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Welcome to the 2019 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.

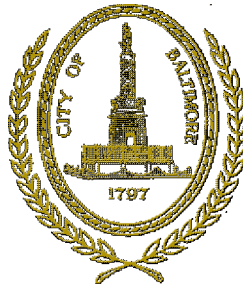
AAU Athlete Awardees are talented, competitively spirited and dedicated to taking their games to the next level. These athletes may have fallen, but they get back up; lose but don't accept defeat. They are here today because they refuse to fail. They inspire us. They are a tremendous source of strength, 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 2019.

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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BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG
MAYOR

*100 Holliday Street, Room 250
Baltimore, Maryland 21202*

November 3, 2019

Dear Friends,

It is an honor and privilege to welcome you all to the 2019 AAU Awards Banquet. AAU continues to provide opportunity and a meaningful experience for the City of Baltimore.

AAU, stands as an unwavering symbol of our city's rich past and its bright future. Each year this awards banquet honors Maryland's youth athletic, coaches and volunteers. AAU has played a significant role in uplifting Baltimore's communities. Thank you for your continued dedication and service.

Congratulations to our athletes, coaches, volunteers and family, your hard work and dedication is truly worthy of recognition. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you and best wishes on a great ceremony.

Sincerely,

Bernard C. "Jack" Young
Mayor
Baltimore City



2019 MD AAU AWARDS PROGRAM



Welcome	Gary Brooks - Chairperson, Maryland AAU District Review Committee
Introductions: MD District Officers, Sports Directors & Master of Ceremonies	Karen Brooks - Banquet Committee
Master of Ceremonies	Lamont Germany - Sports Anchor & Co-Founder, Heritage Sports Radio Network
Introduction of Head Table, Banquet Committee & Helpers.....	Lamont Germany
Invocation	Pastor Antoinette DuBose - 1st Lieutenant Governor, Maryland AAU
Banquet Housekeeping.....	Lamont Germany
Dinner & MD AAU "Year In Review"	
Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Ben DuBose - Governor, Maryland AAU
Keynote Speaker	Dr. Roger J. Goudy - AAU President and CEO
Presentation to Keynote Speaker	The Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young - Mayor, Baltimore City
Awards - Jump Rope	Jim McCleary - Sport Director
Awards - Girls Basketball.....	Joyce Venable - Sport Director
John Considine Award	Maurice Ward - 2nd Lieutenant Governor, Maryland AAU
Awards - Baseball	Ray Albaugh - Sport Director
Presentation - Jump Rope.....	Jim McCleary and the Kangaroo Kids
Awards - Taekwondo.....	Glen Ames - Acting Sport Director
Awards - Wrestling.....	Jason Gabrielson - Acting Sport Director
Awards - Swimming	Pastor Antoinette DuBose - Sport Director & Joe Cucchiaro - CMSL Liaison
Awards - Boys Basketball	Ben DuBose - Sport Director & LaKeesha Beverly - 3rd Lieutenant
Ben DuBose "Overcoming Adversity" Award	McCarroll Nole - Past Maryland AAU Lieutenant Governor
Awards - Track and Field	Felix Rogers - Sport Director & Mary Haynes - Assistant
Volunteer of the Year Award/Maryland and National.....	Tracey Estep - Secretary, Maryland AAU
Awards - Volleyball	Richard Comly - Sport Director & Kelsey Stave - Assistant
Awards - Governor's Awards	Ben DuBose - MD AAU Governor & Beverly Vincent - Registrar MD AAU
Special Awards.....	Eric Brown - Treasurer & Gary Brooks - Chairperson
Melvin Parker Award	Dean Eversley - Sport Director, Men's Basketball & Camille Eversley - Banquet Committee
Drawings	LaKeesha Beverly & Eric Brown
Closing Remarks / End	Head Table & Ben DuBose, Maryland AAU District Governor

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.

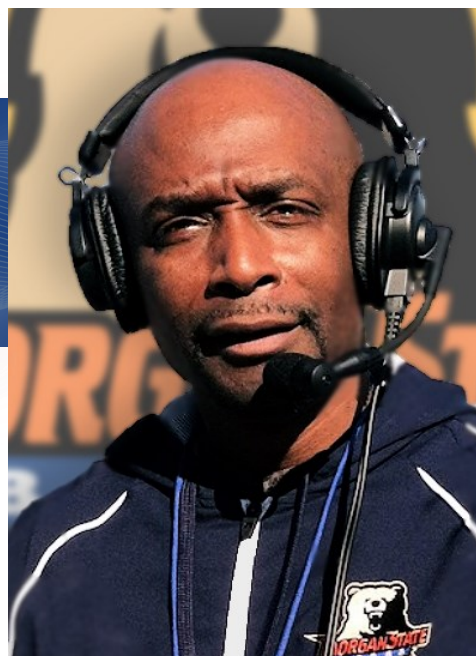
The emergence of new technologies in the industry eventually led to a strong interest in satellite radio. Germany was hired as a Sports Anchor at Sirius-XM Satellite radio in Washington, D.C. in April of 2005. At Sirius-XM, Germany was heard on a national platform. His work could be found on the various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

Lamont Germany currently resides in Parkville, Maryland.



