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SPORTS FOR ALL, FOREVER!



Welcome to the 2018 Maryland District AAU Awards Banquet Ceremony!

Thank You for joining us today as we recognize the wonderful achievements of our organization and its members!

As we wind down another year of exciting Maryland District Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) activities, I appreciate the hard work, dedication and support all of you continue to demonstrate. You are truly awesome!

The Maryland District AAU is an established organization and continues to be a top competitor. AAU programs challenge our athletes to improve their sports skills, build life skills and achieve their fullest potential. Our programs inspire, motivate and guide our athletes, and are designed to build character.

AAU activities teach athletes the finer points and basic fundamentals of each sport, and they also instill the confidence our athletes need in other areas of their lives. They teach the importance of setting goals, encourage team work, leadership and good sportsmanship.

AAU Athlete Awardees are talented, competitively spirited and dedicated to taking their games to the next level. These athletes may have fallen, but they get back up; lose but don't accept defeat. They are here today because they refuse to fail. They inspire us. They are a tremendous source of strength, inspiration, commitment and determination, and they wholeheartedly deserve today's recognition.

Yet, we also recognize the fact that these athletes would not be successful without the help, support, guidance and encouragement of their coaches, volunteers, family and friends.

On behalf of the Maryland District AAU Executive Committee, I congratulate all of the Coaches, Volunteers and Athletes in the Maryland District who have distinguished themselves in AAU competitions during 2018.

May we always remember the individual triumphs and great moments we shared this year. I hope that you all take with you fond memories, new friends and many important life experiences gained from participating in AAU Sports programs. I sincerely hope everyone enjoys today's celebration!

Ben DuBose, Maryland District Governor

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2018 MD AAU AWARDS PROGRAM



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Introduction of Executive Officers, Sports Directors,	
Banquet Committee, Special Guests & the Master of Ceremonies	
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Master of Ceremonies	
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Dinner & MD AAU "Year In Review"	
Keynote Speaker	lucation
Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools Presentation to Keynote Speaker Bernard "Jack" Young - President - Baltimore City C	ouncil
Awards - Jump Rope Jim McCleary - Sport Director	
Awards - Track and Field Felix Rogers - Sport Director	
John Considine Award Maurice Ward - 2nd Lieutenant Governor	
Cheerleaders Presentation Maya Fitts – Sport Director	
Jump Rope Presentation Jim McCleary and the Kangaroo Kids	
Awards - Boys Basketball Ben DuBose – Sport Director	
Awards - Swimming	
Awards - Baseball	
Special Presentation for Lisa Fitts Ben DuBose – Governor and Tracey Estep - Secret	ary
Ben DuBose "Overcoming Adversity" Award Eric Brown - Treasurer and Terri Fulp - Banquet Con	mmittee
Volunteer of the Year Award Beverly Vincent - Registrar, Maryland District AAU	
Awards - Volleyball Marvelyn Davis - Sport Director	
Awards - Governor's Awards Ben DuBose - MD AAU Governor and Boys Baskett Director	all Sport
Special Awards Eric Brown - Treasurer and Gary Brooks - Chairpers	son
Melvin Parker Award	d

Drawings LaKeesha Beverly

Closing Remarks / End Ben DuBose

LAMONT GERMANY

Sports Anchor, XM-Satellite Radio, Co-Founder Heritage Sports Radio Network

Master of Ceremonies

Lamont Germany is a 30 year veteran of the broadcast industry, who has enjoyed a varied and comprehensive multi-media career on the local, regional and national level. His career path has afforded an opportunity to experience the full broadcast gamut.

The Morgan State University graduate ('80), was born in Pittsburgh, PA and was bitten by the radio bug practically at birth. His father, Albert Germany (Al Gee) was a popular Dee-Jay in Pittsburgh, and later in Washington, D.C. and New York.

Germany grew up wanting to follow in his father footsteps, and got his first broadcast opportunity while a student at Morgan State University. Under the guidance of News Director Larry Dean and Program Director Kweisi Mfume, Germany interned in the newsroom at Morgan State University owned and operated WEAA-FM.

As a student reporter, he covered the gamut; politics, crime, arts, entertainment, and sports. His experience at WEAA served as the foundation for his career after graduation.

Germany's experience at WEAA led to other broadcast opportunities, including a stint at several of the highest rated stations in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area WPOC (FM 93) in Baltimore, MD. And WBAL-AM in Baltimore. At WBAL, Germany enjoyed a 12 year career as a news anchor and General Assignment reporter. During his WBAL tenure, he covered Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Maryland politics.

The emergence of new technologies in the industry eventually led to a strong interest in satellite radio. Germany was hired as a Sports Anchor at Sirius-XM Satellite radio in Washington, D.C.in April of 2005. At Sirius-XM, Germany was heard on a national platform. His work could be found on the various sports channels on the platform. Germany has also freelanced in Baltimore area high school sports.

He has had the opportunity to sit behind the microphone at high school football and basketball games since 1995. And in addition to his ex-

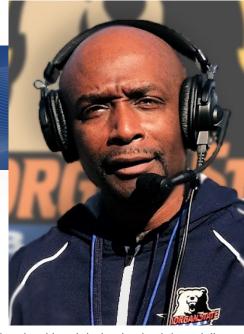
perience on the high school level, he's also had the privilege of serving as the primary Play by Play voice of Morgan State University athletics.

Germany has been the "Voice of Morgan" since for more than three decades.

In 2007, Germany and several partners realized a career dream with the formation of the Heritage Sports Radio Network (HSRN). The network is dedicated to the national broadcast of HBCU athletics. It affords Historic Black Colleges and Universities a platform for exposure that previously did not exist. HSRN programming can be heard on Sirius-XM radio and 30 radio stations across the country.

