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Members of the Largo Landing Choir perform for visitors at Fellowship Square Largo Landing Fellowship House's Open House. Themed "A Home Built on Hope: Strengthening Community Ties," the Oct. 17 event included tours of the unique affordable housing property that is specifically for seniors (age 62+). PHOTO COURTESY FELLOWSHIP SQUARE

Largo Landing Fellowship House Strengthens Community Ties at Oct. 17 Open House

By PRESS OFFICER Fellowship Square

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (Oct. 18, 2023)—The senior affordable housing community Largo Landing Fellowship House (LLFH) deepened its ties to its local Upper Marlboro/Largo community with a festive open house event on Oct. 17. Themed "A Home Built on Hope: Strengthening Community Ties," the event included tours of the property, refreshments, performances by

the Largo Landing choir, and ample opportunities to meet residents/staff as well as to learn about local volunteer opportunities to support vulnerable older adults in Prince George's County. The event was attended by more than 70 people from surrounding neighborhoods, local churches, and by representatives from Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recre-



Guests and residents gather and network at Fellowship Square Largo Landing Fellowship House's Oct. 17 Open House. PHOTO COURTESY FELLOWSHIP SQUARE

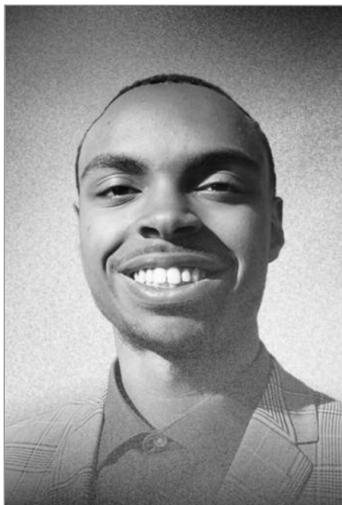
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Local Prince George's County Student Receives Scholarship From The Recording Academy/GRAMMYS

By PRESS OFFICER Recording Academy / Maria Jackson

Last May, The Recording Academy®'s Black Music Collective (BMC) and Amazon Music selected Joseph Michael Abiakam (Norfolk State University), Langston Myles Jackson (Hampton University), Kennedy Amari Johnson (Clark Atlanta University), Courtney Roberts (Texas Southern University), and Caleb Wilkerson (Florida A&M University), as the recipients of the "Your Future Is Now" scholarship, aimed for students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) with the opportunity to learn and explore all facets of the music industry.

Langston Myles Jackson of Springdale, has been named 1 of only 5 students from HBCUs across the country to receive an immersive rotation program opportunity and a \$10,000 scholarship from the Recording Academy's Black Music Collective and Amazon Music.



Langston Myles Jackson of Springdale, is a junior at Hampton University. IMAGE COURTESY RECORDING ACADEMY

The returning scholarship, first launched in February 2021, offers students the chance to receive \$10,000 for the 2023/2024 school year and the opportunity to be part of an immersive rotation program with Amazon Music and Recording Academy department leads, providing each student a detailed look at their particular field of work within the music industry. To coincide with these scholarships, the BMC and Amazon Music will also award two HBCUs a \$10,000 grant each for equipment for their music programs to be announced later this summer.

Now in his junior year, Langston is a Music-Audio Production major at Hampton University where he is an Honor Student, Student Recruitment Tour Guide, Bible Study Leader, member of the Concert Choir and recently elected Mr. University Choir.

Langston is a 2021 graduate of Chesapeake Math and IT Academy (CMIT) North HS. He and his parents, Eduardo and Maria Jackson of Springdale, are all active members of The First Baptist Church of Glenarden.

Council Members Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins Advance Bill Banning Real Estate Appraisal Bias

Violators could face a \$10,000 fine

By LINDSAY WATTS Prince George's County Council Media

In an effort to eliminate home appraisal bias in Prince George's County, Council Members Mel Franklin, Sydney Harrison and Calvin Hawkins have championed legislation that bans the practice. Violators could face a \$10,000 fine.

"The real estate appraisal community needs to take this seriously and become more conscious of any hidden racial bias entering into the appraisal process," said Council Member Franklin. "We're sending a message that illegal discrimination won't be tolerated in Prince George's County, and there's a price to be paid for it." The Real Estate Appraisal Ban

of 2023 (CB-075-23) prohibits real estate appraisers from considering race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, gender identity, age, disability, familial status or national origin in their real estate appraisal analysis.

The bill also directs the County Office of Human Rights to engage in a public awareness campaign by January 2024 to provide education about the ban, including informing residents how to file a claim.

The Prince George's County Association of Realtors has written a letter in support of the bill.

