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## Honoring Military Organ Donors and Recipients at Arlington National Cemetery



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In celebration of Donate Life Month, Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC), the non-profit organ procurement organization in the D.C. metropolitan area, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, April 20. The ceremony was in honor of military organ donors, their families and military transplant recipients. Pictured above (L-R) are Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Andy Bender, Kidney Recipient; Army Major General Cedric Wins, Donor Father; Veteran Army Reservist Wanda Leonard, Lung Recipient Daughter; and Retired Air Force Master Sergeant Douglas "DJ" Jordan, Liver and Kidney Recipient. Veteran Army Reservist Wanda Leonard is passionate about donation because her mother Barbara Ann received a lung transplant, which extended her life for almost six years. Wanda, a member of the WRTC Donor Family and Community Advisory Council, is also the Town Commissioner for Upper Marlboro.

## Council Chair Todd M. Turner Among Speakers For County's 42nd Annual Valor Awards

Prince George's County held its 42nd Annual Public Safety Luncheon and Valor Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt. The Valor Awards Ceremony recognizes public safety officers who have demonstrated extraordinary bravery and exceeded expectations in the execution of their duties. Council Chair Turner was among the speakers providing remarks, congratulating the honorees, and noting the significant contributions of Public Safety Officials who answer the call to protect and serve.

"Today, we pay special tribute to those extraordinary public servants among you who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and exceeded expectations in the execution of their duties. Today's honorees deserve our heartfelt gratitude for the demonstration of exceptional courage and selfless commitment to the welfare of every Prince Georgian. Thank you for providing our communities with the highest degree of public safety."

—Council Chair Todd M. Turner,  
42nd Annual Public Safety Luncheon and  
Valor Awards Ceremony

—Council Connection Newsletter,  
Prince George's County Council Media



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Council Chair Turner speaks at the 42nd Annual Public Safety Luncheon and Valor Awards Ceremony.

## County REALTORS® Award \$10,000 In Scholarships to High School Seniors

By ERICA KALEDA

Prince George's County Association of Realtors®

LANDOVER, Md. (April 25, 2019)—On Saturday, April 13, PGCAR hosted the 8th Annual Maclin Fun Run. Over 100 runners and volunteers came out on a beautiful morning to run, walk, dance, mingle and net-

work while, in turn, supporting the David and Juanita Maclin Memorial Scholarship Fund. We raised \$5,108 for the Scholarship Fund!

The Prince George's County Association of REALTORS®

instituted the David and Juanita Maclin Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of REALTOR® David Maclin, the 2006 PGCAR President.

David and Juanita contributed to the economic development of Prince George's County, and they were key contributors to the growth and de-

velopment of area churches. Their efforts were acknowledged by numerous awards, certifications, and special recognitions.

In addition to their service to the community, David and Juanita served the REALTORS® of Prince George's County and Maryland in many capacities. David was twice named REALTOR® of the year by PGCAR

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Saturday, May 4 • 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Prince George's County will host a Countywide community clean up program entitled "Growing Green With Pride." This event supports our Beautification Initiative to make our community cleaner and greener by conducting individual community plantings and coordinating beautification activities throughout the County. "Growing Green With Pride", in collaboration with Keep Prince George's County Beautiful, Prince George's County Public Schools, and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, demonstrates our shared commitment to keeping our communities appealing and attractive. Community organizations and groups are encouraged to participate. *To participate, you should have registered by April 26!*

Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Community Clean Ups  
• 12–3 p.m. Picnic Celebration with County Executive  
Angela Alsobrooks

Contact Stacy Howard at 301-499-8523 for more information.  
*Students may earn service learning hours!*

\*\*Participants will receive a complimentary T-shirt to be worn on the day of the event.\*\*

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2590/  
Growing-Green-With-Pride

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## Free Cinco De Mayo Lyft Rides Offered Throughout Prince George's County to Prevent Drunk Driving

Nearly One-Third of U.S. Highway Deaths on Cinco De Mayo Involve Drunk Drivers

By TAMMY WAN  
WRAP

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (April 26, 2019)—Preparing to combat that time of year when, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly one-third (30%) of all U.S. traffic deaths involve drunk drivers, free Cinco de Mayo Lyft rides will be offered to deter impaired driving throughout Prince George's County, Maryland beginning Sunday, May 5th, 2019.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2019 Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® program will be in operation beginning at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 5th (Cinco de Mayo) and continue until 4:00 am on Monday, May 6th, 2019 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

During this twelve-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 Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® promo code will be posted at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 5th on www.SoberRide.com.

Last year, a record 897 persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used WRAP's Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® program

rather than possibly driving home impaired. The charity also offers its SoberRide® program on St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day, Halloween and the winter holidays.

"Nearly one-third (30%) of all U.S. traffic fatalities during Cinco de Mayo 2017 involved drunk drivers according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP's President. "Worse, nearly one-fourth (21%) of U.S. drivers in fatal crashes during the 2017 Cinco de Mayo period had BACs of .15 or higher."

SoberRide® is offered throughout Lyft's Washington, D.C. coverage area.

"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 Regional Alcohol Program allows us to take our commitment to providing reliable, convenient, and responsible 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.

Since 1991, WRAP's SoberRide® program has provided 76,195 free safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

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

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The *State of Black America*® documents a resurgence of racially-motivated voter suppression over the last decade, including efforts by Russian trolls to stop African Americans from voting.

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#### Business and Professional Women of Maryland Celebrate 90th Anniversary at Annual Conference

The conference theme is "Nevertheless, She Persisted!" Attendees will celebrate the events and history of BPW/MD since its founding in 1929.

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#### New Play Brings Sis's Tavern Back to Life

"Welcome to Sis's specifically examines the impact that racially motivated barriers created by restrictive property deed covenants had on the communities of Brentwood and North Brentwood, Maryland. ..."

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#### Earth Talk

*Dear EarthTalk:*  
Do all the Democratic contenders for President in 2020 agree on the need to battle climate change? Which ones have demonstrated the most leadership on environmental issues?

—Joe Bradley, Minneapolis, MN

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# TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

### Get ready to walk (or run) the Oxon Hill Food Pantry Walkathon, May 18

Come to the Tucker Road Ice Rink, 1770 Tucker Road in Ft. Washington, on Saturday, May 18, to park, register, and start walking the 23rd Annual Walkathon, 9 a.m. to noon, along the Henson Creek Trail. The Trail runs two miles so you can walk or run four miles or any lesser distance.

Bring a minimum of \$10 or 10 pounds of non-perishable food to help the Pantry with desperately needed funds. (Any additional amount is very welcome!) As for donated food, you can arrange for a drop-off at the food pantry.

If you wish to donate through PayPal, go to [ohfp.org](http://ohfp.org). If you wish to volunteer, contact Yvonne Davis at [oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com).

Bring your neighbors, friends, families, church members and co-workers, even your pets, for the Walkathon. For more info go to [oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com).

### Morningside Sportsmen are still great fun

The Morningside Sportsmen's Club was formed on April 8, 1971, with 41 members. The first annual Awards Banquet & Installation of Officers was in May 1973 at the VFW in Morningside. In June 1979 they incorporated. They also purchased 11 acres in Brandywine, for summer activities. The property was sold in 1988; some of the proceeds were used to purchase a 15-passenger van for the Hope Center. And every Christmas they arranged for Santa Claus to cruise the community collecting canned goods for the needy.

Over the years they presented annual awards, like the Laddie Beardmore Award, presented to an outstanding area citizen, Athlete of the Year, and Scholastic Achievement Award.

In May 1888, a motion was made, allowing women to join. Nine submitted their applications. In 1990 they established the Honorary Member status. The first two to be so honored were Kenny Carnes, wheelchair athlete, and Mary McHale, a columnist who wrote a lot about the Morningside Sportsmen. Some years back, sadly, the Sports-

men folded. But twice a year they have a reunion at Bert's 50s Diner, on Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville.

They met this week. And they invited me. I'll tell you more about these delightful guys and their gals in next week's column.

Meanwhile, you can probably find a picture of the gathering on Facebook.

### Neighbors and other good people

Dean Woods, longtime Morningsider, is recovering from a serious bike accident. He apparently flew over the handlebars, was knocked unconscious and taken to the hospital. He has two skull fractures and lots of stitches, due to come out May 1. I have promised to buy him a helmet when he takes up biking again.

Nancy (Willis) Porter, a 1966 graduate of Suitland High School, died April 11. She led an interesting life, which I'll tell you about in next week's column.

Michael Modlin sent a newsy email. He moved to Morningside in the late 1950s, which (according to an early Directory) probably means he was the son of Nathan and Louise Modlin at 28 Marianne Dr. He later married and moved to 515 Allies. He now lives in Carolina Shores, N.C.

