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## 2015 AWARDS BANQUET

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# Welcome to the 2015 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 2015. 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 that everyone enjoys today's celebration!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benjamin F. DuBose Jr." in a cursive script.

**Ben DuBose**, Maryland District Governor  
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# Program

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Welcome .....	Ms. Sheryl Nelson—Banquet Committee
Introduction of Executive Officers, Sports Directors, Banquet Committee, Special Guests & the Master of Ceremonies .....	Mrs. Carol Powell - Banquet Committee
Master of Ceremonies .....	Mr. Lamont Germany - Sports Anchor, XM-Satellite Radio, Co-Founder Heritage Sports Radio Network
Invocation .....	Bernard “Jack” Young - President, Baltimore City Council
Dinner & MD AAU “Year In Review“	
Keynote Speaker .....	Mr. Barry Simms, WBAL-TV11
Awards - Track and Field .....	Felix Rogers - Sports Director, Track & Field
Awards - Girls Basketball .....	Carolyn Leach - Sports Director, Girls Basketball
Jump Rope Presentation .....	Jim McCleary - Sports Director, Jump Rope
Awards - Boys Basketball .....	Commissioners Beverly Vincent (Registrar), Carol Powell, Ben DuBose
John Considine Award .....	Maurice Ward - 3rd Lieutenant Governor
Awards - Baseball .....	John Pineau, Sports Director, Baseball
Awards - Jump Rope .....	Jim McCleary
Awards - Swimming .....	Pastor Antoinette DuBose - 2nd Lieutenant Governor & Sports Director, Swimming, Joe Cucchiaro
Awards - Cheerleading .....	Lisa Fitts - Sports Director, Cheerleading
Volunteer of Year Award .....	Floyd Kerr - Director of Athletics, Morgan State University
Awards - Governor’s Awards .....	Ben DuBose - MD AAU Governor and Boys Basketball Sports Director, Mrs. Denise Dupree
Special Awards .....	Eric Brown - Treasurer
Melvin Parker Award .....	McCarroll Nole - 1st Lieutenant Governor
Drawings .....	LaKeesha Beverly
Closing Remarks / End .....	Ben DuBose



# Master of Ceremonies

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## Lamont Germany

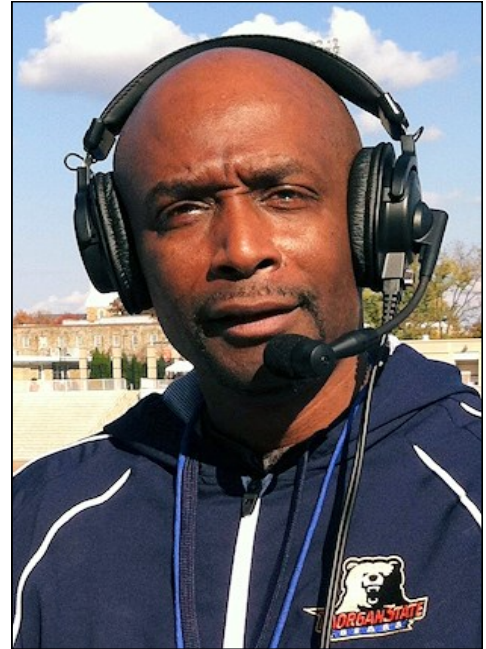
*Sports Anchor, XM-Satellite Radio, Co-Founder Heritage Sports Radio Network*

**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 free lanced in Baltimore area high school sports.

He's had the opportunity to sit behind the microphone at high school football and basketball games since 1995. And in addition to his experience 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.

Germany currently resides in Parkville, Maryland.



# Keynote Speaker

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## Barry Simms WBAL– TV 11



Which news anchor and reporter is known for his interest in singing?

**Barry Simms** not only uses his vocal cords to bring Baltimore the news, but he can carry a tune.

Barry's career began as a weekend anchor and reporter at WREX-TV in Rockford, Ill., with moves to KTBS-TV in Shreveport, La., and KXAS-TV in Dallas.

He currently serves as a general assignment reporter and a member of the WBAL-TV 11 News I-Team.

Barry has been recognized for his reporting by the Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcaster's Association, the Maryland chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Associated Press and the Tri-State United Press International.

Barry is also a past president of the Association of Black Media Workers, and the Baltimore Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists.

