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Hello and Welcome!

We're thrilled to have you with us as we celebrate the *outstanding achievements* of our Maryland District AAU athletes, coaches, and volunteers. What a year it's been - filled with passion, perseverance, and performance at the highest level!

As we wrap up another exciting season, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your dedication, teamwork, and support. You are the heart and soul of this organization, and your commitment continues to inspire us all.

AAU programs do far more than build athletic skill - they shape strong character, foster confidence, and teach valuable life lessons that reach well beyond the game. Every practice, every challenge, and every victory helps our athletes grow into their best selves, on and off the field.

Today, we proudly honor our *AAU Athlete Awardees* - exceptional competitors whose drive, determination, and sportsmanship shine bright. You've set the bar high, and we couldn't be prouder!

A special thank-you to the coaches, volunteers, families, and friends who give so much of their time, energy, and encouragement. Your support makes all the difference.

On behalf of the Maryland District AAU Executive Committee, congratulations to everyone who represented our district with excellence in 2025. May this year be remembered for the friendships formed, the memories made, and the shared joy of competition.

Let's celebrate the spirit of AAU and make today unforgettable!

Ben DuBose, Maryland District Governor
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2025 MD AAU AWARDS PROGRAM



Welcome	Pastor Antoinette DuBose-Banquet Chairperson—1st Lt. Governor, Maryland AAU District
Presentation of Colors	
Honoring Veterans for Service	Ben DuBose, Governor - Maryland AAU District
Introductions: MD District Officers, Sports Directors & Master of Ceremonies	Pastor Antoinette DuBose - Banquet Committee
Master of Ceremonies	Lamont Germany - Master of Ceremony
Introduction of Head Table, Banquet Committee & Helpers.....	Lamont Germany
Invocation.....	Pastor Antoinette DuBose - Maryland AAU District
Banquet Housekeeping.....	Lamont Germany
Dinner & MD AAU “Year In Review”	
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Ben DuBose - Governor - Maryland AAU District
Keynote Speaker	Jo Mirza - Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) President & CEO
Awards - Jump Rope	Megan Reith - Sport Director, Jump Rope
William “Bill Stevens” - Club Executive of the Year.....	Terri Fulp - Registrar - Maryland AAU District
Awards - Swimming	Pastor Antoinette DuBose - Sport Director, & Kendra Seligman - CMSL Secretary
Youth Speaker.....	Regan Smith - Jump Rope
John Considine Award	Maurice Ward - 2nd Lieutenant Governor, Maryland AAU District
Presentation - Jump Rope	Megan Reith - Sport Director, Jump Rope
Youth Speaker	Darius Dunlap-Elkins - Track & Field
Awards - Boys Basketball	Ben DuBose & LaKeesha Beverly, 3rd Lieutenant Governor, MD AAU
Awards - Girls Basketball	Thomas “TC” Caviness - Sport Director, Girls Basketball
Benjamin DuBose - Overcoming Adversity Award	Tracey Estep - Secretary - Maryland AAU District
Volunteer of the Year Award/Maryland and National.....	Tracey Estep
Awards - Governor’s Awards	Ben DuBose, Governor, Maryland AAU District
Awards - Track & Field	Mary Haynes - Sport Director, Track & Field
Special Awards - Master of Ceremonies & Keynote Speaker ...	Ben DuBose
Melvin Parker Award	Tanya Rush-Retired Assoc. VP-Student Ctr. Morgan State University
Drawings	LaKeesha Beverly & Eric Brown
Closing Remarks / End	Ben DuBose, Governor, Maryland AAU District

LAMONT GERMANY

Sports Anchor, XM-Satellite Radio, Co-Founder Heritage Sports Radio Network
Master of Ceremonies

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

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

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

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

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

The emergence of new technologies in the industry eventually led to a strong interest in satellite radio. Germany was hired as a Sports Anchor at Sirius-XM Satellite radio in Washington, D.C. in April of 2005.