Michael's mother-in-law, Mary Belton, lives with the Modlins in Carolina Shores and is doing well at 91. But years ago she lived on Allies and Maple and worked at the A & B snack bar (does anyone remember it?) next to GI Market, and later at the Andrews' BX.

I recently mentioned Dr. Nigel Traylor, Principal of Bishop McNamara, has been honored as one of Prince George's County's 40 UNDER 40 leaders. Now Dr. Traylor has submitted his resignation effective June 30, and will return to his hometown of Atlanta, where his parents and family still reside. He'll assume a comparable position at Holy Innocents Episcopal School. During his tenure at McNamara, he was the Academic Dean before becoming Principal two years ago.

### Free tours on Mother's Day

Darnall's Chance Museum is offering complimentary tours of the museum to mothers and grandmothers when accompanied by a paying child or grand-

child on Mother's Day, noon to 3:15. Children will have the opportunity to make a Mother's Day card.

The historic house is at 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro, on a hill, overlooking Schoolhouse Pond. For information, call 301-952-8010.

### Changing landscape

The two original Beltway bridges over Suitland Road date back to the 1960s and have been deteriorating. A few years back, the cement underside began to crumble down on cars. Now there are two new spans. One of the old spans was demolished last week and I suppose the two supports will soon be demolished as well. Then, one more old span to go.

### I blew it again

Once again I wished Happy Birthday to two people who have, for several years, been celebrating in Heaven:

- Dorothy Lipka, 91, a volunteer at Oxon Hill Food Pantry, died Dec. 17, 2015. She was the widow of Michael Lipka and mother of Peter Lipka. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church.
- Rose Tiller, 91, a native of Saskatchewan, Canada, who came to the U. S. with the British Air Commission during World War II, died June 1, 2017. Survivors included her children, Roger, David and Barry Tiller and Linda Cromwell, four grand- and seven great-grandchildren. Services were at Forest Memorial UMC. Among her tributes, a friend wrote, "When Rose came to Hogates 55 years ago, it was my privilege to train her. We bonded immediately as Christian friends and stayed in touch."

### Milestones

Happy birthday to my daughter Sheila (McHale) Mudd and Lori Williams, May 3; India Goodall and Ruby Haines, May 4; Donald Young, Jim Henderson and Marlyn Meoli, May 5; Gretchen Ennis, May 6; Dwight Holloway Jr., May 7; Brandi Jeter and Buddy Ramsey, May 9; Gladys Locks, Shirley Eppard and Elijah Thomas, May 10.

## Around the County

### Jatiya Stewart Selected CIAA Tennis Rookie Of the Week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (April 23, 2019)—The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association released its Week 8 Tennis Honor Roll and Bowie State's Jatiya Stewart was selected Rookie of the Week. Playing in the no. 3 singles spot, Stewart battled to a 6-3, 6-4 win against her opponent from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) and teamed up with Kamari Eason to earn the 6-1 victory at No. 2 doubles. The Bulldogs defeated Division I UMES, 4-3.



PHOTO COURTESY BOWIE STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

Jatiya Stewart

—Gregory C. Goings, Bowie State Sports Information

### Local Students Expected To Graduate From Pitt-Bradford

BRADFORD, Pa. (April 26, 2019)—The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford graduate[d] 250 students at its Commencement exercises on Sunday afternoon, April 28.

Local students expected to graduate are:

- **Hyattsville, Maryland**  
Desmond Brogsdale, a Bachelor of Science, sport and recreation management
- **Riverdale, Maryland**  
Sofone Elira, a Bachelor of Science, accounting and business management

The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, founded in 1963, is a safe, friendly institution for students who want to earn a world-renowned degree in a personalized environment. For more information, visit [www.upb.pitt.edu](http://www.upb.pitt.edu).

—Kimberly Marcott Weinberg, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

### Town of Upper Marlboro Community Day

The Town of Upper Marlboro Community Day is on May 18, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.! The Festival will start out with a parade down Main Street from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and remain downtown with tons of fun, delicious food trucks, unique sales vendors, kids rides and activities, and free live family-friendly entertainment! The Town of Upper Marlboro is working tirelessly to improve the efforts of community engagement and togetherness. Join us in a day of celebration!

#### How Can I Participate?

The Events Committee is seeking excited, energetic, and community-driven Volunteers for the Town of Upper Marlboro Community Day on May 18, 2019! Volunteers are needed for event set-up/breakdown and support. These fun and easy outdoor activities are available in 2-hour shifts.

Sign-up to join the fun and volunteer with us while making a real impact in the community! Contact our Events Committee at [Events@Uppermarlboromd.gov](mailto:Events@Uppermarlboromd.gov).

—<http://www.uppermarlboromd.gov>

### A New Day Camp Takes Flight For Grieving Youth in Prince George's County

LARGO, Md. (April 22, 2019)—Chesapeake Life Center is spreading its wings to introduce a new grief day camp for children in Prince George's County at an exciting new venue—the College Park Airport and Aviation Museum.

The children's grief day camp for ages 6 to 12 will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 17 at the College Park Airport Administrative Building, next to the museum, and will also include an activity in the museum. The interactive workshop experience offers a safe space for children to explore their grief, make friends and have fun. Through art, play, conversations and support, children will learn new ways to cope with the difficult task of grieving while learning they are not alone.

The nonprofit has offered grief camps for nearly 30 years at locations in Anne Arundel County and decided this year to reorganize the program so that they could offer the same kind of impactful experience, but at locations that are more accessible to all the families it serves. This year marks the first time the organization will hold a camp experience in Prince George's County.

Susan Coale, Director of the Chesapeake Life Center, said they are excited about expanding the grief camp program into Prince George's County. "We have the potential to help many more families who ordinarily wouldn't consider an overnight camp for their kids," she said. "The fact that it will take place in such a fun and unique location makes this new camp an opportunity for campers to look at grief differently, and pair the hard work of grieving with play."

The cost is \$40 and includes snacks, lunch and all activities. There are scholarships available for those in need. Space is limited. Registration is required and can be completed by calling 888-501-7077 or emailing [griefinfo@chesapeakelifecenter.org](mailto:griefinfo@chesapeakelifecenter.org).

—Elizabeth Marcussen, Hospice of the Chesapeake

### PG Valor Team Tryouts

Are you a player or know a player who should be playing pro? We are looking for players to add to our roster for the up and coming season.

Players must be 18+ and no longer be NCAA eligible or have graduated college. Players who have played professionally previously are also encouraged to attend.

Details: August 24 and September 14 (must attend both days), 2-5 p.m. 9107 Pine View Lane, Clinton, MD

Registration in advance is encouraged. [www.pgvalor.com](http://www.pgvalor.com)

Registration fee: \$100 (in advance) \$125 (during grace period) \$175 (day of tryouts)

—PG Valor Basketball



## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

### KREAYOLA KIDS

Kreayola Kids summer adventures include over forty field trips, daily structured activities, conditioning camps: football, basketball and more. The program is for 2-14 years from 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. that includes all day program/curriculum-based computer lab-arts & crafts enhancing creativity, educational field trips and kids' day out. Transportation is provided to and from various schools. Vouchers accepted and meals included.

This is one of a kind Summer Camp that also offers temporary daily and emergency care. The two locations are 6801 Walker Mill Road, Capital Heights, Maryland 20743 and 3120 Branch Avenue, Temple Hill, Maryland (next to Skate Palace). Call 301-278-7532 or 301-350-0035.

### INSIDE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the AP Computer Science class at Gwynn Park High School in Brandywine, Maryland, where students are part of the Amazon Future Engineer (<https://edhesive.com/amazon>) program and girls make up nearly half of the class. To commend the school's success recruiting female students into the field, staff from tech giant Amazon visited for International Women's Day to discuss the importance of learning to code and career pathways in computer engineering.

As an Amazon Future Engineer school, Gwynn Park students receive access to coursework that prepares them for success in computer science fields. Graduating seniors are eligible for a \$10,000 annual college scholarship for four years and students may apply for internships with Amazon during their freshman and sophomore years of college, if they are enrolled in an engineering course.

IT Academy (<https://www.pgpcs.org/career-technical-education/cards/Information-Technology/>) Programming Teacher Keith Brice was instrumental in bringing the program to Gwynn Park.

### LEADING THE WAY TO SUSTAINABILITY

Bowie State University took a big step toward campus sustainability by installing a solar power system that produces nearly 10 percent of the university's energy needs. The Uni-

versity is now one of the nation's few universities to use energy from a solar power system constructed completely on its own campus.

The solar array generates about 2 million kilowatt hours annually, the equivalent of what it takes to power 2,000 homes. "The system is distributed around campus, with a solar canopy in the parking lot behind the James E. Proctor Jr. Building. There are rooftop solar panels on Thurgood Marshall Library and the Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex, and a site near the Bulldog Stadium field. Adding to the university's effort to reduce its carbon footprint, two charging stations for electric vehicles were installed under the solar canopy."

### ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER DANCE

Prince George's County Chapter Bowie State University National Alumni Association, Inc. Annual Benefit Dinner Dance will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 4-8:00 p.m. at La Fontaine Bleue. The address is 7963 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland. Cost is \$55 (donations #15 Tax Deductible contribution).

The attire is Semi-Formal. Come and enjoy good entertainment, vendors and cash bar. For more information contact me at [ajohnson12906@yahoo.com](mailto:ajohnson12906@yahoo.com).

### YOGA IN THE PARKS

Yoga in the Parks begins May 28th. Visit [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) for details. The department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register at least a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation PPC-PR-PAMO 01/19.

### ARTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Harmony Hall Arts Center offers a host of wonderful classes in a variety of specialties including pottery, photography, ballet, watercolor, sculpture, painting and drawing. The center also offers African, modern, street and belly dance.

Register for classes online at [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) or at any staffed M-NCPPC facility in Prince George's County. For more information call 301-203-6070, TTY 301-699-2544.

# COMMUNITY

## The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

### Are Counseling Therapies All the Same?

All of us have days when things don't go well. Usually, such days simply pass, or we talk to a friend or spouse, discuss our problems, and get some advice on what we might do.

But there are other times, for many of us, when the issues or problems we're facing don't just go away or aren't solved even with the help of friends. At these times professional help is really appropriate, yet considering this solution can often seem overwhelming.

Seeking the assistance of an expert, such as a professional counselor, can be a difficult step to take. One reason is that most of us are not very familiar with what a professional counselor actually does. This isn't surprising since professional counselors don't come in just one flavor and don't just offer one kind of help.

Many professional counselors specialize in dealing with a fairly specific type of client and area of expertise. Some counselors work with young children, while others will provide services for teens or older adults. Other counselors offer specialized services for couples, or may focus on career counseling helping people facing important decisions about work and careers. Many counselors can assist people facing large life events, such as medical issues, divorce or grief issues.

Professional counselors also can also follow a wide variety of therapeutic approaches. There are more than fifty types of therapies that counselors can specialize in to offer the best assistance to their clients. Some of these therapies, such as anger management or conflict-resolution, are fairly common and well known. Others, such as special therapies to help people with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or dialectical behavior therapy for people with eating disorders or suicidal behavior, are more specialized.

If you or someone close to you might be able to benefit from working with a professional counselor, how do you go about finding out which type of counselor might be fit best? It really is pretty simple. Most professional counselors offer a free phone or in-person visit to assess where help is needed and if they're the right person to offer it.

Start by locating a professional counselor in your area thru your medical doctor, local mental health organization or online at the American Counseling Association's website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org) and clicking on the "Find A Counselor" tab at the top of the page.

Seeking help when needed is key to a full, happy life.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to [ACAcornet@counseling.org](mailto:ACAcornet@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

## Van Hollen Announces Service Academy Applications Now Being Accepted

By FRANCESCA AMODEO  
Van Hollen Press Office

WASHINGTON (April 24, 2019)—U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen announced that his office is now accepting applications from students in Maryland for nominations to one of the Uniformed Service Academies for the class of 2024.

All applications and supporting materials must be received electronically by 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2019. More information and the online application can be found at [www.vanhollen.senate.gov/constituent-services/academy-nominations](http://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/constituent-services/academy-nominations).

Qualified applicants will interview with Senator Van Hollen's Service Academy Advisory Board on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the University of Maryland University College Largo Campus.

## Military and Veterans Appreciation Fair May 4

Join UMUC at the Academic Center at Largo for our Military and Veterans Appreciation Fair, an event designed to honor this year's One2One mentors, SALUTE Honor Society members, scholarship recipients, and soon-to-be graduates. You will also have the opportunity to meet with industry professionals and Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) in the community. *This event is open to all servicemembers, veterans, and their families.*

May 4, 2019 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Academic Center at Largo, 1616 McCormick Drive, Largo, MD 20774,  
Contact: [vesseyvrc@umuc.edu](mailto:vesseyvrc@umuc.edu)

Register: <https://www.umuc.edu/admissions/events/event-details.cfm?id=event-05-04-19-military-veterans-appreciation-fair>

- At this event, you can
- Meet with VSOs and local employers to discuss potential career opportunities
  - Speak with representatives from Career Services as well as students and faculty members
  - Learn about the programs and opportunities available at UMUC
  - Learn more about the One2One Mentorship Program and find out how you can get involved

### Agenda

10 a.m.–Noon: Networking and Q&A with VSOs, local employers, and UMUC staff and students

Noon–2 p.m.: Barbecue lunch and ceremony recognizing One2One mentors, SALUTE Honor Society members, scholarship recipients, and soon-to-be graduates

—University of Maryland University College

## Awards Highlight a Week of Celebrating Volunteers At Hospice of the Chesapeake

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN  
Hospice of the Chesapeake

LARGO, Md. (April 25, 2019)—With approximately 400 volunteers to thank during National Volunteer Appreciation Week, Hospice of the Chesapeake pulled out all the stops by inviting them to five different celebrations during the week of April 7. There were two breakfasts, a wellness lunch, an ice cream social and a happy hour complete with a blues band and an awards ceremony.

At the awards event, which took place at the Knights of Columbus's Boswell Hall in Bowie on April 11, six of the eight award recipients were in attendance, each filled with emotion as they learned of the honor they received. The first three awards were presented by Chesapeake Life Center team members. Each of the volunteers were honored for their commitment to the individuals and families served by the bereavement program. Carol Fritz of Annapolis received the Dedicated Service Award, Bill Malicki of Annapolis received the Making A Difference Award and Denise Brown of Severna Park receiving the Shining Star Award.

The other five award recipients acknowledged the work of patient care volunteers, healing arts volunteers and administrative support volunteers. They included Dedicated Service Award recipient Ed Allen of Cheverly, Making A Difference Award recipient Linda Murphy of Glen Burnie, David William Malicki Veteran's Award recipient Akesha Lowry of Crofton, Above and Beyond Award recipient Meredith Lowman of Elkridge, and Going the Distance Award recipient Dianne Doolan of Davidsonville.

Allen demonstrated the dedication that earned him special recognition as he could not attend the happy hour because of another volunteer commitment. He made it to the volunteer appreciation breakfast that was served at the organization's Largo office on



PHOTO BY ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN, HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

Ed Allen of Cheverly holds his Dedicated Service Award he received at the Volunteer Appreciation Week breakfast hosted April 12 by Hospice of the Chesapeake at its Largo offices. Pictured with him are Mary Jermann, Director of Volunteer Services, left, and Cheryl Michi, Volunteer Services Coordinator.

April 12, where he was honored with a surprise presentation of his award by the volunteer team.

Director of Volunteer Services Mary Jermann, who has a unique perspective as an avid volunteer and as the leader of the team, shared her message of gratitude for the moments of love that all of volunteers shared with others throughout their end-of-life experience. President and CEO Ben Marcantonio also expressed gratitude, pointing out that as a nonprofit hospice and palliative care organization, the importance of its volunteer corps cannot be emphasized enough. He pointed to the four volunteers who, in-

spired by the work of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, established as Arundel Hospice in 1979 with just four patients on its census. Their work as volunteers forever changed healthcare in our community. Forty years later, Hospice of the Chesapeake has served 42,138 patients, with the help of more than 5,200 volunteers.

There are many ways one can serve as a volunteer for the nonprofit—from companionship and comfort to outreach and administrative work. To find out more, visit [www.hospicechesapeake.org/join-us](http://www.hospicechesapeake.org/join-us), email [joinus@hospicechesapeake.org](mailto:joinus@hospicechesapeake.org) or call 410-987-2003.

## Hyattsville Sailor Arrives in Australia Aboard USS Stockdale



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS ABIGAYLE LUTZ

190417-N-FK318-0066: U.S. Navy Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Gabriel Villanueva, from Hyattsville, Maryland, mans the rails of the guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106), as the Stockdale pulls into Darwin, Australia, for a port visit, April 17, 2019. The Stockdale is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

## Let's Make a Deal— Local Contestant

Contestant Latasha Tomlin, from Clinton, Md., will be on CBS' LET'S MAKE A DEAL on Friday, May 3rd (check local listings). Audience members dress up in outlandish costumes to get host Wayne Brady's attention in an attempt to make deals for trips, prizes, cars or cash, while trying to avoid the dreaded Zonks.