Lamont Germany currently resides in Parkville, Maryland.





DEBORAH S. PHELPS

Executive Director, The Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools, Inc.

Keynote Speaker

Deborah Phelps is widely recognized as an innovative, energetic and talented leader, and master teacher with more than four decades of teaching and administrator experience. The proud mother of three children and grandmother of 5, Ms. Phelps is the Executive Director of the Education Foundation of the Baltimore County Public Schools, Inc. A highly sought after motivational speaker and recent author, Ms. Phelps addresses a range of topics related to education, child development, health and life lessons.

Ms. Phelps began her career in education as a teacher at Havre de Grace Middle School in 1974 and evolved her experiences from teacher to team leader to department chair, which has served as the foundation to her successful role in administration. Over the course of her distinguished career, Ms. Phelps has developed a state-of-the-art food science lab, designed and implemented award-winning nutrition and food science curriculum and has been actively involved in the successful launch of two middle schools, North Harford Middle School in Harford County (Teacher/Department Chair) and Windsor Mill Middle School (Principal).

Her dedication and commitment to excellence in the field of education has earned Ms. Phelps honors including Baltimore County Public School's Teacher of the Year Finalist, two-time Maryland Family & Consumer Science Teacher of the Year, and Baltimore County's "Baby Boomer of the Year" (2004), The Imagination Award: Understanding Hearts Celebrating Teachers and Other Heroes and the Healthier Moms and Babies Inspiration Award and most recently in the spring was awarded The Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Hunt Valley Rotary Club for her support and contributions to the Rotary Club over the years.

Ms. Phelps is the Executive Director of The Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools, Inc., which provides and facilitates community and cooperate funding to support the Superintendent's vision that align with the goal of development lifelong learners through literacy, ensuring that BCPS graduates globally competitive. The Foundation provides funding for innovative programs, and resources for students and teachers. The Education Foundation is a private, non-profit charitable

organization under IRS section 501(c) (3), accepting contributions that are designated by donors for specific purposes, such as scholarships, school

-based/office-based projects and 21st Century Instructional Initiative Grants as well as unrestricted funds that are then granted by the Education Foundation in response to requests for support and to fulfill school system goals. Funding is supplemental and does not replace or alter use of tax-based revenue.

Beyond the school halls, Ms. Phelps is also affectionately known as a "swim mom" to three accomplished swimmers. She has added "author" to her resume with the release of her first book, A Mother for All Seasons, in which she reveals the universal themes of her life story that is rich with struggle, humor, hope, advice and passion and rallies readers to cheer for all of our children at every stage of their growth and in every endeavor.

A native of Allegany County (Western Maryland), Ms. Phelps received her Master's degree in Education Management & Supervision from Loyola College (MD) and B.A. in Education from Fairmont State College, where she has served as the commencement speaker and was named Outstanding Alumnae in 2010. Ms. Phelps has serves as both the convocation speaker and the commencement speaker at Stevenson University. She currently resides in Baltimore, Maryland where she enjoys spending her free time with her family, traveling and attending a variety of sporting events, especially those that are Baltimore based as well as international competition, such as the Olympics.

With the expansion of her family, as a grandmother, she enjoys immensely attending the activities and sporting events of her many grandchildren.



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2018 Maryland District AAU



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ben DuBose, Jr., Governor



Antoinette DuBose, 2nd Lieutenant Governor



Maurice Ward, 3rd Lieutenant Governor



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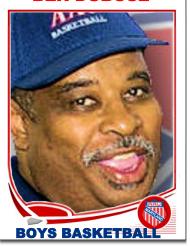
2018 MD AAU Sports Directors



MIKE GRAHAM



BEN DUBOSE



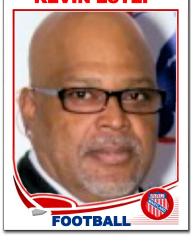
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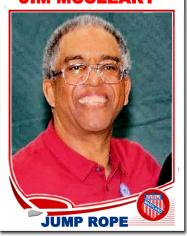


KEVIN ESTEP





JIM MCCLEARY



THURMAN BELL







JASON GABRIELSON





2018 Maryland AAU Awards

MD/AAU OUSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD

The MD/AAU Outstanding Athlete Award is presented to the athlete who excelled in performance in their respective sport, used their talents to best of their abilities and was motivated to excellence in athletic endeavors.

MD/AAU COACHES AWARD

The MD/AAU Coach Award is presented to coaches that through their major commitment of time, patience, and instruction make it possible for the many MD/AAU athletes to train and successfully compete. And through their understanding ways and their knowledge of the game embrace inspiration, motivation, and dedication as the building blocks that athletes need for success in sports and life. Each Sports Director recommends their choice (from their sport) to the Banquet Chairperson.

MD/AAU "VOLUNTEER SPIRIT" AWARDS

The MD/AAU "Volunteer Spirit" Awards are presented to individuals who embrace the true meaning of "giving their time and energy to benefit others," and do so in the "spirit" of what all of AAU really stands for: a commitment and dedication to America's children to grow as individuals and become tomorrow's leaders. These volunteers, who give of themselves, can always be counted on to be there, and always bring the team spirit with them. Each Sports Director makes these recommendations (from the sport) to the Banquet Chairperson.

JOHN G. CONSIDINE - "SPORTS DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP AWARD"

This award honors the late John Considine and is awarded to the Maryland AAU Sports Director that shows the largest percentage increase in new registrations (athletes and clubs) over the year and the most registered participants. This award promotes both his legacy and passion for involving more and more athletes and volunteers in the fun and spirit of the AAU. The Governor and Registrar finalize selection.

