolution of values: "A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

Once John came to see that Jericho Road clearly, he spent the rest of his lifetime helping to "restructure" unfair structures. He told an interviewer he knew he'd made a difference during the Civil Rights Movement when he realized he'd opened his parents' eyes. One day his mother said to him, "We see your friend Martin King on TV all the time, and he looks so tired. Tell him that if he wants a place to rest... he can rest here. We won't bother him." When he heard her say that he wept. After Dr. King was killed John became director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change, and throughout his life he kept helping transform people's points of view—especially the generations of students whose lives he touched and who learned from his



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Marion Wright Edelman, John Maguire & Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1961 at Wesleyan University

example as president of SUNY Old Westbury from 1970–1981 and then Claremont Graduate University from 1981–1998.

My friend John fought passionately for increasing diversity in and access to higher education throughout his life and remained convinced that solving the problem of access to higher education had to start long before students entered the doors of a university or graduate school. He also knew that the problem was much wider than education and spoke out against disparities in health care, the criminal justice system, economic development and more.

John and his extraordinary wife Billie were loving and faithful friends and unceasing supporters of the Children's Defense Fund and other organizations and people who, like them, wanted to help bend the arc of the universe towards justice. At every step he did it with a trademark sense of joy and with his beloved Billie and their daughters and grandchildren at his side. Bill Moyers and his wife Judith were close friends of the Maguires, and Bill said the words that come to mind when he thinks of John are "Passionate heart. Searching intellect." Judith added: "Scarred by tragic losses, John managed to find abundant joy in life as a priceless friend and fearless leader...and [Billie's] support of John through thick and thin was central to his ability to do all that he did." At a dinner party many years ago John was reportedly asked what he would want his epitaph to be, and answered: "He had a passion for justice and excellence and he was steadfast." No words better sum up his marvelous legacy. And like him, we and our nation must embrace his lessons, example and bold willingness to change to ensure a more just nation and world fit for all God's children.

Steny H. Hoyer

Maryland Congressional District 5



Maryland Delegation Urges University System of Maryland to Ensure Health, Safety of Every Student

WASHINGTON, DC (December 7, 2018)—Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05), along with Senators Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Congressmen Elijah Cummings (MD-07), Dutch Ruppersberger (MD-02) and John Sarbanes (MD-03), met yesterday

with the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents Chair Linda Gooden and USM Chancellor Bob Caret. The meeting was requested in the aftermath of the Board's investigation into and recommendations regarding the football program at the University of Maryland, Col-

lege Park (UMD). After the meeting, the members released the following joint statement:

"In the wake of the tragic and avoidable death of Jordan McNair, it is critical that the entire University System of Maryland implements reforms to keep students safe. In our meeting, Chair

Gooden and Chancellor Caret reiterated their commitment to following the recommendations of the independent commission. But promises are not enough, and the congressional delegation will push for continued oversight to ensure health and safety remain their primary focus. In the aftermath of the McNair tragedy, it's also clear that the Board of Regents acted outside of the bounds... we support Dr. Loh and believe universities' presidents must have the authority to implement personnel and operational decisions on their own campuses. Together, we will work to make sure that USM delivers a high-quality education and provides for the health and safety of every student."

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Paying Social Security Tax Doesn't Increase Benefit

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty:

If I started drawing Social Security benefits in May of 2007 at age 62 and continued to work and pay Social Security taxes to date, can I expect an adjustment in my benefits? **Signed: Working Senior**

Dear Working Senior: Not from simply paying the Social Security payroll tax, because paying your FICA taxes while you continue to work isn't what will cause an adjustment in your benefit amount. Everyone who works and earns (except certain public sector employees) must pay the Social Security payroll tax, even if you're collecting Social Security, and that has nothing to do with your personal Social Security benefit amount. Those Social Security FICA contributions you pay while you're working go into the Social Security Trust Fund, which is a special fund from which all Social Security benefits (and only Social Security benefits) are paid.

Your benefit amount at age 62 was based upon your lifetime work record at that time—specifically, the 35 inflation-adjusted years in which you had the highest earnings. If you continued to work after you claimed your Social Security benefits, and your earnings for any current year are more than in any of those 35 years used to originally compute your Social Security benefit, then you would get a small increase in your benefit amount. But remember that to determine if an increase is appropriate, your earlier years' earnings are adjusted for inflation. That means that your current earnings would need to be more than the inflation-adjusted earnings to cause a benefit increase.