A public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 7, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Free Halloween Weekend LYFT Rides Offered Throughout Greater Washington to Prevent Drunk Driving

Nearly half of U.S. traffic deaths on Halloween involve drunk drivers

By ALEXANDRA LUCCHESI WRAP

TYSONS, Va. (Oct. 11, 2023)—Preparing to combat that time of year when according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly half (48%) of U.S. traffic deaths involve drunk drivers,* a local nonprofit organization announced today that free safe rides will be offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area during this month's Halloween celebration.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2023 Halloween SoberRide® program will be in operation beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 and operate until 4 a.m. on Sunday, October 29 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk period.

During this twelve-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download the Lyft app to their phones then enter the SoberRide® code in

the app's 'Payment' tab (under the 'Add Lyft Pass' option) to receive their no-cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. WRAP's 2023 Halloween SoberRide® promo code will be posted at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 on www.SoberRide.com.

"Nearly half of U.S. traffic fatalities during Halloween involve drunk drivers according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," said Kurt Erickson, WRAP's President. "Halloween is of particular concern for younger drivers as 2021 NHTSA data shows that 55-percent of drunk driving crashes on U.S. roadways during the holiday period involved drivers ages 21 to 34."

WRAP also offers its SoberRide® program on St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day and the winter holidays through and including New Year's.

"Lyft is dedicated to providing access to reliable and responsible

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Bipartisan Maryland Congressional Delegation Talks Jobs and Innovation With Local Space Industry and Policy Leaders

By PRESS OFFICER Cardin Communications

WASHINGTON (Oct. 19, 2023)—U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, and Congressmen Steny Hoyer (Md.-5), Dutch Ruppersberger (Md.-2), John Sarbanes (Md.-3), Andy Harris (Md.-1), Kweisi Mfume (Md.-7), Jamie Raskin (Md.-8) and Glenn Ivey (Md.-4) earlier this week in the U.S. Capitol with leadership of NASA Goddard, as well as Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL), the Space Telescope Science Institute, and Relative Dynamics, representing other local stakeholders in the space industry. As Congress considers funding for the upcoming fiscal year (FY24), the lawmakers came together to hear firsthand about the Maryland space industry, federal space policy and how space-related projects taking shape in our

state can have an impact on the daily lives of Marylanders and others nationwide.

According to NASA, in FY 2021, every NASA job located in Maryland supported an additional 10.8 jobs statewide. Every million dollars' worth of economic output generated by NASA jobs sustained an additional \$4.2 million worth of output across the state.

"Today, we learned more about how the innovations discovered by Maryland's space science and engineering industry are having direct impacts on the daily lives of Marylanders and others across the country," said Senator Cardin. "The industry is at a crossroads and during the next two years, and over the longer term, Team Maryland will have to redouble its efforts to ensure that NASA funding is appropriately balanced to ensure that present and future programs and missions vital to Maryland and

the nation can continue."

"Maryland's leadership in space science is not only a key engine of our state's economy, it also propels our nation's innovation. That's why we're committed to investing in our space sector—and the talented scientists who power it—so we can keep leading the world in space discovery," said Senator Van Hollen.

"From discovering distant worlds to helping us better understand our own, the work that NASA and their partners in academia and the private sector conduct here in Maryland is vital to deepening our knowledge of the universe and addressing pressing challenges like the climate crisis," Congressman Hoyer said. "Congress ought to continue supporting this crucial work. As our meeting today reaffirmed, Team Maryland will do everything we can to ensure Goddard Flight Center and the many Maryland

small businesses who support NASA's Science Mission Directorate receive the resources they need."

"Maryland is home to a unique and growing space industry that is helping the U.S. maintain its global competitiveness and national security, not to mention producing the satellites and drones that we all rely on each and every day," said Congressman Ruppersberger. "The Maryland delegation is committed to federal policy that supports and strengthens the quality jobs and cutting-edge research generated by our space agencies and private-sector partners—starting with a budget that makes strong and strategic investments in them."

"Maryland is a hub for aerospace innovation, including the John Hopkins Applied Physics Labo-

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In & Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Happy 76th birthday, VFW 9619!

When I write about our local VFW, I go back to the founding history, much of which I learned from Stan Kingsbury.

They were a bunch of Anacostia High School grads who went off to fight in World War II and returned home to Anacostia where they hung out at the drug store on Good Hope Road. They got to talking about starting their own VFW. They tried but were turned down because there was already a post in Anacostia. So, they applied to the Maryland VFW, and it worked.

On Nov. 4, 1947, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9619 was chartered. Robert Burns was the first Commander, and those first meetings were at Strick's Restaurant, corner of Branch Avenue and Naylor Road. Now, 76 years later, they are still going strong.

Todd Traynham is Commander; Willie Evans, Sr. Vice Commander; and Jerome David, Jr. Vice Commander. Their former Commander, James Holland, is now Commander for the VFW Department of Maryland.

What's going on now at VFW 9619?

