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# Brandon M. Scott

## Mayor of Baltimore



February 20, 2026

On behalf of the people of Baltimore, I am delighted to welcome you to the Food Lion 2026 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Men's and Women's Championship Basketball Tournament. This week, thousands of people will visit Baltimore for five action-packed days of basketball, entertainment, and networking.

The CIAA is the nation's oldest historically Black athletic conference and a national treasure whose impact extends far beyond a thrilling basketball tournament. This tournament honors and highlights the rich history and culture of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) while advancing equity and celebrating excellence.

The CIAA is one of the most popular college basketball tournaments and one of the nation's top ranking sporting events. This year, the CIAA and Visit Baltimore have worked together to bring amazing HBCU sports, educational programming, and scholarships in hopes of uniting communities, elevating opportunities and inspiring future leaders.

Thank you for joining us for what promises to be a memorable celebration of HBCU culture, academic excellence, athleticism and community.

Brandon M. Scott  
Mayor  
City of Baltimore

# Greetings

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

President, Bowie State University



**G**reetings and Welcome to the 2026 CIAA Basketball Tournament!

As president of Bowie State University, the oldest HBCU in the state of Maryland and the host institution for the CIAA Tournament, I take great pleasure in welcoming basketball fans and supporters back to Baltimore to cheer on the student-athletes from our 13 member institutions competing throughout the week.

The theme for the 2026 CIAA Tournament is “Come Back to Baltimore”. This theme reflects not only that the Tournament returns to Baltimore through 2029, but also the fact that fans from around the country will return to Baltimore to watch our student athletes display their skills on the court at the CFG Arena and patronize local small businesses and restaurants. However, the CIAA Tournament extends itself beyond the basketball court into the community where youth can participate in the educational programs created to benefit them, our next generation of leaders.

For Bowie State University, returning to Baltimore is especially meaningful. Bowie State was founded in the basement of a church located at the corner of Calvert and Saratoga Streets over 160 years ago. From 12 students to nearly 6,000, today Bowie State University is ranked #11 among the top HBCUs in the nation.

#FebruaryisCIAA, and 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

Sincerely,

Aminta H. Breaux, Ph.D.  
President

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## Welcome to Baltimore for the 2026 CIAA Tournament!

To the Readers of the Baltimore Times,

On behalf of Visit Baltimore, we are thrilled to welcome the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Men's and Women's Basketball Championship Tournament back to Baltimore from February 24 to February 28. We are proud to host this incredible event, which aligns so perfectly with our city's spirit by celebrating Black excellence, the achievements of HBCUs, and our vibrant local culture.

- We are excited to once again offer a special opportunity for our community to be part of the action. For the second year, Maryland residents in select zip codes can purchase \$50 tickets for Championship Saturday – and this year, we've extended that fun with special pricing for Friday night's games as well. This is a fantastic chance to experience the tournament's peak excitement at CFG Bank Arena.
- The energy of the tournament extends far beyond the basketball court. This week is a celebration of community, filled with enriching events for everyone. We invite you to join the Health and Mental Wellness Forum, the Money Moves Financial Summit, the Tech Summit, and the Youth Sports Clinic for our younger community members.
- A major highlight is the return of the Black-Owned Restaurant Tour, running from February 21 to February 28. This tour is a powerful way to support Black-owned and explore the diverse flavors that make our city's culinary scene so special. From fine dining at Magdalena to the unique tastes at Yiebow Kitchen and Empanada Lady, you can enjoy specialty menus and curated events all week long. Plus, don't miss a full day dedicated to the Black-owned businesses at Harborplace, featuring spots like Crust by Mack, Cuples Tea, and Soul Cuisine.

The CIAA Tournament is more than just basketball; it's a city-wide celebration. We encourage you to explore the events, support local businesses, and join us in making this the best tournament yet. For more information on tickets and event schedules, please visit [Baltimore.org/CIAA](https://Baltimore.org/CIAA).

Let's come together to enjoy the games and showcase the incredible community spirit of Baltimore.

