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## Governor Moore Announces New Bowie State MARC Station Community-Centered Transit Project

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Aug. 7, 2025)—Governor Wes Moore today announced a major step forward in advancing transit-oriented development at the Bowie State MARC station in Prince George's County. The Maryland Department of Transportation issued a request for proposals to deliver a community-centered transit project that expands affordable housing, unlocks long-term economic development, improves connectivity, and enhances access to transit.

"This project represents Maryland's continued commitment to sustainable growth, economic opportunity, and housing near transit," said Gov. Moore.

"By partnering with Prince George's County and Bowie State University, we are building a foundation for a connected, inclusive, and thriving community that serves current and future generations."

Located immediately west of the Bowie State MARC station train tracks, the 4.6-acre state-owned site represents an opportunity to create a vibrant, mixed-use community centered on public transit, as well as the growing Bowie State University campus. Redevelopment of both state-owned and private land at Bowie State MARC station has the potential to support up to 670 construction jobs, yield more than 400 housing units, and generate \$108 million in state and local tax revenue.

"Transforming the Bowie

State University MARC station into a bustling hub where people can live, work and learn starts with the search for the right development partner," said Maryland Department of Transportation Acting Secretary Samantha J. Biddle. "The development partner will work hand-in-hand with the Department and our partners to support realization of the transit-oriented development vision shared by the community, Prince George's County, and Bowie State University."

The selected development team will deliver an initial project focused on affordable housing on state-owned land and lead a comprehensive master planning process for the broader state-owned station area. The master planning process—sup-

ported by \$1.5 million from the Transportation Trust Fund—will include evaluating and delivering long-term development opportunities; identifying funding and implementation strategies; and advancing key transit infrastructure improvements. Key infrastructure elements will include an extended MARC platform, a new pedestrian bridge connecting the site to the Bowie State University campus and improved bike and pedestrian circulation throughout the area.

"Bowie State University is proud to be a partner in advancing this transformative vision for the Bowie State MARC Station," said Bowie State Univer-

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## Statement of the County Executive Aisha N. Braveboy: On Closing Bids for the Future of the Six Flags America Site

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the County Executive

"As you may know, we were surprised by the recent announcement that Six Flags America and Hurricane Harbor, located in Bowie, Prince George's County, Maryland, will permanently close after the 2025 season. While this chapter in Prince George's County's history will come to an end, a new and extraordinary opportunity is on the horizon.

For years, Six Flags America brought joy and created memories for families across the region. However, the property has mainly remained underutilized as an economic asset. Operating seasonally and occupying only a portion of the land, the park has not fully realized the vast potential of its footprint.

The site, encompassing over

500 acres of prime real estate along Central Avenue/State Route 214, is uniquely positioned to become a transformative, year-round economic driver for our County. I believe that we can and will pursue a higher and more impactful use of this land that better serves our residents and our long-term economic goals.

As County Executive, I am committed to personally leading this effort, in close partnership with Six Flags ownership, prospective developers, and our valued community leaders, stakeholders, and residents to guide a thoughtful and inclusive redevelopment process, one that prioritizes jobs, sustainable growth, and long-term success for Prince Georgians.

The future is bright, and our work begins now as we elevate Prince George's."

## Buyer Beware—Flash Flooding Across the Country Means Water Damaged Cars Could Soon Be Flooding the Market

AAA offers tips for identifying flood-damaged cars and steps to take if your car was submerged in water

By PRESS OFFICER  
AAA Club Alliance Inc

BALTIMORE (Aug. 6, 2025)—As of July 15, more than 3,000 flash flood warnings have been issued in communities across the United States—that's the highest on record for the time period since the modern alert system went into effect in the mid-1980s.

Vehicles across the country have been flooded in those rising and rushing flood waters this year. In fact, last week, floods swept across much of Central Maryland—flooding roadways, submerging cars and stranding motorists—leading to water rescues across Harford and Baltimore Counties.

The number of flash floods this year brings safety risks for drivers and additional concerns for consumers in the market for used cars. Even partially submerged cars can be unsafe to drive and nearly impossible to identify. AAA warns car buyers to be on the lookout for flooded out vehicles that may have made their way to the used car market.

"Modern vehicles have much more technology on board than ever before,"

says Ben Perricone, AAA Approved Auto Repair Territory Manager. "There are wiring systems, sensors and electronic modules running throughout our vehicles, including behind the bumpers and fenders. Water intrusion into those systems can cause serious, costly and potentially unrepairable damage."

The engine and many other mechanical components can be heavily damaged or inoperable due to water, as well. The cost of repairing flood damage is often more than the value of the vehicle itself and insurance will declare it a total loss.

Flood-damaged vehicles are typically given a salvage or flood title (depending on the state) and recycled for parts or crushed for scrap, but some end up on the used car market—and could end up in your driveway. "The seller may have made some repairs to get the vehicle running and looking nice, but there could be hidden problems that will eventually catch up with the new buyer," says Perricone.

Follow these steps to avoid a flood-damaged car:

- Choose a reputable car dealer.

- Be extra diligent when purchasing an out-of-state vehicle.
- Smell for mold or mildew.
- Check upholstery and door panels for water stains, mud, rusted screws and components or new or mismatched fabric/carpeting.
- Search the trunk and under carpets for dirt, sand, mildew or other signs of water or water damage.
- Scrutinize the seatbelts for mildew, water spots and dirt. Pulling the belt all the way out may reveal tell-tale watermarks or other signs of water intrusion.
- Test electrical components, including window and seat controllers, turn signals, radio and A/C.
- Look for rust inside the hood and around doors, hinges and screws.
- Check for fog or moisture inside headlights, taillights and turn-signal lights.
- Get a free report on the vehicle. Visit the National Insurance Crime Bureau website for a free VINCheck. Just type in the Vehicle Identification Number to find out whether the car you are interested in buying was ever



PHOTO COURTESY AAA

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reported as a salvage or flood vehicle by insurance companies that belong to the NICB. Be aware that VIN fraud, where VIN numbers are switched or altered, can occur.

- Purchase a CARFAX report for even more detailed information about the car, including major accidents, number of previous owners, mileage rollbacks and manufacturer recalls.
- Have a mechanic do a thorough inspection.
- If a deal seems too good to be true, it's often an indicator that the seller is trying to get rid of a car that's likely to have problems in the future.

"It can take many months to over a year for flood-damaged cars to make their way to market. Buyers should always thoroughly inspect vehicles before purchasing," adds Perricone.

