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The Helping Hands of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore:

Lifting Up Children and Families through its Programs

By Ursula V. Battle

A curriculum focused on math, literacy, and social-emotional learning. Extracurricular activities, including dance, art, nature exploration, swim safety, weekly field trips, and daily recreation. These are among the unforgettable and transformational camp experiences that Camp St. Vincent offered its campers.

Entering its 112th year, Camp St. Vincent is the only free summer camp dedicated to serving children experiencing homelessness in the Baltimore region. The camp addresses the negative impact of homelessness on children's unique academic, social and emotional needs. The camp recently wrapped up its latest session, which was ran from June 24, 2019 to August 9, 2019 at Patterson Park.

"For children who are experiencing homelessness, this is a fresh air camp," said Olutunde Clarke, Sr. Director of Early Childhood Services for St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore. "The camp also offers a strong educational component because the children sometimes suffer setbacks because of their housing transition. We work with them around reading, math and social skills. We also offer things like dance and visual arts to keep them engaged."

Camp St. Vincent's unique curriculum is designed to mitigate summer learning loss. According to Greene, last year 91 percent of campers maintained or advanced their reading level and 93 percent maintained or advanced their math skill level over the eight weeks. The camp also meets the unique social emotional needs of campers who gain acceptance from their peers and trained counselors who assist in providing a sense of normalcy.

"Our goal is for them to come together as a group; but not around homelessness and not to be judged by their circumstances," said Clarke. "Overall, we see a general release. They look relieved and like happy, functioning young children.

"They can come here and not be judged. They also create a lot of great friendships. You have the campers and camp counselors who are recruited from high



Camp St. Vincent's unique curriculum is designed to mitigate summer learning loss. Last year, 91 percent of campers maintained or advanced their reading level and 93 percent maintained or advanced their math skill level over the eight weeks. (Above) Joe Shatus from Taharka Ice Cream serving ice cream to Camp St. Vincent campers.
Courtesy Photos/St. Vincent de Paul

schools across the city. There is also another layer of adult camp instructors. It's a beautiful tie-in. The campers can aspire to goals and discuss high school. They make very good connections."

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is a leading provider of community services to people suffering from the effects of hunger, homelessness and poverty. Their mission is to ensure those impacted by poverty have the skills, resources, and opportunity to achieve their full potential.

"In addition to being free, this camp also offers a credentialed staff," said Greene. "That's virtually unheard of for a free camp, and we see that as a part of what we provide to the community. We also provide free meals and snacks. Camp St. Vincent also offers transpira-

tion as well. Kids are picked up from shelters and dropped off."

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore also operates Camp Discovery, an eight-week summer program serving more than 180 Head Start children, ages three to five. The camp features curricula and activities that are specifically designed to

address the impact of homelessness and/or poverty on academic, social and emotional development.

The organization's Head Start program offers educational, health and social services for more than 725 pre-school children and their families to ensure their readiness for school. The program is staffed with fully credentialed teachers at seven sites in Baltimore City.

"Each site has its own niche or its own identity ranging from nature-based to tech information and language," said Clarke. "Those we help, would face a serious situation when the school year ends. Our camps help in that regard, and also prepares the children with school readiness."

According to Clarke, St. Vincent de Paul will be opening a new site at Arlington Elementary School. The modernized Arlington Elementary School will open to students, staff, and the community in September. A ribbon cutting will take place at the school on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

Arlington Elementary will host St. Vincent de Paul's Early Childhood Development Center with Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

"Our goal is to give people exposed to poverty the resources they need," she said. "We want to help them pull out of that situation. The camp allows the children to have positive experiences and learn. Head Start helps the parents to work, pursue educational goals and maintain employment. Our programs give them a chance to be self-sufficient."

St. Vincent de Paul Head Start registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information about St. Vincent de Paul's programs, visit: www.vincentbaltimore.org.

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Baltimore— Summer, is almost over and teachers everywhere are busy preparing for a new school year.

Between finalizing lesson plans, buying supplies and setting up the classroom for their students, it's easy for teachers to forget about their own back-to-school shopping needs.

This year, kids won't be the only ones getting new clothes for school. To help teachers get a fashion-forward start to the new school year and thank them for all their hard work, Arundel Mills is hosting an exclusive event and week-long offers.

During a kickoff event on Sunday, August 25 from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m., the first 100 teachers to visit Guest Services located at Entrance 4 by Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5th and show a valid school employee ID will receive a free \$50 Simon gift card and Savings Passport. All teachers attending Sunday's event can enter to win an additional \$250 Arundel Mills shopping spree!

Also on Sunday, teachers are welcome to stop by an exclusive "Back to School Teachers Beauty Expo" at the Arundel Mills ULTA Beauty, featuring demonstrations and free samples from favorite brands, while supplies last.

Throughout the week, starting Monday, August 25 to Saturday, August 31, teachers with a valid school employee ID can stop by Guest Services for vouchers that unlock great gifts from participating retailers, while supplies last.

Beyond the event, Arundel Mills is hosting a social media contest in which participants can write a comment about an amazing teacher who had an impact on their lives. One winner will receive a \$250 Simon gift card at the end of the contest.

Guest Editorials/Letters

Mental Health Awareness Matters

By Cierra Mayes, Texas Metro News Writer

With so much going on in the world today, there are many real-world issues that are in need of our focus. One of these issues happens in our everyday lives: mental health. There is so much awareness that needs to be brought to mental health that goes unnoticed. Many of these issues began from trauma caused in one's life.

If we took the time to address these problems, we would be able to avoid many wrong doings of others in our community and around the world. Everyone has that one friend they don't see eye to eye with sometime. For many people, I know that friend can be anxiety. Anxiety happens to everyone whether you realize it or not.

