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Baltimore County Councilman Julian E Jones Elected First African-American Chairman



Julian Jones



From left to right Cathy Bevins, David Marks, Julian Jones and Wade Kach at the Baltimore County Council Chambers Election.

Submitted by Joshua Akinyemi

(Towson, MD) - Councilman Julian Jones of Baltimore County's Fourth District was named chairman of the seven-member council for the New Year on

Tuesday January 2nd at 6pm at The County Council Chambers (400 Washington Ave, 21204). All seven seats on the Council will be up for Election this year.

Before the vote, Councilman David Marks, a Republican, noted that since the Council's inception in 1956, there

have been 61 Chairmen and Chairwomen. All were white.

At the same time, the five people who've announced they're running for

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Young Black men changing the narrative at Northwest Academy of Health Sciences Middle School

Mentoring program seeks to raise peer accountability

By Ruth Young Tyler

Entrenched into American culture, music and media is the falsehood that young Black men are vile, dangerous and slothful. Banish the lies. Nothing could be further from the truth. In a concerted effort to change the trajectory and the narrative of how young Black men are perceived, the Northwest Academy of Health Sciences (NAHS) in Baltimore County established Never Fight Again, a mentor group that was created by and for

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(left to right) Dr. Katina F. Webster, principal of Northwest Academy of Health Sciences (NAHS), Aubrey Brown, principal of Randallstown High School and Kyria Joseph, principal of Milford Mill Academy participated in the induction ceremony of the Never Fight Again mentoring program at NAHS.



De Jackson On Family and Careers

Be Careful What You Say

Hello family. Hope you all have been enjoying this up and down weather. I've always considered February the middle of winter and get excited, because that means spring is almost here.

As I was listening to a few children interacting the other day, some of their negative remarks caught my attention. I reminded them that their words can be powerful for good or bad. We did a short exercise and when the tables were turned, they admitted it wasn't much fun. "Sticks and stones can hurt my bones, but words can never hurt me". Yes, flashback time. Our parents shared these types of sayings to make us strong and realize words might be hurtful, but the people who said them had no power over us. Nowadays things are different. The power of words on so-

cial media and the Internet has just gone wild. Yes, we have freedom of speech but to what end? There no longer seems to be any lines drawn for profanity around our youth. Trying to protect them from those "words", has become an uphill battle. Bullies are now all ages and seem non-ending. But, don't give up! Continue to speak up and use your words. Hold on to your power.

And what about general conversations? For example, if you're at work and someone starts talking about another coworker in a negative manner. Do you join in and use your words? Remain silent and just listen? Or, walk away? If you decide to

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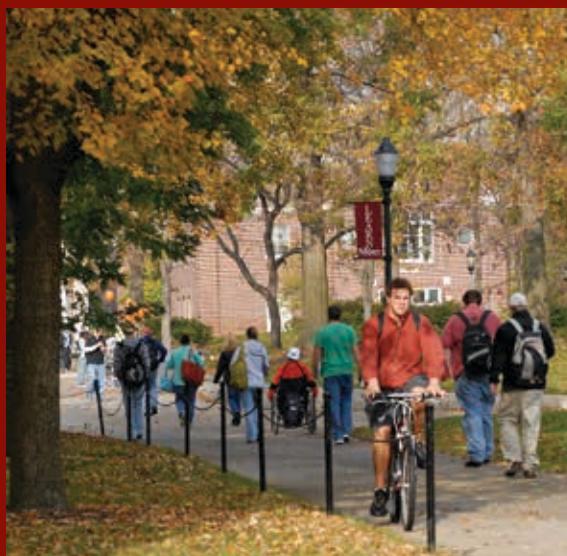
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Bible Points

By Pastor Chuck Brooks, GraceWay Ministries

The Sad and Brief Life of the Porn Star

Recently I read a story from my social media news feed about an adult movie star named Olivia Nova who lost her boyfriend to suicide just months before she tragically died. The article reported that there has been a spate of deaths among porn stars in the US, with Nova the fifth to die in the adult-film industry in the last three months.

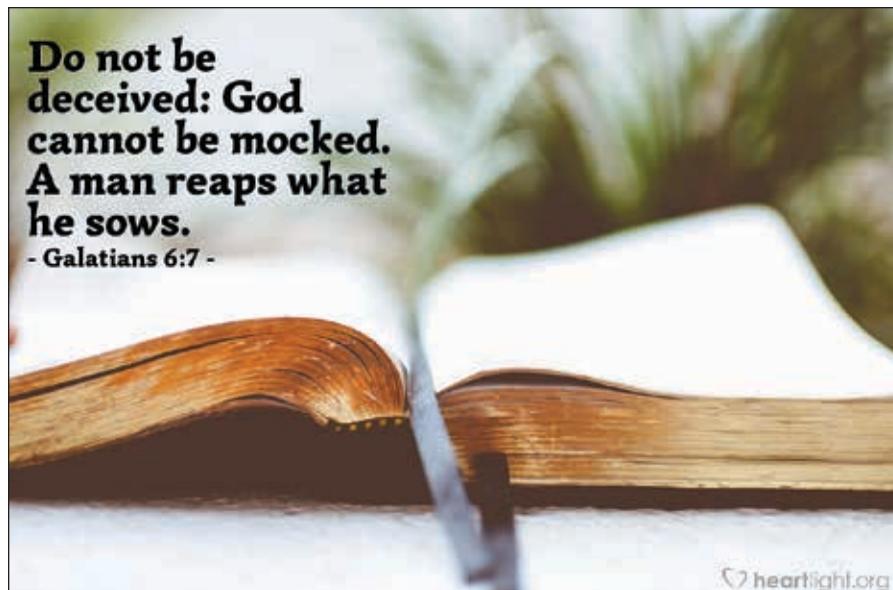
When the deaths of 129 porn stars over a period of roughly 20 years were analyzed it was discovered that porn stars experienced an unusually large number of premature deaths from such causes as drugs, suicide, murder, alcohol abuse, accidental death, and disease.