Wacky Wednesday: lunch, 1 to 3 p.m., hand dancing; 4 p.m., R&B, 4-10 p.m.

Thursday: hand dancing, 6 to 10 p.m., and line dancing, 6 to 10 p.m.

Friday: R&B and karaoke, 7 to midnight.

Admission is free for all the above. However, these activities are open only to age 35 and older. A picture ID is required.

On Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, there'll be a service at 11, followed by lunch. Also, a Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 to 6 p.m.

For more VFW 9619 information, call 301-735-5290.

Skyline Citizens Association, revitalizing

The Skyline Citizens Association was founded in 1970 after a well-

attended meeting at Skyline School. Dolores Steinhilber was the first president, by proclamation. Over the following 50 years, Skyline met monthly and held a variety of activities, including Yard Sales at the Firehouse, Night Out Against Crime at Skyline School, and the 4th of July Parade. Many years, they handed out free dictionaries to 4th graders at Skyline School.

Stan Holmes was president in 2020 when Covid hit and caused the cancellation of their 50th anniversary banquet. Meetings could not resume for four years. Now, thanks to some of the past officers and new residents with issues, SCA is back.

I attended the most recent meeting on Oct. 10 at the Firehouse. President Kenia Spivey opened the Skyline board meeting with a prayer by Suzanne Kenney.

At previous meetings, residents had complained about illegal parking on their streets. Tony Proctor announced that, after prodding the County Police on this issue, three cars were tagged, one towed. The tags stated, "You have 30 days to bring car into compliance." But parking continues to be one of several concerns.

The next SCA meeting will be at the Morningside Firehouse Nov. 14. Skyline residents, spread the word.

Town of Morningside: congratulations, Vena!

Morningside Police Corporal Vena Mitchell was promoted to Lieutenant on October 8.

Morningside is celebrating Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 28, with Trunk-or-Treat. If you want to participate by decorating your car, or if you'll have the trunk open with Halloween treats, call the Town at 301-736-2301 to reserve a spot on the parking lot. There'll be food for sale, games, a movie, and a Halloween Costume Contest for all ages.

Have you heard this?

At our SCA meeting, we were told

not to leave our registration in the glove box. It makes sense, what with the increase in car theft. But I've always heard we are required to have the registration in the car.

Academia

Prince George's County Schools have seen test scores gain on the latest round of State assessments. Schools Superintendent Millard House pointed out that, among the top 50 schools in the State of Maryland, the greatest improvement is in English language arts scores, and more than half the schools are in Prince George's.

Bishop McNamara High School, in Forestville, is holding an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 29. Due to capacity, there will be two sessions: Session 1, 10:20 a.m. to 12 noon and Session 2, 12:40 to 2 p.m. Attendees will be able to take a self-guided tour or a guided tour by one of their Student Ambassadors. Info: 301-735-8401.

Places to go & things to do:

Horse Show

The 65th annual Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) continues at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro until October 29. Tickets are available on Ticketmaster.

The Horse Show is particularly appropriate because Maryland Governor Wes Moore has designated October as Maryland Horse Month. Go to Washington International Horse Show for more information.

Changing landscape

The Towne Square at the Suitland Federal Center is the largest redevelopment project in Prince George's County and is expected to create more than 1200 jobs. The last phase will include retail and a performance center, a walking trail, outdoor fitness park, a grand park. And it will all be just a couple of blocks from the Census Bu-

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Brandywine-Aquasco

MAKAYLA SIMNIA EUGENE

Introducing the 2023-2024 North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University Miss MANNRS (National Society for Minorities in Agriculture, National Resources and Related Sciences) and Collegiate Farm Bureau from the great state of Maryland MaKayla Simnia Eugene. Congratulations MaKayla, who is the daughter of Curtis and Stephanie Eugene of Brandywine, Maryland.

8TH ANNUAL ENDOWMENT BRUNCH 2023

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Washington Metropolitan Area Alumni Chapter held their 8th Annual Endowment Brunch on September 23, 2023, at the Harborside Hotel in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Keynote speaker was Dr. Earl Richardson, president emeritus, distinguished professor and senior research associate of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. He has over 50 years of experience in Maryland higher education to include various administrative positions at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, the University System of Maryland, and Morgan State University.

Moreover, he has served as an advisor and consultant to several university presidents and management teams, legislative groups and other state and federal government agencies. At the peak of his career, Dr. Richardson chaired the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Board and was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton to head his White House Advisory Board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. His relationship with the Clinton Administration led to frequent visits to the White House as well as historic visits by President Clinton to the Morgan State University campus, in 1997 to deliver the Commencement address and again in 2000 for the opening of the new Carl J. Murphy Fines Arts Center.