It can become a bigger issue when it's affecting your everyday life and you believe what you're feeling is true. Anxiety, bipolar disorder, depression, eating disorders, PTSD, and more, are all things that can be controlled. Depression is another issue that is triggered from one's trauma. It is important that if you face one of the many issues, you seek help.

There are many who are willing to help those that are affected. Raven Fairley, a graduate student from the University of Missouri, with a focus in sports management, has created a platform that focuses on the mental health issues of professional athletes. Even though she focuses on professional athletes, she is willing to help anyone in need.

"The Silent Injury" is an organization that Fairley created to share with others the importance of mental health. Growing up in a sport household where her grandfather, father, and uncle had always been involved in sports— sports was something that she knew about and kept her focus towards. She says the reason she wants to focus on professional athletes is because they are the ones that have issues that go unnoticed.

"Injury depression is real. I've experienced up close with a lot of my guy friends in football and basketball.

"When they get injured, they wonder if they're going to be back on the field, or while they're out, who's going to take their spot, and 'when I get healed, am I going to have my spot back?' For them, they're not only in physical pain, but mental pain as well," Fairley said.

Mental health awareness in athletes is definitely an issue that should be addressed. High profile cases such as the O.J. Simpson trial and Aaron Hernandez case are prime examples. Many players have their mind focused on playing sports professionally, and if it doesn't happen some began to think negative thoughts about what they are doing and other options for their future. The environment you are raised in plays a big role in anyone's mental health.

"For athletes, if you have your family depending on you to make it, it can hurt that player mentally if a pro career doesn't materialize, Fairley said. "Just seeing in the black community that we don't necessarily acknowledge mental health issues— we just kind of push them off to the side— really caught my interest.

"We always hear 'just pray about it' and just kind of brush it under the rug. Even though mental health issues are becoming a problem in the media, it has always been an issue."

Besides athletes, our favorite celebrities, and those we aspire to be [like], go through rough times also.

More people are open to talk about their mental health now more than ever because many have created that space for one to talk about their problems. Raven Fairley's organization is set to launch at the end of 2019.

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JEFFREY EPSTEIN'S SUICIDE SAYS MORE ABOUT OUR NATION'S MENTAL STATE THAN IT DOES ABOUT EPSTEIN'S...



Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Re: Danger Of Social Media

We are electing unqualified people to political offices based on their ability to master the output of social media outlets Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

The newest group in Congress exhibit this dangerous phenomenon, with greenhorn Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez the group leader, which includes leftist anti-American anarchists Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib who hate America.

These people and their followers could become a "fifth column" in the United States. The anti-Americanism spewed by these Democratic agitators might get President Trump reelected. Trump's comments about the four congresswomen are not racist. In his carelessly inarticulate way, he called out their anti-Americanism.

Ocasio-Cortez has four million Twitter followers she instantly contacts and

influences with her anarchistic and anti-American views.

Other politicians, including Beto O'Rourke, Elizabeth Warren, Peter Buttigieg and Kamala Harris have developed large numbers of Twitter followers, and they are unqualified candidates for president.

President Trump, who spews venomous rhetoric at times, instantly accesses about 60 million followers on Twitter.

The problem with social media is followers can be quickly contacted and mobilized for an effort, which might be detrimental to our country. Dictators of the world have been experts in contacting and mobilizing the masses for dire purposes.

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Do Americans believe the polls?

By Roger Caldwell
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Are the Democrats leading or is President Trump?

There are more than 20 Democratic candidates running for President of the United States, and if you listen to them, they all believe they can win the nomination. Everyone knows that most of these candidates know they can't win, but they can raise money. No individual or agency can keep up with how they spend the money, and the amount is in the billions.

This may not make much sense, but the first debate spanned two nights with 20 candidates up on the stage.

President Donald Trump and the Republicans are laughing at this spectacle and the polls say the majority of leading Democratic candidates would win the election if it were held today. Quinnipiac

University's polls have been deemed "fake news" by the President.

"The Fake News has never been more dishonest than it is today. Thank goodness we can fight back on Social Media. Their new weapon of choice is Fake Polling. Sometimes referred to as Suppression Polls and they suppress the

been looking for an individual they can put their trust in, and President Trump is their man.

"Make America Great Again" is essentially a code slogan that means "Make America White Again," and it is working under Trump's administration. Most Americans are not looking for a minister

fixing problems.

The Mass Media in America has awesome power and it can turn a criminal to a saint, and a saint into a criminal. Americans are lazy, and they wait for the news to give them information and it does not matter if it is right or wrong.

According to the Quinnipiac University polls, Mr. Trump trailed Mr. Biden—the clear frontrunner thus far in the Democratic primaries—by a whopping 13 per cent, while Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren and others also hold strong advantages.

Trump says these are made up numbers that don't exist.

In 2016, the poll numbers were wrong and many of the political experts don't believe President Donald Trump is 13 per cent behind the Democrats in the numbers in 2019.

White people love President Trump and when he speaks the place is sold out. The economy is good, and the president can toot his own horn.

The Democrats are all over the place, and the Republicans are in line and following their leader. It is hard to beat Trump especially since the economy is good. And don't underestimate the love affair between the President and white America.

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numbers. Had it in 2016, but this is worse," says President Trump in a Tweet.

Many Americans say the President is wrong, but the Quinnipiac University poll numbers do appear to be incorrect, because 60 percent of white people support President Trump and that number could be higher. President Trump is always talking about how much he loves America, and it appears that most white Americans love him right back.