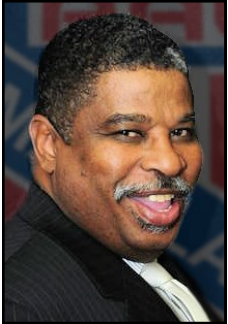
He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Marquette University in Milwaukee. In his free time, Barry enjoys spending time with his wife and three children.





# 2015 Executive Committee

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Coaches and Volunteers  
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# 2015 Maryland AAU Awards

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## **MD/AAU OUTSTANDING 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.

# 2015 Mel Parker Award Nominees

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## **Track and Field**

Connor Graham

Connor Michael Graham, the Baseball nominee for male recipient of this year's Melvin "Mel" Parker Award, attends Northern High School in Dunkirk, Maryland, where he is an exemplary student. Graham maintains a 3.5 GPA, while participating in AP and Honors level courses. He has earned High Honor Roll for his entire high school career from 2012-2015. He is a member of the National Honor Society, National Academy of Finance, Future Business Leaders of America, The Academic Team, Founding President of the Chess Club, and received the Excellence in Accounting Award. He also participates in charity events and volunteers around his community.

His academic work is impressive but he also manages to carry that success with him to the baseball diamond. Throughout his high school baseball career, he has earned numerous accolades, including two-time All-State nominee by the Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches, First Team All-County, two-time First Team Academic All-Southern Maryland Athletic Conference, and Captain of his Junior Varsity team as a freshman. Honors in AAU Baseball include the Maryland Outstanding Youth Leadership Award, National Underclass All-American/National Championship All-Tournament Team, First Team All-District, twice named to his club's All-Star showcase game, and recipient of the Commissioner's Awards for Outstanding Leadership and Iron Man.

In addition to playing on three consecutive AAU state championship teams, he has competed at the AAU National Championship Super Showcase and Disney's New Year's Classic in Florida, the Veteran's Day Classic in California, in Omaha (Neb.) at the College World Series showcase three times, in Richmond (Va.) at the TCS U.S. National Championships, and the AAU Memorial Day Classic and Goodwill Games in Maryland three times. He was a member of the USA Team that played at the 2015 European championships in Prague and Germany. He won the 2015 Home Run Derby at the AAU Memorial Day Classic.

Connor ranks as one of his greatest athletic accomplishments his Maryland AAU team placing 6th in the AAU 17U National Championship tournament at Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves training complex at Disney World. Rated by several recruiting services as one of the state's most-followed Class of 2016 outfielders, he has committed to attend and play college baseball at Virginia Wesleyan College, majoring in Accounting with a minor in German. In the future, he plans on going to graduate school to obtain an MBA.

He is grateful for all the opportunities and support he has received throughout his playing days from his AAU fellow athletes, coaches, volunteers, and AAU National Headquarters, District and Club administrators.

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## **Boys Basketball**

Jamar Curtis

Jamar is the true definition of a student athlete. He is able to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout the entire school year while participating in multiple sports and activities. Jamar is a member of Team Fire Elite AAU basketball team, which he plays on the 11U & 12U teams. Jamar's 11U team took first place in the Regional's and second place in Nationals. Jamar not only plays AAU basketball but he also plays flag football, county basketball and county football. He is engaged in multiple activities at school as well. Jamar is a member of MESA, Math team, Chess club, Rocketry club, Band, D.A.R.E. program and the Special Olympics basketball team. Jamar strives to be a leader in not only sports but also in the classroom. He is very passionate about everything he does and is determined to excel in whatever he partakes in.





# 2015 Mel Parker Award Nominees

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## **Boys Basketball**

Amir J. Dade

As captain of Team Fire Elite's 12U team and 13U member, Amir J. Dade has earned numerous awards, trophies, certificates, and MVP's for his exceptional contributions and remarkable leadership skills. Amir is a 5 year AAU basketball athlete that can play in any of the five positions on the court depending upon the requirements of his team. He has maintained a GPA of 3.4 while balancing his extra-curricular activities, and is truly a stellar example of a "Scholar-Athlete". Amir is a humble, yet fierce competitor, who excels within any challenging task be it sports or academics. Dade is cannily witty, extremely charismatic, and a genuine young man with an innate love for people – a pure humanitarian at heart. He enjoys being team captain, sharing his gifts with others, and wholeheartedly deserves the Mel Parker Memorial Award.

