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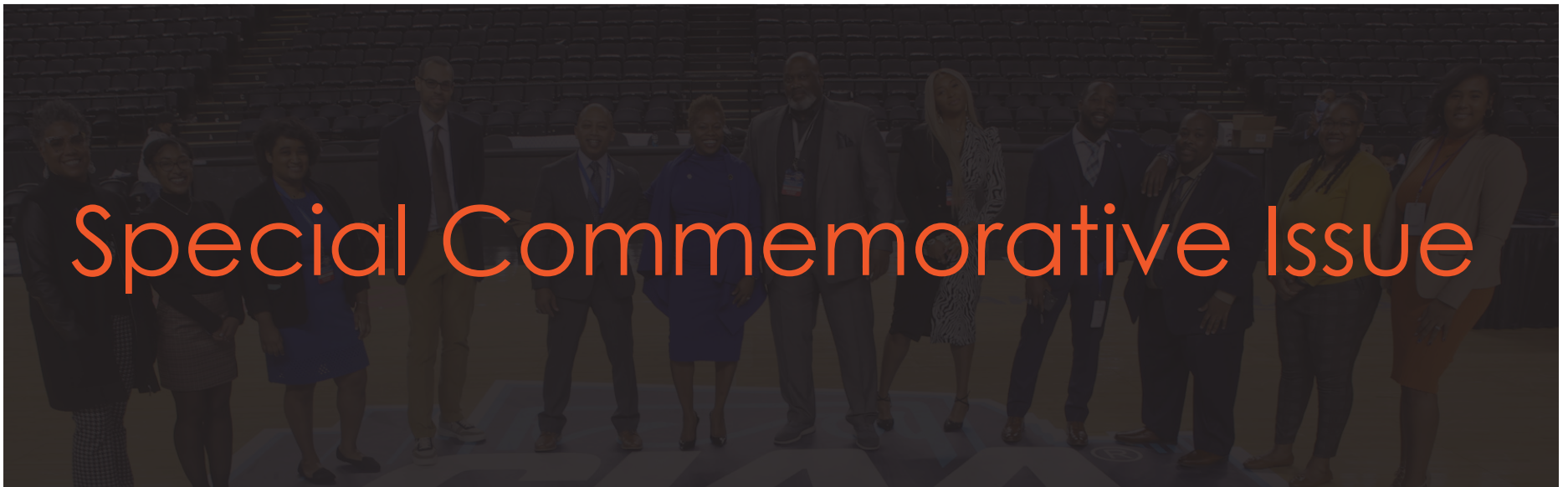
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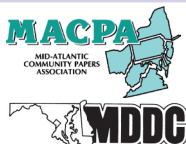
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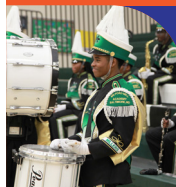
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**Aminta H. Breaux, Ph.D.**  
*President*

**Greetings and Welcome to the 2023 CIAA Tournament!**

**O**n behalf of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors and as president of Bowie State University, the host institution for the 2023 CIAA Tournament, I want to welcome basketball fans and supporters back to Baltimore to cheer on our student-athletes from our 12 member institutions as they compete throughout the week.

We are excited to return to Charm City after hosting a successful in-person tournament in 2022. Having the CIAA Tournament in Baltimore provides an opportunity to support local businesses and communities and to support economic development and the youth of the city, the next generation of leaders.

For Bowie State University, the oldest Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in the state of Maryland, returning to Baltimore also means returning to our roots. BSU began over 150 years ago in the basement of a church located on the corner of Calvert and Saratoga Streets. Today, we are one of the top 20 HBCUs in the nation and a top 5 university in the state of Maryland for graduating African Americans in STEM. We continue to introduce new innovative programs and we are committed to upholding our years-long legacy of educating a diverse group of students.

The CIAA tournament not only allows our student-athletes to display their athletic skills on the courts of the newly-renovated CFG Bank Arena, but provides an opportunity for attendees to celebrate the culture and accomplishments of our community and reunite with college friends and classmates.

I encourage you to take advantage of everything Baltimore and the CIAA Tournament have to offer. Participating in official CIAA activities helps fund scholarships and provides opportunities for students at each member institution.

Enjoy the tournament and thank you for your continued support of the CIAA and our students!

Sincerely,

Aminta H. Breaux

## CIAA Honors Current CIAA Female Presidents as Title IX Trailblazers

CHARLOTTE, NC (January 20, 2023) — In continued celebration and acknowledgment of the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), the nation's oldest historically Black athletic conference, will now recognize five women who are currently leading CIAA institutions as president/chancellor. These women are just five of a total of 50 CIAA Title IX Trailblazers, who will be recognized during the 2023 CIAA Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament, which will be held from February 21-25 at the CFG Bank Arena in Baltimore, MD.

It is not an understatement to say that the CIAA would not be where it is today without the past, present, and future efforts and leadership of these five women.

On February 25, the CIAA will be crowning the 2023 champion in men's and women's basketball and so every week leading into the CIAA Basketball Tournament, the conference will be recognizing a set of trailblazers.

Additionally, as part of the continued efforts to champion and highlight the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, the CIAA has introduced a dedicated Title IX Page on its website, featuring archives of the CIAA Woman of the Years, various other relevant news releases, and video podcast episodes highlighting some amazing women inside and outside the conference. **BT**



**Dr. Brenda A. Allen // Lincoln // (PA) President**

In 2017, Dr. Brenda A. Allen became the first female president of Lincoln (PA) University. Dr. Allen's current priorities are enhancing academic quality and improving operational effectiveness with projects such as revising the curriculum, increasing support for faculty teaching and scholarship, expanding co-curricular opportunities, and restructuring the administration.

Additionally, Dr. Allen has made progress on extensive renovations, upgrades, and additions to the 422-acre, 56-building campus. The facilities improvements include both restoration of the campus' historic architecture and renewing and increasing campus housing.

In 2020, the Philadelphia Tribune named Dr. Allen one of the city's most influential African-American leaders and in 2021, Dr. Allen was recognized as one of ten "most dominant" HBCU leaders of the year by the HBCU Campaign Fund.

Before becoming President of Lincoln (PA), Dr. Allen served as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Winston Salem State University. Her many accomplishments at WSSU included leading the revision of the curriculum, overseeing the establishment of WSSU's first two doctoral programs, strengthening standards for tenure and promotion, and helping raise more than \$10 million for capital projects, scholarships, and other student support.

Dr. Allen holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Lincoln University, a master's degree in experimental psychology, and a doctorate in developmental psychology, both from Howard University in Washington, D.C.



**Dr. Aminta H. Breaux // Bowie State // President**

Dr. Breaux was selected as the 10th President of Bowie State University in 2017. Five-plus years into her tenure, Dr. Breaux has helped Bowie State's undergraduate enrollment increase close to four percent, raised the endowment from seven million to \$36 million, added several new academic programs, opened the BSU Living Learning Entrepreneurship Center, and began construction on the \$159 million Martin Luther King Jr. Communications Arts & Humanities Building, which is scheduled to open in fall 2024 with amenities such as two television studios, two radio station studios, an amphitheater, and a 1500-seat auditorium.

