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Elizabeth Seton High School 3rd Annual YWEP Senior Pitch Competition

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Elizabeth Seton High School

BLADENSBURG, Md. (March 30, 2026)—Elizabeth Seton High School's Young Women's Entrepreneurship Program (YWEP) will host its 3rd Annual Social Entrepreneurs: Senior Pitch Competition on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., and **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

At this two-day capstone event, 16 senior students will present their innovative business ventures to a panel of judges, competing for a \$25,000 prize package, including investment funds, business sponsorships, and professional services.

The Senior Pitch Competition consists of three rounds. In Round 1, students deliver 60-second pitches, with the top

nine advancing. In Round 2, they present 3–5 minute pitches to judges, and the top five move on. The final round takes place on the main stage during the evening event on April 15.

Spotlight Judges for the final round include: Ari Davis, Founder of Stript; Portia Blunt, Founder of BeeBlunt; Jackie Bensen, Reporter at NBC4 Washington; Ian Callender, Co-Founder of Sandlot; Yolanda Maria Martinez, Special Secretary of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs, Office of the Governor of Maryland

Prize Package: 1st Place — \$12,000 bundle (cash and business support) 2nd Place — \$8,000 bundle (cash and business support) 3rd Place — \$5,000 bundle (business support and resources)

The business support package includes professional mentorship, branding and market-



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Young Women's Entrepreneurship Program (YWEP) participants from a previous event.

ing resources, financial advising, and services to help propel each student's business forward.

"This competition is more than a pitch—it reflects the confidence and growth our stu-

dents have developed over the past two years," said Joy Lawson '11, Program Director of YWEP.

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Rediscovering Joy: Why Creativity Matters in Grief Support

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, Md. (April 1, 2026)—Imagine meeting up with like-minded people for an afternoon of mocktails, cocktails and snacks. That would be considered a happy hour, right?

Then imagine that the common thread for this group is that they are all people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Would you still call that a happy hour?

Chesapeake Life Center Manager Alena Dailey said yes. Well, sort of. "We're calling it 'Hope After Hours.'"

A large part of healing after loss is learning how to fit into your community again. You're not the same person you were when your loved one was in your life. Sometimes, people feel guilty about having fun again or unsure how to reconnect.

At Chesapeake Life Center, that understanding is shaping creative grief support programs designed to give people a judgment-free space to let loose and have fun. The hope is that they can begin to rediscover joy and carry it into everyday life.

"We heard from clients that they wanted more than traditional sit-down groups," Dailey said. "They want opportunities to connect and socialize with others going through similar experiences."

That feedback has led to programs like grief karaoke, nature workshops, book groups and casual gatherings like "Hope After Hours." While pairing grief with lighter activities may seem unexpected, Dailey said it plays an important role in healing.

"Grief is not linear," she said. "When you create a lighthearted environment, people can let their guard down. That's when the connection really begins."

These programs aren't about avoiding grief. They're about approaching it in a more accessible way. Familiar activities often help people open up without pressure. A book discussion might lead to a personal story. Time outdoors can spark memories. Music can express what words cannot.

"Some people share, some people just



COURTESY PHOTO

(March 2025) Sisters in Healing, a grief workshop offered at Hospice of the Chesapeake's offices in Largo, Maryland, had participants create vision boards to help them visualize their journey through grief.



PHOTO COURTESY HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

Alena Dailey, manager, Chesapeake Life Center

listen," Dailey said. "There's no wrong way to participate."

At the heart of these programs is community. After a loss, many people feel isolated, especially once initial support fades. These group settings help rebuild connection. "When people realize others are going through something similar, it helps them feel less alone," she said.

Those connections often last beyond the program, with participants forming friendships and support systems rooted in shared experience.

Chesapeake Life Center also recognizes that grief support isn't one-size-fits-all. While traditional counseling remains essential, creative programs offer another entry point—especially for those



COURTESY PHOTO

(May 2023) Smash and Mend is a grief workshop Chesapeake Life Center offers regularly. Participants get to break ceramic dishes and use the shattered pieces to create something new. This event pictured here took place at Hospice of the Chesapeake's Burnett Center for Hope & Healing in Prince Frederick, Maryland.

hesitant to seek formal support.

"These programs can be a stepping-stone to one-on-one counseling or regular grief support groups," Dailey said.

Ultimately, the goal is simple: help people feel connected again.

"I hope people walk away knowing they're not alone," she said.

To learn more about the spring grief programs at Chesapeake Life Center, visit <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/events/>.

More Than 80 Maryland Elected Officials Sign Letter Led by Chair Oriadha, Fellow Council Members Calling for State's Passage of 'Community Trust Act'

Legislation currently before the General Assembly would limit law enforcement collaboration with ICE

By PRESS OFFICER

Prince George's County Council Media

On Thursday, April 2, Prince George's County Council Chair Krystal Oriadha (District 7) submitted a letter to Maryland General Assembly leadership, with support from eight of her fellow Prince George's County Council Members, Prince George's County Executive Aisha Braveboy, and elected leaders from seven counties, 18 municipalities, and Baltimore City, urging the passage of HB1575/SB791, known as the Community Trust Act.

The proposed legislation would require a judicial warrant for immigration-related detention, prohibit the use of local resources for federal civil immigration enforcement, and establish clear and consistent statewide standards for local law enforcement cooperation with ICE.

With the General Assembly session coming to a close in less than two weeks, this letter requests a sense of urgency from state lawmakers, calling on them to pass the Community Trust Act immediately.

"These are not normal times. Even this late in the session, we must continue to respond to the demands of this moment boldly," said Chair Oriadha. "With time running out, we can't afford to leave families without the basics of due process, dignity, and respect. ICE is a federal agency that we cannot trust to uphold those values, so the time has come to draw a line—no more coordination with a rogue agency."

Additionally, the Prince George's County Council is poised to pass a legislative package on Tuesday, April 7, doing what it can to protect the community from immigration enforcement.

