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Youth in Baltimore Learn About Flying, Landing Career Paths in the Sky



Jayla Dortch sits in front of aircraft controls prior to taking off from Martin State Airport to experience a Discovery Flight. Along with Dortch, other Baltimore City youth had a weeklong opportunity to participate in the BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Summer Youth Initiative. They learned about aviation and transportation industry careers while visiting leaders who work within Martin State Airport's and BWI Airport's community. Speakers also shared information with students about their future career goals. Many students had never experienced taking a flight prior to participating in the unique program.

Photo credit: Cimone Austin (See more on page 8)

Historic Part of Black Culture, Former Beach Saved from Development in Annapolis

By Andrea Blackstone

The City of Annapolis co-hosted a deed transfer ceremony of waterfront property with the Annapolis, Maryland-based Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation (BOCF) on Friday, August 12, 2022. Principal partners participated in the event that occurred at BayWoods of Annapolis continuing care retirement community which is adjacent to Elktonia Beach.

The project will “share the important African American history and culture of the former Elktonia, Carr’s and Sparrow’s beaches,” according to a press release. The City now holds the deed to one of the last undeveloped Chesapeake Bay waterfront properties in trust which is a five-acre site. The historical significance of saving local Black beaches and culture has been officially recognized.

“It was our goal to protect this property from further development,” Annapolis’ Mayor Gavin Buckley said in a press release. “While I am personally grateful for the generous support of our partners, I know the legacy of the new park that will be created here will long outlive me and all those who contributed.”

The site that was spared from development was private waterfront property with infamous roots. It was formerly a part of the Carr family’s 180 acres of Black-owned beachfront located in Annapolis. Carr purchased it in 1902. Afterwards, Florence Sparrow and Elizabeth Carr, who were his forward-thinking daughters, seized an opportunity to create a Black business. The waterfront parcel evolved into a popular recreational and entertainment destination resorts. Black beachgoers came from near and far to enjoy sand and musical sounds during the days of segregation.

In its heyday, Ella Fitzgerald; Chuck Berry; James Brown; Stevie Wonder; Sarah Vaughn; and Duke Ellington



From left, Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman; Maryland Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford; Vincent Leggett, founder and president of the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation; Joel Dunn, president of the Chesapeake Conservancy; and Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley participate in a signing ceremony at Elktonia-Carr’s Beach, a new public heritage park in Annapolis, Md., on Aug. 12, 2022. The 5.17-acre shoreline property was once owned and operated by Frederick Carr and his family as a popular destination and venue for Black visitors and entertainers from 1926 to the late 1960s. Photo credit: Will Parson/Chesapeake Bay Program

were among well-known artists who once performed at Carr’s Beach. WANN/1190 AM Annapolis DJ C.W. “Hoppy” Adams Jr. broadcasted his show remotely from Carr’s Beach on Sundays for radio audiences.

Vincent Leggett, the founder and president of the Annapolis-based BOCF, explained that the recent signing ceremony was memorializing the transfer of the title of the five-acre Elktonia beach site. According to a press release, Bembe Partnership, LLP—the last owners—“entered into a contract to sell the property to The Conservation Fund while Mayor Gavin Buckley gathered county, state and federal funds to take an assignment of The Conservation Fund’s contract and purchase the property for \$6.45 million.”

The collaborative effort was comprised of the state of Maryland, the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, and BOCF. Fifteen years

ago, BOCF began conversations and negotiations with Theo Rogers, who is the chairman and chief executive officer of A & R Development Corporation. The businessman planned to build up to 40 townhouses on the five-acre tract where Elktonia is located, according to Leggett. The BOCF’s founder proposed that his 501(c)3 organization that he leads to preserve and share the Chesapeake

Bay region’s Black culture could have a limited use agreement of the site. Leggett wanted to designate use of it for historical cultural, environmental, and educational programs while A & R Development Corporation was subdividing property. Leggett lacked funds to acquire the property, but not vision. He explained that Rogers ultimately provided Mayor Buckley and a team with a window of opportunity to purchase the land for conservation purposes. The outcome was better than a temporary plan.