Dr. Breaux is a leading voice in 21st-century education, and because of her extensive knowledge and expertise, she has been tapped to serve in multiple leadership roles. She was appointed to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland. She is the chair of the Board of Directors for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA). As chair, Dr. Breaux was instrumental in bringing the CIAA Basketball Tournament to Baltimore, MD, where Bowie State serves as the host institution.

Her recent honors include the Educator of the Year Award from the National Council of Negro Women. She also received the Trailblazer Award from the Bowie Business Innovation Center (BIC), the business accelerator located at Bowie State, in conjunction with Capital One, and the Capital City Chapter Links Inc. Leadership Award.

*"No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens." ~Michelle Obama*





### **Dr. Paulette Dillard // Shaw // President**

Dr. Paulette Dillard was appointed as the 18th President of Shaw University in September 2018. Prior to the appointment, Dr. Dillard was Shaw's Interim President, starting in July 2017. Dr. Dillard's career at Shaw began in 2012 as a biology professor before climbing up the ranks as department head and then Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Dillard is a trained medical technologist certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathology and has over twenty-five years of experience working in the field of diagnostic laboratory medicine. She has served as coordinator of undergraduate research infrastructure, and co-director of the academic enrichment programs for the National Institutes of Health funded National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Infrastructure in Minority Institutions project.

Dr. Dillard graduated from Barber-Scotia College. She holds a Master's of Business Administration from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, and a Master's of Science in Biology from Tennessee State University. Dr. Dillard earned her Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Clark Atlanta University.



### **Dr. Karrie G. Dixon // Elizabeth City State // Chancellor**

Dr. Karrie G. Dixon was named the Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University, officially on December 14, 2018. She is Elizabeth City State's 12th chief executive officer and just the second woman to hold that title. Dr. Dixon served as Interim Chancellor and co-lead on the ECSU New Directions Phase 2 Operational Team before being officially appointed chancellor.

One of Dr. Dixon's missions is to expand the national prominence of ECSU's aviation science program and in 2019, ECSU added a four-year degree program in unmanned aircraft systems, recently building a \$1.5 million, FAA-approved pavilion where students can complete their training in drone usage.

Before arriving at ECSU, Dr. Dixon had served as a senior administrator at the University of North Carolina System since 2008. In 2014, she was promoted to Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Dixon was responsible for overseeing the Division of Academic and Student Affairs for the System's 17 institutions. During her tenure, she was responsible for providing University-wide guidance for policy that shapes the work and practice within academic and student affairs divisions. Dr. Dixon also served as the Chief Student Affairs Officer for the UNC System.

Dixon is a charter member of the Black Women Collegiate Presidents and Chancellor. In 2022, Dixon was invited to serve on the North Carolina Campus Engagement Executive Board. Dixon was appointed to the Campus Compact Board of Directors in June of 2022. In 2019, Dr. Dixon was awarded "The Old North State Award," one of the highest honors granted by the State of North Carolina, which is awarded to "individuals who have shown dedication and service beyond expectation and excellence to the Great State of North Carolina." She also was named by the HBCU Campaign Fund, as one of "The Ten Most Dominant HBCU Leaders of 2020."



### **Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail // St. Augustine's // President**

Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail was appointed President of Saint Augustine's on February 24, 2021. Since her arrival, Dr. McPhail's impact as president includes a 10-year high in Fall Enrollment, record-breaking alumni giving, and an outpour of federal funding to cover student account balances. In addition, SAU has secured grants of \$499,000 and \$400,000 to repurpose and preserve Hermitage Hall and St. Agnes Hospital, respectively.

Plans are underway to launch a capital campaign to expand the campus and improve the student experience. The campaign involves improving current buildings and constructing facilities to house SAU's newly formed Centers of Innovation. Also, SAU is moving forward with plans to reimagine St. Agnes Place and to develop a physician's assistant program.

Dr. McPhail is a nationally recognized, well-respected thought leader in higher education. She is the Founding Professor and Director of the Community College Leadership Doctoral Program at Morgan State University. Under McPhail's leadership, Morgan State University became a Carnegie-classified doctoral research institution, indicating that the program awarded at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees during the year.



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# Long-awaited **CIAA Basketball Tournament** returns to Baltimore Feb. 21

By Demetrius Dillard

One could not ask for a better arrangement: the nation's oldest historically Black athletic conference will have its annual hoops tournament in a predominantly Black city to culminate Black History Month.

Baltimore City is widely considered a sports town. It is home to two major professional sports teams—the Orioles and the Ravens. But as it relates to basketball, Charm City boasts one of the richest legacies in the sport and has produced a long line of iconic hoops figures — from the likes of Muggsy Bogues, to Skip Wise, to Carmelo Anthony, Angel McCoughtry and so forth.

Baltimore is a town with the rare privilege of being home to two HBCUs, Morgan State University and Coppin State University. While also taking into consideration the city's cultural richness and storied basketball tradition, hosting the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) Tournament seems to be ideal for Baltimore.

“The CIAA Basketball Championship Tournament is a precursor to March Madness, and also intentionally falls during the last week in February, timed to Black History Month,” according to a recent statement released by the conference.

“As one of the country's top 10 cities with the highest percentage of Black or

African-American residents, one that celebrates and amplifies Black culture, Baltimore is the perfect destination for the CIAA Tournament.”

After a 70-year hiatus, the CIAA Basketball Tournament made its return to Baltimore in 2022, which saw massive success according to local officials. The tournament will be held again this year in downtown Baltimore at the newly rebranded, renovated and renamed CFG Bank Arena from February 21-25, 2023.

The conference's 12 member men's and women's basketball teams (Bowie State, Lincoln, Virginia Union, Virginia State, Elizabeth City State, Livingstone, Shaw, Saint Augustine's, Winston-Salem State, Fayetteville State, Johnson C. Smith and Claflin) will compete in a bracket-style tournament.

On June 1 last year, Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott joined Visit Baltimore, the state of Maryland and CIAA officials to announce that the men's and women's basketball tournament will extend its run in town through the 2024-2025 season following a successful first year in-person in Baltimore in 2022.

In addition to the 22-game tournament lineup, the week will consist of numerous in-person events and activities including Fan Fest, High School Education Day, CIAA Career Expo, Super Saturday, a Diversity & Inclusion Panel and the John B. McClendon Jr. Hall of Fame Breakfast among others.

Conference officials announced that the

CIAA is partnering with Visit Baltimore to offer the second annual series of town halls and symposiums that will include a Tech House Summit, Money Moves Financial Summit, CIAA Men's & Women's Student-Athlete Symposium and a Health & Mental Wellness Forum.

Attendees, many of whom will be CIAA alumni from the Mid-Atlantic, Northeast and South, will have the opportunity to indulge in entertaining shows and performances, from the CIAA Legends of Hip Hop Party, to the CIAA High School and Greek Step Shows, to the CIAA Alumni party.