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## **Jump Rope**

Christina Kratzmeier

Christina has been a member of the Kangaroo Kids Precision Jump Rope Team for over 10 years and has competed in both the AAU Junior Olympic Games and the USA Jump Rope National Championships for the past 7 years. She has earned 42 AAU Junior Olympic medals and 23 AAU Junior Olympic ribbons including 2 Overall Gold Medals, 3 Overall Silver Medals and 2 Overall Bronze Medals in her individual, pairs and Double Dutch events. During the 2015 season, at the Maryland AAU Qualifying Tournament, Christina placed top 5 in all 12 of her events with six 1st Place finishes and placed in the top 4 of 8 of her 12 events at the Junior Olympic Games.



As a Kangaroo Kid team member, she has served as Team Captain, has helped coach at several jump rope workshops, in addition to choreographing routines used by the team. Christina has worked as a Junior Coach with Kangaroo Kids for the past five years, helping to teach younger children jump rope skills through Howard County Maryland's Recreation and Parks. She has become a role model for the younger jumpers and participates actively in team building activities. She has performed at numerous shows, including basketball halftime shows at the University of Maryland, Morgan State, UMBC and Catholic University, in addition to Health Fairs such as B'More Healthy and other local community events. As a member of J.U.M.P. (a group of jumpers from across the nation) she jumped in the 2013 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and will be in the 2015 parade as well.

Currently a Junior at Glenelg High School, Christina has a 4.0 unweighted GPA and a 4.48 weighted GPA. She is a member of the Math Team, Key Club and the German National Honor Society. In addition to jump rope, Christina has also played high school and club level volleyball. In her free time, Christina is an active member of the Girl Scout troop, having completed her Bronze and Silver Awards and volunteers at her church.

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## **Jump Rope**

Cameron Simmons

Cameron Simmons is a 7 year AAU athlete who competed for the Kangaroo Kids Precision Jump Rope Team. In 2015 he was a 17 year old Junior from West Friendship, MD, attending McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD. Maintaining a B+/A- average, an unweighted 3.5 GPA, he received an invitation to the National Honors Society for High School Scholars, along with multiple Honor Roll school recommendations. For McDonogh, Cameron ran Varsity Cross Country and also volunteered at "The Roots Garden," an on-campus farm and garden. Along with his competition with the Kangaroo Kids, he was also a Junior Coach at Kangaroo Kids jump rope classes, and a Team Captain for the Kangaroo Kids travel team. At the 2015 AAU Junior Olympics Games, he finished 1st overall in the single rope Male 17—17 division, scored 1st in single rope freestyle, and set a new AAU age divisional record in 1 minute triples unders with 112.

(The previous record, 110 was also held by him, and set in 2014). In group events, Cameron and his Dou-

ble Dutch Team, earned 1st Place for Double Dutch pairs freestyle in the 15—17 age division, and as a team in the senior group team show event, the Kangaroo Kids won 1st Place with a routine that Cameron helped choreographed.

# 2015 Mel Parker Award Nominees

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## Track & Field

Ashton Allen

In the 7 years Ashton has been competing in Track & Field, he has remained at the top in each of his events. This season was no exception. Ashton participated in the AAU Indoor Championship and the AAU Junior Olympics. He earned an impressive 6 National Titles and 8 National Medals. In addition, he broke the record in the high jump with a mark of 6'00.75. On his way to the Junior Olympics, Ashton earned another 8 Gold Medals in the AAU Distinct and Regional track meets in Maryland. Ashton participates in the 200m, 400m, 100mH, high jump, 4x100 and 4x400 relays. Ashton currently has a 3.8 GPA and is an active member of the Robotics Club.

