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MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES

MICHAEL CARDIN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 61 SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS FROM MANSEF

Sixty-one Maryland students with disabilities will receive scholarship awards in honor of their achievements from the Michael Cardin Scholarship Committee of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF).

The students – who all attend or previously attended a Maryland nonpublic special education school – are challenged by a range of physical, emotional and learning disabilities and were nominated for the awards by their schools in recognition of their perseverance and hard work. The awards will allow the students to take part in a range of academic, training or extracurricular activities.

“These scholarships recognize students who have overcome daunting challenges to move forward in school, at home and in their communities,” said Dorie Flynn, executive director of MANSEF. “More importantly, perhaps,

are the confidence and self-esteem these students will gain during the exciting programs that await them this summer and beyond.”

Along with the scholarships, MANSEF will present two additional awards:

Teresa Lewis, of Edgewood, will be presented with the ***Inspiring Dreams, Changing Lives Award***. This award is presented to an employee or a volunteer at a MANSEF school, who through consistent, ongoing service and dedication to children and youth with special needs has demonstrated a commitment to inspire dreams and change the lives of young people. Lewis – who lost her son, Tyree, in 2010 – is a dedicated volunteer at the Shorehaven School, which her son attended. Each year, she organizes

an annual holiday feast, complete with gifts for every student and staff member, and volunteers at other school events while also promoting and advocating for the school and its residential programs.

Byron Forbush is receiving the ***President's Award*** for his commitment to nonpublic schools in Maryland as well as his work to support the rights of students with special needs. Dr. Forbush serves as Chairman of the Board of Sheppard Pratt Health System, where he has been an active board member since 1974. In this role he oversees the growth of the system's programs, including the seven Forbush Schools, which were named in honor of his Father.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

The end of the school year is often a time of reflection. Faculty and staff reflect on student progress, graduates reflect on their futures, and administrators reflect on the accomplishments and challenges that shape the school. It is in that spirit of reflection that I look back on MANSEF's accomplishments in the past year, supporting our nonpublic schools in achieving educational excellence.

The positive outcome on reverting the effective date of tuitions to July 2014 from the proposed January 2015 not only allowed us a tuition increase for the whole school year but also saved us the administrative burden of multiple budget submissions. Our success is directly related to the relationships that our Executive Director, Dorie Flynn, has developed through the years with MSDE, legislators and other key decision makers.

Dorie's guidance in our advocacy gave us the tools to be confident and make a difference on issues. She accomplished this by summarizing issues, providing sample communications and constantly providing information needed to advocate effectively. The result is that MANSEF's relationship with MSDE personnel allows for frank and collaborative dialogues that support students which is our shared goal. The open dialogue helps to problem solve and address issues that may affect our delivery of educational services. This partnership provides us a voice for working groups such as the Commission on Special Education Access and Equity of which Dorie is a representative.

Friends of MANSEF raises our visibility in the parent community, often hosts the MANSEF booth at various conferences around the state and advocates with us on key issues. They joined us at our successful Legislator Appreciation Day, providing the personal stories of how nonpublic schools made a difference for their children.

Over 1900 people gathered together at the MANSEF conference this past fall for professional development and to hear Debbie Phelps' inspirational speech about teachers who made a difference. The conference had over 50 workshops as well as opportunities to showcase student work. Additional learning opportunities were available throughout the year from Sue Murray on all things transition, common core regional trainings as well as networking groups for sharing knowledge, to name a few.

As you reflect at the end of this school year, I hope you take time to recognize your value as a member of MANSEF. I hope you believe as I do that strength is in joining together around our shared goal of inspiring dreams and changing lives.

Kindest regards,

Patricia Ritter
MANSEF President

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MANSEF CELEBRATES STUDENT SUCCESS

Children's Guild

Chyree came to The Children's Guild in 2008 at age 14, exhibiting violent behavior that manifest itself by jumping on the hood of a car parked in our school parking lot and kicking his foot through its windshield. The windshield breaking was Chyree's way of venting his frustration and his anger. Even though the education staff devised many plans to prevent this mode of expression he found ways to break numerous windshields over the past four years. Today, he can verbalize his concerns to his IEP aide and others. Last year there were only two car incidents and none this year. Chyree is in our School to Work program and excels at his jobs, even getting an award from St. Agnes Hospital where he delivers magazines to patients. He also works on a loading dock and at the Humane Society. Chyree, now 19, is a wonderful success story.

Foundation Schools

Jerome W. came to The Foundation Schools in September 2013 after struggling with suspensions and poor attendance. Jerome has since improved in communicating respectfully, controlling his behavior and aggression, and made honor roll for the first time. Outside of school, Jerome now has more respect for his parents and holds a job at Safeway. Jerome will attend the Global Institute of Technology in New York on a football scholarship this fall. His future goals include transferring to a 4-year university and becoming a correctional officer, police officer, or social worker. Jerome says The Foundation Schools has taught him to work harder to achieve the most in life.