Each year, Social Security looks at your earnings and determines whether your lifetime "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME) number has changed, warranting a benefit increase. That annual review continues for as long as you are earning, and whenever you earn enough to replace one of those 35 years used to originally compute your AIME you will see an increase. But if your current earnings aren't high enough to replace one of those earlier years, your benefit amount will stay the same. Except, of course, for any Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) which may be granted annually (2018 COLA was 2% and 2019 COLA will be 2.8%).

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

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Greenbelt Hires Its First Economic Development Coordinator

By BEVERLY PALAU
City of Greenbelt, MD

GREENBELT, MD (Dec 3, 2018)—On Thursday, November 29, Greenbelt City Manager Nicole Ard announced the appointment of Ms. Charise Liggins as Greenbelt, Maryland's first Economic Development Coordinator. Ms. Liggins will serve as an ombudsman for businesses and help establish the City's first economic development program.

Prior to serving as a contractor with the University of Maryland Extension Service, Ms. Liggins worked for the State of New York's Economic Development Corporation and New York City's Department of Small Business Services. Ms. Liggins fostered relationships with stakeholders and submitted grants for infrastructure improvements, business expansion, community beautification and revitalization.

She oversaw business education targeted to entrepreneurs. She has also served as a freelance professional working on marketing, sustainable development, health equity, education and youth development initiatives.

According to City Manager Ard, "Businesses rave about City of Greenbelt staff's ease to work with. Charise will complement that service as a strong advocate and ombudsman who will work with other governments and partners to help businesses succeed. Charise's background in business assistance, marketing, and environmental programs is a perfect match to help position our community for long-term sustainability."

In her response to her appointment Ms. Liggins stated, "Greenbelt is a charming city with a lot to offer. I look forward to deepening engagement with the business community to ensure that they have what is needed to

thrive and to support innovative, sustainable growth." Ms. Liggins will start work on December 10, 2018.

Greenbelt is an historic, hidden jewel located just 7 miles from Washington, DC and 27 miles from Baltimore. Greenbelt hosts a Metrorail Green Line station with MARC commuter train service. There is a current WMATA proposal to extend Yellow Line service to the Greenbelt Metro Station. Given its location at the crossroads of multiple regional roads, including the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, I-495 Capital Beltway, and MD 193/Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt offers easy access to the University of Maryland, three major airports and a general aviation airport.

Greenbelt is also home to NASA Goddard Flight Center, the U.S. Federal Courthouse, Greenbelt National Park, and the adjacent U.S. Department of Agriculture's research campus. The nearby Doctors Hospital complements a large medical community. Greenbelt boasts award winning schools like nationally-recognized Eleanor Roosevelt High School and



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Charise Liggins, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, as well as a local cooperative nursery school. Founded by the Federal government as a planned community during the 1930's New Deal era, Greenbelt is comprised of an eclectic mix of modern, major regional office parks to historic smaller commercial spaces, housing, parks, lakes, trails, shopping, restaurants, arts and music venues.

For more information on Greenbelt, including HUB Zone incentives, visit greenbeltmd.gov.

WoodSpring Suites Opens in Hyattsville



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Located at 1603 Brightseat Drive in Hyattsville, WoodSpring Suites opened November 8, 2018. It is a 122-room, all-suites hotel. All rooms have full size refrigerators, microwaves, and stove tops. In addition, the facility offers a fitness center and 24-hour laundry. It is owned and managed by Sandpiper Hospitality, which owns three hotels in Prince George's County: Camp Springs, MD; Hyattsville, MD; and Greenbelt, MD (to open in Spring 2019). For more information, visit woodspring.com.

CASA Receives \$1M Grant to Bolster Programs for Immigrant and Working Communities

CASA is an Advocacy, Organizing and Services Organization That Serves Immigrant and Working People

With \$1M in Funding from The Rockefeller Foundation and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative,

CASA Will Launch a Training Institute to Share its Model and Expand its Reach to

Improve Quality of Life and Build Power in More Communities Across the U.S.

By SARAH CASASNOVAS
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LANGLEY PARK, MD (December 3, 2018)—The Rockefeller Foundation and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative today announced that CASA will receive a \$1 million grant as part of the Communities Thrive Challenge—a \$10-million effort to expand economic opportunity for low-income and financially insecure people and communities across the country. The Langley Park-based organization is one of 10 grantees—from nine states and Puerto Rico—selected because of their demonstrated success and potential for future impact.

CASA is the largest Latino and immigrant-based organization in the mid-Atlantic, working to organize, advocate for, and expand opportunities for immigrants and working people. CASA does this through employment placement; workforce development and training; health education; citizenship and legal services; and financial, language, and literacy training married with community organizing, advocacy, and civic engagement. Since 1985, CASA has worked tirelessly to bring immigrant communities out of the shadows and into greater power, dignity, and legitimacy. CASA and nine other grantees of the Communities Thrive Challenge will receive \$1 million to scale their solutions, as well as best-in-class technical assistance.