Progress In Motion: Purple Line Spring Community Advisory Team Meetings Announced

Construction Progress and Advancing Light Rail Vehicle Testing Will Highlight Virtual Meetings

By PRESS OFFICER

Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Transit Administration

RIVERDALE, Md. (March 31, 2026)—The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration Purple Line today announced the Spring 2026 Community Advisory Team (CAT) meeting schedule as construction nears 90% completion and light rail vehicle (LRV) testing advances along the 16-mile alignment. CAT meetings provide an opportunity to share construction progress and preview anticipated 2026 milestones, including completion of the Spring Street Bridge and the advancement of live-wire and LRV testing west from Prince George's County into Montgomery County. The seven meetings will be held virtually April 14–28 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Local businesses, residents and community organizations are encouraged to attend to stay informed and involved.

"The Purple Line is moving toward completion with significant construction, track installation, systems and dynamic testing progress clearly visible along the alignment in both Prince George's and Montgomery counties," said Senior Project Director Ray Biggs II. "The team is looking forward to sharing the tremendous work that has been accomplished and previewing future goals, leading the project to completion and the start of service."

Purple Line CAT meetings include leaders and experts from the Maryland Transit Administration, concessionaire Purple Line Transit Partners, design builder Maryland Transit Solutions and the system and maintenance operator Purple Line Transit Operators. These meetings include an easy-to-follow presentation with progress and testing photos and video, and provide time for attendees to ask questions and offer feedback. All virtual CAT meetings are hosted on Microsoft Teams and offer captioning in multiple languages. The meeting schedule and instructions on enabling live captioning is posted to the Purple Line website public meetings and events page. Past CAT meeting presentations and recordings are also available at www.purplelinemd.com.

All CAT meetings are scheduled from 6–7:30 p.m., with Microsoft Teams links posted at Purple Line MD | Public Meetings and Events. The Spring 2026 CAT schedule follows:

Tuesday, April 14	University Boulevard
Thursday, April 16	Long Branch
Tuesday, April 21	Lyttonsville/Woodside
Wednesday, April 22	Riverdale Park/New Carrollton
Thursday, April 23	Bethesda/Chevy Chase
Monday, April 27	College Park
Tuesday, April 28	Silver Spring

Questions on the upcoming CAT meetings can be directed to the Purple Line Outreach Team via email at outreach@purplelinemd.com or by phone to the outreach line at 443-451-3706 (in English) or 443-451-3705 (in Spanish).

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BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY WINNING WOMEN

BSU Winning Woman Bolametiren “BiBi” Akinlaja (*23). Her journey at Bowie State University has been driven by a clear purpose: creating spaces where students can see what is possible for themselves. A proud alumna, Bibi serves as a program manager for the center of Data Analytics and the DARTT Lab at BSU, where she connects education, technology, and industry to expand student opportunities in data analytics and emerging technologies.

Through her leadership, Bibi has organized data science training, symposiums, mentorship programs, and experiential learning opportunities that prepare students to thrive in a data-driven workforce. She also helped launch Data Tribe, a student community designed to make data analytics more approachable, collaborative, and empowering through workshops, peer learning, and industry engagement.

Her work has supported more than 250 student engagements; helping students strengthen their data literacy and gain hands-on experience. Many participants have gone on to pursue internships and professional opportunities with organizations such as the U.S. Census Bureau, the Federal Reserve Bank, Northrop Grumman, Maximus, and initiatives supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

For Bibi, being a BSU Winning Woman means using knowledge, leadership, and community to uplift others and help open doors for the next generation of leaders. She is proud to contribute to a university culture that values excellence, collaboration, and preparing the next generation of leaders to thrive in an increasingly data-driven society. Visit the website to view our BSU Winning Women and read their inspiring stories.

BULLDOG SPOTLIGHT

Junior Joshua Loooper selected for Prestigious Douglas-O’Connell Global Internship in Ireland. Loooper will spend eight weeks in Dublin this summer, completing a full-time internship with a cultural exchange organization while studying historic movements that advanced equality and social justice reform.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Bowie State appoints Dr. Jolisa Williams Interim Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation. “I am deeply honored and grateful that President Breaux has entrusted me with this role. She is an incredible leader with an exciting vision for excellence at our university, and I am committed to doing everything I can to help advance that vision.” Dr. Jolisa Williams.

3RD ANNUAL BULLDOG 5K WALK /RUN

Calling all Walkers, Joggers, and Runners! Lace up your sneakers and join us for the Bulldog 5K Walk/Run Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 2–5 p.m. rain or shine. Early Bird Registration: \$40 Day of Registration \$50. The Bulldog 5K walk/run is in memory of the late Clyde Doughty, Jr. whose legacy of leader-

ship and dedication to Bowie State athletics continues to inspire the Bulldog community. Proceeds from the Bulldog 5K will benefit the Department of Athletics by supporting academic resources and services that empower our student-athletes to succeed both in the classroom and in competition. If you are unable to participate in the walk/run, you can still show your support by making a donation to the Department of Athletics in honor of Vice President Doughty.

CAREGIVERS’ SESSION INVITATION

You are invited to a ‘You Are Worthy’ session for Caregivers at Nottingham Myers United Methodist Church on April 18, 2026, 9:45 a.m. centering, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This is an invitation for you, and a friend or two, to join us on Saturday for our presentation for Caregivers. Come and be refreshed as we engage in conversations entitled “You Are Worthy.” Caregivers Self-Care presentation promoting a balanced life of spiritual renewal, physical health, and emotional peace through faith. The session starts with gathering at 9:45 a.m. Nottingham Myers United Methodist Church, located at 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 20772. Sponsored by our Health and Welfare Ministries. We would be so delighted to have you join us. Rev. Shemaiah Strickland, Pastor. Free: Unique caregiver gifts and light refreshments. Contact Janice Mozee at 908 812-2870 for more details, if needed. www.nmc1867.org Our featured presenters are Mrs. Sherl L. Streeter, AARP, Monique Rodriguez, LGP9324 Metanoia Life Center, LLC, Emily Jacobs, MS, RN, Hospice of the Chesapeake.

CHARLIE WILSON

This Mother’s Day, treat the special women in your life to an evening with R&B icon Charlie Wilson, live on Sunday, May 10, 8 p.m. at MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland. With his smooth vocals, timeless hits, and electrifying performances, “Uncle Charlie” will bring the house down with “Outstanding,” “There Goes My Baby,” and “You.” Wilson has made a significant impact on the music industry. Join us for an evening of love, music, and celebration as we honor mothers with a night full of soulful melodies and good vibes. Whether you’re dancing in your seat or singing along to every lyric, this is a perfect way to show appreciation for the amazing moms. Don’t miss this incredible event. Secure your ticket and make it a Mother’s Day to remember.