Jerome W.
and Gina Davis



Kennedy Krieger High School

When KKHS senior **Brian Nobles** was looking for a social skills group for teens with disabilities in his community, he couldn't find anything that met his needs. Instead of giving up, Brian decided to start his own social group. Brian named the group "Disability Express" and in the spring of 2013, the first activity and meeting were planned. This initial "Meet and Greet" was attended by three other teenagers. Together, the teens brainstormed the structure of the group, developed bylaws, and created a schedule of meeting times. During the first year of the group's existence the number of members has grown to over twenty. The group enjoys outings at restaurants, ice skating, pottery, archery, and other social events. In addition, Disability Express fundraised over \$700.00 dollars for anti-bullying education.

Brian
Nobles



Katherine Thomas School

The Katherine Thomas High School Program's senior **Max D.'s** painting was entered into Maryland's Eighth District Congressional Art Competition for High School Students, sponsored by Congressman Van Hollen, and his work was juried into the exhibition. Max's piece is titled *Breaking Waves* and was painted using tempera paints. There were over 250 entries from 30 local schools, including two other outstanding works from KTHS. Only 110 pieces were juried. This competition showcases young artists and is open to all high school students in the district. Three local artists selected work for inclusion in the exhibition. Congratulations to high school art teacher Marit Gretz and to Max!





Erol Orstan in the school store

MORE!

STUDENT SUCCESS

Linwood School

In August 2013, Linwood opened a new school building with many exciting new features, one of which is a school store. With the help of a student, **Erol Orstan**, the Linwood School Store has turned into a self-sufficient business that provides an incentive for students completing vocational tasks, as well as an afternoon snack for staff. Erol runs the store independently and has many job responsibilities, which include stocking shelves, inventory, running the cash register, and helping customers locate items that they wish to purchase. We are very proud of Erol's accomplishments and the role model that he has become for other students.

New Visions Academy of Baltimore

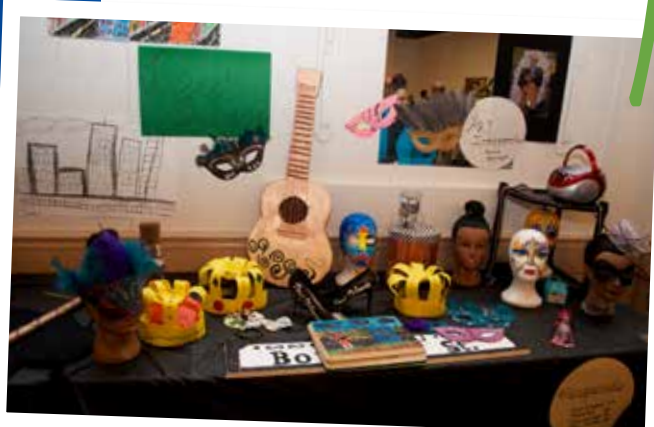
A promising NVAB graduating senior, **Dobia Wright** was passed the torch last year as the junior to lead his 2014 class with commitment and loyalty. He did so with true character. Dobia maintains a 4.0 GPA, the class valedictorian. Dobia has received countless awards for his tenacity and hard work. Most recently, the Baltimore Litho Club honored him with an award for the most outstanding graphic communications student in the area. Additionally, Dobia has now transitioned to his independent living status to go out and make his mark on the world. There is no doubt he is a leader with a successful future ahead at CCBC. New Visions Academy of Baltimore salutes Dobia Wright, our outstanding student of the year.

Nicholas Classas, Board Member of Baltimore Litho Club; Kae Sarubin, NVAB Social Worker; Dobia Wright, Senior; Jason Adelung, Graphic Communications Teacher



The Diener School

The Diener School will become a provisional member of Independent Education in July 2014. We are excited to be joining this wonderful group of dedicated educators! Additionally, our membership with the Washington DC Small Schools Association has been an incredible resource as we share a common bond of core issues facing small schools. The Diener School is incredibly proud of our partnership with The Bullis School. Our Bullis Buddies program provides an invaluable experience for both Diener and Bullis students alike and we were grateful to be honored as a non-profit recipient at the Bullis Gives Back 5K in May.



SCHOOL News

High Roads School

Still Going After All These Years

Since 2006, the High Roads schools, academies and programs of Maryland and the Eastern Shore have been convening to showcase the many artistic, singing and dramatic talents of their students with the Annual Fine Arts Festival. Students from the High Roads Schools in Beltsville, Largo, Lanham, La Plata, and the Eastern Shore displayed

artwork and provided performances for the audience giving them the feeling they were spontaneously travelling throughout the United States and the World to places like , NYC, Washington, DC, Atlanta, New Orleans, Chicago Hollywood, Mexico City, England, Paris, and Beijing. One audience member marveled, "This was the most exciting trip I have ever taken". Next year, the Fine Arts Festival will celebrate its Ten Year Anniversary. It will truly be a must see event.