“The governor’s office and the state of Maryland granted the Blacks of the Chesapeake, a non-government community-based foundation, a grant of \$1.2 million from the Playground and Infrastructure program toward the exclusive purchase of the property,” Leggett said. “And the reason that is so significant is because the Blacks of the Chesapeake was one of the organizations that purchased the land, so it will always be in perpetuity. In addition, the Blacks of the Chesapeake has become a steward of the property, leading the interpretation of African American life for the Chesapeake Bay, along with the City of Annapolis and the National Park Service, and all our other partners. I have found that this aspect is the most noteworthy of this entire enterprise.”

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America's Teachers Remain Overworked, Underrated, and Underpaid

The first day of school is drawing near for Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City students. Although schools reopen near the end of August, teacher shortages have not been fully resolved. According to WBAL TV 11's story on August 16, 2021, the hunt to hire a substantial number of qualified teachers is still underway.

"Anne Arundel County has 351 vacancies; Baltimore City has 645 vacancies; Baltimore County has 400 vacancies; Carroll County has seven vacancies; Harford County has 30 vacancies; and Howard County has 71 vacancies," WBAL reported. The teacher shortage had been particularly problematic in inner cities, and less desirable schools, even before the pandemic. According to WBAL, Baltimore County district officials mentioned that "there's no need to panic." Charles Herndon, who is Baltimore County Public Schools' spokesman, said that teachers will be hired throughout the year. However, educator shortages are plaguing school districts. Real change is overdue.

Employing long-term substitute teachers and people with college degrees who are willing to become certified to teach through special programs has been a band-aid solution.

"You can apply to teach in City Schools even if you don't yet have a teaching license. If you receive a job offer, you'll also receive a "conditional" teaching certificate—which means you'll need to complete coursework to earn full certification during your first few years in the classroom," per information provided on Baltimore City Public School's website. Coppin State University; Goucher College; Loyola University Maryland; Notre Dame of Maryland University; Towson University; and University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) are local universities listed that offer programs to City Schools teachers who have conditional certificates to earn full certification.

Teach For America—which is a member of the AmeriCorps national service network—offers teaching opportunities in various schools and regions. Teachers do not have to be certified to begin a position.

"While a background in education isn't a prerequisite for you to apply to Teach For America, all of our partner regions will require you to complete steps to become highly qualified in the subject(s) you'll teach in the fall. Most regions also require corps members to work toward full teaching certification during their two-year commitment," according to information provided on Teach For America's website.

While school district leaders across America scramble to fill school vacancies, certified teachers who have juggled pandemic pressures, virtual learning, large class sizes, low pay, and strict evaluations with little reward and not nearly enough gratitude. Educators who often have a passion to teach young people are leaving the profession. Many of them are not receiving proper support to do their jobs effectively.

GALLUP reported that K-12 workers have the highest burnout level of all industries across the nation. Even if "teachers in training earn certification," there is no guarantee that they will remain in the profession, after they taste the reality of America's broken education system. Despite how important teachers are to America's future leaders, their economic and emotional wellbeing is being ignored. It is no mystery why teacher vacancies remain.

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Community Affairs

County Executive Ball Seeks Applicants for the Police Accountability Board Administrative Charging Committee

ELLCOTT CITY, MD – County Executive Calvin Ball and the Howard County Police Accountability Board (PAB) seek applicants interested to serve on the **Administrative Charging Committee (ACC)**. Pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, Public Safety Art. § 3-104 there shall be an Administrative Charging Committee to serve countywide law enforcement agencies. Pursuant to state law, the appointing body must invite applications from the public for thirty (30) days prior to making an appointment to the Committee. This period in Howard County will begin August 15, 2022 and it will end September 16, 2022. No appointments will be made before September 20, 2022.

The Administrative Charging Committee shall meet at least once per month, and appointees will be expected to attend all meetings of their respective boards. All citizens interested in volunteering their time should [complete the application available on the County's website](#) and attach a resume.