For his service, Dr. Richardson has received numerous recognitions and awards. Among those recognitions are the Maryland State Senate's prestigious Citizenship Award, honorary doctorates from Benedict College (South Carolina), the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Morgan State University; a listing among Fisher and Koch's "Entrepreneurial College Presidents," and recognition by President Barack Obama for outstanding service to American Higher Education. Chief among his awards is the awarding winning \$100 million Morgan State Library which the Morgan Board named in his honor in 2010.

Perhaps the most gratifying achievement of his long career was the inspiration he provided the alumni of Maryland's four Historically Black Universities in the filing of the HBCU Alumni litigation against the state of Maryland on behalf of Bowie, Coppin, Morgan, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. That suit was settled in June

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

2022 with a monetary award of \$577 million over the next ten years. In addition, litigation influenced the state of Maryland to spend another \$1.5 billion to improve program offerings and clear a backlog of capital improvement that has accumulated over the past 10 to 15 years.

Dr. Richardson received his bachelor's degree from Maryland State College (now the University of Maryland Eastern Shore), and the master's and doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. He is married to the former Sheila Bunting, Ph.D., and they have one son, Eric Anthony, MBA. Dr. Richardson is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and Sigma Pi Phi (Boule") Fraternity.

MUSICAL GUESTS

Musical guests at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Washington Metropolitan Area Alumni Chapter 8th Annual Endowment Brunch 2023 were Kailya Gross who is a singer-songwriter fusing gospel, musical theater, and R&B. A rising star in DC's theater scene. Gross has performed at Signature Theatre (The Color Purple, RENT), Olney Theatre Center (Kinky Boots, Miss You Like Hell), Folger Shakespeare Theatre. Regional productions include Ragtime at Duluth Playhouse and a Christmas Carol at Virginia Stage Company.

Anthony Eric Murrill - "Metro" is a 1989 graduate of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore with a B.A. in Sociology. Metro was a horn player who performed under UMES' Dr. John R. Lamkin II. Throughout his collegiate life he exhibited personality of membership, music, and community outreach. Anthony is a brother of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He is the founder of X2REP! Inc.501c3. Anthony is an unofficial ambassador of our Alma Mater and has continued his outreach through music. Through his music he has covered R&B, Gogo, Rap and Jazz, and is currently creating his next project, Chocolate Charms featuring the B-Flat Below Boys. A peer mediator, outreach champion, motivational speaker, violence interrupter, and still breaking barriers building features in the lives of today's youth since 1994.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come out and have breakfast with Santa Claus and his reindeer. Participants will get the chance to take a picture with Santa Claus Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Prince George's Plaza Community Center (301) 864-1611 princegeorgesplazacc@pgparks.com. Contact: Dwight Godwin, Jr. 301-864-1611 dwight.godwin@pgparks.com. Food and drinks are provided as well as a scavenger hunt in the community center. Residents: \$7; Non-Residents \$10. Ages: 2-10. Registration is required.



PHOTO COURTESY EMBRY A.M.E. CHURCH

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

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

Featuring the Singing Sensations Youth Choir of Baltimore

By ZANDRA JENKINS
Embry A.M.E. Church

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

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

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

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

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

Marietta House Museum Lunchtime Lecture Series:

"Training and Careers in Museums"

By STACEY HAWKINS
Marietta House Museum

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

Mr. Forloney has consulted with many museums including Brooklyn Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime

Museum. He also serves as an adjunct professor in Goucher College's Cultural Sustainability program as well as the museum studies programs at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Delaware. Mr. Forloney strives to ensure that communities' voices are heard and are empowered by museums and history organizations.

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

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

Around the County

Giant Food Community Bag Program to Benefit New Horizons Supported Services, Inc. in Upper Marlboro

Show your support by purchasing a bag!

We are so excited to share that New Horizons has once again been chosen to benefit from the Giant Food Community Bag Program, which makes it easy for customers to contribute to their local communities.

During the month of November 2023, New Horizons will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Giant Food store located at 5700 SE Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, MD.

Each bag helps reduce paper and plastic bag use. This is a great way to support both the environment and New Horizons. And starting in January, you'll need a reusable bag when you shop!

Iyanla Vanzant Teams Up With State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy for the "Not One" Campaign

This year, we are excited to have the amazing Iyanla Vanzant as our special guest. She is an international speaker, author, life coach, attorney and domestic abuse survivor. In addition, we will also have other guests, including survivors and experts.

The "Not One" campaign, which means zero tolerance for 'not one' act of domestic violence of any kind towards another, is near and dear to State's Attorney Braveboy. She launched this campaign as a way to raise awareness after the tragic killing of her cousin, who was a victim of domestic violence. Her cousin was killed by her partner.

State's Attorney Braveboy also successfully advocated for a tougher strangulation law in Annapolis and coordinated the County's Interagency Strangulation Protocol along with other agencies.