Sincerely,

**Kireem Swinton**  
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## LOCAL TIES

**CIAA tournament, again, welcomes numerous participants from Baltimore area**





*Marcus Jackson, a 6-foot-10 forward, is a newcomer to the Virginia State men's basketball team. (Courtesy of Virginia State Athletics)*

## CIAA tournament, again, welcomes numerous participants from Baltimore area

By Demetrius Dillard

Excitement awaits as the 2026 CIAA Basketball Tournament soon returns to Charm City, a town whose basketball tradition, culture and legacy run deep.

For the second consecutive year, the tournament will welcome 17 participants – 16 men's and women's players combined along with a head coach – who are either from Baltimore City or competed for a local high school program.

After a 70-year hiatus, the weekly event returned to Baltimore in 2022. The upcoming 2026 tournament will mark the fifth year the competition has been back in town as the CIAA announced.

Last summer, the CIAA announced it secured a partnership with Baltimore as the host city of the basketball tournament through 2029, fostering a renewed sense of optimism and morale among the region's sports fans, CIAA alumni and HBCU supporters.

In addition to the more than dozen participants from Baltimore City, the tournament will feature numerous athletes from around the region – including Baltimore, Howard, Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties – who will likely attract support from relatives, friends, old teammates and coaches.

Earl “The Pearl” Monroe, though a Philadelphia native, will always be regarded as a Baltimore sports icon who competed in the CIAA.

Before leaving his mark on the NBA and being named to the Hall of Fame, Monroe averaged more than 41 points per game as part of a stellar national championship run during the 1966-67 season.

Arguably the greatest basketball player to emerge from a historically Black college, Monroe made history as the highest HBCU NBA draft selection ever. He played for the Baltimore Bullets before competing for the New York Knicks.

Other recognizable names who have ties to Baltimore and the CIAA include venture capital executive Stanley Tucker (Morgan State); former Harlem Globetrotter and nonprofit leader Choo Smith (Bowie State); Baltimore City College head basketball coach Omarr Smith (Bowie State); Poly girls basketball coach Kendall Peace-Able (Lincoln); City College Athletic Director Rolynda Contee (Virginia State); former Harlem Wizard Arthur Smith (Bowie State); and Forest Park High School Athletic Director Jermaine Dunn (Virginia State).

As local players and a coach prepare for an anticipated return home, conference teams look to culminate their regular seasons on a high note to land the most favorable rank in the CIAA standings. Here are the participants featured in the 2026 CIAA Basketball Tournament who are from Baltimore:

## Women's basketball

- **Coach Shadae Swan, Bowie State:** The Baltimore native and former St. Frances standout is now in her 10th season as head of the Bowie State women's basketball program. She recently became the winningest coach in program history after notching her 166th win in December 2025. The Bulldogs are 15-7 overall (stats good as of Feb. 13) with a No. 2 ranking in the CIAA Northern Division standing. Bowie State lost a nail-biter, 63-59, to Virginia State in last year's tournament. They look to avenge themselves of the loss as the tournament approaches, also hoping to capture the program's first conference title since 1999.
- **Kristin Sterling, Bowie State:** The returner is now a redshirt junior and has shown bright spots for the Bulldogs throughout the season. The 5-foot-10 forward netted a season-high 22 points against Lynn on Dec. 20, 2025. Sterling is averaging about five points and five boards so far this season – slight statistical improvements from last year – and will likely play a major role at some point in her team's postseason effort. In high school, she was a standout for the Pikesville High School girls basketball program.
- **Chaniya Taylor, Bowie State:** Back for her sophomore season, the 6-foot-1 forward has seen major improvements from last year. She scored 13 in a tough home loss to Johnson C. Smith on Jan. 3, and is averaging 5.2 points along with five rebounds per contest. Taylor, also a volleyball player in high school, competed for the Forest Park High School girls basketball team before coming to Bowie.
- **Kaziah Akinniyi, Lincoln:** The 5-foot-9 guard is in her senior season with the struggling Lions, who are 3-21 overall (as of Feb. 13). Akinniyi is a top contributor on the team, pouring in a team-high 13.6 points to go with 4.8 rebounds. Prior to Lincoln, Akinniyi contributed to Poly's MPSSAA 3A state championship run in 2022.
- **Riley Holliday, Lincoln:** The third-year player has started 12 games this season in an increased role from previous seasons. Holliday, a 6-foot-2 forward, is tallying 3.4 points and 7.2 rebounds so far for the Lions. She competed alongside Akinniyi at Poly.
- **Brianna Johnson, Virginia Union:** The 5-foot-8 guard is a newcomer to the program and has seen limited minutes. Before coming to VUU, she competed for Goucher College and Notre Dame of Maryland – two schools in the area. In high school, Johnson competed for Baltimore City College.
- **Saniya Green, Virginia State:** A 5-foot-5 sophomore, Green is in her first season with the program. She contributed five points and three boards in a recent win over Lincoln. Green is a transfer from Valley Forge, where she had a solid freshman campaign with 13 points, 6.5 rebounds and five assists per game. She played high school ball at City College.
- **Maya Gray, Livingstone:** The sophomore returner has only appeared in one contest this season (according to the Livingstone Athletics website): The season opener against Clarion on Nov. 14, 2025. Gray, a 5-foot-7 guard, was part of the Western High School girls basketball dynasty under Coach Tasha Townsend.
- **Breasia Coit, Livingstone:** Coit, also a sophomore, competed alongside Gray at Western High School. The 6-foot-2 center recorded a season-high 33 points against Barton