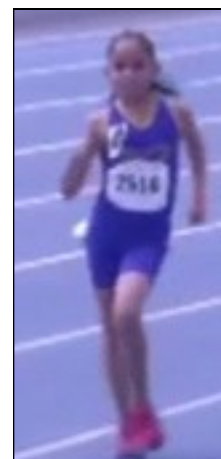
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## Track & Field

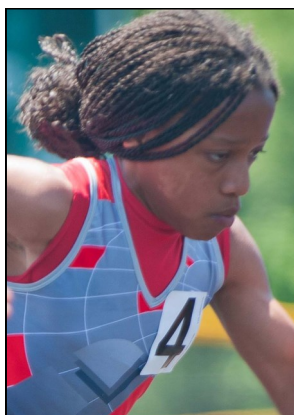
Haeley Alvarez

Haeley Alvarez is a two-time AAU National Champion in the 1500 meter Race Walk, winning it for the first time as a 9-year old competitor in 2014 and again in 2015 in a dominating performance in the 10-year old girls competition. Her preparation began at the age of eight when she was too young by one year to officially enter this grueling event. She took one look at the older race-walk competitors on her club and enthusiastically joined them in the practices and eventually made the race-walk her own. She has even taken on the task of assisting her coach during practices by mentoring her peers and the younger newcomers to race walking. Her dedication and determination to be the best is matched only by her tremendous work ethic.

Although her accomplishments as a race walker are impressive, Haeley is equally remarkable off the track. She is a cheerleader with the Gambrills Odenton Recreation Council as well as a straight "A" student and budding artist at Monarch Academy in Glen Burnie, MD. As if that is not enough, Haeley has been honored at her school for embracing and practicing values that are worthy of emulation, responsibility, service and compassion. Haeley Alvarez is a winner by any measure!



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## Track & Field

Shaniya Hall

Shaniya Hall participated in the District Regional and AAU Junior Olympics. She received 11 medals, 6 of which were Gold Medals. Shaniya finished with 3 medals at the Junior Olympics in the 100m, 200m, and 400m races. Shaniya is a hard worker, has a 3.5 GPA and is a role model to the younger athletes on the team.

Something **BIG** is Coming to Maryland!





# 2015 Outstanding Athletes & Coaches

## Track/Field

### **Athlete Awards - Female**

Elise Cooper  
Shaniya Hall  
Sage Hinton  
Adrianna Thomas  
Ella Cooper  
Kennedy Roberts  
Haeley Alvarez  
Laura Silva  
Harleigh White  
D'Amaie Davis  
Ciara Thomas  
Jayla Washington  
Lauren Leatherman  
Kennedy Atkins  
Kiara Parker  
Cameron Hinton  
Sydney Gilbert  
Bintu Chune  
Destini Brown  
Leah Phillips  
Asha Smith

### **Athlete Awards - Male**

Eric Allen  
Damon Ferguson  
Joshua Salvador  
Chukwudi Johnson  
Anthony Valentine  
Robert Miller  
Kevin Cory  
Jadon Davis  
Ryan Moore  
Ashton Tolson  
Paul Johnson  
Adrian Hood  
Ashton Allen  
Caleb Dean  
Jessie Parson  
Eric Harrison  
Marvin Bennett  
Nicholas Eggleston  
Thomas Alcorn  
Corey Crawford

### **Volunteer Award**

Kelvin Taylor

### **Coaches Award**

#### **Recommendation -Female**

Antoinette Allen  
Olivia Hunter  
Mary Haynes  
Shirley Hinton

### **Coaches Award**

#### **Recommendation -Male**

Eric Allen  
Kelvin Taylor  
Adrian Gilbert  
James Davis

### **Governor Award**

#### **Recommendation**

Eric Allen

### **Bill Stevens Award**

#### **Recommendation**

Tawanda Howe

### **Ralph Durant Award**

#### **Recommendation**

#### **(Track/Field Specific) - Female**

Elise Cooper

### **Male Name**

Eric Allen

## Boys Basketball - Severn

### Elite

#### **Athlete Awards**

Cory Barnes  
Broc Bozeman  
Shaki Chandler  
Elijah Cross  
Diante Dickerson  
Joshua Dodd  
Ian Hagan  
Xavier Joyner  
Mahzi Thames  
Derrick Thomas, II  
Kahleem Jenkins

### **Coaches Awards**

Herman Brown  
Derrick Thomas, Sr.  
Booker Cross

### **Volunteer Award**

Christa Edwards



## Boys Basketball - Team Fire

### Elite

#### **Athlete Awards**

#### **11u/5th Grade Team**

Jamar Curtis, Jr.  
Isaiah Arnold  
Asa Gregg  
Asa Locks  
Devin Little  
Myles Jackson  
Christian Homer  
Luther Ellis, III