White Americans have been searching and looking for a savior, and President Trump is someone they can believe in. Almost their entire life, white folks have

to be the president, and most are comfortable if he does not tell the truth and breaks some rules.

Many politicians are lawyers and they go to school to learn how to bend, stretch and change the laws, and there is nothing wrong with lying as long as you don't get caught. President Trump has changed the rules, because he does not care if he is caught lying. In fact the President will say one thing one day and say something totally different the next day.

Our president believes the system is set up for white men to rule, and when you are caught with your hand in the cookie jar, most of the time money has a way of

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Art @ Work is a Work of Art:

BOPA Program Concludes with Youth-Led Mural Creations

By Ursula V. Battle

Sitting on a small stoop, Joanna Hollins reflected on the inspiration behind the artwork located just a few feet away on the façade of the DeWees Recreation Center.

“We went around the neighborhood and interviewed community members,” said Hollins, who is a sophomore at Towson State University. “They wanted to see something that signified youth, joy, happiness and unity. Our inspiration was derived from the Quilts of Gee’s Bend.

“We felt a quilt represented all of the things the community wanted. Quilts are also fun and colorful. We wanted to make our own quilt.”

The Quilts of Gee’s Bend are quilts created by a group of women and their ancestors who live or have lived in the isolated African-American hamlet of Gee’s Bend, Alabama along the Alabama River. With the Quilts of Gee’s Bend as their guide, Hollins and a team that included professional artists and Baltimore City youth created the vibrant, colorful façade of the DeWees Recreation Center, located at 5501 Ivanhoe Road.

Hollins is a mural apprentice with Art @ Work 2019. Through the five-week mural artist apprentice program, professional artists and Baltimore City young adults created highly visible beautification projects in city neighborhoods. The program is open to Baltimore City youths enrolled in the YouthWorks program. Young people ages 14–21 are hired to work under lead teaching artists and artist interns to create beautification projects throughout their neighborhoods.

The 2019 program ended with youth-led mural tours and community celebrations featuring performances and refreshments on Friday, August 2, 2019



Art @ Work 2019’s Joanna Hollins, mural apprentice; Iandry Randriamandroso, one of the 2019 lead artists; and artist intern Kenneth C. Clemons. Hollins and a team that included professional artists and Baltimore City youth created the vibrant, colorful façade of the DeWees Recreation Center, located at 5501 Ivanhoe Road.
Photo by Ursula V. Battle

at both DeWees and Farring-Baybrook Recreation Center, located at 4501 Farring Court.

Art @ Work 2019 is produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) in partnership with YouthWorks, Greater Baybrook Alliance, and Loyola University Maryland’s York Road Initiative. Iandry Randriamandroso was among the 2019 lead artists.

“As an artist, I do art murals that are very simple,” said Iandry Randriamandroso, who was among 2019 lead artists. “My work is simple because I like to engage people in my work by looking at it, and participating in the painting process. The quilts of Gee’s Bend lend themselves to my way of thinking. They very simple, graphic and colorful.

“We wanted to produce a mural for the community that was beautiful, and that would make them happy. It appears that we accomplished our goal.”

Randriamandroso is a native of Madagascar. He earned a MA in Community Arts from the Maryland Institute College of Arts (MICA). He said he has worked with Art @ Work for four years.

“The kids in this community have a space to play, learn and be happy because they make friends here,” said Randriamandroso. “A lot of people came to celebrate with us from the community, along with family and friends of the youth who participated. The purpose of today’s event is to celebrate the completion of the mural.”

Kenneth C. Clemons, who program

participants affectionately refer to as, “Mr. Kenny” is a four-year artist intern with the program.

“Today was a very extraordinary event,” said Clemons, who attends the Baltimore Academy of Illustration. “The youth really put their best foot forward to do this mural. There were some good times and some challenging times, but we pulled through. They are MVPs—our Most Valuable Painters. They really brought their A-game.

“Not only did the kids excel in painting the mural, but they also did well in creative writing, drawing and color theory. They were a great group.”

Lloyd Richard Barnes, III is the DeWees Recreation Center Director.

“This puts a whole new look on the rec center, which was built in 1955,” said Barnes. “It’s inviting, colorful and joyful to look at. They all were very determined to get the mural done. They came early in the morning and even worked on Code Red days. When you see youth doing that, it really shows you something. And they did it in a month. They put in the effort and it paid off.”

Kia Grant said her children Jason, 14, and Peyton, 11, are members of the DeWees Recreation Center.

“Just the fact someone did this was great,” said Grant as she looked at the recreation center. “I appreciate the program. It’s a great example of teamwork and giving to the community.”

Other Art @ Work mural locations include Curtis Bay Elementary/Middle School, 4301 W. Bay Ave. and the Family Dollar, located at 5315 York Road.

For more information about Art @ Work, visit <https://www.promotionandarts.org/arts-council/art-work>.



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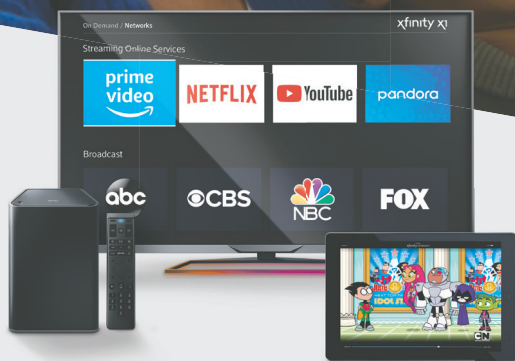
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August is National Black Business Month:

Suncrest Financials CEO Helps Clients Save \$25 million

By Stacy M. Brown

In the last year alone, Suncrest Financials CEO Folasade Ayegbusi has helped entrepreneurs and small business owners save more than \$25 million in lost revenue, tax assessments, and penalties and interest.