DR. ROGER GOUDY

Amateur Athletic Union President and CEO.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Roger J. Goudy - AAU President & CEO

A two-time winner of the Disney Sports National Volunteer of the Year Award and current President of the longest-tenured youth sports organization in the world, the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) which was founded in 1888, Dr. Roger J. Goudy has dedicated his life to youth sports and education.

He has been actively involved in amateur sports for the last 40 years, including four elected terms (1994-2014) as the AAU National Secretary before becoming the organization's President & CEO in Nov. 2014. Dr. Goudy has been honored with prestigious AAU awards such as the Emile Breikwitz Volleyball Person of the Year (2010) and the AAU Volleyball Jack Schatz Award (2006), and he was inducted into the National AAU Volunteer Hall of Fame in 1999.

In 2019, the International School Sport Federation (ISF) elected Dr. Goudy as its Continental President of America during its general assembly in the summer. The ISF is recognized by the International Olympic Committee to organize world championships for ages 13-18 years old and includes 119 members from five (5) continents representing Africa, Europe, Oceania, America and Asia.

Dr. Goudy was a part of the leadership group who signed a 30-year agreement to bring the AAU to ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex (formerly Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex), making the AAU – along with the Atlanta Braves – one of two anchor tenants at Disney. He is the National Chair for AAU Volleyball, which has hosted the largest volleyball tournament in the world, the AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships, at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort and the Orange County Convention Center since 1992. In 2017, Dr. Goudy was also asked to sit on the board of Visit Orlando, the official destination organization for Orlando, Fla, the most visited destination in the United States.

The marquee annual event for the fastest-growing sport in the AAU, the AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships attracted more than 2,800 teams in 2019, generating an economic impact of \$91 million to the local Central Florida economy. Over the years, this event has featured international teams from Australia, Brazil, Croatia, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Slovenia, Spain and the Virgin Islands.

A 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 recipient of the Sports Destination Management Champions of Economic Impact in Sports Tourism Award with Visit Orlando, the AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships brings an estimated 80,000 room nights and \$91 million impact to the Orlando area each year.

In 2017, this premier volleyball event was named Sports Tourism Excellence Awards / Connect Sports 'Best Amateur Sporting Event of the Year.' In 2018, Orlando Business Journal ranked it as #2 on its list of Top Convention and Tradeshows in Orlando

Other awards Dr. Goudy has received include National Association of Sport Commission's Sports Event Organizer of the Year (2017, 2018), Sports Events Magazine's Sports Events Planners to Watch in 2017 and Sports Travel Awards, Amateur - Best Single-Sport Event (2017) and Best Amateur event in 2019. In 2018, he was named one of Orlando Business Journal CEO's of the Year.

Leaning on his experience in education, Dr. Goudy established the AAU Cares program shortly after being elected president of the AAU. As the organization's way of giving back to the many communities across the nation that host AAU events each year, AAU Cares strives to provide youth athletes lessons in learning, life and social responsibility.

The largest AAU Cares event of the year was held at the Orange County Convention Center, as the AAU joined forces with Feeding Children Everywhere to pack 80,000 lunches for underprivileged youth in the Orlando-area just one day prior to the 43rd AAU Girls' Nationals event in June. The event this year packed approximately 80,000 meals. Throughout the 2016 event, many of the more than 75,000 event attendees donated to the OneOrlando Fund, established by Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer to assist victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting.

Dr. Goudy is a longtime Ohio resident and brought an estimated \$40 million to Greater Cleveland as a member of the 1999 Cleveland AAU Junior Olympic Games Committee. He spent much of his career with the Madison Local School District in Ohio, most recently serving as the district's Superintendent of School from 2008-14. He is a member of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and serves on both the Ohio State Report Card Committee as well as the Ohio High School Athlete Association (OHSA) Superintendents Committee for school sports.