*Bowie State vs Virginia Union, Women Basketball by: Timothy Ricol/TagTheShooter Photography*



*Saniya Green: Sophomore guard Saniya Green joined the Trojans after transferring from the University of Valley Forge. (Courtesy of Virginia State Athletics)*



*Brianna Johnson: Virginia Union transfer guard Brianna Johnson is in her first year with the women's basketball program. (Courtesy of Virginia Union Athletics)*

## Men's basketball

- **Jordan Downs, Bowie State:** A 2024 graduate of St. Frances, Downs contributed to the school's MIAA and BCL title runs during his high school career. The 6-foot-4 sophomore is in his second season with Bowie State and is playing about 13 minutes a game this year – up from five minutes per game his freshman season.
- **Marcus Jackson, Virginia State:** The high-flying 6-foot-10 forward was among Baltimore's top recruits for the Class of 2025. Aside from a solid stint at Edmondson-Westside, the lefty competed for Team Thrill. The freshman registered a season-high 15 points in 18 minutes against Johnson C. Smith on Jan. 10.
- **Khyrie Staten, Elizabeth City State:** Staten is a senior transfer guard who arrives from Delaware State. He's playing limited minutes, seeing about nine minutes on the floor each contest. The 22-year-old also competed for University of the District of Columbia and played high school ball at St. Frances, where he helped lead the team to two BCL championships and an MIAA title.
- **Kareem Fowlkes, Livingstone:** The 6-foot-9 freshman is a former standout at New Town High School in Baltimore County. He's played limited minutes this season for the Blue Bears, who are 9-15 overall (as of Feb. 13).
- **Camerin Horton, Livingstone:** In 10 minutes per game, the 6-foot-4 junior is posting 3.6. Points and 3.3 rebounds so far for Livingstone. In a decorated high school career with City College, he led the program to a state title in 2023. Prior to suiting up for the Blue Bears, Horton recorded 10.3 points and 6.4 boards for Hagerstown Community College last year.
- **Kyree Smith, Bluefield State:** In his first season with the program, the junior is netting 4.3 points in 18.5 minutes per game. He competed alongside Horton as a pivotal contributor to City College's success a few years ago. Smith scored 12 twice; once against Claflin and another time against UVA Wise. He comes to Bluefield State from St. Mary's College in Southern Maryland.
- **Colin Harshman, Bluefield State:** Harshman, a 6-foot-3 junior, hasn't seen much of the floor this season. The Catonsville High School alumnus competed for Howard Community College before transferring to the West Virginia HBCU.
- **Donte Hickman, Claflin:** The 6-foot guard is a freshman with the Panthers. Prior to joining Claflin, he competed for Pikesville and IMG Academy in high school.