—Rachel Anderson  
BWR Public Relations

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# COMMENTARY

## Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



### To Be Equal:

## Foreign Interference in American Democracy Specifically Targeted African Americans

State of Black America® 2019 Documents the State of the Black Vote

"In the days leading up to the election, the IRA [Russian Troll Farm] began to deploy voter suppression tactics on the Black-community targeted accounts ... As the election became imminent, themes were tied into several varieties of voter suppression narratives: don't vote, state home, this country is not for Black people, these candidates don't care about Black people."

—U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee Report, "The Tactics and Tropes of the Internet Research Agency"

The U.S. Intelligence community announced it was "confident" that it happened.

A Senate Intelligence Committee report confirmed it.

And now the Mueller Report has documented its scope in breathtaking detail.

Russia interfered to disrupt American democracy on a massive scale. An administration official recently falsely downplayed this unprecedented act of sabotage as "a few Facebook ads."

This year's State of Black America®, due for release on May 6, will show how wrong that characterization is. We've taken a close look at the state of the Black vote, from racially-motivated voter suppression laws, to wrong-headed U.S. Supreme Court decisions that hampered

voting rights, to the race-based manipulation of African American voters by Russian trolls.

What we determined is alarming.

The report will be released at a special event at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., starting at 10 a.m. Eastern Time. The event will feature presentations by our partners in the report, the Brennan Center for Justice and the German Marshall Fund, and a dynamic panel discussion featuring the nation's top journalists. Watch live on the National Urban League Facebook page.

Since the release of the Mueller report, the administration has careened among wildly contradictory positions, from flatly denying the interference as a "hoax," misrepresenting it as "a few Facebook ads," to declaring cooperation with hostile foreign agents to be a perfectly legal and natural course of action for a political campaign.

As the State of Black America® details, we can accept nothing less than a clear-eyed accounting of what really happened and an aggressive, comprehensive plan to combat it.

For African-Americans, the unobstructed right to vote has been an ongoing, centuries-long battle. Russian interference is just the latest chapter in the blood-soaked saga. Prior to the U.S. Supreme Court's 1857 decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, Black Americans who were not enslaved had voting rights in some jurisdictions. In *Dred*, the court held that the rights and privileges of citizenship afforded by the U.S. Constitution did not apply to Black people.

This remained the official status of African Americans until five years after the Civil War, when the 15th Amendment to the Constitution was adopted, ensuring the right to vote "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

The Jim Crow era, from the late 19th century to the mid-20th Century, made a mockery of the 15th Amendment. Poll taxes, literacy tests, indiscriminate incarceration and violence kept most Black Americans off the voter rolls for nearly a century. White supremacist terrorists carried out nearly 5,000 documented lynchings to enforce their ideology. Dozens of Americans who were murdered for their voting rights efforts are immortalized as civil rights martyrs. The shocking images of violence helped galvanize the nation in favor of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

But the growing power of the Black vote has triggered a devastating backlash. The State of Black America® documents a resurgence of racially-motivated voter suppression over the last decade, including efforts by Russian trolls to stop African Americans from voting.

We look forward to sharing our findings on May 6 and anticipate a lively and robust dialogue as we put forward our policy recommendations to end the crisis. Watch the event on Facebook, and follow the National Urban League on social media. @NatUrbanLeague, and participate using the hashtag #StateOfBlackAmerica.

## Marion Wright Edelman

President Emerita, Children's Defense Fund



### ChildWatch:

## Out of Sight, Out of Mind

Baby dolls, tiny trucks, toy food and dress-up capes. Scattered about the ballroom of a motel in Northeast Washington, D.C., and captured in a Washington Post column by Petula Dvorak, these hallmarks of child's play are not merely a sign of productive imaginations—they're evidence of a larger child and family poverty crisis that must end in our affluent nation.

Twenty minutes outside the city's downtown, a stretch of budget motels along a major highway serve as overflow shelters for homeless families

in the nation's capital. They have strict rules about where children are seen and heard. Signs dotting the hallways announce "No Playing on the Hotel Premises" and children are forbidden from gathering in common spaces. The Homeless Children's Playtime Project, a local nonprofit, reserves event spaces to carve out areas where children can be children. However, the lack of space and high cost of reserving ballrooms and conference halls means pop-up playtimes are much too limited.

Away from the hustle and bustle of Capitol Hill

where big deals are made and bills become laws, the motels—and the 1,000 homeless children within them—are largely out of sight and out of mind. Other shelters are similarly isolated. Until it closed in October 2018, the city's largest family shelter was D.C. General, a former abandoned public hospital whose neighboring buildings included a jail and a morgue. Out of direct view and tucked into the nooks and crannies of a dense, bustling city, it is too easy to overlook out-of-sight homeless children.

Until tragedy strikes.

Eight-year-old Relisha Rudd was abducted from the D.C. General homeless shelter in March 2014. Relisha loved art and baby dolls and would exuberantly spell V-I-C-T-O-R-Y on her school's cheer team. For months, Relisha's disappearance dominated the news cycle and brought the glare of national attention to D.C. General. City officials, pundits, locals and anonymous online commenters heaped blame on Relisha's family, her teachers and her social workers. But assigning blame did nothing to bring Relisha home. Five years have passed and Relisha is still missing.

Why do we fail to see our poor children until their faces stare at us from a Missing Child poster? Why do we blame parents rather than blame our broken, unjust system that fails to provide affordable housing for families? Thousands of Relishas live everywhere among us, without safe places to live and grow up. They are homeless because housing is too expensive and their parents' jobs pay too little; unaccounted for because affordable quality child care is out of reach; finding pockets of playtime in motel ballrooms because play is otherwise forbidden; hurting because poverty hurts.

It's time to stop assigning blame and start taking action. Next week the Children's Defense Fund will release a new edition of our report *Ending Child Poverty Now* with an urgent call to action. We must make poor children's struggles visible to our political leaders and policymakers at all levels of government and in every state and community. We must lift up child poverty solutions that work including a higher minimum wage, housing assistance vouchers for struggling parents, transitional jobs programs and child care assistance. We must keep children front and center, invisible no longer.

## Benjamin L. Cardin

United States Senator for Maryland



## Cardin, Van Hollen Raise Concerns About Potential Patent Infringement By Pharmaceutical Company Gilead Science and High Price of Its HIV-Prevention Drug, Truvada

Stemming transmission rates of HIV is incredibly important for Baltimore and elsewhere in Maryland

WASHINGTON (April 25, 2019)—A group of seven U.S. Senators including Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen (both D-Md.) today raised concerns about reports that pharmaceutical company Gilead Science is marketing an HIV-prevention drug that infringes upon patents owned by the United States Government and selling it at a price that makes the drug unaffordable for many Americans. The Senators asked the Department of Health and Human Services to detail what steps have been taken to make sure that government-held patents are properly licensed, to ensure that any potential patent infringements are acted upon, and to document how they take the affordability of drugs into consideration when licensing patents. U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) joined in sending the letter.

"Gilead charges between \$1,600 to \$2,000 for

a month's supply of Truvada and generated \$3 billion in revenue off of Truvada sales last year," the Senators wrote. "Gilead's Truvada relies on the usage of...[processes that were] invented—and patented—by scientists working for the CDC. Those patents are held by the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)."

"Although Secretary Azar has stated that negotiations are ongoing, Gilead has reportedly reached no agreement with the government that would allow them to make use of these patented methods," the Senators continued. "The government should also be willing to enforce its patents and take legal action against companies that appear to be infringing on their patents, in order to prevent multinational companies from reaping billions of dollars in profits without properly compensating the government for its investments."

## Steny H. Hoyer

Maryland Congressional District 5



## Hoyer Participates in Roundtable Discussion with Bowie State Students

BOWIE, Md. (April 23, 2019)—[On April 23], Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) joined Bowie State President Dr. Aminta Breaux for a roundtable with students to discuss a range of issues, including college affordability and support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

"I was pleased to meet with Dr. Breaux and students from Bowie State University this afternoon," said Congressman Hoyer. "As Congress prepares to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, it's important to hear directly from students about the issues they face in pursuing higher education. Ensuring higher education is accessible to more students is an issue of critical concern to many students at Bowie State University, and throughout our state. I appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from students about the issues they care about, including student loans, simplifying the FAFSA process and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program."

"Supporting students of color and HBCUs is an impor-

tant priority for me in Congress," continued Congressman Hoyer. "As the oldest HBCU in Maryland, Bowie State University prepares thousands of students each year for success in our communities. I join in thanking Dr. Breaux and the student leaders at Bowie State University for their leadership."