"CASA fights to create a more just society for working-class and immigrant communities by building power and improving the quality of life for our members," said Gustavo Torres, Executive Director of CASA. "A grant from the Communities Thrive Challenge gives us the unique opportunity to share our model in more places—helping organizations working with underserved and vulnerable populations across the country build their capacity."

"The enthusiasm for the Communities Thrive Challenge was just

off the charts from local organizations like CASA, demonstrating a real hunger to share what's working for the benefit of all Americans," said Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, president of The Rockefeller Foundation. "By working together to invest in local solutions, we can build an America where all people can earn enough to support their families, achieve financial security, and provide their children with more opportunities."

"These organizations are creating pathways to opportunity from the ground up. We've already learned a lot from these local leaders and hope that others around the country will find useful lessons in these community-driven approaches," said Priscilla Chan, co-Founder of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative.

Since launching in April, the Communities Thrive Challenge received an incredible 1,826 applications from that spanned all 50 states, D.C., and 4 of 5 U.S. territories. To ensure that community leaders had a voice in the decision making, applications were reviewed and scored by five other applicants in a peer review process.

Following the peer review process, over 80 were chosen for evaluation by a diverse panel of experts from academia, policy, business, philanthropy, and community development. Informed by expert and peer review, 20 finalists were selected for the final round. After extensive interviews, site-visits and reviews, the 10 grantees, including CASA were chosen.

Applications were evaluated based on four main criteria:

- Impact:** Does the approach improve the lives of the communities where it works?
- Potential for scale:** Could this approach be effective at a larger scale or become a model for others?
- Community based/informed:** How deep is the organization embedded within the community it serves?

4. Leadership: Is the organization led by individuals with a strong history in and commitment to their field and do they represent the communities served?

For the final round, teams from The Rockefeller Foundation and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative visited each of the 20 finalists, including CASA in Langley Park, MD to learn more about their work and visions for the future. The Rockefeller Foundation and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative then selected the final slate of grantees who will each receive a \$1 million grant and technical assistance tailored to their needs.

The Rockefeller Foundation and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative have also released a public, searchable database of eligible applicants so that other funders, policy makers and leaders can learn from these standout approaches.

CASA is the largest Latino and immigrant organization in the Mid-Atlantic region. Its mission is to create a more just society by building power and improving the quality of life in working class and immigrant communities. Originally founded in 1985, and now with nearly 100,000 members in the larger DC metro area (spanning DC, Maryland, Virginia and South Central Pennsylvania), CASA utilizes a membership model to meaningfully engage members on issues that directly impact their lives. CASA's work starts with immigrant and working-class families, directly serving over 37,000 people annually, while simultaneously working to transform communities and impact the regional and national debate on immigrants and public policy.

For more than 100 years, The Rockefeller Foundation's mission has been to promote the well-being of humanity throughout the world. Today the Foundation is focused on securing the fundamentals of human well-being—health, food, power, and jobs—to ensure every family experiences dignity and opportunity in our rapidly urbanizing world. For more information, please visit www.rockefellerfoundation.org.

Founded by Dr. Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg in 2015, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) is a new kind of philanthropy that's leveraging technology to help solve some of the world's toughest challenges—from eradicating disease, to improving education, to reforming the criminal justice system. Across three core Initiative focus areas of Science, Education and Justice & Opportunity, we're pairing engineering with grantmaking, impact investing, policy and advocacy work to help build an inclusive, just and healthy future for everyone. For more information, please visit www.chanzuckerberg.com.

OUT on the TOWN

Prince George's County Comedian Returns Home for the Holidays

City of Gaithersburg presents Talib Babb, Stand-Up Comic with Keith Correy

Talib Babb Show at the Arts Barn

Date and Time: Friday, December 21, 2018, 8 p.m.

Description: Talib Babb hails from Prince George's County and graduated from Howard University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. He got started working as an intern in the D.C. area for radio stations such as WTOG, SiriusXM and CBS Radio. In 2016, he was called up by The Late Show with Stephen Colbert to write and appear in sketches. Since relocating to NYC, Talib's standup career has taken off. His satirical pieces have been picked up by The New Yorker, he's performed at Caroline's on Broadway and on SiriusXM's Raw Dog Comedy. Brightest Young Things called him "a hilarious treasure" in their recent event guide, "Your Best December." His opener, Keith Correy, is also a talented NYC-based comedian that is originally from Washington, D.C.