**Storm season is still upon us—Would you know what to do if your car floods?**

With much of the summer and much of hurricane season still in front of us, many more cars are at risk of becoming flood-damaged this year. Dealing with

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## Experience the Spirit of Greece at the 2025 St. Theodore Greek Festival

Authentic cuisine, live music, dancing, and faith-filled hospitality returns this September

By PRESS OFFICER  
St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church

LANHAM, Md. (Aug. 7, 2025)—OPA! The beloved St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church Cultural Festival returns **September 26–28, 2025**, inviting the community to experience the vibrant sights, sounds, and flavors of Greece right in Lanham. One of the region's longest-running Greek festivals, the event brings together thousands from across Maryland, Washington D.C., and Virginia for three days of food, fun, and cultural celebration.

Since 1990, St. Theodore's annual festival has welcomed families, friends, and neighbors to explore Greek traditions through food,

music, and faith. The festival features a wide array of homemade Greek specialties, lively bouzouki music, traditional folk dancing, and guided tours of the church's breathtaking architecture, vibrant iconography and timeless beauty.

"Our annual festival is more than a cultural event—it's a reflection of our Orthodox faith, our love of hospitality, and the strength of our parish community," said St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church's Rev. Fr. Manuel J. Burdusi, Protopresbyter and Parish Priest. "We are grateful for everyone who attends, and for the volunteers who make this celebration possible year after year."

**Festival highlights:**

- **Authentic Greek Cuisine:** Enjoy gyros, souvlaki, spanakopita, pastitsio, Greek cheeses, loukoumades, baklava, and more—paired with Greek wines, beer, ouzo, and traditional coffee.
- **Live Music & Dancing:** Dance to live bouzouki and watch performances by the St. Theodore Greek dancers in full traditional costume.
- **Church Tours:** Step inside the beautifully adorned St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church to explore its stunning iconography, mosaics, and sacred art.
- **Marketplace:** Shop Greek imports, jewelry, Orthodox icons, and artisan gifts.
- **Family-Friendly Fun:** Free admission and activities for all ages—bring the whole family!

**Event Details:**

- September 26 (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.), September 27 (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.), September 28 (12 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
- St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church, 7101 Cipriano Rd, Lanham, MD 20706
- Free admission—all are welcome!

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# TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

## In & Around Morningside-Skyline by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

### Bradley Wade re-elected Morningside Mayor

Morningside held its Town Election on May 5. Bradley Wade—with 59 votes—continues as Mayor. Other candidates for mayor were Robin Lee-Stroman and Todd Mullins.

R. David Chambers and Todd Mullins were elected—or re-elected—to the Town Council. Another candidate was Robin Lee-Stroman.

Mayor and Council were sworn in on May 19. As mentioned in the Morningside Newsletter, Morningsiders are encouraged to “Come meet your Mayor & Council at one of the Town meetings.”

### Back-to-School night movie August 22

Morningside celebrates Back-to-School Night with a free movie August 22 evening. There’ll also be hotdogs and popcorn. Bring your own chair and enjoy the film and munchies.

### Major Tuddy, Commanders’ mascot, attends Night Out

Our National Night Out Against Crime, on August 5, was blessed with great weather—overcast, and warm, but not super-hot or super-humid. Turnout was good size and included some former residents, dropping by for a visit.

Ms. Spivey and Mr. Proctor attended with t-shirts reading “I [HEART] Skyline Citizens’ Association.”

Organizations in attendance included the Prince George’s County bomb squad

which brought along a couple of their dogs; the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department; and the Maryland State Police motorcycle unit. The Town of Morningside showed off its new police cruisers.

Morningside Officer Erin Brown, who lives on a farm, brought along Miley, her 16-year-old miniature horse.

Minor League Baseball team, the Chesapeake Baysox (previously Bowie Baysox but renamed last November), sent their mascot, Louie from Bowie. Major Tuddy, mascot for the Washington Commanders, also attended.

Mayor Wade & Councilman John Anthony cooked hamburgers and hot dogs, and Morningside police officers made snow cones and popcorn, and plated the food.

Morningside raffled off a wide variety of prizes, including a kids’ play water-table, an iPad, several pairs of earphones and Beats headphones, and a \$100 Giant gift card. Congratulations to Karen Rooker for winning the 55" Roku TV. It will go nicely in the new addition she’s building onto her house.

### Corpse Flower blooms

Hundreds of folks turned out at the U.S. Botanic Garden on August 5 hoping to see (or at least smell) the Amorphophallus titanium in bloom, which it usually lasts for two to three days every few years. Thousands have come this year.

It began to “smell a little bit of, like, rotting fruit,” apparently a sign it’s

bloomed. Which it began to do about 4 p.m.

As detailed in The Washington Post, it has generated a cult following.

One enthusiast, LEGO Master Model Builder Andrew Litterst, was so impressed that he spent last summer building a 7,522-piece LEGO model of the plant. He donated it to the Botanic Garden.

### Happy Birthday to the Beltway

It opened August 20, 1984, 41 years ago.

If you’ve been here long enough, you’ll remember when some of the homes on Pickett were on Suitland Road, when there was no traffic light at Allentown & Suitland roads, and when the Doug Patterson family lived on the hill at the intersection where the Holiday Inn is now.

There were no McDonald’s, no Andrews Manor. The Boys’ Club had ball fields along there. And, at least, you’ll remember when it was a lot slower going to Silver Spring or Alexandria.

### Milestones

Happy Birthday to Savannah Foster, Aug. 11; Mary Berkley and Brittany Short, Aug. 13; Kathy Beardmore, Aug. 15; Margaret Hunt, Nancy Stacey and Gracie Mothershead, Aug. 16; Hildagard Koenig, Aug. 17; and my great-granddaughter Heather McHale, Aug. 19.

Happy Anniversary to Sharon and Mike Fowler who wed Aug. 11, 1979.

## Brandywine-Aquasco by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

### AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Elton and Janet Smalling, Wayne and Beverly Baker, John and Pamela Stahl, Cameron and Betty Rivers Barron, Bonnie and Matilda Johnson, Umaru and Mariama Davis, William and Judy Terry who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in August. Hope that you have many more Wedding Anniversaries to celebrate.

### AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Marcus Long, Kari Crane, Brian Harper, Quivianna Stroman, Demetria Brooke Knight, Emeka Mbakwe, Ben Caple, Mason Alexander Stroman, Karl Pinkney, Valentine Grant, Sr., Mason Pilch, Donovan Joiner, Kevin Augustus, James V. Dorsett, Norville Hughes, Rev. Stella Tay, Esther Neckere, Georgia Kinard, Denia Peralta who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating birthdays in August. Hope that you have many more birthdays to celebrate.

### 149TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

St. Philip’s Church Baden Parish will be celebrating their 149th Anniversary Homecoming on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 10 a.m. Guest Speaker Minister Faye A. Johnson from Genesis Covenant Church in Clinton, Maryland. Message for the day is “We are Trusting and Seeing What God Can Do.” St. Philips’ Church Baden Parish is located at 13801 Baden Westwood, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. There will be a lite lunch after the service. Come and bring a friend.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Please join us for our Annual Friends and Family Day on Sunday, August 17, 2025, 10:30 a.m. at Clinton United Methodist Church, 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735. The telephone number is 301-868-1281. Rev. Melanie Trice, Pastor. Refreshments will be served after the morning service.