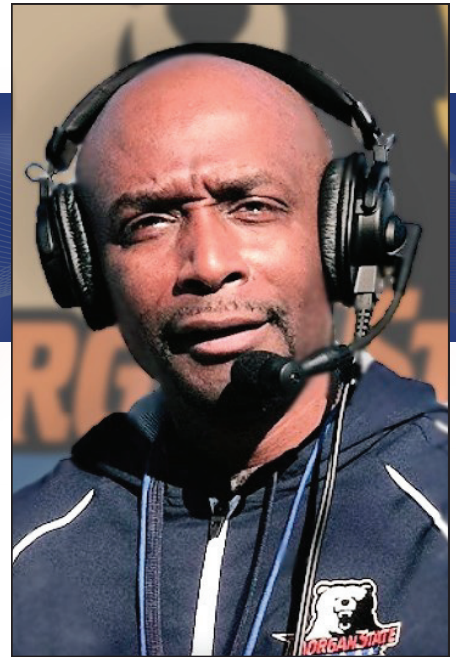
At Sirius-XM, Germany was heard on a national platform. His work could be found on the various sports channels on the platform. Germany has also freelanced in Baltimore area high school sports.

Germany has had the opportunity to sit behind the microphone at high school football and basketball games since 1995. And in addition to his experience on the high school level, he's also had the privilege of serving as the primary Play by Play voice of Morgan State University athletics.

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

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

Lamont Germany currently resides in Parkville, Maryland.



JO MIRZA

AAU President & CEO

Keynote Speaker



Jo Mirza, the 49th President of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), has dedicated more than five (5) decades of service to the AAU at the local, national, and international levels.

President Mirza got his start in AAU as an athlete in the sport of karate in 1972, competing in the Central AAU Association (now District), though he's been a student of martial arts since 1967. His roles with the AAU have been many throughout the years, including AAU Karate National Chair, District AAU Governor (Central and Florida Gold Coast), and District Lieutenant Governor (Central) as well as instructor, official, and dedicated volunteer.

In 1987, President Mirza was recognized for his many efforts on behalf of the AAU Karate program, winning election as AAU Karate National Chair and being named the AAU Junior Olympic Games Karate Chairman, positions he has held ever since.

President Mirza has been a member of the AAU Board of Directors since 1994, and also served as the National Adult Sports Chair from 1994-2004. From 2004-2014, he served as the National Law and Legislation Chairman. Elected as AAU National Treasurer in 2014 and 2018 respectively, President Mirza served with the previous AAU national officer group before being elected as President in October 2022.

In addition to his dedication and responsibilities to the AAU, President Mirza was elected First Vice President of the World Union Karate Federation (WUKF) in 2017, President of United World Karate (UWK) in 2019, and was appointed the International School Sport Federation's (ISF) Technical President in 2020. He also served as Regional President for Pan-America World Karate Commission (WKC) from 2000-2009, and was Vice President of the World Karate Organization (WKO) from 1995-2000.

President Mirza was inducted into the Black Belt Hall of Fame in 1994. He received his 8th degree black belt in Shotokan karate in 2004 and in the same year was awarded an honorary 8th degree in Shito-Ryu karate from Mabuni Sensei, the eldest son of the founder of the style of karate.





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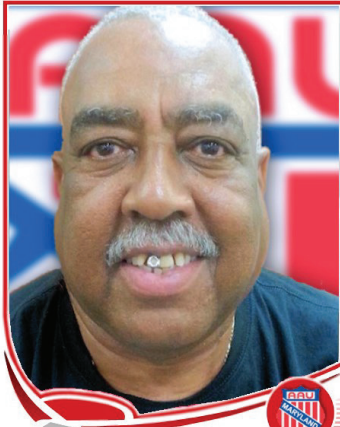
2025 MD AAU Sports Directors

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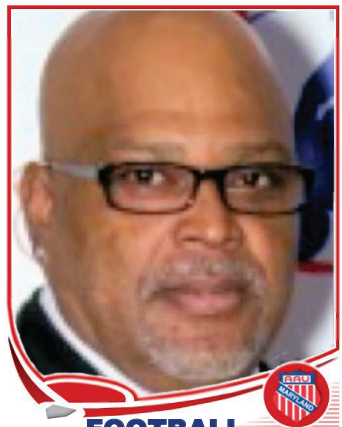
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GOLF

MEGAN KELLY



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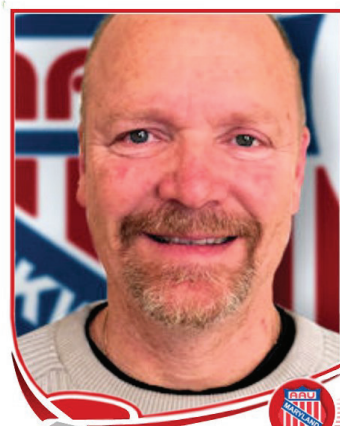
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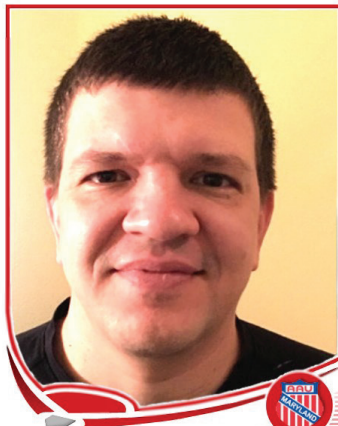
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WRESTLING



