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2019 Comcast Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Recipients from Prince George's County



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(Left to right): Adeyinka Ogunlegan, Senior Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs for Comcast's Beltway Region; Timothy Mangen of Bowie High School; James D. Fielder, Ph.D., Secretary of Maryland's Higher Education Commission; Sean Looney, Vice President Government & Regulatory Affairs for Comcast Maryland. See page A3 for article and more winners.

Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation Receives Presidential Award For Export

By LORI VALENTINE

PGC Economic Development Corporation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Md. (May 23, 2019)—Today, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross presented Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) with the President's "E" Award for Export Service during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. In total, Secretary Ross honored 48 U.S. companies with the President's "E" Award, the highest recognition any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

In his congratulatory letter to the EDC announcing its selection as an award recipient, Secretary Ross stated: "The Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation has demonstrated a sustained commitment to export expansion. The "E" Awards Committee was very impressed with the organization's sponsorship of seven trade missions in the previous four years. The organization's case studies detailing the measurable growth for its clients exporting professional services were also par-

ticularly notable. The Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation's achievements have undoubtedly contributed to the national export expansion efforts that support the U.S. economy and create American jobs."

"We are extremely proud to receive this award for the work of our County's Economic Development Corporation that has not only boosted the economy of Prince George's County, but indeed the entire American economy," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "Prince George's County remains a great place to do business and we look forward to further increasing our global competitiveness over the next several years, especially for our small and medium-sized businesses."

Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, located in Prince George's County, MD, is a provider of export services for small and medium-sized U.S. businesses, including freight forwarding, export counseling, export financing, strategic planning, and more.

"Exporting is crucial to the success of the

businesses we work with," said Martin Ezemma, Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation Director of International Business Development. "Every day we see the growth of our clients businesses, due in large part to exporting. This growth has enabled our clients to add jobs and support their local communities as they expand their bottom line. Buyers and consumers in foreign markets want quality products made in the United States and we are honored to receive the 'E' Award."

"My partners, Armada SARL, LTD (based in Chad) and J.B. Lucas & Co. (based in New York) have made the full commitment to continue to partner with TJC Consulting Services (TJC) to continue to export professional services and expand business trade with Prince George's County," said Orlan Johnson, Managing Partner of TJC; another award winner. "With the assistance of the EDC and support from Mahamat Abakar and Jamal Lucas, I am confident that we will continue to be globally competitive, particularly on the continent of Africa, an area that many in the trade industry consider to be the final frontier."

Philip A. Njowusi, AIA, MBA, Managing Partner/CEO of Pan Services, a real estate development and management advisory services firm, as well as an 'E' Award winner also attributed a great deal of their success to their concentration in the Washington Metropolitan area. "Pan Services' success has been as a result of our ability to export exceptional Architectural, Project & Construction Management, Real Estate Development and Management Advisory services to the global market, particularly to Nigeria and other African countries. Because we are an Architectural and Development firm located in Washington, DC and Prince George's County, Maryland we have experienced significant increase in service requests within our core competencies."



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From Left to Right: U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, EDC International Business Director Martin Ezemma, Prince George's County DCAO Raymond Gilley and U.C. Commerce Under Secretary Gilbert Kaplan

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Achieving Excellence: Cheers to the PGCPS Class of 2019!

By OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
Prince George's County Public Schools

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (May 22, 2019)—Graduation ceremonies began Thursday, May 23 for the Class of 2019 in Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

Graduates from 32 schools will celebrate their achievements over the next two weeks, starting [May 23] with Academy of Health Sciences (AHS) at Prince George's Community College (PGCC), the school system's highest-performing high school. AHS [held] its graduation ceremony at 10:30 a.m. for students who receive[d] both a high school diploma and associate's degree on the same day.

"Excellence is our standard for every student, from the first day of school to graduation day," said Dr. Monica Goldson, Interim Chief Executive Officer. "We proudly celebrate our young achievers for earning their success and our admiration through perseverance and academic excellence."

This is a year of "firsts" for many innovative high school programs. The first-ever graduating classes will walk across the stage at the two International High Schools, which serve immigrant students with limited English proficiency, and College Park Academy, a charter middle and high school. The first cohort of 3D Scholars, a dual enrollment partnership with PGCC and University of Maryland University College, will send its graduates along the road to an affordable college degree.

In addition, Gwynn Park High School AP Computer Science students will join others nationwide as the first graduates of the Amazon Future Engineer program.

Among this year's outstanding scholars:

- Bowie High School twins **Alexis Esuke** and **Mikaila Esuke** share looks, the same GPA and the honor of serving as co-valedictorians.
- **Amanya Paige** will graduate as Parkdale High School's valedictorian and the first woman to serve two consecutive terms as the Student Member of the Board of Education.
- Surratsville High School salutatorian **Phillipp Sawyers-Yurchenko** speaks fluent Russian and has earned enough dual enrollment credits to skip his first year of college.
- **Nyree Walden** did not allow personal struggles to keep him from becoming the top student at Croom High School.

For more student success stories, photo galleries and a list of upcoming ceremony dates, visit the all-things-graduation hub Future Ready, www.pgcps.org/futureready/.

Hoyer, Lee, Garcia Visit Mary's Center and Judith P. Hoyer Early Learning Hub in Prince George's County

By ANNALIESE DAVIS

Congressman Steny Hoyer's Office

ADELPHI, Md. (May 23, 2019)—On May 23, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05), Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13), Chair of the Majority Leader Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity; and Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia (TX-29), Vice Chair on Urban Poverty, toured Mary's Center and the Judith P. Hoyer Early Learning Hub and participated in a roundtable discussion with stakeholders on the work they are doing to serve families in Maryland.

"I was glad to welcome Congresswomen Lee and Garcia to Prince George's County this afternoon to see the important work being done in our community by the Mary's Center and Judy Center," said Congressman Hoyer. "The comprehensive approach used by both Centers allows our communities to address some of the most significant issues facing families, including poverty, disparities in access to health care, and lack of opportunity. I appreciated learning more about the programs available for adults and children and how both the Mary's Center and the Judy Center are supporting adults and children in the Fifth District and can serve as a model for other communities."

"In Congress, House Democrats are continuing to focus on these important issues," continued Congressman Hoyer. "I will continue to fight for increased funding through the appropriations process to support vital programs for underserved communities."

"This trip could not be more timely or more important. The Trump Administration is attacking lifesaving programs that families

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Envirothon Challenges Students

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ChildWatch:

Staying Vigilant on Brown

Barbara Johns' courageous decision to do something about the injustice she saw around her helped change history just like the brave actions of so many other children, youths, and adults during the Civil Rights Movement.

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OTO Development Breaks Ground on Hyatt Place National Harbor

It's the latest hospitality addition to National Harbor, a 350-acre destination on the banks of the Potomac River with a variety of shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities.

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42nd Annual Bowiefest Celebration Is Saturday at Allen Pond Park

The focus of the festival is always on Bowie, and aims to showcase local talent, and local businesses and organizations in a fun and inviting atmosphere.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Why are so many gray whales washing up dead on west coast beaches this spring?

—Bill W., Camden, ME

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TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

With Mary McHale, will return June 6, 2019

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP PARISH

The United Methodist Women of the New Hope Fellowship Parish will host A Mother/Son-Father/Daughter Occasion on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Family Life Center, Nottingham Myers United Methodist Church, 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Donation is \$30/Adults, \$20 (ages 6–12), free for 6 and under. For further information and tickets, please contact Kim Montgomery, 301-627-0028 or Tracy Pinkney, 240-882-7703.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

The Family Justice Center was established as an initiative of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. The Center is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary organization created to enhance the provision of services of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and elder abuse in the aftermath of trauma and victimization. The contact number for the Center is 301-780-8008. Ms. Ashely Grier is the Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for the Prince George's County Family Justice Center.

2019 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Bowie State University held their 2019 Spring Commencement Friday, May 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bulldog Stadium Bowie State University Bowie, Maryland. The 154th Spring Commencement ceremony held was truly a memorable occasion. Congratulations to all the 2019 Graduates.

"Bowie State University empowers more than 6,300 with a rigorous curriculum and the support they need to find their strengths and compete in a changing world. The University has made great strides on the path to becoming one of the nation's best comprehensive universities, with expanding academic initiatives and new modern facilities that provide opportunities for innovative teaching, learning and research."

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

University of Maryland University College 2019 Spring Commencement was held at the Xfinity Center in College Park, Maryland Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Shanelle

Mitchell is married to my nephew Jeremy Mitchell who is the son of Larry and Dr. Patricia Mitchell. Shanelle flew from South Korea for the weekend to march across that stage and receive her Degree. Congratulations Shanelle in all your future endeavors. We are proud of you for all your accomplishments.