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# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

## Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

### Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) Affects State Retiree

By RUSSELL GLOOR,  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor  
Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty:

I have a question in regard to the “windfall act.” I am receiving a pension from the State of Nevada. I retired from the State, and did not pay into Social Security, but I worked in the private sector before and am currently working in the private sector. My question is: How much “penalty” will I be subject to when I decide to finally hang it up? **Signed: State Retiree**

**Dear State Retiree:** The State of Nevada is one of 27 states which, for all or some employee categories, do not participate in the Federal Social Security (SS) program; rather their State pensions are designed to provide a retirement benefit in lieu of Social Security. Because you receive a Nevada state pension and have also worked in the private sector long enough to be entitled to a Social Security (SS) benefit, your SS retirement benefit, when you claim it, may be reduced by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), with the amount of reduction based upon how many years of substantial SS-covered earnings you have. If you have 20 or fewer years of SS-covered employment, here’s how WEP will affect your Social Security benefit:

Your actual benefit amount is based upon your “primary insurance amount” (PIA), which is computed using the average monthly earnings from the 35 highest earning years over your lifetime, known as your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings or “AIME” (only earnings up to the maximum payroll tax cap for each year are counted). Your PIA is the Social Security benefit you are entitled to at your full retirement age. Normally, when WEP doesn’t apply, your Social Security benefit amount is computed by taking the monthly average of those 35 inflation-adjusted years of earnings (your AIME) and using a standard formula to arrive at your PIA. That formula includes using 90% of the first part (called a “bend point”) of your AIME to be the first portion of three used to arrive at your PIA amount. For those first becoming eligible for benefits in 2019 (usually at age 62) that first bend point is \$926, which means that \$833 (90%) would normally be the first contribution to your PIA. But when WEP applies, the formula is different; instead of using 90% of that first bend point, if you had 20 or less years of covered-SS substantial earnings they use 40%, which would mean that the first bend point would add \$370 to your PIA amount instead of \$833, a reduction of \$463. Remember that the bend points used are those for your year of Social Security eligibility, not for the year you claim benefits.

The percentage used to compute that first “bend point” goes up by 5% for each year over 20 years of substantial SS-covered earnings you have—for example, if you have 22 years of SS-covered substantial earnings, the formula would use a 50% multiplier instead of 40%. And at 30 years of SS-covered earnings you’re no longer affected by WEP. WEP can’t reduce your PIA by more than half of your NV pension amount, and there is also a maximum WEP reduction which might apply. And finally, please note that any benefit estimates you might get from Social Security now will not include the WEP reduction, which will be applied only when you actually claim your Social Security benefits.

The 1.7 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC)(<https://www.amac.us>) is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at <https://amac.us/join-amac>.

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## Maryland Small Business Development Center Workshop

### Baby Boomer Encore Entrepreneurial Start up Program

May 7–June 11, 2019 • 7–11 a.m.

Bowie State University, Bowie Innovation Center,  
14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, MD 20715

Status: Open—38 places remaining

Registration Deadline: 5/7/2019 11 a.m.

Fee: \$50.00 Register: <https://mddbdc.ecenterdirect.com/>  
Point of Contact: Jennifer Funn: 240-779-5751

A growing number of individuals in the later stages of their lives is turning interests, hobbies, and skills into a small business: one in four individuals between the ages of 44 to 70 is interested in becoming an entrepreneur. This program is designed for adults who are ready to try their hand at business ownership. Attendees will be given comprehensive guidance by experts in all stages of successfully starting and managing a new business venture. Topics including financing, marketing, business planning and networking, and how to transfer a lifetime of skills into a successful business.

## Business and Professional Women of Maryland Celebrate 90th Anniversary at Annual Conference

May 3–4, 2019, at Sheraton BWI, in Linthicum Heights  
History Celebration, Memorabilia Displays, Guest Speakers, Interactive Panel Discussions, Historical Portrayal at Gala, Complete Weekend Program

By LA’KENYA WALTER  
Business & Professional Women  
of Maryland

Members and guests of the Business and Professional Women of Maryland will celebrate its 90th Anniversary at their Annual Conference on May 3–4 at the Sheraton BWI, 1100 Old ElkrIDGE Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, Maryland. The conference theme is “Nevertheless, She Persisted!” Attendees will celebrate the events and history of BPW/MD since its founding in 1929.

### Conference Program Highlights include:

#### Friday, May 3

Noon: Luncheon with keynote The Honorable Maricé Morales, attorney and former Maryland Delegate.

2:30 p.m.: Interactive Workshop: “Creating Connections: A Blueprint for Success!” facilitated by Jennifer B. Jones, transformational leader.

7:00 p.m.: Dinner buffet and BPW/MD’s 90th Anniversary Celebration, followed by President’s Reception.

#### Saturday, May 4

Noon: Luncheon with keynote Dr. Catherine Hill, Executive Director, Women’s Legislative Caucus, Maryland General Assembly.

3:00 p.m.: “Financial Empowerment” Workshop presented by Meagan M. Sexton, Edward Jones.

6:30 p.m.: Anniversary Gala with dinner and entertainment by actor, writer and producer Kate Campbell Stevenson, portraying Alice Paul, author of the Equal Rights Amendment, and Rose Crabtree, member of the Jackson Hole, Wyoming Town Council, who championed the right for women to vote as a condition for Wyoming’s entrance into the Union.

Attendees are encouraged to bring donations to support The Women’s Law Center of Maryland, a nonprofit organization, which provides free legal repre-

sentation and education programs to protect and empower individual women and their families.

Co-sponsors of the conference, BPW/MD and the BPW Foundation of Maryland, invite the public to attend one or all of the events. Workshops are free, but reservations are required. Tickets must be purchased for meals. Go to [www.bpwmaryland.org](http://www.bpwmaryland.org) and click on the link to register/pay by PayPal. Full details, an agenda and a registration form are on the website, as well as in the organization’s publication, The Newscaster, also on the website.

BPW/MD promotes equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. Membership is open to women and men who support the mission of BPW/MD. With members throughout the state, BPW/MD is the leading advocate for working women in Maryland.

## Sterling Motorcars’ Community C.A.R.E. Program Donates Vehicles to Economically Challenged Members of First Baptist Church of Glenarden

By SONJI JOYNER  
First Baptist Church of Glenarden

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (April 25, 2019)—Four unsuspecting single parents were surprised last Sunday when they receive[d] a quality pre-owned vehicle from Sterling Motorcars during one of four services held at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden (FBCG). These individuals selflessly serve others by giving their time, efforts and talent while delicately balancing their role as a parent.

Those chosen to receive a free vehicle include a widower raising eight children between the ages of 8 to 15, a parent whose car was demolished in a car accident and another parent who relies on public transportation.

Senior Pastor John K. Jenkins, Sr. of First Baptist Church of Glenarden said, “We are grateful to Thomas Moorehead, Paul White and the entire Sterling Motorcars Community C.A.R.E. team for this incredible blessing to members of our church.” Jenkins went further stating, “Our church focuses on serving the needs of our community and members. We are thrilled to be able to partner with Sterling Motorcars to provide four single parents with safe and reliable vehicles.”

The Sterling Motorcars’ Community C.A.R.E. Program is new, and is being launched by new President and CEO, Paul

White. The acronym stands for Commitment, Assurance, Reliability and Excellence. While most dealers pay for this type of community outreach, Sterling Motorcars is organic and coming from within the walls of their dealership to create initiatives for the community via faith-based organizations, schools and local organizations. Members of First Baptist Church of Glenarden are the first recipients to receive donated vehicles from the program.

Established in 2002, Sterling Motorcars matches sport and luxury vehicle enthusiasts to new and preowned brands in over 139,000 square feet of state-of-the-art showrooms. Located just 2.9 miles north of Dulles Airport in Sterling, Virginia, Sterling Motorcars is the leading provider of luxury cars in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the country. Luxury brands include, BMW of Sterling, Lamborghini Sterling, McLaren Sterling, Rolls Royce Motorcars Sterling, MINI of Sterling and Pre-owned Exotic Toy Store.

First Baptist Church of Glenarden, led by Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr. is a vibrant, Bible-based church located on three campuses in Prince George’s County, Maryland. With more than 11,000 active members, FBCG is one of the largest congregations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. It has impacted both local and global communities through its 100-plus ministries, outreach and educational programs.

## FAMILY LIVING

### Let’s Talk Money, Getting the Conversation Started With Kids

(StatePoint) Speaking with your kids about money is not the easiest thing to do, but it can help prevent many problems for them down the line.

Now more than ever it’s clear that kids need a good foundation of financial knowledge—with student loan debt passing the \$1.5 trillion mark in 2019, according to Forbes, and an average debt of \$22,000 for the 18–24-year-old age group in the U.S., according to CNBC.

Ensuring your kids have fundamental knowledge about credit cards, saving, budgeting, and interest, can help set them up for a secure financial future, benefiting them throughout their life. And with a record 15 percent of 25–35-year-olds living in their parent(s) home, according to PEW research, when better to start than in childhood?