WILLIAM "BILL" STEVENS - "CLUB EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD"

This award pays tribute to the sports/club Volunteer, who takes pride in the finer details of AAU paperwork and documentation in ensuring that their club is administratively signed, sealed and delivered for competition (local, state or national). Each Sports Director makes these recommendations (from their sport) to the Banquet Chairperson.

RALPH L. DURANT MEMORIAL AWARD

This award was established to give tribute to the outstanding architecting that Ralph Durant did with the Track and Field program of Baltimore City and the mentoring of youth and young adults in the program. Ralph Durant's name is synonymous with youth track and field excellence. Athletes are selected for their successes during the year's competitions in addition to their prowess at the National Junior Olympics and submitted to the Banquet Chairperson.

GOVERNOR'S AWARD

This award pays tribute to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership along with demonstrating professionalism and promoting the AAU. Each Sports Director makes recommendation (from their sport) to the Governor.

* MELVIN "MEL" PARKER MEMORIAL AWARD *

This award pays tribute to Melvin Parker, who served as the President of the Maryland District for 10 years and Boys Basketball Chairman for 10 years. The Award is given annually to the top male and female athletes who achieve a high standard of performance in AAU sanctioned district, regional, or national competition. The award will be presented to two individuals under the age of 18, in recognition of their commitment and achievement in their chosen sport. Each Sports Director submits an application for the recommendation.

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD

This award is presented to a member of the community who has demonstrated integrity, courage, and determination in overcoming adversity after which he/she has made a unique contribution to their community. The award is focuses on victims who overcome of severe life circumstances, life threatening organic diseases or impairing physical injuries. During the battle to overcome, award recipient's contribution to society must be exemplified by hard work and unselfish service. The award bears the name of Benjamin F. DuBose, who courageously battled cancer. Application Package must include a completed Application and Essay.



2018 Mel Parker Award Nominees

BASEBALL



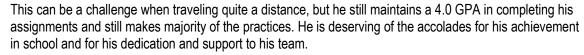
Vincent Aurigemma, of Odenton/Gambrills in Anne Arundel County, Md., is the Baseball nominee for the MELVIN "MEL" E. PARKER MARYLAND AAU MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD. A high performer exceling in academics, athletics, and the arts, Vincent attends Arundel High School (Class of 2019), where he is in his senior year, an Academic Honors student, and maintains a 3.5 GPA while taking Honors and advanced classes.

During summer 2018, he served with the John Dopson Baseball Academy as a catcher supporting pitchers' instructional lessons and training. He managed to find time to also work two part-time jobs at Panera Bread and Golds Gym. On the diamonds, Vincent is just as impressive. Playing for perennial Maryland public schools baseball power Arundel HS, he also has participated in AAU Baseball for four years. He is a member of the AAU Mid-Atlantic region's elite Maryland RBI Advanced Skills Development Team. As a pitcher and playing all positions except first base and catcher, he has earned distinction as a Maryland AAU Baseball Outstanding Player and All-District selection (2016, 2018).

In addition to baseball, he has participated in varsity track and field and wrestling at Arundel HS, plays piano, and is a candidate for Academic All-American honors. After high school graduation, he plans on attending Anne Arundel Community College and majoring in Business Management with a concentration in Financial Accounting and playing college baseball. Vincent is grateful for all the opportunities and support he has received throughout his playing days from all his AAU fellow athletes, coaches, volunteers, and AAU National Headquarters, District and Club administrators.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Terry Brooks III started playing basketball before he could even walk. He had a basketball goal in the living room. That kept him occupied for hours as a baby. He would be on his knees just throwing the basketball he couldn't even walk yet. As he got a little older he would use his diaper as a basketball and shoot it in the trash. The first time he played in an actual basketball game was in 1st grade. He was playing school ball with Dover where his dad was a coach. Terry plays basketball regardless of how cold it is. He has played basketball in the rain and snow behind our house. Nothing keeps him from playing basketball. He has even tried to play basketball while having the flu. Terry is an outstanding student athlete that gets along with his teammates and catches on to the play strategies in practice. He is a dedicated athlete and takes great pride in attending all practices and games even though he lives in Dover, PA.







Darius Woods is a special child with many talents and abilities. I have witnessed his gift since he wasin the first grade. He has an extremely high IQ in the books and his approach to the game. He gives a great deal of due diligence on the court and is a great defender. Balancing school and basketball can be a huge challenge for an 8 year old, but he manages to tackle them all effectively. There is no question that he will be a great candidate for any Division One college with his brains and basketball skills. Darius is the type of child who is a leader among his peers. Even though he is currently not a member of Team BBC, we are looking forward to him returning in the near future. I strongly recommend Darius for this prestigious award.

Darius fell in love with basketball at the age of 3. Right away his parents signed him up for a 4 - 6 year old league. Although he did not know how to shoot in the rim, his defensive and basketball IQ was amazing at his age. You could not tell he was younger than the rest of the kids. At age 4, after working on his shooting and dribbling, Darius was a force to be reckoned with for 3 years playing on Anne Arundel County's Greater Glen Burnie Basketball team playing up in age each year. In 2017, during the Anne Arundel County's championship game in which his mother was the basketball coach, Darius was asked after the game to join

Team Thrill's basketball team. He has been playing AAU basketball ever since. He is a team player and selfless on and off the court!

Congratulations 2018 MD AAU Award Winners!