COFFEE OR TEA

You are invited to have tea or coffee with your School Board Member Sonya Williams District 9 Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. The location is Starbucks Brandywine Safeway at Brandywine Crossings, 15916 S. Crain Highway, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Board of Education Office number is 301-952-6115.

JOB FAIR AND TEACHER PLACEMENT

A Job Fair and Teacher Placement event will be held Wednesday, July 24, 2019 from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School. The address is 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Candidates must apply online before coming to a job fair. Visit hrrcruitment@pgcps.org.

CPR

CPR has been shown to be effective for cardiac arrest. It can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival. There are three ways to find a local CPR class. Contact the American Red Cross at redcross.org, contact your local fire department or visit enjoycpr.com, where you can search by city or zip code.

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP PARISH

Calling all VBS HEROES and all LAITY to come to Vacation Bible School. We will help children and adults discover their strength in God through Bible stories, missions, crafts, games, music and fun. (Snacks are reserved each night from 5:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.). We need you June 24–June 27 from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Please email wandacontee201338@gmail.com or call 301-404-6513 and leave voicemail.

Vacation Bible School is hosted by Nottingham Myers UMC at the Family Life Center. The address is 15601 Brooks Church Road Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, Reverend Constance C. Smith, Pastor.

Maryland Offers New Micro-Credential Course For Creative Classrooms

Veteran-ready community arts training to be provided later this year

By AMELIA RAMBISSOON
Maryland State Arts Council

BALTIMORE, Md. (May 21, 2019)—This summer, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), the Fine Arts Office of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), and the Institute for Integrative Health (Institute) will present the Veteran-Ready Community Arts Micro-credential course, a new suite of on-line competency-based professional learning courses for facilitators of creative classrooms geared toward veterans. An announcement event will take place on June 19th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Institute's headquarters in Baltimore, located at 1407 Fleet Street, Baltimore, MD 21231. To RSVP for this event, send an email to info@msdefinearts.org.

During the event, the Institute is pleased to present an exciting preview of Sticks & Stones, an exhibition featuring veteran art and their stories of healing through creative expression and other works related to trauma, substance abuse, mental health challenges, and healing. Sticks & Stones is a New Day Campaign project curated by Peter Bruun, in partnership with JW Rone, the Institute's Director of Veteran Initiatives.

When veterans sign up for the course, the Institute, as partner and author of the course, will facilitate the two-day workshop focusing on engaging veterans in creative practice. Each course focuses on developing a specific skill and acquiring a specific knowledge reservoir for use in schools and communities, including music, dance, visual arts, literary arts, media arts, theatre, and multidisciplinary arts spaces. Participants are able to personalize their

professional learning by selecting topics based on their own professional needs, successfully completing the course, and submitting evidence of mastery to receive the micro-credential. All courses are free.

Veterans often struggle as they transition from the active-duty military life they have known to the civilian world. Many veterans have discovered that engaging in the arts—painting, writing poetry, learning to play a musical instrument, dancing, and so on—provides a sense of wholeness that has shown in outcome evaluations to decrease anger, anxiety, depression, sleep disturbances, and a sense of isolation. Arts engagement can play an important role in helping to place a veteran suffering from trauma on a path of healing and wellness.

"We've witnessed the power of arts engagement with the veteran community through our Vet Arts Connect program," says Dr. Brian Berman, founder and president of the Institute for Integrative Health, a health-focused non-profit and think tank headquartered in Baltimore. "So much of healing takes place outside the doctor's office. Art experiences can help to ease symptoms related to post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, and depression."

"This program will shine a light on the transformative power of the arts. The Maryland State Arts Council is proud to collaborate with the Maryland State Department of Education's Fine Arts Office and The Institute for Integrative Health to positively impact the lives of service men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country," said MSAC executive director Ken Skrzysz.

The Veteran-Ready Community Arts Provider Training opens for registration this Spring and coincides with Governor Larry Hogan's recent appointment of 2019 as Year of the Veteran. This year-long observance raises awareness of the brave service and sacrifices our United States veterans and families have made for Maryland and the country.

Founded in 1967, MSAC is an agency of the State of Maryland Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts, and encourages and invests in the advancement of the arts for all Marylanders. Its grants and programs support artists and arts organizations in their pursuit of artistic excellence, ensure the accessibility of the arts to all citizens, and promote statewide awareness of arts resources and opportunities. MSAC awards grants to not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations and individual artists, and provides technical and advisory assistance to individuals and groups. The agency is funded by an annual appropriation from the State of Maryland and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. MSAC may also receive contributions from private, non-governmental sources. For more information, go to msac.org.

With a mission to promote meaningful engagement in arts education for all Maryland students, the Fine Arts Office seeks to support the rich network of 24 local school systems. Micro-Credentials for Creative Classrooms is their latest professional learning offering for facilitators of creative classrooms throughout Maryland. For more information, go to mcreds.org.

Around the County

Local Students Honored

Local Students Named to Dean's List at St. Mary's College of Maryland

ST MARY'S CITY, Md. (May 20, 2019)—The following local students were awarded Dean's List academic honors for the spring 2019 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland:

Beltsville, MD
Omobolawa Fadojutimi
Christian Oliverio

Bowie, MD
Emma Content
Kevin Glotfelty
Leah Jackson-Barreto
Veronica Kogut
Philip Newsome
Caroline Ryan
Amanda Trusen
Lela Versteegen

Brandywine, MD
Courtney Fielders
Alyssa Hawkins
Sylvia Klein
Samantha Martinson
Derek Windahl
Capitol Heights, MD
Jada Ward

Clinton, MD
Alana Demones
Glen Dale, MD
Elizabeth Mulvey
Greenbelt, MD
Maevae Ballantine
Mira Willson
Hyattsville, MD
Daniel Hunt
Noah Ramsey-Lucas

Jacob Rosenzweig-Stein
Lanham, MD

Andrea Deleonibus
Laurel, MD

Ivy Antunes
Kaitlyn Johnston-Napora
Carolyn Sutton
Jessica Vislay

North Brentwood, MD
Simonne Francis

Palmer Park, MD
Joan Devonish

Riverdale, MD
Karina Toledo

Upper Marlboro, MD
Kyle Musselman

Dean's List honors are awarded to full-time students at St. Mary's College who earn a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits.

St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College, is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024–2025. St. Mary's College, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Approximately 1,600 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland.

Mercy College of Ohio Announces Honors List

TOLEDO, Ohio (May 21, 2019)—The following student was awarded honors for the 2019 Spring semester at Mercy College of Ohio. To be named on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours. To be named on the Honor's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 6–11 credit hours. To be named on the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled for 14 or more credit hours.

Lanham, MD, Angela Pringle, BS Healthcare Administration, Honors List

Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic institution with a campus in Toledo, Ohio and a location in Youngstown, Ohio. It focuses on healthcare and health science programs. Mercy College offers graduate degrees in Nursing and Health Administration; Bachelor's degrees in Biology, Healthcare Administration, Medical Imaging and Nursing; Associate degrees in Health Sciences, Health Information Technology, Nursing, and Radiologic Technology; and Credit Certificates in Community Health Worker, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Medical Coding, Ophthalmic Assistant, Paramedic and Polysomnographic Technology and specialty imaging certificates.

—Denise M Hudgin, Mercy College of Ohio

Clarion University Announces Spring Dean's List

CLARION, Pa. (May 23, 2019)—The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2019 semester at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. To earn placement on the dean's list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 grade point average.

Capitol Heights, MD, Marc Bartkowiak

—Tina Horner, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Do You Have What it Takes to Represent Prince George's County Playing Pro Basketball?

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (May 22, 2019)—American Basketball Association (ABA) expansion team PG Valor Basketball announces Season 4 Tryouts. Before each season PG Valor holds open tryouts seeking local talent to add to their roster.

There are three types of PG Valor players: returning players (those who played with us during previous seasons); affiliate players (players who may have played overseas or with other opportunities and compete with us on our team to stay in shape and relevant); and local tryout players (qualified players who have the desire to join and compete with PG Valor). As of 2019 PG Valor has 10 players who have received overseas contracts; 2 ABA All Stars and 3 players drafted in the ABA Gold elite league. Tryouts represent the first steps in the extensive process of putting together PG Valor's roster for the up and coming season. Players who are at least 21 years old (under 21 years old requires a parental consent); has graduated from high school; and either (i) the player has not attended a college or university in the United States or Canada during the academic year that takes place during all or any part of the Season; or (ii) the player has no remaining intercollegiate basketball eligibility, will participate in a series of skill workouts sessions and live scrimmages.