“The key to talking to your kids about money is just that—to start talking,” says Sarabeth O’Neil-McAuliffe, author and chief marketing officer at Family Credit Management, a non-profit credit-counseling agency.

Here are some tips to get started:

- **Start Slow:** It is okay not to disclose the amount of debt you have or how much is in your savings account, but simply discussing the value of a dollar can go a long way. While grocery

shopping or running errands, talk to your kids about how much the items they use every day cost, or tell them how many hours you need to work to afford a particular purchase.

- **Talk About Savings:** Have your kids help plan a day trip to somewhere fun. Tell them that once they have saved up a certain amount of money to contribute to the trip, you will go. When they want to buy a toy or treat with their money, ask them if they would rather have that toy or treat or if they want the money to go towards the trip.

- **Use Technology:** Once it is age-appropriate, help them use a free budgeting app that will allow them to visualize income and expenses. Being able to see where money is going and how much is left can be a big help in making sense of budgeting.

To help set children up for a strong financial future, O’Neil-McAuliffe authored “Kathryn & Elizabeth Go Shopping,” a children’s book exploring basic money management and the value of money, which tells the tale of two sisters with different opinions of how to handle their weekly allowance. To save or to



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Children’s literature can help you tackle money topics.

shop? That is the question! In line with Family Credit Management’s commitment to providing financial education and thanks to a generous grant from Capital One, 1,000 free copies are available by using promo code “SAVING” at [kathrynelizabethgoshopping.com](http://kathrynelizabethgoshopping.com) until Aug. 1, 2019. There is a limit of three free copies per household.

A strong financial future starts with financial literacy. Give your children the gift of knowledge and help set them up for success.

## 5TH UMD SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND HEALTH DISPARITIES

May 11, 2019 • 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

- Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park, 3972 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20742
- Free Registration: [go.umd.edu/5symposium](http://go.umd.edu/5symposium)

# OUT on the TOWN

## New Play Brings Sis's Tavern Back to Life

Part of the Mapping Racism Project

By NEENA NARAYANAN  
Joe's Movement Emporium

MOUNT RAINIER, Md. (April 24, 2019)—Ally Theatre Company presents *Welcome to Sis's* May 3rd–5th at Joe's Movement Emporium in Mt. Rainier, Md. This new play by Doug Robinson, directed by Angelisa Gillyard, commissioned as a part of the Mapping Racism Project, is scheduled one weekend only. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$17 for students and seniors, and can be purchased online at [www.joesmovement.org](http://www.joesmovement.org). Joe's is located at 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.

### About "Welcome to Sis's"

*Welcome to Sis's* is the culmination of Ally Theatre Company's contribution to the Mapping Racism Project whose mission to reveal the hidden architecture of segregation in Prince George's County is done in part through examining and exposing the use of restrictive deed covenants in the creation of new housing.

**SYNOPSIS:** It's Friday night in North Brentwood and anybody who's anybody knows the spot to be is Sis's Tavern. Sis, Margaret, Willie, and Sterling are all on hand to prep for a busy night, but when James doesn't show on time, tensions begin to rise. Set in the 1940s, "Welcome to Sis's" shines a light on one community's ability to survive and thrive amidst the turbulent backdrop of racist housing codes and local dividing lines which played out across the country's neighborhoods and still affects us today.

### About Ally Theatre Company

Ally Theatre Company, recently named the 2019 recipient of the John Aniello Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company Award, is committed to producing theatre designed to acknowledge and confront systemic oppression in America. *Welcome to Sis's* marks the start of their third season and residency at Joe's Movement Emporium. Ally Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, formerly Doorway Arts Ensemble.

### INFO AT-A-GLANCE

**WHAT:** Ally Theatre Company's "Welcome to Sis's"  
**WHEN:** Friday, May 3 at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 4 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.  
**COST:** \$20 General Admission, \$17 Students & Seniors



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY JOE'S MOVEMENT EMPORIUM

### Sis's Tavern circa 1960s.

"Sis's gave me a starting point to write from. I had first-hand accounts of who would be there and from that I could imagine what they might talk about, fight about, and care about. I hope the audience is reminded that the past is ever present, and it is up to every individual person to carry on the lessons of the past into the future."

—Playwright Doug Robinson

"Welcome to Sis's specifically examines the impact that racially motivated barriers created by restrictive property deed covenants had on the communities of Brentwood and North Brentwood, Maryland. It illuminates the voices of pillars of the North Brentwood community, like Sis Walls, who was a pioneer, a dreamer, a striver, and in many ways the heart and soul that kept the drumbeat of progress going while she kept the music pumping at her local tavern."

—Ally Theatre Company's Managing Director, Ivana (Tai) Alexander

Joe's Movement Emporium is a cultural arts hub that acts as a catalyst for creativity and economic opportunity for all through programs and productions in education, the performing arts, and work readiness. Located in the town center of Mt. Rainier, Maryland within the Prince George's County Gateway Arts District, the organization supports and promotes creative projects of local artists and community groups. Visit [www.joesmovement.org](http://www.joesmovement.org).

## Race 4 FAME

Race 4 FAME is a family-friendly and exciting "Scavenger Hunt" created in 2016 by United Parcel Service (UPS) management and employees in the DC Region to support local nonprofit FAME—Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education to provide academic and music programs for youth in the Greater Washington Region.

**Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 10 a.m.**

**Registration Opens: 9 a.m.**

National Harbor, The Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland 20745

Meet us under the covered walkway between the entrance to the parking garage and the entrance to the Maryland Ballroom  
Team Fee: \$30 (All ages invited to participate)  
Prizes & Sponsorships  
Visit FAME at [www.FAMEMusic.org](http://www.FAMEMusic.org)

FAME is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit. Combined Federal Campaign #31398; United Way #9404; DC1 Fund # 9404

If you would like to support the education of area youth, we'd love to hear from you!

### ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK

## ... Movie Review ...

### Five Feet Apart

Five Feet Apart  
Grade: B-  
Rated PG-13, two F-words,  
mild suggestive material  
1 hr., 56 min

The disease in "Five Feet Apart," the latest romantic drama about two teens in love where at least one of them has an incurable disease, is cystic fibrosis, and they both have it. They meet in the hospital. Stella (Haley Lu Richardson), our chipper, somewhat obsessive-compulsive, video-blogging protagonist, is in for a "tune-up," as she puts it; Will (Cole Sprouse), the floppy-haired, soft-featured bad boy of the CF world, has a bacterial infection and a pessimistic attitude about taking his meds. Both are free to date and fall in love with whomever they please, with one exception: Because of the risk of cross-contamination, two people with CF can never touch each other. The rule of thumb is to always stay six feet apart. (Cutting it down to five is Stella's version of taking a risk.)

Directed by actor Justin Baldoni from a screenplay by first-timers Mikki Daughtry and Tobias Iaconis that is somehow not based on a Nicholas Sparks

novel, "Five Feet Apart" is well acted by its two leads, but especially by Richardson, who has

a natural, down-to-earth persona reminiscent of Jennifer Lawrence. Stella and Will's chaste puppy love is cute, with the sad reality of their situation always lurking in the periphery (and often given center stage). They're supported by Kimberly Hebert Gregory (from HBO's "Vice Principals") as their stern but loving nurse and by Moises Arias as a fellow CF-er (Stella's term) who happens to be gay. Having a third patient in the mix

means more possible combinations of who will live and who will die — the audience would revolt if a disease-of-the-week movie had zero casualties — but it's still fairly predictable. Then again, that's better than most actual Nicholas Sparks plots, which tend to be unpredictable because they are insane. This one hews pretty closely to reality while checking off the boxes for what a weepy teen romance is supposed to look like.



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**Stella Grant (Haley Lu Richardson) is every bit a seventeen-year-old... she's attached to her laptop and loves her best friends. But unlike most teenagers, she spends much of her time living in a hospital as a cystic fibrosis patient. Her life is full of routines, boundaries and self-control—all of which is put to the test when she meets an impossibly charming fellow CF patient named Will Newman (Cole Sprouse). There's an instant flirtation, though restrictions dictate that they must maintain a safe distance between them. As their connection intensifies, so does the temptation to throw the rules out the window and embrace that attraction. Further complicating matters is Will's potentially dangerous rebellion against his ongoing medical treatment. Stella gradually inspires Will to live life to the fullest, but can she ultimately save the person she loves when even a single touch is off limits?**

## Spotlight on History

### In Camp with the Buffalo Soldiers

Date and Time: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 12–4 p.m.

Description: Join members of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Association of Buffalo Soldiers as they invite you to tour their encampment. Trained and tested by the fires of the American Civil War, African-American soldiers moved west to serve our country as it expanded, enduring harsh conditions and displaying great valor. Stay awhile and enjoy a FREE tour of the historic Surratt House.