Benedictine

Benedictine Hosts Special Olympics Executive Team

Benedictine recently welcomed senior leadership of Special Olympics Maryland. Jim Schmutz, Nate Garland, and Kelly Cox met with among others, Benedictine's Executive Director Scott Evans and Brett Rhodes, Adaptive PE Instructor.

Evans, a past International Special Olympics swim coach remarked "Special Olympics is the highest profile organization for raising awareness and creating opportunities for people with disabilities. These are goals shared by Benedictine."

Brett Rhodes indicated "We have a long history of participating in Special Olympics, and we are excited to learn of changes to the program,"

Nate Garland commented, "Special Olympics thrive because of the tireless efforts and leadership from organizations like Benedictine. We are proud to call Benedictine partners"



Special Olympic Athletes Greg Kendall, Lance Yeager and Jim Schmutz

The Gateway School

Students in Dani Ashendorf's class at Gateway School participated in **Pinwheels for Prevention** in order to raise awareness of child abuse. The class made pinwheels and planted a pinwheel garden outside to share with the public as they visit Gateway School and The Hearing and Speech Agency.

Pinwheels for Prevention is a joint initiative of Prevent Child Abuse America and Healthy Families America in an effort to transform awareness into action. The pinwheel is used to remind us of childlike notions and stands for the chance at the healthy, happy and full lives all children deserve.

The Forbush School at Glyndon

Area Non-Public Schools Working Together with their Local Public Schools

The Hannah More School- Reisterstown, The Harbour School @ Baltimore, and the Forbush School @ Glyndon are all members of the Education Committee for the R-OM-G (Reisterstown, Owings Mills, Glyndon) Chamber of Commerce. Meetings have been held at various schools including a local public high school. One of our first priorities is to get to know each program and how information, resources, and business partnerships can be shared. We are all looking forward to working together!

Hannah Moore School

In April, Hannah More School (HMS) observed the National Day of Silence by remaining silent for select periods and wearing shirts. The Day of Silence's purpose is to bring attention to anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment. The day is a positive educational experience, an opportunity for students to work toward improving school climate. HMS was proud to participate in this nationwide effort to create safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

"We should do this every year... you can't get rid of homophobia... but you can make it better."

-y.o.; 10th grader



Gateway School

Spring Art Show is planned for Friday, May 30 at 1:00 p.m. The show is open to the public and is the final event of a very busy month of activities at Gateway School as part of Better Hearing and Speech Month, which occurs every May in an effort to raise awareness for communication challenges in children and adults.

The event will be presented with a theme of Gateway School is Like a Garden where Children Blossom and will feature more than 50 creative expressions from the students. Call 410-318-6780 for more information.



On April 30, Delegate Tony McConkey came to The Harbour School at Annapolis. Students made a breakfast reception for Mr. McConkey. We also thanked him for his support in the House of Delegates for the legislation that moved the start of our tuition increase from January 2015 to July 2014.



Carol Larson

Mrs. Joseph and Mr. Igler took 14 high school students from The Harbour School at Annapolis to the Anne Arundel County District Court. Instead of going with their attorneys, The Harbour School students had teachers by their sides as they learned firsthand about the consequences of making bad decisions. It was part of the Anne Arundel County District Court Schools in the Court program. Judge Spencer led the program.

Students sat in on court proceedings for defendants who weren't much older than the students themselves. The purpose of the field trip was for the students to gain an understanding of how the court system works, as well as seeing how making wrong choices about behavior such as speeding, drinking and driving, illegal drug use and other crimes can impact their lives.

In addition to watching actual criminal cases, students learned about the legal and financial consequences of being charged with drunk driving, and met with a representative from Maryland's Shock Trauma Center. The students also met with members of the Maryland State Police K-9 squad.



Harbour School students in front of Courtroom 4



Sam Myers and Mayor Rawlings Blake

Harbour students are all expected to do community service, but no one expected to get to visit with Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake. But that is exactly what happened to The Harbour School at Baltimore senior, Sam Myers. The two wound up being best buds.



The Harbour School nominated two students for the 2014 High School Outstanding Student Achievers sponsored by The Capital Gazette. Julie Holt and Darryl Gale received their awards along with juniors from many different high schools in Anne Arundel County. The ceremony was held at the Anne Arundel Community College Pascal Center and the featured guest speaker was Steve Gunn, Editor of the Capital Gazette. In addition to receiving an award, they also received a \$25 Mastercard from Old Line Bank! The students were featured in a special section of The Capital and in the Maryland Gazette. We are honored to have two outstanding students at The Harbour School, and we would like to congratulate them for their success across all settings. Way to go Julie and Darryl!