PG Valor's season 4 also brings new coaching staff; new front office staff; a new GM and the return of their dance/spirit squad. Tryouts for the dance team will be announced soon and dance clinics will begin this summer. Tryouts for players will be held on August 24 and September 14, 2019 at 9107 Pine View Lane, Clinton, MD 20785 from 3–5 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

General public is welcome with an admission fee of \$5.

For more information regarding season four and all other PG Valor news-including sponsorship opportunities, visit our team website at www.pgvalor.com. You can also connect with us by visiting our social media page on Instagram: [@pgvalorball](https://www.instagram.com/pgvalorball) or by contacting us via telephone 240-918-7500.

—PG Valor Basketball

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COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

You Don't Want to Give Up!

Life is full of challenges. Some big, some small, but all can dishearten us at times and make us feel overwhelmed and discouraged.

While the goal of some challenge may be important to you, it can be easy to lose sight of that goal when things get in the way. Other responsibilities, a task's difficulty, a lack of time or just the fear of failing, can all cause you to give up.

Step one in taking on a challenge is clearly defining what it is that you want to accomplish. Identify and write down the goal you want to reach. It should be something specific, not a generality like "be a better person" or "be a happier person." It might be to stop smoking, to learn a new language, to get that promotion at the office, or any of a thousand other things that would actually make you healthier, happier or more content.

What you write down should become your purpose, something that you are going to give priority in your life. This means re-defining your overall priorities. It means not letting yourself be distracted by lesser goals that are going to stop or distract you from achieving what you really want to achieve. This may mean saying no sometimes or rearranging schedules to work toward your goal. The idea is to keep the focus on the thing you most want to achieve at this time.

When your top goal is something large, your next step is to figure out the steps you need to take to finally get you to that goal. If an office promotion is what's important to you, for example, maybe the first steps are doing small things to make yourself and your talents more visible, or volunteering to take on new projects that will help lead you to that bigger goal.

And, no, you don't want to give up. It can be easy to want to stop trying when things get difficult. Some studies find that it might take eight attempts before someone is successful at stopping smoking. Losing weight also often takes multiple efforts before one succeeds.

When you have a clear goal that you write down and keep focused on, then it's easier to see that temptation to quit is just another obstacle in the way, and one that you can find ways to overcome.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACACorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

Envirothon Challenges Students

By DONNA M. SUTPHIN

Prince George's Soil Conservation District

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (May 20, 2019)—The Prince George's Soil Conservation District and Prince George's County Public Schools hosted the 2019 Prince George's Envirothon on April 24th. This competition, which tests students' knowledge of natural resources, was held at the William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center in Brandywine. Teams of high school students were tested in five different areas including wildlife, aquatics, soils, forestry and agriculture and the environment.

The competition, combining "hands-on" experiences, testing, and teamwork, is not easy. It is designed to challenge, and therefore prepare the winning team for the Maryland Envirothon to be held this year at St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's, Maryland, June 19th and 20th. The State Envirothon champions will advance to the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon being held this year July 28th through August 2nd at NC State University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Team training sessions were held in October and March to help prepare the students for the stiff competition. The winning team was from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, and they will be representing Prince George's County at the Maryland Envirothon next month.

The Envirothon concept increases in popularity, with more counties and states participating each year. Our goal is to educate as many students and teachers as possible on the importance of conserving our natural resources, and, in turn, helping the environment.

Traffic Calming Work on Belair Drive and Beaverdale Lane

BOWIE, Md. (May 24, 2019)—Traffic calming measures will soon be installed on Belair Drive to reduce speeds and hopefully to discourage some cut through traffic from MD 450 and MD 3. The Belair Drive work will be done in two phases. The first phase, from Beechtree Lane to Kenhill Drive beg[an] May 28 and will include speed cushions, raised crosswalks, and stop signs at Kenhill Drive and at Stonybrook Drive.

Phase 2, which will address new measures from Kenhill Drive to Annapolis Road (MD 450), is still in the planning stages. A Stakeholders Open House on the Phase 2 project is scheduled for June 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. Residents are invited to learn about the preliminary plans and offer their input.

More information about these measures to improve the safety of Belair Drive can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/belairtraffic. If you have questions or comments about these measures, please contact Project Manager Michael Schramm at 301-80-2341 or email mschramm@cityofbowie.org.

Learn more about these efforts by viewing a short interview (2:35) with Public Works Director George Stephanos at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pNokwrCIg0>.

—Una Cooper, City of Bowie

Comcast NBCUniversal Awards \$102,500 in Scholarships to 38 Maryland High School Seniors

Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program Recognizes Students' Achievements Both In and Out of the Classroom

By SAVANNAH ISNER

Comcast

ANNAPOLIS (May 23, 2019)—Comcast NBCUniversal today announced that it has awarded approximately \$102,500 in scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year to 38 Maryland students as part of its annual Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program. Students are selected for their outstanding community service, academic performance and leadership skills. The award, funded by the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation, is a one-time, \$2,500 scholarship to be used toward undergraduate education-related expenses. Since 2001, more than \$33 million has been awarded to nearly 30,000 high school seniors across the country as part of the Leaders and Achievers program.

"Our Leaders and Achievers scholarship winners are exceptional students who are committed to academic excellence and community service," said Mary McLaughlin, Senior Vice President of Comcast's Beltway Region. "We are honored to recognize their achievements and excited to support them as they continue their educational journeys."

Comcast, joined by James D. Fielder, Ph.D., Secretary of Maryland's Higher Education Commission, and other local elected officials and school administrators, recognized the students at a special event held at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis on Wednesday, May 22. One student, Shane Shakoor, a resident of Towson and student at Loch Raven High School, was selected to receive an additional \$7,500 Comcast Founders Scholarship—instituted in honor of Ralph J. Roberts, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Comcast Corporation.

"Congratulations to all of our students for being recognized for excelling in your community service, academic and leadership achievements," said Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. "Thank you, Comcast, for being part of our commitment to strengthen Maryland's communities and invest in our students' educational futures."

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program provides scholarships to students who strive to achieve their full potential, who are catalysts for positive change in their communities, who are involved in their schools, and who serve as models for their fellow students. The philosophy behind the program is to give young people every opportunity to prepare for the future and to engage them in their communities. The program also demonstrates the importance and value of civic involvement, especially by the business community.

Visit <https://corporate.comcast.com/news-information/news-feed/recognizing-the-best-and-brightest-nationwide> to learn more about the program.

2019 Comcast Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Recipients from Prince George's County

- Timothy Mangen of Bowie High School
- Tracy Pham of St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel
- Amy Rivera of Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg
- Jasmine Tate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt



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(Second from left): Amy Rivera of Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg



(Second from left): Jasmine Tate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt

Scholarship Program Opportunity Through A-1 For Qualified Students in Prince George's County

By PRESS OFFICER

A-1 Auto Transport

APTOS, Calif. (May 23, 2019)—A leader in the auto transport industry has decided to reach out to qualified students all over Prince George's County, Maryland, to offer them the chance at a yearly scholarship worth \$200, \$500 or \$1,000. A-1 Auto Transport is looking for new content and has decided to reach out to students for help, in return giving them the chance to earn scholarship money.

For eligibility, students must be currently enrolled at an accredited institute, college or university. They must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher and write out an essay relating to the auto transport industry. This essay must contain at least 1,000 words.

All submitted essays must be original and unpublished elsewhere.

Once the essay is completed and ready for submission, students may send it via email to scholarships@a1autotransport.com. Each submission must include the student's name, mailing address, contact number, school name, and email address. The deadline for essay entries is March 10, 2020.

At the end of March 2020, A-1 Auto Transport's Scholarship Committee will review all essays and decide the winners. All winners will be announced on A-1's website and each winner of the scholarship program will also be notified through email. Scholarship money is then directly sent to the financial office of the student's school.

To learn more about A-1 Auto Transport's scholarship program, visit <http://www.a1autotransport.com/a-1-auto-transport-scholarship/>.

PLAN AHEAD FOR JUNE EVENTS IN UPPER MARLBORO

Lunchtime Lawn Concert: The Linwood Taylor Band with Special Guest Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 12-1:30 p.m.
Description: Stop by Darnall's Chance on your lunch break and listen to the blues with The Linwood Taylor Band and special guest Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark. Bring your own brown bag lunch or picnic basket. Some picnic tables will be on-site, but you are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair. Make your lunch just a little more memorable! Program sponsored, in part, from a grant from the Maryland Humanities Council.
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Darnall's Chance House Museum, 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Contact: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

Food Truck Day in Downtown Upper Marlboro

Date and Time: Friday, June 7, 2019, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Location: 14525 Downtown Church St. Parking Lot (Behind the

Bank of America) Free 30-minute parking is available in the Lot for visitors, but feel free to walk from the Courthouse or County Administration Building!
Contact: Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov, 301-627-6905

Great American Campout

Space is limited!