The 2026 CIAA Basketball Tournament will run from Feb. 24 to Feb. 28, 2026 at downtown Baltimore's CFG Arena. The conference will release the tournament brackets within the next week or so as teams wrap up the regular season.



*Marcus Jackson: Virginia State forward Marcus Jackson skies for a left-handed slam dunk. (Courtesy of Virginia State Athletics)*



*Colin Harshman: Colin Harshman, a 6-foot-3 guard in his first year with Bluefield State, is a Catonsville High School graduate. (Courtesy of Bluefield State Athletics)*



*Kyree Smith, Bluefield State - (Courtesy of Bluefield State Athletics)*



*Yemi Oyeleye photo courtesy of Y. Oyeleye*

## Building Generational Wealth Through Financial Literacy: Yemi Oyeleye Leads with Integrity

By Harold Booker Jr.

*Entrepreneurship, for Yemi Oyeleye, is **anchoring families, strengthening communities***

As Baltimore prepares to welcome thousands of visitors for CIAA Weekend, *The Baltimore Times* is proud to spotlight entrepreneurs whose journeys were shaped at HBCUs and who are now building businesses that strengthen our communities. Through a partnership with Morgan State University – Regional Hub of Howard University and the PNC National Center for Entrepreneurship, we highlight alumni founders creating impact across industries.

One such entrepreneur is **Yemi Oyeleye**, an alumna of Bowie State University, Class of 2008, where she earned her MBA in Finance. Today, she is the founder of **Secured Anchors Group**, an Enrolled Agent–owned tax and accounting firm committed to financial empowerment and long-term stability for individuals and businesses alike.

With more than two decades of experience in the tax and accounting industry, Oyeleye launched Secured Anchors Group with a clear purpose: to provide reliable, accurate, and comprehensive financial solutions that clients can trust. The firm offers tax preparation, tax advisory, audit defense, bookkeeping, payroll services, and tax strategy and planning — all tailored to meet the unique needs of each client.

“At Secured Anchors Group, we are committed to providing innovative tax and accounting solutions designed to meet specific client needs,” she explains. “We prioritize our clients’ financial well-being and security.”

But beyond the services themselves, Oyeleye’s deeper mission is rooted in financial literacy and generational wealth.

Her inspiration to start the business came from a personal connection to the importance of financial empowerment. She believes individuals and organizations equipped with strong financial tools are better positioned to serve their families and their communities.

Her time at Bowie State University played a pivotal role in shaping that vision. The MBA program provided the foundation she needed to transition from professional expertise to entrepreneurship. The HBCU environment nurtured both confidence and clarity, reinforcing the idea that ownership is not just possible — it is necessary.

“Ownership and entrepreneurship are important to me because they create financial peace of mind and open the path to generational wealth,” Oyeleye says.

Like many entrepreneurs, her journey has not been without challenges. One of her biggest hurdles has been generating organic client growth. Rather than viewing this as a setback, she embraced it as a lesson in networking, relationship-building, and community education.

“I’ve learned the importance of educating potential clients about the value of my services,” she notes. “Networking and building trust are essential.”

That commitment to trust and confidentiality is a defining pillar of Secured Anchors Group. The firm emphasizes integrity, innovation, and personalized service. Clients are not treated as transactions but as long-term partners whose financial futures matter.

Looking ahead, Oyeleye has ambitious growth goals. Over the next three to five years, she aims to scale to between 1,000 and 2,500 organic clients, expanding both individual and business accounts while maintaining the firm’s high standards of service. Growth, she says, will not come at the expense of quality.

In addition to serving clients, Secured Anchors Group also offers a referral program to reward trusted partners — reinforcing the importance of community-based business building.

For current CIAA students and fellow HBCU alumni considering entrepreneurship, Oyeleye offers practical advice: identify a gap in an industry you are passionate about and create a bridge to fill it. She encourages students to gain practical experience, think about how their ideas serve the broader community, and build something that contributes to long-term economic empowerment.

As CIAA weekend shines a spotlight on Black excellence, entrepreneurs like Yemi Oyeleye exemplify the power of HBCU graduates building sustainable businesses that strengthen families and communities. Through financial literacy, integrity, and innovation, Secured Anchors Group is helping anchor brighter financial futures — one client at a time.