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District AAU**

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COMMITTEE**



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Governor



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Governor



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2019 MD AAU Sports Directors

FELIX ROGERS



ATHLETICS

RAY ALBAUGH



BASEBALL

BEN DUBOSE



BOYS BASKETBALL

JOYCE VENABLE



GIRLS BASKETBALL

KEVIN ESTEP



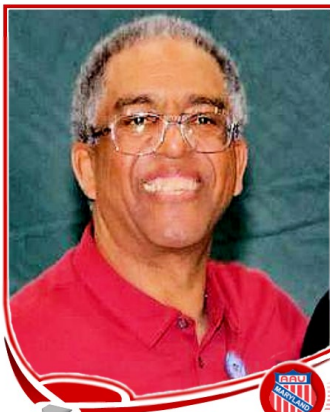
FOOTBALL

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ANTOINETTE DUBOSE



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MASTER GLEN AMES



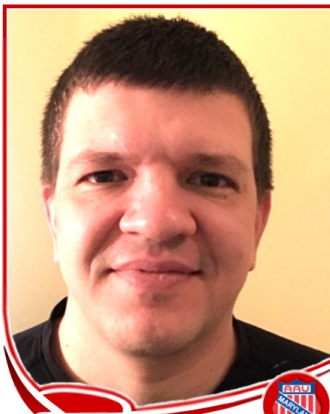
TAEKWONDO

RICHARD COMLY



VOLLEYBALL

JASON GABRIELSON



WRESTLING



2019 Maryland AAU Awards

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.

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 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.



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& VOLUNTEERS!**

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2019 OUTSTANDING ATHLETES, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS

Track/Field

Athlete Awards - Female

Elise Cooper - Owings Mills
Taylor Gross - Severn Highsteppers
Saniya Carter - Elite Youth
Margret Rankin - Severn Highsteppers
Paige Jackson - Baltimore City
Bintu Chune - Frederick Striders
Ella Cooper - Owings Mills
Sydney Harris - I5 Elite
Sophia Rankin - Severn Highsteppers
Arayana Ladson - Windsor Elite
Sytieia Brown - Baltimore White Knights
Sage Hinton - Owings Mills
Adriana Thomas - Owings Mills
Laila Campbell - Owings Mills
Kaylyn Johnson - Owings Mills
Alana Gray - Baltimore City
Lauren Bell - Baltimore City
Kiri Mitchell - Baltimore City
Paige Cooper - Baltimore City
Rianna Metzger - Severn Highsteppers
Samantha Heyison - Frederick Striders
Kaylee Franklin - Frederick Striders
Azariah Jones - Baltimore City
Mikaila Moses - Severn Highsteppers

Coaches Award

Olivia Hunter - Severn Highsteppers

Volunteers

Antoinette Allen - I5 Elite
Angela Moore - Randallstown

Bill Stevenson

Mary Kathryn Haynes - Baltimore City Track & Field Club

Athlete Awards - Male

Josiah Curry - Severn Highsteppers
Myles Taylor - Owings Mills
Jadon Davis
Justin DeVaughn - Baltimore City
Ryan Willie - I5 Elite
Raymond Queen, IV - Baltimore City
Brenton DuVall - Harford County
Sean Starkloff - Harford County
Jayden Morley - Harford County
Daniel Foster - Harford County
DeShawn Cypress - Baltimore City
Jordan Carrington - Baltimore City
Keith Roberts, Jr. - Baltimore City
Dondre Wilson - Baltimore City
Cardell Beck - Baltimore White Knights
Andrew Isom - Baltimore City
Christian Floyd - Baltimore City
Cameron Rideout - Baltimore City
Almighty Williamson - Baltimore City
DeShawn Moses - Severn Highsteppers
Gerard Bryant - I5 Elite
Ty Trinh - Owings Mills
Benicio Johnson - Joppatown Road Runners
Kaden Omopariola - Baltimore White Knights
Drake Brown - Severn Highsteppers
Elija Kellum - Severn Highsteppers

Coaches Award

Kelvin Taylor - Randallstown
Bruce Hunter - Severn Highsteppers
Michael Ray - Owings Mills

Governor Award

Eric Allen, Sr. - I5 Elite

Ralph Durant Award

Female Name: Elise Cooper
Male Name: Ryan Willie

Boys Basketball

Athlete Awards

Team Thrill 2028 9-Under

Nyzaiah Brown- 9 under Team Thrill 2028
Ryan Lomax-9 under Team Thrill 2028
Taj Womack-9 under Team Thrill 2028
Dallas Williams- 9 under Team Thrill 2028
Dylan Walker- 9 under Team Thrill 2028
Kyndal Riley-Garlick- 9 under Team Thrill 2028
Myles Missouri- 9 under Team Thrill 2028
Billy Stanfield III- 9 under Team Thrill 2028
Brian Snowden Jr- 9 under Team Thrill 2028
Amari Turner- 9 under Team Thrill 2028