Artists confirmed to perform over the course of tournament week include hip-hop icons Doug E. Fresh, Lil' Mo, DJ Kool, Rare Essence, Kid Capri, Slick Rick, KRS-One and Chubb Rock, according to a CIAA press release.

This year's tournament will be special for a number of reasons. Not only does this year mark the 50th anniversary of Title IX, but it also marks CIAA Commissioner Jacqie McWilliams' 10th year with the conference.

McWilliams, regarded by Black Enterprise as “one of the most accomplished Black women in the NCAA,” was the CIAA's first female commissioner and first-ever appointed Black female commissioner in the NCAA across Divisions I, II and III.

The Virginia Union men's basketball team and Lincoln women's basketball team were the winners of the conference

tournament in 2022.

According to the CIAA, last year's tournament welcomed more than 66,000 visitors and had an estimated economic impact of \$19.6 million for the city of Baltimore, supporting roughly 1,159 part-time and full-time jobs while generating \$1.9 million in state and local taxes.

Along with Bowie State women's basketball coach Shadae Swan, a former St. Frances and Goucher College standout, 12 CIAA basketball players who will be competing in the tournament have ties to Baltimore.

Excitement awaits for the thousands of CIAA students, alumni, community members and sports fans who will be in attendance.

“The CIAA is an occasion that celebrates Black excellence and culture while bringing together student athletes, coaches, sports fans, celebrities and the business community,” said Al Hutchinson, President and CEO of Visit Baltimore.

“We are excited to bring the tournament's energy back to Baltimore and hope to see both out-of-town fans and locals come to experience the championship games at the newly revamped CFG arena as well as the community events happening throughout the week.” **BT**







**WES MOORE**  
GOVERNOR

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February 21, 2023

**W**elcome to Charm City! As Governor of the great state of Maryland, we are proud to host the CIAA Basketball Tournament for the second year in a row in Baltimore City. For all those visiting, you are set to experience the best that our state has to offer—from the beautiful Baltimore Harbor, the electrifying downtown Baltimore business and art scene, famous Maryland crab cakes, and the vibrant people who call the city home.

Maryland is honored to be part of the CIAA Tournament legacy. This tournament showcases the rich history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and highlights the determination and drive of its student-athletes. The week-long experience welcomes home proud alumni and brings together basketball fans and thousands of friends and family - all to cheer on their teams and support the next generation of leaders.

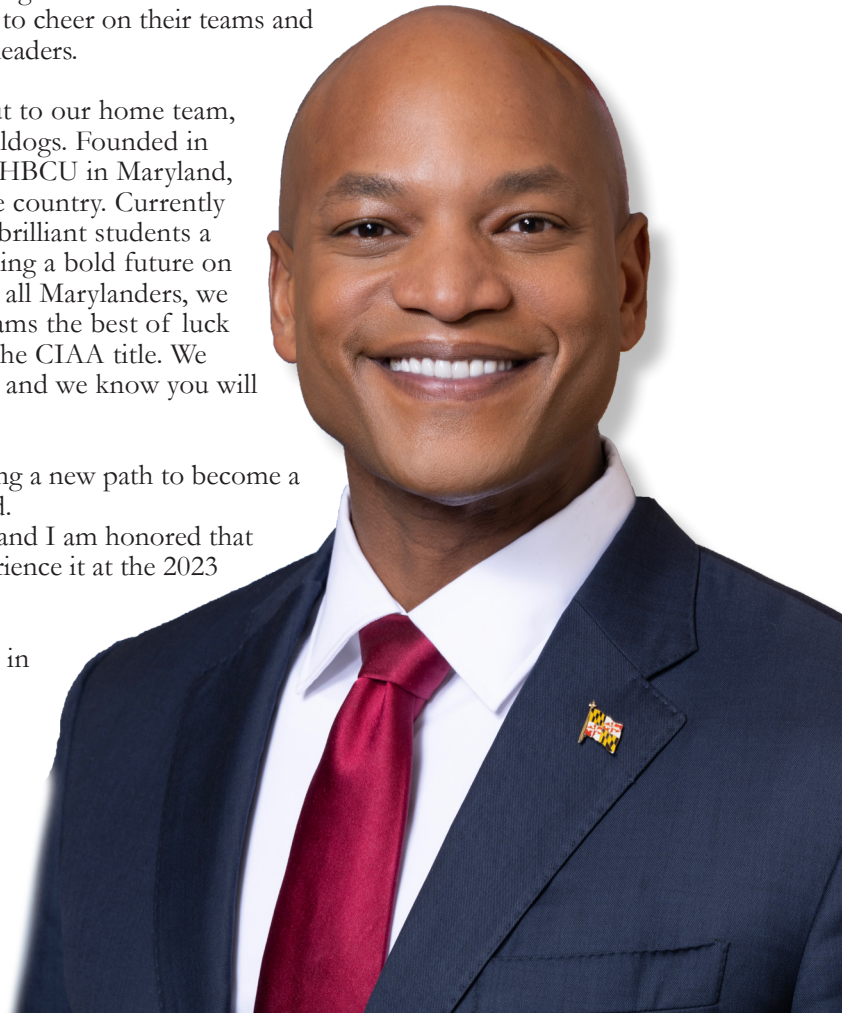
I want to give a special shoutout to our home team, The Bowie State University Bulldogs. Founded in 1865, Bowie State is the oldest HBCU in Maryland, and one of the ten oldest in the country. Currently educating approximately 6,000 brilliant students a year, Bowie State leads by building a bold future on a proud heritage. On behalf of all Marylanders, we wish the men's and women's teams the best of luck on their journey to take home the CIAA title. We are all rooting for your success, and we know you will make us proud. Go Bulldogs!

Here in Maryland, we are charting a new path to become a state where no one is left behind. This will be Maryland's decade, and I am honored that you all will get a chance to experience it at the 2023 CIAA Basketball Tournament.

I look forward to seeing you all in Baltimore!

In service,

Maryland Governor  
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# Breaux Reflects on Significance of *Title IX* and the Challenges that Remain

By Demetrius Dillard

This year marks a major milestone for Title IX, legislation that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs receiving federal financial assistance.

Ever since the law came into effect 50 years ago, it has revolutionized athletic programs for girls and women. Hence, numerous sports organizations and conferences are celebrating Title IX's 50th anniversary, including the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the nation's oldest HBCU athletic conference.

Without the contributions, unwavering support and advocacy of women over the decades, the CIAA would not be where it is today. The conference's commissioner, Jacqie McWilliams, is the first woman to serve in that role in CIAA history.

"As the country celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Title IX civil rights law, the conference is proud to be one of the few tournaments to feature both male and female competitions during the same week and at the same facility," says a statement released by the conference.

"It also boasts the first female commissioner of the CIAA and the first-ever appointed African American female commissioner in the NCAA across Divisions I, II, and III."

McWilliams, who was a standout CIAA student-athlete in the late 80s and early 90s at Hampton University, spent some of her professional career at Morgan State University.

"I'm incredibly honored to be celebrating my 10-year anniversary as commissioner in the same year that we celebrate the historic 50th Anniversary of Title IX — it's a full circle moment for me," McWilliams said.