Like so many black business owners, success hasn't come easy for Ayegbusi. She says she grew up in an impoverished section of Washington, D.C., where she experienced an eviction, a car repossession, home foreclosure, and even hunger and homelessness.

During those struggles, Ayegbusi says she realized that she had the power to be in control of her life.

She built her business on the desire for financial freedom and the ability to help others.

"My financially poor upbringing is what motivated me to become an accountant. I was around 14 years of age when I realized that I never wanted to be poor again," Ayegbusi said. "At 16 years of age, I got obvious with my career and decided that I wanted to become an accountant to help black-owned businesses become financially free. I wanted to work with businesses specifically because, as I was growing up, I felt that it was rare to see a successful black business.

"I didn't like that, and now, I want to



Folasade Ayegbusi
Suncrest Financials CEO
Courtesy Photo

encourage black-owned businesses and help them face any challenges that come their way."

At Suncrest Financials, which has offices in Washington and Baltimore, Ayegbusi offers small business financial services, payroll, insurance, bookkeeping, tax preparation and personal coaching for business leaders.

Her background in insurance, real estate, and e-commerce industries had helped tremendously. That experience

has allowed Ayegbusi to have a strong understanding of what entrepreneurs face and what lenders look for when working with small businesses.

"With one client, I streamlined and verified their bookkeeping, including calculating their tier product cost, payroll, and other general operating data," Ayegbusi said. "Then, we used this data to review what they were doing and to make changes to their business. The results of this process were gratifying to the owner and made their business stronger.

"Within a year their revenue rose from \$6,000 to \$29,000 because of changes they made. By year two, they were bringing in \$29,000. How? The process helped them both add to their revenue and save money in areas like tax overpayments."

As a black business owner, one of Ayegbusi's biggest obstacles remains being able to fund and identify the resources that she needs to expand.

"I've had every bank that I've applied for a loan send me a declination letter. I

am not giving up. I am continuing to expand my businesses while I pursue the right funding opportunity that will help me expand," she said.

Ayegbusi says she believes it is essential that everyone recognize National Black Business Month.

"As a community, we can pause to celebrate the fruits of our labor," Ayegbusi said. "It's easy for us to turn the TV on and see black celebrities, athletes, and public figures who are a success. But what about others? I want anything that brings more visibility to the success of our black accountants, lawyers and entrepreneurs.

"Our youth need to see role models for success beyond people like LeBron James and Cardi B. Highlighting black-owned, businesses during this month gives a spotlight to these kinds of success stories. It also encourages the next black business to continue through obstacles they face on their tough path to achievement."



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Intense joint practices with Eagles great for the Ravens

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens traveled north up Interstate 95 to visit the Philadelphia Eagles for joint practices this week. They left the friendly confines of the Under Armour Performance Center in Owings Mills for Philadelphia's NovaCare complex.

Ravens head coach John Harbaugh used to be a special teams coach for the Eagles so he was back in familiar territory.

"We appreciate the Eagles' hospitality. They're a first rate organization. We got a lot of good work done and we're happy we came," Harbaugh said.

There is a different level of intensity that arises when teams get to lineup against someone that has another color jersey on. Obviously you want to keep everyone safe but the hits tend to be harder during live practice sessions and the level of trash talking increases. To the credit of both teams, no real fights broke out and they got solid days of work in.



The Baltimore Ravens and the Philadelphia Eagles held joint practices this week at Philadelphia's NovaCenter Complex this week. (Above) Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson and Eagles head coach Doug Pederson.

Courtesy of AP/Matt Rourke

"The tempo ramps up a little bit. That's

good for us. This is a really talented football team, the Eagles. They have some really good football players here," Harbaugh explained.

Harbaugh is right, there are a lot of really good players on the Eagles.

Philadelphia's defensive front, especially tackle Fletcher Cox presented a

daily test for the Ravens' offensive line. The deep Eagles secondary was also a great test for the Ravens who welcomed first-round pick Marquise Brown to the practice field.

Harbaugh felt it was valuable to see different route combinations and players including the quarterbacks and receivers on Philadelphia's offense. Speedy wide-out DeSean Jackson was one of the players the Ravens benefited from by being able to practice against because of his rare playmaking ability. It forces the safeties to stay disciplined and maintain deep coverage because one slip could lead to a big gain.

Veteran safety Earl Thomas is known around the league as a fierce competitor. He noticed an increased in competition and intensity this week.

"What I've drawn from these is the competitive juices that you get from going against a new team. Of course Carson Wentz is not a pushover so it's good to go against him and that offense. The tight ends are pretty good, the receivers are good so it's a great challenge for us," Thomas said.

Baltimore's defense will have to maintain that intensity going against dangerous receivers within the AFC North such as Odell Beckham Jr., the newest addition to the Cleveland Browns if they want to repeat as division champions.

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Carver Vocational Technical Teacher Starts Campaign of Positivity

By Stacy M. Brown

Baltimore City Schools Teacher of the Year for 2018 may already have a leg up on the award for 2019. LaQuisha Hall, who teaches 9th grade English at Carver Vocational-Technical High School, started a campaign that both students and teachers alike are citing as a positive way to kick off the new school year. Hall has started the #TeamCitySchools campaign, which received the thumbs-up from Baltimore City Schools CEO Dr. Sonja Santelises. The campaign encourages everyone to be “a part of the solution,” and to declare that they are in the city schools for the long run.