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2017 Volunteer of the Year



MD District & National AAU

LaKeesha Beverly

LaKeesha has always been someone the AAU organization could depend on. She has proved to be a supportive, meticulous and diligent worker. Given any task, she works expeditiously to complete it timely, and with outstanding results.

LaKeesha is a Teacher and Trainer at the Maryland School for the Blind. She is also a committed PTA worker at Baltimore City College. Even though her son graduated from this school over three years ago, she continues with her committed service to help the organization grow and meet its goals.

As a Maryland District AAU Volunteer, LaKeesha is champion "multi-tasker." She currently serves as a:

- Member of the Boys Basketball Staff
- Facility Coordinator for the Maryland District AAU Boys Basketball Tournament
- Dedicated Banquet Committee member
- Chairperson for the 8-Under National Championship, hosted by Maryland District AAU
- An all-around helper wherever needed

LaKeesha is especially recognized for her leadership in spearheading and facilitating two 8-Under National Boys Basketball Tournaments, which were held in Salisbury and Westminster Maryland. She helped coordinate these highly-visible events with the Maryland AAU Staff; individuals, organizations, and various agencies throughout the State of Maryland, the AAU National Office in Florida, agencies in states outside of Maryland, the individual athletes, their parents and volunteers. Through her efforts, these tournaments were a great success. Many athlete's parents, their families and friends expressed their satisfaction with these events and rated them as some of the best tournaments they had ever attended.

She has a warm disposition marked by a caring touch that has impacted the lives of many here in AAU, in her family, at work, and the many community activities that she dedicates her time to. LaKeesha is an avid sports enthusiast. Her love of people, sports and community service is demonstrated in all that she does.

Most importantly, LaKeesha is the proud wife of Samuel and mother to her son, "Little Sam." She cherishes time with her family. Her commitment and loyalty, for upholding all that the AAU stands for; her service and persistence in fulfilling any job set before her have earned her the recognition of being the 2017 Maryland District AAU Volunteer of the Year and the National AAU Volunteer of the Year Award and the National AAU Volunteer of the Year Award!



Track/Field

Athlete Awards - Female

D'Amaie Davis
Bintu Chune
Samantha Heyison
Lacey Eden
Phoenix Griffith
Alana Gray
Kenya Merritt
Cathryn Lane
Destinee Mcleod
Kaelyn Carter
Kaelyn Woodrum
Mariah Tetteh
Tanya Harcum
Toni Benton-Hunter

Kiri Mitchell

Lauren Bell

Nisa Shorter

Athlete Awards - Male

Brandon Finney Jamarie Ward Donovan Young **Jadon Davis** Justin Devaughn Myles Taylor Josiah Curry Damon Ferguson Caleb Barley Xavier Gooden Adetola Adenekan Christian Wilbon Brendan Johnson Vaughn Devaughn Josiah Grant Carter Griffith

Corey Adamolekun Gabriel Dean Raymond Queen

Coaches Award

Mary Haynes Kenya Savoy Angela Moore Adrian Gilbert Kelvin Taylor Garfield Thompson

Governor Award

Garfield Thompson

Bill Stevens Award

Angela Moore

Ralph Durant Award

D'Amaie Davis Jadon Davis

Boys Basketball

Eastern Shore Aces Athlete Awards

Emmanuel Ortiz
Davin Chandler
Jayden Hudson
Christopher Richardson
Jasir Horsey
Ja'siah Basnight- Johnson
Maurice Douglas Jr.
Maurice Brown Jr.
Tyrell Wise Jr.
Tyler Ball
Carmelo Fleming

Coaches Awards

Maurice Douglas Vernon DeShields II Winfield Chandler

Boys Basketball - Team Thrill Basketball

Athlete Awards

Bryce Appenzeller
Tyran Brown
Delando Brown Jr
Elijah Maples
James Coleman
Jordan Costley
Kumari Green
Dejuan Newton Jr
Gavin Robinson
Kharter Urguhart-Transou

Coaches Awards

Darian Maples Dejuan Newton

Boy's Basketball - BBC

Athlete Awards

Kinnard Mahones Brian Snowden Jr. Bryce Hudgins Dylan Walker Billy Stanfield III Carter Dixon Darius Woods Oboseoye Kadiri Terry Brooks III Aaron Avery

Coaches Awards

Joseph Breckenridge - Head Coach Billy H Stanfield Jr - Assistant Coach

Governor Awards

Sonya Henson Monica Sabree Oleonta Stanfield Zane Cypress

Jump Rope

Athlete Awards

Kaitlyn Wisniewski Alexander Shane Maya Proper Elyse Kim Eliza Kim

Coaches Award

Gary Anderson

Governor Award

Cindy Bork

Volleyball

Athlete Awards

Madison Mevers Jadien Morton Daneillie Dorsery Rudy Hariston

Coaches Awards

Jordan Gibson

Volunteer Award

Regina White

Baseball

Athlete Awards

Jake Fedorczyk Jimmie Gentry Connor Graham Mac McGrath Zach Renner Vincent Aurigemma