"I started out as a student-athlete playing in the CIAA, and now I'm able to honor the sport in a different way by not only sharing the experience with the community but also by providing opportunities and access for the next generation."

Over the past six weeks, as it gears up for the 2023 basketball tournament in downtown Baltimore, the CIAA has highlighted Title IX trailblazers—women who have "contributed profoundly to the advancement and growth of women's athletics at their respective universities" and within the CIAA — one of whom being Bowie State University President Aminta Breaux.

"It is really humbling to be recognized in that way," Breaux said.

"When you think about opportunities and ensuring that girls and women who are coming up through our schools see role models, I think it's important that we recognize individuals, my colleagues, like Brenda Allen... Tonya Walker and so many others, to be recognized for what they have achieved in higher education, allowing our young girls and women to see what is possible."

Breaux, who's been at the helm of Bowie State University since 2017, said she recalls when Title IX was originally enacted in 1972.

"It's very significant for our institutions and our women and girls across this nation to see what has been achieved and the progress that's been made since Title IX came into place," Breaux said, highlighting the importance of Title IX civil rights legislation.

"I'm old enough to remember when it was put into place and I have seen such a vast difference in the opportunities afforded to girls and women since that occurred. And watching so many girls and women be able to compete in ways that they weren't able to compete at

the elementary school level, middle school, [high school] and of course with our college athletes; but then to rise up through the ranks and to move on into professional teams that just didn't exist back when this came into place."

While she acknowledged the considerable progress of Title IX over the past half century, Breaux said she felt there remains ample room for growth as it relates to equal opportunities for women of color.

"So I'm really pleased to see the progress that's been made, but I'm also hopeful that we'll continue to see more progress because we need to continue to address opportunities for women of color and girls of color to have even more opportunities," said Breaux, who also serves as the chairwoman for the CIAA Board of Directors.

"That's where I think there's a lot of ground that needs to be made up... there's

a lot of room for us to grow to not just see student-athletes have opportunities, but to increase the opportunities for administrators and head coaching roles."

Breaux added that she has noticed glaring disparities with regard to race and socioeconomic status, highlighting the need for lawmakers and influential figures in the sports sector to take the necessary steps to close the gap.

"There's a lot of ground we have to make up across the board in looking at how we're enforcing equitable opportunities for women of color, girls of color across schools, beyond just the collegiate level," she said.

"It's going to take government, it's going to take our conferences, it's going to take the NCAA, our school districts and all of us working together if we're going to really bring about change for gender, but also for race." **BT**

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*~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg*





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BRANDON M. SCOTT MAYOR



February 21, 2023  
Welcome to Baltimore!

On behalf of the people of Baltimore, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2023 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament.

The CIAA and Visit Baltimore have worked together to provide you with a one-of-a-kind experience for this momentous occasion. This is one of the most popular college basketball tournaments and one of the nation's top ranking sporting events. This week's tournament will bring amazing HBCU sports, educational programming, and scholarships for the benefit of the community and student-athletes.

Baltimore is a city of rich culture, amazing cuisine, and friendly residents who welcome you with open arms. From historic streets to our art museums and sports stadiums, we are a city with impressive cultural attractions, and I am confident you will enjoy your stay here in Baltimore.

This year's tournament promises to be a memorable one, and I look forward to building a new legacy for the CIAA here in Baltimore. Thank you again for joining us.

In service,

*Brandon M. Scott*  
Brandon M. Scott  
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To the Baltimore Community,

It brings me much excitement that we welcome the 2023 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship Basketball Tournament to our great city of Baltimore. After a successful first in-person event in 2022, we are thrilled to be able to host this year's tournament and are truly honored to be the host city for an iconic sporting tradition that honors Black history and culture, celebrates legendary athletes both past and present, and continues to play a pivotal role in shaping diversity, equity and inclusion on and off the court.

As the nation's oldest historically Black athletic conference, the CIAA continues to have a profound impact on advancing both the sports industry and Black culture in America. In Baltimore, we share in the CIAA's commitment to athletic and educational excellence and proudly honor a rich Black history of our own. Baltimore is a city indelibly shaped by its rich African American history and culture. It's a city where freedom seekers traversed in their search for brighter days, where Civil Rights leaders were born and shaped a movement, where jazz greats created timeless anthems and where poets and artists pour their souls into their works. Over the next few days, we are excited to show the world how Baltimore celebrates its Black history, culture, creatives and businesses every single day of the year.

The CIAA tournament week provides an excellent opportunity for our community to celebrate the HBCU legacy through 5 days full of world-class basketball, a week full of community events including a Youth Sports Clinic, a Mental Health and Wellness Panel, the Tech Summit and the Matter Moves Financial Summit in addition to Fan Fest and events hosted by local businesses across the city. We encourage everyone in the community to come out and see what the tournament is about and buy tickets to the games to support the historically Black universities competing in the tournament.

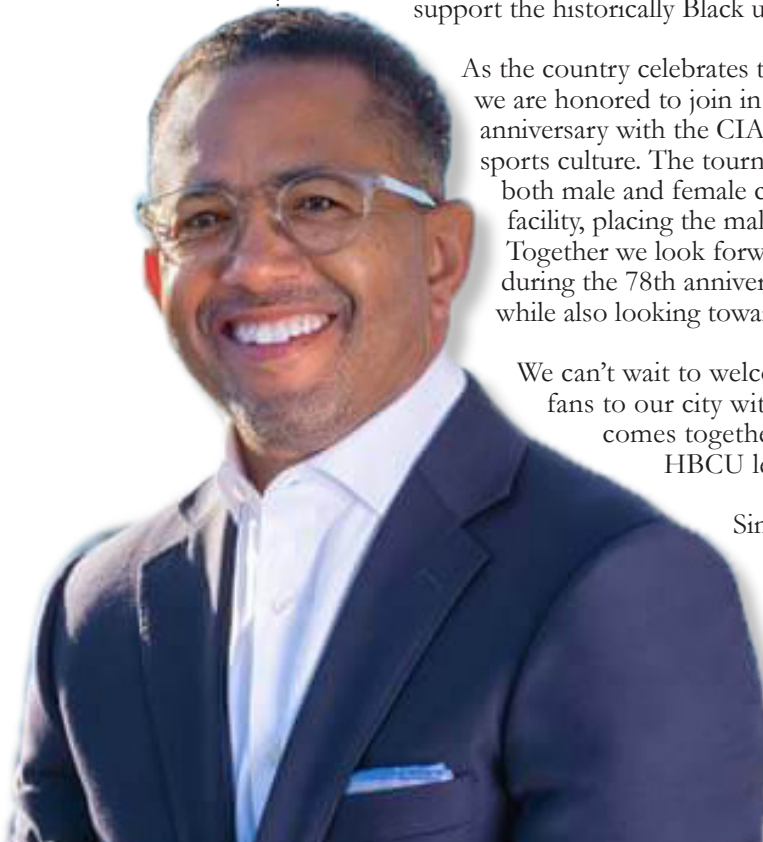
As the country celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Title IX civil rights law, we are honored to join in celebrating Commissioner Jacqie McWilliams' 10th anniversary with the CIAA and recognizing her legacy and contributions to sports culture. The tournament is one of the few in the nation to feature both male and female competitions during the same week and at the same facility, placing the male and female athletes on the same playing field. Together we look forward to reflecting upon the legacies of the CIAA during the 78th anniversary of the Championship Basketball Tournament, while also looking toward the future.