### CHILDREN’S COOKOUT—BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

Welcome to the Annual Children’s Cookout—Building the Future Together. Come join us at 4400 Livingston Road, Indian Head, MD 20640 on September 6, 2025, at 12 p.m. for a fun-filled with a day of food, games, activities and more with our youth. The event lasts six hours. The event is free. Organized by Bee Hive Lodge #66. MWPGLMD. Light, Love, Leadership. Men Assembled Serving on Noble Standards. Let us create lasting memories together as curate space for children, teens and tomorrow’s leaders. Do not miss out on this exciting opportunity to connect with other families and Maryland Prince Hall to build the future through the joy of giving back and sending our youth back to school with hope and love.

### LEGACY FAMILY RECEPTION

Calling all BSU Legacy Families! You are invited to a LEGACY FAMILY RECEPTION. This Curated Experience is for all of our Alumni and their next generation Bulldogs! Are

you a proud Alumni family moving in your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or sibling? Join us on Monday, August 18, 2025 from 2–4 p.m., in Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex Room 102. Please register.

### LET’S PLAY GOLF

TEE OFF FOR TEAM BSU Driving Athletic Excellence 14th Annual Bulldog Golf Classic October 7, 2025. The Country Club at Woodmore. Join the Bowie State University Department of Athletics for a day of Golf, friendly competition and Bulldog pride at the 14th Annual Bulldog Golf Classic. Get ready to tee off in support of our #BowieBOLD student-athletes and help us continue building champions on and off the field.

Early Registration Fees through September 1, 2025: Per Golfer \$200, Per Foursome \$700, Per Golf Clinic \$100. Registration Fees after September 1, 2025: Per Golfer: \$225, Per Foursome: \$800, Per Golf Clinic: \$125. Golf Class includes: 18 holes, greens fee and golf cart; continental breakfast; lunch during tournament, post-networking event; gift bags, and much more.

Register today. If unable to participate or sponsor the tournament this year, consider making a donation to support student athletes at Bowie State University. Donate today. The sponsorship deadline is Monday, September 8, 2025. We look forward to hosting you at our 14th Annual Bulldog Golf Classic. For more information, and to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please visit bowiestate.edu/bulldogclassic or contact: Jennifer Coke, Executive Director of philanthropy 301-860-4778, jcoke@bowiestate.edu.

### 2025 BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR

Prince George’s County Public Schools Kick Off 2025 Back-to-School Fair will be held Saturday, August 16 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at Prince George’s Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, Maryland, 20785.

### SILVER SPRING JAZZ FEST

Join us for Jazz Fest 2025 on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 3–10 p.m. By Silver Spring Arts & Entertainment District. Location is 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. The 2025 Silver Spring Jazz Festival headliner is Preservation Hall Jazz Band. This Band stands as one of the most iconic ensembles in American music, dedicated to preserving and celebrating the sounds of traditional New Orleans jazz. Founded in the early 1960s, the group has performed around the world, championing a genre that continues to shape the American musical identity. Their performances are a joyous blend of ensemble improvisation, soulful melodies, and parade-style rhythms. Each show feels like a living tribute to generations of jazz pioneers, with a spirit that is both reverent and celebratory. The current lineup includes seasoned veterans and younger torchbearers; all deeply connected to the band’s rich legacy. Event lasts seven hours. All ages.

donate them to their local schools. This can help ensure every student is well-equipped with much-needed school supplies. Visit <https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/august/national-crayon-collection-month-august>.

throwing them away is harmful to the environment. A better destination for these gently-used crayons than the landfill is a classroom near you.

An initiative called National Crayon Collection Month, celebrated in August, invites families and teachers to ask restaurants to save their discarded crayons and

(SPM Wire) The crayons on the table of your favorite family-friendly restaurants keep kids occupied before their meal starts, but in many cases, these art supplies get thrown away when the table gets bused. In fact, more than 60 million crayons are discarded each year in the United States alone. Because crayons are not biodegradable,

## Students Honored

### Ava Kitchen Named to Dean’s List at Biola University

LA MIRADA, Calif. (Aug. 8, 2025)—Ava Kitchen was named to Biola University’s Dean’s List for academic excellence.

Kitchen, a Comm Sciences Disorders major from Cheverly, MD, was one of approximately 1,500 students who were named to the dean’s list in spring 2025. Biola students are placed on the dean’s list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

“Inclusion in Biola University’s Dean’s List is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement, and investment in scholarship,” said Dr. Tamara Anderson, Senior Associate Provost. “These attributes are the building blocks of continued success, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace and in the student’s personal lives. We celebrate these students and their achievement, looking forward to their future accomplishments.”

### Lauren Viegas of Bowie Awarded Bachelor of Science in Marine Science - Biology

KUTZTOWN, Pa. (Aug. 5, 2025)—Lauren Cira Viegas of Bowie, MD, has been awarded a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science - Biology from Kutztown University.

Kutztown University has conferred degrees for nearly 1,200 students for the 2025 spring semester.

Kutztown University announces degree conferment twice a year, once in the winter and once in the summer. Commencement exercises are held in May and December; however, students finish the requirements for graduation throughout the entire year. The following students have been awarded degrees following the 2024 spring semester.

The cumulative grade point average necessary for honors distinction is: with honor (cum laude) 3.40; with high honor (magna cum laude) 3.60 and with highest honor (summa cum laude) 3.80.

### Students Make Dean’s List at Georgia Tech for the Spring 2025 Semester

ATLANTA, Ga. (July 28, 2025)—The following students have earned the distinction of Dean’s List at the Georgia Institute of Technology for Spring 2025. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

**Adaora Azubike** of Bowie (20721)

**Patrick O’Malley** of Upper Marlboro (20772)

**Robyn Robinson** of Bowie (20715)

### Hofstra University Student from Bowie Presents Environmental Research

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (July 24, 2025)—A Hofstra University student from Bowie presented research alongside Professor Antonios Marsellos at the 32nd Annual Conference on Geology of Long Island and Metropolitan New York (LIG) this spring at Stony Brook University.

**Caci Bradley** is studying Computer Science and Cybersecurity at Hofstra. Caci, a member of the class of 2028, was a co-author on “Wavelet Analysis of Groundwater Level Fluctuations in Long Island and The Metropolitan Area, NY” with Dr. Marsellos, Ida Cann ’26, William Jones ’26, and Alana Parag ’25.

The work analyzed the impacts of human interference across Long Island’s groundwater system from 2002–2024.