Coaches Award

Chris Cummings

Bill Stevens Award

Ray Albaugh

Governor Award

Michael Graham

Swimming - CMSL

Athlete Awards

Nathan Daly Tessa Draminski Yoshi Fukui

Jianna Flamer

Claudia Decker

Ashton Seaman

Nashia Jenkins

William Brooks

Lauren Poole

Sam Devito

Joshua Hutter Ainsley Brancato

Quinn Harrington

Evan Cantemiry

Olivia Totaro

Joe Szczesniakowski

Kylie Swann

Billy Porter

Anna Petenbrink

Luke Petenbrink

Vladimir Gapeev

Morgan Winkfield Thomas Richardson

Lillian Golladay

Bryce Schilling

Kerissa Brandon

Madison Sites

Jack Kettering

Evan Frick

Mackenna Krouse

Kira Macmullan

Stephen Streaker

Breyanna Mahoney

Henry Smith

Paige Gonzalez

Madeleine Saulo

Everett Kuehn

Rahul Shahani

Claire Mays

Jackson Schultz

Morgan Schultz

Olivia Figuli

Mitch Myers

Rocco Pellito

Bailey O'Connell

Cooper Giesler

Leah Cirincione

Joshua Garofalo

Isabella Joyce

Thomas Baker

Catherine Waite

Mason Roth

Sam Wernsdorfer

McKenzie Rowe

Lyla Bradley

Jason Meyer

Chloe Morgan Dylan Grant

Didi Zhang

Madison Hooper Morgan Kemp Nate Brewer

Ethan Broschart Molly Broschart

Coaches Award

Michael Draminski Stephanie McCown

Madi Decker

Lisa Wells

Daniel Johnson

Summer Anzallo

Megan Taylor

Matt Goode

Caitlin McGing

Mary Beth Calvin

Dylan Gwinn

Dylan's Gwinn

Jenn Womble

LIsa Brabazon

Michael Federline

Steve Wishnies

Shelia Moreno

Mary Ellen Barrett

Taylor White Jesse Oxman

Melanie Hamilton

Kendall Krumenacker

Joe Miller

Colleen Cahoon

Ashley Towle

Rob Kesler

Nastya Jacobson

Tana King

Solomon Sniad

Meghan Heil

Patrick Fitzgerald

Kaleb Wylie

Torie Wang

Jake Lamparella

Jonathan Illuzzi

Jonathan Illuzzi

Wynne Kirchner Jody Frey

Chris Klemm

Volunteer Award

Alexandra Cucchiaro - CMSL

Bill Stevens Awards

Joe Cucchiaro

Volunteer Award

Neil Parrott - Hagerstown Swim Club April Parrott - Hagerstown Swim Club

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2018 MARYLAND DISTRICT AAU SPECIAL AWARDS

JOHN G. CONSIDINE "SPORT DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP AWARD"

John G. Considine – "Sport Director Membership Award – Most Registered Participants" – Swimming John G. Considine – "Sport Director Membership Award - Largest % Increase in New Registrations" – Volleyball

WILLIAM "BILL" STEVENS "CLUB EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD"

Angela Moore – Track & Field Ray Albaugh – Baseball Joe Cucchiaro – Swimming

RALPH L. DURANT MEMORIAL AWARD

D'Amaie Davis – Female Jadon Davis - Male



GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Garfield Thompson – Track & Field Sonya Henson – Boys' Basketball Monica Sabree – Boys' Basketball Oleonta Stanfield – Boys' Basketball Zane Cypress – Boys' Basketball Cindy Bork – Jump Rope Michael Graham - Baseball 10 Extra Awards

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

To be presented...

SPECIAL AWARDS

Master of Ceremony – Lamont Germany Morgan State University



BENJAMIN F. DUBOSE, JR OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD

To be presented...

MEL PARKER AWARD

To be presented...

The Benjamin F. Dubose, Jr. Overcoming Adversity & Volunteer of the Year Awards

POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

The Overcoming Adversity

Award, established in two thousand fifteen, is presented to a member of the community who has demonstrated integrity, courage, and determination while undergoing a severe life circumstance, a life threatening organic disease or an impairing physical injury.

Sometimes the severity of an adversity rocks the very foundation of our lives. It can test our courage, our character, our mental and physical toughness, our determination and our faith. We can easily get stuck in "why me" and give in to overwhelming anger, sadness, and depression. We can "throw in the towel" or we can accept the fact that we have a tough fight on our hands and get back in the race of life. While battling cancer, former New Orleans Saints and Carolina Panther linebacker Sam Mills asked, "everybody can identify with an illness, but what do you do about it? Mill's answer: you keep pounding. Translation: you keep fighting.

This award bears the name of Benjamin F. Dubose, who courageously battled cancer while continuing to provide sports programs to thousands of youth, as Governor of the Maryland District Amateur Athletic Union and Sports Director for Boys Basketball. He simultaneously continued to provide free income tax services to citizens of East Baltimore. Today, Benjamin is cancer free.

Previous Adversity Award recipients include Maryland Buccaneers Basketball Coach Henry Powell and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan.

One of this year's recipient had more than 20 years' experience mentoring and coaching young girls and teens in cheerleading, dance and gymnastics. She AAU coached Pop Warner Cheer, high school cheer squads and dance teams.

LISA ARNADA DAVIS FITTS

February 18, 1967 - February 8, 2018

Her girls won local, state, and national cheer and

dance competitions. Under her leadership, she served as Co-Chair of the AAU National Batontwirling, recreational cheerleading and dance committees. Lisa held positions of Northwood football league and Old-Town Gators Cheer Program Director, Maryland District AAU and Pop Warner cheer coordinator. Moreover, she was a Maryland District's AAU Boys Basketball Commissioner and Tournament Assistant. Lisa was also a certified football official. Her experience included high school and youth football games.

In addition to her volunteering experience, Lisa was a realestate professional, accountant, event planner and entrepreneur. Lisa was a dedicated member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Out of a line of 138, she was number # 13; thus, her line name was "Lucky Charm."