Date and Time: Saturday, June 22-23, 2019, 12 p.m.-10 a.m.
Description: Designed for first-time campers, this event provides an opportunity for families to learn basic camping skills as well as connect with nature. Enjoy tent camping, nature hikes, live animals, adventure activities, stargazing, campfires, and s'mores! Park staff will be on site for the entire event. Dinner Saturday night and breakfast (continental style) Sunday morning is provided.
Cost: \$12/Camper, **PARKS DIRECT Advance registration req'd.**
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Event location is at group pavilion/barn area. Patuxent River Park, 16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Contact: 301-627-6074; TTY 301-699-2544

COMMENTARY

Marion Wright Edelman

President Emerita,
Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Staying Vigilant on Brown

As a teenager, many of Barbara Johns' wildest dreams were about a surprising subject: a new school. "My imagination would run rampant—and I would dream that some mighty man of great wealth built us a new school building or that our parents got together and surprised us with this grand new building and we had a big celebration—I even imagined that a great storm came through and blew down the main building and splattered the shacks to splinters..." Then a day came when 16-year-old Barbara decided to put her dreams into action. "It was time that Negroes were treated equally with whites, time that they had a decent school, time for the students themselves to do something about it. There wasn't any fear. I just thought—this is your moment. Seize it!"

The year was 1951 and Barbara was a junior at segregated Robert R. Moton High School in Prince Edward County, Virginia. As her sister Joan remem-

bered, "Most of the school supplies that we got were torn and tattered, and we didn't have enough supplies to write with. The school we went to was overcrowded. Consequently, the county decided to build three tarpaper shacks for us to hold classes in. A tarpaper shack looks like a dilapidated black building, which is similar to a chicken coop on a farm... It was a very difficult setting for trying to learn." Barbara organized and led 400 students in a strike to protest Moton's terrible conditions and demand facilities more like the county's White high school.

NAACP attorneys Spottswood Robinson and Oliver Hill became involved after Barbara's persistent calls to their Richmond office, and after the students agreed they were willing to fight for a desegregated school rather than just a better segregated one. The legal case against the Prince Edward County school board was ultimately bundled with four similar cases

by NAACP attorneys in *Brown vs. Board of Education et al.*, leading to the landmark Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools sixty-five years ago this month on May 17, 1954.

But the triumph of Brown was sadly not the end of the story for Black children in Prince Edward County. Instead of complying with the Supreme Court decision, the commonwealth of Virginia pursued a campaign of "massive resistance," enacting a variety of new laws and policies designed to prevent public school desegregation. While other districts eventually gave in, Prince Edward County's Board of Supervisors continued to refuse to desegregate their schools and instead voted in June 1959 to shut down the county's entire public school system. It took five years and another Supreme Court decision to finally force the county to reopen its public schools.

And the triumph of *Brown* is still incomplete—and in renewed danger—for millions of students across our nation right now. The struggle for a quality education for every child is still the unfinished business of the Civil Rights Movement and the promise of ending "separate and unequal" schools has not yet been realized. Sixty-five years after *Brown*, many of the 58 percent of Black students and 60 percent of Hispanic students who still attend predominantly segregated schools—where 75 percent or more of their peers are minorities—continue to endure inadequate schools, missing supplies, and too many teachers with low expectations for them. Instead of moving to address our nation's ongoing need to live up to *Brown* the current Administration is choosing exec-

utive and judicial nominees and pursuing regulatory changes all moving in the opposite direction.

Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, writes in a May 12 op-ed for the *Washington Post*: "Since April 2018, more than two dozen executive and judicial nominees have declined to endorse the Supreme Court's unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. This week—one that marks the 65th anniversary of the landmark ruling that struck down legal apartheid in this country—the Senate is poised to confirm three of those judicial nominees to lifetime seats on the federal bench. That is simply unacceptable... The ugly truth is that declining to offer approval of *Brown* signals a willingness to question the project of democracy that *Brown* created—one in which African Americans and other marginalized groups compelled the federal courts to honor the spirit of equal justice embodied in the words of the 14th Amendment. And this isn't just deeply troubling; it's also downright dangerous."

Barbara Johns' courageous decision to do something about the injustice she saw around her helped change history just like the brave actions of so many other children, youths, and adults during the Civil Rights Movement. But we will not see continued progress unless we remain aware of all current threats and ready to meet today's insidious attempts at "massive resistance" with a mightier moral resistance of our own. In this evil climate we must be more vigilant than ever to make sure that we keep moving forward, not backwards.

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

School Vouchers Are A Failed Experiment

"How bad are school vouchers for students? Far worse than most people imagine. Indeed, the use of school vouchers—which provide families with public dollars to spend on private schools—is equivalent to missing out on more than one-third of a year of classroom learning."

—Center for American Progress study, "The Highly Negative Impacts of Vouchers"

School privatization has been a dismal failure, leaving students stranded in low-performing schools while transferring millions of taxpayer dollars into private, for-profit institutions.

The latest proof that private school vouchers don't work for students emerged from an investigation in Louisiana conducted by several news outlets. "The Cost of Choice" revealed that the

state's \$40 million-a-year voucher program has pulled thousands of students out of public schools into failing private schools that receive almost no oversight.

A full two-thirds of all students in the voucher system attended schools rated "D" or "F" under the state's assessment system.

There are 86 private schools that have accepted voucher students but most don't have enough students enrolled to be assigned a grade. But of the 37 that do, not a single school scored "A" or "B" and only three received a "C." The investigation found that students have left "C-rated" public schools to attend "D-" and "F-rated" private schools.

The Louisiana investigation is hardly the first to demonstrate the failure of voucher programs. When the Trump Administration unveiled a budget

that sought to divert public funds from bipartisan education programs into privatization efforts, Senator Patty Murray, Ranking Member of the Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, compiled a devastating memo detailing the damaging impact of school privatization programs across the country.

Private schools that siphon taxpayer dollars from public schools are able to skirt the accountability and reporting requirements to which public schools are subject. In many cases, there's simply no way for parents to compare student performance in private schools with public school, or to make sure that the private school meets even the most basic standards required of public schools.

Furthermore, the cost of attending private schools, including those that accept vouchers, usually exceeds the amount of the voucher, putting the voucher program out of reach for low-income families. In many cases, voucher programs merely publicly subsidize tuition for students who already were attending the private schools—often violating the principle of separation of church and state, since many of the schools are religiously affiliated.

Of particular concern to the Urban League Movement is the way in which voucher programs undermine civil rights protection. In response to the nation's long history of discrimination in schools, Congress passed civil rights laws to give every child in the United States access to a quality education. Most voucher programs fail ensure that private schools receiving taxpayer dollars be held to these civil rights standards.

"Under privatization programs, schools receive an ever-growing share of taxpayer funding but are free to choose the students they want, the rules they follow, and the practices they believe in, ignoring accountability and transparency for public dollars," Murray and her staff wrote in the 2017 memo. "In addition, voucher programs across the country have shown evidence of fraud, such as embezzlement of funds and submitting applications and receiving funding for nonexistent students. This occurs while simultaneously depleting needed resources for public schools and short-changing students."

It's clear that we, as a nation—and as communities invested in providing all children with a quality education that prepares them for college, work and life—must turn away from the failed voucher experiment and toward strengthening and improving our public schools. As the National Urban League made clear in its recent analysis of state plans to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act, we believe students, parents and community stakeholders should adopt a vision of education reform and innovation that expands and deepens opportunity, upends inequity, accelerates progress and delivers more fully on the promise of education.

Learn more about how the National Urban League's Equity and Excellence Project is supporting local, state and national advocacy, engagement and education reform efforts, and join the conversation by following @NatUrbanLeague on social media.

Tom Wiedemann

President and CEO,
AAA Club Alliance Inc., AAA Mid-Atlantic



Combatting 'Intextication'

They are called the "100 Deadliest Days." Nearly 3,500 people were killed in crashes involving teen drivers in the last five years during the 100 deadliest days of the year, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a crash involving a teen driver are people other than the teen behind the wheel. Distracted driving is an under-reported problem! AAA Foundation research found distraction was a factor in 58 percent of teen crashes—four times as many as federal estimates.

We know that our members care about this issue, and our AAA club is launching a far-reaching safety campaign to advocate for you as a driver and passenger. Our campaign targets drivers who would never consider getting behind the

wheel after drinking a beer or any other alcoholic beverage and, yet, will regularly use mobile devices while driving that dangerously take their eyes and minds off the road.