We can't wait to welcome all the CIAA athletes, faculty, students and fans to our city with open arms. We hope the entire community comes together to experience this incredible celebration of the HBCU legacy.

Sincerely,



**Al Hutchinson**  
*President & CEO*  
*Visit Baltimore*



# CIAA Commissioner Discusses Tournament Staying in Baltimore Through 2025

By Andrea Blackstone

The CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) Men's and Women's basketball tournament is returning to Baltimore in 2023 along with a variety of high-profile events. It will be held in Baltimore until 2025.

Jacqie McWilliams Parker, the first female to serve as commissioner for the CIAA, and first appointed African-American female commissioner representing the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division I, II and III, provides leadership for 12 member institutions. She completed 10 years working with the CIAA.

"This will be my 11th basketball tournament, so I'm in my 11th season of championships. I've been in the industry for almost 30 years in athletic administration," McWilliams Parker said.

She also implements the strategic plan for the conference. Baltimore successfully hosted the CIAA in-person championship game in 2022. McWilliams Parker explained that the CIAA's headquarters is located in Charlotte, North Carolina. Charm City will be hosting the 2023 Tournament Week from February 21-25, 2023. Baltimore's submission of a very aggressive bid led to the tournament's current venue relocation, according to the commissioner.

"We had several other cities to bid as well. We were in Charlotte for 15 years, but the key for us was having a venue that we could have our event in the entire week, to be in a community where it was easy for our fans to get around, to be in a community that would embrace the CIAA African American HBCU culture of who we are, to have hotels giving us

quality rates, and availability of venues," McWilliams Parker said.

The commissioner explained that approximately 30 events will happen, beyond the basketball games.

"We need a space and a community that's really going to embrace us and wants to be a part of it," McWilliams Parker said.

According to the commissioner, despite COVID-19 constraints, an economic impact survey revealed that over 66,000 fans attended over 22 CIAA games in Baltimore's inaugural time hosting the basketball tournament. She added that the economic impact was \$13.9 million.

This year, teams consisting of men and women will play at the CFG Bank Arena in Baltimore, Maryland, located at 201 W Baltimore St. CIAA teams will include Bowie State University, Claflin University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Lincoln University, Johnson C. Smith University, Shaw University, Livingstone College, Virginia State University, St. Augustine's University, Virginia Union University and Winston-Salem State University, per the NCAA's website.

McWilliams Parker mentioned that for the second year, there will be a mix of women and men commentators. The CIAA men's and women's tournaments will air on ESPN's networks. Fans may purchase tickets through Ticketmaster or through the CIAA's tournament website.

"We're excited. I think the big piece for us is we're in Black History Month which is exciting. This is a time where we get to celebrate our culture, but our tournament is the first event that's happening heading into March Madness for basketball, and it's the most visible event that's happening in the country, the third largest basketball tournament in the country."

McWilliams Parker said that the Tournament Week will offer something for everyone. A series of diverse events range from empowerment events, a youth cheer clinic and a health and mental wellness summit to parties and a step show.

Visit Baltimore will be holding a youth sports clinic on February 18, 2023. The 2023 CIAA Education Day will allow attendees to meet with various college recruiters on February 22, 2023, from 10-2 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center. A 2023 CIAA Career Expo will be held at the same location on February 23, 2023, from 10-2 p.m. Organizations will be able to meet recent graduates, individuals who are switching careers, and students from the CIAA member-schools and other universities.

Some CIAA events require registration or tickets. The CIAA Fan Fest is a two-day free event that will be held at the Baltimore

Jacqie McWilliams Parker, CIAA Commissioner /Photo courtesy of The CIAA



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*"This will be my 11th basketball tournament, so I'm in my 11th season of championships. I've been in the industry for almost 30 years in athletic administration."*







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Convention Center on February 24-25, 2023. Concerts and family-friendly entertainment events will be held.

“It is free and open to the public. We love it when the community gets engaged,” McWilliams Parker said.

Title IX’s 50th anniversary will also be celebrated. Title IX is the federal civil rights law that eliminated gender discrimination at colleges and universities. The commissioner explained that it allowed women to play sports and to participate and have scholarships, just as the boys and the men do.

“And so, for us, we are celebrating Title IX to remind our conference and the world that we see our women, we see the trailblazers,” McWilliams Parker said.

She added that it is an opportunity to celebrate the men and women who have opened doors for her and others. McWilliams Parker wants equity and opportunity in sports for both men and women. She played volleyball and basketball at Hampton University before furthering her education at Temple University.

In her role as commissioner, McWilliams Parker reflected on the CIAA’s previous roots as the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association. It has been recognized as the oldest historically Black conference in the United States. McWilliams Parker explained that it was founded in 1912 by five institutions to give access to Black Americans to play sports.

“So, our job is really to create lifetime experiences and championships and give these student-athletes an opportunity to win conference championships, and then play in NCAA Division II National Championships. They have to earn their way, but that’s our job to give them the intercollegiate experience, not just play, but also get their degree while they’re playing so that they can be greater citizens in life,” McWilliams Parker said.

Visit [www.ciaatournament.org](http://www.ciaatournament.org) and [www.Baltimore.org/CIAA](http://www.Baltimore.org/CIAA) to obtain more information about to about upcoming CIAA games, tickets and events in Baltimore. **BT**



*Jacquie McWilliams Parker, CIAA  
Commissioner /Photo courtesy of The CIAA*

A vibrant promotional banner for CIAA 2023 events. The top half features the text "CIAA 2023 EVENTS" in large, bold, blue-outlined letters against a dark blue background with purple bokeh lights. Below this is a yellow button that says "REGISTER HERE". To the right is a group photo of six diverse individuals, including Jacquie McWilliams Parker, smiling. The bottom half of the banner is divided into four event cards: 1. "YOUTH SPORTS CLINIC" on Saturday, 2.18.23 at Middle Branch Fitness &amp; Wellness Center. 2. "HEALTH SUMMIT" on Thursday, 2.23.23 from 10AM-2PM at Regina M F. Lewis Museum. 3. "TECH SUMMIT" on Friday, 2.24.23 from 10:00AM-5:30PM at Rita Rossi Colwell Center. 4. "MONEY MOVES FINANCIAL SUMMIT" on Saturday, 2.25.23 from 10:00AM-2:00PM at Rita Rossi Colwell Center.



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# Black History Month Celebration Goes Virtual with 'Blacktastic'

By Stacy M. Brown

With the third annual Blacktastic: A Children's Festival of Maryland Black History + Culture, students from all over Maryland will celebrate Black History Month through the arts. Organized by Arts for Learning Maryland, Blacktastic will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023.

