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Youth CareerConnect Program Director Yolanda Tully (far left), EDC President & CEO Jim Coleman (second from left), Walter Simmons, Interim Director of Workforce Services Division (second from right) with the 'Trailblazing 13'.

Youth CareerConnect Program and National Institutes of Health Introduce Future Prince George's County Scientists to Careers in Genetics

EDC President Coleman Congratulates the 'Trailblazing 13' on Inaugural Capstone Completion

By R. JOSHUA REYNOLDS
PGCEDC

BETHESDA, MD—On August 5, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President & CEO Jim Coleman congratulated 13 Youth CareerConnect (YCC) students for their completion of the

inaugural summer internship program at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in partnership with Prince George's Community College (PGCC). This is the first time that such a partnership between Prince George's County and the NIH has taken place. As the NIH has extremely competitive intern-

ship programs, the 13 high school students from Prince George's County had a unique opportunity to be mentored and guided by some of the world's most accomplished researchers.

"It is an extreme honor to be able to listen to the capstone presentations of these 'Trailblazing 13'," said Coleman.

"You all are 'trailblazers' because there has never been a group of Youth CareerConnect summer interns who have earned the opportunity to study at the NIH prior to this summer. I am so impressed by your hard work and dedication to

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PG Valor Basketball Team and ABA Form Partnership with Angels & Doves

By Press Officer
PG Valor Basketball

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD (August 16, 2016)—PG Valor Basketball team announced today that they have partnered with Indianapolis, IN based non profit Angels & Doves Anti Bullying organization. Bullying has become a national epidemic of an unconscionable crime among 4-18 year olds.

"Our mission is to put an end to bullying, violent acts,

injuries and suicides in schools," stated Kim Harvey, co-founder of Angels & Doves, a nationwide anti-bullying program headquartered in Indianapolis, IN. "160,000 students stay home daily due to bullying."

"And that's the reason the American Basketball Association (ABA) and, in Prince George's County, MD, the PG

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Parkdale High School Student Sworn-in as Student Board Member

By Press Officer
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Parkdale High School senior Juwan Blocker was sworn in Wednesday as student member of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

"I eagerly await the opportunity to offer a student perspective on matters that directly impact my peers," Blocker said.

Blocker represents nearly 130,000 Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students, providing the Board of Education with a student viewpoint on a wide range of issues, including school infrastructure, school funding, and classroom technology.

"The Student Member of the Board plays a vital role in representing the student voice on

significant issues and policies," said Dr. Segun C. Eubanks, Board Chair. "Mr. Blocker has displayed an extraordinary level of commitment to student advocacy. We look forward to working with him during the upcoming school year."

Blocker was elected last school year by members of the Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments. He has advocated in Annapolis for adequate school funding, organized and led peaceful in-school demonstrations for victims of police-involved shootings and supported lowering the voting age in municipal elections to 16 years old. He is also the youngest-ever recipient of the Prince George's County Forty Under 40 Award presented by the Prince George's County Social Innovation Fund.

Prince George's County Office of Information Technology (OIT) Summer Youth Faceoff

OIT Challenges Summer Youth to Develop Long Term Technical Solutions for County

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Government

LARGO, MD—In partnership with the Office of Human Resources Management's (OHRM) Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP), and as a sub-component of the Tech Prince Georges initiative, Office of Information Technology (OIT) has partnered with higher education and private industry to provide its summer youth valuable hands-on expertise and the opportunity to demonstrate that technology can play a significant role in providing innovative solutions to community challenges, along with improving the quality of life for residents and businesses of Prince George's County. During the six week program, summer youth are exposed to a wide array of technologies and technical resources. The program also places a heavy emphasis on the maturation of professional skills and team-work, which are

critical for success in any work environment. In addition, Tech Prince George's aims to increase the number of minorities into the viable IT career pipeline.

OIT's summer youth program has been designed with sense of purpose—The focus this summer is on Prince George's County's Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) and what young people can do to combine technology and innovative solutions to address some of the most vexing challenges that exist in the six respective TNI areas of Prince George's County. To accomplish this, thirty six (36) students were divided into six equal teams in order to represent each of the six TNI areas. Each team was comprised of four high school students, paired with a computer science major from Bowie State University

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Prince George's County Library Selected for One Maryland One Book Author Tour

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Memorial Library System

OXON HILL, MD—Authors Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely will make a stop at the Oxon Hill Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) on September 28 at 7 pm. The event is part of a six-stop, statewide tour of the One Maryland One Book (OMOB) program of the Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities. Reynolds and Kiely will discuss their award-winning book, *All American Boys*.

Enjoying its ninth year, OMOB is a Maryland community read program with book discussions and related events held in the fall at public libraries, high schools, colleges, museums, book stores and senior centers throughout the state. *All American Boys* was chosen from more than 125 book titles suggested by Maryland readers. PGCMLS plans to host several book discussions at various branches in addition to the OMOB Author Tour. Check our website at www.pgcmcls.info in early September 2016 for details.

One Maryland One Book is sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services via LSTA grant funds through the Division of Library Development & Services, Maryland State Department of

Education, as well as by the PNC Foundation. Additional support is provided by the Baltimore City Foundation, BGE, Wells Fargo, and M&T Bank.

About the Prince George's County Memorial Library System

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Skills development library resources include: Rosetta Stone Library Solution, Lynda.com, Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow, ArtistWorks for Libraries and Learning Express Library. Early literacy resources are: Ready 2 Read Centers, Ready 2 Read Backpacks, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack and Playaway Launchpads All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Also, enjoy Minecraft, 3D printing, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab, Chess Clubs and MAC (Manga and Anime Clubs) free at your library. Try out our new PGCMLS app too! Learn more about what your Library has to offer at www.pgcmcls.info.

About the Book

A 2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book and recipient of the 2016 Walter Dean Myers Award

In *All American Boys*, the unforgettable new novel from Jason Reynolds and Bren-

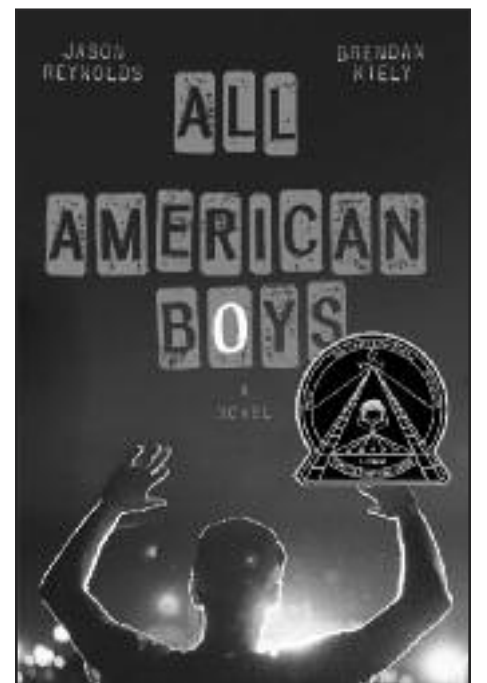


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All American Boys, co-authored by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely.

dan Kiely, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension. Write-

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Back to School

As part of the President's My Brother's Keeper Initiative, the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Justice have joined together to launch Every Student, Every Day: A National Initiative to Address and Eliminate Chronic Absenteeism.

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HRSA Awards \$782,246 to Grow Maryland's Health Workforce and Expand Health Professions Training

HRSA's education and training grants support the development of a workforce that can meet 21st century needs through an emphasis on diversity, distribution of clinicians, and quality services that encourage innovative team-based and interprofessional approaches.

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Movie Review: *Bad Moms*

The film is frequently hilarious when it focuses on Amy, Carla, and Kiki, the three of them harmoniously representing three distinct types (or stereotypes) of modern moms whose love for their children is not diminished by the fact that they're overwhelmed and tired all the time.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

I am interested in helping my school get solar panels on the roof to show students how we can be part of the solution to the climate crisis. Are there any resources or grants out there to help schools go solar?

—Charles Hamilton,
Warren, OH

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Suitland school kids get gift from the County Exec

County Executive Rushern Baker and Prince George's State's Attorney Angela Alsbrooks came to Suitland Elementary on back-to-school day to welcome the students and present them with book bags filled with school supplies.

This Pencil Box Project has been conducted by the County Dept. of Corrections for more than 20 years. This year the Suitland Civic Association joined in the giving.

People

Orva Heissenbuttel, authority on antiques and former *Enquirer-Gazette* columnist, was honored September 2015 at the annual Fall Banquet of the Surratt House Museum in Clinton. Back in 1975 she was instrumental in helping to found the Surratt Society. Others honored at that 40th anniversary celebration were Peggy Clifton, Mary Jo Shaver, Joan Chaconas and Laurie Verge.