Also, note there is 40-hour training requirement for members of the Charging Committee. Candidates will be asked to complete a background check and complete a disclosure statement. The duties of the Administrative Charging Committee are as follows: Review the findings of each law enforcement agency's investiga-

tion forwarded to the ACC Review any relevant information regarding the complain; tAuthorize a police officer to appear before the committee accompanied by a representative to give testimony; Determine whether a police officer should be administratively charged; Recommend discipline in accordance with Discipline Matrix Issue written findings and provide them to the head of the relevant law enforcement agency

The **Administrative Charging Committee** is a committee comprised of five members. One member is to be the Chair of the Police Accountability Board or his/her designee. Two members are civilians appointed by the Police Accountability Board. Two members are civilians appointed by the County Executive. Membership of the Board should reflect the racial, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, socioeconomic and cultural diversity of Howard County. Members must be residents of Howard County. Members will serve staggered terms of one and two years. For questions and/or more information about this Committee, contact Keyonna Kinsler at 410-313-4305 or email: pabinfo@howardcountymd.gov. To learn more about the Police Accountability Board and its function, please visit the [PAB website](#).

Black America Benefits From Biden Signing Inflation Reduction Act

The bill represents the most significant climate investment in U.S. history.

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President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed the historic \$750 billion Inflation Reduction Act into law, a major accomplishment for the administration and a Democratic Party that's now looking with more optimism toward November's crucial midterm elections.

The bill represents the most significant climate investment in U.S. history. It includes strengthening critical provisions of the Affordable Care Act, providing Medicare with authority to negotiate certain prescription drug costs, and administration officials anticipate it will create jobs with family-sustaining wages.

Additionally, the law will reduce the national deficit. Biden said new taxes would pay for the



President Biden signs \$750 billion Inflation Reduction Act into law Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Photo Courtesy of NNPA

bill, including a 15% minimum tax on large corporations and a 1% tax on stock buyback.

Overall, it's projected that the measure would result in the government raking in more than \$700 billion over ten years while spending about \$430 billion to help reduce carbon emissions and securing the extension of subsidies in the health care law.

"This legislation is a game changer. It will create jobs, lower costs, increase U.S. competitiveness, reduce air pollution, and, of course, tackle the climate crisis," former Vice President Al Gore told *The Climate 202*.

"We have crossed a major threshold, and it's going to have significant impacts on international climate action," said Gore, long a crusader of environmental justice and a Nobel Prize winner for climate activism.

The new law should primarily assist African American families.

According to a study published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Black households are more exposed to inflation fluctuations than their white peers.

Researchers concluded that if prices paid by white households increase by 7 percent over a year, calculations suggest that one may expect them to increase by 7.5 percent for Black families.

"In our research, we examine how this informs the trade-off between inflation and unemployment stabilization for White and Black households," the study

authors explained.

"The result implies that when evaluating trade-offs between inflation and unemployment, one ought to keep in mind that the costs of inflation may be borne disproportionately by the more disadvantaged group."

With gas, food, and other prices rising, the authors concluded that necessities such as groceries, electricity, and wireless phone service make up a larger share of Black families' budgets.

The study said that Black households also spend a more significant portion of their income on goods and services with prices that change more often.

The result, according to researchers, isn't a mystery: "Black families will suffer the worst effects of rising inflation because they lag behind their White counterparts in income, wealth, financial savings and home ownership."

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr, NNPA President and CEO, emphasized, "Black America will definitely benefit economically and socially from the enactment of the Inflation Reduction Act.

"President Biden continues to keep his promise to our families and communities across the nation," Chavis stated.

"We also note that Black owned businesses including the Black Press of America will also have increased opportunities to expand economic development, innovation, advertising, and new workforce advances as a direct result of the Inflation Reduction Act."

Black families, "especially those without

an employed college graduate, are affected the most by inflation compared with all the other demographics," said Ellie Walters, the CEO of Findpeople-faster.com.

"Necessities like groceries, accommodation, gas, electricity bills and phone bills eat up most of their income, leaving them with fewer savings since most of them fall within the low-income groups," Walters stated.

She said Black families are affected by even the slightest increase in price, and with the rising recession, many might have to live without most of these necessities.

"A large number of Black families live paycheck to paycheck and cannot easily escape the constantly increasing wealth gap between them and the other demographics, especially the white," Walters remarked.