Marsellos, an expert in environmental hazards and associate professor in Hofstra’s Department of Geology, Environment, and Sustainability, has participated in the LIG for seven years and has coauthored more than 50 publications with Hofstra students over the past nine years.

Dr. Marsellos’ mentorship of student research across academic disciplines speaks to the dedicated community of teachers and scholars focused on student success and interdisciplinary learning, as outlined in the Hofstra 100 strategic plan.

Earlier this year, Hofstra earned the R2 research designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, a testament to the University’s dedication to research, innovation, and societal impact.

### Kyla Hebert Receives Academic Recognition from Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Association

ANNVILLE, Pa. (July 24, 2025)—Kyla Hebert, of Upper Marlboro, Md., is one of four Lebanon Valley College women’s lacrosse players named to the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Association Academic Honor Roll.

Hebert, a graduate of Northern High School, is pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing in nursing at LVC.

A total of 1,284 student-athletes from 201 different institutions earned a spot of the Division III Academic Honor Roll. To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a junior, senior, or graduate student and have earned a cumulative academic GPA of 3.50 or greater.

### Missouri State Releases Spring 2025 Graduation List

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (July 23, 2025)—Missouri State University awarded 2,824 degrees to students in spring 2025.

The commencement ceremonies took place May 9, 2025, at Great Southern Bank Arena. The following local students earned degrees:

**Henrietta Bright** of Lanham (20706) graduated with a Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice.

**Tessa-Mae Little** of Suitland (20746) graduated with a Doctor of Defense and Strategic Studies.

**Khacia Brice Desire Ourega** of Springdale (20774) graduated with a Master of Business Administration.

Students who graduated with honors completed at least 30 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.



# COMMUNITY

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday STEAM Hour

Date and time: Saturday, August 23, 2025, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Description: Join our educators at this hands-on activity table where creativity takes flight! Perfect for budding engineers and aviation enthusiasts, this interactive program allows visitors to design and build their own creations. Whether you’re constructing airplanes, airports, or inventing something entirely new, Saturday STEAM Hour encourages you to dream big and bring your ideas to life. Drop in anytime during the hour for an opportunity to explore the wonders of aviation through play. No registration required.  
Cost: FREE with admission \$5 adult; \$4 senior; \$2 student; FREE children under 2 and Field of Firsts members  
Ages: 6–12  
Location: College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Dr, College Park, MD 20740  
Contact: 301-864-6029, collegeparkaviation@pgparks.com

### Maryland Commission on Civil Rights 2025 Civil Rights Gala

Date and time: Saturday, August 23, 2025, VIP Reception: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Gala Program: 7 p.m.  
Description: The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights is honored to welcome U.S. Senator Angela Alsobrooks as a featured guest for a Fireside Chat at this year’s Civil Rights Gala! A trailblazer and dedicated public servant, Senator Alsobrooks made history as the first woman elected as Prince George’s County Executive and now serves as Maryland’s first Black woman U.S. Senator. Her leadership, commitment to justice, and passion for community uplift make her the perfect voice for this powerful evening. With her addition, our dynamic Gala Lineup is officially complete and it’s one you don’t want to miss. From inspiring voices to unforgettable performances, this will be a night to remember.  
Cost: General Admission Ticket: \$250; VIP Ticket: \$375 bit.ly/2025MCCRGALA  
Location: The Hall at Maryland Live! Casino & Hotel, 7002 Arundel Mills Circle #7777, Hanover, Maryland 21076  
Contact: mccr.outreach@maryland.gov

### Jazz in the Gardens | A Tribute to Quincy Jones

Date and time: Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 5:30 to 8 p.m.  
Description: Enjoy an evening concert showcasing some of the finest jazz musicians in the D.C. area, celebrating the iconic music of Quincy Jones, all in the spectacular setting of Hillwood’s gardens. This evening features Marshall Keys on saxophone, vocalist Imani-Grace Cooper, and fabulous musicians from throughout the DC area. The concert is presented by executive producer Donna Limerick. Please bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets.  
Cost: \$30; \$25 member; \$10 student; \$5 child 6–18; Free for children under 6  
Location: Hillwood, 4155 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008  
Contact: www.HillwoodMuseum.org

### Young Adult Job and Resource Fair

**Presented by Eckerd Connects Youth Career Center**  
Date and time: Thursday, September 4, 2025, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Description: Eckerd Connects Youth Career Center presents the Young Adult Job and Resource Fair, open to young adults ages 18–24. Connect with local employers, explore career options, and learn about community resources designed to support your goals. Whether you’re looking for work, training, or guidance, this event is a great place to start. The Eckerd Connects Youth Career Center in Suitland, is a workforce development program that serves out-of-school youth in Prince George’s County, ages 18 through 24. Funded by the Prince George’s County Workforce Development Board, the program provides education, job readiness training, guidance and counseling, support services, occupational training, and job placement assistance.  
Location: Spauldings Branch Library, Large Meeting Room, 5811 Old Silver Hill Rd, District Heights, MD 20747

### 35th Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival

Date and time: Saturday, September 13, 2025, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Description: The 35th Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival, one of the largest African American heritage and cultural festivals on the East Coast, returns to the heart of Annapolis. Founded and embraced in the city of Annapolis, the festival is a vibrant celebration of African American resilience, culture, and community. From live performances to arts, food, education, and empowerment—the festival is FREE and open to all ages. Rain or Shine  
Cost: Free Admission. Onsite parking options—prepay now!  
Ages: Family-Friendly  
Location: Navy–Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (Blue Lot), 550 Taylor Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401  
Contact: www.kuntakinte.org

### NCRTV’s Annual Gala

Date and time: Saturday, September 13, 2025, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Description: The National Capital Radio and Television Museum (NCRTV) invites all to join us for our Annual Gala, on September 13, 2025, at the Bowie Comfort Inn. NCRTV will honor Diane Rehm, a leader in the local broadcasting community with the Ed Walker Lifetime Achievement Award in Broadcasting. Named for long-time local on-air personality and first NCRTV president Ed Walker, the Lifetime Achievement in Broadcasting award recognizes the impact that local radio and television communicators have had on the local citizens. Walker received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Broadcasting in 2015. Our Annual Gala is our largest fundraiser each year, and your support will help us continue to promote and preserve the rich history of electronic media, engage with our community, and further our educational outreach. There are many ways to support us, even if you can’t join us for the Gala. Sponsorships, or donations to our silent auction are a great way to show your support from afar.  
Cost: \$130 for members, \$160 for non-members. Tickets are on sale at ncrtv.org/gala/  
Location: Comfort Inn & Conference Center, 4500 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716  
Contact: 301-390-1020, or email info@ncrtv.org

## Housing Resource Fair

By PRESS OFFICER  
UCAP

United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) will be hosting a housing resource fair on **Wednesday, August 20** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. UCAP is Prince George County’s leading anti-poverty agency. This event is a day dedicated to empowering residents with the tools and information they need to navigate the changing housing landscape. Whether you’re buying, selling, renting or facing foreclosure, you can receive expert advice and resources. Meet with certified housing counselors, employment resources, estate planning, energy assistance and many more. Participate in sessions on



topics such as mortgage readiness, credit repair and affordable housing. UCAP is located at 1400 Doewood Lane in Capitol Heights, Maryland. This event is free and open to all.