The event will be on Monday, October 30 at 6 p.m. at City of Praise, which is located at 8501 Jericho City Drive in Landover. Register: https://www.pgso.org/event-details-registration/not-one-campaign-against-domestic-violence?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.



THANK YOU REP. GLENN IVEY FOR BEING A HERO FOR HEALTHY KIDS AND COMMUNITIES.

For decades, the tobacco industry has targeted Black communities and kids with menthol cigarettes, profiting while cigarettes kill 45,000 Black Americans each year. Menthols are more addictive and easier for kids to start smoking. Your support to eliminate menthol cigarettes will protect kids, advance health equity and save lives.

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THE NATIONAL COALITION ON BLACK CIVIC PARTICIPATION
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COMMUNITY

40th Annual Choreographers' Showcase at Publick Playhouse Announced by Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County

By PRESS OFFICER
M-NCPPC

RIVERDALE, Md. (Oct. 20, 2023)—The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, part of the M-NCPPC, is proud to announce its Publick Playhouse will host The Choreographers' Showcase, a renowned platform for dance innovation. The showcase will mark its 40th year of celebrating choreographic excellence on **Saturday, November 4, 2023**, at 8 p.m.

For four decades, the Choreographers' Showcase has remained at the forefront of showcasing both emerging and established choreographers in the United States. This remarkable legacy is a testament to the commitment to fostering the art of dance and bringing captivating performances to audiences. The showcase offers a diverse array

of dance styles and interpretations, making it a vital and cherished tradition in the world of choreography.

The showcase features a selection of dance works curated by a distinguished panel of adjudicators, including Shawn Cosby, Sara Pearson, and Patrick Widrig. This year, 10 outstanding choreographers have been granted the opportunity to present their work, each receiving a stipend for their dedication and artistic contribution to the world of dance. The selected choreographers for the 40th Annual Choreographers' Showcase are:

- Mary Kathryn Ford
- Stephanie Powell
- Ellicia Clayton
- Abigail Wallace
- Gabriel Mata-Ortega
- Madeline Gorman
- Sade Barnwell

- Christina Collins
- Sarah Oppenheim
- Mher Kandoyan

The 40th Annual Choreographers' Showcase is a celebration of creativity and a testament to the enduring power of dance as an art form. The event is open to all ages, and tickets are available for \$20 each. For ticket purchases and additional information, please contact the Prince George's Publick Playhouse at (301) 277-1710 or email publickplayhouse@pgparks.com.

For inquiries about the program or the event, please reach out to Megan Merchant, Arts Specialist, at megan.merchant@pgparks.com or call 301-446-3238. Join us in commemorating 40 years of exceptional choreography, as the Choreographers' Showcase continues to inspire and entertain dance enthusiasts of all ages.

Baltimore City Produces the Most Division I Women's Basketball Players in Maryland

By DYLAN MANFRE
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (Oct. 19, 2023)—Baltimore City was home to 22 of Maryland's 133 Division I women's basketball players last season, the most of any city or town in Maryland, according to the Sports Roster Data Project at the University of Maryland.

The database is a product of the Sports Data Analysis and Visualization course at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism. It includes a database of over 13,800 women's basketball players from all divisions.

Last season's players came from 67 towns and cities in Maryland. Baltimore City produced some of the strongest college women's basketball talent, including LSU's Angel Reese. LSU won the national championship against Iowa last April in Reese's first season after transferring out of Maryland.

Baltimore City, with a population around 570,000, may be Maryland's largest producer of talent, but the data shows that smaller towns in Maryland also produce women's basketball players. Ellicott City, with a population of around 76,000 in 2020 according to the U.S. Census, was home to three Division I women's college basketball players last year.

Maryland women's basketball head coach Brenda Frese loves recruiting in the DMV. She believes it produces the best talent and wants to keep those homegrown players close to home.

"I feel like the DMV has some of the best talent and leagues across the country, I mean better than any out there," Frese said. "There's just a level of basketball in this area that's second to none. That's the thing about the DMV, there's so much high-level Division I talent."

The 133 players from Maryland represented 26 NCAA Division I conferences last year. Coppin State University, Howard University, Morgan State University and Temple University had the most Maryland natives with five players each.

An established pipeline

Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Maryland, had four alumna at the Division I level last season, including Gigi Cooke, who transferred to the University of Houston after playing at Maryland.

Catholic schools sent the most Maryland players to the Division I level last season. Riverdale Baptist School and Bishop McNamara High School, both located in Prince George's County, sent seven players each to Division I programs.

Bishop McNamara girl's basketball head coach Ronald James is entering his first season as head coach of the program. He is familiar with some of the players on his team since he coached them on TeamTakeover, a Nike Elite Youth Basketball League (EYBL) team based in Washington, D.C., that competes against other 17-and-under Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) teams in the area.

James said many of his players will be on

Division I rosters in the coming years and described a pipeline between Bishop McNamara and Division I women's basketball.