When the death ages of these porn stars were averaged it was discovered that the average life expectancy of a porn star is only 37.43 years whereas the average life expectancy of an American is 78.1 years.

I found a chart that lists the stage names and the real names of the 129 male and female porn stars, the cause of death, the year of death and their age and this data shows that most of them died young. The causes of their deaths included drug overdose, various forms suicide, AIDS, murder, body organ diseases, car accidents, heart attack, brain cancer, and pneumonia.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

- Galatians 6:7 -



Upon a perusal of this list you may conclude as I did that the deaths of these young people were directly related to the lascivious life they lived.

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked" the Bible says, "for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

Did you know that the Bible tells us that 23,000 died in one day for their sexual immorality? 1 Corinthians 10:8 says "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."

If you ever watched porn, do you know you are an enabler of the porn industry by your patronage? Do you realize that you are the reason many of these "porn stars" have troubled lives and die?

Do you know, you watcher of porn, that God will one day judge you for your participation?

At the end of Romans chapter one, Paul details the character of those who blatantly rebel against the knowledge of God they possess. He writes, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity;

whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful..."

In verse 32 Paul concludes his thoughts in this chapter writing, "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them".

Does this describe you? The Bible says you know the judgement of God (this is why most people do it in secret) and you know that those who commit such things (like make porn and watch it) are worthy of death but you continue to derive your pleasure from the porn industry.

The Bible says, "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them". (Ephesians 5:6-7)

Much of the Bible Points comes from the sermons of Pastor Chuck Brooks, a member of the Grace Bible Baptist Church, 1518 North Rolling Road. You can listen to or download more of Chuck's sermons at www.mygraceway.org.

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College Orientation Workshop develops life skills and academics

By Ruth Young Tyler

High school students have gained an opportunity to prepare themselves in academic development, college and career planning and life skills while building bonds with their peers by participating in the College Orientation Workshop (COW).

COW is an intensive four-week summer educational and enrichment program at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) designed to prepare high school juniors and seniors who live in underserved communities in Maryland and in cities across the United States.

For Suitland High School students Christian Gray and Micah Appling, both said the program prepared them for the rigors of college. Prior to attending the four week program, Gray and Appling didn't know each other, yet developed a "brotherhood" during their time at VMI.

"This is a whole new level of hard work," said Gray, 17, who learned new strategies on personal and leadership development.

Gray said he learned about the COW program while attending a Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC) session. He plans to study engineering at Morgan State University or Florida State.

The participants succeed through a multi-faceted approach which includes classes in math, English and financial literacy taught by experienced professionals. An integral part of the program is learning valuable life skills including,



The College Orientation Workshop hosted 27 young men from the Baltimore region and across the United States to participate in an intensive academic and personal development four week training. The all-expenses paid training session is designed to empower minority youth from underserved communities.

sessions on time management, networking and goal setting.

Appling said through the coursework, he gained a greater understanding of algebra, geometry and trigonometry.

"No matter where you come from, you can achieve what you want — if you focus and work hard," said Appling. He hopes to secure a scholarship and attend

VMI. Appling, 17, will be the first in his family to graduate from college.

During the college and career planning process, participants receive one on one, as well as group coaching and counseling. The mentoring process continues after the students complete the program. The program also focuses on cultivating confidence, greater self-esteem, a stronger work ethic and a commitment to achieving success in spite of some social obstacles.

COW provides more than just academic enhancement and leadership development. Participants also engaged in a daily physical fitness endurance and character building sessions called "Eat the Bear." The session is designed to test their character and teambuilding strengths when they are fatigued, tired or afraid.

"If you're not coming to the program giving 100% effort, it's going to be hard for you to succeed," said Appling.

"You do what you practice most," said Eugene Williams, CEO and founder of COW. "We practice in the conditions of which we want them to perform," he said. Williams is a Baltimore area resident and an alumni of Virginia Military Institute.

The consistency and the data of the program demonstrate its success. 2018 marks the 32nd year of operation of the program. COW has favorably impacted the lives of more than 730 students. Many of the students completed college, trade school, military and other careers. As of August 2017, 75% of former participants attended college. With the support of sponsors, donors, board members and volunteers COW has thrived.

"We've been blessed with donors that believe in our mission," said Williams.

There is no charge to students selected to the program. As a fundamental tenant of the COW program, within the constraints of the enrollment limits, a lack of financial resources should not prevent a deserving student from participating in the program. For a student application or more information, log onto www.cow-4life.org.



Micah Appling (left) and Christian Gray (right) were among 27 African American young men who completed the College Orientation Workshop hosted at the Virginia Military Institute.

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Woodlawn Senior Center Calendar of Events for February 2018

Submitted by Maria Gray-Bowie

Decorating For Fun Class

Offered on Wednesdays –February 7- – 28, 2018. Class will begin at 11:00 am. Offered at no cost. Welcome new participants.

Piano Class

Every Monday of the month- New classes to resume Monday ,March 5, 2018. \$25.00 six week session- Beginners (11 a.m. - 12 p.m.). Intermediate- 12:15 p.m.- 1:15 p.m.) Call center for class details- 2018.

Painting For Fun: Acrylic Painting & More

Every Wednesday of the month- New class to begin on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 1:45 p.m. Welcoming new

participants. Call center for more details.