"Inflation often makes this dilemma worse, since during inflation, wages are cut, and workers are laid off. These low-income earners, largely made up of Black community members, are trapped by an economic cycle that seems rigged against them."

Ronda Brunson, an expert in financial planning and credit restoration at Project Restore Bmore, agreed that Black households would continue to feel the impact of rising inflation.

"Most Black homes with car notes are paying double-digit interest rates, same for credit cards. Yet, we are not conditioned to go for better but to be grateful for whatever approval without contesting," Brunson asserted.

"If I am already paying three times more than you for the same vehicle, then of course, when inflation occurs, I'm going to feel it first."

According to the Brookings Institute, the median wealth of a white household is \$188,200, which is 7.8 times more than the average Black household at \$24,100.

Two years ago, the homeownership rate for white Americans was about 73% compared to 42% for Black Americans.

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Pastor with Fashion Design Talent Opens Inaugural Flagship Fashion Store in Annapolis

By Andrea Blackstone

Bishop Craig Coates began his foray in fashion design by sketching and designing fashions in the 10th grade in 1983. His grandmother was a seamstress who owned a Kenmore sewing machine. Coates recalls taking a trip to a local fabric store with her, then purchasing a piece of terry cloth fabric to make a fashionable Dolman sleeve dress, which is known to appear like a bat wing. The creation was worn by a friend at school. Coates progressed to creating trendy jackets, skirts, and MC Hammer style pants when he was a student attending South River High School.

His stylish journey eventually led him to become the director of fashion shows at Annapolis High School every spring for approximately five years, after graduating from high school. In Coates' early years, he was influenced by Ebony Fashion Fair traveling shows and Baltimore's fashion icon, Travis Winkey.

Over time, Coates held on tightly to his fashion design calling. He graduated from University of Maryland College Park with a degree in fashion apparel design. Coates later began making original clergy clothing and choir robes under his Modern Priestwear brand. He worked his way up to linking with Anthony L. Williams, who was the costume designer and stylist for VH1 TV's "Single Ladies" show. Coates ended up designing items for Nicole Arie Parker who was an actress on the show. Coates' talent was viewable on television for a season.

Reaching another pivotal milestone recently occurred for Coates shortly after Black Business Month kicked off in August. He hosted a grand opening of his new bridal shop called Craig Coates Couture. Attendees celebrated the entrepreneur's new venture at 1910 Forest Drive, Suite 2A on August 6, 2022 while catching glimpses of his



Bishop Craig Coates recently hosted a grand opening of his new bridal shop called Craig Coates Couture. It is located at 1910 Forest Drive, Suite 2A in Annapolis, Maryland. Coates is wearing a raw silk suit that he designed, in addition to the t-shirt. Coates provides custom suits and clothes for men, dresses for brides, prom dresses, ready-to-wear items that he designs, and more. Coates also serves as senior pastor at Fresh Start Church located in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Photo Credits: Zyah Williams

unveiled, new collection pieces.

"My store is an experience," Coates told The Baltimore Times.

Coates' other role is serving as the lead pastor of Fresh Start Church in

Glen Burnie, Maryland. He has been devoted to the ministry as a pastor for 29 years. This month marked a time when Coates took a big step to embrace his dream to open his first flagship store. Fans of his design work have sought him out to create custom prom and bridal pieces. Employees now work at the entrepreneur's store full time. Customers come to the new location for fittings, too. Craig Coates Couture is an eclectic blend of fashion extravagance and upscale statement pieces. It is divided into three sections and offers a diverse selection.

"There is the bridal couture section, which is the whole bridal suite where I do couture gowns," Coates said, noting that he received positive feedback about the featured dress he made. "The other area is where I have [sic] selected gowns and dresses that are vintage dresses."

Coates explained that he handpicks beautiful gowns that originally cost thousands. Shoppers may always purchase them at Craig Coates Haute Couture for under \$1,000.

"The third section of my store is called Free Your Mind. So because I went back to college as a Black history major, I infused that into my design work. Every month I will be highlighting the life of a historically Black designer and their impact on culture. This month for the opening we chose Elizabeth Keckley," Coates said.