2025 Maryland AAU Awards

MD/AAU OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD

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

MD/AAU COACHES AWARD

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

MD/AAU "VOLUNTEER SPIRIT" AWARDS

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

JOHN G. CONSIDINE – "SPORTS DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP AWARD"

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

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

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

RALPH L. DURANT MEMORIAL AWARD

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

GOVERNOR'S AWARD

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

*** MELVIN "MEL" PARKER MEMORIAL AWARD ***

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

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD

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

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!



AAU FOOTBALL provides student athletes the opportunity to showcase their talents, on and off the field! We are excited to be part of the growth of AAU Football and our National Football Committee is committed to providing leadership to all leagues and athletes.

BEST WISHES and CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Student Athletes, Coaches and Volunteers celebrating at the 2025 Maryland District Awards Banquet!

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CONGRATULATIONS 2025 MD AAU AWARD WINNERS!



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2025 OUTSTANDING ATHLETES, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS

TRACK/FIELD

Athlete Awards - Female

Mya Arrendell
Kennedi Bagent
Kennedi Baker
Kalliah Boddie
Kendal Bryant
Calla Drayton
Emma Flanigan
Kenae Fullwood
Lucy Grace
Eh'rhyen Jackson
Aaliyah Mack
Samaya Morgan Smith
Noni Muhammad
Zyra Nelson
Harle Owens
Marlee Rose White
Nyla Sikyala
Amira Sollas
Leila Sollas
Nadia Sollas
Allie Spaeder
Jocelyn Young

Coaches Awards - Female

Maria Campbell
Pamela Muhammad

Athlete Awards - Male

Zody Benoit
Geremiah Brown
Reign Centano
Warren Conley
Samuel Cooper
Dylan Davis
Lewis Douglass III
Darius Dunlap-Elkins
Avery Jeannot
Joshua Johnson
Zachary Johnson
King Jones
Dominic Lightfoot
Ashton Lloyd
Steffon Lyon
Zayden Saxton
Mekhi Smith
Adrian Stephenson
Miquel Terrell, Jr.
Maximus Turner
Kareem Walton
Joshua White
Kayden Worrell

Coaches Awards - Male

Mike "Coach Zig" Benoit
Vaughn Devaughn
Bruce Hunter
Nathaniel Muhammad

Volunteer Awards

Females

Tamara Dunlap-Elkins
Denotta Teagle
Tynisha Thompson

Males

Steven Barnes
Duane Downer
William "Bill" Gerhold
Bernard Teagle

BOYS BASKETBALL

Athlete Awards

Team Thrill 2036

Matthieu Atkins (Matt)
Brayden Bogues
Jayce Boone
Idris Brooks
Kali Edmondson
Troy Fraizer (TJ)
Collins Lyde
Lincoln Owens
Keonta Terry (KJ)
Reid Thomas
De'Andre Trayham
Braven Umphrey

Coaches Awards

Ty Burns - Head Coach
Genelle McCoy Erick Ross

Volunteer Award

Maya Owens

Team Melo 2036

Elijah Hunter
Kayden Nelson
Will Newson
Troy Parker III
Antone Sewell
Merritt Slade
Josiah Watts
Bryce Woodson

Coaches Awards

Chase Cormier, Head Coach
Mel Edwards
Troy Parker Jr.

Volunteer Award

Aerial Parker

JUMP ROPE

Athlete Awards

Braydon Cantos
Alexa Scarf

Coaches Awards

Reagan Smith

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Athlete Awards

Team Melo - 6th Grade

Mattea Aaronson
Kacie Armwood
Demi Eldridge
Blake Ferguson
Erin Fox
Troi Gaithers
Na'Leah Quarles
Landri Ranek
Maliyah Warren
Kennedy Watkins

Coaches

Jaia Alexander
Walt Roman

Volunteers

Natalie Quarles
Xavier Quarles

MD Belles - 5th Grade

Jaida Dudley
Zina Enekwe
Loren Gowdy
Milania Lewis
Emalee McNeely
Kayla Murry
Braelyn Pugh
Aislie Ranek
Avaia Richardson
Kaori Wheeler
Brooklinn Wiegert