#### **13u/7th Grade Team**

Amir J. Dade  
Tremaine Chesley  
Jalen Reuben  
Curtis Williams, Jr.  
Adrian Duvall  
Klayton Batten  
Nathaniel Mudd

### **Coaches Award**

#### **Recommendation**

Jamar Curtis, Sr.  
Luther Ellis II  
Michael Arnold  
Aaron Locks  
Thomas Chesley

### **Volunteer Award**

#### **Recommendation**

Tammika Little  
Dana Clark

### Jump Rope

#### **Athlete Awards**

Cameron Simmons  
Christina Kratzmeier  
Devin Meek  
Sophie Skalny  
Aaron Weingrad  
Jenna Meek  
Drew Meininger  
Lily Drechsler  
Maria Ciarrocchi  
Michael Laper

### **Coaches Award**

#### **Recommendation**

Alison Rose  
Kristen Bork

### **Governor Award**

Recommendation  
Laura Ciarrocchi

## Cheerleaders

### **Athlete Awards**

#### **Maryland Ramettes (Winter Cheer)**

Alena Abdulaleem  
Lea Bowling  
Riley Eldridge  
Jamia Perry  
London Robinson  
Lyric Wooden

#### **Maryland Lady Rams (Winter Cheer)**

Madison Clark  
Nia Della-Green  
Camille Lee  
Ayanna Hayes  
Brionna Faucette  
Destinee Smith

#### **Pink Diamonds (JO Team)**

Rheya Ames  
Destiny Baker  
Morgan Cromwell  
Brionna Faucette  
Te'Ayrra Parris  
Erica Reaves  
Destinee Smith  
Ge'Kiara Spann

### **Coaches Awards**

Lisa Fitts  
Maya Fitts  
Shantia Young  
Brittney Holder  
Linda Allen  
Latreace Parris  
Ronald Parris

## Football

### **Governor Award**

Lawrence Skinner

LIFE ISN'T ABOUT  
FINDING YOURSELF.  
LIFE IS ABOUT  
CREATING  
YOURSELF 

# 2015 Outstanding Athletes & Coaches

## **Baseball**

### **Athlete Awards**

Tyler Ladd  
Jahlin Jean-Baptiste  
Jonathan Artale  
Zach Pinales  
CJ Cummings  
Jake Hoyer  
Zach Gamblin  
Dominic Stanbery  
Jake Fedorczyk  
Garrett Correy  
Connor Graham

### **Coaches Award Recommendation**

Chris Cummings  
Ramon Pinales

### **Volunteer Award Recommendation**

Les Benito

### **Bill Stevens Awards**

John Pineau

### **Governor Award Recommendation**

John Spinnenweber

## **Girls Basketball**

### **Athlete Awards**

Molly McAleer  
Aleah Nelson  
Devan Conrad  
Kirstin Huggins  
Katie Fabbri  
Kayla Cooper  
Kolby Brown  
AJ Davis  
Bri Forbes  
Taylor Geiman