"We have two seniors on the team, the other is probably going to go to a mid-major Division I school or possibly a Power 5," James said. "We've got a boatload of juniors that are on varsity, they're slated to go Division I and a freshman who I would consider one of the top-10 persons in the country."

One of his players at Bishop McNamara, senior Madisen McDaniel, has been playing for James at various levels since she was in fourth grade, he said. McDaniel is committed to playing for the University of South Carolina.

Another Bishop McNamara alumna, Jakia Brown-Turner, transferred to the University of Maryland as a graduate student from NC State.

This season, there are 114 Division I players from Maryland, down from last season's 133.

Marylanders are represented in different collegiate conferences

There were 24 Marylanders at Power 5 schools in 2022-23. These are institutions in the Big Ten, Southeastern Conference, Atlantic Coastal Conference, Big 12 and Pac-12.

The Big Ten had eight Marylanders last season. That will likely increase when four new programs join the conference in 2024. The data shows most Marylanders attend schools outside of the Power 5 conferences.

2023 Maryland Statewide Digital Equity Summit

The 2023 Maryland Statewide Digital Equity Summit will be held on **November 9** at The Graduate Annapolis Hotel from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Hear from leading experts and panelists in the field of digital equity and enjoy opportunities to network with individuals from around the state to develop the resources and connections needed to bridge the digital divide in Maryland. **Register by November 3** at <https://go.umd.edu/digitalequityregistration>

Following the summit, Digital Equity Champions from across Maryland will be recognized during a special awards ceremony. Eligible nominees may include self, staff members, volunteers, community leaders, agencies, or organizations who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to digital inclusion efforts in Maryland. Submit a Digital Equity Champion nomination by **October 27** at <https://go.umd.edu/MDDigitalEquityChampion>

This event is hosted by Marylanders Online, a program of University of Maryland Extension (UME), in partnership with the College of Information Studies.

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ation, Department of Family Services, Department of Social Work, Adult Protective Services, the Sheriff's office and the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office. The event brought joy to residents and allowed them to build more local community connections, as well as enabled neighbors, community members and local government agency representatives to better know LLFH, the services it provides and the impact it has. Fellowship Square's Largo Landing Fellowship House provides affordable housing to financially vulnerable older adults—many who live on average annual fixed-income of \$10,000/year—and ensures they have the support they need to live independent, fulfilling lives even in the face of obstacles such as the high costs of housing in the greater Washington DC area. Fellowship Square is one of the leading local providers of affordable housing and services to low-income seniors, housing more than 850 older adults in the greater Washington DC region.



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Guests at Largo Landing Fellowship House's Oct. 17 Open House event took advantage of opportunities to learn about local volunteer opportunities to support vulnerable older adults in Prince George's County.

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reau and Suitland Metro Station!

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A home at 4313 Frank Street has sold recently for \$246,000.

Mary Askland dies at 95

Mary Askland, formerly of Offut Drive in Skyline, died at her home in Salisbury on July 5, 2023. She was 95. She was born in New York City to James and Mary Daly.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew O. Askland and son Andrew "Sandy" Askland. Survivors include son Steven and daughter Karen Pippin; six grandchildren and nine great-grands. Services were at Holloway Funeral Home in Salisbury.

Milestones

Happy birthday to my grandson Isaac Gallegos, Oct. 29; Denise Williams, Kim Miller and my daughter Kathleen Shearer, Oct. 30; Don Eisenberg, Oct. 31; Carolyn Follin and former Morningside Councilman Jim Ealey, Nov. 1; Pearl McNamara and Carl McKlveen, Nov. 2; my son-in-law Luke Seidman and Flossie Keck, Nov. 3; and Bella Cordero, Nov. 4.

Happy Anniversary to Michael and Maria (Blankenship) Jinks, their 21st on Nov. 1; and to Al and Debbie Callison, on Nov. 4.

Email (muddmm@aol.com) with birthdays and anniversaries.

School Without Walls at Francis Stevens Launches the Millionaire's Club

By PRESS OFFICER
FedChoice Charitable Foundation

LANHAM, Md. (Oct. 19, 2023)—The FedChoice Charitable Foundation celebrated the 75th Anniversary of International Credit Union Day in a special way. The Foundation is sponsoring a Millionaire's Club, a comprehensive personal finance program developed by the Credit Union Foundation of Maryland and D.C., at School Without Walls at Francis Stevens (SWWFS) in Washington, D.C. The SWWFS students now have a new, engaging resource for developing their personal financial skills while enjoying competitions with other students locally, statewide, and across the nation.

"We are very excited and proud to launch the Millionaire's Club at School Without Walls at Francis Stevens," said Brett Noll, FedChoice Charitable Foundation's Board Chair. "It's extremely rewarding to see the participating students gain both financial skills and confidence that will help them succeed in life."