Cost: Tickets are \$18 for students and \$20 general.
<https://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/1694656>

Ages: Recommended for ages 17 & up

Location: Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878

Contact: 301-258-6394; artsbarn@gaithersburgmd.gov

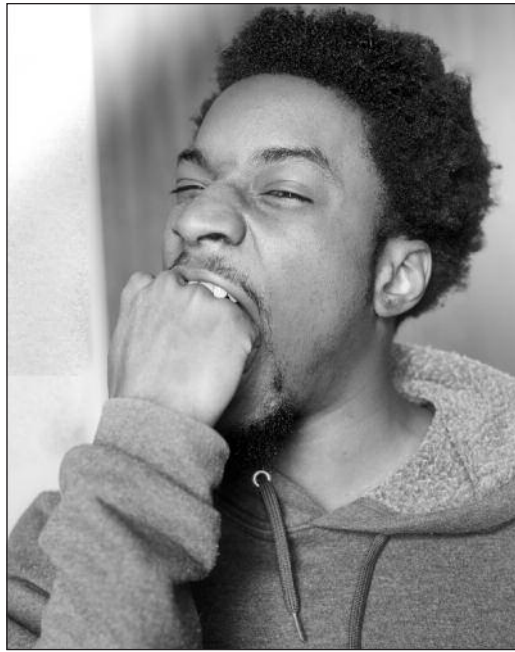


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Talib Babb will be at the Arts Barn in Gaithersburg on December 21.

Calendar Spotlight



Story Explorers: The Gingerbread Man

Saturday, December 15, 2018, 11 a.m.

Description: Run, run, as fast as you can to listen to a librarian read favorite stories aloud and do related activities, crafts and games.

Cost: FREE

Ages: Ages 5-12

Location: Largo-Kettering Branch Library, 9601 Capital Lane, Largo, MD 20774

Contact: 301-336-4044

Hansel & Gretel Tea Party

Saturday, December 15, 2018, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Description: Visit Darnall's Chance when it is decorated like a gingerbread house! Listen to the story of Hansel and Gretel, enjoy tea and dessert, and participate in a holiday craft activity. Registration fee required for all attendees—children and adults. Capacity is limited; reservation and payment required in advance.

Cost: Resident: \$17; Non-Resident: \$22

Ages: 5 and older

Location: Darnall's Chance House Museum
 14800 Governor Bowie Oden Dr.,
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Contact: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

10 x 10 Invitational | 150+ Works | 100 Artists | \$50

By PRESS OFFICER
 Pyramid Atlantic Art Center

HYATTSVILLE, MD (November 29, 2018)—Pyramid's gallery will be tiled with original artwork donated to the nonprofit arts organization by artists who love Pyramid Atlantic. This exhibition-slash-fundraiser has just two rules: all work must measure 10 x 10 inches and be priced at \$50. This cash-and-carry extravaganza changes throughout the exhibition; as work sells, new pieces are added. Art moves quickly.

10 x 10 opened Friday, December 7. The exhibition runs through January 4, 2019. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. on Sunday. The exhibition is FREE and open to the public. Pyramid Atlantic is located at 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland 20781. More at pyramidatlanticartcenter.org or 301-608-9101.



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2017 10x10 installation.

"The 10 x 10 exhibition is my favorite show of the year. We never know what we will get from artists, but it's always impressive," remarks Artistic Director Gretchen Schermerhorn.

Pyramid expects to exhibit more than 150 works by nearly 100 artists. It's a great opportunity for collectors of all levels to get interesting pieces by talented artists at a remarkable price. Prints, drawings, paintings, and mixed media will be on display and buyers can have instant gratification as purchased works can be taken at purchase. The show will evolve throughout its run as works sell, get replaced and re-arranged.

Confirmed Artists as of 11/19/18: Allan Akman, Eleanor Annand, Laura Asher, Jennifer Axner, Rush Baker, Kim Balbuena, Christy Ball, Chris Barclay, Helen Baribou, Mary Baum, Chelsae Blackman, Michael Booker, Kim Bursic, Amy Callner, Jess Cherry, Mandy Chesney, Wesley Clark, Tyler Clifford, Julia Clouser, Oliver Coley, Clara Cornelius, Kyrae Cowan, Adam Davis, Alonzo Davis, Jared Davis, Sage Dawson, Chase DeForest, Kristine Deninno, Grace DeWitt, Aubrey Dunn, Michael Enn Sirvet, Clayton Evans, Amber Eve Anderson, Melissa Ezelle, Cynthia Farrell Johnson, Jeana Foley, Juliette Fradin, Jenny Freestone,