BADEN FOOD PANTRY

Positive changes to Baden Food Pantry, 1350 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland, 20613. Effective March 15, 2026: New Food Distribution Hours 10–11:30 a.m. The “Choice” method food distribution will be implemented on Tuesdays and Fridays. This will allow clients to shop for the food they want. The Annex next to the Fellowship Hall will open at 9:30 a.m. for client registration and medical screenings.

Calendar of Events

Koffie and Conversation: a Community Conversation

Date and time: Thursday, April 16, 2026, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Description: Riversdale Historic Site and Museum is hosting a series of “We the People” Koffie and Conversation: a Community Conversations in partnership with the Town of Riverdale Park. In these conversations we want to engage the local community in conversations around use of the grounds, Riversdale as a ‘third space’, engaging with teens, and how we can be a better neighbor. We are embedded in your neighborhood and we want to find a way we can further our mission to engage communities through honest storytelling and meet our communities’ needs in unique and supportive ways. Our first conversation will be about the Museum You Want to See and feature a special international coffee selection. Suggestions for future conversations are welcome, please email us at riversdale@pgparks.com.

Cost: Free
Location: Riversdale Historic Site and Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737
Contact: riversdale@pgparks.com

Prince George’s County Celebrates 330th Anniversary

Date and time: Saturday, April 18, 2026, 3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. (Gates open at 3 p.m.)

Description: Join us for a Community Celebration to mark Prince George’s County’s 330th Anniversary, featuring live music, food trucks, games, kids’ activities, and more!

Cost: FREE and open to the public!
Location: Northwest Stadium Parking Lot F, Bishop Peebles Road, Landover, MD
Contact: #ElevatePrinceGeorges #PGC330 #CommunityCelebration

Clean & Green—Let’s Elevate the Scene

Date and time: Saturday, April 25, 2026, 8 a.m.–12 p.m., Rain or shine

Description: Prince George’s County Department of the Environment invites residents to come together for a day of community beautification and environmental stewardship. Help make a difference by participating in: Litter pickup, Mulching, Weed removal, General clean-up efforts. Volunteer alongside neighbors to enhance the beauty and sustainability of Prince George’s County. Students may be eligible to earn service-learning hours.

Register: Registration is required: <http://mypgc.us/CleanAndGreen>
Deadline to register April 20, 2026

2026 Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea, & the Arts

Date and time: Saturday, April 25, 2026, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. held rain or shine

Description: Welcome spring and delight in the sights and sounds of nature, art, and history at this fun festival for the entire family, hosted by the Montpelier Arts Center and Montpelier Historic Site & Museum! Explore the Vendor Marketplace, relax to live music, attend a talk on gardening, tour the museum, and indulge in a picnic tea box. Visit the resident artist’s studios at the Arts Center, watch art demonstrations, paint the Montpelier bird, and create spring-themed crafts. Stroll the galleries and view the exhibitions of Amanda Spaid, Linda Bernard, and the Laurel Art Guild.

Cost: FREE
Ages: All Ages Welcome!
Location: Montpelier Historic Site, 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708
Contact: 301-377-7817

Maryland Choral Society: Washington Women

Date and time: Sunday, May 3, 2026, 4 p.m.

Description: At this crucial juncture in our nation’s history, join us as we mark the 250th anniversary of the United States with choral works from a diverse variety of American composers that celebrate the ideals we ceaselessly strive to realize. Opening with Randall Thompson’s famed call for just leadership in The Last Words of David, we present Washington Women, in which David Chase and Judith Clurman set to music the words of sixteen remarkable women across U.S. history, from Abigail Adams to Eleanor Roosevelt to Kamala Harris. The program also includes a selection of works which remind us that justice and human rights are underpinned by community, compassion, and joy: Rosephanye Powell’s jazz-inflected setting of Langston Hughes’ I Dream a World; Jennifer Lucy Cook’s contemporary fused They Are Mother; inspiration from Barack Obama in An Exhortation by David Conte; Melissa Dunphy quoting both Ida B. Wells and Stacey Abrams in Identity Politics; and the exultant spiritual arrangements of Gwyneth Walker.

Cost: General Admission \$25; Students/Seniors \$20; Children Under 10 Free Get Tickets:
<https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/maryland-choral-society/washington-women>
Location: Mount Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD
Contact: <http://www.marylandchoralsociety.org/>

Heritage in Action: A Day Celebrating Community & Culture

Date and time: Saturday, May 9, 2026, 12–3 p.m.

Description: Join us for a powerful day dedicated to honoring and preserving the voices, struggles, and triumphs of minority communities. Through storytelling, genealogy, and cultural preservation activities, we’ll build bridges between generations and ensure that these rich legacies are not lost to time. Learn how to advocate for your community from Maxine Gross and her work in preserving and remembering the Lakeland Community. Take part in an Oral History workshop and participate in “The Golden Hour: Boomer & Gen Z Pour and Paint.” We will also have local resources for preserving and advocating for your community tabling. In partnership with the Hyattsville Library and the Town of Riverdale Park.

Cost: Free
Location: Riversdale Historic Site and Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737
Contact: 301-864-0420; riversdale@pgparks.com

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

Crossland High grad David Vosh dies at 70

Electronic-music innovator David Vosh died February 6, one month shy of his 71st birthday. A lifelong Prince Georgian, Dave grew up in Camp Springs with his mother Clementine and his father Joseph who served in the Army during World War II before becoming an agent for Nationwide Insurance, and younger sister Theresa.

While at Crossland, Dave and his good friends, Arthur and Paul Carlson, began experimenting with musical instruments and audio equipment, eventually forming a free-jazz band that played a few local gigs before drifting apart. Dave, however, spent the rest of his life making music, inspired by the synthesizer recordings of Wendy Carlos and, particularly, Karlheinz Stockhausen, with whom Dave corresponded for many years.

Crossland gave Dave access to the electronics and radio components that allowed him to figure out how to build his own synthesizers. Rejecting modern computer innovation, Dave was an ardent promoter of old-school analogue electronic music, shaping sounds via vintage equipment built around vacuum tubes, tape reels and oscillators.