The Millionaire's Club is a complete financial skills program designed for delivery at the middle and high school levels. Clubs are provided with seed grants, detailed 26-lesson curriculum, and faculty/student materials at no charge. Clubs are also provided with entry into national competitions such as The Stock Market Game™ and The Personal Finance Challenge™. Additional support materials add a fun, competitive edge to the Club's activities. Other Millionaire's Clubs have produced State and National Personal Finance Challenge champions as well as first-place Stock Market Game™ competitors.

As the Club's sponsor, FedChoice Charitable Foundation will provide guest speakers on topics such as identity theft, selecting a financial institution, credit, lending, etc. while the core curriculum is delivered by professional educators either in class or after school.



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Club members elect their own leadership, actively engage in the program, and conduct an annual entrepreneurial project that allows Club members to put into practice their new financial skills while ensuring the Club's future. See more details on the Millionaire's Club at millionairesclub.org.

The FedChoice Charitable Foundation was founded in 2017 and offers financial well-being programs in local communities while being a resource, advocate, and champion for the Federal Community.

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Can My Wife Claim Her Benefit Now, and Switch to a Spouse Benefit from Me Later?

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

Dear Rusty: Can my wife claim her benefits now (at 63, and we know about the reduction for claiming early) and then, when I retire at 66 years and 10 months of age almost 3 years from now, can she switch over to spousal benefits based on my benefit amount? She worked at a higher paying job for much of her career but is now at a much lower income and would be under the amount that would reduce her benefits further. I currently earn about nine times her annual salary so the spousal benefit for her would be an increase when I retire. **Signed: Seeking Information**

Dear Seeking: Yes, your wife can claim her own (reduced) Social Security retirement benefit now, and she will be automatically awarded a spousal boost when you later claim your SS retirement benefit. However, your wife's benefit when you claim will not be 50% of your full retirement age (FRA) amount because she claimed her own SS benefit early and also because her spousal boost will be awarded prior to her FRA. Any benefit taken before FRA is reduced, including the spousal benefit.

Here's what will happen if your wife claims her own Social Security at age 63:

- Your wife's personal SS retirement benefit, when she claims, will be reduced by about 25%
- When you claim at your full retirement age, your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her own reduced benefit.
- The amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, reduced because the spousal boost will be awarded (automatically) before she has reached her own full retirement age. FRA amounts are used to compute the spousal boost, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed.
- When you claim your wife will not yet be her FRA, so the amount of her spousal boost (the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement) will be reduced.
- The reduced spousal boost will be added to your wife's reduced SS retirement benefit, resulting in her total benefit payment being less than half of yours.

The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until her own FRA (67) to claim Social Security, but by doing so she also forfeits the money she would otherwise receive if she claimed her own benefit now. As long as she won't significantly exceed the earnings limit while working before her FRA, claiming now is an acceptable strategy because it will take many years to recover the money forfeited by waiting until her FRA to claim. It's also reasonable because women statistically outlive men and your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse will be 100% of the amount you are receiving at your death, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living.

When to claim is always a personal choice, and life expectancy should always be thoughtfully considered, but the answer to your specific question is—yes, if your wife claims her own benefit at 63, she will automatically receive her spousal boost when you claim, but her payment as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (www.Amac-Foundation.org) is the Association's non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors. Together, we act and speak on the Association members' behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at www.amac.us/join-amac.

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ratory, which calls the Third District home," said Congressman Sarbanes. "This was an informative conversation with the Maryland Delegation and leaders in our state's aerospace industry to discuss the need for continued support of APL's missions—including the Dragonfly Mission to explore Titan, Saturn's largest moon—and other federal priorities that will keep Maryland on the forefront of scientific discoveries and space exploration."

"Space exploration is a vital industry here in

Maryland. It was a pleasure to participate in this roundtable and to hear about the recent advancements being made and how these technologies can be used to better the day-to-day lives of Marylanders," Congressman Andy Harris said.

"I thank the leaders in the space industry that joined Team Maryland for today's discussion. The Maryland space industry not only generates billions of dollars in economic activity and represents tens of thousands of jobs across the state, but also expands our understanding of our place in the universe," said Congressman Mfume. "I will continue

to work with my colleagues to ensure NASA and its partners can continue their unique mission of exploration and discovery," he added.

"Maryland's thriving space science sector is integral to our state's economic vitality and technological future," said Congressman Raskin. "I'm grateful to the science, space and technology leaders who joined the meeting for keeping the Maryland delegation updated on the latest developments in space exploration. I look forward to working with our congressional delegation to secure NASA funding that ensures Maryland remains a leader in aero-

space engineering and cosmic exploration."