Jose Montano Jr., who was born at Andrews AFB on Aug. 24, 1968, has been working as a close aide to Sen. Tim Kaine, now Democratic candidate for Vice President. Jose had been an activist in the Washington area's Filipino American community. Sad to say, he died of an apparent heart attack on July 25.

What I did on my vacation: I took Greyhound to Cincinnati, stayed a few days with daughter Kathleen Shearer in West Chester. Then, Kathleen drove me to my hometown, Saginaw, Mich., where I enjoyed a week with my three surviving siblings, Rosie, Stella and Tom. One sad note—Kathleen had to hurriedly return to Ohio because her 14-year-old dog Maxie died; the dog-sitter was frantic.

Anyway, I bussed home in time for BrianFest, a celebration of my son Brian who died last April 11. Brian loved a good beer. So my son-in-law Luke Seidman, of Crownsville, brewed about 10 different beers, each bearing a different Brian memory. It was a poignant, but fun, time for us all. Brian would have turned 59 on Aug. 25.

And now I'm home, waiting for you to email news.

Coming up

• Loyola on the Potomac, in Faulkner, has a weekend retreat coming up Sept. 9–11. This is a silent retreat, open to men and women, with time for prayer, personal reflection and cultivation of a deep relationship with God. For ticket info, contact Bill Malkowski, 301-243-0584. (By the way, I plan to be there for the retreat.)

• The Skyline Citizens Association's Annual Flea Market will be held in the parking lot of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There'll be fish & chips, hotdogs, beverages and dessert for sale. Tables are \$15. Contact Suzanne, 240-838-6412, or Spivey, 301-967-1320.

• Councilman Obie Patterson is hosting a Community Health Fair on Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Southern Regional Technology & Recreation Complex, 7007 Bock Rd., in Fort Washington. Free flu shots; medical, HIV/STD, dental and vision screening; physical fitness activities for seniors, families and children; hospital reps, vendors and more. Free.

• The Air Force's salute to military retirees and their families is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Joint Base Andrews Club. The parent 11th Wing hosts the annual event.

Favorite restaurants mourned

Pearl McNamara emailed: "In response to the 'Steak in a Sack,' they are now open in Charlotte Hall, MD. I haven't been there, but my niece has. She said you need to stop in to see them."

Jean Ferrante writes: "Steak in a Sack has reopened at the end of Golden Beach Road in Mechanicsville right near me and my granddaughter has a job there. Brings back memories of when Joe and I were dating, it was a favorite of his."

Jean also writes that the Royal Tea Room in La Plata will not be reopening. It has been sold to the church next door.

Morningside memories

From the September 1960 *Morning-Side-Lines* newsletter: John "Mac" McAllister was

elected President of the Morningside School PTA. Other officers: Jack Schoen, vice-president; Rebecca Howard, treasurer; Ruth Sapp, secretary; Patricia Leary, corresponding secretary.

Committee chairmen were: Rose Bookhultz, Mrs. Larsen, Anna Patterson, Shirley Salisbury, Dot Curcio, Florence Jones and Ruth Spaid.

She enjoyed gardening

Berta Robinson, 93, of Ashburn, Va. and formerly of Temple Hills, died Aug. 1. She was born in Roth, Germany, where she worked as a bookkeeper in post-World War II and where she met Robert Robinson. They were married in 1951. They were longtime members of St. Philip's Parish in Camp Springs, and Berta was active with the Woodberry Garden Club of Maryland. She's survived by her husband of 65 years, Robert, her grandchildren and a sister, Lidi Renner. Her funeral Mass was at St. Theresa's in Ashburn, with a graveside service at Arlington Cemetery conducted by her nephew, Rev. John Richard Robinson.

Milestones

Birthdays pile up when I'm away!

Belated greetings to Edith Hull, Aug. 26; Shirley Holmes, Chris Busky, William Fowler and twins Anthony and Avery Simmons, Aug. 27; Lavine Callicott and her husband Bill, both on Aug. 29; and my daughter-in-law Michelle McHale, Aug. 29; Wanda Payne Simms, Bria Barbour-Ray, Denis Wood, Jai McCune, Caitlin Rose Woods and Tom Anderson, Aug. 30; Mary Berkeley and Travis Mullins, Aug. 31.

Happy birthday to Christine Hoehl, Judy Busky, Earl Simmons, Rebecca Capps and my great-granddaughter Mary Adela McHale, Sept. 1; Suzanne Kenney, Sept. 2; Andrelie Howard and Fr. Arnold DePorter, Sept. 3; Mary Mitchell and Loretta Carter, Sept. 4; Frank Howard, Justine Poe, Paul M. Locke, my granddaughter-in-law Nina McHale and Dan Needham, Sept. 6; and Melissa Howell, Sept. 7.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR 2016

Community Health Fair 2016 "Fitness is a Family Affair" hosted by Council Member Obie Patterson, Saturday September 24, 2016 from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM. Health Fair is in partnership with Kappa Foundation of Fort Washington, Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Prince George's County Health Department, Nexus Health Fort Washington Medical Center, and Capital Area Food Bank. Location is Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex, 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744.

Free to the Public: Children's Health Expo, free flu shots, medical, HIV/STD, dental and vision screening, hospital representatives and vendors, physical activities for seniors, families and children. Farmers market free produce, door prizes and more.

Vendor information if you are a Healthcare provider and interested in being a vendor please forward your contact information to Dellia H. Hawthorne-Williams dhwilliams@co.pg.md.us.

New Hope Fellowship Church presents God Gets the Glory 2016 Concert Series #2 the "Gospel Legends." Featuring special guests Highway QC's, The Mighty Wonders (Smithsonian Black History Archive Inducted), Harmonizers of Faith, The Spiritual Jubilees of D.C. and a special tribute to the Rising Sun Male Chorus.

Doors open at 6:00 PM, Concert starts at 7:00 PM Friday September 16, 2016. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets cost \$35.00. Call Tommy Cotee at (301) 412-1451 or Mickey Wilson at (202) 437-4199 for tickets. The address is New Hope Fellowship Church, 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

LINE DANCE DATES

St. Philip's Church will offer line Ddancing on Friday, September 2, Friday, September 16, Friday, September 30, 2016, Friday, October 14, and Friday, October 28, 2016 from 7:00 PM–9:00 PM. Cost per night is \$3.00. The church is located at 13801 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613-8426. Telephone number is (301) 888-1536.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

EARLY VOTING

Voting is on your schedule and convenient. Early voting is from Thursday October 27, 2016 through Thursday November 3, 2016, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Important deadlines: Voter registration deadline is Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 9:00 PM; Absentee ballot Application deadline: Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 8:00 PM (mail) or 11:59 PM (fax/email). For more information, contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300 or visit the website at <http://elections.mypgc.us>. E-mail: election@co.pg.md.us.

MARYLAND HORSE & PONY SHOW

Prince George's Equestrian Center will host the A-rated five day Maryland Horse & Pony Show Wednesday–Sunday, September 14–18, 2016, 8:00 AM. All ages are welcome. The cost is free for all spectators. Location is Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Contact 301-952-7900; TTY 301-699-2544 if you need additional information.

GOSPEL LEGENDS

Ministry of the Cross, Decorations by Jordan, Dezzi's and

Neighborhoods

Two Maryland Students Earn WSSC Engineering Scholarship

LAUREL, MD—July 26, 2016: In an effort to replenish its engineering talent pipeline while giving back to the community through educational assistance, WSSC awarded the 2016 Commissioners' Engineering Scholarships to two Maryland students: William (Billy) Rosenberg from Prince George's County and Jean-Jacques Mvom Ondoua from Montgomery County. In addition, three previous scholarship winners who are currently participating in the WSSC Summer Intern Program received renewal awards.

All winners were honored at the WSSC Commission meeting in July.

"We are always excited to award this special scholarship that builds our pipeline of talent," says Fausto R. Bayonet, Commission Chair. "The fact that three of our renewal awardees are part of our summer internship program is a testament that this scholarship keeps on giving."

William (Billy) Rosenberg is an honors graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland and an incoming freshman at the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland in College Park. He plans to specialize in Mechanical Engineering.

Jean-Jacques Mvom Ondoua is a rising sophomore attending Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland and previously attended the University of Dschang in Cameroon, where he studied global environmental issues with an emphasis on water treatment procedures. He is a Civil Engineering major with a concentration in Environmental Engineering.

Both students wrote winning essays that addressed the following: "It seems like every year we learn about more and more products making their way into WSSC's source water. Recognizing this problem, what treatments should WSSC be considering for use in the future?"

Renewal awards were also presented to three current participants of the WSSC Summer Intern Program.

• **Brooke Marie Nessel:** a 2015 Commissioners' Engineering Scholarship winner from Montgomery County; rising sophomore at University of Maryland, College Park, MD, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Engineering Maintenance Assistant/Intern with WSSC Utility Services West Group.