Officials promised that the virtual event will deliver seven inspiring performances and educational workshops by teaching artists that celebrate renowned Black Marylanders, while building pride among the students. The event introduces students to those important Black figures through dance, music, storytelling and more. Planners chose local Black artists to present at historic sites related to each Marylander.

Organizers said the festival allows students to go on a virtual field trip to learn about people like Mother Mary Lange, explorer Matthew Henson, and musician Chick Webb.

As part of the interactive experience, participating students sing, dance, and make art virtually with each artist that they watch. A news release said that the festival aims to help students learn more about history, science, and math by combining traditional learning with artistic expression.

Hugh Wesley Barnes Jr., Director of Bands at Milford Mill Academy in Baltimore County, believes the festival has already impacted his students.

"Thanks to my student's participation in Arts for Learning Maryland's Blacktastic festival, they are more motivated to develop their skills now, knowing the purpose and importance of their creativity," Barnes stated.

Jessica Smith Hebron, Chief Program Officer at Arts for Learning Maryland, said she believes the festival will bring joy and inspiration to students while also celebrating the rich history of Black culture in Maryland.

"Students will celebrate the joyful, beautiful, inspiring history of Black culture in Maryland by learning the stories of Marylanders who have broken barriers, made change, and inspired

millions," Hebron noted.

The virtual festival is open to students and educators of all ages, and registration includes a digital activity book to help students remember what they learned during the event. With over 30,000 students attending last year's festival, Blacktastic officials said the program remains hugely popular, and is helping students across the state learn about Black history.

Event planners insisted that by infusing traditional learning with artistic expression, the festival transforms routine learning experiences while reinforcing classroom lessons in math, English, history, science, and math with curriculum-aligned content.

"When Jessica reached out to me about Blacktastic, I was excited that the festival celebrates and promotes the success of Black Marylanders, old and new, by involving youth who now can speak and show their feelings and emotions through

the performing arts," Barnes added.

Hebron recalled her days as a sixth grader, noting that her social studies teacher challenged students to learn about Black history in their community.

"I never forgot how much my sense of cultural pride and connection to my beloved state of Maryland increased from the Black history projects she

assigned," Hebron recalled.

"Through 'Blacktastic,' I want today's children to develop that sense of pride of place so that they could, in turn, be inspired to make a difference in their communities as well."

To learn more about Blacktastic, visit <https://www.artsforlearningmd.org/blacktastic>. BT





# More Than a Dozen *CIAA* Tournament Participants Have Ties to Baltimore

By Demetrius Dillard

Over the years, Baltimore City has produced numerous CIAA basketball legends.

City College boys' basketball coach Omarr Smith, former Harlem Globetrotter and community leader Choo Smith and former Harlem Wizards star Arthur Lewis are products of Baltimore. They went on to leave a legacy as team players for the Bowie State men's basketball program.

Stanley Tucker, one of Baltimore's influential Black business leaders, played basketball for Morgan State in the late 1960s, back when the school was a CIAA member. Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, one of the most prolific scorers in NBA history, led Winston-Salem State to a Division II national title in 1967. He spent part of his professional career with the Baltimore Bullets.

Last but certainly not least, City College High School Athletic Director Rolynda Contee was a standout on Virginia State University's women's basketball team.

This year's tournament will feature a total of 13 participants — one coach and 12 players — with ties to Baltimore City. Bowie State University (BSU), the tournament's host program, leads the way with eight participants. As a highly anticipated homecoming approaches for those 13 individuals, they hope to post a strong showing in front of family, friends, old teammates and coaches in their return to Charm City.

Here they are:

### Women's Basketball

**Coach Shadae Swan (BSU):** Swan competed for the St. Frances Academy girl's basketball team before competing for Goucher College. She was named the CIAA Women's Basketball Coach of the Year in 2019.

Swan, who officially took over as head of the program in 2016, aims to lead her team to a conference title in her hometown in a few weeks.

**Kaitlyn Weaver-Adams (BSU):** A graduate of St. Frances Academy, the 6-foot-1 freshman has played limited minutes for the Bulldogs this season. She has also competed for the highly regarded Team Thrill youth basketball organization.

**Tsion Smith (BSU):** Also a freshman, Smith had a decorated career at Mt. Carmel High School where she earned numerous honors. Her minutes have been limited as well.

**Khalia Turner (BSU):** The 5-foot-7 guard competed alongside Adams at St. Frances Academy. Turner, a freshman guard, has already made significant contributions this season for BSU. She scored a season-high 12 points against California (Pa.) on November 18, 2022.

**Kaziah Akinniyi (Lincoln):** Akinniyi, a former Poly standout, is one of Lincoln's newcomers. The 5-foot-9 freshman hopes to contribute to a second straight conference title run with the Lions.

**Mackenzie Pollard (Shaw):** The Bears rely heavily on Pollard for her scoring and playmaking ability. Pollard, a senior, has been one of the key contributors for the Bears since joining the program in 2021 and is tallying 11.7 points and 4.5 rebounds per game this year. She was a standout at Western before beginning her collegiate basketball career at St. Francis University.

### Men's Basketball

**Caleb Johnson (BSU):** The 6-foot-2 sophomore is having a fairly productive season for the Bulldogs. Most recently, he recorded a team-high 16 points and four rebounds to help his team clinch a close 62-59 win over Shaw on Feb. 4. Johnson played for Archbishop Curley in high school.

**Elijah Rantin (BSU):** Standing at 6-foot-10, the sophomore will be among the tallest competitors in the conference tournament. The Mervo (Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School) graduate scored a season-high 23 points against the University of D.C. earlier this season.

**Tyler Buckhanon (BSU):** The first-year player left home to play high school in Kentucky (Bath County) where he earned several honors. The 6-foot-9 freshman started three games this season.

**Detwan Montague (BSU):** The 6-foot-8 redshirt freshman is averaging about two points and two boards per contest. He plays around eight minutes per game and may see his role increased farther along the season.

**Kaleb Glasper (Saint Augustine's):** Glasper played high school basketball in Howard County and has shown glimpses of promise over the course of his freshman campaign with the Falcons.

**Kyshon Tate (Saint Augustine's):** The 6-foot-8 senior will soon return for his second year back home for the CIAA Tournament. After graduating from Polytechnic Institute, Tate played at Hagerstown Community College before heading to St. Augustine's. His role has increased slightly since last season which means he may see a lot of time on the floor at CFG Arena.

**Tyler Foster (Fayetteville State):** Foster, a junior transfer guard, is averaging 13.8 points for the Broncos. He played his rookie season with East Carolina University in 2018-19 before transferring to Youngstown State for the 2019-20 season.

The 2023 CIAA Basketball Tournament tips off on the morning of Feb. 21 at CFG Arena in downtown Baltimore. The conference has not yet released the tournament brackets. **BT**



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My goodness, folks! We are still celebrating Black History Month and we have a double whammy this month with Valentine's Day, too. So, happy belated Valentine's Day to all my power couples. We have a lot to talk about. Let's get started.