In January of 2018, Lisa was diagnosed with cancer. She continued to work and be supportive backbone to her family (her daughters, mother, brothers, adoptive children, and grandchildren). Even during some of her weakest moments, she continued to execute planning of events and create decorations and sweet treats for parties with her daughters and friends. Lisa continued to coach her cheerleading team up until she was hospitalized in late January. From her hospital bed she told her family to make sure the girls went to practice and make sure they were ready for competition. Lisa courageously battled her illness. Her winning spirit and dedication to family, friends and cheer was evident to all that visited her during her brief illness.

At this time, we remember and honor Lisa Armada Davis Fitts for her past contributions and service to the Amateur Athletic Union and in memory of her, we present the 2018 Overcoming Adversity Award and the 2018 Volunteer of the Year award to her family.



BASEBALL

Maryland AAU swinging for the fences!

For the fourth consecutive year, Maryland AAU Baseball earned prestigious recognition nationwide in 2018 among AAU districts in the 25,000-player AAU Baseball system—one of the sport's so-called "Big 4" organizations at the national level: AAU, American Legion, USSSA, AABC. Driven by the area's need for high-quality, accessible youth baseball, the district's Maryland RBI Select-Travel Baseball Club (Dunkirk, Md.) and Pasadena Baseball Club were leading affiliate clubs.

"We are delighted to be among the more active districts in the U.S. for AAU Baseball over the past four years," said Mike Graham, Acting Director of the Maryland District for AAU Baseball and General Manager of Maryland RBI.

"Our success is the result of the dedication of our volunteers and players and AAU support."

In its 11th year—eight under the AAU umbrella—Maryland RBI has led the AAU high school eligible and collegiate summer baseball scene for ages 13-19 and 18-and-over in Anne Arundel, Kent, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Baltimore Counties. With its dogged perseverance, the club became the district's baseball leader and a fixture not only in the district but also the state, Mid-Atlantic region, and national levels of AAU Baseball as well as globally.

Maryland RBI's model combines skilled coaching with successful business and

government professionals volunteering to deliver quality youth baseball conveniently and in an economical manner.

The model has been so successful that the club forerunner grew from one team in 2009 to a league averaging 17 teams per year (2015-18), a growth rate of 1,650 percent. In all, 152 players played Maryland AAU Baseball in 2018, including the Mid-Atlantic Wood Bat League at the 18+ level.

"Our growth has been gratifying, and we believe it represents the fact that Maryland RBI's player-centric model is at the forefront of a revolution in the amateur baseball world," says Graham. "Maybe more telling than our growth over the years is the number of players who



have advanced to college and are playing college baseball that have arisen within our system as a result of the success they have enjoyed with their AAU player development experience," concluded Graham.

The highlight of the year was the South River Seahawks winning the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Wood Bat League 18+ Championship Tournament that Maryland RBI manager Ray Albaugh organized and led. South River defeated the No. 1 top-seed, defending champion and Mid-

Atlantic region and national power Maryland RBI Advanced Skills Development Team, longtime acknowledged leaders of AAU Baseball in Maryland, in the summer baseball championship game.

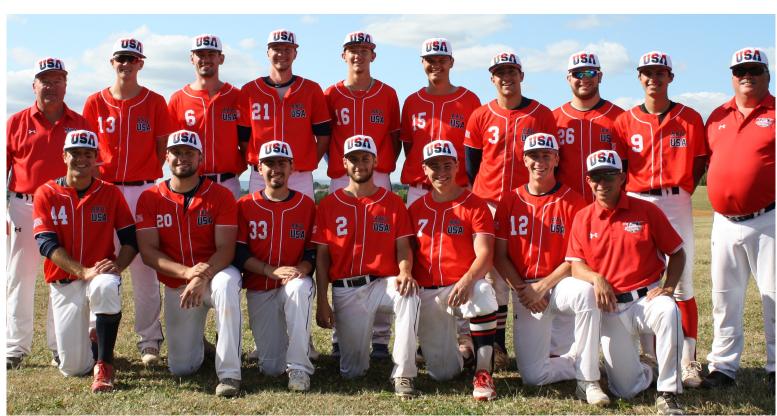
In other advancements, Maryland RBI coaches Graham and Chris Cummings assembled, organized, and led the AAU USA International Collegiate Team of college and high school baseball players recruited to compete internationally in Europe for the third consecutive year. Playing against the International Olympics/National Teams of Scotland and Ireland, Maryland AAU players CJ Cummings, Jimmie Gentry, Connor Graham, and Mac McGrath were named Scotland/ USA Series and Ireland International Invitational Tournament All-Stars. In the past three years, the team played in Spain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Scotland, and Ireland.

In the course of the past year, as AAU Baseball International Ambassador Coach and a member of the AAU Baseball National Executive Committee, Graham represented the USA in AAU Baseball global expansion discussions with European and other international baseball organizations.

Significantly, Maryland RBI had the greatest number of players in college ever this year. Fourteen former players were active on college level rosters or under their leadership signed or committed. Many have been selected to participate in state, national, international, and collegiate competitions, and several have received MLB evaluation or tryout invitations.

"It's a tough thing to coach at this level and the time that it requires," Graham said. "But we look back and see firsthand all the positive things all of our players and coaching volunteers achieve. That's where we are much different from other clubs. We produce quality players to play in college, and our coaches are recognized by the pros as well as nationally and internationally. That statement alone is where we stand out above the rest—and the best is yet to come."