### **Coaches Award Recommendation**

Joe McAleer  
Matt Brown  
Scott Nelson  
Pat Conrad

### **Volunteer Award**

George Cole  
Gregory Hinton  
Vincent Tyler

### **Governor Award**

Tarik Brown

## **Swimming - CMSL**

### **Athlete Awards**

Alyson Frank  
Elijah Kaiss  
Amelia Oliver  
Ryan Murphy  
Lindsay Normington  
Alan Cherches  
Isabel Verheyen  
Max Verheyen  
Sydney Laughlin  
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Hannah Moslios  
Sam DeVito  
Emily Krucoff  
Timothy Murphy  
April Collins  
Layth Carpenter  
Perry Harrington  
Keaton Bolonda  
Cate Puglisi  
Roderick Fernandez  
MC Dunworth  
Andrew Sanchez  
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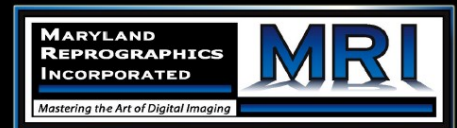
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Brennan Ralph  
Rachel Cunningham  
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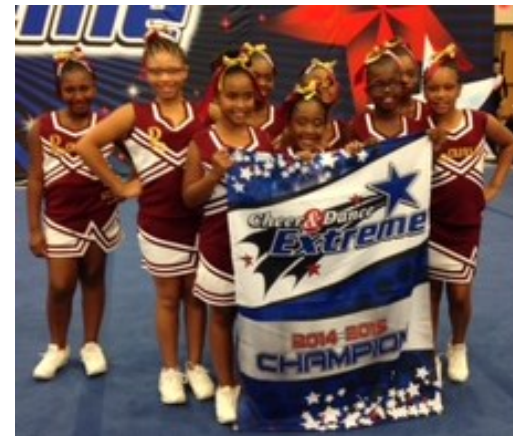
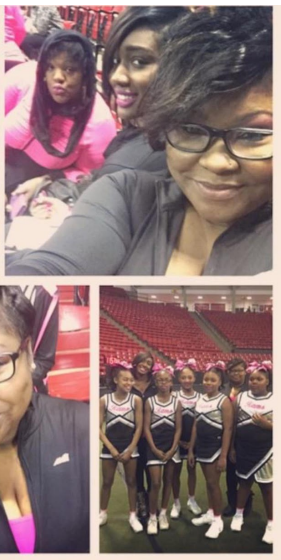
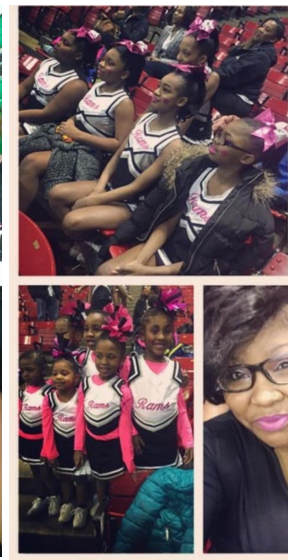
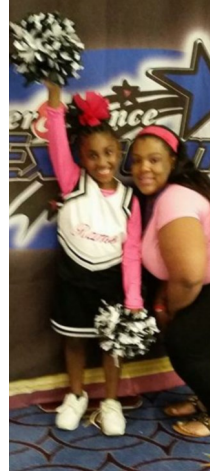
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# 2015 AAU Cheerleaders!

Several years have passed since the growth of cheer, dance, gymnastics and baton twirling began in the MD District with cheerleading taking the lead with major growth this year.

We had an exciting season and our cheerleaders achieved the following accomplishments over the 2014/2015 year: Football w/cheer - Northwood Ramettes 2nd Place & Northwood Lady Rams 1st Place in statewide competition, Maryland Ramettes 1st Place & Maryland Lady Rams 3rd Place in statewide competition and MD Pink Diamonds 2nd Place at the AAU National Junior Olympics! Do you have what it takes? Winter season begins November 1st!



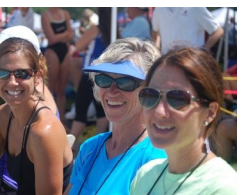
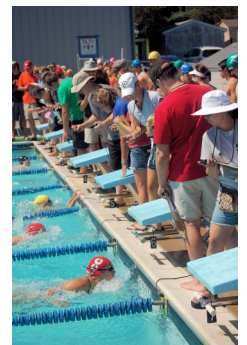
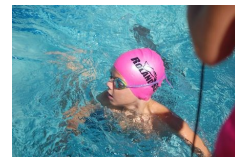


# Central Maryland Swimming League: A Great Season!

**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 is comprised of 50 teams separated into nine divisions across four counties 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. With over 5,000 members, CMSL is the largest swimming organization within AAU.



The 2015 CMSL Straehle Championship Swim Meet: was held at the Four Seasons Sports Complex in Hampstead, Carroll County on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. To quote CMSL President, Mike Kremer, "What a great day! Great weather, great swims, and as usual a meet well-staffed by the collective efforts of families across our league. The officials did a great job running a quick meet; probably one of the earlier finishes we have had in several years. And NINE new CMSL records – a record in itself!" At this year's Straehle meet, there were nine records broken by four swimmers, which is also a record!