The campaign "Don't Drive Intoxicated—Don't Drive Intexticated" was created with the goal of making distracted driving socially unacceptable—just as socially unacceptable as drinking and driving. And why not? The two are comparably dangerous and deadly. AAA's sobering "intexticated" message makes clear that the consequences of both alcohol-impaired driving and texting while driving are often the same: deaths and injuries among drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

Every day, distracted driving kills an average of 9 people and injures 1,000, according to the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration. It is the third-leading driver-related cause of crash fatalities, only surpassed by speeding and driving under the influence. "More than 27,000 people are injured and 185 others die each year on Maryland roads because of distracted driving," according to the Maryland Highway Safety Office. "Distracted driving contributes to 58 percent of all crashes in Maryland."

Research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reveals that even though 97 percent of drivers say texting/emailing while driving is a serious or very serious threat to their safety, 45 percent admit to having read a text or email while driving—and 35 percent admit to having typed one—in the past month. More than half of teen drivers (52 percent) in the AAA Foundation's latest Traf-

fic Safety Culture Index report reading a text message or email while driving in the past 30 days and nearly 40 percent report sending a text or email. It is difficult for law enforcement to detect distraction following a crash, which has made distracted driving one of the most underreported traffic safety issues.

Decades of public education efforts against alcohol-impaired driving and related efforts have helped reduce by half the number of alcohol-impaired crash fatalities since the 1980s, according to the National Institutes of Health. Similarly, we can make a difference with texting and emailing behind the wheel, too.

In the coming months, including during the 100 deadliest days of the year, you will see and hear AAA in social and traditional media sharing messages and telling stories about the dangers of distracted driving, including texting and emailing while driving. It's critical that we all be responsible drivers and passengers who understand the importance of not driving "intexticated"—or distracted in any way—so that all of us, especially teen drivers during the dangerous summer driving season, can be safer together on the road.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Worker Received Overpayment Notice From Social Security

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty:

I have a problem with Social Security. They told me if I went over the annual earned income limit they would withhold \$1 for every \$2 I went over. But they did not tell me about the monthly rule for the first year of retirement and now they want \$13,000. I am a part time bus driver with irregular hours and cannot afford this. Can you help? **Signed: Feeling Wronged by SS**

Dear Feeling Wronged: The so-called “first year rule” is one which surprises many who claim benefits early and continue to work. That rule says that if your monthly income, in your first year after your benefits start, exceeds a certain limit (\$1470 in 2019), you are not entitled to SS benefits for that month. In your specific situation there are two things in play that I suggest you focus on.

First, you should immediately request a repayment plan on the grounds that you cannot afford to repay the entire amount right away and that forfeiting your benefits until the \$13,000 is repaid will result in a hardship for you. Although the Overpayment Notice you received asked you to refund the money within 30 days, it also suggested repayment options if you cannot afford to do so. I recommend you contact Social Security immediately to arrange a repayment plan, which is affordable for you. You can do this by submitting form SSA-632, which you can find at this link: www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-632.pdf. Be aware that if you don't get a favorable initial response from your first contact with Social Security, you have the right to appeal at several levels, including a review of your case by an independent Administrative Law Judge. But please note that it might take up to 60 days for Social Security to complete your repayment plan request. If you do not get action within that timeframe you should contact them again to determine your status.

Next, I suggest that, since Social Security informed you of the annual limit but neglected to inform you of the rule which limits your monthly income in your first year of early retirement, you may also have grounds to request a waiver of the entire overpayment. Social Security's own rules state that if your overpayment was caused by misinformation received from Social Security, you may be found “without fault” for any overpayment in your first year of early retirement. You may even want to download Social Security's own rules on this topic at this link: <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0202250061>. The onus will be on you to prove that the overpayment occurred as a result of misinformation supplied by Social Security, and you will need the name of the person(s) who supplied the incorrect information as well as the date and time. And as with all contact you have with the Social Security Administration, you should keep a complete written record of each transaction. In resolving this issue, you can and should use the appeals process if necessary, and you may even want to consider asking your local Congressional Representative to intercede on your behalf.

The 2 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) (<https://www.amac.us>) is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at <https://amac.us/join-amac>.

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Presidential Award from A1

In 2018, U.S. exports were the highest on record with U.S. services at \$821.1 billion with U.S. exports of goods reaching \$1.7 trillion, demonstrating how American private enterprise can not only survive but thrive in the global market.

American companies are nominated for “E” Awards through the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service office network, located within the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. Record years of successive export growth and an applicant's demonstration of an innovative international marketing plan that led to the increase in exports is a significant factor in selecting the overall winners.

For more information about the “E” Awards and the benefits of exporting, visit www.export.gov.

KLNB Announces New Tenants at Capital Plaza Shopping Center

By ALEX THOMPSON
for KLNB

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 15, 2019)—KLNB, the leading mid-Atlantic multi-service commercial real estate brokerage firm, has announced that five new tenants at Capital Plaza Shopping Center—Starbucks, AT&T, Tropical Smoothie Café, Quickway Hibachi, and Inspire Nail Bar and Spa—will join current tenants Walmart, McDonalds,

and an under construction Royal Farms. Brian Finkelstein, Principal, John Meyer, Principal, and Joe Mekulski, Retail Specialist, all of KLNB, represented the property owner Nellis Corporation on the transactions.

“The Washington, D.C. metro area is booming with development and Prince George's County is no exception,” said Finkelstein. “Capital Plaza offers an incredible location for retailers looking to capitalize on the robust

and rapidly growing D.C. economy.” Situated in Prince George's County, Capital Plaza offers 180,000 total square feet of developed retail space. Located at 6200 Annapolis Road, the site offers ideal visibility on a main thoroughfare in the Landover Hills neighborhood, less than 10 miles from downtown Washington, D.C. The site is easily accessible from Baltimore-Washington Parkway (I-295), is currently under redevelopment and the

first of three approved pad site buildings will deliver in Q4 2019.

“We're thrilled to bring these new restaurants and retailers to the Landover Hills community,” said Pete Federowicz, Chief Operating Officer of Nellis Corporation. “Through this exciting redevelopment, local residents will enjoy convenient access to high-quality dining, service providers, and retailers in their neighborhood.”

Building upon this momentum, additional opportunities at Capital Plaza for interested tenants will become available soon. Jr. Anchor, inline and pad sites are currently available.

For leasing opportunities at Capital Plaza, contact: Brian Finkelstein, 443-

632-2076 / bfinkelstein@klnb.com, John Meyer, 443-632-2052 / jmeyer@klnb.com, Joe Mekulski, 443-632-1343 / jmekulski@klnb.com

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2019 SU Entrepreneurship Competition Winners Announced

By PRESS OFFICER
Salisbury University

SALISBURY, Md. (May 13, 2019)—For Salisbury University junior Cameron Kane being an avid gamer finally paid off.

Kane's business plan for Valkyrie Software Solutions, a Salisbury based accessibility software company, recently took home the \$20,000 Bernstein Achievement Award for Excellence during the 32nd annual Franklin P. Perdue School of Business Entrepreneurship Competitions for SU students, sponsored by M&T Bank.

This award is sponsored by LWRC International; Rommel Chesapeake, Inc.; and the Perdue School's Business Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON).

Kane, of Glenn Dale, MD, is double majoring in computer science and interdisciplinary studies with a focus on business and communications.

Using a portion of his third-place winnings from last year's competition, he built a custom workstation to accelerate technical development and designed concepts for graphic overlays to on-screen game displays in an effort to enhance accessibility for the deaf and hearing-impaired community. In addition, he fine-tuned his concepts using a customer feedback loop while saving the remainder of his winning towards further product development.

As an SU Undergraduate Research Fellow, he founded this company with the goal of developing the highest-quality accessibility solutions without letting cost block all-inclusive accessibility.

“The synergy of having access to large university resources, such as the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology's High Performance Computing Lab, along with funding opportunities combined with small institutional networking connections and mentorships really enabled me to grow academically and entrepreneurially to both develop the technology and launch a business while helping real people.” he said.

In addition, Kane received \$1,000 by advancing in the first round of competitions, the “Invest in My Idea” poster presentation. He also placed first in the second



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From left: Kevin Bernstein, vice president of LWRC International, LLC, Cameron Kane, SU President Charles Wight and William Burke, SU executive director for economic development and director of entrepreneurial activities

round of the competitions, the “Gull Cage,” a Shark Tank-style elevator pitch to local business leaders.

In all, Kane left the Entrepreneurship Competitions with some \$21,000 in cash, awards, and services.

Some 49 teams applied, and for the first time, all of SU's academic divisions were represented, along with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. In addition to Perdue School teams, 50 percent included students from SU's other schools, including College of Health and Human Services, Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts, Henson School, and Samuel W. and Martha C. Seidel School of Education.

More than 50 percent of this year's Gull Cage winners were from schools other than the Perdue School. The final four Bernstein Round teams equally represented the Henson and Perdue schools. Additionally, close to 50 percent of the applicant businesses self-identified as minority owned.