He noted that Keckley was the first African American designer who was a slave. For 30 years she sewed until she could buy her freedom. Her talent led her to become First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln's personal designer and confidant for four years in the White House, according to Coates.

Additionally, Coates' unisex t-shirt brand called Free Your Mind is ready-to-wear. He also creates all menswear, both custom and otherwise.

When Delegate Shaneka Henson's husband needed a tuxedo for their

wedding at the last minute when the couple's initial attire plans fell through, she contacted Coates. He stepped in to create an original tuxedo.

"Bishop Coates has built a trusted brand that makes a statement in any room. I'm thrilled that he chose to locate his new retail shop in the heart of Parole and bring his worldwide talent home to Annapolis," Del. Henson said.

Coates' customer base is diverse but primarily African American. He believes that it is because of his longtime community roots that leads to word-of-mouth publicity. However, Coates' fashion influence extends beyond blackness.

"My customers are people who are looking for unique, original designs and are willing to pay for it, because it's worth it," Coates said.

Visit <https://craigcoatescouture.com/> to learn more about Coates' store, or to attend the online virtual launch on the first Saturday in September. Orders must be placed on that day to receive a sale price on ready-to-wear and vintage items.



Bishop Craig Coates, left, proudly displays a wedding gown that he created for the grand opening of his flagship store. Alina Wayson, right, is an employee and seamstress who works for Coates.



Darlene Goins on Financial Inclusion

Too many communities this year, it seems, have traded pandemic worries for a fresh new set of concerns – rising inflation, more expensive groceries, and higher gas prices, to name a few. To those who are outside of the financial mainstream, the headlines are even more worrisome.

Black and African American, Hispanic, Latino, Native American and Alaska Native families, account for more than half of the 7 million unbanked households who don't have access to a mainstream checking account and often use high-cost alternatives to banking such as payday loans and check cashing services. Being left out of the banking system and deemed financially underserved is, simply, a problem.

I am personally passionate about finding real solutions. As the leader of Wells Fargo's Banking Inclusion Initiative, I'm dedicated to our 10-year commitment to accelerate unbanked individuals' access to affordable, mainstream accounts and help unbanked communities have easier access to low-cost banking.

This initiative has moved forward by working with a network of organizations that have deep-rooted connections to the diverse communities that are disproportionately unbanked.

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Addressing the structural barriers that stand in the way of people becoming banked, and breaking them, are the first steps to financial inclusion. It is expensive to be marginalized in this country; and we know there is a real disparity in who has open pathways to economic advancement.

It is also evident that financial education and guidance, and an individual's sense of inclusion and trust, are important factors in bringing more people who are unbanked into the formal banking system.

The good news is that many in our industry and communities have already started working together in finding solutions that make it easier for people to lead positive and healthy financial lives—like the ones explored through the Banking Inclusion Initiative:

- Teaming with Operation HOPE to offer free financial education workshops and provide one-on-one coaching for unbanked individuals and households.
- Expanding our support for Black-owned Minority Depository Institutions to increase access to mainstream financial services.
- Supporting financial wellness programs at historically Black colleges and

universities (HBCUs) and minority-serving institutions (MSIs).

We know our work doesn't stop here. There are so many opportunities for us to reimagine what our society looks like as it pertains to financial inclusion that will lead to positive and impactful change right now and in the future.

You can find more information on our Banking Inclusion Initiative at: www.wellsfargo.com/bankinginclusion.



Meet Darlene Goins

Darlene Goins is EVP and head of Banking Inclusion Initiative for Wells Fargo, responsible for the overall strategy and direction of the program. Goins joined Wells Fargo in 2016 as head of Hands on Banking®, and previously served as head of Financial Health Philanthropy for the Wells Fargo Foundation. An active community leader, Goins currently serves on the boards of several nonprofits to accelerate financial inclusion.