Using the hashtag, #TeamCitySchools, and with a photo of herself as background, Hall posted on Twitter: “I am a proud Baltimore City Schools educator. I am proud of my scholars. I am not going anywhere. Our community, youth, and success matters. I am part of the solution.”

Santelises followed with a post on Twitter of her own. Using the same hashtag, Santelises wrote: “I am the proud Baltimore City Schools CEO. I am proud to serve our resilient students and dedicated staff. I am not going anywhere. Our future depends on how well our children are ready to lead it. I am part of the solution.”

Teachers, students and others have followed with similar messages and photos of themselves.

Jacque Hayden, an instructional leadership executive director with the city’s public schools, said she was ecstatic to work with Hall to bring positive attention to the district.

“At a time when we often hear a negative narrative about Baltimore City and the school system, Hall’s mission and focus were refreshing,” Hayden said.

The campaign was simple and began with Hall and a few others showing their pride as leaders and educators in the district, said Hayden, who moved to Baltimore in 2013. She began working for the school district in 2015.

“It was a show of unity on social media. It was to show that there are real people who are proud to live, teach, and



LaQuisha Hall (right) Baltimore City Schools Teacher of the Year for 2018 and Baltimore City Schools CEO Dr. Sonja Santelises.

Courtesy Photo/Baltimore City Public Schools

lead in Baltimore City Public Schools,” Hayden said. “I love this city. I love my school district. I adore Ms. Hall, whose idea gave me a simple way to express my love and loyalty to a city and the school system that is now my home.”

Education specialist Shanika Hurdon says that as a district office leader and doctoral candidate, she must serve and give back to a system that’s awarded her a plethora of academic and career-based opportunities.

“Often the media portrays the dark and negative coverage that plagues our children, communities, and schools,” Hurdon said. “Our mission is to highlight the positive work. We are not perfect. However, we have great students who are doing amazing things. We are graduating college and career-ready students.

“I stand by city schools, and I am forever invested in facilitating positive change in the lives of the children and families we serve.”

Hall said there were a lot of issues within the district last year. “But what I

found after these incidents is that we went to work. I also found that people tend to focus on the negative things that were happening, and I said, ‘let’s change that.’ So, I started the hashtag,” said Hall, who has also created fliers with motivational words. And, it’s caught on.

“I shared it with people, and I didn’t realize how overwhelming the response was going to be,” Hall said. “I was trying to get people to repost it before the start of the school year to show the community that we’re standing together.”

Hall and others then declared August 19, 2019, as “Team City Day.” After that, many inside and outside the district began to share the hashtag on social media.

“There were a lot of people in the community and political leaders who began commenting how they were cheering for that teacher or that person [who posted under the hashtag],” Hall said. “It has been inspiring, and I’m so proud and happy to see that.”

Hall says she was inspired by Baltimore City Schools CEO Dr. Sonja Santelises. “I’m so grateful because she empowered me to keep empowering others,” Hall said of Santelises. “I appreciate that so much, and we’ve had people like Marilyn Mosby and Nick Mosby reach out and say they wanted to share this.”

“[Hall] did this in response to all of the negative rhetoric and the negative atmosphere about city schools,” Santelises said. “A lot of us weren’t feeling that way and she was feeling good about the upward trajectory of the schools. She did this as a gift and it was powerful. It was the perfect motivator.”

“LaQuisha Hall just brings such a life-given frame to the work of education that really is contagious. Her positive outlook is energizing and what I love about what she’s done is that it all grew from authenticity and her experience and commitment.”

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The Baltimore Times partners with Morgan Strategic Communication Students

Partnership to provide experience and to enhance positive narratives of Baltimore

(BALTIMORE) – Students at Morgan State University’s School of Global Journalism & Communication (SGJC) will be embedded at The Baltimore Times during the fall semester as part of a new partnership formed this month.

Under the partnership, Strategic Communication majors (SCOM) will produce multi-media stories, write media releases, and monitor social media analytics for the publication.

“We are very excited about working with these talented students,” The Baltimore Times Publisher Joy Bramble said. “This experience will strengthen their writing, immerse them in real-world storytelling, and connect them with target audiences. Skills like these are needed to land a great career in communication in an increasingly competitive job market.”

The project is part of SGJC’s academic plan to ensure classroom teaching is supplemented with real-world work. Students in SCOM already write and conduct public relations campaigns each semester for Baltimore organizations through a student-run public relations firm called The Strategy Shop.

“I can’t think of a better time for our PR students to be engaged in this learning partnership given all that has been happening recently with the perception of Baltimore,” SGJC Dean DeWayne Wickham said. “We are grateful to The Baltimore Times for offering this rich opportunity for our students to tell positive stories about our city and to enhance their writing at the same time.”

The students are Cheyanne Gordon, Justus Hawkins, Eryn Johnson, and Malik Holmes, all juniors.

“Sometimes you don’t get much out of class just listening to lectures and doing homework from a book,” said Hawkins. “This project is going to be a lot of work, but I think when we are done, we will have great materials to put in our ePortfolios when we look for jobs, internships, and scholarships.”



Morgan State Strategic Communication students convene to discuss writing strategy at The School of Global Journalism & Communication in Baltimore Tuesday, August 20, 2019. (Left-right): Malik Holmes, Eryn Johnson, Cheyanne Gordon, and Justus Hawkins. Photo: David Marshall



**David Marshall,
SGJC SCOM Professor**
Courtesy Photo

The class is taught by SGJC SCOM Professor David Marshall. The project runs August 19, 2019 through December 1, 2019.



**Joy Bramble, Publisher,
The Baltimore Times**
File Photo

“I am anxious to see the stories these students will produce,” Bramble said. “All of us are ready to welcome and mentor them as they emerge as stronger writers.”