• **Ragime A. Young:** a 2014 Commissioners' Engineering Scholarship winner from Prince George's County; rising senior at Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, majoring in Electrical Engineering; Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Assistant/Intern with WSSC Technical Services Group.

• **Kwynn A. Johnson:** a 2014 Commissioners' Engineering Scholarship winner from Montgomery County; rising junior at University of Maryland, Baltimore County

(UMBC), Baltimore, MD, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Engineering Assistant/Intern with WSSC Asset Management Unit, Planning Group.

Winners of the scholarship can receive up to \$4,000 over four years, plus paid WSSC summer internships while participating in the program. In total, this has a potential value of approximately \$10,000.

The Commissioners' Engineering Scholarship is awarded annually to students who reside in WSSC's service district of Prince George's and Montgomery counties and are enrolled in an accredited program at a college or university leading to a degree in an engineering discipline. High school seniors who have been accepted and are enrolled in an accredited, university engineering program are also eligible.

For more information, please visit <http://www.wsscwater.com/engscholar>. Educational Systems Federal Credit Union Awards \$33,000 in Scholarships

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GREENBELT, MD—August 5, 2016 Educational Systems Federal Credit Union awarded \$33,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors and community college students. With the core purpose of serving the education community, Educational Systems FCU annually awards scholarships to help students continue their education.

The Credit Union awarded eight, \$3,000 Dorothy Marvil Memorial Scholarships to the following graduating high school seniors:

- Anne Arundel County: Tze-Hong (Andy) Yeh, Annapolis High School
 - Calvert County: Madeline Louise Twetten, Northern High School
 - Charles County: Michael J. Malherek, Maurice J. McDonough High School
 - Frederick County: Alexander "Alex" Roos, Oakdale High School
 - Montgomery County: Kevin Goodwin, Springbrook High School
 - Prince George's County: Nailah Jefferson, Suitland High School
 - St. Mary's County: Jadden Michael Stewart, St. Mary's Ryken High School
 - Talbot County: Christopher Hogan II, Easton High School
- Educational Systems FCU also awarded three, \$3,000 scholarships to students currently enrolled at each of the community colleges it serves:
- College of Southern Maryland: Justina M. Gray
 - Montgomery College: Eleni Daliouris
 - Prince George's Community College: Cambria Johnson

"Our mission is to grow by helping the members of the education community achieve their financial goals and dreams," said Chris Conway, President/CEO of Educational Systems FCU. "We are proud to help students pursue their dream of a college education. For us, it is an honor to support education."

Educational Systems FCU (esfcu.org) has proudly served the education community for 60 years. With over \$850 million in assets and 12 branches, the Credit Union serves 87,000 members in seven school systems and three community colleges throughout Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Talbot counties.

WSSC's Director of Small, Local and Minority Business Enterprise Office Selected to Top 100 Under 50 Diverse Executive Leaders

LAUREL, MD—WSSC is proud to announce that Towanda Livingston, Director of WSSC's Small, Local and Minority Business Enterprise Office, has been selected by Diversity MBA Magazine to its 10th annual list of Top 100 under 50 Diverse Executive Leaders. The honor is a strategic leadership recognition that embodies higher education, workplace inclusion and community commitment.

This year's list includes individuals from a broad spectrum including Fortune 500 companies, entrepreneurs, Universities and Colleges, government, and non-profit agencies. The honorees were chosen from a pool of 282 nominees after a rigorous selection process by a select panel of judges.

"I am humbled to have been selected to be among this distinguished group of successful professionals, it is truly an honor," said Livingston.

"Diversity is Towanda's passion," says WSSC General Manager/CEO Carla A. Reid. "She has worked tirelessly on behalf of small, local and minority businesses to build an exemplary program here at WSSC. And she carries that message internally as well by setting an example for all of our employees."

As part of this honor, the magazine has designed a leadership program exclusively for the Top 100 under 50 leaders. All honorees in attendance will be going through the program the week of the Conference.

"This year's 100 honorees are a unique group because they are part of the exclusive 1000 honorees recognized for leadership over the past decade," says Pam McElvane, Publisher and CEO of Diversity MBA. Diversity MBA is also celebrating 10 years of diversity achievement.

This year's recipients will be honored at Diversity MBA's Annual Business Leaders Conference & Awards Gala, which will be held on September 14–15 at the Lisle Sheraton Hotel in Lisle, IL.

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Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

Six Ways to Save On Your Next Car

Looking for an eco-friendly subcompact or the thrills that come with a sports car? Perhaps the practicality of a sedan or a spacious SUV better fits your needs? No matter what type of vehicle is calling your name, planning your purchase can help you save as much money as possible.



Consider these six savings tips while shopping for your next car. Whether you're concerned about upfront, monthly or long-term costs, there's something here that can help you.

1. Look for a fuel-efficient car. Buying a hybrid or all-electric vehicle rather than a gas guzzler could help you save money on long-run fuel costs. Plus, state and federal tax credits might give you some additional upfront savings.

If you're sticking to a fully gas-powered car, you can still save money by choosing a fuel-efficient model. Once you pick a class of car and determine your budget, use the Environmental Protection Agency's miles-per-gallon rating for each vehicle to estimate and compare the monthly fuel costs.

2. Compare the long-term costs of different cars. In addition to fuel, consider the long-term costs of maintenance, repairs, insurance, taxes, depreciation, fees and financing.

To help you with the calculations, Kelly Blue Book has a 5-Year Cost to Own tool that lets you compare long-term costs for 2015 and 2016 models. Edmunds's True Cost to Own® tool does a similar thing for 2010 and newer models.

3. Buy a "new-to-you" car. Buying a used car rather than the equivalent brand-new model can usually save you money. However, you'll want to look at each used car on an individual basis. Consider how it feels during a test drive and its history if you can access it.

You may be able to buy a warranty for your used car, or you could purchase a certified pre-owned (CPO) car from a dealership. Dealers inspect CPOs before selling them with a manufacturer's warranty. If you're not buying a CPO, you could hire a mechanic to perform a pre-purchase inspection. It's not a guarantee, but the inspection can help ensure you won't get caught off guard by any unexpected issues.

With the right deal on a used car, you might be able to buy the car outright instead of financing the purchase. By paying cash, you avoid accruing interest, making monthly payments and worrying about loan-origination fees.

4. Negotiate the purchase. Most people don't enjoy haggling with a car salesperson, but even non-confrontational negotiating tactics can help you save money.

For example, once you pick a make and model, you could shop online for available vehicles at nearby dealerships. Reach out to each dealer's internet sales team and ask for their best total cost, inclusive of taxes and fees.

Take the lowest offer and ask the other dealers if they can beat it. If one of them can, take your new lowest quote and again ask the rest of the dealers to go lower. Keep going until you get a price that works best for you.

You could use the same tactic with dealerships outside your area. However, you may have to travel and pick up the car or pay to transport it.

Another helpful resource is negotiation services like Authority Auto, which negotiates competitive prices on new and pre-owned cars. For a fee, the online service negotiates each part of the process to get you a better deal and take some of the stress out of the car-buying experience and only charge a percentage of what they save you.

5. Consider leasing instead of purchasing. Taking out a lease is similar to purchasing a long-term rental. You'll have to return or buy the car at the end of the lease, and you may have to pay fees if you drive too many miles or damage the vehicle.

The lease down payment and monthly payments will be lower than buying the same car outright. However, you can still save money by shopping around and negotiating because the down payment and monthly payments depend on the vehicle's sale price.

If you like to drive a new car and always want to be under warranty, starting a new lease every few years could make sense. On the other hand, there's more long-term value in buying if you tend to have a lot of wear and tear on your cars.

6. Use alternative means of transportation. Forgoing the purchase of a car altogether might not work for everyone, but it's worth considering if you live in a city or don't regularly drive long distances. Instead of owning a car, you could get around with a mix of carpooling, public transportation, walking and biking. You could also still have access to a car if you join a car-sharing program or use a ride-sharing app or taxi service.

Bottom line: There are many ways to save money on your next car, and you should almost certainly plan your purchase before signing any dotted lines. Start by researching all your options, including living without a car, buying used and leasing. If you decide to purchase a car, you can compare the long-term cost of different makes and models and save money upfront by haggling with sellers.

New Guidelines Announced for Free and Reduced-Price School Meal

USDA Announces Adjustments to Income Eligibility Guidelines

By PRESS OFFICER
MSDE

BALTIMORE, MD—The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has announced revised Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced-price school meals. The guidelines are set by the federal government and adopted by MSDE. They are used to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals in the child nutrition programs for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEG) are required by Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to directly benefit those children most in need. They are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index. The free and reduced guidelines were obtained by multiplying the 2016 federal income poverty guidelines by 130 percent and 185 percent, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar.

Household size and income is the most common way to determine eligibility. For example, a child from a family of four is eligible for free school meals if the household's current annual income is below \$31,590. If the family's annual income is between \$31,590 and \$44,955 the child is eligible for reduced-price meals.