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## Creating Safe Spaces for Creativity and Healing: Shena "Sam" McEachern-Smith Grows New Vintage by Sam

By Harold Booker Jr.

For Shena "Sam" McEachern-Smith, entrepreneurship is rooted in **creativity, healing, and connection.**

A Morgan State University alumna (Public Health, 2007), McEachern-Smith is the founder of **New Vintage by Sam**. This purpose-driven creative brand blends jewelry design, cultural storytelling, and experiential art through initiatives like The Bead Bar. What began as a personal outlet has grown into a community-centered platform where art becomes a tool for wellness and empowerment.

"I started New Vintage by Sam as my own safe space," she explains. "It became a way to express myself and create environments where others could do the same."

The business addresses a deeper need than accessories alone. In a fast-paced and often stressful world, New Vintage by Sam creates intentional spaces where people can slow down, connect, and create something meaningful with their hands. Through pop-ups, workshops, and curated experiences, customers engage in hands-on bead-making sessions that promote mindfulness and cultural appreciation.

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Her background in public health informs her approach. McEachern-Smith understands the importance of mental well-being, community connection, and accessible spaces for expression. By merging creativity with wellness, she offers an alternative model of impact — one where entrepreneurship supports both economic and emotional health.

Her time at Morgan State University reinforced her commitment to community-centered work. As an HBCU graduate, she was surrounded by culture, excellence, and collective ambition. That environment instilled confidence and affirmed her ability to create something rooted in heritage and innovation.

One of her biggest challenges has been building brand visibility while balancing business growth. Like many creative entrepreneurs, she has navigated the learning curve of marketing, scaling production, and maintaining authenticity. Through that process, she has learned resilience and the importance of strategic exposure.

New Vintage by Sam creates impact by redefining how art and entrepreneurship intersect. The brand celebrates individuality while encouraging communal experiences. Customers do not just purchase jewelry — they participate in storytelling.

Looking ahead, McEachern-Smith plans to expand The Bead Bar into a larger experiential concept, potentially including a permanent location and broader regional partnerships. Her vision includes deeper collaborations, youth workshops, and expanded event-based programming.

For CIAA students dreaming of launching a venture, her advice is clear: build community first. Connect with mentors, learn from others, and don't be afraid to start small.

“Your idea doesn't have to be perfect,” she says. “It just has to begin.”

As CIAA weekend celebrates legacy and innovation, New Vintage by Sam reminds us that entrepreneurship can be both profitable and purposeful — rooted in culture, creativity, and care.

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## Planting Seeds for Generational Wellness: Taylor Carter Cultivates Social Seeds Project

By Harold Booker Jr.

*Entrepreneurship, for Taylor Carter, is liberation.*

A Morgan State University alumna (Social Work, 2015), Carter is the founder of **Social Seeds Project**, a generational wellness brand focused on helping families build stronger foundations through education, empowerment, and accessible resources.

Social Seeds Project was inspired by Carter's professional and lived experiences in social services and community engagement. She saw firsthand how systemic barriers — from limited financial education to lack of holistic wellness support — affected families across generations. Rather than remain solely within institutional systems, she chose to create an organization that could directly equip individuals with tools for growth.

"Entrepreneurship is liberation for me," Carter shares.

"It allows me to build solutions that align with my values."

The business focuses on generational well-being — combining financial literacy, mental wellness awareness, and community-based programming to help families move from survival to sustainability. Social Seeds Project emphasizes that true equity requires access to knowledge and consistent support.

Her experience at Morgan State University reinforced that mindset. As an HBCU alumna, Carter developed leadership skills grounded in cultural competence and community accountability.

The university environment affirmed her commitment to service while expanding her professional confidence.

One of her greatest challenges as an entrepreneur has been balancing time and capital. Building a mission-driven organization requires both financial resources and strategic planning. Through that journey, Carter learned to prioritize partnerships, clarify her offerings, and build sustainable systems rather than operate reactively.