Ursula Battle is a playwright, journalist and producer who is presenting her stage play, "Serenity House: From Addiction to Deliverance" on Saturday and Sunday, February 25-26, 2023, at 3 p.m. on both days at the Chesapeake Arts Center Studio 194 Theatre, located at 194 Hammonds Lane in Brooklyn Park, Maryland. The play is directed by Dr. Gregory Branch. The presentation and special Black History Month performance is being presented by The AngelWing Project. The production will feature national recording artist Randy "Fruity" Roberts of The Choir Boyz, internationally renowned gospel female trio Serenity, powerhouse soloists Charisse-Caldwell-Bowen and Kay Jefferson. Playwright Angela Wilson (Dr. Lila Mae Hawkins), Norah Watts and Mariah Barbee are also a part of Serenity House's cast. The production speaks to addiction across multiple platforms, including eating disorders, and prescription drug abuse. "Serenity House: From Addiction to Deliverance" also touches on domestic violence, incest, and child sex trafficking. This play is rated PG-13. I saw it and it was fantastic! For tickets and more information, call 443-531-4787.

Paul Carr's 2023 Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival's headliners are saxophonist, Kirk Whalum; trumpeter Randy Becker; saxophonist Paul Carr and his Jazz Collective; vibraphonist Joe Locke; saxophonist Walter Smith III and Roy Hargrove's band members. A tribute saluting Hargrove will be held on opening night at 10 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023, at Ronnie Wells Main Stage, Hilton Hotel, located in Rockville, Maryland. For more information about the festival, call 888-909-6330.

Ladies and gentlemen, I was informed that guitarist Kevin Jackson will be performing in concert at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum on Thursday, February 18, 2023, from 6-8 p.m. Attendees will hear a mix of acoustic renditions of rock, contemporary Christian, jazz and my favorite soulful R&B music. For more information, call 443-263-1800. Tell them "Rambling Rose" instructed you to contact them.

Howard County Center of African American Culture upcoming event is Saturday, February 18, 2023 featuring Sankofa Children's Academy at the Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Maryland. For more information, call 410-715-1921.

G&H Productions with Gerald Hill, Sr. says, "Let's Do It Again! On Sunday, February 19, 2023, from 5-9 p.m. at the Forum Caters with live entertainment, Dee-Jay music by D.J. Mike Jones, a delicious buffet, entertainment by comedians, Miss Maybelle, Lonnie Davis, Ms. "Woo Woo" and a cash bar. For more information, call 240-343-2709. Tell them "Rambling Rose" told you!

A President's Day party will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023, from 1-5 p.m. at Diamondz Events & Catering, located at 9980 Liberty Road in Randallstown, Maryland. It is cabaret style; BYOB and BYOF, but free set-ups. DJ Mike Jones will entertain you with his music. For more information, call 443-525-5016.

Well, my dear friends, I have to go, but did I tell you that I finished my third book about Baltimore, Maryland last week? I sent it off to my publisher. They like it. As soon as you help me to raise \$4,000.00, it will be published and you will be able to see pictures and read all about yourselves in 600-plus pages of stories about you and your families. Remember, if you need me, call me at 410-833-9474 or email me at rosapryor@aol.com. UNTIL THE NEXT TIME, I'M MUSICALLY YOURS. **BT**



**1** Ursula V. Battle presents her stage play, "Serenity House: From Addiction to Deliverance." The powerful work that she wrote will be performed on stage at the Chesapeake Arts Center, Studio 194, located at 194 Hammonds Land in Brooklyn Park, Maryland on Saturday, and Sunday February 25-26, 2023, at 3 p.m. For ticket information, call 443-531-4787.



**2** John Lamkin, a well-known and very popular renowned trumpeter, will be performing with his band, The John Lamkin Favorites Jazz Quintet featuring John Lamkin II on trumpet and flugelhorn; Michael Hairston on saxophone; Bob Butta on piano; Blake Miester on bass; and Jesse Moody on drums on Sunday, February 19, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at the An Die Musik Live, located at 409 N. Charles Street. For ticket information, call 410-385-2638.



**3** Pastor Irvin Harvey is turning 96 years old on February 18, 2023. He is a World War II veteran who has served as the pastor of Salem Community Church for over 50 years. Help Harvey to celebrate his special day by sending a birthday greeting to 6984 Milbrook Park Road, Apt. T-3, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. May God continue to bless you, Rev. Harvey.



**4** Paul Carr, saxophonist, educator, festival producer, and my friend presents The Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival produced by Paul Carr's Jazz Academy of Music. The 14th Annual Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival will be celebrated on February 17-19, 2023 during President's Day weekend at the Hilton Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, located at 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland.



**5** Harold Melvin's Blue Notes featuring Donnell "Big Daddy" Gillespie will headline Carlos Hutchins's An Evening with the Legends on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at Morgan State University's Murphy Fine Arts Center, located at 2201 Argonne Drive in Baltimore. For ticket information, call 443-885-4401.



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## Ravens Calais Campbell Isn't Done Yet

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens defense looks like it will have one of the key players back for another season. Defensive lineman Calais Campbell said he's coming back in 2023 for his 16th season. Campbell's return will be his fourth season with the Ravens.

"I'm coming back, baby," Campbell said on "NFL Gameday" before Super Bowl LVII in Arizona.

There were questions as to whether Campbell would retire after the Ravens' heartbreaking 24-17 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals in the divisional round of the playoffs. Campbell wasn't committed to any decision and was asked if he would be back after the game. The veteran instead wanted to take some time to figure it out by giving himself a few weeks to go through the process.

It has been over a month since the Bengals game and Campbell has made his decision. At 36 years old, Campbell still has some good football left in his tank.

"I feel like I was still able to affect the ball games, and that's important," Campbell said of last season. "I don't want to be a guy out here that's not affecting the ball games, just being a guy. So, that matters to me to decide if I'm going to continue playing or not because I want to make sure that I'm going to be confident that I can go out there and be a difference maker and not just being a guy. I think that wouldn't do justice to my career and my legacy if I go out there and become less than what I've been."

Campbell finished last season with 5.5 sacks and 14 quarterback hits in 14 games.

Another boost for Campbell's return means that he'll likely achieve a career milestone by recording his 100th sack. Campbell sits at 99 career sacks right now.

"I really want to play in Super Bowl 58," Campbell added on Twitter.

As a rookie, Campbell was only a second-year player when he was a member of the Arizona Cardinals team that lost to

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**"I'm coming back, baby," Campbell said on "NFL Gameday" before Super Bowl LVII in Arizona.**

Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLIII in 2008. Campbell hasn't made it back to the Super Bowl since. A return to the Super Bowl this season is possible, but a lot of that depends on quarterback Lamar Jackson being under center for the Ravens. Campbell is well aware of that and hopes Jackson will also be back.