Ms Weinrich's class visited the local Meals on Wheels and helped pack and prepare meals. While there they:

- Packed 330 cold trays
- Prepared 270 fruit cups
- Opened 3 cases of multiple cans of peaches
- Opened 10 cases of multiple cans of beans

They also got to be featured on the Meals on Wheels Facebook page



Juvahn Housen

The Nations Society of High School Scholars

tapped one of our own for its award this year. **Juvahn Housen**, a senior at The Harbour School at Annapolis, for special academic achievement. He will graduate in June with a diploma. During his tenure at Harbour, Juvahn has participated in many school performing arts productions. He has had the lead role on more than one occasion, most recently, the prince in Cinderella. In addition to his acting talent, Juvahn also has athletic ability. He plays varsity soccer and basketball.

Ryan Cooper, a junior at The Harbour School in Annapolis and a resident of St. Mary's County, has won the statewide essay contest – as well as \$2,500 in college scholarships – sponsored by the Optimists Club. Writing on the topic of "How Dreams Lead to Success," Ryan wrote about his father, who achieved his dream of becoming first a Navy pilot and then a commercial pilot. Ryan's essay first won the Annapolis Optimists Club contest and then, the statewide contest. He went to Ocean City on April 25 to accept his award.

Ryan Cooper



Harbour School students from both campuses

visited with Senator Delores Kelly and with Speaker of the House Michael Bush. Students took the opportunity to tell both legislators about their school and to remind them that we were hoping for a tuition increase to begin on July 1, 2014 rather than January 1, 2015 so that their teachers could get a better raise. One of the students said, "you know they must be great because they put up with us and they like us". Must have worked because the Legislature did approve the increase for July 1, 2014.



Delegate Adrienne Jones came for breakfast at The Harbour School at Baltimore on May 15, 2014. Students and staff thanked her for her hard work in convincing the committee to move the non-public tuition increase to a July 1 start. Delegate Jones loved the scenery for the spring musical.



Foundation School of Montgomery County

Students from The Foundation School of Montgomery County gave back to their community on April 16th when they hand delivered 80 meals to the Homebuilders Care Assessment Center in Rockville. The ten student participants spent the week leading up to the delivery making lasagna, salad, and dessert from scratch. Students prepared the meals in slow cookers and later delivered the finished product. The shelter was thrilled to receive the donation and the students were able to earn Student Service Learning Hours and make a contribution to their community.



Foundation School student preparing lasagna

MORE!

SCHOOL News

The Ivymount School

Ivymount Study on Job Readiness and Employment for Young Adults with Disabilities Appears in National Journal

The Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation (JVR) recently published an article by Ivymount School staff, Dr. Eve Müller, Coordinator of Program Evaluation, and Rebecca VanGilder, Program Coordinator for Project SEARCH.

Although there are currently more than 200 Project SEARCH programs throughout the U.S., evidence supporting the program's efficacy

remains limited. Müller and VanGilder's study examined the relationship between participation in Project SEARCH, a business-led transition program, and job readiness and employment rates of 10 young adults with disabilities.

Baseline and end-of-year data were gathered on participants' job readiness skills using a 29-item Job Readiness Assessment Tool (JRAT) developed for this purpose. Interviews with key stakeholders were conducted in order to identify perceptions regarding areas of growth for participants, as well as ongoing challenges. Based on JRAT scores, participants demonstrated significant growth overall, as well as demonstrating significant growth in a majority of specific entry-level job skills (e.g., filing, using email, data entry, delivery) and workplace behavior (e.g., communicating with co-workers and supervisors, maintaining a professional appearance, punctuality). **Sixty percent of participants were offered permanent jobs within three months of the program's conclusion.** No significant differences emerged between job coach/instruction evaluations and supervisor evaluations, and end-of-year JRAT scores were significantly higher for participants offered jobs than for those not offered jobs.

In light of these findings, it appears that the Project SEARCH model holds promise for increasing participants' job readiness and employment rates. Further, the JRAT may offer a useful means of predicting job readiness for Project SEARCH participants.

Project SEARCH is a national program that Ivymount and partners (including SEEC) have replicated in the DC region. Ivymount and SEEC's three Project SEARCH programs include NIH, Montgomery County and Smithsonian. The goal is to provide student interns with practical job experience, and offers total workplace immersion to help build competitive, marketable, and transferrable skills. Learn more about Ivymount's partnership with Project SEARCH at: www.ivymount.org/projectsearch

First Hire for Project SEARCH-Smithsonian

It's official! Ivymount student, **Richard Fuentes**, signed his acceptance letter for employment with the Smithsonian Institute in early May, and became the first Project SEARCH-Smithsonian intern to be hired this year! Richard will be a Building Services Worker (BSW) and assigned to the National Air and Space Museum (NASM). Richard will be part of the early morning commuters as his regular workday will begin at 6:30am!