Zumba Gold

Classes at Woodlawn six week sessions- Wednesdays from 12 pm. – 1:00 p.m. New class to begin in February 21, 2018.

Mobile Device Classes

Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Cost of class is \$25 for six week session. New class begins on Wednesday, - February 28, - April 4, 2018.

Sign Language

Every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Cost of class is \$25 for six week session. New classes to begin Friday, – January 26, - March 2, 2018,

Crochet

Class is offered on Mondays from 1:45 p. m. to 2:45 p.m. cost of class is \$25 for six week sessions. Classes to begin March 5, - April 9, 2018.

Brain-X-Ercise Classes

Every other Tuesday at Woodlawn. Next sessions to resume on Tuesdays, February 6, & 20, 2018. Fun and activities for the brain.

Special Events:

- Black History Month Celebration- Friday, February 23, 2018- 12:00 p.m.- Cost - \$TBA
- Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14, 2018- 12:00 p.m. – Sponsored by Woodlawn Elite Gentlemen
- Music Scholarships at Woodlawn. Contact Brenda McPherson at WSC for details at Woodlawn Senior Center.

Travel: Trips for 2018

- Arena Players- Praise The Lord and Raise The Roof- March 16, 2018. Cost: \$35.00. Contact center for more details as soon as possible.
- Arena Players- White Gloves- Mystery Comedy- Friday, May 11, 2018 \$ 20.00 deposit (theatre ticket only)
- Sights and Sounds “Jesus” – June 4-6 , 2018- 3days, 2 nights. Cost: \$ 360.00 per person, double occupancy. * Non- refundable deposit of \$ 75.00
- Wildwood Seafood Feast- September 17 20, 2018 -. \$ 365.00 per person- double occupancy, Non-refundable deposit of \$50

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- Movie Day, Saturday, February 17th, 1-3PM; viewing the critically acclaimed, “Hidden Figures” in the Wallace Center. Bring a friend and fellowship together with us. Refreshments will be served.
- A musical tribute to Black History Month—featuring The Baltimore Regional Community Male Chorus, Inc; Sunday, February 18th, 4:00PM. Free will offering.

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Documenting Marriage Records

by Angela Y. Walton-Raji

The month of February holds a favorite holiday for many—Valentine’s Day, and there is no better time to concentrate on finding what genealogists describe as a vital record that reflects love—and that is a marriage. Finding the marriage license or marriage record of one’s grandparents can bring about warm feelings as one sees a record created during the courtship of the elders.



Angela Walton-Raji

In the genealogy world three records are considered vital records—birth, marriage and death records. Unlike birth and death certificates, marriage is the one vital event that can occur more than one time in the course of one’s lifetime. But beyond that, there are so many wonderful genealogical clues that can be found in marriage records.

1) **Official given names.** There are times when young people only know a relative by a favorite family nickname. But marriage records like the other vital records, require that the parties getting married provide their full legal name. So by obtaining the marriage records of great grandparents for example, one will learn what PawPaw’s full given name was. And in the case of Grandma, or Big Mama, or whatever name of endearment she was called, her full name is also provided.

2) **Maiden names of female ancestors** A critical document that can point to another path in the family research, come from marriage records, because they provide the maiden name of the bride. Knowing this surname can unlock new doors into the family genealogy and take the researcher down a new path of discovery of family history.

3) Collateral Relatives

When examining marriage records there are other names that are also found on the records. The person performing the marriage is listed by name, as well as witnesses to the marriage. In many cases the witnesses are often related to one or to both parties in the marriage. The witnesses in most cases are not strangers, but individuals who had a close relationship to the bride and groom. The tenacious family researcher

will want to pay close attention to all of the names found on such records, and following up by finding those individuals in the census records. By following the witnesses, one might identify siblings previously unknown, or other elders closely related to the family.

Finding the Records

There are two places that house official marriage record—county courthouses and the state archives. (In Maryland, the Hall of Records is located in Annapolis and early marriage records can be obtained there.) There are also numerous places where marriage records have been digitized and placed online. Many of the large online subscription sites contain images of marriages. Sites such as *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com), or *Find My Past* (www.findmypast.com) are favorite online sites that contain images. In addition *Family Search* (www.familysearch.org) is free and one might discover a marriage record on that site as well.

So as Valentine’s Day approaches, and as your genealogy research develops take some time to focus on obtaining copies of the ancestors’ marriage records. They reflect not only the story of love between two people, but they have the power to lead the genealogist in a wonderful new direction.



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the young men at the middle school.

"I am so proud of them [students] for wanting more and doing more, so they could be more," said Dr. Katina F. Webster, principal of Northwest Academy of Health Sciences. "These young men are not perfect, but they are perfectly capable of changing the world," said Webster.

According to Dr. Webster, the young men decided to work toward being part of the solution instead of the problem in their school community. Twenty young men who attend the school responded to the need to create the mentor group which symbolizes brotherhood and a strong sense of purpose. As part of the mission the young men pledged to hold their peers accountable for making quality decisions in their academic and social lives.

Nearly 100 parents, teachers, administrators, local officials and students attended the January 23rd event including Kyria L. Joseph, principal of Milford Mill Academy, Lauren Tillman, principal of Scotts Branch Elementary School and



Principal Dr. Katina F. Webster and founding members of the Never Fight Again mentoring program pose in the lobby of Northwest Academy of Health Sciences after the induction ceremony on January 23rd.

Aubrey Brown, principal of Randallstown High School. Brown delivered the keynote address.

"You can direct the narrative of your lives," said Brown. "Never underestimate your own power," he said. He expressed how proud he was of the students for

taking the first steps to address the social conflicts that have plagued their educational and social experiences.