Social Seeds Project creates impact by addressing the root causes of generational instability. Rather than focusing solely on short-term assistance, the organization emphasizes education, mindset shifts, and long-term empowerment. Families who engage with the brand gain tools that influence not only their present circumstances but future generations. Over the next three to five years, Carter envisions Social Seeds Project expanding its programming

"footprint, deepening partnerships, and developing scalable educational resources. Growth will include stronger digital offerings and potentially broader regional collaborations.

Her advice to CIAA students and alumni considering entrepreneurship is practical and encouraging: start and get connected. Build relationships. Seek mentorship. Leverage the HBCU network.

You don't have to know everything," she says. "You just have to be willing to learn and take action." As CIAA brings together alumni from across the conference, Taylor Carter represents the next generation of founders — mission-driven, community-rooted, and unapologetically focused on generational impact.

**Website:** [SocialSeedsProject.com](https://SocialSeedsProject.com)

## Unlocking Purpose and Potential: Tynetta Dance Builds Leaders Through UnlockU Coaching and Consulting By Harold Booker Jr

For Tynetta Dance, entrepreneurship is more than a business model — it is a **calling rooted in empowerment, strategy, and transformation.**

A proud alumna of Morgan State University (MBA, 2005), Dance is the founder of **UnlockU Coaching and Consulting**, a firm dedicated to helping individuals and organizations reach clarity, confidence, and sustainable growth. Through executive coaching, leadership development, and organizational strategy, UnlockU provides tools that help clients unlock their best selves.

Dance launched her business after recognizing a recurring challenge among professionals and entrepreneurs: many had the talent, education, and ambition to succeed, but lacked structured guidance and accountability to move from potential to performance. Her solution was simple yet powerful — provide coaching grounded in both lived experience and professional expertise.

“UnlockU exists to expand access to clarity, confidence, and capacity,” she shares. “When individuals are aligned with purpose, their impact multiplies.” Her HBCU experience played a significant role in shaping that mindset. At Morgan, Dance was immersed in an environment that emphasized excellence, resilience, and community responsibility. She credits the HBCU experience with reinforcing her leadership instincts and affirming her voice in spaces where representation matters.



*Tynetta Dance photo courtesy of Tynetta Dance*

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“There’s nothing like the HBCU experience,” she says. “It teaches you to own your narrative and lead boldly.”

Like many founders, Dance’s greatest challenge has been scaling while maintaining quality and balance. Building systems, investing in infrastructure, and managing growth have required discipline and adaptability. Through that process, she learned the importance of strategic partnerships, operational clarity, and protecting her energy as a CEO.

UnlockU’s impact extends beyond individual coaching sessions. The firm works with organizations seeking stronger leadership pipelines, improved team communication, and measurable culture shifts. By expanding access to executive-level coaching—particularly for professionals who may not traditionally have access to such resources—Dance is helping diversify leadership at every level.

Looking ahead, she envisions UnlockU operating nationally with a team of certified coaches and expanded corporate partnerships. Her three- to five-year goal includes deeper digital programming, group coaching cohorts, and scalable leadership development initiatives that reach emerging entrepreneurs and executives alike.

For current CIAA students and HBCU alumni considering entrepreneurship, Dance offers grounded advice: start where you are, but think strategically. Develop your expertise, understand your value proposition, and build with intention.

“Entrepreneurship is not just about income,” she says. “It’s about influence and impact.”

As CIAA brings together alumni from across the conference, Tynetta Dance stands as an example of what happens when purpose meets preparation — and when leadership is treated not as a title, but as a responsibility.