Richard Fuentes

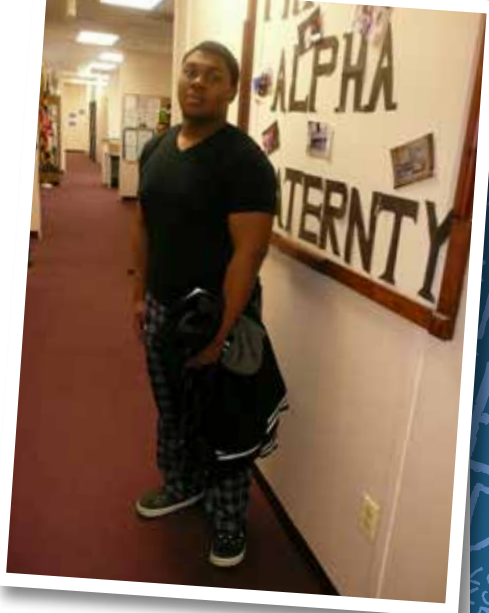


New Visions Academy

New Visions Academy of Baltimore goes

"Beyond the Classroom" with the introduction of our cutting edge 2013-2014 afterschool program. In partnership with Alliance for Career and Education (ACE) the school received a \$20,000 Weinberg Foundation grant to initiate this tailored pilot to juniors and seniors at the Academy. Our focus for phase I was College Entry Preparation and Transition Readiness (The Young Gentlemen's Society) modules. We see this as an unprecedented opportunity to expose our students to a myriad of life changing experiences that will equip them with new tools in setting goals for their future. New Visions Academy of Baltimore staff are constantly gaining knowledge, strategies and techniques to bring the best of what we have to offer. Through ACE's expertise and support services, we enrich and equip our students via innovative progressive programming.

We will successfully close out the program for this school year, the end of May. In the words of junior Arnette Williams, one of our ten participants, "What I gained was knowledge about what to expect as a college student and how to begin to plan and prepare for my college experience. The afterschool program was very helpful and fun, especially the college tours."



Arnette Williams, Junior

Kennedy Krieger School

Mascot Race

Max the Bulldog, the KKHS mascot recently won the Mascot of the Year Award for participating in the annual ROAR for Autism Mascot Race at Oregon Ridge Park.

Ring Ceremony

KKHS Juniors and Seniors received their class rings in the annual Ring Ceremony. The students were thrilled to receive their rings, celebrate with their peers, learn the traditions of class rings, and turn the rings of their friends.

Legacy Partner of the Year

KKHS is being honored as Baltimore County Department of Aging Legacy Partner of the Year. The ceremony held of May 22, 2014 will honor two KKHS students for their work- based learning contributions.



KKHS mascot
Max the Bulldog

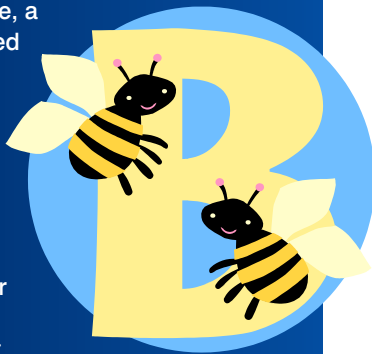
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Mann Residential School

Annual Spelling Bee

Students at Mann Residential School were testing out their academic skills at the school's annual Spelling Bee. Twenty of our top scholars participated in the event held at the Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt. The event was planned and hosted by Ms. Lakia Cox, whose never-ending energy brought parents, teachers, therapists, support personnel and students to the audience. Tensions were high as the judges, Ms. Chenille Robinson and Ms. Sharon DellaRose, moved onto more and more challenging words and narrowed the scholars down to the final two. Who knew a spelling bee could be so exciting, as our final two matched word for word and letter for letter for five hand-wringing rounds. Although this was a tight fight to the end, one student reigned victorious.

The top prize, a well-deserved \$50.00 gift certificate, went to this year's spelling champion. Our second place winner received a \$25.00 gift certificate and our third runner up received a \$15.00 gift certificate. So overall, how did the event go? How do you spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S!



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SCHOOL News



Pathways

Young Entrepreneurship Program and The Pathways Schools Hold Award Ceremony and Luncheon in Greenbelt

The Young Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) develops the business leaders of tomorrow by taking high

school students through a step-by-step training program in operating a business. In 2008, Pathways Schools, serving students with emotional disabilities, partnered with YEP to encourage their students to envision an independent, productive economic future for themselves and to give them the practical tools to achieve it.