The founding members of *Never Fight Again* are Jailen Bailey, Anthony Battle, Dre'Shaun Brooks, Konye Blanding, Omar Brown, Cameron Crosell,

Brandon Crockett, Ja'Rod Davis, Torrence Ferguson, Quamarr Henderson-Spencer, Donte Johnson, Neondre Johnson, Mykhai Logan, Tayshawn Long, Tayvon Peters, Edward Taliaferro, D'Mareon Tillery, Brandon Walker and Karl Wallace.

Tayshawn Long, 13, a football and track and field athlete also participated in the induction ceremony. Long's parents and older brother were on hand to support the event. "The younger generation is what influences change in our culture," said David Long, Tayshawn's older brother. "It's important for them to understand the power they have and the change they will ultimately be responsible to bring," he said.

With a theme of "Think about it before you swing about it," the founding members recited a pledge of commitment:

"We as Never Fight Again (founding members) promise to resolve our problems by expressing ourselves in a positive manner. We are taking a stand to make things right again. I pledge to my brotherhood that I will use other ways than fighting to

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Secretary DeVos Approves Maryland's ESSA State Plan

WASHINGTON - U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos today announced the approval of Maryland's consolidated state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

"Maryland's plan met the requirements of the law, and so I am happy to approve it," said Secretary DeVos. "This plan should not be seen as a ceiling, but as a foundation upon which Maryland can improve education for its students."



Betsy DeVos

Allowing states more flexibility in how they deliver education to students is at the core of ESSA. Each state crafted a plan that it feels will best offer educational opportunities to meet the needs of the state and its students.

The following are some of the unique elements from Maryland's approved plan as highlighted by the state:

Maryland

- Awards credit for elementary school

students completing a well-rounded curriculum as measured by the percentage of students passing social studies, fine arts, physical education and health.

- Supports low-performing schools through innovative strategies based on collaboration between local school districts and the state, including providing access to leadership coaches for school leaders at low-performing schools in order to give guidance on the implementation of school improvement strategies.

"Maryland's efforts, built on strong stakeholder input, are based on the belief that each child is important and deserves the highest quality education program," said Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon. "We appreciate the support of the U.S. Department of Education, and we will continue our school improvement work with a focus on preparing every student for college and career."

"It's important to encourage others, especially our young people to say, 'Here is an example of what you can do, too,'" Jones said.

Jones is from Woodstock and represents a District in the Western portion of the County. He took over the Chairmanship from Councilman Tom Quirk of Catonsville, who led the Council in 2017.

Jones, who is retired as a Division Chief in the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, was elected to the Council in 2014.

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county executive this year are white. But Jones is optimistic that African-American candidates can win throughout the county.

Jones talked about "firsts" as he was chosen unanimously in a ceremonial vote to lead the council; he said when a "first" does happen; you should make a big deal of it.

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chime in, think before you speak. Even if you stay and remain silent, it still gives the appearance of your agreement with the conversation. The power of words!

When we discipline our youth, let's choose our words carefully. Let them be stern, educational, but never mean. Children eventually learn to understand the "discipline with love" connection. And

family, what we "say", tells a lot about ourselves. So, are the words you speak uplifting to others? Or, do they fall on deaf ears? Meaning they carry no weight and have no value. Your homework for today-ask people around you to give a "one word" description about you as a person. I hope it will be a very enlightening experience. In closing remember: Proverbs 13:3 Be careful what you say and protect your life. A careless talker destroys himself.

Stay warm family. Enjoy the winter weather and don't go into hibernation mode.



Tayshawn Long (center) founding member of Never Fight Again at Northwest Academy of Health Sciences is congratulated by his mother Pamela Long (far left), his brother David Long (left) and his father John Long, Jr (right).

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resolve conflict with others and release my stress. We believe in ourselves. We are the next generation of leaders.

"If we're really going to fight for anything let's fight for the betterment of our children," said Kyria Joseph, principal of Milford Mill Academy. Joseph, a doctoral student, encouraged the students to "fight" intellectually rather than physically.

Other guests in attendance included Sam Mustipher, executive director for Baltimore County Public Schools zone one, Dr. Raymond E. Banks, Sr., pastor of Open Door Church Ministries, Tony Baysmore, special assistant to Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Kenneth Patterson, a teacher at Scotts Branch Elementary School. Assistant Principal Lawrence Du Val, and Assistant Principal Katrina Kirton-Sherrod of Northwest Academy of Health Sciences were also in attendance along with Pamela Bass, a department chair at the school.



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Common High School Basketball Injuries

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High school basketball comes with its share of injuries. Basketball is an aggressive, fast-moving sport. In spite of the foul rules, players still collide, land on each other's feet, elbow and shove, and trip and fall on their way to the ball. It's all part of the game of getting possession and making one's way down the court.

Collisions and contact aren't the only causes for injury. Intense sprints, starts and stops, lunges, reaches, and pivots can all lead to muscle, tendon, or ligament strains. Handling the ball can lead to jammed fingers. Landing after layups and jump shots can also be hard on the knees and ankles. High school basketball doesn't have to be hard on a young player's body, however. If you know the most

Injury points
 Since his professional debut in 1996, Kobe Bryant has had his share of pain and glory. Here's a look at some of the physical setbacks that kept him on the bench.
 (B) = Games out

- '03-04 Laceration, index finger (7)
- '09-10 Avulsion fracture, index finger (2)
- '03-04 Fractured metacarpal (15)
- '03-04 Sprained shoulder (8)
- '96-97 Flu (1)
- '00-01 Viral infection (2)
- '96-97 Strained hip flexor (1)
- '03-04 Sore knee (1)
- '05-07 Knee surgery (2)
- '97-98 Sprained ankle (3)
- '00-01 Sprained ankle (3)
- '04-05 Severe sprain, ankle (14)
- '09-10 Knee Swelling (2)
- '04-05 Bruised shin (1)
- '06-07 Sprained ankle (1)
- '09-10 Sprained ankle (5)
- '13-14 Achilles' surgery (7)
- '00-01 Sore foot (9)
- '13-14 Fractured knee (39 and counting)
- '10-12 Arteriosclerosis, shin (7)
- '12-13 Severe sprain, ankle (2)
- '12-13 Torn Achilles tendon (2)

Source: Lakers, AP photos
 STAFF GRAPHIC

common injuries, you can prepare yourself with conditioning and equipment. Smart play can also help to minimize accidents on the court.