After high school, Dave worked a variety day jobs, with longer stints at Mann’s Potato Chips in Landover and Value City Furniture, that allowed him to spend his evenings and weekends pursuing his passion for listening to and creating music.

He was highly respected in the DC experimental electronic music scene, performing at venues around the area—including The Black Cat, Baltimore’s Rams Head Live, and George Washington University—and across the Mid-Atlantic. His YouTube channel collects hours of his other-worldly sounding performances: www.youtube.com/davevosh

For over a decade, Dave curated ElectronicaFest, an event celebrating experimental electronic music in the DC/Baltimore area, which happens every November at the National Electronic Museum in Hunt Valley, Md. Fritz Schantz, the festival’s organizer, has announced

that this year’s ElectronicaFest will be held in honor of Dave.

Dave is survived by his wife Janis Vosh, sister Theresa Cardwell and brother-in-law Kenn Cardwell, and nephew Joe Cardwell. A memorial Mass was held April 1 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Camp Springs, where he attended school as a child, and was a long-time parishioner.

Remember our snowy January?

That snow arrived the evening of Saturday, January 24, and lingered through the night into Sunday before turning into ice and sleet at midday and finally stopping Sunday night.

Since temperatures stayed below freezing all the following week, most people in the area have stories of their struggles to clear driveways and walkways, often involving broken snow shovels and the unusual replacements—garden spades, hammers, tire irons, crowbars, pickaxes—they had to use to break through the 0.5–1” layer of ice.

Morningside has a standing list of four seniors who are to be dug out when it snows, but as residents attacked that ice, the number grew to twenty-seven.

The Public Works team took out both trucks while the snow was still falling, to try to stay on top of the situation. Pretty quickly, they were joined by a few volunteers, including Mayor Bradley Wade and Council Member John Anthony. Together, the crew worked through the ensuing days to make sure everybody was able to get out of their houses safely.

If you happen to run into any of those folks, make sure you thank them for their hard work.

And speaking of the Public Works department, John Anthony says the years of heavy use have taken a toll on their two trucks. The town is in the process of replacing them with two brand-new trucks. Particularly after all that ice and snow, I’m sure the old trucks are ready for retirement.

Free downsizing seminar

On Saturday, May 16, Morningsider

Deborah Jackson will hold a free seminar, “How to Downsize without Overwhelm.” Jackson is a licensed realtor with Long & Foster.

Whether you’re already preparing to move, caring for an aging relative, or just feeling like you have to downsize sooner rather than later, Jackson is ready to share her expert advice.

She will discuss how to downsize, including the major pitfalls to avoid; how to protect the equity in your current home, and how to choose your next home; how to develop a transition plan; and what local programs are available to help seniors and their families.

The seminar will be at the Morningside Municipal Center, 6901 Ames St. It will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and will include light refreshments. Although there is no charge, you must RSVP no later than Friday, May 9, to reserve your spot.

Burned-out building shows signs of progress

On January 17 last year, the tire shop at 6711 Suitland Road caught fire. Much of the shop was destroyed in the fire. There were no injuries, and the brick-and-cinderblock structure remained.

That building has stood empty ever since. In recent weeks, however, cleanup has been underway. New owners got their business permits and are hard at work preparing the space for use, possibly as a new auto repair shop. I’ll share details as I learn them.

Milestones

Happy Birthday to Donna Wood, April 11; (Darlie) Fay Norton and Donald Brown Jr., April 13; Jean Osterkamp, Donald Brown Sr., Sarah Shipman, Autumn Williams, and Fr. Jeffrey Samaha, April 14; Bill Ward, Eva Hay, and Les Bornman, April 15; Tara Destiny Proctor, Edna Ducote, and Wanda Brooke, April 16.

Happy Anniversary to Chuck and Laura Smith Jenkins, April 10; Tex and Rickie Beardmore, April 11, 1964.

COMMUNITY

NCRTV Museum Announces the “Dorothy E. and Gerald Schneider Library” Following Generous Sponsorship

Dedication Ceremony Scheduled for April 25, 2026

By PRESS OFFICER
National Capital Radio & Television Museum

BOWIE, Md. (March 31, 2026)—The National Capital Radio & Television Museum is proud to announce a generous contribution from longtime supporter, and one of the five founders of the museum Mr. Gerald Schneider, whose philanthropy will directly support the museum’s library throughout Fiscal Year 2026. In recognition of his gift, the museum’s library will now be named the “Dorothy E. and Gerald Schneider Library” for the duration of this sponsorship.

Event Details:
What: Dedication Ceremony
When: April 25, 2026
1–2 p.m.
Where:
National Capital Radio and
Television Museum
2608 Mitchellville Rd.
Bowie, MD 20716

Mr. Schneider’s sponsorship provides critical support for the preservation, organization, and accessibility of the museum’s growing library of radio, television, and broadcast-history materials. These library resources form part of the backbone of NCRTV’s mission to educate the public and preserve the history of electronic communication. This will help to ensure that our research library remains a vibrant, accessible space for historians, students, and lifelong learners.

To celebrate this milestone, the NCRTV Museum will host a dedication ceremony on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**, at 1 p.m., held onsite at the museum. The event is open to the public, and all community members, supporters, and museum friends are warmly invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The dedication will include remarks from museum leadership and invited guests, and an unveiling of the new Dorothy E. and Gerald Schneider Library signage. Although the Library is off-site, we will be recognizing the new dedication inside of the museum proper.

This celebration highlights the museum’s continued commitment to preserving communications history, expanding access to its collections, and honoring those who make its mission possible.

MGM National Harbor Celebrates Women’s History Month With Women Who Inspire Event

By GABRIELLE GARRETT-LEVINE
MGM National Harbor

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (March 31, 2026)—Today, MGM National Harbor hosted Women Who Inspire, a conversation featuring powerhouse women sharing their experiences, challenges and lessons they’ve learned along the way.

The event was moderated by Radio One’s Cheryl Jackson and featured a panel of esteemed local leaders including:

- Dr. Monica Goldson, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Greater Washington
- Sue Goodhart, CEO, The Goodhart Group
- Patricia Carper, Senior Vice President, The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

“Women Who Inspire is about celebrating incredible women leaders and creating space for meaningful dialogue,” said MGM National Harbor President & COO Melonie Johnson. “We are proud to bring together voices like Cheryl Jackson, Dr. Monica Goldson, Sue Goodhart, and Patricia Carper to share their stories and inspire the next generation.”