What began as a small pilot project with a handful of students at one Pathways site has served nearly 100 students at all six Pathways Schools and has widespread community and business support, including six corporate sponsors. The annual YEP concluding luncheon held at the Greenbelt Hilton Garden Inn this year included a special ceremony in which the students who completed the YEP program were each awarded a citation from the Maryland General Assembly. The award recognized them for "overcoming many obstacles and challenges...and achieving incredible accomplishments" in their community. The citations were presented by Maryland State Delegates Alonzo Washington and Jolene Ivey. Judith Davis from the Greenbelt City Council and Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan along with an array of business owners and organizations from Prince George's County were also in attendance.

They were drawn by the YEP's remarkable story of success in enabling Pathways students to learn and discover their potential to take charge of their careers. The program is a hands-on approach to learning about what it takes to start a project or a business that could become both a livelihood and a source of personal fulfillment. It is taught by successful business professionals from Prince George's County using the curriculum designed by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE). It is eye opening for young people who are used to thinking about work in terms of low-level jobs in service or retail to go through the program in which they encounter adults who own and operate businesses, love what they do, and are eager to share their stories of success and their expertise.

When the Young Entrepreneurship Program began at Pathways it had behind it the enthusiasm and business know-how of its founders, Prince George's County businessmen Kevin Logan and Charlie Grant, and the dedication of Pathways Career Path Program Coordinator Anthony Hamm. The workshops are taught by business professionals and required students to complete a business project of their own.

Last year YEP initiated an emphasis on the issues and successes of women in the business world by expanding to offer a series of sessions specifically for young women students. The sessions were taught by female business professionals and were received enthusiastically by the Pathways students. The sessions for young women continued this year with even more students participating.



youth in Transition

Recently the Youth In Transition School had a very special visitor, Senator Delores G Kelley (District 10 -Baltimore County).

Senator Kelley, an educator by training and previous college professor, consistently shows her dedication to education. She has also been a true supporter of NCIA, especially of the Youth In Transition School.

Senator Kelley requested a visit to our school and we were honored to give her a tour and show her the vocational programs we offer. We were grateful for the opportunity to show her how the Youth In Transition School and NCIA as a whole, are helping both youth and families alike.

Thank you Senator Kelley for your continued support and respect for our mission at NCIA's Youth In Transition School!

St. Elizabeth School

SES at AVAM

If you visited the American Visionary Art Museum on May 1, you might have seen the Open Eyes, Open Minds: Raising Mental Health Awareness Through Art exhibit, which included artworks by several SES students. Pierre Farmer, John Magness, Brooks Richardson, and Eli Sauer were among our student artists who submitted photos. Each piece depicted things that brought the artists hope, including animals, faith, sunny days, and talking through things. Brooks and John also submitted a joint piece that showcased visual ideas of what constitutes hope, strength, and motivation. SES is proud to see its students express themselves so beautifully through art.

Careers in the Making

SES senior **Gregory Touzalin** doesn't have to think twice about his greatest skill: sales. In April, Greg raised \$1,319 in handbag sales for the senior class trip and other class events. He won several prizes, including a tablet. His advice to others on how to close the deal: "Smile, socialize, and make the customers feel more special so they will have the urge and courage to get the item. Read your customer and know them well...mix it up a little bit." Though Greg is not sure what he wants to do after graduation, he's confident in his ability to succeed.

Gregory Touzalin



Senator Kelley visits Youth in Transition School

The scholarship fund was established in memory of Michael Cardin, son of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland and his wife Myrna, a former MANSEF executive director. The annual scholarship awards students who attend MANSEF member schools. The scholarship fund has grown annually since its inception in 1999 and has awarded more than \$200,000 to nearly 300 special education scholars. Mrs. Cardin will be on hand at the luncheon to present the awards.

Scholarships are awarded in amounts up to \$1,500 each to students enrolled in or graduating from a MANSEF school. Funds are available to assist students enrolling in special training programs or for pursuit of vocational, trade or college education. Such programs include art, recreational and music programs, college or university courses, trade schools and sports programs.

"These students exemplify the achievement that is possible when students receive the proper supports," said Myrna Cardin. "We are proud to reward and showcase the successes of these young people, each of whom stands out in his or her own way."

CARDIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The following 61 individuals were selected for exemplifying perseverance in the face of adversity and embodying the spirit that everyone can succeed with hard work and support.

Mekai Adams is a Prince George's County Public School student attending Children's Guild in Prince George's County who will use his scholarship to learn Self-defense Techniques at Bullying Prevention Camp.

Delshawn Arnold is an Allegany County Public School student attending The Jefferson School at Finan Center who will use his scholarship for tuition at Allegany College of Maryland where he will major in General Studies.

Jessenia Barron is a Prince George's County Public School student attending The Chelsea School who will use her scholarship to attend Montgomery College and study Illustration.