Muscle STRAINS

Pulled muscles are some of the most common injuries in any high school sport. These soft-tissue injuries are most likely to occur when you stretch your muscle past its normal limit. They're even more common when muscles are worked out "cold," meaning they haven't been sufficiently warmed up before play or stretched after and between workouts. In basketball, a muscle strain can happen any variety of ways. For example, you might:

- Overstretch a back muscle when you pivot and dodge to keep the ball away from an opponent.
- Pull a thigh muscle when

sprinting or lunging.

- Strain a calf muscle when springing upward to make a jump shot.

Strains can also happen when a muscle is subjected to a load (weight, pressure, or force) it doesn't have the power to counteract. In basketball, this could happen during a bad fall against a hard floor. It could also happen if you're pushed or shoved by an opponent and you try to push back using a muscle that isn't strong enough for the task at hand.

In most cases, muscle strains can be treated immediately with RICE Therapy (Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation). Take yourself out of the game and let a coach know you need to ice your injury. You can also take NSAIDs (like ibuprofen or acetaminophen) to reduce inflammation and pain. Rest your muscle for a few days to a few weeks until the pain subsides.

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Highlighted Events at Baltimore County Public Library Branches

CATONSVILLE BRANCH

Harry Potter Book Night

Ages 6 to 12 – children under 8 with adult
Celebrate this magical series alongside other fans and take part in enchanted games and crafts. Costumes welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the Catonsville Library. Registration required. Thursday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Finding Day Care

Adult
Parents and caregivers meet and greet up to 20 child care providers in the Catonsville community. Saturday, February 17 at 10 a.m.

Introduction to Scratch Art

Adult, Teen
Learn the fundamentals of scratch art. All supplies provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Catonsville Library. Registration required. Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

Zentangle for Beginners

Adult
Learn to create beautiful art while reducing stress. Zentangle is a method of drawing simple, repeating patterns to enhance relaxation and focus. Learn more about this meditative art form with art therapist Mary Jo (MJ) Kehne, CZT, LCPAT. Sponsored by the Friends of the Catonsville Library. Registration required. Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m.

OWINGS MILLS BRANCH

New World Jazz Orchestra

All ages – children under 8 with adult
In honor of Black History Month, enjoy the sounds of big band jazz under the directorship of Terrance Gallop and Ronald Rolling. Saturday, February 3 at 3 p.m.

First Tuesday Book Club

Adult
Join us for a lively book discussion of *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart. Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m.

Black History LIVE! with Culture Queen

All ages – children under 8 with adult
Black history is world history, and Culture Queen sure knows how to make it fantastically fun. Culture Queen, an award-winning teaching artist, engages your royal children in motivating music, marvelous movement and super storytelling activities inspired by the kings and queens of Black history. Saturday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

Wicked Wednesday Book Club

Adult
A lively discussion of mystery and suspense. This month's selection is *The Brass Verdict* by Michael Connelly. Wednesday, February 14 at 2 p.m.

Busy Builders: LEGO Fun

Ages 6 to 12 – children under 8 with adult
Create with LEGO blocks! All supplies provided. Space is limited. Tickets available 30 minutes

before program on the third floor. Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m.

Black History Hall of Fame

All ages – children under 8 with adult
Join Bright Star Theater for this exciting look at hall of famers who have shaped our nation's past, present and future. Audiences "meet" Maya Angelou and Aretha Franklin as well as the Buffalo Soldiers and Mae Jemison. Sunday, February 18 at 2 p.m.

Pajama Story Time

Ages 2 to 5 with adult
Put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs. Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m.

Who Wants to Learn About Owls? Craft

Ages 6 to 10 – children under 8 with adult
Owls come in all shapes and sizes. Join us for an afternoon learning about owls, then have fun making a snowy owl to take home with you! Space is limited. Tickets available 30 minutes before program on the third floor. Saturday, February 24 at 2 p.m.

Stories with Miss Janet

Ages 2 to 5 with adult
Join Miss Janet for stories, songs and activities. Monday, February 26 at 11 a.m.

PIKESVILLE BRANCH

Harry Potter Book Night

All ages – children under 8 with adult
Celebrate this magical series alongside other fans and take part in enchanted games and crafts. Costumes welcome. No registration required. Thursday, February 1 at 7 p.m.

Ask a Career Coach

Adult
A free 15-minute consultation with a career coach from Jewish Community Services Career. Call the branch in to register; sign up begins one week prior to the event. Drop-ins also welcome. Tuesday, February 6 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Create a Standout Resume and Cover Letter

Adult
In cooperation with the Jewish Community Services Career Center, a monthly series of 90-minute workshops for all, no matter your job status: employed, under-employed or job-seeking. Monday, February 5 at 10 a.m.

Pop-Up Cinema: Indie Film Series

Adult
A screening of an independent film, followed by a short discussion. Contact branch for title and rating. Monday, February 12 at 6 p.m.

Pikesville Book Club

Adult
Join us for a lively discussion of *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. Wednesday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

RANDALLSTOWN BRANCH

What's Your Story?