About the School of Global Journalism & Communication

The School of Global Journalism & Communication, created in July 2013, is led by founding Dean DeWayne Wickham, a former columnist for USA TODAY and a founding member and former president of the National Association of Black Journalists. The school is dedicated to giving voice to people who struggle to contribute to the public discourse that shapes the nation and the world through innovative teaching, cutting-edge research and exemplary service to Maryland, the nation and the world. The school seeks to instill students with the skills, knowledge and training necessary to become effective communicators and to add to the diversity of thought in the media.

Maryland first to recognize Caribbean Heritage Month

By Stacy M. Brown

Caribbean Americans have greatly enriched Maryland's cultural diversity.

The contributions made by people from the various islands will no longer go unnoticed because of the efforts of State Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and five other lawmakers.

Nathan-Pulliam and her senate colleague, Arthur Ellis; Delegates Regina Boyce; Jheanelle Wilkins; Joseline Peña-Melnyk; and Gabriel Acevero, successfully pushed legislation to declare each August, Caribbean Heritage Month. Governor Larry Hogan signed the legislation making Maryland the first state to proclaim Caribbean Heritage Month.

The proclamation urges educational and cultural organizations to observe Caribbean Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. Further, the governor's order stated that the economic, social, cultural and historical contributions of Caribbean Americans should be honored.

"Maryland is proud to commemorate the heritage and tremendous contributions made to our state and nation throughout history by Caribbean Americans," Governor Hogan said.

Other states recognize "National Caribbean American Heritage Month."

However, this honor focuses on those like Nathan-Pulliam, who hail from Jamaica and who have affected positive change in Maryland and throughout the country.

"In an atmosphere that is very negative toward immigrants, I wanted to use this opportunity to highlight their contribution," said Nathan-Pulliam, the first Caribbean-born person to win election to the Maryland General Assembly in the House's near 400-year history.



Governor Larry Hogan signed legislation making Maryland the first state to proclaim Caribbean Heritage Month. (Above) Governor Larry Hogan (2nd from left) flanked by Maryland Senate President Mike Miller; and Adrienne Jones, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates; Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam; Senator Arthur Ellis; and Delegate Boyce standing with Caribbean community leaders.

Courtesy Photo/Ambassador Curtis A. Ward

Nathan-Pulliam has served for 25 years in the Maryland General Assembly.

"There are six Caribbean people who are serving—two in the Senate and four in the House of Delegates, and that is historic," Nathan-Pulliam said.

Senator Ellis, who also hails from Jamaica, co-sponsored the legislation. Del. Boyce, who is of Jamaican and Barbadian descent, sponsored the bill in the House. She enjoyed the support of her Caribbean colleagues; the Trinidad born Acevero; Jamaican-born Wilkins; and Peña-Melnyk, born in the Dominican Republic.

"The emancipation of many Caribbean regions like Jamaica, Trinidad and others occurred in August. The independence from the [British] occurred in August, and the moving away from the

British Commonwealth and the British system came in August," Nathan-Pulliam said. Marcus Garvey, who led the largest political movement in America, was born in August. There's a lot of history."

The bill and governor's proclamation is essential because Maryland has about 7 million people and more than 60,000 are of Caribbean-descent, according to Del. Boyce.

"I think it's imperative to recognize that there are others here who've made significant contributions. I remember being told that the pursuit of this legislation was 'admirable' and that there was no way it would get done," Boyce said.

However, that didn't deter her because of the many contributions made by people from the Caribbean.


"Here in Maryland you have doctors, accountants and health care providers from the Caribbean," she said. "I could go on and on."

Earlier this month, about 100 members of the Caribbean Community of the DMV – Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia – attended the Lecture "From Emancipation to Caribbean Independence," held in Silver Spring. With the theme, "Together, we proudly celebrate our Caribbean Heritage," the lecture was held in honor of Nathan-Pulliam. It was staged on Caribbean Emancipation Day to celebrate the journey of Caribbean people from 1838 to the present. It was also timed to recognize the bill proclaiming August as Caribbean Heritage Month in the state.

Dr. Franklin W. Knight, an expert on the Caribbean and African diaspora history and a Leonard and Helen R Stulman Professor Emeritus and Academic Professor at Johns Hopkins University, presented the lecture.

"Caribbean peoples demonstrated enormous determination, resilience, creativity, and self-confidence as they constructed a new society to replace the unequal system out of which they emerged after 1838," Knight said during the lecture, according to Ambassador Curtis A. Ward, who wrote a blog post about the event. "The struggle for social justice and political representation was extremely hard, but they never faltered and eventually overcame all obstacles to gain political independence."

"As a result of their particular history, Caribbean peoples were essentially diverse, and their profound respect for diversity and novelty constitutes a fundamental dimension of the Caribbean social DNA."




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Great balls of kitty-kat! Long time over-due! Historic Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street will host a Billie Holiday Music & Arts Festival for two days—Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31, 2019 at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue where the Billie Holiday Performance Stage is located. Entertainment will be presented from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. The music festival at the Robert C. Marshall Field will feature top performers including; Huli Shallone, a gospel group; Panama, Joe Cooper Project, The Emperors, Lafayette Gilchrist, Carolyn Malachi; the Pennsylvania Avenue Cinema screening of “Lady Sings the Blues”; Also there will be “Salute to Nat King Cole at the Arch Social Club, 2426 Pennsylvania Ave; Jazz in the Street at the Avenue Bakery, 2229 Pennsylvania Avenue featuring John Wesley; Boxing History Exhibit featuring Black Boxers at the Upton Boxing Club, 1901 Pennsylvania; ‘Spoken Words of the Youth’ at No Boundaries Coalition, 1801 Pennsylvania; “Soul of the African American Artist” featuring “Bay Bay” Williams; “A Salute to the giant, William “Little Willie” Adams” at the Capital Lounge, 1531 Pennsylvania Avenue; local and national artisans at the Avenue Market; “Sounds of the Youth” featuring Musicians Paradise at the Avenue Market; Black Ink & Baltimore’s Children Celebration featuring Black Authors and Youth Skating and Bowling at the Shake & Bake Family Fun Center 1601 Pennsylvania Avenue and so much more.