Following the event, light refreshments, cocktails and networking opportunities were available at Diablo’s Cantina.

For more about MGM National Harbor, visit mgmnationalharbor.com.

Ray Benton Receives NJTL Founders’ Service Award

Benton was CEO of the Junior Tennis Champions Center (JTCC) in College Park, Md.

By PRESS OFFICER
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ORLANDO, Fla. (March 30, 2026)—The USTA today announced that Ray Benton was honored with the NJTL Founders’ Service Award during the 2026 USTA Annual Meeting & Conference, held in Orlando, Fla.

Benton is a highly experienced tennis executive, agent, promoter, and nonprofit leader whose more than fifty-year career has profoundly impacted the sport’s growth. Benton played tennis for the University of Iowa where he earned a B.A. and law degree. He later completed his MBA at the Wharton School, a program that was interrupted when he was drafted into the Army. During his military service, he served in the law office at Ft. McClellan while also coaching tennis at Jacksonville State University and as director of tennis at both the Anniston and Gadsden Country Clubs.

Benton, a tennis advocate at every level of the game, was president of the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation. He promoted the United Bank Tennis Classic, a major ATP tournament, which was the first of more than 60 major events he directed between 1969 and 1986. This included the year-end tour finals for both the ATP and WTA.

In 1971, Benton moved to Washington, D.C. and became a partner at Dell, Craighill, Fentress, and Benton, the first firm to represent professional tennis and basketball players. He also served as the first Executive Director of the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) net-

work from 1971–77, using his visionary talents to expand it from four to 50 chapters, and exponentially increasing its impact in the lives of thousands of young people from under-resourced communities nationwide.

In 1993, Benton created the first worldwide senior tennis circuit, featuring players including Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Bjorn Borg and other legends who competed in 24 events drawing more than 500,000 spectators annually.

Benton most recently spent 17 years as CEO of the Junior Tennis Champions Center (JTCC) in College Park, Md. During his tenure, JTCC developed high-achieving players on and off the court including more than 300 NCAA student-athletes who collectively earned over \$26 million in college scholarships, and developed ATP and WTA players, including Frances Tiafoe, Hailey Baptiste, Denis Kudla, and Robin Montgomery. Benton championed JTCC’s mission of “Tennis for Everybody,” expanding access through community outreach to young people from under-resourced communities, adaptive programs for individuals with disabilities and veterans, and extensive beginner and adult programs.

Under Benton’s leadership, JTCC received national recognition from the USTA, earning Development Program of the Year, Organization of the Year, NJTL of the Year, and Facility of the Year honors, and solidified its reputation as a model for both tennis excellence and community impact.

“Ray is a shining example of what it means to be a grassroots tennis hero,”

said USTA Foundation CEO Ginny Ehrlich. “His passion and dedication to developing leaders on and off the court truly embody the vision of NJTL co-founders Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell, and Sheridan Snyder. Ray’s work has opened doors and created opportunities for countless young people, and his legacy will resonate for generations to come.”

Established in 2010, the NJTL Founders’ Service Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to positive youth development through tennis and education, delivers outstanding service to young people from under-resourced communities with free or low-cost tennis, and provides education and life-skills programming. The NJTL network serves as the flagship program supported by the USTA Foundation.

The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level—from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization, it invests 100 percent of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, one of the highest-attended annual sporting events in the world, along with approximately 100 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S., and selects the teams for Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, and the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA’s philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships in addition to supporting tennis and education programs nationwide to benefit under-resourced youth through the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network. For more information about the USTA, go to USTA.com or follow the official accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X) and TikTok.

Four Prince George’s County High Schools Part of G.O.A.T “Invasion Tour”

Wellpoint Maryland recently partnered with Volunteers of America to sponsor the G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time) High School Invasion Tour, featuring Audacy Radio’s D. J. Academiks. The youth-focused initiative was designed to promote mental wellness, school engagement, and positive energy among students.

The tour serves as a lead-up to the Annual G.O.A.T. Youth Mental Health Expo, taking place in May at Bowie State, by bringing awareness directly into schools and building excitement around mental health resources in ways that resonate with young people.

Throughout March, the tour visited four high schools across Prince George’s County—Parkdale High School in Riverdale, Oxon Hill High School in Oxon Hill, Friendly High School in Fort Washington, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt—transforming each stop into an interactive experience.



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Advocates Rally Against Disability Services Cuts as Budget Heads to Gov. Moore

Disability rights advocates have been traveling to Annapolis for weeks to rally against proposed funding cuts to the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

By IRIT SKULNIK
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 3, 2026)—When Opal Foster, a Burtonsville resident, learned about proposed budget cuts to the state’s Developmental Disabilities Administration, she said she needed to find a second job.

Foster’s 18-year-old son Jeremiah, who has Down syndrome, has participated in a program since January that allows an individual or a representative to manage their support services. Under the “self-directed services” program, Foster is paid to provide that aid to Jeremiah.

“I’ve been told by everyone—Jeremiah’s caseworker, friends of mine who are also in self-direction—don’t let this be your only source of income because budget cuts are coming,” Foster said.

Foster, a single mom, started substitute teaching last month to help offset

the expected drop in wages.

“I can’t afford to have the rug pulled from under our feet,” she said.

Disability rights advocates have been traveling to Annapolis for weeks to rally against proposed DDA funding cuts included in the state’s \$70.8 billion operating budget. They warned cuts could harm some Marylanders receiving DDA services, including the roughly 19,000 enrolled in “self-direction” and other programs.

The proposed budget cuts \$126 million to DDA, a reduction from \$150 million after lawmakers restored some funding.

“We are grateful to both chambers, to the House and Senate, for agreeing to restore that funding,” said Laura Howell, CEO of the Maryland Association of Community Services. “Having said that, obviously these cuts are painful.”

The cuts total more than \$250 mil-

lion when taking into account federal Medicaid matching dollars, advocates said.

Made with Flourish • Create a chart After ironing out differences between House and Senate versions of the legislation Friday, the proposal has been sent to Gov. Wes Moore.

The cuts, which come as the state faces a budget shortfall of \$1.5 billion for fiscal 2027, would impact funding to DDA, including self-direction and community provider programs.