William Burke, SU executive director for economic development and director of entrepreneurial activities, attributed the increases in part to a University-wide cam-

aign to inform and encourage those enrolled in all of SU's schools and colleges to participate in the competitions and use the resources available to them for preparing their entry. These include the Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Hub (the Hub), which opened in 2017 and is located on the first floor of Perdue Hall.

“Our reach and support from the entrepreneurship ecosystem, campus and business community at large is impressive,” Burke said.

In the Hub, members of the University's Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO) offer student-to-student business plan and coaching services. Entrants also receive training and support from John Hickman, regional director of the Small Business Development Center at SU; Bill Bernard, rural business innovation mentor at the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO); and Mike Thielke, executive director of the Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center, hotDesks Cowork-

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OTO Development Breaks Ground on Hyatt Place National Harbor

156-room waterfront hotel is first Hyatt property in Prince George's County

By SOPHIE SCHEPS
for OTO Development

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (May 17, 2019)—OTO Development, part of The Johnson Group, has broken ground on Hyatt Place National Harbor. Slated to open in late 2020, the seven-story waterfront hotel will be the first Hyatt-branded property in Prince George's County, Maryland. It's the latest hospitality addition to National Harbor, a 350-acre destination on the banks of the Potomac River with a variety of shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities.

Based in Spartanburg, South Carolina, OTO previously developed a Hampton Inn & Suites in National Harbor and now manages that property for Blackstone.

“It's always exciting to break ground on a new project,” said Corry Oakes, president/CEO of OTO Development, “and that's especially true within dynamic markets where we already enjoy strong part-

nerships and successful past collaborations. Our new Hyatt Place will complement National Harbor's current mix of hotels and resorts, offering a pet-friendly option with thoughtfully designed guest rooms and social spaces.”

Hyatt Place was rated #1 Upscale Brand in the 2018 Business Travel News Hotel Brand Survey. Factors for its popularity include fresh design concept, larger guest rooms, healthy food and fitness options, 24/7 dining, and brand consistency.

OTO's partners for the Hyatt Place project in National Harbor include Turner Construction of New York, general contractor; and //3877 of Washington, D.C., architect and interior designer. The land deal closed on March 1 with Peterson Companies, developer of National Harbor.

“OTO's history and in-depth knowledge of National Harbor, coupled with the opportunity to introduce the Hyatt brand into an already impressive collection of hotel and resort offerings, made them an ideal

partner,” said Taylor Chess, president of development for Peterson Companies. “We're excited to collaborate with OTO and welcome Hyatt Place to the Waterfront District at National Harbor.”

The LEED Certified Hyatt Place National Harbor will feature:

- 156 rooms, with more than half overlooking the Potomac River
- 1,700 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space
- 24/7 fitness center
- 24/7 business center
- Original-concept restaurant/bar with indoor and outdoor seating
- Walkable location with easy access to National Harbor's restaurants, retail and recreation
- Convenient access to Bolling Air Force Base, St. Elizabeth's Department of Homeland Security, Old Town Alexandria, Reagan Airport and Andrews Air Force Base

Once open, Hyatt Place National Harbor will create 40 FTE jobs.

OUT on the TOWN

42nd Annual Bowiefest Celebration Is Saturday at Allen Pond Park

Text and photos credit Una Cooper, City of Bowie

Bowiefest, the City's annual summer festival, takes place on Saturday, June 1st from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. This is the 42nd year that Bowie has celebrated this event to kick off the summer season.

The focus of the festival is always on Bowie, and aims to showcase local talent, and local businesses and organizations in a fun and inviting atmosphere. Entertainers like the Blue Miracle, The Young Senators, and Ambiance will be performing on three stages—at the Setera Amphitheater, at the Boathouse Stage, and on the Children's stage.

Food lovers can enjoy a variety of options at Bowiefest, from pulled pork, to pit beef, German potato pancakes, fried peaches, Italian sausage, fruit waffles, and other traditional fare like hot-dogs and ice cream. Texas Roadhouse will also sponsor a rib eating contest at 4 p.m.

There will be moon bounces, pony rides, a rock climbing wall, face painting, and a host of other activities throughout the park for children. The Children's stage will feature entertainment such as a kids' fitness and yoga demonstration, a magic show, a Reptiles Alive show, and songs from the Nature Troubadours. The Bowie Education Committee will also give away children's books at its booth.

Inside the Bowie Ice Arena, the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce will host the Home and Health Business Expo. More than 50 local businesses will be on hand to meet festival goers. Throughout the park, local clubs, churches, and community groups will have booths set up to showcase their organizations. There will also be an Arts and Crafts area, sponsored by Soroptomist International of Prince George's and Anne Arundel County where local vendors will be selling handmade jewelry, soaps, scarves, spices, and a variety of other products.

Admission to the festival is free. Festival goers can park at Allen Pond Park, on streets near the park, or they can park at the Park and Ride lot on Northview Drive and ride a free shuttle to the park. This year the shuttle bus is sponsored by the Bowie Marketplace Chick-fil-a, which will offer a free food voucher card for all riders. Shuttle buses will run between the Park and Ride Lot and Allen Pond Park every 20 minutes between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Allen Pond Park: 3330 Northview Dr., Bowie, MD 20716

Bowiefest entertainment schedule:

www.cityofbowie.org/bowiefest_schedule

Bowiefest video: <https://youtu.be/uBaUDb3ocOg>



Calendar Spotlight

2019 Montpelier Historic Site's Hidden Spaces Tours

Date and Time: Sunday, June 2, 2019 (also September 8 and October 6), 4 p.m., **Must arrive by 4 p.m. to go on tour.**

Description: Ever wonder what's behind the doors that say "Staff Only" and "Do Not Enter"? On this tour, Montpelier staff will take you to the areas that are seldom open to the public, including the three cellars, the attic, and walk-in vault. Learn about the construction of the house and the changes over its 230-year history. Tour includes narrow winding stairs and ladders (optional). Older clothes and comfortable shoes recommended. Tours led by Don Graham who started working at the property in 1985 and has been involved with much of the recent restoration work at the house and grounds.

Cost: \$15/person; \$10/Friends of Montpelier and Active Military. Reservations required, space is limited.

Ages: Adults

Location: Montpelier Historic Site, 9650 Muirkirk Road, (Muirkirk Road at Rte 197), Laurel, Maryland 20708

Contact: 301-377-7817, TTY: 301-699-2544

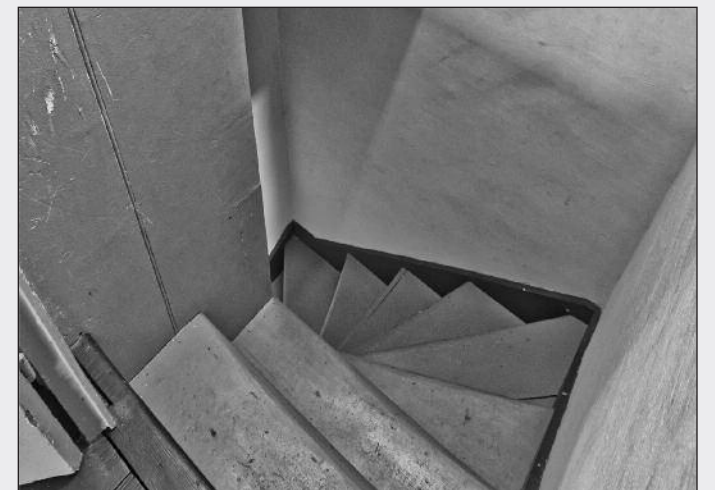
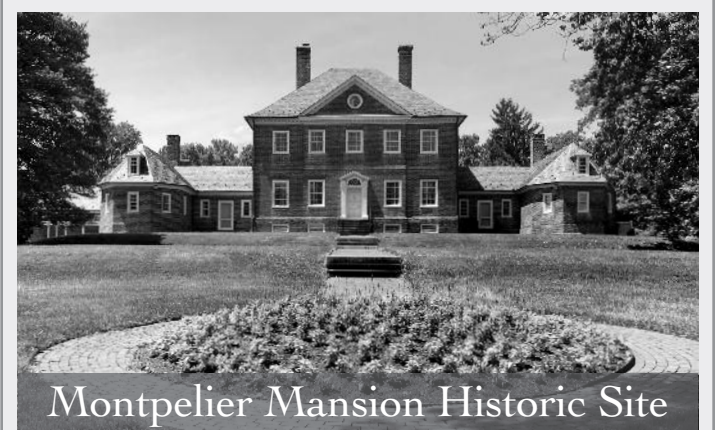


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Looking down Secret Staircase at Montpelier

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Montpelier Mansion Historic Site

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Step inside the **Montpelier Mansion Historic Site** and learn what life was like in 18th-and-19th-century Maryland. Stroll the grounds with over 70 acres of fields and wooded paths—an oasis of tranquility in a bustling world. Built in the 1780s and now a national historic landmark, Montpelier was one of several Snowden homes on what was once a vast land holding. This stately, Georgian style house was home to four generations of Snowdens, as well as enslaved individuals like Nance and Cattie Creek, and Ben, a blacksmith. The site is open to the public daily, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. except on Wednesday, when it is reserved for school programs/tours only. Admission: Seniors: \$4, Adults: \$5, Children (5–18): \$2, Children (4 and Under): Free, Dinosaur Room Only: \$1/person

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ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK

.... Movie Review

John Wick: Chapter 3—Parabellum

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Grade: B

Rated R, some harsh profanity, pervasive strong violence, some of it gruesome
2 hrs., 10 min.