Household Size	Free Meals			Reduced-Price Meals		
	Year	Month	Week	Year	Month	Week
1	\$15,444	\$1,287	\$297	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$423
2	20,826	1,736	401	29,637	2,470	570
3	26,208	2,184	504	37,296	3,108	718
4	31,590	2,633	608	44,955	3,747	865
5	36,972	3,081	711	52,614	4,385	1,012
6	42,354	3,530	815	60,273	5,023	1,160
7	47,749	3,980	919	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	1,023	75,647	6,304	1,455
For each additional family member add...	\$5,408	\$451	\$104	\$7,696	\$642	\$148

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MSDE and USDA are equal opportunity providers.

Meal Benefit Applications will be sent home from school at the beginning of the school year. U.S. citizenship is not required to be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Parents/Guardians should fill out the application completely and send it back to the school. Schools cannot approve incomplete applications.

The school will inform households whether their children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Households may speak with school officials if they disagree with the school's decision or they may appeal the decision and request a fair hearing.

Children enrolled in a Head Start program, children certified as homeless, migrant, or runaway, foster children, and children living in households that receive Food Supplement

Program (FSP) or Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) benefits are eligible for free meals and do not need to fill out an application. Some FSP and TCA households will receive a letter from the school informing them that their children are eligible for free meals. FSP and TCA households that do not receive a letter by the beginning of the school year should fill out an application. Other children that may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals include children in households participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Parents/Guardians of these children should complete an application.

Parents/guardians may reapply at any time during the school year and are encouraged to do so if their household size

goes up, they become unemployed, their income goes down, or their household qualifies for FSP or TCA.

School Meals include: School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, After-School Care Snack component, and Special Milk Program. Meals served must meet nutrition requirements set by the USDA. The School Meals programs are administered in Maryland by MSDE and by the USDA on a federal level. Visit the MSDE web site at www.eatsmartmaryland.org for information regarding the Child Nutrition Programs operating in Maryland.

Individuals who want more information concerning schools or facilities that participate in one of the Child Nutrition Programs should call 410-767-0199.

Survey Finds Nearly 1 in 8 Maryland Households Struggle to Afford Food

New Data Underscore Need to Protect and Improve Federal Nutrition Programs

By PRESS OFFICER
MHS

BALTIMORE, MD—The food hardship rate in Maryland dropped from 14 percent in 2014 to 12.8 percent in 2015, but still too many people across the state reported in 2015 that they struggled to afford enough food for their households, according to a new report, *How Hungry is America?* (pdf), released today by the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC).

The report provides data on food hardship—the inability to afford enough food—for the nation, every state, the District of Columbia, and 109 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), including Baltimore-Columbia-Towson in Maryland. The report found that nationally the food hardship rate was 16 percent in 2015, dipping three points from 18.9 percent in 2013, and the lowest rate since early 2008. Despite

the improvement, the report reveals that still no corner of the country is immune to hunger. The report's data reveals:

Maryland was among the states with the lowest levels of food hardship, and ranked 42 out of 50, with 12.8 percent in the state in 2014 reporting they were unable to afford enough food.

Baltimore-Columbia-Towson ranked 85th out of 109 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), with a food hardship rate of 14.3 percent for 2014-2015.

"It's good that we're making progress, but it is unacceptable that there are still too many people across Maryland who cannot afford enough food to provide for their families," said Michael J. Wilson, director of Maryland Hunger Solutions. "These data are more than just numbers. They are households with children, seniors, veterans, working adults, and people with disabilities who are struggling to make ends meet."

Maryland Hunger Solutions is urging Congress to do right by their constituents by protecting and strengthening federal nutrition programs, such as the Food Supplement Program in Maryland, and school meals programs.

"In the face of Congressional inaction, we are glad that Governor Hogan and the state legislature are taking action by adding a state supplement to the minimum food stamp benefit and supporting the community eligibility provision for schools in our state," said Wilson.

Maryland Hunger Solutions is also urging organizations to join a statewide letter to the Maryland Congressional delegation in opposition to the House effort to reauthorize child nutrition programs.

"Food hardship is a problem in every corner of America. People are still struggling," said Jim Weill, FRAC president, noting that too many Americans bear the brunt of insufficient wages,

unemployment, involuntary part-time employment, and inadequate safety nets to lift or keep them out of poverty. "Congress must protect and strengthen nutrition programs and other programs that benefit low-income people, and build a strong safety net."

How Hungry is America? contains data throughout 2015 for every state and 109 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA). The data were gathered as part of the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index project, which has been interviewing hundreds of households daily since January 2008. FRAC has analyzed responses to the question: "Have there been times in the past 12 months when you did not have enough money to buy food that you or your family needed?" A "yes" answer to this question is considered to signal that the household experienced food hardship.

The full report is available at www.frac.org.

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learn about solving medical problems. Some of these problems I've personally witnessed in members of my family. It is truly a blessing for you to know what you want to do to change the world at such an early point in your lives. "

Four groups of interns presented on topics including an Overview of Turner Syndrome and Treatments, Prenatal Detection for Albinism, Treatments for Maple Syrup Urine Disease, and Research of Moe-

bus Syndrome. A question and answer segment followed each presentation in which the students had the opportunity to further explain what they learned. Most of the students commented that this experience was eye-opening and influenced their decision to pursue careers in the research and medical fields.

"My experience with the YCC program at the NIH was amazing," said Danyia Smith, a student at Potomac High School. "It made me want to change my career path and become a Ge-

netic Counselor. I love that this experience gave young people a chance to learn new things!"

Jonnie Pitman, also a Potomac High School student, expressed how this summer has impacted him.

"This was a lovely experience that I looked forward to everyday," said Pitman. "I met new friends while learning about genetics and genomics and we put our brain power together to be able to present what everyone saw today."

The partnership between the YCC and NIH was formed by

Yolanda Tully, Youth Career-Connect Program Director and Dr. Carla L. Easter, Branch Chief, National Human Genome Research Institute at the NIH to create a unique opportunity for Prince George's County teens.

"We wanted to expose Prince George's County teens to opportunities within the genetics and genomics fields," said Dr. Easter. "I was incredibly pleased by the outcome. The

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COMMENTARY

Cong. Chris Van Hollen House Democratic Minority Whip



Van Hollen Calls for Congressional Hearing on Drastic Insurance Premium Hikes for Some Federal Employees

Washington, D.C.—Today Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen wrote a letter to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee requesting a hearing on drastic premium hikes for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) after a seven-year contract to oversee the program was awarded to the only bidder. A total of 264,000 federal employees will face an average premium spike of 83 percent per month, with some seeing up to a 124 percent increase.

"I have heard from numerous federal employees who purchased FLTCIP based on misleading predictions. They will face unacceptable financial hardship due to this outrageous and unforeseen rate increase," Congressman Van Hollen wrote. "As this large premium spike comes as a surprise and a significant financial burden for thousands of federal employees, I respectfully request that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, perhaps the Subcommittee on Government Operations, hold an urgent investigative hearing on the structure of the FLTCIP and this specific contract renewal before the end of the Enrollee Decision Period."

The full text of the letter to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee and Subcommittee on Government Operations is below:

Dear Chairman Chaffetz, Ranking Member Cummings, Chairman Meadows, and Ranking Member Connolly:

On July 15, 2016 the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced that it had

awarded a new seven-year contract to John Hancock Life and Health Insurance Company (John Hancock), the sole bidder, for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP). I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the unexpected and drastic premium rate increases that will take effect on November 1, 2016 under the contract renewal.

I have heard from numerous federal employees who purchased FLTCIP based on misleading predictions. They will face unacceptable financial hardship due to this outrageous and unforeseen rate increase. A total of 264,000 federal employees will face an average premium spike of 83 percent per month—some up to 126 percent. Enrollees have been given only a limited Enrollee Decision Period of July 18 through September 30, 2016 to make the untenable decision to pay the increased premium, reduce their coverage, or drop the coverage that many have had for years.

As this large premium spike comes as a surprise and a significant financial burden for thousands of federal employees, I respectfully request that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, perhaps the Subcommittee on Government Operations, hold an urgent investigative hearing on the structure of the FLTCIP and this specific contract renewal before the end of the Enrollee Decision Period.

Sincerely,
Chris Van Hollen
Member of Congress

Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



The 2016 Olympic Games: Diversity Wins Gold in Rio

"Team USA reminds the world why America always sets the gold standard: We're a nation of immigrants that finds strength in our diversity and unity in our national pride ... In a season of intense politics, let's cherish this opportunity to come together around one flag. In a time of challenge around the world, let's appreciate the peaceful competition and sportsmanship we'll see ... between rivals who know we share a common humanity. Let's honor the courage it takes, not only to cross the finish line first, but merely to stand in the starting blocks. And let's see in ourselves the example they set—proving that no matter where you're from, with determination and discipline, there's nothing you can't achieve."