Youth in Baltimore Learn About Flying, Landing Career Paths in the Sky

By Andrea Blackstone

Some young people have never had the luxury of heading to an airport to take a trip on an airplane. Without having this kind of life experience, they would remain unaware of the wide range of career opportunities that the aviation and transportation industry offers in their youth, if no one makes a special effort to open a new door. Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport has been introducing Baltimore City youth to the idea of how travel needs can connect to future career options since 2015, through a summer program for Baltimore City kids called the BWI Marshall Airport Summer Youth Initiative.

August 1, 2022 marked the day that approximately 40 Baltimore City youth had a rare opportunity to begin a weeklong journey to learn about everything from discovering where suitcases go after travelers place them on belts, to visiting the BWI Airport's Fire and Rescue Department, and the Transportation Security Administration program, in addition to seeing a private



Ricky Smith, CEO, BWI Thurgood Marshall and Cedrick "CJ" Johnson, owner and president of Airport Design Consultants, Inc., and the youth participants Courtesy of Cimone Austin

airplane hangar where aircraft is also kept. Students were able to dream big while using flight simulators.

Seth Williams' favorite program day entailed an opportunity of having a real chance to ascend into the sky in real time.

"I got to get in a plane and fly it which is something that I never exactly saw myself doing, so I thought that was pretty fun," he said.

Seth added that he never knew exactly what career choice he would want to do. Participating in the BWI Marshall Airport Summer Youth Initiative provided a mixture of a thrilling experience and a spark of thinking about his future goals.

"Now I know a bit more about what this career can be like. I guess I'll look into it," Seth explained.

The students were afforded opportunities

to meet transportation and business leaders while gathering information about a wide array of fields that exist in the airport. They also traveled to Martin State Airport—which is a joint civil-military use airport located in Baltimore County—while having an opportunity to fly in a plane or helicopter. It is owned and operated by the Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Aviation Administration. According to www.marylandaviation.com, "The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) is the governing body of BWI Marshall Airport, Martin State Airport, and other organizations."

Alfred "Al" Pollard, A.A.E., Chief, Division of Martin State Airport Operations and Maintenance, explained that the airport hosted youth all day during the sixth annual Summer Youth Initiative. He told The Baltimore Times that he has been coordinating "Martin

Day" from the program's beginning in 2015. Dr. Crystal Francis returned to the airport for a second year to participate in the program. In part, she spoke to youth about focusing on what they love to do while making attempts to assist them with finding the perfect career path. The Maryland State Police Aviation Command Headquarters, Maryland Air National Guard, Baltimore City Police



Seth Williams, left, pictured with Ricky Smith, CEO, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, receives BWI Marshall Airport Summer Youth Initiative certificate of completion. Courtesy of BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport



Closing keynote speaker Cedrick "CJ" Johnson, owner and president of Airport Design Consultants, Inc. talks with Celvin "CJ" Jacobs, Jr. Johnson encourages young "CJ" to pursue higher education. Courtesy of Cimone Austin



(l-r) Al Pollard, Chief, Division of Martin State Airport Operations and Maintenance and Dr. Crystal Francis, a keynote opening speaker who delivered an inspiring message to youth participants. Courtesy of The Baltimore Times



Nicholas Zapata, a youth participant, and Ricky Smith, CEO, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Courtesy of Cimone Austin

Aviation Unit, Brett Aviation and First Class Flight Academy are airport tenants who partnered with the airport to make the students' visit most memorable.

"The highlight of the day was the time that the youth spent with the two flight schools, Brett Aviation and First Class Flight Academy. These flight schools volunteered their airplanes and instructors for the day, and took the young people flying! The looks on their faces after the flights were priceless," Pollard said.

While Pollard mentioned the value of exposing youth to careers in aviation, BWI provided additional opportunities.

"A goal of this program is to

expand these students' horizons and to inspire them to think bigger than the environment they're growing up in. We go to great lengths to share with them aspects of the airport most people never get to see. Hopefully this enhances their outlook on life and see the airport as a beneficial part of their future career," Ricky Smith, Executive Director, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport told The Baltimore Times.

Smith grew up in Baltimore City. He wanted to do something for youth following Freddie Gray's death. The unique opportunity to become immersed in an unfamiliar work environment helps students to

discover possibilities beyond pursuit of higher education.