For more information contact 301-322-5700 ext 172 or email jglover@ucappgc.org.

## MARIETTA HOUSE MUSEUM’S LUNCHTIME LECTURE Forged in Fire: Life, Labor, and the Pursuit of Liberty at an 18–19th Century Iron Furnace

By STACEY HAWKINS  
Marietta House Museum

Please join us on **Wednesday, Sept. 3**, noon-1 p.m. for a Lunchtime Lecture: “Forged in Fire: Life, Labor and the Pursuit of Liberty at an 18–19th Century Iron Furnace”. Theresa Donnelly will discuss how the Underground Railroad played a part in the lives of the enslaved laborers

at the Catoctin Furnace and the iron works. The Catoctin Furnace is an historic iron forge located near Frederick, MD. Built in 1774 and operated by enslaved laborers who made cannonballs for the War. This program is in partnership with Prince George’s County Historical Society. Recommended for Ages 12 & up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free program. Register on www.pgarks-

direct.com with ticket code: MHM-SPEC-GA-20250903.  
Walk-ins are welcome and guests may bring a bag lunch. For more information, please call 301-464-5291 or email mariettahouse@pgparks.com  
Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD and is a property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

## Swing for a Cause at Hospice of the Chesapeake’s Golf Tournament

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN  
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, Md. (Aug. 7, 2025)—The Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Hospice of the Chesapeake is one of the region’s most popular charity golf event. It’s held at a spectacular time, on a beautiful course and for an even better reason—every swing brings hope and every putt makes a difference. This year’s event will take place **Thursday, Sept. 25**, at the scenic Queenstown Harbor Golf Course in Queenstown, Maryland.

Area golfers are encouraged to reserve their foursomes now for this unforgettable day of purpose and play. The day includes a full breakfast by Main & Market, lunch at the turn by Buddy’s Grill, an awards banquet by Two Rivers Steak & Fish House, beverages on the course, range time, greens fees, golf cart and a \$50 gift to be used at the mobile Taylor Made Pop Up Shop. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Last year’s event raised nearly \$225,000 for the programs and services offered by the nonprofit serving Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles and Prince George’s counties. This year’s event is already off to an amazing start thanks to its many sponsors, including Masters level sponsor Safford Brown Auto Group; Augusta level sponsor The Michael Stanley Foundation; and Heritage Level sponsors Coastal Management Associates, LLC; Crescent Cities Charities; Flooring Partners; George W. Stone Family Foundation;



PHOTO BY ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN, HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

(Sept. 26, 2024—Queenstown, MD) The Hospice of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament Committee gathered for a group photo at last year’s event. The committee is known for adding a luxurious array of perks and swag to help make this event one of the region’s most popular charity golf tournaments.

SMART; and Waterfront Engineering and Design.

Whether a seasoned golfer, a casual player, or an enthusiastic sponsor, you’ll help bring comfort and healing to patients, loved ones, and the community during life’s most difficult moments. Come for the game, stay for the cause—and make a lasting impact.

To reserve your foursome or become a sponsor or underwriter, visit <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/golf>. For details, contact Lauren Thurston at 443-837-1531 or [events@hospicechesapeake.org](mailto:events@hospicechesapeake.org).

### Transit from A1

sity President Dr. Aminta Breau. “This project is a bold step forward in realizing our Economic Development Plan’s vision of leveraging strategic partnerships to drive innovation, economic opportunity, and community vitality. By strengthening connections between our campus and the broader community, expanding access to affordable housing, and fostering a vibrant, transit-oriented hub, we are creating new pathways for our students, faculty, and staff to engage, learn, and lead. As Maryland’s first HBCU—contributing more than \$351 million in economic impact annually—we are excited to deepen our role as a vital anchor institution committed to advancing prosperity in our region.”

The Bowie State MARC Station Joint

Development project marks the next step in the 2024 MARC Penn Line TOD Strategy and is a priority initiative under the Maryland Department of Transportation’s Transit-Oriented Development Program, adding up to 42,000 annual MARC trips at full build-out.

Transit-oriented development is a top priority for the state, as Maryland seeks to build more connected, walkable communities that reduce congestion, promote equity, strengthen regional economies, and increase the state’s housing supply. The Maryland Department of Transportation this year launched the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund. In its first round, the program awarded \$1.25 million to support mixed-use development projects at Reisterstown, Odenton and North Bethesda. A new round

of funding is expected to be announced in October.

The Bowie State MARC Station is located on the MARC Penn Line, one of the busiest commuter rail lines in the region and is adjacent to the Bowie State University campus — Maryland’s oldest Historically Black College and University. The site’s location and institutional partnerships position it as a key opportunity to advance equitable transit-oriented development in Prince George’s County and the region.

Proposals in response to the RFP are due October 14. The Request for Proposals is available on the Maryland Department of Transportation’s Transit-Oriented Development Program website at [mdot.maryland.gov](http://mdot.maryland.gov).

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# COMMENTARY

**Marian Wright Edelman**  
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Children’s Defense Fund*



**ChildWatch:**

## A Solemn Anniversary

This week was the solemn 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the first and only time nuclear weapons have been used in war. In 1962, Trappist monk and social justice and peace activist Thomas Merton published the prose poem “Original Child Bomb,” the title using a rough translation of the root characters in the Japanese term for atom. This work inspired the searing 2004 documentary with the same name.

Merton subtitled his “anti-poem” “Points for meditation to be scratched in the walls of a cave,” and it consists of a numbered list of 41 comments on the bomb’s creation, the decision to drop the first bomb on Hiroshima, and the aftermath, including these:

“3: President Truman formed a committee of men to tell him if this bomb would work, and if so, what he should do with it. Some members of

this committee felt that the bomb would jeopardize the future of civilization. They were against its use. Others wanted it to be used in demonstration on a forest of cryptomeria trees, but not against a civil or military target. Many atomic scientists warned that the use of atomic power in war would be difficult and even impossible to control. The danger would be very great. Finally, there were others who believed that if the bomb were used just once or twice, on one or two Japanese cities, there would be no more war. They believed the new bomb would produce eternal peace.”

“32: The bomb exploded within 100 feet of the aiming point. The fireball was 18,000 feet across. The temperature at the center of the fireball was 100,000,000 degrees. The people who were near the center became nothing. The whole city was blown to bits and the ruins all caught

fire instantly everywhere, burning briskly. 70,000 people were killed right away or died within a few hours. Those who did not die at once suffered great pain. Few of them were soldiers.”