Coach Awards

Justin Miles
LaChelle Bibbs
Kay Riley

R1 Aces 13-Under DII

Athlete Awards

Tyler Ball-13u R1 Aces
Davin Chandler- 13u R1 Aces
Zyheem Collick- 13u R1 Aces
Jasir Horsey- 13u R1 Aces
Jayden Hudson- 13u R1 Aces
Takai Hüge- 13u R1 Aces
Emanuel Ortiz-Villaman-13u R1 Aces
Tyler Reddick- 13u R1 Aces
Christopher Richardson Jr.- 13u R1 Aces

Coach Awards

Vernon Deshields II
Maurice Douglas
Winfield Chandler
Cedrick Johnson

Team Thrill 2030

Athlete Awards

Tyler Hall- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Carter Cooper- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Mekhi Ragland -7u Team Thrill 2030
Brayden Smith- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Liam Goines- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Collin Deshields- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Bryson Vaughn- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Christian Ferguson- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Kingston Miller- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Kyle Anderson- 7u Team Thrill 2030
Colby Smith- 7u Team Thrill 2030

Coach Awards

Michael Ragland
Quinton Smith
Michauna Patterson
Jaryn Barbour

Governor Awards

LaChelle Bibbs - 2028 Team Mom

Jump Rope

Athlete Awards

Madelyn Koellner - Hoppin' Hawks
Sarah Cole - Hoppin' Hawks
Luke Cole - Hoppin' Hawks
Cassie Baldwin - Kangaroo Kids
Elyse Kim - Kangaroo Kids
Eliza Kim - Kangaroo Kids
Foster Sariscak - Kangaroo Kids
John Moses - Kangaroo Kids
Kaitlyn Wisniewski - Kangaroo Kids
Alex Shane - Kangaroo Kids

Volunteer Award

Suna Sarisscak - Kangaroo Kids.

Girl's Basketball

Athlete Awards

Taylor Addison
Yvette Sandifer
Sera Stubbs
Kelsey Parker
Aryss Macktoon
Amaya Douglas
Amani Watts
Renise McCrea
Taylor Johnson
Riley Holliday
Amaya Moore

Coach Awards

Lawrence Banks- Head Coach
Reggie Moore- Assistant Coach
Brandee Tyler- Assistant Coach

Taekwondo

Athlete Awards

Shea Mallory
Giner Hayden

Wrestling

Athlete Awards

Addison Valdisera
Eli Gabrielson
RJ Bucknor
Greg Griffith
Matt Lawrence
Garrett Kappes

Volunteer Award

Jill Gabrielson

Volleyball

Athlete Awards

Bre Reid
Cameron Ehlers
Kate Riley
Rachel Ehlers
Ali Pinchak
Taylor Walls
Chloe Fisher
Leilani Ehlers
Brooklyn Pugner

Volunteer Award

Joe Orrs

Bill Stevens Award

Pam Utsilton

Governor Award

Rachel Ehlers
Kelsey Stave.

Baseball

Athlete Awards

Mark Cullins - BB
TBD2 - BB
Connor Graham - BB
Kelsey Graham - SB
Parker - Southern HS Girl - SB

Coach Award

Richard Crump Jr.(BB)
Rick Morrison (SB)

Volunteer Award

Alex Snow

Bill Stevens Award

Ray Albaugh

Swimming - CMSL

Athlete Awards

Natalie Lewis
Trent Lewis
Kelly Frank
Wyatt Frank
Alayna Ramnarayan
Ben Kulbak
Francesca Cuchna
Nicholas Cuchna
Clancy Kelly
Olivia Sheridan
Daniel Ladd

Nicole Hobbs
Clarissa Felix
Liam Kammar
Cooper Snedeker
Zoe Weker
Brady Balighian
Sarah Cangialosi
Maxwell Harvey
Olivia Barr
Joey Lupo
Ryann Biggerstaff
Catherine McNamara
Vladimir Gapeev
Ally Mackey
Genevieve Rippeon
Danielle Firlie
Nick Bloch
Colin Bitz
Lauren Waire
Nimrah Kashif
Elizabeth Perry
Luca DeOliveira
Nicole DeMaio
Patrick Damanti
Gabrielle Wink
Nathan Fields
Colette Claxton
Joshua Koch
Caitlyn Given
Joseph Miller
Andrew Podles
Mairin Ludwig
Aarden Shade
Patrick Simons
Emily Jones
Matthew Lessler
Griffin Anderson
Samantha Wills
Bridget Klaus
Samuel Keiner
Matt Thompson
Piper Allmon
Joey Fuller
Rylie Fuller
Kaylee Ofstead
Stefan Merkel
Cole Smith
Karsen Smith