Joseph Barron is a Prince George's County Public School student attending The Chelsea School who will use his scholarship for tuition at Capitol College where he will major in Computer Engineering.

Laura Baughman is a Baltimore County Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger High School who will use her scholarship for private voice lessons at Dundalk Community College.

Benjamin Boro is an Anne Arundel County Public School student attending Hannah Moore at Severna Park High School who will use his scholarship for Advanced Fencing lessons at Baltimore Fencing Center.

Page Boyd is a Baltimore City Public School student attending New Visions Academy of Baltimore who will use her scholarship to attend Adventure Camp at Camp Moss Hollow.

Keith Boykin is a District of Columbia Public School student attending The Children's Guild who will use his scholarship to attend Overnight Summer Camp at YMCA Camp Letts.

Titus Brown is a Prince George's County Public School student attending The Children's Guild. Titus will use his scholarship to attend Summer Day Camp at the Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County.

Kayla Butter, a previous Cardin Scholar, was a Baltimore County Public School student who attended The Forbush School Glyndon will use her scholarship for tuition to attend Baltimore County Community College where she will pursue her Associate's Degree.

Markell Carroll is a Baltimore City Public School student attending the Gateway School who will use his scholarship to attend Summer Camp at the YMCA camp (Weinberg Family Center).

Jamie Charleton is an Allegany County Public School student attending The Jefferson School at Finan Center who will use his scholarship for tuition to attend Allegany College of Maryland-Early Entry program to pursue an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts.

James Crunkilton is a Baltimore City Public School student attending New Visions Academy of Baltimore who will use his scholarship for driving lessons at the Friendly Driving School.

James Domchick is a student at Chelsea School who will use his scholarship to attend Landmark College in Vermont - summer program for high school students where he will learn writing techniques and strategies for success in school.

Nicholas Dull is a Carroll County Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger High School who will use his scholarship for Residential summer camp at the League for People with Disabilities.

SCHOLARSHIP winners



Justin Ferrell is a District of Columbia Public School student attending Chelsea School who will use his scholarship for tuition to attend Marshall University where he will pursue a degree in Animal Sciences.

Isabel-Marie Fusco is a Prince George's County Public School student attending The Foundation School who will use her scholarship to attend cosmetology classes and & dance camp at Star Makers through the Prince George's County Parks & Recreation

Austin Gardner is a Baltimore County Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger High School who will use his scholarship for Drum Lessons at Baltimore School for Drumming.

John Good is an Anne Arundel County Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger High School who will use his scholarship for Violin Music instruction at the Music and Arts Center.

Michael Goroum III is a Prince George's County Public School student enrolled at The Pathways Duval Reentry program who will use his scholarship for tuition to take English in preparation for a degree at Prince George's Community College.

Brandon Hamilton a Prince George's County Public Schools who attends The Harbour School - Annapolis, will use his scholarship for tuition to obtain an Associate of Arts in Photography at Anne Arundel Community College.

Kahlid Harvell is a Baltimore City Public School student attending St. Elizabeth School who will use his scholarship to participate in an Art program at Mitchell Art School.

Trevon Hatcherson-Ross is a District of Columbia Public School student attending The Children's Guild who will use his scholarship to attend Overnight Camp at the YMCA Camp Letts.

Bradley Holland II, a previous Cardin scholar who had attended The Chelsea School. Bradley will use his scholarship for tuition to pursue a Bachelor's Degree at Frostburg State University.

De'Andre Jarrells is a Baltimore County Public School student attending The Harbour School-Baltimore. De'Andre will use his scholarship for a course in Exploring Flash Animation & Art at Maryland Institute College of Art summer workshop.

Martty Johnson is a Baltimore City Public School student attending Villa Maria School at Pot Spring who will use his scholarship for Art lessons at Zoll's Studio of Fine Art.

Ryan Karn is an Anne Arundel County Public School student who attends Hannah More at Severna Park HS. Martty will use his scholarship to obtain an Associate's degree at Anne Arundel Community College.

Chana Kramer, a previous Cardin Scholar, who attended the Chelsea School will use her scholarship to continue pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at Davis & Elkins College.

DeJuane Lawson is a Baltimore City Public School student attending New Visions Academy of Baltimore who will use his scholarship for Science Camp at Club Scientific Day Camp.

Nathan Matheson is a student from the Montgomery County Public Schools attending The Frost School who will use his scholarship to obtain an Associate of arts degree in automotive technology from Montgomery College.

CARDIN SCHOLARS

Brenna McBride is an Anne Arundel Public School student attending Pathways Anne Arundel who will use her scholarship for tuition for the Early Access Program at Anne Arundel County Community College.

Jymeen McGrier is a District of Columbia Public School student attending Foundation School who will use her scholarship for dance classes at The Dance Institute of Washington Community Program.