Added Campbell, "When we're on the football field and we know Lamar Jackson

is back there at quarterback, we believe we can beat anybody. We can't just put anybody back there and expect to be a great football team." **BT**



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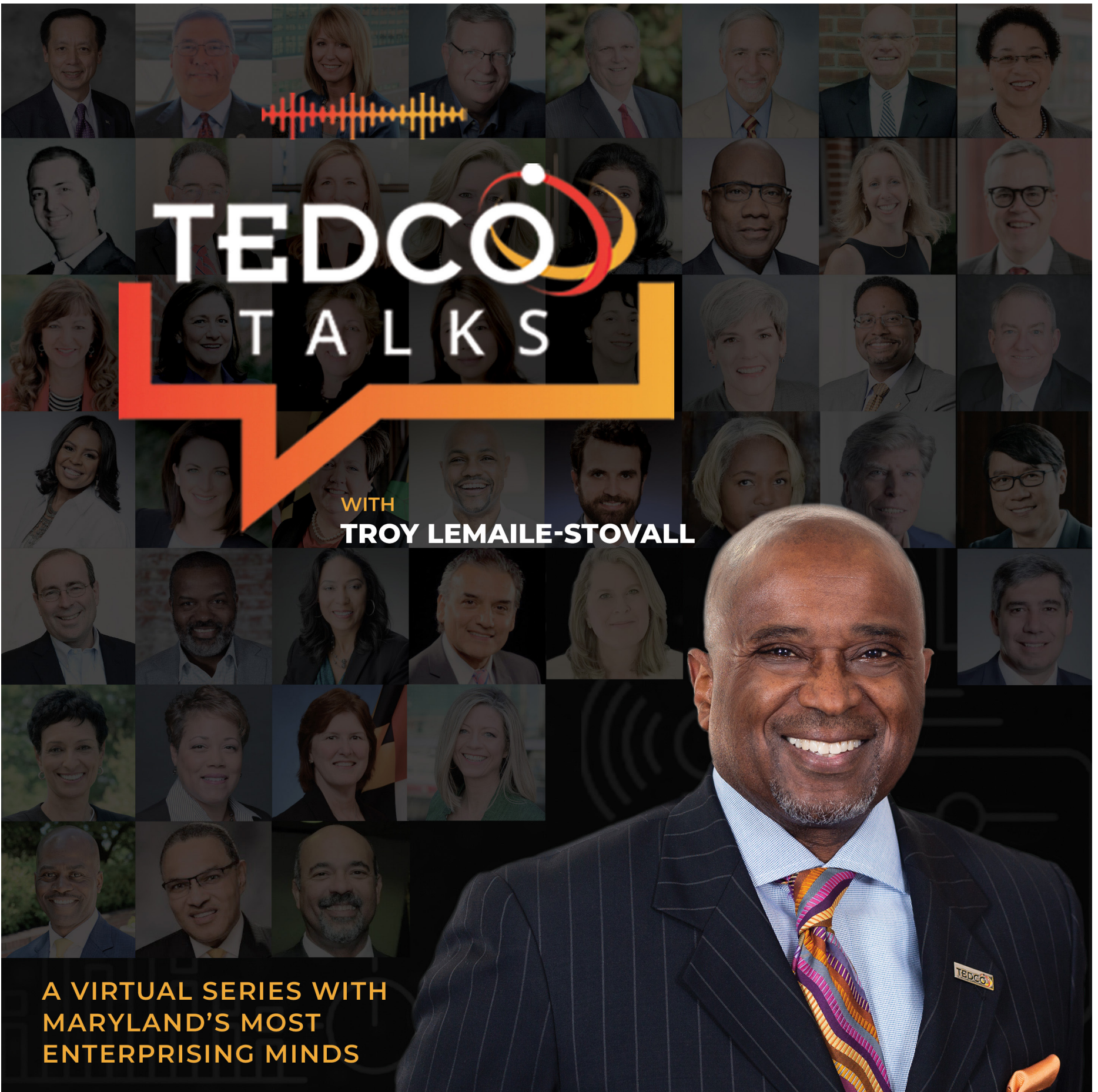


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Sealed Bids or Proposal for the **TR-23001, RECONSTRUCTION OF FOOTWAYS CITYWIDE** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204, City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until **MARCH 15, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.** Board of Estimates employees will be stationed at the Security Unit Counter just inside the Holliday Street entrance to City Hall from 10:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. every Wednesday to receive Bids. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. The bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215, City Hall at Noon. As of **FEBRUARY 17, 2023**, the Contract Documents may be examined, without charge by contacting Brenda Simmons at [brenda.simmons@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:brenda.simmons@baltimorecity.gov) or (443) 865-4423 to arrange for a copy of the bid book labeled "**NOT FOR BIDDING PURPOSES**" to be emailed to you. Anyone who desires to purchase a bid book to be used for bidding purposes must do so in person and by contacting Brenda Simmons at the email address or phone number above. The non-refundable cost is **SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$75.00)** to be paid at the Department of Transportation 417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 made payable to the Director of Finance. **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.** All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors' Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact the Committee at 4 S. Frederick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture ("JV"), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Categories required for bidding on this project are **A02601 (Portland Cement Concrete Paving)**. Cost Qualification Range for this project will be from **\$700,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00**. A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted via Mi-

crosoft Teams on **MARCH 3, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. hosted by the Department of Transportation. All Bidders must email your contact information to include your name, company name, phone number and email address to [vijaykumar.parekh@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:vijaykumar.parekh@baltimorecity.gov) to receive an invite to the Microsoft Team (video conference meeting). Principle Items of work for this project are: **5 in. Concrete Sidewalk – 72,000 SF; 5 in. Exposed Aggregate Sidewalk – 8,500 SF; 7 in Concrete Pavement – 8,000 SF.** The MBE Goal is **30%**; The WBE Goal is **15%**. APPROVED: Bill Henry, Board of Estimates

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## CITY OF BALTIMORE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate, addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **GS 21818 - Southwest Police Station Roof Replacement**, will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204, City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M. on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05, 2023**. Board of Estimates employees will be stationed at the Security Unit Counter just inside the Holliday Street entrance to City Hall from 10:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. every Wednesday to receive Bids.

Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. The bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215, City Hall at Noon. Bid opening proceedings can be also viewed live at <https://www.charmtvbaltimore.com/live-stream> at 12:00 noon. Bid tabulation sheets detailing the bids received will be publicly posted to the Comptroller's website by COB on the date of bid opening.

The Contract Documents may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **\$50.00** by contacting Azza Rizkallah at [azza.rizkallah@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:azza.rizkallah@baltimorecity.gov) as of **FRIDAY, February 17, 2023**.

### **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.**

All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be pre-qualified by the City of Baltimore Boards and Commissions. Interested contractors should call 410 396-6883 or contact the Office of Boards and Commissions at 4 South Frederick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a Joint Venture ("JV"), then in that event, the documents that establish the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Category required for bidding on this project is **F07500 - ROOFING INDUSTRIAL**.

The Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$500,000.01 to \$1,000,000.00** A "Pre-Bidding information" session will be conducted at the site: **424 Font Hill Ave, Baltimore, MD 21223 on TUESDAY, February 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

### Principal Items of work for this project are:

#### General Requirements

1. Thermal & Moisture
2. Proofing Roof Top
3. Equipment Support

The MBE goal is **20%**

The WBE goal is **8%** **CONTRACT NO. GS 21818**

APPROVED:  
Erika McClammy  
Clerk, Board of Estimates

APPROVED:  
Berke Attila  
Director, Department of  
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