Coach Awards

Sara Florio
Michael Draminski
Stephanie McCown
Mike Kremer
Madi Decker
Nicole Clark
Charles Nyasae
Rebecca Younts
Caitlin McGing
Natalie Thornton
Sam Frank
Emma Romeo
Steve Wisnies
Michele Firlie
Mary Ellen Barrett
Laura Dunn

Joseph Miller
Colleen Cahoon
Ashley Towle
Rob Kesler
Nastya Jacobson
Matt McKenney
Patrick Fitzpatrick
Brian Mahoney
Dillon Phamdo
Matthew Choe
Jonathan Illuzzi
Sarah Mott
Jody Frey
Nick Ward
Hanna Giotis
Zuri Thorpe
Chris Klemm

Bill Stevens Awards

Joe Cucchiaro

JOHN G. CONSIDINE

SPORT DIRECTOR

MEMBERSHIP AWARD:

Most Registered Participants :

SWIMMING

Largest Percentage Increase in New Registrations:

WRESTLING



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

POSTHUMOUS AWARDS



LISA ARMADA DAVIS FITTS

February 18, 1967 - February 8, 2018

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 State 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.

Her girls won local, state, and national cheer and dance competitions. Under her leadership, she served as Co-Chair of the AAU National Baton-twirling, 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 real-estate 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.



2018 Overcoming Adversity & Mel Parker Award Winners



ZACH RENNER— 2018 OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD WINNER

I live with a form of cerebral palsy, a neurological disorder that primarily affects body movement and muscle coordination. I never let this condition hinder my athletic dreams. I played Little League, recreation ball and AAU and tried out for the high school baseball team each year and was cut every time, but always held out hope for the coming season. My one dream was to be part of the high school baseball team, or any school sport. I never made one. I served as the team manager.

On Senior Night, the coach surprised me when he told me to put a helmet on and grab a bat to pinch-hit. There were a lot of emotions going through my head, and I was saying, 'Don't strike out!'" I took several pitches and on the fourth hit an opposite-field liner between the first baseman and the second baseman. Mom, Dad, Grandma, all of them were crying, seeing me running there to first base.

It was a good night for me. This past summer I had the honor of being invited to serve as the student-intern manager of the AAU USA International Collegiate Team against Scotland and Ireland, and a similar thing happened. The coaches were my Maryland AAU Baseball coaches, and one of them all the way back to Machine Pitch days, and they put me in to pitch against the Olympics' Ireland National Team.

I would have to say that the lesson I have learned that I want others to know is that by being an example of how effective a positive attitude toward life can be, I get satisfaction knowing I gave someone hope that this is just an inconvenience, and it's up to the individual how they choose to deal with it. We are more in control of our life choices than we give ourselves credit for and it's up to you!



VINCENT AURIGEMMA—2018 MEL PARKER - MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

is presented to a 17-year-old HS senior who excels in athletics, academics, and the arts. To say this young man is a hard worker would be an understatement, as is demonstrated by his athletic accomplishments and achievements off the field.

As a pitcher for the top-ranked Arundel High School Baseball team (#1 in the county), he's helped propel his team to an 8th place overall finish at the 2018 Maryland Div. 4A HS Baseball State Championship.

He's also demonstrated extraordinary versatility by playing every position on his AAU team (Maryland RBI), except first base and catcher. He has also earned high accolades such as Maryland AAU Baseball Outstanding Player and All-District selections (2016, 2018). His contributions to his team led to a 2nd place finish at the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Wood Bat League 18+ Championship Tournament.

In addition to baseball, he has participated in varsity track & field and wrestling at Arundel HS. He also plays the piano and is a candidate for Academic All-American honors. Throughout his many athletic endeavors, he still found time to volunteer at two local charities (St. Joseph Catholic Church & Ronald McDonald House) feeding the homeless and serving his local community. He also worked two part-time jobs to earn extra cash, all while maintaining a 3.5 GPA and Academic All-American standings.

The future looks very bright for this young man as he prepares to pursue his dreams of playing college baseball and majoring in Business Management with a concentration in Financial Accounting. We wish him much success! It is with great pleasure that we present the 2018 Mel Parker Award - to the Male Athlete of the Year, **Vincent Aurigemma!**

**2018 Volunteer
of the Year**



**MD District &
National AAU**

Felix Rogers

The importance of volunteers cannot be overestimated.

Whether the individual acts as a volunteer administrator of an event or contributes his or her time and resources in support of a larger task or tasks.

It is for this reason that the Volunteer of the Year Award was created to recognize those outstanding volunteers whose unselfish and dedicated service to their sport, this district and overall organization of the AAU, has made a significant difference and impact as a whole.

This year's Volunteer of the Year Award recipient is a long-time volunteer that has a passion for teaching, molding and inspiring athletes to be great not only in sports, but life.