—President Barack Obama,
Weekly Address, August 6, 2016

For 16 days, the eyes and the attention of the world were trained on the drama of victory and defeat in Rio de Janeiro. At a time when intolerance, conflict and division invade our headlines on a daily basis, the greatest athletes from 206 countries gathered at the Games—held for the first time in a South American country—and reminded us that tolerance, peace and unity are real ambitions that can be achieved, even in the heat of intense competition.

Team USA set a gold standard for diversity in Rio. From the balance beam to the swimming lanes, our country's 555 athletes represented the gender, ethnic and religious diversity that has always made America great. Team USA featured more women athletes than male athletes (292 to 263). Ibtihaj Muhammed, a Muslim-American fencer who went on to win a bronze medal, became the first Olympian to compete while wearing a hijab. Our women's gymnastics team—also known as the "Final Five"—was the most racially and ethnically diverse in the team's history. A Kenyan-born American, who is a sergeant in the United States Army and has a brother serving in Afghanistan, competed for

our nation in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. American lightweight boxer Carlos Balderas scored an emotional victory in Rio, representing our country all the way to the quarter-finals. The 19-year-old, a first generation Mexican-American, dedicated his victory to his grandfather and uncles who came to America and labored in California's strawberry fields to achieve a better life for their family.

Team USA's 121 medals are the most ever for a U.S. team in a non-boycotted Games, and individual achievement was everywhere to be seen. Winning five gold medals and a silver in Rio, swimmer Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian of all time with a total of 28, and holds the record for most Olympic gold medals, with 23. The two gold medals she earned in Rio made runner Allyson Felix the only female track and field athlete to win six Olympic gold medals. And Simone Biles, the most decorated American gymnast of all time, set a new American record for most gold medals in women's gymnastics at a single Olympics. She was the first gymnast since 1984 to win four gold medals at a single games.

These stories, these achievements—some of them historic—these athletes, who train night and day and sacrifice everything for the love of their sport and our nation, could not exist in an America that builds walls. Many of the inspirational stories we've watched unfold—and most importantly, our children can now take for granted—could not exist in an America that bars people from our country based on their religious belief. The winning mosaic of America we all watched walk in the Opening Ceremony's parade of nations could not exist in an America that shuns diversity and prizes above all the forced and inevitable homogeneity of ideological screen tests.

I believe the power of our Olympic victory lies in its representation of what we as a nation

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Beall-Dawson Historical Park



Open to the Public

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BEALL-DAWSON HISTORICAL PARK

The Beall-Dawson House was built circa 1815 for Upton Beall and his wife and daughters. Beall, from a prominent Georgetown family, was Clerk of the Court for the county, and he wanted a home that would reflect his wealth and status. Beall's large brick Federal-style home, built overlooking Commerce Lane (now West Montgomery Avenue), was designed to impress both inside and out. It is a 2 1/2-story Federal house, three bays wide by two deep, constructed of Flemish bond brick on the front facade and common bond elsewhere. Outbuildings on the property include an original brick dairy house and a mid-19th century one-room Gothic Revival frame doctor's office which was moved to the site for use as a museum. Located at 103 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Maryland; Hours of operation are: Wednesday–Sunday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.. Admission is Adults \$5, Students and Seniors \$3, and Children under 6 are free. For more information, call 301-340-2825.

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Back to School

As a new school year begins, parents, teachers and administrators are all thinking about how to make it the best year ever. One of the keys to student success sounds very simple but can make a profound difference: making sure every student is in school every day. This is not the case in many schools and school districts across the country. The Department of Education estimates that five to seven and a half million students miss 18 or more days of school each year, or nearly an entire month or more.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing at least 10 percent of school days in a school year for any reason. As part of the President's My Brother's Keeper Initiative, the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Justice have joined together to launch Every Student, Every Day: A National Initiative to Address and Eliminate Chronic Absenteeism. I was honored to participate in their national symposium to share what the Children's Defense Fund has learned since our first report in 1974, Children Out of School in America. We found from examining census data that at least 2 million children were out of school for at least 3 months, including 750,000 between 7-13 years old. But there was no clear information on who they were or why they were out of school—so we knocked on thousands of doors in a variety of census tracts across our country to find and ask families why their children were home and not in school.

We learned that the large number of 7-13 year olds were children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. Another large group were children pushed out by discipline policies who never returned to school. In Holyoke, Massachusetts, we found children who had recently migrated from Puerto Rico staying home when it got cold because they had no winter coats. In a rural Maine community we found children who couldn't afford the local school district's transportation fees and were unaware that the state would reimburse the local district for transportation costs. In other states like

book fees. We wrote: "If a child was not White, or was White but not middle class, did not speak English, was poor, needed special help with seeing, hearing, walking, reading, learning, adjusting, growing up, was pregnant or married at age 15, was not 'smart enough' or was 'too smart,' then, in too many places, school officials decided school was not the place for that child. In sum, out of school children shared a common characteristic of differentness by virtue of race, income, physical, mental or emotional 'handicap,' and age. They were for the most part, out of school not by choice but because they had been excluded. It is as if many school officials had decided that certain groups of children were beyond their responsibility and were expendable. They excluded them arbitrarily, discriminatorily and with impunity."

We've made enormous progress since then, especially for students with disabilities. After our report on Children Out of School in America, CDF and others worked together to push Congress to pass legislation that for the first time gave children with disabilities the federal right to a free, appropriate public education. But we haven't solved the children out of school crisis.

Children on the margins remain at greatest risk for some of the same reasons we documented more than 40 years ago.

A recent National Public Radio story on absenteeism featured Johns Hopkins scholar Robert Balfanz, who studies chronic school absenteeism, and a high-poverty elementary school in Baltimore making strides tackling the problem: "[Balfanz] has studied high school dropouts for years, and in his research he kept seeing a red flag: chronic absences in elementary and middle school. Students who miss a couple days a month fall behind in reading—and if they can't read, they can't pass tests. 'To miss a month of school when you're 11 and 12, there's got to be something behind that,' Balfanz says—and at Wolfe Street Academy, there was. 'The list included things like tooth decay, mental health issues, and not having a winter coat.'"

The Department of Education sees chronic absenteeism as: "a primary cause of low academic achievement and a powerful predictor of those students who may eventually drop out of school." Chronic absenteeism is not to be

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Keeping Your Life Goals Clearly In Sight

Most of us have dreams and goals that we once thought were keys to our happiness, yet, for whatever reasons, we've just never quite achieved them.

This doesn't necessarily mean we're not happy with our lives, but there can be times when we still may feel frustrated or disappointed about those unfulfilled dreams.

While there's no magic way to make all your dreams come true, you can take action to get closer to your life's goals and to lessen those feelings of frustration.

One starting point is to put the past behind you. Holding on to unresolved anger and old resentments uses up energy and accomplishes nothing. Forget past hurts or abandonments and instead begin managing your daily life so that it reflects who you are and what you value.

It also helps to be realistic in evaluating your goals. In romance, for example, there is no "ideal" relationship or "perfect" mate. But there can be someone who can accept and care about the real you, and who is able to get things right more often than not.

Similarly, there is no perfect job, but there are work situations that can challenge you and provide a real sense of accomplishment.

Knowing yourself is vital to feeling more fulfilled. What are your personal strengths and interests? Once identified, put time and energy into nourishing them. Rather than trying to be someone you're not, enhance who you already are. Whatever you do well, do it frequently and proudly and you'll find that rewards will follow.

If you want to achieve specific goals, it's vital to take action toward them, rather than simply dreaming about them and waiting for something to materialize. Even small steps in the right direction can make a difference. Maybe it's a first phone call, rewriting your resume, or taking a class. While we usually know the end result we want, we often fail to take that first step toward making it come about.

You also want balance in your life. Saying "no" to excessive demands on your time, talent or goodwill will allow you time for the things you really want to do.

Reaching your life's goals means that you stop letting old beliefs and others' ideas define who you are and what you have to do. Instead, accept that you, and only you, can take action to reach the dreams and goals that really matter to you.

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ten in tandem by two award-winning authors, this tour de force shares the alternating perspectives of Rashad and Quinn as the complications from that single violent moment, the type taken from the headlines, unfold and reverberate to highlight an unwelcome truth.

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Jason Reynolds

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HRSA Awards \$782,246 to Grow Maryland's Health Workforce and Expand Health Professions Training

By PRESS OFFICER
HHS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced \$782,246 in new awards to 3 organizations in Maryland. The awards were part of \$149 million given nationally through 12 workforce programs to prepare the next generation of skilled, diverse primary care providers to serve communities in need across the country.

"These awards will help increase access to quality health care for all Americans by educating and training culturally competent providers who are prepared to practice in high-need areas," said HRSA Acting Administrator Jim Macrae. "By encouraging partnerships among academic institutions, clinicians, health care sites and public health entities, we can improve health outcomes in underserved communities."