"What I really like about this BWI Youth Initiative is that you get to learn more future options and learn. Nobody is being rushed. You don't have to go to college if you don't want to. Personally, I'm not, so I really liked what they had to show us here about the jobs and future references and I really liked the program," Calvin Jacobs, Jr. said.

Gina Stewart –the BWI the executive director of both the BWI Business Partnership, Inc. and the BWI Community Development Foundation – said that this year's program returned after a brief hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

"It's just really fun to get to know the kids. It's a very short period of time, but it's very rewarding to really see them take advantage of that and get to do things they haven't done before and just have smiles on their faces," Stewart said, mentioning their excitement.

The program started in 2015 and has typically been held in the first week of August. Although more middle schoolers have been most typical in prior years, a few high schoolers participated this time. The students ranged in age from 10 to 16 years old. Youth came from Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks summer programs which are held at the Middle Branch Fitness & Wellness Center, in the Cherry Hill community, and Lakeland Recreation Center. Stewart noted that BWI Airport provides the summer experience to youth by working directly through recreation centers.

"The airport has worked with them within their different centers to bring these kids to the airport for a week to learn about careers and opportunities in aviation, transportation, [sic] and kind of all things that make up the airport," Stewart said. "Not all of the opportunities require a college education so it's nice that if not all kids are college material, and nor do they want to go, there are other opportunities that are good paying

jobs that don't necessarily require that college education. But definitely, make sure you finish high school to get that diploma."

Ample planning was required to create the impactful experience. Nearly \$25,000 was raised by utilizing the BWI Community Development Foundation to support the BWI Marshall Airport Summer Youth Initiative's expenses. The initial goal was \$15,000 this year. Stewart said that they are grateful for individual, corporate donations, and sponsorship of the program. Students also ended their airport memories with taking home backpacks and school supplies.



(l-r) Ronny Nadv, Director of Strategic Initiatives, BWI Business Partnership, Inc.; Gina Stewart, Executive Director, BWI Business Partnership, Inc.; and Ed Roberts, Community College Baltimore Aviation Program Courtesy of BWI Business Partnership, Inc.



Youth and Ricky Smith, CEO, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport during "Talk Time with Ricky" Courtesy of Cimone Austin



(L-R) Gina Stewart, Executive Director, BWI Business Partnership, Inc.; James F. Ports, Jr., Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation; Dr. Mansoureh Jeihani, Professor and Director National Transportation Center, Urban Mobility & Equity Center, Morgan State University; and Ricky D. Smith, Sr., CEO, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Courtesy of The Baltimore Times

Rambling Rose

**BALTIMORE'S OWN MICHAEL HAYNIE'S
FIRST "WAKE UP BALTIMORE"
SHOW WAS A HIT**



Rosa Pryor Trusty

Hello Everyone,

How are you doing? I hope that you and your family are healthy and safe. This has been a busy week for us. There were a lot of outdoor concerts and festivals going on this week and next week. I hope to see you at upcoming happenings.

Let me first tell you about an opportunity that I had this week. I felt blessed that Michael Haynie asked me to be a guest on his first show this week. I was a little nervous, but he helped me through it all. His show, "Wake Up Baltimore," features positive stories on positive people in Baltimore. In addition to sharing positive news, Haynie's program includes weather, sports, entertainment, and the arts. It can be heard every Monday Morning from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Just tune in by visiting this link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/mhaynie100>. This week's other guest was Dr. Mike Zollicoffer, who is known as a world-renowned pediatrician.

Haynie is also the CEO and chairman of the board of his company, Global Training Centers LLC. Additionally, he founded the Maryland Center for Hospitality Training. He has devoted his entire professional career to the lodging and hospitality industry. Haynie served as the vice president and managing director of Baltimore's Tremont Hotels which encompasses the upscale Tremont Plaza Hotel and the economy Tremont Park Hotel. He worked as a general manager

with Hilton and InterContinental hotels in Baltimore, Maryland; Boston, Massachusetts; and Hartford, Connecticut. Haynie's career led him to be employed as a general manager with independent and branded hotels located in Charlotte, North Carolina; Hartford, Connecticut; Boston Massachusetts; and Washington, D.C. For more information about Mike Haynie's show, or if you would like to be a guest on it, call him at 443-604-3835.