While “self-direction” allows people to directly manage their own services and staff, community provider programs coordinate services for individuals receiving them.

Under the proposed budget, funding would be cut by 2–4% for community providers, Howell said.

She said the cuts could make it harder for community providers to offer cost-of-living raises to direct support



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Carin Smith, co-leader of Concerned Citizens of Self-Direction Maryland, speaks at a rally in Annapolis on March 24, 2026, advocating to preserve funding for disability services.

professionals, which is “critical” for reducing staff turnover and ensuring better outcomes for those receiving services.

Yan Orellana, of Silver Spring, rallied in Annapolis last month for his 26-year-old son Raphy, who has autism. Orellana said Raphy’s support services help him be more independent and have a better quality of life.

Without access to services, Orellana said Raphy will “stay home doing nothing.”

This is not the first time the DDA has been targeted for budget cuts. Last year, the agency faced more than \$400

COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

Born in America Means American. Period

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

—The 14th Amendment

They hoped we weren't paying attention.

While the country was watching fighter jets and debating troop deployments, while the administration's shock-and-awe news cycle churned through one manufactured crisis after another, a quieter and far more dangerous move was playing out in plain sight.

On the first day of his second term, President

Trump signed an executive order attempting to end birthright citizenship in the United States. Not through Congress. Not through the constitutional amendment process the framers required. Through a stroke of a pen.

This is one of the most brazen assaults on American democracy this administration has attempted. And it was designed to slide through the noise.

It must and will not.

The 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, includes a citizenship clause that confers citizenship on anyone "born in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." The amendment simply constitutionalized centuries of precedent based on English common law.

And let us remind America, that this was a direct repudiation of the Dred Scott decision, which denied Black people the protections of U.S. citizenship. The amendment was the nation's promise to itself

that never again would the government get to decide that a person born on this soil was something less than American.

That promise is now under attack.

Trump has argued that the amendment "was meant for the slaves, for the children of slaves." Let that land for a moment. The administration's own framing acknowledges the 14th Amendment was written to protect Black people, and then argues that its protections should be narrower than the text plainly states.

This is not a legal argument. It is a political ideology, rooted in White Supremacy, seeking to legally discriminate who really counts based arbitrarily by a select few.

The assault on birthright citizenship is anti-Black not only in its history but in its logic. When you establish the principle that citizenship can be conditioned on the legal status of your parents, you create the infrastructure for a permanent underclass. You open the door to generations of people born in America, raised in America, who are American in every lived sense, but who can be told they do not belong.

If Trump's order were allowed to stand, an estimated 2.7 million additional people would be unauthorized by 2045, and 5.4 million more by 2075. These are not abstractions. These are children. And disproportionately, they are children of color.

Advocates have warned this risks creating a "permanent underclass" for some immigrant groups, transforming the cultural and civic fabric of the country. Communities of color, already navigating the cumulative weight of structural inequality, would face an additional burden; proving their belonging

in the only country they have ever known.

That is not America at its founding promise. That is America at its worst.

Every federal court that has considered a challenge to the executive order has struck it down. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in Trump v. Barbara this week, and a majority of the justices appeared skeptical of the administration's position. Even Chief Justice Roberts noted that we may live in a new world, but we have the same Constitution. We agree. A Supreme Court ruling is expected by the end of June or early July.

The National Urban League has stood against every attempt to diminish the citizenship, dignity, and rights of Black and brown Americans since 1910. We know what it looks like when government uses the machinery of law to shrink the circle of who belongs. We have seen this before, and we have fought it before, and we are fighting it now.

To the communities living under the shadow of this executive order, we see you. To the children whose citizenship should never have been in question, you are American, and we will defend that truth.

And to those in power who believe the noise of the moment will drown out accountability, it will not.

We are watching the courts. We are watching the Congress. We are watching the ballot box. American democracy has survived every attempt to hollow it out from within, because the people it was built to exclude refused to stop demanding what was theirs.

This generation will be no different.

—April 4, 2026

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Pitch from A1

YWEP is a two-year program designed to equip young women with entrepreneurial skills, leadership development, and real-world business experience. The Senior Pitch Competition serves as the program's capstone experience.

The event is open to the public, and members of the media are invited to attend the final rounds on April 15.

For more information or to register:

Round 1 (April 14):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ywep-social-entrepreneurs-senior-pitch-competition-2026-round-1-tickets-1985332045592?aff=oddtcreator>

Final Rounds (April 15):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ywep-social-entrepreneurs-senior-pitch-competition-2026-round-2-3-tickets-1985333952295?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information, please contact Mrs. Joy Lawson at jlawson@setonhs.org or (301) 864-4532 x7668.

Elizabeth Seton High School, rooted in Catholic values and the charisma of the Daughters of Charity, cultivates confidence in young women to excel in college, careers, and life through an innovative and rigorous academic experience. As a diverse and inclusive learning community, students are taught to think critically and creatively, work collaboratively, and serve others. For more information, visit <https://www.setonhs.org/>

Dominic Powell Appointed Vice Chair of College of Southern Maryland Foundation Board

By PRESS OFFICER

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union

GREENBELT, Md. (April 3, 2026)—Educational Systems Federal Credit Union announces that Dominic Powell, Vice President, Business Development and Partnerships, has been appointed Vice Chair of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation Board of Directors, effective October 2025.

Powell previously joined the CSM Foundation Board of Directors in 2024 and has supported the organization's work to expand access to higher education and strengthen opportunities for students throughout Southern Maryland.

In his role as Vice President, Business Development and Partnerships at Educational Systems Federal Credit Union, Powell leads initiatives that build and strengthen relationships with community colleges, school systems and education-focused organizations served by the Credit Union. His work supports the Credit Union's commitment to empowering individuals and communities through accessible financial solutions and educational partnerships.

"Dominic's leadership and passion for sup-



PHOTO COURTESY ESFCU

Dominic Powell, ESFCU Vice President, Business Development and Partnerships

porting education make him a strong advocate for the students and communities served by the College of Southern Maryland," said Girado Smith, President/CEO of Educational Systems Federal Credit Union. "We are proud to see his continued service and leadership recognized through this appointment."