I know you are asking will I be there with my Pennsylvania Avenue book. And the answer is No! I was not invited. Terrible situation!

Moving right along, I want to say that I am so happy and proud of two of my 2015 scholarship recipients, brother and sister Ebban & Ephraim Dorsey, who are now known all over the country and have played professionally with veteran musicians and now performing for the second time with their own quintet—The Ebban & Ephraim Dorsey Quintet featuring Quincy Phillips and Mike Graham on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 6-10 p.m. at the Caton Castle Lounge. For more information, visit: www.caton-castle.com or call 410-566-7086.

Speaking of children, check this out! This kid, Anthony Michael Hobbs is a multi-award winning actor/filmmaker whose credits include an Emmy-nominated PBS mini-series, “The Abolitionist” and films including “One Nation,”; “Naga Pixie,”; and “Agent Hollywood” was born and raised in Baltimore. He recently hosted the screening of films by and for kids at the Eubie Blake Center where attendees saw creative film projects from the United States; Australia; Russia; and Japan. The Film Festival was called the “Imagination Lunchbox International Children’s Film Festival.” Not only does Hobbs have his own production company, he is a model and motivational youth speaker. His grandmother, Eunice Moseley is my friend and co-worker, as well as a syndicated entertainment columnist. We pray for our children to continue to do good things and lead the path for other children, letting them know that no matter what part of town you come from, there is a positive way you can lead your generation to a better life other than drugs and violence. God bless all our children.

Well my dear friends, I have got to go now. I am out of space, but remember if you need me, call me at 410-833-9474 or email me at rosapryor@aol.com.



Special prayers and condolences from me and the night life community to Ronald Scott and his family for the loss of his wife Gloria Scott, whose memorial service was held last week. Ronald and his wife are the owners of Caton Castle Lounge on Caton Avenue & Hilton where live jazz is held every Saturday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the past 30 plus years.



Baltimore's own, Rosa Pryor Music Scholarship recipients, brother and sister Ebban and Ephraim Dorsey Quintet, will perform with their own band at Caton Castle Lounge, Hilton and Caton Avenue on Saturday August 24, 2019, from 6-10 p.m. For more information, call 410-566-7086.

My website is: www.rambling-rose.com.

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Baltimore's own, another gifted and talented child, Anthony Michael Hobbs, the founder/CEO/President of Production of his film production company “Imagination Lunch Box,” recently hosted his screen short films by and for kids at the Eubie Blake Center. The son of Dr. Kerri Moseley-Hobbs, who is the Author of “More than a Fraction” and grand-son of Eunice Moseley, who is a syndicated entertainment columnist.

Baltimore's own Kelli Ferrell is cooking up success

By Ursula V. Battle

A Recipe For Success: In a bowl, combine high fashion, beauty, a warm personality, a radiant smile and a passion for cooking delicious food. Mix them all together, and what do you have? Kelli Ferrell.

On Saturday, August 3, 2019, the Food Network star and Baltimore native held a cooking demonstration and book signing event at Williams Sonoma at Columbia Mall. During the book signing, attendees sampled a variety of foods including Chicken-N-Waffles, prepared right before their eyes by Ferrell herself.

The Randallstown High School graduate released her new cookbook, "Kooking with Kelli Kollection of Family Recipes From Nana's Chicken-N-Waffles" on July 17, 2019. Ferrell and her husband Mark are the founders and owners of Nana's Chicken-N-Waffles, a family-oriented, Louisiana/Maryland style diner located in Conyers, GA.

"Today's event was super special to me because I'm from Baltimore," said Ferrell. "To host one of the first signings for my first cookbook in my hometown is great. It was good to come home and give back."

Referring to the mascot of her Alma Mater Randallstown High School, Ferrell added, "Shout out to my Rams!"

Honey Fried Chicken, Shrimp and Grits, Chicken and Waffles, Banana Bread, Grilled Lamb Chops and Southern Sweet Potato Pie are among the recipes included in the cookbook.

According to Ferrell, readers will learn to cook soul-satisfying homemade food, with most requiring short preparation and cook time. She said some of the recipes have been passed down from generation to generation.

"I wanted to add family recipes, as well as those that started off with my restaurant business," said Ferrell noting that she is a cook and not a chef. "I used to cook as a



On Saturday, August 3, 2019, Food Network star and Baltimore Kelli Ferrell native held a cooking demonstration and book signing event at Williams Sonoma at Columbia Mall. (Left) Cookbook author and TV Personality, Kelli Ferrell during her cooking demonstration at Williams Sonoma at Columbia Mall. Ferrell is a native of Baltimore. (Right) The display shows a desert Ferrell prepared at the event, and her new book's attractive boxes.

Photos by Ursula V. Battle

little girl with my grandmother. I gave this cookbook my all. To be honest, I never knew that writing a cookbook would be so hard. I usually don't measure. I just throw it in and taste it to make sure it tastes right. But with a cookbook, I had to include all the ingredients, measurements, and cook time. At times, that was difficult, but I had a great time."

She says the book is infused with some very unique ingredients.