HRSA's education and training grants support the development of a workforce that can meet 21st century needs through an emphasis on diversity, distribution of clinicians, and quality services that encourage innovative team-based and interprofessional approaches.

"Our vision is to positively impact every aspect of the health professional's career, from education and training to service," said Macrae. "These awards will

increase the number of health professionals providing quality care to the nation's most vulnerable populations."

The new grants were awarded through the following programs:

- **Primary Care Training and Enhancement (\$14.5 million)** funds 33 grants to hospitals, medical schools, academically affiliated physician assistant training programs and other entities to improve the quality, quantity, distribution, and diversity of the primary care workforce through curriculum enhancement and training program expansion.

- **Advance Education Nursing Traineeship (\$22.9 million)** provides grants to 69 advanced nursing programs that support the training of advanced practice nurses, emphasizing the critically important role nurses play in delivering primary health care services, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

- **Advanced Nursing Education (\$11.3 million)** funds 19 projects that develop and test innovative academic-practice partnership models for clinical training and prepare primary care advanced practice nursing students to provide safe, quality care.

- **Graduate Psychology Education (\$7.7 million)** supports 31 grants to prepare psychologists to use an integrated and interprofessional approach to specifically address the behav-

ioral health needs of underserved and/or rural populations, and to integrate behavioral health into primary care practice.

- **Academic Units for Primary Care Training and Enhancement (\$4.4 million)** provides 6 grants to improve clinical teaching and research in primary care training in order to strengthen the primary care workforce.

- **Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (\$2.3 million)** funds 80 nurse anesthetist education programs to provide traineeships to licensed registered nurses enrolled as full-time students in a master's or doctoral nurse anesthesia program.

- **Nurse Education Practice Quality and Retention - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Practicums in Community Settings (\$3.1 million)** provides 9 grants to increase experiential training opportunities for senior-level BSN students in primary care community-based settings by establishing and expanding upon academic-practice partnerships between schools of nursing and community-based clinical sites and providing students with training in medically underserved and rural communities.

- **Nurse Education Practice Quality and Retention - Interprofessional Collaborative Practice: Behavioral Health Integration (\$4.3 million)** provides 9 grants to integrate in-

terprofessional and collaborative models of behavioral health services into routine nurse-led primary care delivered to vulnerable and underserved populations.

- **Nurse Faculty Loan Program (\$24.4 million)** provides grants to 89 nursing schools to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty in the United States. Support from this program allows nursing schools to offer eligible students partial loan forgiveness when they graduate and serve as full-time nursing faculty.

- **Nursing Workforce Diversity (\$4.5 million)** provides 13 grants to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses, by providing student scholarships or stipends for various levels of nursing degree programs.

- **Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (\$7.4 million)** provides 20 grants to train postdoctoral health care professionals in primary care research.

- **Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (\$42.3 million)** enables 78 health professions schools to provide scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have financial need in order to increase diversity in the health workforce.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal Participated in National Night Out

By PRESS OFFICER
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

STATEWIDE—Staff members with the Office of the State Fire Marshal participated in multiple areas throughout the State during National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. The event allows for the public to interact with their public safety professionals in a positive manner that helps residents under-

stand the capabilities of each represented agency.

Deputy State Fire Marshals in various capacities such as: K-9 Handlers, Bomb Squad Technicians, Fire Investigators and Fire Inspectors were on hand at various locations throughout the State to share information about our agency, along with fire and life safety measures to help prevent a tragedy from occurring. Activities involving Bomb Squad robots,

Accelerant K-9's and even a live side by side burn demonstration revealing the importance and value of Residential Fire Sprinklers were made available in certain locations. "The Office of the State Fire Marshal is proud to serve all Marylanders and takes the extra steps needed in order to fulfill our mission", stated State Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci.

Our mission, "is the protection of life and property from fire

and explosion through the efforts of a diverse, highly trained and dedicated staff in partnership with other public safety agencies and the community. This is accomplished through aggressive criminal investigation of fire and explosive incidents, quality fire protection engineering services, enforcement of the State Fire Prevention Code, data collection and analysis, and public fire safety education."



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are constantly striving to be: inclusive, tolerant, peaceful, united under one flag and committed to excellence at home and abroad. There are real problems and concerns we face as a nation and we must remain committed to solving them and keeping our country

safe, but tolerance, diversity and camaraderie are not problems, and if the Olympics are any indication, they are, in fact, our strengths.

Our athletes are back now and they should now how proud we are of them—all of them. Team USA returns with 121 medals: 46 gold, 37 silver and 38 bronze, the most medals of

any nation, and the most it has ever won at any Summer Games since 1984. President Barack Obama, our nation's first Black president, can add this factoid to his legacy: with a total of 289 medals under both his terms, Team USA brought home more Olympic medals during his presidency than any other president. The president with the

second highest tally of Olympic medals is Ronald Reagan with 282 medals.

There are many lessons to be learned from the Summer Olympics, and my hope is that one of them will be that America is great and always wins when we embrace, nurture and support the talent and skills of all Americans in all arenas.

OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK
Movie Review

Bad Moms

Bad Moms
Grade: B-
Rated R, pervasive harsh
profanity, vulgar dialogue,
some nudity
1 hr., 41 min

Hangover scribes Jon Lucas and Scott Moore have certainly found their niche. Their debut as writer-directors, *21 & Over*, transferred *Hangover*-style debauchery to a college setting, and their latest, *Bad Moms*, gives us the Moms Gone Wild version. If you want to see people drunkenly misbehave in an often funny but sloppily written raunch-com, Lucas & Moore are your guys!

In this one, Mila Kunis stars as Amy, an “average” frazzled suburban mom of two middle-schoolers who has a useless husband (David Walton). Amy gets fed up with the impossible standards of perfection set by Gwendolyn (Christina Applegate), the mean-girl PTA president—this is one of those movies where the local PTA is more powerful than the federal government—and decides to cut loose with her like-minded new friends: Carla (Kathryn Hahn), a promiscuous and irresponsible single mother; and Kiki (Kristen Bell), a modest and subservient stay-at-home wife.

The film is frequently hilarious when it focuses on Amy, Carla, and Kiki, the three of them harmoniously representing three distinct types (or stereotypes) of modern moms whose love for their children is not diminished by the fact that they're overwhelmed and tired all the time. (Says the decidedly un-sentimental Carla, “Every time I think about that big, dumb motherf*****”—that is,



In this new comedy from the grateful husbands and devoted fathers who wrote *The Hangover*, Amy has a seemingly perfect life—a great marriage, over-achieving kids, beautiful home and a career. However she's over-worked, over-committed and exhausted to the point that she's about to snap. Fed up, she joins forces with two other over-stressed moms on a quest to liberate themselves from conventional responsibilities—going on a wild, un-mom-like binge of long overdue freedom, fun and self-indulgence—putting them on a collision course with PTA Queen Bee Gwendolyn and her clique of devoted perfect moms.

her son—“going to college, I want to cry like a baby.”) They interact with crackling energy, the different personalities balancing one another, and their “crazy” adventures of sleeping in, having brunch, and going to the movies during the day are pure wish-fulfillment for the harried moms in the audience. (They do some legitimately rowdy things, too, including a drunken trip to the supermarket that's an instant classic.)

The film is less successful when it focuses on Amy specifically: her dying marriage, the new guy she likes (Jay Hernandez), her kids' various prob-

lems, her weirdly under-explained job. This stuff just isn't as funny or relatable, largely because Lucas and Moore are so careless with the details (enough that you wonder if they have any experience with parenting, jobs, or relationships). Gwendolyn's minions, played by Jada Pinkett Smith and Annie Mumolo (who co-wrote *Bridesmaids*), are underused, and the plot is wrapped up with astonishingly lazy tidiness. (Hooray for public speeches!)

But it's worth it for MVP Kathryn Hahn, a devastating comedy force whose powers Hollywood is just beginning to com-

prehend. Ever since she told Veronica Corningstone that Ron Burgundy “will read anything that is put on that teleprompter—and when I say anything, I mean a-ny-thi-ng,” Hahn has been a bright spot in numerous small-scale comedies, with a particularly robust stint as a ruthless political adviser on *Parks and Recreation*. Meaner than Kristen Wiig, less clownish than Melissa McCarthy, she could take the lead in a dark comedy and knock it out of the park. In the meantime, she shines as a supporting player in this bumpy, scathing, and ultimately kind of sweet (I said KIND OF) confection.

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Valor Basketball Team has formed a partnership with Kim and her great organization, added Joe Newman, ABA co-founder. “Our program, Bullies are Cowards, was our first step to help combat bullying, but this program goes much farther and is making a greater impact; we are thrilled to be a part of it.”