Anita Cathcart, president of Allendale Community Association, Inc. is at it again in a positive way. She is supporting the Children of Promise, Inc. in hosting their 12th Annual Back to School Resource Fair on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from noon - 4 p.m. at Mary E. Rodman Recreation Center field, located at 3600 West Mulberry St. All are welcome to attend. They will have food, music by DJ Hi-Def, face painting, and arts and crafts. Students can get their backpacks and school supplies to help them to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Well, my dear friends, I am a little under the weather. I won't be hanging out with you long this week, but remember if you need me, call me at 410-833-9474. You can also email me at rosapryor@aol.com. UNTIL THE NEXT TIME, I'M MUSICALLY YOURS.



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Scola Dinero of Dru Hill is headlining the show, "A Tribute to the Men of Soul." The red carpet extravaganza will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022 at the Forum Caterers, located at 4210 Primrose Avenue in Baltimore. TMarvin of The Persuaders, Shelton Cornelius Price, and Tamba Giles are also a part of the lineup. Showtime is 8 p.m. Formal attire is required.



Jimi Smooth & Hitman Band performed at the Twilight Thursdays Summer Concert Series held on Thursdays from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Foundry Row on Reisterstown Road.



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A third funding piece mentioned that U.S. Senator Ben Cardin secured \$2 million in congressionally directed spending. Leggett explained that funds were appropriated for the buildout infrastructure and interpretation of the site contingent upon the purchase being consummated. He said that within a year, he expects infrastructure will be complete. In the coming months, a broader celebration of the park will occur for public attendance.

The project's two major objectives are providing access to the Chesapeake Bay for all citizens and celebrating the accomplishments of the owners of the historical Black beaches and other significant African American sites along the Bay.

"We live in a seaport town and it's becoming more and more difficult for people to gain access to the waterways, particularly people of limited means," Leggett said. "It's becoming increasingly difficult because of private or gated communities, conservation areas, military, and government institutional uses."



Travis Jones

Photo courtesy of Scott Taesch, USA TODAY Sports

Rookie DT Travis Jones Draws Praise from Ravens Teammates

By Tyler Hamilton

A big part of the Baltimore Ravens defensive prowess over the years has been quality play from their interior defensive linemen. The late Tony Siragusa manned the middle of the line for those great Ravens defenses in the early 2000s.

Haloti Ngata carried the torch for the Ravens in the latter half of the decade. Then came Brandon Williams in 2013. Current defensive lineman Calais Campbell is the latest to add his name to the mix.

Next up is 2022 third-round pick Travis Jones. The 6-foot-4, 325-pound football player has already drawn praise.

"I've been very impressed with Travis [Jones'] just overall maturity. [It's his] first time, obviously, in the

league, and it seems like every time he does a first thing, he's got a great attitude, and just his overall effort ... It doesn't look like he's lost or it's too big for him out there," defensive coordinator Mike McDonald said.

"He's really been very dominant against starter-level players, too. It's not like he's doing it against young guys; he's doing it against the 'ones' too, which is kind of impressive," Campbell added. "He's kind of a unique guy. Not a lot of guys have his power and raw strength – not that I've played with."

Jones has two tackles and a sack in limited action against the Tennessee Titans in the preseason opener last Thursday. Getting praise from his teammates has been encouraging for Jones. Despite the praise, he continues to

adopt a daily mindset that pushes him to do something to get better every day.

The early snaps in training camp saw Jones struggle adjusting to the speed of the game. He had trouble adjusting to how fast everything was moving around him. Things started to slow down as he got more reps under his belt.

Jones made a concerted effort to get better from a conditioning standpoint so he could be on the field for more snaps. Overall, Jones just wanted to get in where he could fit in.

"I came to camp with no personal goals," Jones said. "My goal, for me, personally, was just to come in every day, put my best foot forward and be ready to work."

The next day of work will be in week two of the preseason against the Arizona Cardinals on the road.

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