The CSM Foundation is a nonprofit organization that raises and manages funds to support scholarships, workforce development initiatives

and programs that enhance educational opportunities at the College of Southern Maryland.

"As a member of the CSM Foundation Board, I have seen firsthand the impact that community support can have on students and their futures," Powell said. "I look forward to continuing to work with the Foundation to help expand opportunities for students across Southern Maryland."

Powell is active in the region's education and nonprofit communities and has served on several boards and advisory groups that support students, educators and local organizations. His appointment as Vice Chair reflects his continued commitment to advancing educational opportunities and strengthening partnerships that benefit the communities served by the College of Southern Maryland.

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union has proudly served the education community since 1955. With \$1.3 billion in assets and 13 branches, the Credit Union serves over 80,000 members of the education community including school employees, students, parents and individuals working for education-related organizations. For more information, visit <https://www.esfcu.org>.

Governor Moore Announces Maryland Center for Public-Private Partnerships Through MEDCO, Advancing Collaborative Economic Development Statewide

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 2, 2026)—Governor Wes Moore today announced the establishment of the Maryland Center for Public-Private Partnerships at MEDCO, the Maryland Economic Development Corporation. The Center will convene public and private sectors to accelerate economic development and deliver critical infrastructure projects across Maryland.

"When we bring partners to the table, we can tackle complex challenges that once seemed impossible," said Gov. Moore. "The Maryland Center for Public-Private Partnerships at Maryland Economic Development Corporation will help us do exactly that, connecting public entities with private sector innovators, universities, and nonprofit leaders to create lasting change in our communities."

As a proven delivery model, public-private partnerships empower state and local governments to leverage private sector expertise, unlock new sources of capital, and build resilient communities that drive economic growth. The first of its kind in Maryland, the Center will deploy innovative financing solutions to deliver and enhance infrastructure, expand the state's revenue base, improve housing, grow businesses, and attract and retain talent. By utilizing market-tested best practices, government and private developers can expedite critical projects, turning concepts into community-strengthening outcomes.

MEDCO brings more than 40 years of experience delivering innovative financing, infrastructure solutions, and strategic advisory services across the state. The Center will build on that foundation, offering partnership solutions that expand capacity, introduce new sources of capital,

and achieve sustainable results. Public-private partnership models come in many forms, including the monetization of public assets and creation of new revenue streams, with deal structures that allow projects to remain publicly owned while distributing risk between sectors.

The Center will provide comprehensive services including advisory expertise and project stewardship from concept through execution; strategic partnership development among public, private, university, and nonprofit stakeholders; and transformative placemaking, including transit-oriented development, mixed-use centers, energy facilities, and innovation centers. Additional capabilities will include exploration of project financing options and full project delivery, coordinating all phases of construction from planning and design through engineering, development, and completion.

"By bringing together the strengths of the private and public sectors, the Center can deliver smart, cost-effective solutions to address real community needs," said MEDCO Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director Tom Sadowski. "From transportation to energy, infrastructure to housing, this effort will accelerate progress and strengthen communities statewide."

"Public-private partnerships are a proven mechanism to limit cost, schedule and operations risk for public sector infrastructure projects, as well as providing project financing," said Investcorp Corsair Infrastructure Partners Managing Director John D. Porcari. "With the unprecedented backlog of infrastructure needs across America and here in Maryland, MEDCO is bringing this important new capability to the state."

The Center's formation draws on deep experience with successful public-private partnerships in Maryland and nationwide.

Bridging public sector policy with private sector innovation and executed at market speed, the Center is designed to spur long-term economic growth across Maryland.

Learn more about MEDCO's capabilities at medco-corp.com.

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

I'll Be 65 Soon and Am Working. Must I Enroll in Medicare?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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the non-profit arm of the
Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I will be 65 in October and I am working full-time. My goal is to work until age 67, which is my full retirement age, or until age 70. I heard I have to apply for Medicare Part A only. Is this true or will I be penalized? And do I have to go to the Social Security office to do this, or can I do it online? And then will they be still giving me my Medicare through the next five years of working, or do I have to pay for something? I will have my own healthcare insurance. Thank you for your help. **Signed: Confused**

Dear Confused: There are two things you should be aware of:

1. You do not need to claim Social Security benefits when you enroll in Medicare
 2. You do not need to enroll in Medicare at age 65 if you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants)
- Thus, it is perfectly okay for you to delay taking your Social Security benefits until age 67 (your SS full retirement age), or even until age 70 when you will get the maximum SS benefit you are entitled to. And if you now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer, you can delay enrolling in Medicare until such time as your employer's healthcare coverage ends. When you stop working, you will enter a Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP), during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Whenever you decide to enroll in Medicare (or Social Security), you will not need to visit your local SSA office to do so. You can enroll in Medicare either online at www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up or you can call SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to enroll in Medicare on the telephone. Similarly, when you are ready to claim Social Security, you can do so online at www.ssa.gov/apply or you can call 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to apply for SS over the phone. To apply online, however, you should first create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Creating your online SS account now (at age 65) will facilitate later online enrollment and will also provide you with an estimate of your SS benefit amounts at various ages — e.g., now at age 65, at your FRA of 67, or at age 70. And that should help you decide when it is best for you to claim Social Security.

- A few final points:
- You should verify with your employer's health insurance provider that they don't require you to enroll in Medicare at age 65. Most employer plans don't, but some do.
 - You don't need to enroll in Medicare Part A or Part B now as long as your employer's coverage is creditable. And it's okay to enroll in Medicare a couple of months prior to your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ending (when you stop working), requesting that your Medicare coverage starts when your employer's healthcare ends. This will ensure that there is no gap in your healthcare coverage. If your employer coverage is creditable, you will not suffer a Medicare Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling after age 65.
 - If you claim Social Security benefits at any time prior to your full retirement age (FRA) and are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The AET lasts until you reach your FRA (67), after which you can earn as much as you like without your SS benefits being affected.
 - Whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be required to take Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Medicare Part A is free because you are also eligible for Social Security. But you don't need to enroll in Part A at age 65 unless you also claim Social Security.
 - Medicare Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.), is optional if you have creditable employer coverage as explained above. You do not need to enroll in Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium of \$202.90 in 2026) until your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ends, even if you claim Social Security earlier.