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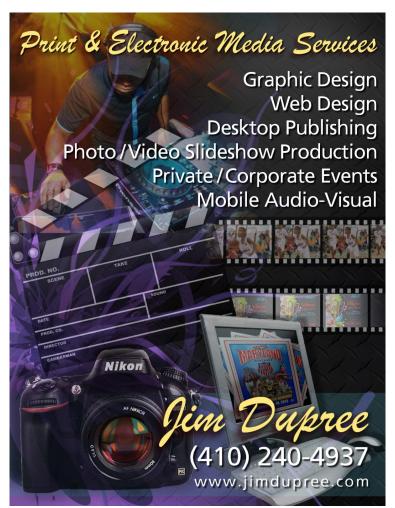
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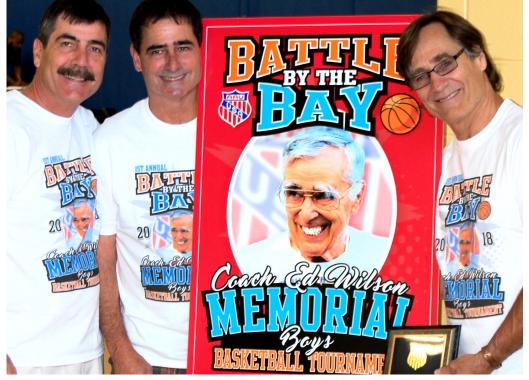
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SWIMMING

Building champions one stroke at a time!

The Central Maryland Swimming League (CMSL) provides competitive summer swimming programs for children of member pools to help advance aquatic skills, promote teamwork and principles of good sportsmanship, and develop a love of the sport. The league works to assure that both swimmers and parents alike have a positive introduction to swimming as well as a positive social interaction.

The league is comprised of 48 teams separated into eight divisions across four counties throughout Maryland and Baltimore City. Division membership is determined each year based on the performance of a team during the previous year and may change from year to year. Each athlete, coach and team representative is an AAU member and, with

over 5,000 members, CMSL is the largest swimming organization within AAU.

The league provides swimmers with several levels of competition to assist in their development as athletes and wellrounded individuals. The official season consists of five dual meets, a leaguewide invitational meet called the Straehle championship meet for which swimmers must have achieved minimum qualifying times, and divisional championship meets at the end of the season. All dual meets are held at member pools, usually on Saturday mornings in June and July. Many teams also organize additional inter-divisional and novice meets throughout the season to provide more opportunities for competition and fun. Some examples include competitive time trials,

county-based invitational meets, rockand-roll relays and dive-in movies. All CMSL meets have the same event structure which is separated by age and gender. The order of each CMSL event is IM, Freestyle, Butterfly, Breast Stroke and Relays. The distance of the events vary by age group.

CMSL's first season was 1973 and the League Individual Championships were held to allow top swimmers in the league to compete against each other. At that time there were not the large number of USA or AAU swimming meets available that there are today. In the early years the qualifying times were for the next year were determined by the finishing times from the previous year. The 16th fastest time recorded at the meet was the

qualifying time for the next season.

Eventually, the suggestion was made to increase the size of the meet and the time standards were adjusted so that the meet could be completed within an overall time limit.

The name of the meet was changed in 1991 to honor, Betty and Bill Straehle, who were very involved with the founding and operation of the league for many years. Bill Straehle passed away in 1990 and had officiated the championship and served as Officials Chairman that year.

The Straehle Invitational meet is now held annually during the last week of the season, just before the Divisional Championship meets, and takes place at one of the 48 CMSL clubs. To participate in individual events, times submitted must have been swum in a dual meet during the season, and must be equal to or faster than the Straehle qualifying times.

The Straehle championship meet is held to provide the opportunity for the top swimmers in the league to compete against each other in their best events.

Over the years the meet has been held at various member pools such as Padonia Park Swim Club, Andover Swim Club, UMBC, Meadowbrook Swim Club, South Carroll Swim Club and Four Seasons.

This year's Straehle Invitational meet was again held at Four Seasons Sports Complex in Hampstead, Carroll county. We were fortunate to have great weather, great swims, and as usual a meet well-staffed by the collective efforts of families across our league. The meet is an invitational meet where each swimmer must achieve a qualifying time for a specific event to participate. The qualifying times are set and reviewed by the CMSL Board of Directors at the beginning of each season.

In 2018, CMSL teams competed in over 150 AAU sanctioned dual and/or tri-meets as well as invitational and championship meets.















Track&Field

Starting strong, finishing stronger!

The sport of Track & Field includes Race-Walking, Multi-Events, and Cross Country. In the 2017-2018 season year, Maryland Track & Field registered 1462 Athletes and 52 Coaches. We held two District Championship Events. The Cross-Country Championship was held November 18, 2017, at Patterson Park in Baltimore, MD and was hosted by Baltimore City Track & Field.

The Track & Field Championship were

held on June 9-10, at Owings Mills High School and was hosted by Randallstown Track Club. The Cross-County Meet had 58 Athletes, 30 Girls and 28 Boys. Each athlete competed in two-year age-group division for both genders as follows, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, & 17-18. All the athletes were awarded medals and advanced to the National Championship.

The National was held on December 2, 2017 at Charlotte, NC. Several of our



Athletes made podium appearances (1st_8th Places). The Track & Field Meet had 24 Teams entered. There were 775 Athletes entered, with 366 Girls and 410 Boys. Each athlete competed in single year agegroup division for both genders as follows, 8 & under, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, except for the high schoolers who had these divisions 15-16, & 17-18. The top 16 finishers in each event-division advanced to a Regional Championship, which was held on June 21-24 at the PG Sports Complex in Landover, MD. The top 5 finishers in each event-division advanced to the Junior Olympics Games National Championship.

The Maryland kids made 19 podium appearances for the Girls and 27 podium appearances for the Boys 1st-8th Places). Many of these Athletes are honored at the Banquet.