"I didn't want an average cookbook," Ferrell said. "I wanted to add a piece of me as well. This cookbook incorporates business, entertainment, fashion and entrepreneurship. My background is in Fashion Merchandising and Design."

On the same day that her cookbook was released, Ferrell appeared on Guy's Grocery Games, a reality-based cooking television game show hosted by Guy Fieri on Food Network.

Her restaurant Nana's Chicken-N-Waf-

fls is a popular attraction, and touts a menu which includes Cajun shrimp Po'Boys, fried green tomatoes, beignets, Nana's warm banana bread, and five types of waffles, ranging from malted traditional to red velvet.

"It has been amazing," Ferrell said of her success. "I feel like I am at a place where God has called me to be. It's about people, being able to give back, and feeding people through food and inspiration. Outreach is important to me. I want to inspire the next person."

Ferrell is the mother of five daughters, ranging from four to 22 years of age.

"I call my daughters 'The Fab Five'," said Ferrell. "This cookbook is dedicated to them."

The family is slated to publish a "Mommy and Me" style cookbook later this year.

"Williams and Sonoma have been so generous," said Ferrell. "Columbia Mall

and Tysons's Corner have been welcoming, and have supported me in this journey, which I hope will continue."

Ferrell is looking forward to the next chapter in her life.

"I hope that I have inspired someone not to give up," she said. "It's not easy but whatever you want in life is worth fighting for. You can't be just a boss; you have to be leader. I work my tail off. I asked for it, prayed for it, and am grateful for it. I can't wait to see what's going to come."

Excerpts of Ferrell's cooking demonstration at Williams Sonoma can be accessed through The Baltimore Times website: www.baltimoretimes-online.com

Kooking with Kelli, Kollection of Family Recipes From Nana's Chicken-N-Waffles sells for \$29.95, and is available at Barnes & Noble Online, Amazon and KookingWithKelli.com.

We are at our very best, and we are happiest, when we are fully engaged in work we enjoy on the journey toward the goal we've established for ourselves. It gives meaning to our time off and comfort to our sleep. It makes everything else in life so wonderful, so worthwhile.
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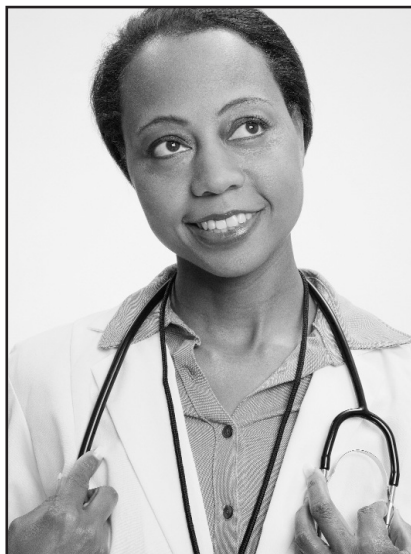
Baltimore— It won't be long before kids head back to the classroom for the start of another school year. While you need to make sure your child has all of the school supplies they need to succeed, it's just as important to make sure they have a healthy school year.

Experts at Saint Agnes Healthcare recommend these five tips to help your child stay healthy:

•**Visit the doctor.** A check-up is a great way to make sure your child's school year gets off to a healthy start. It's also an opportunity to get a physical for your child, which is usually required for kids who will be playing a sport.

•**Don't skip the shots.** Before your child walks into the classroom, make sure their immunizations are up to date. And don't forget about the flu. It is recommended that all school-age children get the flu vaccine, unless they have an allergy to the vaccine or a health problem that will cause complications from the vaccine.

•**Getting sleep schedules back on track.** Before they head back to classroom, get your kids back on their school year sleep schedule. Start readjusting bedtimes several days or a weeks ahead



of time so children can get used to getting their shut-eye earlier. Parents should also encourage kids to cut back on time spent with screens and games in the evening.

•**Good food = good health.** A healthy diet is the fuel children need to succeed in the classroom. Make sure your child is eating whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean meats and foods low that are low in fat and rich in protein, such as fish, eggs and beans.

•**Wash away the germs.** Encourage your child to wash their hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer. Clean hands go a long way in reducing the spread of germs and infectious diseases.

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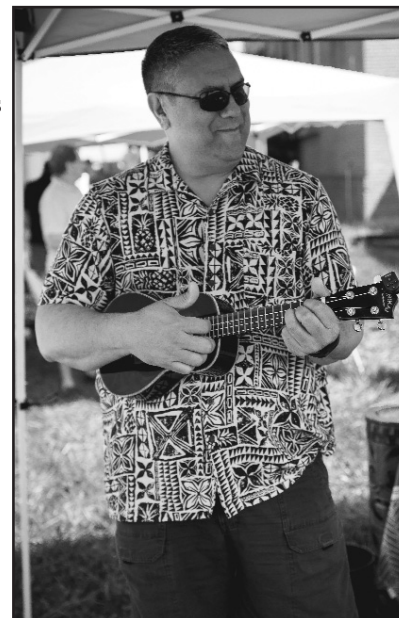
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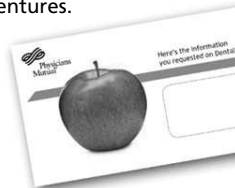
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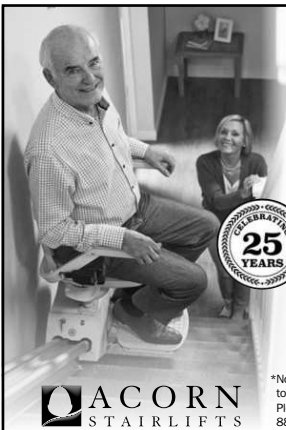


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