Cost: Free!

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Surratt House Museum, 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, MD 20735

Contact: 301-868-1121; TTY 301-699-2544

### Artillery Demonstrations

Date and Time: May 5 to November 3, 2019. The cannon is fired on the hour at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Description: Ever wonder how Civil War cannons were fired? The Fort Washington Guard in period uniforms will demonstrate and explain the procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American Artillery. The park has two artillery pieces, a 6-pound field gun and a 12-pound mountain howitzer. Each demonstration takes about 15 minutes.

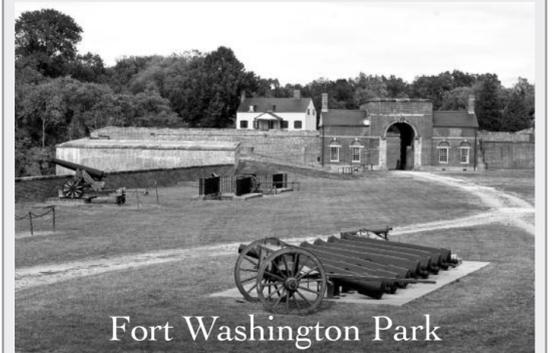
Cost: \$10.00 to enter park

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Fort Washington Park, 13551 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Contact: 301-763-4600

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### Fort Washington Park

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## GEICO Foundation Supports Publick Playhouse

Free Matinees for Prince George's County Youth

By KIRA CALM LEWIS, IYANA MOORE

Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

RIVERDALE, Md. (April 25, 2019)—The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County continues its partnership with GEICO to fund free performances to underserved youth in Prince George's County.

The Publick Playhouse is pleased to present the GEICO Gecko Series, a series of midweek matinees for youth generously supported by a \$30,000 grant donation from the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation. Gecko Series matinees are free to qualifying Title 1 schools in the county, giving students the opportunity to experience outstanding performances and the magic of live theatre.

GEICO executives [presented] the grant donation at the Publick Playhouse (5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD 20784) on Tuesday, April 30 at 10 a.m. The next GEICO Gecko Series will feature *The Jungle Book* on May 21, 2019, 10:15–11:15 a.m. and 12–1 p.m.

The Publick Playhouse is owned and operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department of Parks and Recreation acquired and began restoration of the Playhouse in 1975. The Playhouse serves as a venue for the performing arts, concerts, dance, theater and community events and is one of the two surviving Art Deco theatres in Prince George's County.

The Department of Parks and Recreation delivers an award-winning park system through progressive, innovative leadership and a commitment to the community and the environment. Visit [www.pgpc.com](http://www.pgpc.com) and stay connected on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, and Instagram. The M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services.

### "A Fairway to Help"

Don't forget to sign up for this year's "A Fairway to Help" Golf Tournament. The event will be held at Lake Presidential Golf Club, in Upper Marlboro, on

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Lake Presidential Golf Club

3151 Presidential Golf Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774  
For details or to register to play or become a sponsor: [www.golfinvite.com/events/Default.aspx?pageName=newhorizons](http://www.golfinvite.com/events/Default.aspx?pageName=newhorizons)

All proceeds benefit New Horizons Supported Services, Inc. and the work we do to provide services to participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

# Calendar of Events

May 2–May 8, 2019

## MASHUP Exhibition

Date and Time: Runs through May 26, 2019. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday and 12–5 p.m. on Sunday.

Description: In a twist on Pyramid's annual juried member show, this year's exhibition is completely uncensored with only one restriction: works cannot be larger than 30" on any side. Pyramid Members are exhibiting works of their choice. The resulting show is a "mashup" of styles, mediums, and price points hung riotously throughout the gallery, salon-style. Modest prizes and bragging rights will be awarded for "Founder's Choice," "Craftsmanship," and "The Popular Vote."

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Pyramid Atlantic, 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville MD 20781

Contact: 301-608-9101, pyramidatlanticartcenter.org

## Discovering Chocolate

Date and Time: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Description: Learn how chocolate is made and have a taste of chocolate from a chocolate pot service. Then, make a chocolate candy dessert.

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769

Contact: 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544

## W.O.W. Factor: Women of Wellness

Hosted by Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker

Date and Time: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Description: When women come together, there is power in the room! We have so many roles, being a nurturer, manager of others dreams and lives, building others expectations of themselves and then doing our best to take care of ourselves. Come and hear experts and those who have experienced challenges who can relate and share ways to RELEASE the things that impact our wellness. You don't want to miss this event! Share this with the women in your life!

Cost: Free

Ages: Adults

Location: From the Heart Church Ministries, 5055 Allentown Road, Annex Building, Camp Springs, MD 20746

Contact: <https://wow-factor.eventbrite.com>

## Live Animal Show

Date and Time: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 10–11 a.m.

Description: Meet the nature center's live animals including reptiles, amphibians, and birds of prey. Learn more about them and their natural habitat. Our animal friends look forward to meeting you!

Cost: Resident: \$3; Non-resident: \$4. Buy through PARKS DIRECT!

Ages: 2 and older

Location: Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Contact: 301-218-6702; TTY 301-699-2544

## Hyattsville CROP Hunger Walk

Date and Time: Sunday, May 5, 2019, Sign In at 1 p.m. Walk at 1:30 p.m.

Description: CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Walk Distance: 2.5 and 3 mile routes. Walkers can sign up that day or in advance through the organization's website; supporters can donate similarly.

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Linson Pool Parking Lot, 5211 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740

Contact: Suzanne Hubbard, smh1011@erols.com, 301-332-7410, <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/hyattsvillemd>

## Maryland Choral Society: Unclouded Day, featuring Pratt Street Power

Date and Time: Sunday, May 5, 2019, 4–6 p.m.

Description: A jubilant Americana concert featuring special guest artists, 2016 International Youth Barbershop Quartet Champions, Pratt Street Power!

Cost: General Admission, \$20; Senior/Student, \$15; Children under 10, Free; <https://maryland-choral-society.ticketleap.com/>

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Mt. Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD

Contact: [info@marylandchoralsociety.org](mailto:info@marylandchoralsociety.org), [marylandchoralsociety.org](http://marylandchoralsociety.org)

## Get Fit Mobile: Kid's Day in the Park

Date and Time: Monday, May 6, 2019, 3:30–6:30 p.m.

Description: Join us for fun with Mamba GaGa ball, hula hoops, pick-up sports, and more! Test your flexibility, coordination, strength, and endurance during this fun event! Events may be canceled due to inclement weather or wet grounds. Please call 301-927-0822 prior to the event for weather-related cancellations. Acceptable for participants of all levels of fitness.

Cost: Free

Ages: 4 and older

Location: Cosca Regional Park, 11000 Thrift Road, Clinton, MD 20735

Contact: 301-868-1397; TTY 301-699-2544

## TAG-NAMI: Say It Out Loud

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 3:30 p.m.

Description: Mental health can be hard to talk about. We'll watch a short video by National Alliance on Mental Illness about mental health and discuss how to end the silence around mental health conditions.

Cost: Free

Ages: 13–18

Location: New Carrollton Branch Library, 7414 Riverdale Rd., New Carrollton, MD 20784

Contact: 301-459-6900

# Who Really Wrote This? Anonymous Women Authors of the Revolution

Professional genealogist Barbara Hays to speak at Harmony Hall DAR Chapter.

Were anonymous colonial writings actually authored by women?

Attendees will examine anonymous writings and decide who wrote it.

By DEANNA LUTZ

Harmony Hall Chapter / DAR

FORT WASHINGTON, Md. (April 25, 2019)—The Harmony Hall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will host professional genealogist Barbara Hays on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Barbara's talk will explore the background for the push for independence in North America and the role of women authors in that effort.

The significance of women became increasingly apparent as the colonies struggled for their independence. Women took charge of businesses and farms, defended their homes, and gathered intelligence for the Patriots. While writers like Thomas Paine wrote eloquently about freedom and liberty, other articles and plays published in colonial newspapers were authored by Anonymous writers. Although half the population was female, writings by women make up only a small portion of the available literature on the American Revolution. There are, however, a number of published tracts seeking a woman's perspective on the events of the era. Chapter members

and visitors alike, will examine some of these anonymous writings and decide who wrote what.

**Date, Time and Location:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fort Washington Forest Community Center, 1200 Filmore Road, Fort Washington, MD

Organized in 1984, the Harmony Hall Chapter of the DAR actively promotes patriotism, supports local historic preservation, and honors veterans through commemorative celebrations, memorials, and other activities. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. With more than 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. The Chapter meets regularly at the Fort Washington Forest Community Center on Filmore Road in Fort Washington, MD. Meetings are free and open to the public. To learn more about the work of Chapter, their meetings and events, please visit [www.harmonyhall.maryland-dar.org](http://www.harmonyhall.maryland-dar.org)

# Earth TALK™ Where Do The Democratic Candidates Stand on Climate, Environment?

Dear EarthTalk:

Do all the Democratic contenders for President in 2020 agree on the need to battle climate change? Which ones have demonstrated the most leadership on environmental issues?