He is an outstanding individual that places the emotional and physical well-being of athletes ahead of any personal desires to win, treating each person as an individual and being a positive role model, among others.

Through the years he has coached and served as a strong leader, who has mobilized and unified athletes and programs that improved events and youth which has led to tremendous growth and development under his leadership within his sport.

He stresses the fundamentals, working hard, knowing the rules and competing as an individual or as a team.

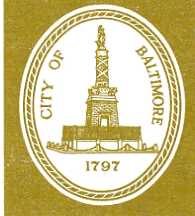
He enjoys sharing his knowledge and experience gained from more than a decade of coaching and leading athletes and other volunteers in his sport.

With the many hats he may wear, he still maintains being a true and devoted family man.

Present to you the recipient of the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award and the National Volunteer of the Year Award for the Maryland District AAU, Mr. Felix Rogers!

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, I salute the achievements of the Maryland District Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and its outstanding athletes, coaches and volunteers for 2019, along with your Thirty-Fourth Annual AAU Sports Awards Banquet.

Organizations such as the AAU respond to a growing demand for outstanding skills among our future leaders, because you recognize how important it is to attain and preserve a competitive edge. Your positive influence and sterling support make a difference in the lives of our youthful competitors. As well, the AAU being a multi-sport organization stands as a tribute to inclusion. I am also a proponent of physical fitness and am enthused to see that you acknowledge the value of healthy activities for children.

I thank you for your contributions to help make the world a better place as you continue to motivate and uplift our amateur athletes. May God continue to bless you. Enjoy your Thirty-Fourth Annual AAU Sports Awards Banquet.

Sincerely,

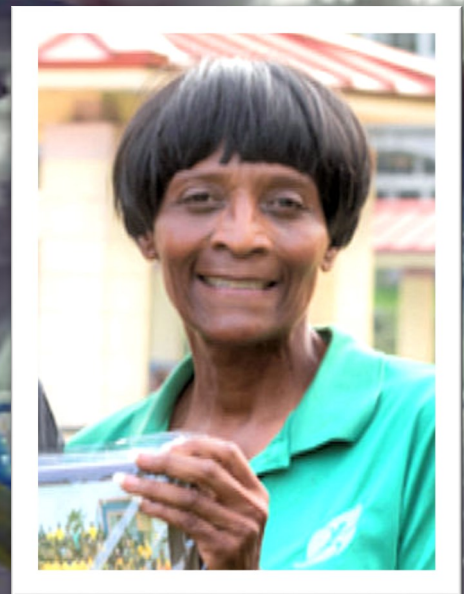
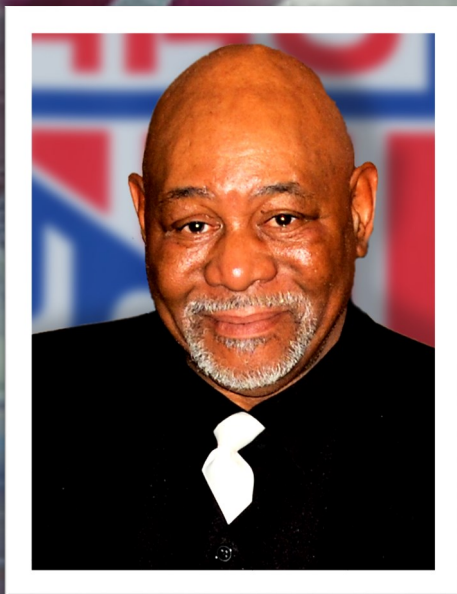
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Cross Country / Track & Field

Under the leadership of FELIX ROGERS, the Sport Director, Athletics saw a tremendous surge in membership this year, leading up to participating in the District, Regional and National Junior Olympic Games.

The District meet was held in the newly-renovated Randallstown High School Stadium and had over 1,247 athletes competing over a two-day period, with numerous spectators cheering them on!

Our National Qualifier (Region III) competition was four days at the Prince George's Sports Complex, with over 1,700 athletes running, jumping and throwing to qualify for the National Junior Olympics, which were held at A T T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. For eight days, Maryland AAU had 152 athletes on the Winner's Podium, receiving awards!



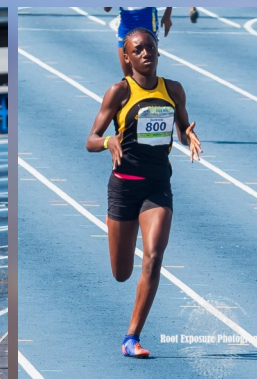
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BASEBALL

Maryland AAU swinging for the fences!