Elizabeth Graeber, Delaney Green, Amy Guadagnoli, Amelia Hankin, Jessi Hardesty, Emmie Healy, Rose Jaffe, Amy Joseph, Nilou Kamzadzadeh, Jean Kang, Kristina King, Lauren Koch, Alice Kresse, Khanh Le, Esther Lee, Jun Lee, Meg Levine, Karin Lithell, Charlotte Mann, Amanda Marie Ellis King, Betsy Martin, Janet Mathews, Sarah Matthews, Kerry McAleer-Keeler, Maeve McCool, Matt McLaughlin, Taryn McMahon, Guy Miller, Sandra Miller, Dave Mohallate, Steven Munoz, Terence Nicholson, Sarah Noreen, Krista Park, Myles Poole, Hayley Powers Thornton-Kenney, Emma Quander, Carolyn Reece Tomlin, Corey Richardson, Francisco Rosario, Rita Rushanan, Gretchen Schermerhorn, Isak Shah, Jen Sheckels, HyoWon Sices, Madeline Stratton, Cole Swavelly, Kseniya Thomas, Kim Thorpe, Chadwick Tolley, Priya Vadhyar, Jenny Walton, Denise Wamaling, Mark Wamaling, Amy Wetsch, Mara Wilson, Clare Winslow, Beth Yashnyk, Saarialisa Ylitalo.

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ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK Movie Review

Overlord

Overlord
 Grade: B-
 Rated R, lots of harsh profanity, violence, and gore
 1 hr., 49 min.

Hard to imagine what could have given filmmakers in 2018 the idea that moviegoers want to see Nazis get killed, but hey, we'll take 'em. *Overlord*, a violent, horror-tinged, sci-fi take on Germany's World War II atrocities, recalls the Nazisploitation flicks of the '60s and '70s grindhouse circuit, except that it's from the point of view of the American interceders, not the Nazis themselves. Also, it cost a lot more to make than, say, "Ilsa, She Wolf of the SS." The point is, to enjoy *Overlord* or anything else in this category, you have to be OK with entertainment that's laden with Nazi imagery (which can be hard to take even when the story's message is clearly anti-Nazi).

You also need to be OK with entertainment that's dripping with blood and guts, because HOO BOY. Director Julius Avery, backed by producer J.J. Abrams and a fervently tacky

screenplay by Billy Ray (*Shattered Glass*) and Mark L. Smith (*The Revenant*), considers the story's gruesome possibilities to be a feature, not a bug. He'd undoubtedly right; the audience that goes for Nazi-themed horror tends to enjoy gore, too. And if you're not the audience for this, you probably already realize it.

It's 1944, and in preparation for D-Day, the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division has to sneak into Nazi-occupied France and disable a radio tower on top of a church. A tough-acting Cpl. Ford (Wyatt Russell), brought in to advise and intent on carrying out the mission at all costs, becomes the commanding officer when the plane carrying the team is shot down and only a handful of privates remain: Boyce (Jovan Adepo), who wants to do the mission but save innocent bystanders too; Tibbet (John Magaro), the requisite Brooklyn wise-ass; and Chase (Iain De Caestecker), an Army photographer embedded with the 101st Airborne.

(A few other survivors don't survive long, including the req-

uisite hick who steps on a landmine the moment he starts speaking wistfully about his postwar plans. The WWII movie template is in full effect here.)

After saving a local villager, Chloe (Mathilde Ollivier), and her little brother (Gianny Taufer) from a rapey Nazi officer (Pilou Asback), the team discovers that the church isn't just where the Germans have planted a radio tower but is also a house of horrors where the Nazis are conducting gruesome medical experiments on their way to building "super soldiers." These experiments might involve the raising

of the dead, which could lead to NAZI ZOMBIES.

Yep, we're in the realm of mad scientists, dangerous serums, and human monsters—classic B-movie stuff, rendered with gory, over-the-top gusto. The thinking seems to be that since using the Nazis' real experiments as a springboard for ghoulish entertainment is inherently distasteful, one might as well go all the way. There's logic to that, and *Overlord* is a lot of audacious fun when it's about the Americans fighting and destroying the Third Reich's grotesque monsters, which they do with en-

thusiasm and extreme prejudice.

But speaking of horrors, let's talk about Wyatt Russell's performance. Cpl. Ford is supposed to be a badass, but in Russell's hands he only ever seems like a soft doofus who's pretending to be a badass. Russell lacks the gravitas to convincingly play a man who's experienced the hell of war, and is consistently out-acted by Jovan Adepo (from HBO's *The Leftovers*), whose Pvt. Boyce grapples with his reputation among the men as someone who's reluctant to kill—a positive trait normally, but not during a war.