John Wick's first line of dialogue in "John Wick: Chapter 3—Parabellum" is an instruction to a taxi driver: "The New York Public Library." How cool that an elite assassin is also a reader! Shortly after arriving at the library, he kills someone with a book. This is also cool. Look, we contain multitudes.

The third (but by no means does it expect to be the last) entry in this well-executed series of violent face-offs, again directed by former stuntman Chad Stahelski, picks up immediately where Chapter 2 left off. Wick (Keanu Reeves), having violated the pol-

icy against "conducting business" (killing) at the assassins-only Continental hotel, is excommunicated by the High Table that governs the global criminal underworld, a \$14 million bounty placed on his head. Continental manager Winston (Ian McShane) has given him an hour's head-start, but after that, no one loyal to the High Table is permitted to help John Wick in any way. Asked by desk clerk Charon (Lance Reddick) what he thinks Wick's odds of success are with every professional killer in the world pursuing him, Winston estimates that they are about even.

To be restored to full fellowship, Wick calls in a favor with a Russian ballet director (Anjelica Huston) who helps him get to Casablanca, where he calls in a marker with a colleague named Sofia (Halle Berry). It seems there is someone above the High

Table to whom Wick can appeal, but it requires a vision quest in the desert. We learn more and more about the hierarchy, policies, currency, and mythology of this world, all of which is dorky fun and makes absolutely no sense.

Meanwhile, back at the Continental, Winston is visited by an ice-cold Adjudicator (Asia Kate Dillon) who wants to know how a violation of the rules could have happened at his hotel and, furthermore, why Winston gave Wick that head-start instead of having him killed immediately. This Adjudicator goes around visiting everyone who's had contact with Wick, meting out punishments and demanding they prove their fealty to the High Table. Consistently throughout the film, "fealty" is the word everyone uses for loyalty, with the connotation of a serf pledging allegiance to a lord.

The scenes in which people converse rather than kill each other are serviceable, the story filled with enough baroque details to be compelling even between fights, but like Chapter 2, Chapter 3 becomes too enamored of its own plot. For make no mistake, it is the battles for which this franchise exists, and Stahelski and his crew deliver

an almost relentless series of epic ones, filmed and edited in such a way as to spotlight the skill of the performers: wide shots, long takes, often without any musical score so there's nothing to distract you from seeing the literal things that these humans are literally doing. (And dogs! There are two very good dogs who also do incredible things.) The settings vary: a fistfight in the library, a knife fight

in a room full of knives, another knife fight underwater, a squad of black-clad swordsmen on motorcycles pursuing Wick, a few good old-fashioned gunfights, etc. More than one opponent takes the opportunity mid-fight to express admiration for Wick and what an honor it is to be fighting him.

As ever, there is Keanu Reeves at the center of it: taciturn, zen-like, and almost 55

gosh dang years old. John Wick isn't the type of action hero who delivers corny punchlines after dispatching an enemy, and Reeves wouldn't be good at playing one. Wick is stoic and noble, like a dog-loving samurai, played by a beloved puppy dog of an actor. It's a perfect pairing of actor and role.

Now, if we could just make these things about 30 minutes shorter...



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In this third installment of the adrenaline-fueled action franchise, super-assassin John Wick (Reeves) returns with a \$14 million price tag on his head and an army of bounty-hunting killers on his trail. After killing a member of the shadowy international assassin's guild, the High Table, John Wick is excommunicado, but the world's most ruthless hit men and women await his every turn.

Calendar of Events

May 30–June 5, 2019

Riverdale Park Station Summer Concert Series— Bobby Stevens May 31

Date and Time: Fridays through August 30, 6–8 p.m.
Description: Live musical performances from some of the area's most talented artists. From pop rock and folk acts to Latin- and Swing-themed nights, there is something for everyone playing down in Riverdale Park Station's Bear Square this summer. June concerts: Brad Doggett (June 7), Spike and Dorothy (June 14), Shane Hines (June 21), Stanley Wtaker (June 28)
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Riverdale Park Station, 6621 Baltimore Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD 20737
Contact: riverdaleparkstation.com, @RiverdaleParkStation on Facebook

Laughing Inspite Of Stage Play, written by Playwright Elaine Hutchinson

Date and Time: Saturday, June 1, 2019, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Description: This Stage Play is based on the popular book, *Laughing to Keep From Crying*, written by Rosalyn Morgan. The Stage Play is Directed by Jacquie Anderson and produced by Divine Revelation Entertainment & Educational Services, Inc. Laughing Inspite Of is a Comedy-Drama based on a true story of a daughter's devotion and attention to her mother during her mother's onset of Alzheimer's disease. While taking the journey into the unknown, she finds humor in her struggle.
Cost: \$30 and \$35 at the door
Location: Harmony Hall Arts Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744
Contact: elaine@divinerevelationent.org, 301-523-0120

The Color of New Orleans Musical Extravaganza

Date and Time: Saturday, June 1, 2019, 4–6 p.m.
Description: In celebration of more than 300 years of the history and tradition of New Orleans, this musical extravaganza showcases the music, dance, language, and culture of that beloved city. Join us as we go from the Mardi Gras to the French Quarter Festival, while celebrating classical musicians of New Orleans. Held in partnership with the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts and Opera Créole, an opera company founded in New Orleans.
Cost: \$15/person, Purchase through PARKS DIRECT!
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: The Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Rd, Cheverly, MD 20784
Contact: 301-277-1710

Glade Dance Collective

Date and Time: Saturday, June 1, 2019, Workshop: 4–6 p.m., Performance: 7 p.m.
Description: Explore improvisational dance with Glade, then take part in their evening performance!
Cost: \$10
Location: Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd, College Park, MD 20740
Contact: College Park Arts Exchange, www.cpaec.org

Campfire Program: Route 1

Date and Time: Saturday, June 1, 2019, 8:30 p.m.
Description: America's Main Street, US Highway 1, Baltimore Avenue, Washington Boulevard—there are many names for the link between Baltimore City and Washington, DC. Connecting residential communities and commercial crossroads clustered along both sides of this historically important artery of transportation, this road has spanned three centuries of transportation, communication, and community development. From the earliest ships in Elkridge and Bladensburg to modern communities supporting the Washington/Baltimore region, Route 1 has been a vital part of this history. The guest speaker is Aaron Marcavitch, who is the Executive Director of Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc., a heritage tourism organization based in Hyattsville, MD.
Cost: Free. Meet at Campfire Circle.
Ages: 8 and above
Location: Greenbelt Park, National Park Service, 6565 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
Contact: 301-344-3944, http://www.nps.gov/gree

Artful Afternoon

Date and Time: Sunday, June 2, 2019, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Description: 1–3 p.m.: Make a tambourine! Workshop with Rachel Cross, Artist in Residence. **Reservations recommended: Sign up online for this workshop.** 3 p.m.: Beyond the Nose: Meet the new Circus Camp director Mike Funt through a program of stories and sketches exploring how people around the world come together through laughter. 1–4 p.m.: Studio Open House and Artist Market.
Cost: Free!
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Contact: 301-397-2208

Symphony of the Potomac Concert: Winter Dreams in June features Russian Composers

Date and Time: Sunday, June 2, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Description: Final concert of 2018–2019 Season. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1, "Winter Dreams," Alexander Borodin's Overture to Prince Igor, and Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto #1 are the featured works. Soloist in the Rachmaninoff concerto is noted pianist Alon Goldstein.
Cost: At the door: \$20 (adults), \$17 (65+), and \$5 (students w/ID/youth under 18).
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Cultural Arts Center, Montgomery College, 7995 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Contact: www.symphonypotomac.org

College Park Youth Orchestra and Youth Band Spring Concert

Date and Time: Sunday, June 2, 2019, 7 p.m.
Cost: Pay As You Can donation
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville
Contact: College Park Arts Exchange, www.cpaec.org

Riversdale Exhibition to Celebrate 220 Years of Wedding Traditions

Personal items from Maryland's Founding Family to be exhibited

By HOWARD MENAKER
Riversdale Historical Society

RIVERDALE PARK, Md. (May 20, 2019)—June 11, 2019 will mark the 220th Anniversary of the 1799 marriage of George Calvert, grandson of the Fifth Lord Baltimore. In that year, he married Rosalie Stier, the daughter of a wealthy Belgian aristocrat whose family came to America in 1794 to escape the spreading French revolution.