All ages – children under 8 with adult
In the tradition of oral history, record your story and share it as part of our African American Heritage Celebration. Ask at the service desk to arrange your time. February 1-February 28

Ready, Set, Go! The Nuts and Bolts of Starting a Business

Adult
This seminar is specifically designed for small businesses in the planning phase of building a company. Learn the basics of becoming an entrepreneur. Additional information is shared on what one can expect when entering the business world, the business plan, finance management, funding sources and marketing. Sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Registration required. Call 240-342-9410 or visit marylandsbdc.org to register. Tuesday, February 6 at 6 p.m.

Make and Take Corn Husk Dolls

School age – children under 8 with adult
Create traditional early American dolls using corn husks and natural materials. Thursday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m.

African American Doll Exhibit

All ages – children under 8 with adult
Enjoy a display of African American dolls. Presented by the Charm City Doll Club. Saturday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

I Love My Roots

Teen
Create imaginative self-portraits focusing on your strengths and background using mixed media art forms. Tuesday, February 13 at 5 p.m.

Smart Start Your Business

Adult
The Smart Start Your Business workshop is highly recommended for new start-up businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. Learn how to avoid common pitfalls, explore the feasibility of your idea and increases chances for success. The Smart Start workshop also reviews relevant Maryland business law. Sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Registration required. Call 240-342-9410 or visit marylandsbdc.org to register. Tuesday, February 13 at 6 p.m.

Heroes of the Underground Railroad

All ages – children under 8 with adult
Join Harriet Tubman, Levi Coffin, Henry "Box" Brown, John Parker and more in an empowering look at the figures behind America's Underground Railroad. Presented by Bright Star Theater. Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m.

Alternate Funding

Adult
What exactly is alternate lending and is it right for your business? Understand which financing options

are right for different types of businesses and how likely you are to get approved. From Crowdsourcing to invoice finance, and everywhere in between, explore the various alternative funding options for your business. Sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Registration required. Call 240-342-9410 or visit marylandsbdc.org to register. Tuesday, February 20 at 6 p.m.

Honoring the Ancestors: The Middle Passage and Port Markers of Maryland

Adult
The Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project representatives, joined with Lou Fields, of the Baltimore National Council on Tourism, discuss their work which commemorates the lives of the nearly 12 million Africans who were victims of the transatlantic human trade in both Maryland and other states. Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m.

Building Your Business Plan

Adult
Join this seminar to learn what components you need to include in your business plan and the specifics that are really required and necessary. A business plan is your road map to success. It communicates your understanding of the business and it makes reasonable assumptions and forecasts of sales, expenses and cash flow. Sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Registration required. Call 240-342-9410 or visit marylandsbdc.org to register. Tuesday, February 27 at 6 p.m.

Meet Frederick Douglass: Slavery, the Founders and the Constitution

All ages – children under 8 with adult
Hear Frederick Douglass give his full-throated defense of the founding fathers to rid this land of slave-tyranny. Celebrate the 200th birthday anniversary of Frederick Douglass with living history interpreter Bill Grimmerette's portrayal of the abolitionist leader and author. Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m.

WOODLAWN BRANCH

Privacy Workshop

Adult
Discuss the latest strategies for protecting your privacy online. All levels of experience welcome. Thursday, February 1 at 6 p.m.

Minecraft Meetup

School age – children under 8 with adult
Use your awesome powers of creation to build and explore new worlds in *Minecraft*. Both new and experienced players are invited to attend. No account necessary. Registration required. Saturday, February 3 at 12 p.m.

Resume Writing: If My Resume Could Talk

Adult
Your resume is more than words on a page. If your resume could talk, what would it say about you? Learn techniques that will help your resume explain to employers why they should invite you for an interview. The course addresses employment gaps,

transferable skills, online profiles and how to best compose a chronological and functional resume. Students are encouraged to bring a copy of their recent resume with them to the training session. Sunday, February 4 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month: Preschool Story Time

Ages 2 to 5 with adult
Join us for stories, songs and activities celebrating famous African Americans. Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Connecting Money and Your Life

Adult
Let's have a conversation about the preparation and best practices needed so that your journey through life and your money work together for you. Learn how to make the right connection between your money and your life goals, such as marriage, having children, going back to school, purchasing your own business or a home. Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Job Search Strategies: A Seat at the Table

Adult
Searching for a new job can be a tedious process. This course teaches passive and active job seekers some key techniques to help make job searching easier and less overwhelming. Sunday, February 11 at 2 p.m.

Film Viewing and Discussion: I Am Not Your Negro

Adult, Teen
Join us for a community viewing and discussion of the Oscar-nominated documentary *I Am Not Your Negro*. In this documentary, filmmaker Raoul Peck envisions the book James Baldwin never finished: A radical narration about race in America, through the lives and assassinations of three of his friends — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers and Malcolm X. Monday, February 12 at 6 p.m.

Lawyers in the Library

Adult
Lawyers are on hand to offer free legal advice. Please bring all relevant documents. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Wednesday, February 14 at 5 p.m.

Saturday STEAM Fun

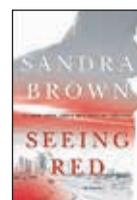
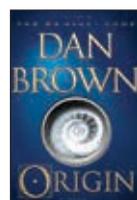
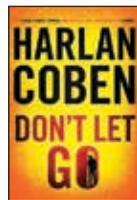
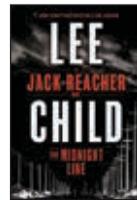
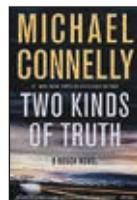
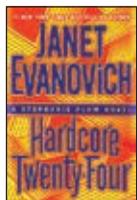
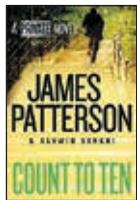
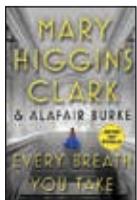
Ages 6 to 12 – children under 8 with adult
Explore science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) through hands-on activities. Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m.