“33: The men in the plane perceived that the raid had been successful, but they thought of the people in the city and they were not perfectly happy. Some felt they had done wrong. But in any case they had obeyed orders. ‘It was war.’”

It was war, and despite the reaction U.S. Air Force bomber Enola Gay co-pilot Captain Robert Lewis wrote in his log after dropping the bomb on Hiroshima—“My God, what have we done?”—pilots and crew members stressed again and again they believed they did what they had to do. But the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki did not produce eternal peace. Instead, they opened a Pandora’s box that can never be fully locked back up. I have visited Hiroshima with my family, and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome), created from the ruins of the only structure left standing near the bomb’s hypocenter, is a reminder of how far we still have to go to make this a world worthy of and safe for all of our children.

In 1945, Albert Einstein, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and University of Chicago scientists who helped develop the technology used in the atomic bomb founded the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and two years later they created the “Doomsday Clock,” a metaphorical countdown to midnight that warns the public about how close we are to destroying our world with dan-

gerous technologies of our own making. Beginning that year, the clock’s hands were moved every January based on scientists’ evaluation of whether global events were pushing humanity closer to or further from nuclear apocalypse; since 2007, they have also considered climate change and other manmade threats that might lead to global catastrophe. This January brought an ominous message: it is just 89 seconds to midnight, the closest it has ever been. The Bulletin says: “The 2025 Clock time signals that the world is on a course of unprecedented risk, and that continuing on the current path is a form of madness. The United States, China, and Russia have the prime responsibility to pull the world back from the brink. The world depends on immediate action.”

The same year “Original Child Bomb” was published, Thomas Merton also wrote this in the essay “Nuclear War and Christian Responsibility”: “there can be no doubt that Hiroshima and Nagasaki were, though not fully deliberate crimes, nevertheless crimes. And who was responsible? No one. Or ‘history.’ We cannot go on playing with nuclear fire and shrugging off the results as ‘history.’ We are the ones concerned. We are the ones responsible. History does not make us, we make it—or end it.” The young people writing the world’s next chapter will have the chance to make new choices.

—August 8, 2025

## Governor Moore Announces \$600,000 in Awards to Strengthen Maryland’s Healthcare Workforce

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Aug. 8, 2025)—Governor Wes Moore today announced nearly \$600,000 in grant awards to provide career pathways and increase retention among healthcare workers. The grant funding—distributed through the Career Pathways for Healthcare Workers Program and Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program—will provide occupational training opportunities for more than 300 healthcare professionals.

“You cannot have a strong healthcare system without skilled healthcare professionals at the helm, from physicians to technicians,” said Gov. Moore. “In partnership with our allies in healthcare, the private sector, and organized labor, we are building a stronger pipeline to good-paying jobs that uplift our communities and keep our people healthy.”

“These investments in Maryland’s healthcare workforce will address a critical need for more healthcare workers in our state, and support workers who want to enter healthcare fields and advance their careers,” said Maryland Department of Labor Secretary Portia Wu. “Having more highly-skilled healthcare workers will directly improve health outcomes for Marylanders.”

“A strong healthcare workforce is vital for public health,” said Maryland Department of Health Secretary Dr. Meena Seshamani. “These funds will help Maryland build sustainable career paths and ensure our communities have access to the care they need and deserve.”

Career Pathways for Healthcare Workers Program grants will provide nearly \$340,000 to support eight Maryland healthcare organizations in their work to upskill frontline healthcare employees. The grants provide a direct investment for programs that provide occupational training to accelerate credentialing and increase wages for healthcare professionals—including nursing assistants, patient care technicians, and surgical technologists.

Grantees include:

- Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore City)
- Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital (Baltimore City)
- Shore Health System, Inc. (Eastern Shore)
- Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center (Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and surrounding areas)
- Holy Cross Health, Inc. (Montgomery County and Prince George’s County)
- Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Inc. (Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Carroll County)
- Johns Hopkins Howard County

Medical Center (Howard County)

- UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center (Anne Arundel County)

Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program grants will provide nearly \$240,000 in matching grants to help employers and workforce organizations recruit, retain, and advance direct care workers. Direct care workers are a critical part of the healthcare workforce, providing hands-on assistance in daily living tasks, such as medication management, bathing, toileting, and mobility exercises. The investment will support occupational training, licensing costs, and wraparound services—including offsetting transportation costs—to help workers remain engaged and successful in their careers.

Grantees include:

- Asian American Center of Frederick (Frederick County)
- 1199 SEIU (Prince George’s, Montgomery, Baltimore County, Baltimore City)
- **Employ Prince George’s (Prince George’s County)**
- NextGen Synergy, Inc. (Statewide)
- UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center (Anne Arundel County)

For more information on Maryland’s workforce initiatives, visit [labor.maryland.gov/employment](https://labor.maryland.gov/employment).

## Communications Internship Handbook Equips Students for Internships

By PRESS OFFICER  
**Rochelle R. Daniel and  
Karima A. Haynes**

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (July 2025)—College students can increase their chances of gaining full-time employment after graduation if they complete an internship, according to a recent Forbes article. “Communications Internship Handbook: What All COMMS Students Need to Know” (2025, published by Kendall Hunt) promises to give college students pursuing a career in the competitive communications field an edge on getting an internship. Washington, D.C. area and award-winning authors Rochelle R. Daniel and Karima A. Haynes say this is the reason they wrote the book.

The Communications Internship Handbook features content on the best social media and job sites to search for internships, the types of organizations that offer communications internships, preparing for artificial intelligence (AI) interviews, how to get a recruiter’s attention, strategies to balance multiple responsibilities and an internship, among other highlights. At the end of each chapter, there is a short summary of a real student internship experience and lessons the student learned. The book also shares advice from communications professionals and lists professional organizations that sponsor workshops, conferences, fellowships, awards, and study abroad programs.

“Media organizations want to see evidence that students have mastered the skills needed to perform in the workplace—and

internships are the vehicles to get there,” said Haynes.

According to Daniel, “We know that college students pursuing a career in communications need to complete internships to enhance their chances of gaining that first job in the field.”

The authors draw on their experience and knowledge gained as full-time faculty teaching an internship course for communications majors at Bowie State University, as well as the professional experience they accumulated prior to teaching. Daniel worked as a public relations professional for a congressional member in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Prince George’s Community College, and Bowie State University. Haynes was a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times, Ebony magazine, and Providence Journal-Bulletin.

“The Communications Internship Handbook: What All COMM Students Need to Know” is the second book the authors wrote together that provides college students with essential information on what students should do to obtain communications internships and to be successful in them. In 2022, Kendall Hunt published their “Communications Internship Handbook: What HBCU Students Need to Know” (recognized by the National Association of Black Journalists with an Outstanding Book Award). Both books are available on the Kendall Hunt website.