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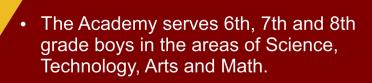
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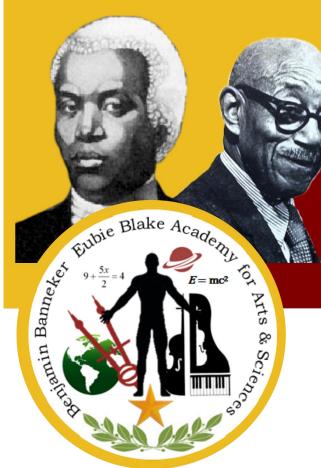
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Team Fire Elite's 13-Under "FEED THE HOMELESS" Snack Bag Drive was a huge success! Over 200 hand-packed bags of food items were distributed to families living in Waldorf, Maryland and surrounding communities. TFE Scholar Athletes were eager to help and made a strong showing of support.

TFE Staff and volunteers are passionately committed to showing our youth how organized sports can open doors of limitless possibilities through discipline, academics, community service, teamwork and unity.



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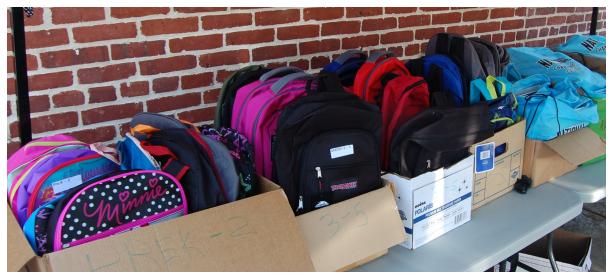
SPOTLIGHT ON: MERCY SEAT CHURCH & MINISTRIES

This year, MD District AAU Staff and volunteers partnered with First Lt. Governor Rev. Antoinette DuBose and the Mercy Seat Church & Ministries in Baltimore to give away free school supplies during their BACK TO SCHOOL Outreach Program.

"It started out slowly," said Rev.
DuBose, "but folks came out to enjoy
the gospel music and free food. We
ultimately gave away dozens of free
bags and knapsacks full of school
supplies, all donated by the AAU."
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As the year comes to a close, please allow me to thank the 2018 Awards Banquet Committee, our Maryland AAU Officers and Executive Committee, MD AAU Sports Directors, our Administrative Staff, Master of Ceremonies, Guest Speakers, Coaches, Parents, Volunteers, and most of all, our MD AAU athlete awardees!

Without your efforts, we would not be here celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of our athletes, coaches and volunteers. There would be no one to recognize and we'd have no reason to celebrate. Your generosity, time and commitment have allowed us to complete another successful season.

Your unwavering spirit of teamwork and cooperation continues to make all of our AAU events run as smoothly as possible and that is something I truly appreciate.

Thanks again, for your dedication and support, and for making this year's Awards Banquet Ceremony a great success!

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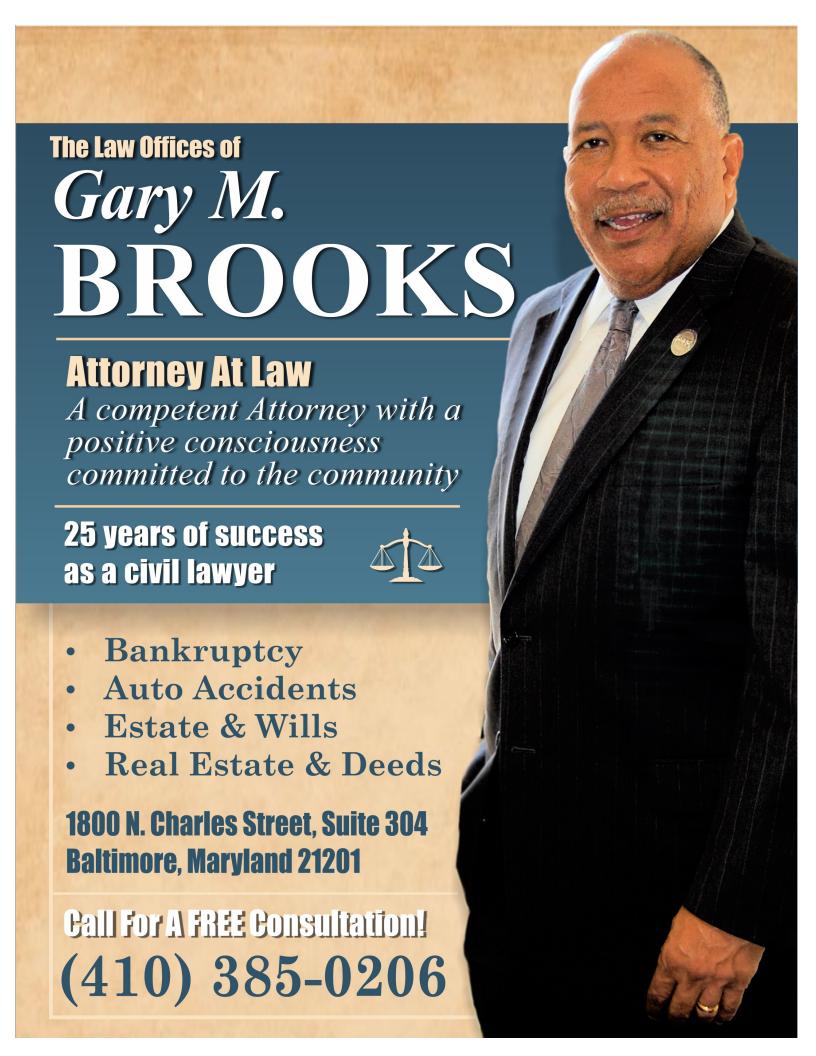
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