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Baltimore County Public Library Current Top Circulating Titles



December 2017

- Every Breath You Take*
Mary Higgins Clark
- Count to Ten*
Patterson, James
- Hardcore Twenty Four*
Janet Evanovich
- Two Kinds of Truth*
Connelly, Michael
- The Midnight Line*
Child, Lee
- Don't Let Go*
Coben, Harlan
- Haunted*
Patterson, James
- The Late Show*
Connelly, Michael
- Origin*
Brown, Dan
- Seeing Red*
Brown, Sandra

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In severe cases, a muscle strain may require several weeks of rest, immobilization (for example, using a bandage wrap or splint), and physical therapy rehab. In the case of a complete muscle tear or rupture, surgery may be needed to repair the tissue.

FINGER INJURIES

Fingers frequently get hurt in the context of playing basketball. For example:

- Gripping the ball can lead to overuse injuries like tendonitis.
- When intercepting passes, being blocked/fouled, or struggling to keep possession of a ball, players may also jam or stub their fingers or bend them back too far, leading to ligament sprains and or muscle strains.
- Falls or collisions can happen with

enough force to cause fractures or cuts.

Finger Injury Symptoms

- Pain
- Popping or cracking sound
- Inability to move the affected finger
- Bruising
- Swelling
- Visible deformity (the finger is suddenly crooked, for example)

If you've injured your finger or have the above symptoms, take yourself out of

the game and tell a coach. In the case of a fairly minor injury, first-aid may involve bandages, RICE therapy, and/or taping two fingers together to immobilize and stabilize the injury. See a doctor as soon as you can to diagnose the injury and prevent further damage or future problems using your finger or hand.

ANKLE INJURIES: ANKLE SPRAINS AND ACHILLES TENDONITIS

With all the sudden pivots, shifts, turns, and jumps involved in basketball, ankles are particularly vulnerable to injury. An ankle sprain is also known as "rolling" an ankle, occurs when the foot rolls inward or outward, overstretching the ligaments on the inside or outside of the foot. In the majority of cases, ankles tend to roll outward, tearing the ligaments that run along the outer edge of the foot.

This can happen in a game when you land awkwardly on a jump shot — most commonly, if you come down on another player's foot. The contact with the uneven surface can make your landing unstable, causing the ankle to roll.

Sprained Ankle Symptoms

- Pain
- Popping sound
- Swelling
- Bruising
- Warmth over the injury area
- Tenderness when you touch the ankle.

Some people can put weight on their sprained ankles; others may find it too painful, and could require help getting off the court.

Sprained Ankle Treatment

RICE therapy is the first course of action if you've sustained a sprain. Bringing the swelling down is your main goal, along with managing pain and resting the affected ankle. You can continue this treatment for up to 48 hours. See a doctor or orthopedist to rule out more serious injuries like full ruptures, fractures, or damage to surrounding tissue. You may also need rehab with a sports medicine professional.

Disclaimer:

(This column is only designed to give you a broad spectrum of common orthopedic injuries. It should not be used as a diagnostic tool. You should always refer your pain and/or injuries to a board certified orthopedic physician for further evaluation.)

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Tutoring Resources Help Students Finish the School Year Strong

By Ruth Young Tyler

Although students are in the second half of the 2017-2018 school year, there are still academic obstacles to overcome. Nearly 2,300 students across the region did not graduate high school during the 2016-2017 school year, according to the United Way of Central Maryland. This equates to two in 25 students in the most challenged communities. To minimize those challenges and support area students here is a list of tutoring resources

- Contact your child's school to gain information about in-school tutoring programs.
- Contact a local university or college.
- Contact your area high school for Future Educators of America or the National Honor Society student members who may be willing to tutor. Students are required to complete service learning hour prior to graduation and may also be available for tutoring.

BCPS-TV The Education Channel

- Comcast Cable channel 73, Verizon FIOS Channel 34
- Math Homework Helpers is a program provided by the Education Channel and can be viewed at the above link

Baltimore County Public Library website - www.bcpl.info

- **Brainfuse** is a live online tutoring available from the Baltimore County Public Library's home page under the Kids/Teens tab. A valid library card from the library is required to access this service. This is a free service for all ages, kindergarten through adult learners. Students can live chat with a tutor from 2:00 pm – 11:55 pm, seven days a week. Spanish-speaking tutors are available. During the hours that tutors are not available, students can submit questions through 24/7 Help. A response will be sent in 24 hours.
- **Homework Help** provides the students with assistance with their homework.
- **A+ Math** provides students with help in learning a specific skill, including long division.
- **24-Hour Writing Lab** provides assis-

tance with writing. Students submit a file containing a paragraph, essay, paper, a resume or cover letter for review by a writing instructor. The paper is returned with comments on structure, grammar, style and content. The purpose of this service is not for the writing instructor to write or edit essays or resumes, but to help students better organize and present their thoughts.

- **Self Help – Test Center and Flashbulb** provides practice test for the SAT and ACT assessments and for specific subjects. Students receive instant, skill-by-skill results. Flashcards on many subjects are also available

Teachers Association of Baltimore County (TABCO)

www.tabco.org
410-828-6403

TABCO provides a listing of certified teachers of various subjects by geographic location. Services are available year-round.

Towson University Reading Clinic

readingclinic@towson.edu
410-704-2558

The reading clinic provides individual assessment and academic tutoring for ages 5 to adult. Students work individually with master's degree candidates. A fee is required.