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From Global Humanitarian Work to Local Disaster Response, Lindsey Doyle Named to Lead Red Cross Southern Maryland Chapter

By PRESS OFFICER
American Red Cross

LANHAM, Md. (March 30, 2026)—The American Red Cross has named Prince George's County resident Lindsey Doyle as Executive Director of the Southern Maryland Chapter, bringing global humanitarian experience to a role focused on helping local families before, during and after disasters.

Doyle brings more than 15 years of humanitarian leadership experience, including work with the U.S. Agency for International Development where she helped lead a White House initiative supporting communities facing the impacts of climate change.

Her connection to the Red Cross is also local. Doyle previously volunteered with the Red Cross disaster response team in Southern Maryland, responding to home fires and other emergencies and supporting families in the immediate aftermath of a crisis. She recalled one response in her own neighborhood where a family had lost their home just before their child's birthday. Even as volunteers helped meet immediate needs, they also made sure the child's birthday was recognized. "It's not just about what people lose," Doyle said. "It's about showing up for them in very human ways."

In Southern Maryland, the Red Cross most often responds to home fires, providing help to families who may have lost their homes, belongings and access to essential medications, often in the middle of the night or during some of the most diffi-



PHOTO COURTESY AMERICAN RED CROSS

Lindsey Doyle

cult moments they will face.

"Lindsey brings a strong commitment to serving people in times of crisis, along with a deep understanding of how resilience is built within communities," said Dale Kunce, Regional Chief Executive Officer for the National Capital and Greater Chesapeake Region of the Red Cross. "Her experience as a Red Cross volunteer and her connection to this community make her well suited to support families and strengthen our volunteer network across Southern Maryland."

Earlier in her career, Doyle served in the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations and led a coalition of 90 chief executives from U.S.-based international humanitarian organizations. She also supported poverty reduction efforts with grassroots organizations in Latin America and Southern Africa.

Bowie State Athletics Celebrates Clyde Doughty Jr., Honored With MOAA Charles Whitcomb Service Award

By PRESS OFFICER
Bowie State University Athletics

CLEVELAND, Ohio (April 1, 2026)—The Department of Athletics at Bowie State University proudly recognizes the posthumous honor awarded to Clyde Doughty Jr., who has been named the 2026 recipient of the Charles Whitcomb Service Award by the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA). This prestigious award celebrates transformational leadership in diversity, equity, and inclusion across collegiate athletics, the very qualities that defined Doughty's remarkable career.

A Legacy of Inclusive Leadership

Throughout his 11 years at Bowie State, Doughty exemplified a commitment to building inclusive, student-centered athletic communities. He championed an environment where student-athletes, coaches, and administrators could engage in meaningful dialogue, personal growth, and social responsibility. Programs he created, such as A Conversation on Diversity, DEI-focused workshops, and Mind, Body & Soul, reinforced his belief that inclusion is an active, sustained culture, not just an initiative.

Elevating Student-Athletes and Staff

Doughty amplified the voices of student-athletes from underrepresented backgrounds, ensuring their experiences shaped policies, programs, and departmental culture. Beyond student support, he advanced equitable hiring and staff development, mentoring colleagues, fostering professional growth, and building collaborative, values-driven environments. His leadership strengthened Bowie State Athletics, the CIAA, and collegiate sports nationwide.

Programs That Endure

Clyde's vision created lasting initiatives, including Experience in Community and Character, CIAA Unity in Action, and other DEI programs that continue to serve as pillars of inclusion and opportunity for student-athletes. His work ensured that athletics remained a platform for personal development, community engagement, and equity.

A Loss Felt Across the Athletics Community

Doughty's passing on February 3, 2026, was deeply felt across Bowie State and the CIAA. Celebrated for his humility, joy, and unwavering commitment to people, he left a profound legacy of competitive success, championship leader-

ship, and transformative impact on those around him.

Honoring His Life and Leadership
The Charles Whitcomb Service Award recognizes Doughty's lifetime of service, inclusion, and dedication to elevating others. MOAA will present the award posthumously at the 2026 MOAA Symposium, celebrating a career that transformed lives and set a new standard for leadership in collegiate athletics.

Bowie State Athletics honors Clyde Doughty Jr.—a mentor, advocate, and trailblazer—whose vision and values continue to inspire our student-athletes, staff, and community every day.

About the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association
Administered by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), MOAA promotes equitable employment opportunities for minorities in collegiate athletics. The association fosters networking, professional development, and initiatives that create inclusive, supportive environments for aspiring professionals in sports administration. Learn more at www.moaaweb.com.

For the most up-to-date information on Bowie State Athletics and its 14 varsity sport teams, visit bsubulldogs.com.

Assisted Living Locators Opens New Senior Care Advisory Service in Waldorf, Maryland

No-Cost Senior Placement Service Helps Families Navigate Assisted Living, Independent Living and Memory Care Options

By PRESS OFFICER
Assisted Living Locators

WALDORF, Md. (March 30, 2026)—Assisted Living Locators, a nationwide senior placement and referral service, today announced the opening of its newest location in Waldorf, Maryland. The new office is owned and operated by Janay Hurley, serving families across Southern Maryland—including Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties—with select support in surrounding areas, offering personalized, no-cost guidance through the senior living decision-making process.

Hurley brings a strong background in administration, service-based roles, business and real estate, with a career centered on helping people navigate important

processes with organization, compassion and clear communication. Her experience supporting individuals and managing complex decisions positions her to guide families through one of life's most important transitions with professionalism and care.

Assisted Living Locators of Waldorf provides families with comprehensive, personalized support at no cost, including assessments of care needs, guidance on appropriate levels of care, and assistance comparing independent living, assisted living and memory care communities based on budget, location and preferences. Hurley also coordinates tours, answers questions throughout the process and connects families with trusted local resources to support a smooth transition.

Rather than navigating complex senior

living decisions alone, families receive one-on-one support from the initial consultation through placement. Hurley works with both seniors planning ahead and families facing immediate care needs, offering solutions that align with a wide range of care requirements and financial considerations.

For more information about Assisted Living Locators of Waldorf, MD, or to schedule a complimentary consultation, call (410) 560-7195 or visit <https://waldorf.assistedlivinglocators.com>.

Founded in 2003, Assisted Living Locators is a leading nationwide senior placement and referral service providing compassionate guidance to families seeking senior living and care solutions.