Angels and Doves is an organization that has partnered with police departments, celebrities, professional sports figures and schools/youth groups nationwide and the mission of Angels & Doves is to create a national awareness through their unique tools, which include professional speaking engagements, educational materials for all age groups, The Bull Program, The Bully Book and the No Bullying Billboard. They are an organization that speaks professionally to grade schools, middle schools, high schools, summer camps, detention centers, juvenile centers, churches, city parks and other youth organizations nationwide. They have books, merchandise, a mascot (The Bull), and are now part of the ABA family.

Angel & Doves Anti-Bullying Program has been recommended by Ellen DeGeneres and bullying has been reduced by 50% in schools that have a

presentation. For more information, visit www.angelsanddoves.com. To book a representative from Angels & Doves, contact bookings@angelsanddoves.com or call 317-870-1100.

About the team: PG Valor team will compete in the ABA from November through May against other teams in the Chesapeake Division of the ABA to include teams from New York, Washington D.C., Baltimore, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, with hopes of continuing to the Championship game to be held later that summer. Home games will be played on Saturdays at 8pm, on the campus of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD. Tickets available at www.ticketriver.com/pgvalor.

Tryouts for players are August 5 and August 26, 2016; tryouts for the spirit squad will be held in September 9, 2016. All tryouts will be held at the New 24 and Fitness (former Run and Shoot) in District Heights, MD. For more information on tryouts and/or PG Valor please visit www.pgvalor.com; on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pgvalor); and/or follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/pgvalorball).

About the ABA: The history of the American Basketball Association is almost as colorful as the iconic red, white and blue ball which represents it.

The original ABA was formed in 1967 and lasted 10 seasons prior to merging four of its teams into the NBA. They were the Indiana Pacers, Denver Nuggets, New Jersey Nets and San Antonio Spurs. The lead attorney for the ABA during the merger was one of the Indiana Pacers co-founders and Commissioner of the ABA, Dick Tinkham, an Indianapolis attorney. Opposing counsel was David Stern, who was later to become the NBA Commissioner.

The original ABA did not have national television, national radio and today's digital media. What it did have was the mystique of the ABA—featuring it's red, white and blue ball, 3-point shots, wide open style of play including slam dunks (and the introduction of the first Slam Dunk Competition), and a remarkable group of players. The ABA produced some of the greatest players of the 20th century—Dr J, George Gervin, Spencer Haywood, Connie Hawkins, Dan Issel, Roger Brown, David Thompson, Mel Daniels, Moses Malone, Marvin Barnes and many others. In fact, 50% of the NBA All Star team in the first year of the merger were ABA players.

Dick Tinkham and Joe Newman decided to bring back the ABA in 1999, after the original ABA had been dormant for nearly 30 years. This time, to avoid the lack of profitability of the ABA in the past, they de-

cidated to improve the business model by making it more affordable to own a team by reducing the operating costs, cost of travel and venues, as well as forming strong bonds with communities and encouraging family friendly entertainment. They kept the exciting rules and style of play, and the result is that the ABA is now one of the largest professional sports leagues in the US, with over 70 teams competing for the Championship this season, across 10 divisions. Their community work with Fast Break for Reading, Bullies are Cowards, Proud to Serve America and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and have made major impacts in cities throughout the US.

Today, the ABA has nearly 1000 players competing at the professional level, over 200 coaches and over 200 officials. It is made up of former NBA players, NCAA Div 1 and 2 players, McDonald's All Americans, international players, and is the platform for sending off many players to international teams.

The ABA will continue to grow as it continues to form valuable ties with basketball governing bodies, and grows its number of teams. Network coverage is set to broaden, as is the fan base and merchandising. Big things are in store for the ABA, and the red, white and blue ball is set to be around for a long time to come.

The Edge of Sports by DAVE ZIRIN

WNBA Teams Show What Black Lives Matter Solidarity Looks Like



In 2010, the entire Phoenix Suns team wore shirts that read “Los Suns” as a statement of solidarity with the Latino people in Arizona threatened by the brutal anti-immigrant bill, SB 1070. That was the first time, according to my own research, that a professional US sports team undertook a united political stand that was sanctioned—or at least not shut down—by both coaching staff and upper management. Then in 2012, the Miami Heat posed in hoodies to protest the killing of Trayvon Martin at the hands of George Zimmerman. In 2014, several NBA teams wore shirts emblazoned with the slogan “I Can't Breathe,” the last words of Eric Garner as he was being choked to death. Management may not have sanctioned these acts, but it sure as hell was not going to stop them.

Now two more teams have come together to make a political statement. The Minnesota Lynx and the New York Liberty of the WNBA have chosen to advocate an idea that really should not be radical but somehow is, in the United States of 2016: the idea that black lives matter. The Lynx wore jet-black warm-up shirts that read on the front, “Change starts with us—Justice & Accountability.” On the back of the shirt were the names Philando Castile and Alton Sterling, both shot and killed by police officers last week. Castile's died just a short drive from where the Lynx play, in the suburbs of St. Paul. The back of their shirts had a small Dallas police star for the police officers killed last Thursday, right over the phrase, “Black Lives Matter.”

Before the game, team captains Maya Moore, Rebekkah Brunson, Lindsay Whalen and Seimone Augustus spoke to the media. Moore said, “If we take this time to see that this is a human issue and speak out together, we can greatly decrease fear and create change. Tonight we will be wearing shirts to honor and mourn the losses of precious American citizens and to plead for change in all of us.”

On Twitter, the team's (white) coach Cheryl Reeve wrote, “To rebut BLM with ‘All Lives Matter’ implies that all lives are equally at risk, and they're not. #BlackLivesMatter doesn't mean your life isn't important if you aren't black—it means that Black Lives, which are seen without value within White supremacy, are important.”

Then there is the New York Liberty. Before their game on Sunday against the San Antonio Stars, the entire team wore T-shirts with the words #Blacklivesmatter and #Dallas5 on the front and a blank hashtag on the back. That blank hashtag was, according to the indispensable WNBA blog Swish Appeal to show the importance of “creating a new hashtag everyday [that] will help continue to spread the word.” But it could also have been a statement that too many black men and women have become, in death, hashtags, and we do not know the name of the next one, only that it is coming and will continue unless something changes.

After the game, five players walked into the media room and explained why they took this step. Liberty star Swin Cash said to the press, “My husband is 6-6, 220. If my husband gets pulled over when you look at him, does he make you scared? Is something going to happen to him? Those are things that go on in my head.”

These kinds of stances actually make a difference. They legitimize people's anger and right to resist at precisely the moment when people in the mainstream media and politics are trying to disrupt and distort a growing movement. They also matter because these are public and visible displays of real solidarity: white players joining with their black teammates, wearing the same shirts and standing alongside them in a show of multiracial unity against anti-black bigotry.

The white men in sports could learn something from these women. Stand with your teammates. Take on some of the weight. Give them political cover as the haters and bigots descend upon them. It's not complicated. If your team really is a family, then you should care about the lives of your sisters and brothers. The Lynx and the Liberty are showing what solidarity looks like. The men need to take a lesson.

Calendar of Events

September 1 — September 7, 2016

Art Exhibit: Latino Artist—Luis Peralta Del Valle

Date and Time: Through Monday, October 31, 2016,
8:30 am–5 pm

Description: Award-winning artist, Luis Peralta Del Valle was born in Nicaragua in 1980 and migrated to the U.S. in 1985. At the age of 13 he started painting graffiti murals in the District, Maryland, and Virginia. A few years later at Bell Multicultural High School, he began his formal artistic education, continuing his studies at the Corcoran College of Art and Design. Peralta Del Valle explores various subjects in his works. He paints family, friends, and everyday people, as well as historic events and icons, such as Pope Francis, Nelson Mandela, Frederick Douglass, Roberto Clemente, and Celia Cruz. The murals, portraits, and landscapes Peralta Del Valle creates tell stories in vibrant colors and realistic figures. They draw the viewer into the long traditions of art and yet speak to the viewers' modern sensibility. Luis continues to grow his unique personal artistic sensibilities, while remaining an active leader in the metropolitan arts world.

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages

Location: Publick Playhouse

5445 Landover Rd., Cheverly 20784

Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

Wellness: Yoga in the Parks at Ellen E. Linson

Date and Time: Through September 2, 2016, 9–10 am

Description: Join us for free yoga classes in the beautiful outdoors! Learn basic yoga techniques, strengthen your body and discover how to free your mind with this popular fitness activity for men, women and children of all ages and abilities.

Don't forget your mat and towel!

Classes may be cancelled due to inclement weather or wet grounds. Please call 301-927-0822 prior to class for weather-related cancellations.

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages welcome.