For the fifth consecutive year, Maryland AAU Baseball earned prestigious recognition nationwide in 2019 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 (Dunkirk, Md.) and Pasadena baseball clubs and South River Seahawks and Southern Maryland Grizzlies teams were leading affiliates.

"We are delighted to be among the more active districts in the U.S. for AAU

Baseball over the past five years," said Ray Albaugh, Director of the Maryland District for AAU Baseball and Manager of Mid-Atlantic Diamond Sports baseball and softball. "Our success is the result of the dedication of our volunteers and players and AAU support."

In its 12th year—nine 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 the region. 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 the Mid-Atlantic Wood Bat League of five teams at the 18+/collegiate level in 2019.

The highlight of the year was Mid-Atlantic regional power the Maryland RBI Advanced Skills Development Team winning the 2019 Mid-Atlantic Wood Bat League Championship Tournament that Maryland RBI manager Ray Albaugh organized and led. Maryland RBI, longtime acknowledged leaders of



Northern HS; Clayton Lambert SMG P/3B, College of Southern Maryland; Ryan Chubb SMG MI/P, Huntingtown HS; Dustin Gosnell Pasadena Eagles P/MI, UMBC; Pat Blum PE MI/P, Chesapeake HS; Chris Nalley South River Seahawks P/MI, SHS; and Cam Rees SRS P/MI, SHS. Honorable Mention: Matt Kaline MDRBI P/3B, Northeast HS; DJ Coleman SMG MI/P/C, Frostburg State University.

In other advancements, Maryland RBI coaches Mike 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 fourth consecutive year.

Playing against the International Olympics/National Teams of Spain, Scotland and Great Britain, Maryland AAU was represented by players CJ Cummings, University of Mary Washington; Connor Graham, Conor Cochran, University of Maryland; Kyle Davis, Chesapeake HS; Nathan Ellis, and Cameron Hyder, Salisbury State University, and Sports Analytics Manager Kelsey Graham. Davis (Defensive MVP), Connor Graham (Offensive MVP), Hyder (Rookie of the

Year), Cochran (Teammate of the Year), and Cummings (True Grit) were named Spain/USA Series and Scotland International Invitational Tournament All-Stars. In the past four years, the team's players have competed in Scotland, Spain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, 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, Coach Graham represented the USA in AAU Baseball global expansion discussions with European and other international baseball organizations.

Significantly, Maryland AAU had the greatest number of players in college baseball ever this year. Many have been selected to participate in state, national, international, and collegiate competitions, including several who have received MLB and international professional evaluation or tryout invitations.



AAU Baseball in Maryland, battled to the league regular season championship and tournament No. 1 top-seed and defeated the Southern Maryland Grizzlies for the summer baseball championship.

The Mid-Atlantic Wood Bat League's All-Star team included Nathan Ellis MDRBI P/OF, NC State University; Ryan Renner MDRBI MI/OF, Northern HS; Mark Cullins MDRBI C/P, Chopticon HS; Vincent Aurigemma MDRBI OF/3B, Arundel HS; Connor Graham MDRBI OF, Central Penn College; Ricky Crump SMG P/1B,





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SWIMMING

Building champions one stroke at a time!

AAU and the Central Maryland Swimming League (CMSL) work together to offer amateur sports programs through a volunteer base for all participants to have the physical, mental, and moral development of amateur athletes and to promote good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

CMSL leadership is entirely staffed by parent volunteers, from the board of directors to the team representatives.

The league is comprised of 49 teams separated into nine divisions across four counties and Baltimore City.

In partnership with AAU, CMSL works to provide 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 separated into divisions to accommodate a more competitive grouping of teams which is based on the performance of a team during the previous season and may change from year to year.

Each athlete, coach and team representative is an AAU member.

CMSL provides swimmers with several levels of competition to assist in their development as athletes and well-rounded individuals.

The official season consists of five dual or tri meets, a league-wide invitational meet called the Straehle championship meet, and divisional championship meets at the end of the season. All dual and tri 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.

All CMSL meets have the same event structure which is separated by age and gender.

The Central Maryland Swim League works to assure that both swimmers and parents alike have a positive athletic experience as well as a positive social interaction across all athletes and volunteers. With over 5,000 members, CMSL is the largest swimming organization within AAU!



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AAU and Ocean City Basketball Classic supports cancer care center

The 44th annual Amateur Athletic Union Ocean City Basketball Classic raised \$1,700 for the John H. "Jack" Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center for the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future.

The classic was held June 21-23 in Ocean City, Maryland, to benefit the local cancer care center. Sixty-six teams from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland competed in the tournament.

Throughout the tournament, a \$15 donation for each three-point basket made was donated to the Burbage Regional Cancer Center. More than 100 three-point baskets were made during the three-day competition.