Avery, whose only prior feature was 2014's unseen *Son of a Gun*, shows impressive technical skills here, notably in the parachuting sequence (which would be the best skydiving scene of the year, hands down, were it not for *Mission: Impossible—Fallout*). *Overlord* is shallow comic book carnage with no subtext, but it successfully walks the line between serious and ludicrous without tipping over into campy, and the war-movie tropes are used effectively. Besides, it's good to see Nazi-killing portrayed on the screen now and then, just to keep our skills fresh.



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Calendar of Events

December 13–December 19, 2018

Holiday Tours, 2018

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 4 through Saturday, December 29, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. (closed Wednesdays and December 25)

Description: See Montpelier dressed up for the holidays on these self-guided tours. Rooms decorated in traditional style by local garden clubs. You can also shop at the Artists' Boutique through December 28, featuring original ornaments, fiber art creations and other artistic crafts, and the Montpelier Gift Shop, featuring books, music cds, old-fashioned toys, tea and tea accoutrements and Montpelier memorabilia. Refreshments served.

Cost: Regular mansion tour prices apply (\$5/adults; \$4/seniors; \$2/children; ages 4 and under free). No reservations required.

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Montpelier Historic Site, 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, Maryland 20708

Contact: 301-377-7817, TTY: 301-699-2544

Crafternoon: Holiday Crafts

Date and Time: Saturday, December 15, 2018, 2 p.m.

Description: Come join us for an afternoon of holiday crafting! Families welcome!

Cost: FREE

Ages: Ages 5–12

Location: Accokeek Branch Library, 15773 Livingston Rd., Accokeek, MD 20607

Contact: 301-292-2880

Alice in Wonderland

Date and Time: Saturday, December 15, 2018, 3–4 p.m.

Sunday, December 16, 3–4 p.m.

Description: A youth production of the Greenbelt Dance Studio. A great early theater-going experience for young audiences!

Cost: \$5, at the Community Center business office

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Contact: 301-397-2208

Soiree at the Snowdens'

Date and Time: Saturday, December 15, 2018, 5–8 p.m.

Description: The Snowdens were known far and wide for their hospitality. We toast them this holiday season with an evening of cheer and merriment, featuring the culinary diversity of our local communities and live music by wandering troubadour, Johnny Strum. Sponsored in part by the Friends of Montpelier.

Cost: \$25/Friends of Montpelier members; \$35/non-members, **Reservations and advance payment required.**

Ages: Adults

Location: Montpelier Mansion, Laurel, MD 20708

Contact: 301-377-7817, TTY: 301-699-2544

Winter Wonderland Walk:

Discover Greenbelt Park in the Winter

Date and Time: Sunday, December 16, 2018, 1 p.m.

Description: Join a park ranger on a 1.2 mile walk as we discover the forest in Winter. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area

Cost: FREE

Ages: Ages 8 and above

Location: Greenbelt Park, 6565 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Contact: 301-344-3944

Handel and Hamilton for the Holidays

Date and time: Sunday, December 16, 2018, 3–5 p.m.

Description: Holiday music combined with historical narrative that reflects the time period between 1700 and 1800 is performed at this recital featuring two Washington National Opera soloists. The concert features holiday music by G. F. Handel and includes touches of Broadway.

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Rd, Laurel, MD 20708

Contact: 301-377-7800, 410-792-0664

"Reel and Meal" Film Series: *The Unafraid*

Date and Time: Monday, December 17, 2018, 7 p.m., after an optional buffet served from 6:30 p.m.

Description: *The Unafraid*, a prize-winning documentary about the struggles of young immigrants, follows three DACA-eligible immigrants in Georgia as they try to get an affordable college education and win rights for their families and communities. Discussion led by local advocates for immigrants' rights will follow the screening. For more on the film see www.theunafraidfilm.com.

Cost: FREE

Ages: Adults

Location: New Deal Café, 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Contact: justpeacepg@earthlink.net

Kringle Kaboose at the Railroad Museum

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Description: A special holiday Kids Kaboose

Cost: Free, no reservations needed.

Ages: 1–10 years

Location: Bowie Railroad Museum, 8614 Chestnut Avenue, Bowie, MD 20715

Contact: 240-544-5677

Crafternoon: Winter Wonderland Ornaments

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 4 p.m.

Description: Come join us for an afternoon of winter-themed crafting. Families welcome!