Location: Ellen E. Linson Splash Park

5211 Campus Drive, College Park, MD

Contact: 301-446-6800; TTY 301-699-2544

Hidden Spaces Tour

Date and Time: Sunday, September 4, 2016, 4 pm

Description: Ever wonder what's behind the doors that say "Staff Only" and "Do Not Enter"? On this tour, you'll go to areas seldom open to the general public, including the main house's three cellars, the attic, and the walk-in vault.

The tour will focus on the construction of the house and the changes over its 230-year history, including 20th-century modernizations such as electricity and HVAC.

Tour guide Don Graham began working at the property in 1985 and has been involved with much of the recent restoration work at the house and grounds.

To get the full benefit of the tour participants will need to climb and descend narrow winding staircases and (optional) climb several steps up on 6 to 8-foot ladders. Older clothes and comfortable shoes recommended.

Please note: You must arrive by 4 pm to go on the tour.

Reservations required as space is limited.

Cost: \$15/person; \$10/Members of the Friends of Montpelier.

Ages: 18 & up

Location: Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site

9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD

Contact: 301-377-7817; TTY 301-699-2544; montpeliermansion@pgparks.com

Prince George's County Fair

Date and Time: Thursday–Sunday, September 8–11, 2016,
Times vary

Description: The oldest running fair in Maryland returns to The Show Place Arena at the Prince George's Equestrian Center! Bring the entire family out for a day of fun, food and entertainment.

☐ Thursday-Friday, September 8–9, 2016, 5–10 pm

☐ Saturday, September 10, 2016, 11 am–10 pm

☐ Sunday, September 11, 2016, 11 am–6 pm

Cost: Adults: \$6 (13 & up); Children \$5 (ages 6–12); free for children 5 & Under

Location: The Show Place Arena

14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD

Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-699-2544

Wellness: Walk and Talk with the Doc:

Palmer Park Community Center

Date and Time: Thursday, September 8, 2016, 6:30–7:30 pm

Description: We know that walking is one of the best ways to stay healthy. It is also one of the best ways to connect with others! A local health care professional will lead a group walk, share wellness tips, and answer your questions. No registration is required. Just grab your tennis shoes and join the fun!

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages

Location: Palmer Park Community Center

7720 Barlowe Road, Landover, MD

Contact: 301-446-6800; TTY 301-699-2544

Only Angels Have Wings

Date and Time: Thursday, September 8, 2016, 7:45 pm

Description: Cary Grant and Jean Arthur star in this film about the manager of a South American air freight company and a cabaret singer.

Make sure to pick up a coupon for discounted admission to College Park Aviation Museum following the show.

Cost: Free; Donations welcome

Ages: 13 & up

Location: Old Greenbelt Theatre

129 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

Contact: 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Solar Schools: Opportunities Abound to Help Schools Go Solar

Dear EarthTalk:

I am interested in helping my school get solar panels on the roof to show students how we can be part of the solution to the climate crisis. Are there any resources or grants out there to help schools go solar?

—Charles Hamilton,
Warren, OH

Putting solar panels on your school is a great idea, not only to provide a free source of electricity, but also as a real-world way to teach students about the need for more renewable energy options and to make the school community part of the solution to our climate woes. School buildings are typically built with large, flat rooftops that are ideal candidates for solar installations.

According to the Foundation for Environmental Education's Solar School Initiative, some 4,000 public and private school systems around the country have already installed solar panels at their own expense, or with funds raised through parent-teacher associations, student groups, individual donors and foundations. Analysts estimate that an additional 125,000 schools nationwide are good candidates for going solar and reaping the financial benefits of free energy. Developing renewable alternatives is essential to our transition away from dirty fossil fuel sources.

Grant programs vary from state to state, though some can be very supportive of municipal solar projects. In Massachusetts, for example, cities qualified as "Green Communities" can apply for clean energy grants through a state-run program. California also has a number of solar-friendly programs that schools can capitalize on, including the School Facility Modernization Grants and Self-Generation Incentive program. Several other states offer similar programs.

There are also many federal grant opportunities, primarily from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Their Loan Programs Office works with municipal and commercial applicants to help realize their energy goals. The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy shares this mission, and recently made an investment of \$19 million to improve our nation's buildings, specifically naming hospitals and schools as top priorities.

There are also non-government options that can be utilized to bring solar to your local school district. The American Solar Energy Society (ASES) offers a wide array of resources for achieving successful solar school programs and for navigating issues around choosing a system. Their partnership with The Solar Foundation's BDR Fund has set a goal of 20,000 solar systems installed at K-12 schools by the year 2020.



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The non-profit Black Rock Solar helped Rainshadow Community Charter High School in Reno, Nevada install a 31 kilowatt photovoltaic array in 2010.

Another grant opportunity comes from the American Electric Power Foundation's Learning from Light program, which has sponsored over 100 schools' transitions to solar, starting with Bluffview Elementary in Worthington, Ohio back in 1998. And the Walmart Foundation recently pledged to fund solar conversions at 20 schools in large cities around the country. A list of further programs offered by a number

of organizations can be found at solarschools.org.

For more tips, check out the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's report "Solar Schools Assessment and Implementation Project: Financing Options for Solar Installations on K-12 Schools," which explains the myriad ways to finance and own solar installations at schools—including how to choose a location to maximize benefits.

CONTACTS: Solar School Initiative, www.solarschools.org; ASES, www.ases.org; DOE Loan Programs Office, energy.gov/lpo/loan-programs-office; American Electric Power Foundation, www.aep.com; NREL, www.nrel.gov.

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Earn an Accredited High School Diploma at Your County Library

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PGCMLS

LARGO, MD—The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is offering qualified community members the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialized career certificate through Career Online High School, a program brought to public libraries by Gale, a part of Cengage Learning. Part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, Career Online High School is specifically designed to reengage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary

career education or the workforce. "Individuals with a high school diploma are employed at a rate of 76%. For those without high school credentials, the employment rate drops to 57%," according to a 2014 Connecting Youth to Opportunity report (see page 3) by the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region.

"Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement," said the Library's Chief Executive Officer Kathleen Teaze. "By offering Career Online High School, we're empowering our residents to seek new opportunities and transform their lives."

"We're delighted to partner with PGCMLS to offer Career

Online High School and give residents access to education and the potential to change their lives," said Paul Gazzolo, senior vice president and general manager for Gale.

The Library System will award scholarships for Career Online High School to qualified learners looking to earn a high school diploma and advance their careers. Once enrolled, Career Online High School pairs each student with an Academic Coach, who assists with developing an individual career plan, offers ongoing guidance and encouragement, evaluates performance, and connects the learner with the resources needed to

demonstrate mastery of the course material. Classes are supported by board-certified instructors and students have 24/7 access to the online learning platform. Coursework begins in one of eight high-growth, high-demand career fields—across a wide spectrum from child care and education to certified transportation—before progressing to the core academic subjects. Many students are able to graduate in as few as 4 to 6 months by transferring in previously earned high school credits.

Learn more about Career Online High School at your County Library or on our website at www.pgcmls.info.

Faceoff from A1

serving as a group mentor, and a returning college student serving as the team advisor. The teams have been in competition with each other over a six week period, developing innovative solutions designed to have a sustained impact on community challenges. This effort is a continuation of last year's OIT STEAM Dream Team which similarly focused on the establishment of a career pipeline through the development of hands on technical expertise.

The OIT Summer Youth Faceoff culminated on Friday, August 12, 2016 at 10:00am with a competition called The Barracuda Bowl that included a presentation by each team to a panel of mock investors, of their respective TNI projects, and for the selection of the project that is most worthy of implementation by the County. The panel of mock investors consisted of senior level individuals from both the public and private sectors. The event was co-hosted by Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. The

location of the ceremony was held at 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 140, Largo, MD.

About Tech Prince George's

The sustained focus of Tech Prince George's is on the long term development of a career pipeline and interceptive strategies to improve student matriculation into eventual career success in technology fields.

The goal of the program is to identify, then develop students in Prince George's County who have demonstrated a sustained aptitude and interest in

IT, thus cultivating their educational and career growth to guide them in becoming future contributors to the economic success and viability of Prince George's County, MD.

This is made possible through partnerships between Prince George's County Government, Prince George's County Public School System (PGCPS), institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations and private industry.

For more information, please visit <http://techpgc.princegeorgescountymd.gov>

BE FLOOD SMART

Flooding is the nation's #1 natural disaster and it can happen anytime...anywhere. During Flood Awareness Month in Prince George's County, learn more on what causes flooding and how to protect your home.

- ▶ **Alert Prince George's:** The County offers a notification service that sends you a text or email in the event of a major flood. To sign up, visit alert.mypgc.us;
- ▶ **Purchase Flood Insurance:** Flood insurance can be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program, which offers Prince George's County residents up to a 25% discount;
- ▶ **Make a Flood Plan:** Know evacuation routes and keep important papers in a safe, waterproof place; and
- ▶ **Help Prevent Local Flooding:** Keep trash and debris away from storm drains and inlets.