Tournament Director Lynn Smack was enthusiastic about supporting the cancer center in honor of his best friend, Anthony

Davis, who had bladder cancer. Davis was a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and played basketball for many years. Smack started this tournament in 1980 when it was called the Berlin Basketball Classic, with eight teams.

The tournament was later moved to Ocean City and has grown to more than 80 boys and girls teams, attracting participants from as far away as Denmark. The tournament is sanctioned by AAU and has been recognized by AAU as one of the top elite tournaments in the country.

The Ocean City Basketball Classic has contributed to many organizations and individuals over the years, including churches, scholarships and book drives.

For more, visit oceancitybasketballclassic.org and atlanticgeneral.org.

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AAU Volunteer Makes "A Christmas Wish" Come True For Many!

On December 24th, Baltimore's Cecil Kirk Recreation Center held its 28th annual "A Christmas Wish" Program, providing coats, food baskets, books and toys to local underserved families. "A Christmas Wish" was created and directed by AAU Sport Director (Girls Basketball) and Baltimore City's Department of Recreation and Parks Recreation Leader **Joyce Venable**. This year, "A Christmas Wish" distributed over 200 gifts and served 300 meals.

Gifts and donations poured in from friends, Staff, members of the community, and local organizations, including the MD District AAU.

"As always," says Ben DuBose, MD AAU Governor, "Maryland District AAU is excited to help Joyce with her much-needed program. Her commitment and dedication to her kids and community is truly inspirational. We help whenever and wherever we can, with our gifts, monies and our time."

MD District AAU donated bikes, toys, canned goods and refreshments to this community project. AAU Volunteers were also on hand, assembling bikes and toys, wrapping presents, serving food and helping to hand out gifts.



A photograph of Ben and Antoinette DuBose, Governor and First Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, smiling and wearing maroon polo shirts. They are positioned in front of a blurred American flag.

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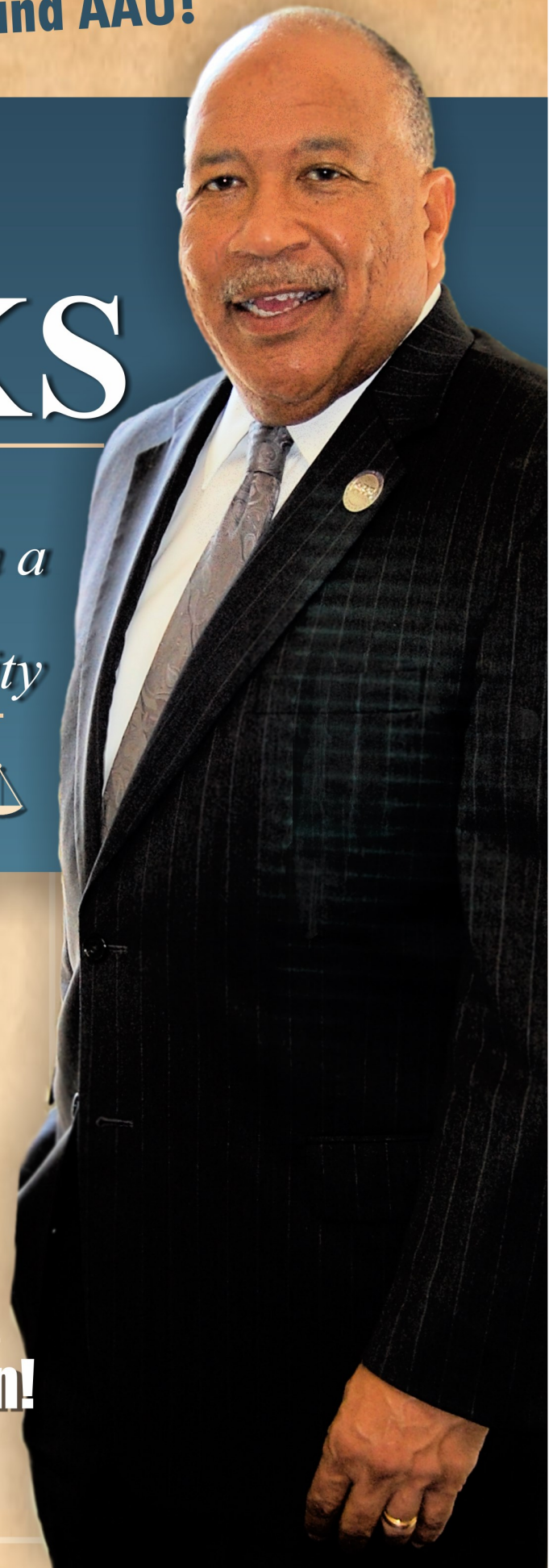
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