"The aerospace industry is important to Maryland and to my constituents in the 4th District. Businesses from this sector coupled with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, the proximity to Washington DC and institutions of higher learning like the University of Maryland, retaining resources for this important industry and facility are paramount. I commend Senators Cardin, Van Hollen and my House colleagues for their leadership in fighting to keep aerospace a large part of Maryland's technology mix," said Congressman Ivey.

New Beltsville Facility for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Looks to Start Construction in 2024

Numerous construction and trade jobs will be created providing local businesses contracting and employment opportunities

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCEDC

BELTSVILLE, Md. (Oct. 18, 2023)—The construction for the new Prince George's County-based location for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will begin late next year, but the progress is still moving forward. The 104-acre site at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) will house a new state-of-the-art and environmentally conscious production facility to print U.S. paper currency and other federal security products.

Before construction can begin very late in 2024, the existing buildings on the site will be removed to clear the way for the new economic opportunity the BEP brings to Prince George's County.

"Increasing the presence of the federal government's real estate assets (both owned and leased) and jobs in Prince George's County is a priority of the EDC's strategic plan to grow the local economy," said David K. Lewis, PGCEDC Director of Business Development, Government. "For example, relocating the Bureau of Engraving and Printing currency production facility from Washington, DC to Beltsville will bring 1,286 full-time jobs to the county, paying an average salary of \$99,000. That is purchasing power for sales at restaurants, retail shops, housing, etc., to support the local economy.

"Also, for the three years it will take to construct the one-million square foot facility, many construction and trades jobs will be created where local businesses and their employees will have contracting and employment opportunities. And then there will be ongoing services contracted out for maintenance work such as grounds keeping services. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will also spend millions of



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Buildings to be demolished on the Beltsville site

dollars to improve the infrastructure of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center campus such as providing for road improvements."

Construction of the new facility—managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District—is anticipated to be completed by early 2027, per a Maryland Department of Commerce press release, with currency production starting mid-year.

"County Executive Angela Alsobrooks has been a consistent advocate for the BEP's move to Prince George's County," said David Iannucci, President and CEO of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation. "We take pride in knowing that Prince George's County will be one of only two locations in the country where U.S. currency is printed. Increasing the number of federal jobs, and federal investment, in the county have long been a key part of our strategic focus for growing the county's economy. This \$1.4

billion facility will be a meaningful part of future growth here."

The BEP expects to house at least 850 on-site workers, with 600 additional employees working remotely.

As previously reported by Maryland Commerce, building a new production facility in Beltsville will result in cost savings and efficiencies for the BEP and shorten the commute for the 65 percent of Bureau employees already living in Maryland.

For more information about the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation visit: www.pgcdec.com

Celebrating 40 years, the mission of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (PGCEDC) is to cultivate and promote a strong local economy that supports the growth and prosperity of entrepreneurs and businesses dedicated to strengthening communities through business development and job creation.

Governor Moore Visits Steamfitters Local 602 Training Center in Landover

By PRESS OFFICER
Maryland Governor News

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Oct. 17, 2023)—Today, Governor Wes Moore toured the Steamfitters Local 602 Training Center to meet apprentices and instructors in the five-year program that conducts hands-on training for pipefitting, pipe welding, and HVAC service. Steamfitters UA Local 602's apprenticeship program provides training and education to 1,050 apprentices across the National Capital Region. The tour is part of the Moore-Miller Administration's continued support for apprenticeship programs in skilled trades as a critical component of workforce development.

"This program is a prime example of Maryland's dedication to its workers," said Gov. Moore. "For Maryland to be strong, our unions need to be strong, and investing in our workforce is an investment in Maryland's future."

Governor Moore was joined by Delegates Nicole Williams and Ashanti Martinez of Prince George's County and Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association President Chris Madello for a tour of the facility, which hosts approximately 500 program participants.

The Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association Apprenticeship program increases job opportunities, reinforces safety regulations and standards, and provides opportunities to earn higher wages and benefits in a skilled, safe environment. Apprentices work full time during the day and attend classes two nights a week through their



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first couple of years in the program. If accepted into the program, apprentices are provided with training free of charge.

A key component of the Moore-Miller Administration's workforce development and economic growth strategy is increasing diversity in the workforce through registered apprenticeships. The administration's FY24 budget provides \$4.4 million for the Maryland Apprenticeship Training Program, which includes \$1 million for the Apprenticeship Tax Credit to incentivize employer participation and to help grow the program beyond its record level 11,000+ registered apprentices.

Maryland is also home to the revolutionary Employment Advancement Right Now program, which targets specific industries in need of workers, and then develops a tailored plan to connect employers with specific employees. In April, Governor Moore announced \$3.7 million in funding to expand the Maryland Department of Labor's Employment Advancement Right Now program. EARN Maryland is the state's nationally-recognized workforce solution that helps businesses cultivate the skilled workforce they need to compete while preparing Marylanders for meaningful careers.

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