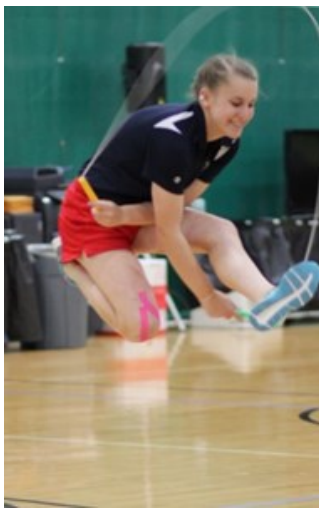
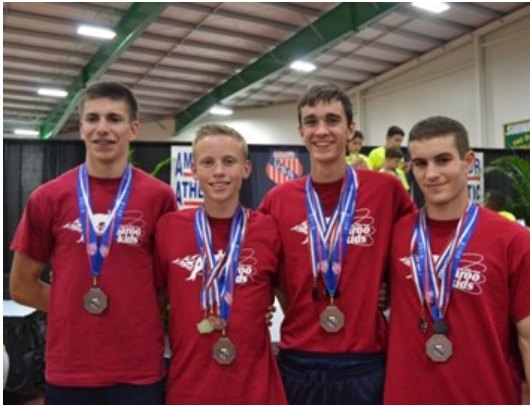


# Kangaroo Kids 2015 Highlights

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**The Kangaroo Kids Competition Team had a very successful year!** The team hosted two AAU Tournaments: One was an Invitational event with divisions for both Novice and experienced jumpers and the other was a qualifying tournament for the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

Twenty-nine Kangaroo Kids qualified to compete at the AAU Junior Olympic Games in Virginia this past summer. These jumpers competed in speed, power and freestyle events individually, in pairs, and in Double Dutch. The Kangaroo Kids brought home 93 medals and 127 ribbons. In addition, the Kangaroo Kids also won the gold medal for the Senior Group Routine and the silver medal for the Junior Group Routine with routines choreographed by some of our jumpers.





# Boys Basketball



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- 2014 AAU Recipient of MD District Governor's Award
- AAU POC Southern Maryland Region
- 2 Outstanding AAU Coach of the Year Awards
- 5 Outstanding AAU Athlete Awards
- Countless Tournament, League & Round Robin Titles

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# Baseball

**It's unlikely anyone was working harder** for AAU Baseball this year than **John Pineau**. And with reason. As Sports Director for Maryland AAU Baseball, Pineau is commissioner of the RBI Wood Bat League based in Anne Arundel, Kent, Prince George's, Calvert, and Baltimore Counties and whose job is to get Maryland playing AAU Baseball—one of the sport's so-called "Big 4" organizations at the national level: AAU, American Legion, USSSA, AABC.

How well he does with that could have far-reaching implications for both Maryland AAU Baseball and AAU Baseball in the Mid-Atlantic States region. "Our opportunity is to keep the players and teams that come along to our league for the first time, to keep them engaged, keep them excited," Pineau said. "That's a challenge, certainly. But I think it's one that we're up to as a league and national affiliation. AAU Baseball is a terrific foundation for that."



A highlight of the year was helping sponsor the Negro Baseball Leagues Hall of Fame East-West Vintage Game at Bowie Bay Sox Stadium on August 15. The game was played by former Major League Baseball, collegiate and MD AAU Baseball players and coaches dressed in vintage attire appropriately representing the diversity of players African-Americans, Hispanics, Cubans, Dominicans and Caucasians—who played the sport in the early 1900s.

Judging from the club and the league it runs' results, the prospects are high. Heading into the AAU Fall Wood Bat State Championships — which will see the Ruth's Baseball Ideals (RBI) Baseball Club in Annapolis, Md., host for the fourth consecutive year — the average number of teams throughout the 2015 spring, summer and fall seasons was overall strong. "It's all interrelated. And I think it's very important to what we do," Pineau said of AAU, RBI and the club's teams and a healthy league.



Pineau said RBI gives players a place to continue to play and develop as amateurs ages 13 into early adulthood. AAU Baseball also sends a message to the rest of the baseball world that Maryland takes the sport seriously. "Going into the 2016 season, the goal is to continue to grow and sustain the sport," he said. "And an AAU sanctioned league is a big part of that. Having a national affiliation to be part of, I think that's important."