To commemorate this important date in Calvert family history, the Riversdale House Museum is mounting a special exhibition, "Your Presence is Requested: Calvert Weddings 1799–Today", opening June 2, 2019.

Patrick Gossett, President of the Riversdale Historical Society, stated, "This exhibition will illustrate Calvert family weddings and wedding traditions throughout the past 200 years, and the social lives of some of Maryland's most prominent citizens. As a counterpoint, it will also include material about wedding customs within the African-American community, so important in building this country."

Docent-led tours are available to the public on Fridays and Sundays from Noon until 3:30 p.m., for an admission fee of \$5.00. Group tours can be scheduled 7 days a week, booked in advance through the Riversdale Office (301-864-0420).

Gossett elaborated, "In order to fully illustrate the rich legacy of Riversdale, we will include heirlooms from Calvert weddings throughout the years, generously loaned to the Museum by Calvert descendants. They include elegant clothing and jewelry worn at the weddings, photographs,

invitations, unique wedding gifts, and other items that have been tucked away in attics and basements for many years."

The exhibit will also examine the relationships of the family of Adam Francis Plummer, an enslaved worker at Riversdale, and other enslaved families who lived and worked around Riversdale, as told through letters and diary entries. Plummer was born into slavery in 1819, and was moved to Riversdale at age 10. There he learned to read and write, and started a diary in 1841 after his marriage to Emily Saunders, continuing it until his death in 1905. Their marriage was atypical for slaves, as they were granted a marriage license and their marriage was considered legal.

The Calverts were descended from the First Lord Baltimore, who received the charter for the Maryland colony from King Charles I in the 17th century. The family remained as the Barons Baltimore for over six generations and 150 years.

Rosalie's father, Henri Stier, began construction of Riversdale in Prince George's County in 1801, but returned to Belgium with most of his family in 1803, leaving it to be completed by George and Rosalie in 1807. There the Calvert family raised their family of nine children.

The exhibition will fill the entire museum, and will feature not only George and Rosalie Calvert's wedding, but also the weddings of their children and seven generations of the family, including the 1839 wedding of their son, Charles Benedict Calvert, Founder of the University of Maryland.

The exhibition will include several items

Seasonal Selections:

Breakfast at the Calvert's
Sunday, June 2, 2019, 12:15–3:15 p.m.
Grab some 19th-century inspiration and a new recipe or two as you pop into the open hearth kitchen to watch the Riversdale Kitchen Guild demonstrate 19th-century foodways and recipes. In celebration of George and Rosalie Calvert's 220th wedding anniversary, the Guild explores the custom of the wedding breakfast and features breakfast and brunch recipes.
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737
Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

from the Riversdale Historical Society permanent collection including:

- a copy of the invitation to dinner at Mount Vernon hosted by George and Martha Washington to celebrate George and Rosalie's wedding
- the engraved silver cup given to Caroline Calvert to commemorate her wedding
- a magnificent display of Philadelphia Tucker porcelain purchased by Charles Benedict Calvert, as he and his wife settled into married life at Riversdale
- silver flatware given to many Calvert family brides as wedding gifts

The exhibition will open June 2, and conclude in November 2019.

The Riversdale Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, protection and presentation of the Riversdale House Museum and Gardens and The Calvert Memorial Park, in cooperation with The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Earth TALK™ Biologists Wonder Why Gray Whales Washing Up Dead On West Coast Beaches

Dear EarthTalk:

Why are so many gray whales washing up dead on west coast beaches this spring?

—Bill W., Camden, ME

It's definitely been a rough spring for Northern Pacific gray whales making their annual 5,500-mile trip from Mexico's Baja California to the Alaskan arctic. Forty-eight of them, emaciated but otherwise showing no overt signs of any known disease, have "stranded" themselves along west coast beaches so far this spring, and researchers expect dozens more before the migration wraps up in June.

The last year when such large numbers of gray whales showed up dead along their migration route was 2000, but that year's severe El Niño had sent lots of warm water into the Pacific and disrupted food webs ac-

ordingly. While a much more mild El Niño this time around probably has contributed some warmer water into the mix, other factors are definitely contributing to the increased strandings.

One optimistic view is that the whales' very success in rebounding from near-extinction a century ago means more competition for finite amounts of food, leaving those individual whales less skilled at feeding themselves doomed to starvation. Unregulated commercial whaling had decimated Northern Pacific gray whales, with their population dwindling to just a few thousand individuals by the 1930s after an international ban on commercial whaling and other conservation measures kicked in to help spur their recovery. These days some 27,000 of them ply the Northern Pacific.

"The more whales you have, the more whales that are going to die," NOAA Fisheries' Michael Milstein tells Seattle-based news service Crosscut. "So, it's not totally unexpected that we'd see an increasing trend in whale strandings."

According to this theory, the whales may have rebounded to the point where they are bumping up against the Northern Pacific's "carrying capacity" (defined as the maximum population size of a given species that the environment can sustain indefinitely given the availability of suitable food and habitat).

But there is likely still more to the story. Global warming has led to retreating polar ice and algae die-offs in the Arctic, key habitat where the whales go every summer to stock up on nutrients before their long commute back to Mexico. These changing conditions have also led to a decline in benthic amphipods, the tiny shrimp-like crustaceans that form the basis of the gray whales' diet, which would explain why so many more of them are starving to death as they try to make the long journey north. And/or something could be wrong with (or contaminating) amphipods, in turn hurting gray whales.

Scientists worry that the troubled gray could be "canaries in the coalmine" for more widespread problems in marine ecosystems in the coming years, especially if this recent uptick in strandings is fundamentally tied to things wrong at the very bottom of the marine food chain.

"The same thing that's affecting [gray whales] may affect other species in different ways," adds Milstein, "if they either depend on the same food sources, or depend on food sources higher in the food web."

CONTACTS: NOAA's Gray Whale Info, www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/gray-whale; "Why are so many gray whales dying in WA?" crosscut.com/2019/05/why-are-so-many-gray-whales-dying-wa; Michael Milstein, www.fisheries.noaa.gov/node/2226.

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Marine biologists aren't sure yet why so many gray whales are washing up dead on west coast beaches, but global warming is definitely a factor.






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Hoyer, Lee, Garcia from A1

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"The issues concerning many communities across America are all the same: access to quality health care, good paying jobs, and opportunity," said Congresswoman Garcia. "It is wonderful to see organizations like Mary's Center and Judy Center dedicated to addressing the concerns of their neighbors and delivering on these issues. Their service is a testament to the communities they represent and I hope others will have the opportunity to learn from the important work they are doing."

Mary's Center provides health care and social services for adults, regardless of ability to pay, at eight locations in the Washington, DC region. Judith P. Hoyer Early Learning Hub, commonly known as Judy Centers, are early childhood resource centers named after Congressman Hoyer's late wife. Judy Centers provide comprehensive education and support services for children age five and under and their families throughout Maryland.

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Entrepreneurship from A5

ing and F3 Tech Accelerator. Outside the Hub, students utilized local experts, such as Kevin Justice, executive director of M4 Reactor.

SU faculty also provided workshops and office hours for students. They include Drs. Gene Hahn, professor of information and decision sciences, and Patrick Fennell, assistant professor of marketing; as well as Paula Morris, marketing professor of the practice; Bob Morrison, management lecturer; and Bob Barber, mathematics and computer science senior lecturer.

In addition to the four finalists, 11 other business plans received \$1,000 each during the "Invest in My Idea" round. Cash awards for this round were provided by Bank of America, Bank of Delmarva, Chesapeake Utilities, Hebron Savings Bank, Layton's Chance Vineyard and Winery, Private Wealth Partners, Quintellas, Sisk Fulfillment, Strategic Wealth Partners, TEDCO, Worcester County Economic Development and SU alumni. They included:

- Drink-N-Pour, LLC (automated drink dispensing system)—Hunter Strickland, Christopher Banks (UMES), and Adnan Bashir (University of Maryland, College Park)

During the final awards ceremony, the local business leaders who volunteered their time as judges praised the students' efforts. "I'm amazed by your passion and creativity," said Sandy Fitzgerald-Angello of Pohanka Automotive Group of Salisbury.

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