For more information about the “Communications Internship Handbook” please contact Rochelle Daniel at 202-550-8363, [sisterdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:sisterdaniel@gmail.com).

### Beware from A1

a flooded vehicle may be much more than just an inconvenience, it could represent a significant expense or a total loss. Damage caused by floodwater is only covered for drivers who have the OPTIONAL comprehensive coverage as part of their auto policy.

- When dealing with an automobile that has been in a flood, the first step should be to contact your insurance company (provided you have comprehensive coverage) for help in determining the best course of action.
- Call a repair facility for guidance and to see if they are accepting flood-damaged vehicles before arranging for a tow.
- Take photographs of any visible damage, including water inside and around the vehicle if you can safely do that.

Do not attempt to start the vehicle - if the engine compartment was underwater and the car was parked do not attempt to start the car as the engine will have taken in water which will cause engine damage. Before attempting to start a flood-damaged car, a qualified technician should:

- Inspect all readily accessible mechanical and electrical components, and systems that contain fluids, for water contamination.



PHOTO COURTESY AAA

**As of July 15, more than 3,000 flash flood warnings have been issued in communities across the United States.**

- Drain floodwater from contaminated components and systems, flush with clean water or an appropriate solvent, and refill with new clean fluids of the proper type.
- Inspect, clean, and dry electrical system components and connections.

To find a qualified mechanic, check out the list of AAA Approved Auto repair shops near you: <https://cluballiance.aaa.com/automotive/car-care>.

As always, as severe storms continue to make headlines, now is a good time to review your insurance policy and make sure you’re covered for the future. You can learn more about the different kinds of coverage in this The Extra Mile article: <https://cluballiance.aaa.com/the-extra-mile/advice/car/car-damaged-by-flood-2>.

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# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

## Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

### Can My Wife Get Her Full Spousal Benefit at 62, or Must She Wait?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,  
National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation,  
the non-profit arm of the **Association of Mature American Citizens**

**Dear Rusty:** I’m 64 and my wife is 62. If my wife starts her own benefit now, she will get about \$700 on her own at 62. I will retire next year and claim Social Security when I am 65. SSA says my wife can draw \$1,100 under spousal benefits, so if she claims now will they give her spousal benefits of \$1,100, or does she need to wait until I claim at age 65 to get the \$1,100? **Signed: Trying to Understand**

**Dear Trying:** If your wife is now 62, then her full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is age 67, and if she claims any SS benefit before reaching her FRA, the amount will be reduced for early claiming. If your wife were to claim now (before you), she would get only her own SS retirement amount (the \$700 amount), and that would be a reduction of about 30% from what she would get if she waited until her FRA to claim.

Your wife cannot get a “spousal boost” (an additional amount as your spouse) until you claim your SS retirement benefit (at age 65?). And her benefit as your spouse at that time will also be reduced because she will not have yet reached her FRA. If your wife is already collecting her own SS retirement benefit when you later claim, she will be given her “spousal boost” to make her benefit equal what she is entitled to as your spouse. But her total monthly benefit as your spouse will also be reduced because it will be awarded before her FRA. The only way your wife can get her full spousal benefit from you is to wait until she is 67 to claim Social Security. If she claims any earlier, her monthly amount will be permanently reduced.

FYI, if you plan to claim at age 65, you should also be aware that your full retirement age (FRA) is also age 67, and claiming at age 65 will mean that you will get about 87% of the amount you would get if you waited until age 67 to claim. Again, these reductions are permanent, except for normal Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) awarded annually thereafter.

Having said all of that, deciding when each of you should claim your Social Security benefit is a matter of financial need, while also considering your life expectancy. If your life expectancy is short and/or you need the money, then claiming early is likely the right decision. But if your life expectancy is longer and you don’t urgently need the money, then you might both consider waiting longer to claim a higher monthly amount and get more in cumulative lifetime benefits.

Finally, please remember that whenever SS is claimed before full retirement age, Social Security has an annual earnings test which limits how much can be earned by working while collecting early SS benefits. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (they take back by withholding future SS payments). FYI, the earnings limit for those who claim SS early changes (increases a bit) yearly and goes away entirely once full retirement age is reached. So, if either or both of you are working, you should evaluate whether claiming your Social Security benefit early (before your respective FRA) is a prudent choice.

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## SCORE Washington DC

### How to Create an AI Integration Plan— Systematically Review Every Business Function August 28, 2025, 1 p.m. • 90 minutes

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AI has become a valuable tool for small businesses, improving all aspects of operations, from marketing to financial tracking. However, many business owners fail to integrate AI effectively, following trends or making expensive mistakes with tools that don’t fit their needs. If you want to unlock AI’s true potential, you need to take a systematic approach to identify the highest-impact opportunities and select the right tools for your business needs.

In this comprehensive webinar, you’ll learn how to create an AI integration plan and conduct a methodical review of all aspects of your business to determine exactly where AI can save you time, reduce costs, and improve results. We’ll walk through real-world assessments of key business functions, demonstrate specific AI tools in action, and provide you with a complete AI Integration Assessment Checklist so you leave knowing exactly how to start your strategic AI integration and avoid costly implementation mistakes.

## Governor Moore Announces New Start Grants to Provide Entrepreneurship Training for Justice-Involved Marylanders

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Aug. 6, 2025)—Governor Wes Moore today announced \$100,000 in grants awards to support five organizations in their work to prepare current and formerly incarcerated Marylanders to pursue business ownership and economic self-sufficiency. Selected organizations will receive \$20,000 to deliver programming through the New Start Grant Program, which supports entrepreneurship training and reentry services for justice-involved Marylanders.

“We need to end the myth that every sentence becomes a life sentence,” said Gov. Moore. “Returning citizens deserve a real second chance. And building pathways to an honest fresh start doesn’t just move us closer to a more just Maryland, it also helps us create a more vibrant economy where everyone has a shot at turning an idea into a job-creator.”

The New Start Grant Program provides financial support for organizations that

serve certain populations of returning citizens and incarcerated Marylanders. Organizations with recognized entrepreneurship development programs receive funding to provide training to justice-involved individuals who aspire to become business owners. By tackling barriers to economic self-sufficiency for returning citizens, the grants can help reduce recidivism and increase economic growth in communities across Maryland.

“These grants aim to support justice-involved Marylanders in contributing their talents to communities across our state, and help them realize their potential,” said Maryland Department of Labor Secretary Portia Wu. “Entrepreneurship offers a powerful path to financial independence and community leadership. By providing both training and critical support, like mentoring and reentry services, the New Start program helps returning citizens move past barriers and turn ideas into business plans.”