Cost: FREE

Ages: Ages 5–12

Location: Hyattsville Branch Library (Temporary location), 6502 America Blvd., Hyattsville, MD 20782

Contact: 301-985-4690

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Winners Selected for DROP: A Story of Triumph National Creative Expressions Contest

By PRESS OFFICER
Black Women For Positive Change in Affiliation With Positive Change Foundation

WASHINGTON, DC (Dec 4, 2018)—The Positive Change Foundation, in affiliation with Black Women for Positive Change (BW4PC) has selected winners for the National Creative Expressions Contest, based on the film, "DROP: A Story of Triumph." Nine winners from Middle and High Schools and a Homeschool have been selected from schools including Darnell Cookman Middle/High School of the Medical Arts, Jacksonville, Florida; Pittsburgh School for Creative and Performing Arts, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; South Carolina Virtual Charter School, in Columbia, and Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School, in Greenville, South Carolina; Luke C. Moore Senior High School, Muhammad's Homeschool Coop; and H. D Woodson High School in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Creative Expressions Contest was to provide youth an opportunity to express their reactions to messages about dropping out of school, portrayed in the film

"DROP: A Story of Triumph," produced by Black Women for Positive Change.

The National Creative Expressions Contest attracted 109 applications from 18 states and the District of Columbia. Seventy-six (76) youth completed contest submissions and entered essays, poems, videos and drawings. Contestants were from 52 high schools, middle schools and a homeschool. Winners won prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. In a joint statement National Co-Chairs Dr. Stephanie Myers and Honorable Daun S. Hester stated, "We sponsored the Creative Expression Contest as part of the 6th Annual Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities. We appreciate the support of our major sponsors American Family Insurance, Saint and Streetfighter Foundation, and Highmark Inc., and other partners. Their donations enabled us to provide youth rewards for winning essays, poems, drawings and videos. The views of the youth are powerful and describe the challenges they face regarding staying in school, the dire results of dropping out, and the importance of family support when pursuing education, during and after high school.

Tom Johnson, President and CEO of the

Saint and Streetfighter Foundation said, "The Saint and Streetfighter Foundation is dedicated to fighting for social justice and reducing gun violence in the United States. When we keep our nation's children in school, our communities are strengthened, and our children are made stronger—intellectually, emotionally and physically—able to go forward with the education that will enable them to achieve more in life instead of a path that increases their exposure to gun violence. We are thrilled to support DROP and the Creative Expressions Contest developed by Black Women for Positive Change and the Positive Change Foundation. We are excited that students have viewed the video and eloquently expressed their views about the importance of education and staying in school."

The National Creative Expressions Contest was managed by Dr. Stephanie Myers, President of the Positive Change Foundation and BW4PC National Co-Chair, Karen Carrington, Creative Expressions Contest Committee Chair; and Nadira Akina, Creative Expressions Contest Administrator. A team of 12 Volunteer Judges evaluated the submissions and selected the winners.

Earth TALK™ Food-Borne Illness and Climate Change: What's The Connection?

Dear EarthTalk:

I read the federal government's recently released climate change report, and was surprised to learn that global warming is even being blamed for an increase in foodborne illness. What's the connection?

—Jeremy Brotherton, Camden, ME

Yes, the new federal climate report (the "Fourth National Climate Assessment") paints a dire picture of our future—including compromised food safety—if we don't rein in greenhouse gas emissions.

According to the non-profit Stop Food-borne Illness (SFI), climate change is already starting to affect food safety as a result of increased bacterial adaptation to fast changing environmental conditions brought on by warming surface temperatures. In essence, the bacteria that rules the world is getting better at adapting to new environments. The stronger the bacteria, the better it can do colonizing new territory—and making more of us sick. One side effect of increased bacterial resistance is much more use of antibiotics by veterinarians, farmers and ranchers to keep animals healthy. But it's a zero-sum game: The more antibiotics we use on ourselves and animals, the better bacteria get at developing resistance to them.

Additionally, global warming brings increased flooding, which spreads pathogens from misdirected waste streams across soils, including where children play and food crops grow. Meanwhile, warming-induced drought compromises overall soil health and brings new bacterial challenges to farmers and ranchers.

Another way global warming contributes to more foodborne illness is by increasing

the incidence and severity of natural disasters where first responders may not prioritize food safety and many of the affected are left without power or running water that could help them sanitize food.

Likewise, agricultural experts worry that exaggerated "mycotoxin" growth in a warmer world could also contaminate food sources. "Mycotoxins are a group of highly toxic chemical substances that are produced by toxigenic molds that commonly grow on a number of crops," reports SFI. High temperature, humidity and precipitation brought on by climate change can create optimal conditions for mold growth.

"At high doses, mycotoxins produce acute symptoms and deaths, and particular mycotoxins may possess carcinogenic, immunosuppressive, neurotoxic, estrogenic and teratogenic activity," adds SFI. What's scary is that we could already be ingesting these contaminants—and surely will be more so in the future—by eating inadvertently infected crops and/or meat derived from livestock raised on contaminated feed.