—Joe Bradley, Minneapolis, MN

With 18 Democrats already declared as running for president in 2020 (Pete Buttigieg, Eric Swalwell, Tim Ryan, Kristen Gillibrand, Beto O'Rourke, John Hickenlooper, Jay Inslee, Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, Kamala Harris, Julian Castro, Tulsi Gabbard, John Delaney, Wayne Messam, Marianne Williamson and Andrew Yang), and several more likely to officially join the fray, there is no shortage of ideas on ways to beat Donald Trump. Besides their common desire to unseat Trump, all of these White House

hopefuls agree on the need to address climate change before it's too late.

A recent *New York Times* survey of the field found that each candidate favors bringing back Obama-era regulations designed to curb power plant and automotive emissions and curtail coal leasing on federal lands. Likewise, all 18 say the U.S. should recommit to the Paris climate agreement despite Trump's efforts to pull out. But less than half (Castro, Gabbard, Gillibrand, Hickenlooper, Inslee, O'Rourke, Sanders, Warren and Williamson) are for even stronger new regulations to push us further faster on transitioning to a green economy.

Meanwhile, the non-profit 350 Action recently published the results of its 2020 Climate Test, a scorecard rating each candidate's climate cred based on whether they support the Green New Deal or similar legislation, have taken actions to keep fossil fuels in the ground, and have pledged to refuse campaign financing from petrochemical interests. Gillibrand, Inslee, Sanders, Swalwell, Warren and Williamson scored 3/3 on the test, while Booker, Buttigieg, Gabbard and Yang each scored 2/3. (Delaney and Hickenlooper failed all three tests, despite acknowledging that climate change is a serious issue.)

Perhaps the candidate with the most climate skin in the game is Washington governor Jay Inslee, who has declared solving the climate crisis the primary focus of his White House bid. His 2007 book *Apollo's Fire: Igniting America's Clean Energy Economy* laid

out a plan for solving the climate crisis via a rapid transition to renewable energy sources with massive investments in clean energy jobs that would benefit Americans from all walks of life—much like the Green New Deal proposal released earlier this year by New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Harris, Booker, Gillibrand, Sanders and Warren each served as co-sponsors for the Green New Deal's introduction in the Senate.

Warren, a longtime sympathizer with environmental causes, recently released her plan to boost renewable energy production and protect public lands if she becomes president. The crux of her proposal calls for banning the extraction of fossil fuels on public lands (and off-shore in domestic waters) and replacing it with renewable energy production so as to meet 10 percent of the nation's overall electricity supply.

If any of the Democrats can take control of the White House in 2020, environmental advocates will no doubt breathe a sigh of relief.

**CONTACTS:** "We Asked The 2020 Democrats About Climate Change," <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/18/us/politics/climate-change-democrats.html>; 2020 Climate Test, <https://350action.org/2020-tracker/>.

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**Washington State's governor Jay Inslee, one of the first Democrats to declare his candidacy for the White House in 2020, aims to make climate change a central issue in the 2020 election.**

# It's Time to Bring U.S. Headlight Standards Out of the Dark Ages

AAA's Research Shows the Importance of Allowing Adaptive Driving Beam Headlights on U.S. Roads

By JOHN B. TOWNSEND II  
AAA-Midatlantic

WASHINGTON, D. C. (April 16, 2019)—Driving at night carries the highest fatality rate for both drivers and pedestrians but could be made safer by headlight technology already on the roads in Europe and Canada. New research from AAA found that European vehicles equipped with adaptive driving beam headlights (ADB) increase roadway lighting by as much as 86 percent when compared to U.S. low beam headlights. AAA believes this technology, not presently allowed by U.S. standards, is the first real solution to providing more light for drivers at night and AAA supports changes in the law to allow ADB to be used to its full capability.

"Driving at night doesn't have to be such a risky undertaking for Americans," said John Nielsen, managing director of Automotive Engineering and Repair, AAA. "The technology not only exists but is being used in other parts of the world to effectively provide the amount of light needed to keep drivers and pedestrians safer."

Previous AAA research found that a majority of Americans (64 percent) do not regularly use their high beams. This means when driving at moderate speeds like 40 mph with low beams on, motorists will not have enough time to appropriately react to something or someone in the roadway.

"High beams, however, improve forward illumination by 28 percent in comparison and are much more effective at providing the proper amount of light when traveling at higher speeds," said James Moore, Man-

ager, AAA Car Care Center. "With ADB, the high beams are always on and when another vehicle is detected, that area is shaded to prevent glare that would otherwise interfere with the other driver's field of vision."

Some newer U.S. vehicles are equipped with a similar technology that automatically switches between high and low beam, which does help to address this issue and increase visibility, but only when other vehicles aren't present. However, once an oncoming or preceding vehicle is detected, the car will switch from high to low beams, thus losing the benefit of the additional light.

Another shortcoming in the U.S. standards, is how headlights are assessed for regulatory compliance. Currently, just the headlamp assembly is evaluated as a stand-alone part. This is done by static testing in a lab, which does not capture critical aspects of on-road illuminance and performance, especially when evaluating a dynamic technology like ADB. The performance of these systems is dependent on the presence and location of other vehicles, as well as the camera/sensor, software and mechanism used to control the beam pattern.

"Real-world driving does not take place in a lab," continued Nielsen. "Roads vary in so many ways—some have hills, others sharp turns—by not conducting track testing, a lot of valuable insight is missed into how headlight technology could be enhanced."

Following a petition from Toyota, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposed an amendment last fall to allow manufacturers the option of equipping vehicles with ADB systems. AAA submitted comments to NHTSA re-

garding the proposed changes along with supporting primary research in an effort to provide insight into the performance of ADB as it exists today.

"AAA supports adaptive driving beam headlights and NHTSA's work in this area to consider changing the current standards," said Jill Ingrassia, managing director of Government Relations & Traffic Safety Advocacy. "Allowing ADB will not only improve roadway visibility but the safety of every driver and pedestrian who must travel at night."

A new headlight standard and testing protocol could still be a few years away, which means drivers should take other precautions when driving at night. AAA recommends:

- When driving after dark on unlit roadways, use high beams whenever possible. There is a difference between seeing the roadway markings, signs, and other vehicles, versus being able to perceive a non-reflective object in your path.
- Monitor and adjust driving speeds when traveling on unlit roads at night to allow enough time to detect, react and stop the vehicle in order to avoid striking a pedestrian, animal or object in the roadway.
- If your car's headlamp lenses are anything but crystal clear, have them restored or replaced to improve light output.
- AAA engages in research, surveys and a significant amount of automotive testing on new and emerging vehicle technologies to help educate the driving public and keep the roadways safe. Previous research in this area includes the use of high beam versus low beam (U.S. only) and the impact of deteriorated headlights on nighttime visibility.

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To date, the Scholarship Fund has provided over \$80,000 in scholarships to students graduating from Prince George's County High Schools.

This year, through the Fund, four Prince George's County high school seniors were awarded \$2,500 college scholarships to the college of their choice. Those receiving 2019 scholarships are:

- **Alisa Evans** of Gwynn Park High School, planning to attend Alcorn University
- **Jazlyn Beatriz Garcia** of Bowie High School, planning to attend Stetson University
- **Solomon Murphy** of Duval High School, planning to attend Saint Vincent College
- **Ryan Steed** of Bishop McNamara High School, planning to attend Howard University

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## Hoyer Discusses the Importance of Reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (April 25, 2019)—Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) visited the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center [last Thursday] afternoon in Upper Marlboro to discuss the importance of reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and learn more about the resources available to victims, survivors, and those at risk of domestic violence in Maryland. Earlier this month, the House of Representatives passed legislation to reauthorize VAWA for five years.

"I join in thanking the many individuals throughout the Fifth District who advocate for and support victims of domestic abuse on a daily basis," said Congressman Hoyer. "Because of the Violence Against Women Act, communities throughout Maryland have access to grant funding to assist victims and train professionals to better advocate for individuals in need. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with advocates today and learn more about the work they do."

"I was proud to be an original cosponsor of VAWA when it was introduced in 1994 and bring a bill to reauthorize VAWA to the Floor earlier this year," continued Congressman Hoyer. "It's critical that the Senate passes the reauthorization legislation to improve economic assistance and security for survivors of domestic abuse and expand existing grants that make our communities safer. I appreciated today's discussion, and I will continue to work in Congress to advocate for women and families throughout the Fifth District."

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