**Website:** [www.UnlockUcoaching.com](http://www.UnlockUcoaching.com)

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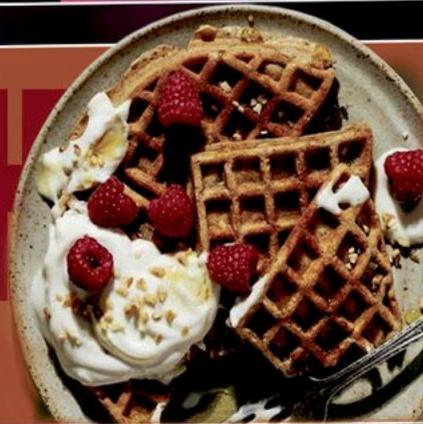
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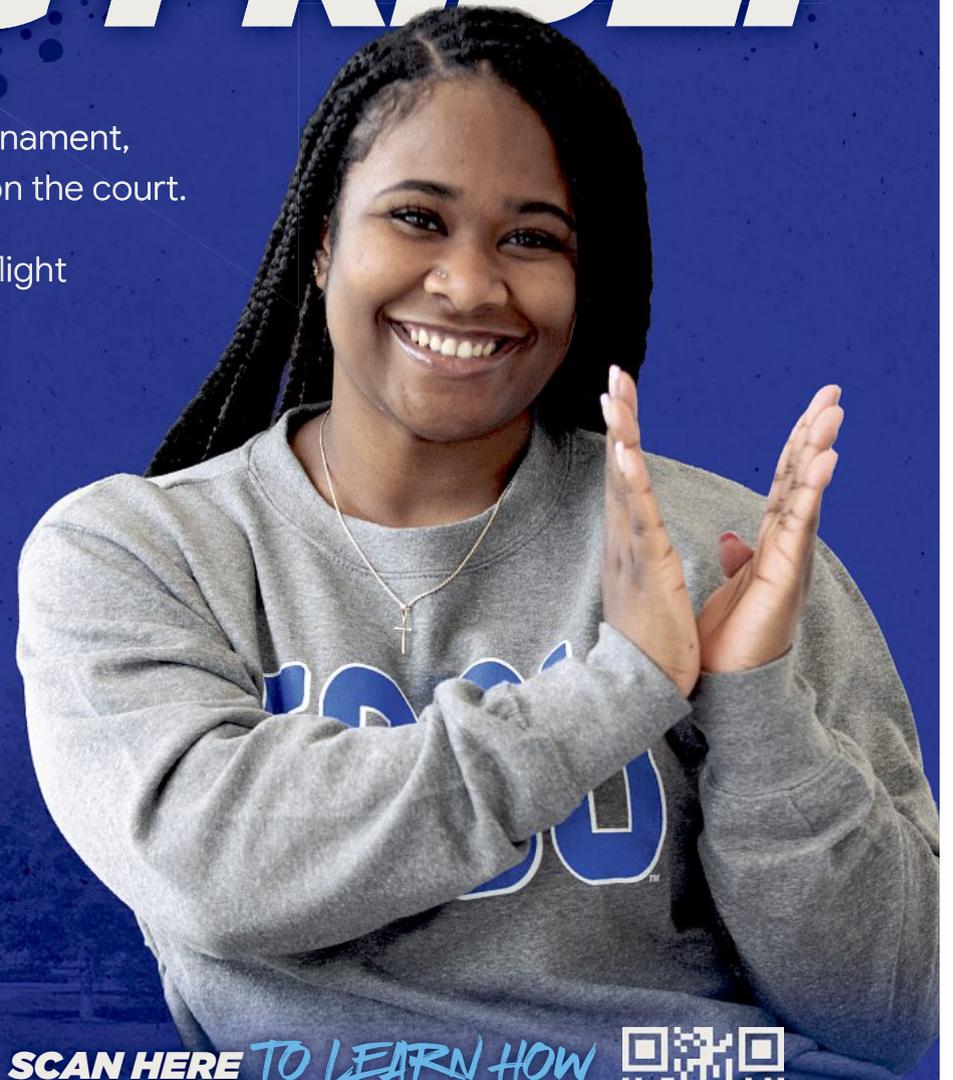


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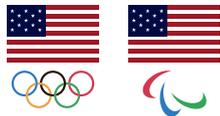
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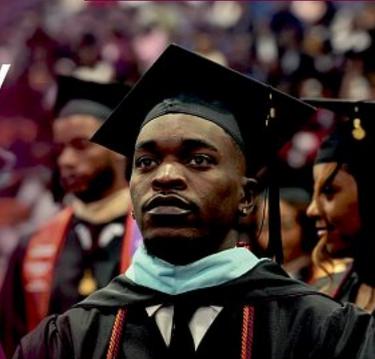
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