LaDanian McMillan is a Prince George's Public School student attending Foundation School who will use his scholarship to attend Cops Camp through the Prince George's County Department of Recreation.

Mason Meyers is a student from the Allegany County Public Schools attending The Jefferson School at Finan Center who will use his scholarship for Swimming Lessons at the YMCA-Cumberland.

Jonathan Miranda is a District of Columbia Public School student attending Ivymount School who will use his scholarship for art classes at Washington Studio School.

David Moseley-Gregory is a Howard County Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger – Fairmount who will use his scholarship to attend swim classes and participate on the swim team at Martar Swimming School.

Chaim Nathan is a Baltimore City Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger High School who will use his scholarship to attend Camp Morasha/Yachad in New York City.

Bob Nobles is a Carroll County Public School student enrolled at Kennedy Krieger High School who will use his scholarship for tuition to pursue an Engineering- Arts and Sciences degree at Carroll Community College.

Sequan Onley is a District of Columbia Public School student attending The Chelsea School who will use his scholarship to pursue a BA degree at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Kelsey Parker is a Prince George's County Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger High School who will use her scholarship for piano lessons at Piano 4 Kids.

Shaquan Parrish is a Baltimore City Public School student attending The Strawbridge School who will use her scholarship for tuition to obtain a Medical Assistant Certification at TESST College of Technology.

Qundre Payton is a Prince Georges County Public School student attending The Foundation School who will use his scholarship to attend football camp at Jimmy Smith & Marlon Brown Camp.

Georgiana Prenatt is an Anne Arundel County Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger High School who will use her scholarship for tuition to obtain an Associate's Degree at Anne Arundel Community College.

Shakira Ramsey, a previous Cardin Scholar from Prince George's Public School who attended The Chelsea School. Shakira will use her scholarship to obtain a Bachelor's Degree at High Point University.

Donald Rearic III is an Anne Arundel Public School student enrolled at Kennedy Krieger High School. Donald will use his scholarship to attend the Adaptive/Integrated day camp for social skills & social interaction training at Mayo Beach Adaptive Day Camp.

Aidan Ross, a Prince George's County Public School student who attends Foundation School, will use his scholarship to attend therapeutic riding & equine learning at Maryland Therapeutic Riding.

SCHOLARSHIP winners



Jahir Scarlett, a Baltimore City Public School student who attends Kennedy Krieger High School will use his scholarship for Martial Arts at Seigneury Dojo Martial Arts.

Jahmal Scarlett, a Baltimore City Public School student attending Kennedy Krieger High School will use his scholarship for private guitar and piano lessons at The Music Workshop.

Paul Schad, a Prince George's County Public School student attending The Chelsea School will use his scholarship for tuition to obtain a Computer Science Degree at The University of Maryland.

Benjamin Schuman a previous Cardin Scholar, is a Montgomery County Public School student attending the Lourie Center School who will use his scholarship to attend Camp Greentop at the League for People with Disabilities.

Leah Schuman, a previous Cardin Scholar is a Montgomery County Public School student attending The Katherine Thomas School who will use her scholarship to attend a therapeutic camp on maintaining and developing relationships and social behaviors at Summit Camp LLC.

Naseem Sharpe, a previous Cardin Scholar is a District of Columbia Public School student attending Foundation School who will use his scholarship to attend Performing Arts Training at the TAP Program.

Aaron Simon, a previous Cardin Scholar, is a Montgomery County Public School student attending Lourie Center School. He will be using his scholarship to attend Sleep Away Adventure Camp at Camp SOAR-North Carolina Canoeing.

Makaile Stanley, a previous Cardin Scholar, who attended Kennedy Krieger High School. He will be using his scholarship to obtain a BA degree from Bowie State University.

Devon Thomas, a previous Cardin Scholar, and a Prince George's County student attending High Road School of Prince George's County will be using his scholarship to participate in basketball camp with the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Council.

Artiana Thompson is a previous Cardin Scholar and a District of Columbia Public school student attending The Children's Guild. She will be using her scholarship to participate in Dance and Hip-Hop classes at Prince George's County Parks & Recreation.

DeAntre Watkins is a previous Cardin Scholar who attended The Chelsea School. He will be using his scholarship to obtain a B.A. Degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Nicholas Wilkerson is a Anne Arundel County Public School student who attends High Road Academy. He will be using his scholarship to study Health and Human Services at Anne Arundel Community College.

Tiffany Wilson is a Montgomery County Public School student who attends Foundation School. Tiffany will be using her scholarship to study nursing at Montgomery Community College.

Kristin Wollenweber is a previous Cardin Scholar who attended Hannah More School. Kristin will be using her scholarship to study Design at Harford Community College.

Eddy Zevallos is a Prince George's County student who attends High Roads Upper School. Eddy will be using his scholarship to obtain a Certificate of Completion for Introduction to Keyboarding.



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