The following organizations received New Start grants:

- Building Blocks Services, LLC (Baltimore City)
- Perspectives Partnership, Inc. (Montgomery County)
- Pathways to Excellence, Inc. (Prince George’s County)
- Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (Charles County)
- X is Possible, LLC (Prince George’s County)

The organizations will serve returning citizens during incarceration and post-release, helping them take meaningful steps toward building a business and a stable future. Competitive grant applicants demonstrated successful implementation, or a plan to implement programming that includes entrepreneurship training, executive mentoring by business professionals, and business plan competition. With the support of New Start Grants funding, each program will also include supportive services like financial literacy education and mental health support resources.

Visit the website at <https://labor.maryland.gov/employment/newstart/>.

## Internationally-Acclaimed Executive Coach Dr. Sam Adeyemi Presents SHIFT Conference Sept. 13 in Hyattsville

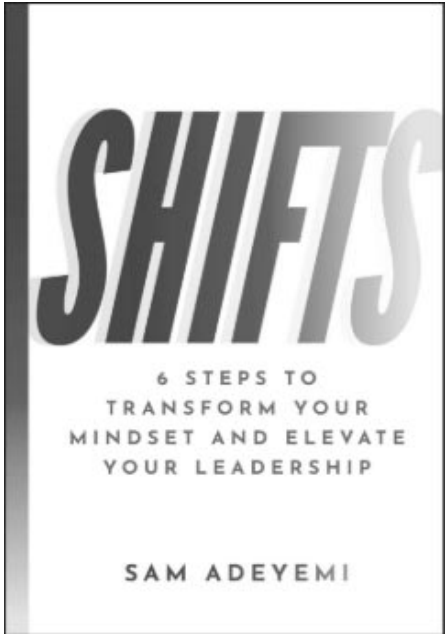
*Transformative leadership event is designed to inspire, educate, and empower individuals to lead the charge in success and leadership*

By PRESS OFFICER  
Dr. Sam Adeyemi

WASHINGTON (Aug. 6, 2025)—On Sept. 13, Dr. Sam Adeyemi, author and leadership coach to some of the most successful executives across the globe, will host SHIFT Conference, a transformative leadership event designed to inspire, educate, and empower individuals to lead the charge in success and leadership.

Featuring world-class speakers, interactive sessions, and unparalleled networking opportunities, the conference will equip attendees with tools, strategies, and the mindset needed to drive personal and professional growth. It will be held at College Park Marriott in Hyattsville, Maryland, with registration starting at 9 a.m. Visit [shift-conference.com](http://shift-conference.com) to buy tickets.

The conference is based on the SHIFTS transformative model Dr. Adeyemi teaches in his new book “SHIFTS: 6 Steps to Transform Your Mindset and Elevate Your Leadership” (Wiley)—seeing consistently, hearing consistently, gaining insight, formulating beliefs, expressing inner identity and vision, and succeeding repeatedly. It is designed to equip leaders, including entrepreneurs, professionals, and team leaders, with actionable strategies to elevate their mindset, lead effectively, and create



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lasting impact—personally and professionally.

The theme of the general session is “6 Steps To Transform Your Mindset & Elevate Your Leadership.” Participants will discover how to reset their mindset and apply actionable strategies to tackle today’s challenges. Through interactive discussions and Dr. Sam Adeyemi’s proven six-step framework, they will gain tools

to lead effectively and drive meaningful results.

The VIP session, “Strategic Mastermind & Private Networking,” dives deep into creating systems that turn vision into sustainable impact. Attendees will learn to overcome leadership barriers, make bold decisions, and align their teams for measurable outcomes. Through practical tools, collaborative discussions, and real-world case studies, they will leave with a clear roadmap to empower their organizations and drive long-term success.

**About Dr. Sam:** Atlanta-based Dr. Sam Adeyemi is CEO of Sam Adeyemi, GLC, Inc. and founder and executive director of Daystar Leadership Academy (DLA). More than 52,000 alumni have graduated from DLA programs, and more than 3.8 million CEOs and high-performing individuals follow him on top social media sites. Dr. Sam is the author of “SHIFTS: 6 Steps to Transform Your Mindset and Elevate Your Leadership” (Wiley) and “Dear Leader: Your Flagship Guide to Successful Leadership.” He holds a Doctorate in Strategic Leadership from Virginia’s Regent University, and is a member of the International Leadership Association. He and his wife Nike have three children. Learn more at [SamAdeyemi.com](http://SamAdeyemi.com).

## MONEY: Financial Tips for Women

(StatePoint) Women face unique financial challenges, such as career breaks for caregiving and gender wealth gaps.

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professionals are offering insights into some of these challenges, along with tips to help women build wealth and achieve financial independence.

### The Challenges

**Wealth gap:** Across all workers nationwide, women were typically paid 75 cents for every dollar paid to a man in 2023, a figure that’s held steady for decades. Given this persistent wage gap, it’s no surprise that the TIAA Institute finds that women have 30% less in retirement income than men, a big issue considering that American women live 5.8 years longer on average.

**Caregiving roles:** Women are often the primary caretaker to children and other family members, such as elderly parents, and are more likely than men to take time off from work to fulfill this role. This can impact long-term savings, professional advancement opportunities and Social Security benefits.

**Health issues:** While no one likes to imagine getting sick or feeling unwell, the unfortunate reality is that 1 in 8 American women will develop breast cancer in her

lifetime. Other women’s health conditions, while not life-threatening, can also be costly to manage. Menopause, for example, associated with more than 100 symptoms, costs U.S. women \$26.6 billion annually in medical expenses and lost work, according to the Mayo Clinic.

**Financial abuse:** Financial abuse is a common form of domestic abuse whereby a member of the household seizes control over another’s financial resources. While financial abuse transcends socioeconomic boundaries, the majority of victims are women.

### The Solutions

So how can women overcome these challenges? Here are several strategies for building wealth and holding onto it:

- **Be proactive** about potential health issues. Understand the price tag involved for care and adjust your budget accordingly. Have disability insurance to replace income should a medical condition sideline you, and a life insurance plan in place before a serious diagnosis to secure an affordable policy.
- Select a **health insurance plan** that meets your needs.
- Establish an **emergency fund**.
- **Diversify** your income streams.
- **Begin investing** in a well-diversified



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portfolio as early as possible.

- **Build retirement savings** by paying yourself first with each paycheck, maximizing contributions to tax-advantaged accounts.
- **Create an estate plan** to ensure your wishes will be met should you not have the capacity to speak for yourself.
- **Educate yourself** on finance and investing through workshops, books or by consulting with a CFP® professional.
- **Reach out** to the National Domestic Violence Hotline for support if you’re experiencing financial abuse.

To find a CFP® professional who can help you take these steps and work with you to overcome the unique challenges you face, visit [LetsMakeAPlan.org](http://LetsMakeAPlan.org).

Understanding the financial challenges you could face and the solutions to overcome them can help you pave the way to a secure future.