Dyslexia Tutoring Program

www.dyslexiatutoringprogram.org
410-889-5487

This program teaches reading to low-income children and adults who are dyslexic or have a language-based learning difference. This is accomplished through professional assessment and tutoring by volunteers who are trained in the Orton-Gillingham Approach to reading instruction.

Information courtesy of Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Family and Community Engagement



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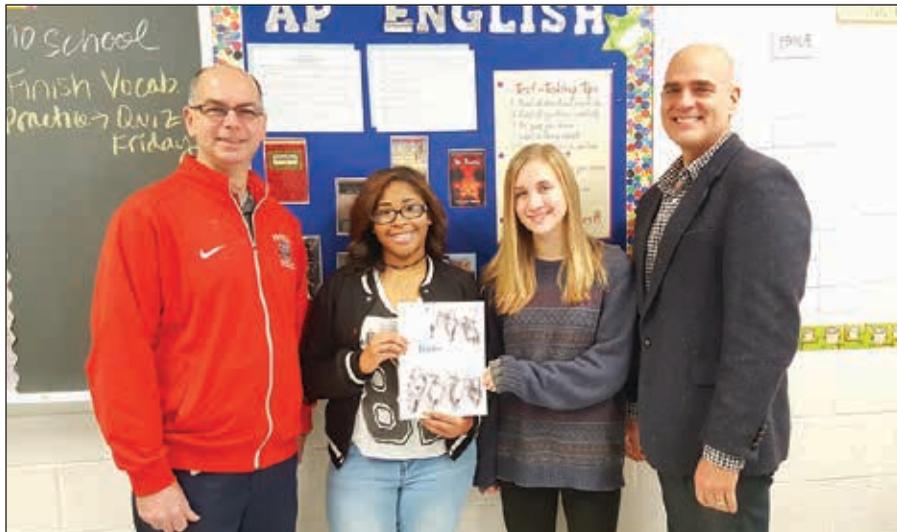


Photo: Kelly Boyd

Principal Patrick McCusker (left) is here congratulating Junto staffers Morgan Stewart (L) and Annalee Peacock (R), who are holding a copy of the "Excellent" issue. They are accompanied by Creative Writing teacher and Literary Arts Magazine teacher Timothy Showalter (right).

Junto Magazine received a ranking of "Excellent"

Franklin High School's Literary Arts Magazine, Junto received a ranking of "Excellent" from National Council of Teachers of English. Many schools send their magazines to be ranked in the program to recognize excellence in student literary magazines, but only a few receive more than a certificate of participation.

More information can be found at the link below:

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FHS Teacher of the Month

Franklin High School Faculty and Staff honored their teachers of the month for December at their faculty meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the FHS Library. Teachers nominate colleagues for their exceptional work, and the school Leadership Team reviews the nominations to select one "Teacher of the Month."



Photo: Kelly Boyd

Left to Right: Teacher of the Month Allen Kessel, Instrumental Music; Principal Patrick McCusker



FHS Students of the Month

Franklin High School honored its December Students of the Month at a ceremony and breakfast on Friday, January 12, 2018. Parents, teachers, students, and administrators gathered for light refreshments and an awards presentation and ceremony honoring these students, who were nominated by their teachers for distinguishing themselves in terms of academics and / or character.

Photo: Kelly Boyd

Back Row, Left to Right: Melissa Sullivan, Nia Thompson, Nadiere Morales, Micah Lowry, Principal Patrick McCusker
Front Row: Markayla Burks, Maddie Ballan, Saquoia Nicholson



School News

Woodlawn Student Recognized in the Reginald F. Lewis Museum on MLK Day

Woodlawn High School Senior, Ikem Booker was recognized on January 15, 2018 at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum for his art work entitled, 'Half of Me'. Each year the Reginald F. Lewis Museum sponsors The High School Juried Art Show with the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Ikem's work will be showcased in the museum's Lewis Now Community Space.



Ikem's work "Half of Me"

Ikem and his teacher, Ms. Schiminger



The Patapsco River (MD) Chapter of the LINKS, Incorporated is Sponsoring a Mentoring Program at Woodlawn High School

The Patapsco River Chapter (MD) of the LINKS are sponsoring a mentoring program at Woodlawn High School. The program, LINKS to Achieve, specifically supports a co-hort of ninth grade students and will support them with supplemental math and reading as well as social and cultural interactions by way of clubs, workshops, field trips etc. In addition to the co-hort of ninth graders that the LINKs have committed to support from ninth through twelfth grade, the chapter will also provide cultural and social experiences for the school at large through sponsoring workshops and activities and providing support at school functions and activities.



Woodlawn High School's DECA Club Sponsor's Regional Conference

DECA students receiving their awards.

Woodlawn's DECA Organization, led by Ms. Hudson hosted the DECA Regional Conference on Thursday Jan. 11, 2018. There were approximately 150 students in attendance, representing Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Harford County. The agenda included an introduction ceremony, the completion, dinner and a closing awards ceremony. The students competed in areas such as, time management, dress for success and the usage of soft skills. These students are sure to be ready for a future in marketing, management and entrepreneurship.



Woodlawn High Students celebrate MLK Day

On January 15, 2018, a group of Woodlawn Warriors spent the day celebrating Martin Luther King Jr Day at the Interfaith Coalition of Baltimore County's Celebration Luncheon. Students from Woodlawn's 100 Strong mentoring group served as greeters and worked at the registration table for the event. The celebration luncheon was designed to celebrate a renewed vision of solidarity and peace and honored individuals for their commitment to transforming our communities. BCPS' and Woodlawn's very own Verletta White, Interim Superintendent was an honoree.

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