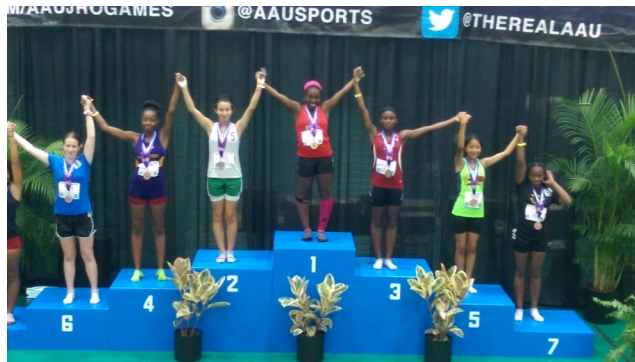
RBI still has much work to do — such as camps and clinics, showcases, tournaments, for example. "None of us have any doubt about the future," Pineau said. "We're operating. We're open for business. And we'll be open for business next year. It's now about growth and maturation as a club, a league and the brand."

That future appears bright: RBI sent over 20 players to college this year. "It's a tough thing to coach at this level and the time that it requires," Pineau said. "But we look back and see firsthand all the positive things all of our players have achieved. That's where we are much different from other clubs. We produce quality players that go to college. That statement alone is where we stand out above the rest."





# MD Track and Field Highlights





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Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

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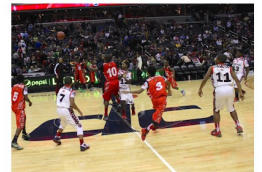
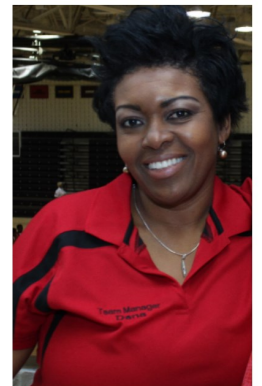
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Devin Little

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Klayton Batten  
Tremaine Chesley  
Adrian Duvall  
Curtis Williams, Jr.  
Nathaniel Mudd

## Coaches:

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*Carolyn Leach*  
District Sports Director

## MD AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL

*I would like to thank all the players, coaches, parents, and fans for your participation and support of the MD AAU Girls Basketball District Championships. With your continued support, I am committed to working hard and building the district to continue a long tradition of providing opportunities for our student athletes.*

*I am AAU.....thank you!*

### ***Congratulations to the Maryland Belles 2015 8th Grade AAU Super Showcase Champions***

#### **Player Awards**

Molly McAleer  
Aleah Nelson  
Devan Conrad  
Kirstin Huggins  
Katie Fabbri  
Kayla Cooper  
Kolby Brown  
AJ Davis  
Bri Forbes  
Taylor Geiman

#### **Coaches**

Joe McAleer  
Matt Brown  
Scott Nelson  
Pat Conrad

#### **Team Staff**

Nan Hambrose  
Vernon Harris  
Mike Buchanan  
Rob Taylor  
Craig Simmons

Overall AAU record, 49-5 and NCAA Showcase period record of 23-3..... 3 National Championships - Boo Williams Invitational, Gym Rat Challenge (played up at older age bracket), and, of course AAU Super Showcase



#### **2015 MD District AAU Volunteer Awardees**

*George Cole - Coach/Director MD Lady Jayhawks*

*Tarik Brown - Asst. to GBB Director*

*Greg Hinton - Asst. to GBB Director*

*Vincent Tyler - Head Officiant*

#### **2015 MD District Champions**

**5th Grade - Back River Neck Lady Lions**

**6th Grade - MD Lady Comets**

**7th Grade - MD Lady Tigers**

**8th Grade - MD Lady Blazers**

**10th Grade - Central MD Attitude**

**11th Grade - MESB Lady Wolfpack**

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Best Wishes and Congratulations to All of the student athletes and coaches celebrating at the 2015 Maryland District AAU Banquet!

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*Tracey & Herb Estep*







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# Thank You...

*...for your dedication and support!*



As the year comes to a close, please allow me to thank the 2015 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!

Sports for All, Forever!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Antoinette DuBose".

**Antoinette DuBose**, Maryland District 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Governor  
Office Manager

A large portrait of Rev. Antoinette DuBose, a Black woman with short, dark, wavy hair, wearing a dark blue jacket with a white collar and teal earrings. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blue sky with white clouds.

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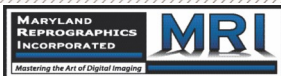


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