And then there's "zoonosis," the transmittal of diseases from pets and livestock to people through direct contact with infected animals, meat or wastes. Climate change will increase the susceptibility of



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Warming-exaggerated flooding events can spread pathogens across agricultural fields which in turn can lead to contaminated crops on our dinner plates.

animals to disease, says SFI, thus increasing the likelihood of our contracting illnesses from animals.

While we can try our best to eat responsibly grown foods and stay out of the way of potentially infected animals, the solution to global warming-induced increases in foodborne illness is to stop emitting greenhouse gases. But as we are finding, that's much more easily said than done.

CONTACTS: Climate Report, nca2018.globalchange.gov; SFI, www.stopfoodborneillness.org.

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TUESDAY TIP

COLD WEATHER AND YOUR PET

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- Winter brings extreme weather that can cause power outages. Have an emergency plan and make sure to include your pets.
- Wipe or rinse off your pet's paws after an outing with a wet cloth to remove any ice or chemicals used to melt snow.
- If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on your car hood before starting the engine to give them a chance to escape.
- If your dog stays outdoors, County law requires a house of proper size that is dry, draft free and at least two inches off the ground. For more cold pet weather tips and laws, check out bit.ly/coldtipsforpet



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Sponsors of the event were the American Cleaning Institute, Blick Art Materials, Exelon, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Maryland Recycling Network, the MD-DE-D.C. Beverage Association, National Aquarium, Giant, and Waste Management, Inc. Sponsors donated prizes, funding, and refreshments for this year's contest.

"Artistry plays a role in innovation, which is in turn a key factor in the development of sustainable cleaning products and chemistries," said Brian Sansoni, vice president of communications and outreach at the American Cleaning Institute in Washington, D.C. "We are proud to help shine the spotlight on innovative young artists whose work showcases the critical importance of recycling in bringing new life to old materials."

The judging panel tasked with determining the winners of the contest based on creativity and workmanship were: John Lewis, instructor at the Maryland Institute College of Art; Jenna Rayman, current MICA student and former winner of the Rethink Recycling sculpture contest; and artist Kasey Jones. Hilary Miller, former director of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Land and Materials Administration, judged her own separate category concerning the use of materials.

Since 2001, the Department of the Environment has celebrated America Recycles Day by hosting the annual "Rethink Recycling" Sculpture Contest. High school students from across Maryland are invited to participate by creating sculptures made of recycled and reusable materials. "Rethink Recycling" is just one way MDE educates and empowers the public to reuse and recycle materials that would have otherwise gone into landfills. To find out what you can do to reduce, reuse, recycle and buy recycled products, visit MDE's recycling web page. It is the mission of the department to protect and restore the environment for the health and well-being of all Marylanders.

Upper Marlboro Native from A1

earned a bachelor's degree in music in 1991 and continued graduate studies at the University of Maryland, College Park where he studied with Roberto Diaz and Michael Tree. Prior to joining "The President's Own," he was principal violist with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra in Hagerstown and the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra in Maryland. He also has performed with the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra in Washington, D.C., and at the Lancaster Festival in Ohio. Master Sgt. Shieh performs regularly at the White House for State Dinners, receptions, and other White House functions, and throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He was a featured soloist on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante. He has also given clinics and master classes at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

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Black College Football Hall of Fame Announces 2018 Black College Football Player of the Year Award Finalists

By GREGORY C. GOINGS
Bowie State Sports Information

ATLANTA, Ga. (November 29, 2018)—The Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) announced today four Finalists for the Black College Football Player of the Year Award. The Award is presented annually to the most outstanding football player from a Historically Black College & University (HBCU) that embodies the rich tradition of athletic excellence and integrity associated with HBCUs. Former North Carolina A&T State University, and current Chicago Bears Running Back Tarik Cohen was the inaugural recipient of the Award in 2016, and Bowie State quarterback Amir Hall was selected as the recipient in 2017.

The 2018 Finalists include **QB Amir Hall (Bowie State University)**, **DL Darryl Johnson (North Carolina A&T State University)**, **QB Noah Johnson (Alcorn State University)** and **QB Caylin Newton (Howard University)**.

The winner of the 2018 Black College Football Player of the Year Award will be announced on February 16, 2019 at the 10th Annual Black College Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Presented by the Atlanta Falcons in Atlanta, Georgia. He will be presented with the Deacon Jones Trophy, named in honor of the football legend and inaugural BCFHOF inductee.

The Finalists will also be recognized at the Celebration Bowl in Atlanta on December 15th, along with the BCFHOF Class of 2019, which will be televised on ABC.

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