Coaches

Olivia Eggleston
Reggie Leach

Volunteers

Leslie Ranek
Bridget Wiegert

MD Hoopmasters 8th Grade

Adelynn Gibson
Madison Sirk

Coaches

LaTonya Hardy
Kenny Lane, Sr.
Kenny Lane, Jr.
Lydia Myers

Volunteers

Michelle Bull
Nelson Bull
Sarah Gibson
Charles Nixon
Virginia Nixon
Andrew Wivell
Tara Wivell

SWIMMING - CMSL

Athlete Awards

Messina Barbe
Court Barrett
Claire Bibo
Andrew Bonham
Elizabeth Campanella
Colton Clemens
Caleb Coulbourne
Joshua Cox
Jonas Dedow
Mimi DeOliveira
Joslyn DiBlasi
Caitlin "Catie" Fritz
Zoe Funk
Rosetta Gordon
Stella Guernsey
Lucca Guido
Hannah Haborak
Charlotte Hale
Danielle Holroyd
Easton Keelan
Matthew Kennel
Joey Kingston

...SWIMMING Continued

Mason Lam
Ryan Mahoney
Tim Mihok
James Moore
Brenna Moorman
Joshua Needham
Josh Para
William "Billy" Porter
Molly Ralph
Jacqueline Rech Pavao

Emmie Rhee
Chloe Richards
Anna Ritterhoff
Alina Shipley
Riley Sullivan
Autumn Sundberg
Camryn Torres
Alexandros Toumasis
Kyle Winters
Aiden Wong
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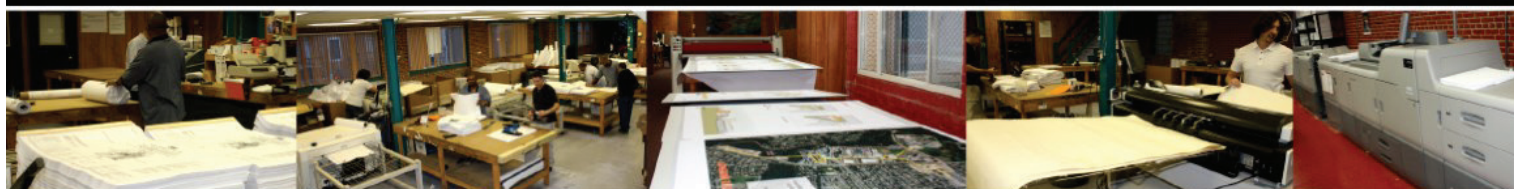
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2025 Special AAU Awards

JOHN G. CONSIDINE – “SPORT DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP AWARD”

- Most Registered Participants” – Swimming
- Largest % Increase in New Registrations” – Volleyball

WILLIAM “BILL” STEVENS – “CLUB EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD”

Pamela Muhammad Track & Field

Kristy Smith - Jump Rope

RALPH L. DURANT MEMORIAL AWARD

Emma Flagnigan

Calla Drayton

Zody Benoit

Joshua Johnson



GOVERNOR’S AWARD

Mercedes Rogers - Track & Field

Olivia Hunter - Track & Field

Kelvin Taylor - Track & Field

Jerry Molyeaux - Track & Field

Reginald Moore - Track & Field

Garfield Thompson - Track & Field

John Steiner - Track & Field

Joseph Edwards - Track & Field



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

To be presented...

SPECIAL AWARD

Master of Ceremonies - Lamont Germany

BENJAMIN F. DUBOSE, JR. – OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD

To be presented...

MEL PARKER AWARD

To be presented...



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BERNARD C. “JACK” YOUNG

2024 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Bernard C. “Jack” Young became the 51st Mayor of Baltimore City on Friday, May 2, 2019. Mayor Young got his start in politics as a former special assistant to then-City Council President Mary Pat Clarke.

He served from 2010 to 2019 as the President of the Baltimore City Council, and for 14 years prior to that as a District Councilman.

Mayor Young has spent his time as a public servant aggressively representing the interests of the citizens of Baltimore. He made his mark in city government with a reputation for highly effective constituent services and for a dedication to youth, seniors, education, and public safety.

Mayor Young has played a major role in passing legislation that has increased funding for education and crime prevention and helped to spur economic development across Baltimore City.

Mayor Young has been an active volunteer in the Maryland District AAU for nearly 20 years. He currently serves as Chairperson of the Law and Legislation Committee and is Co-Chair of the Sponsorship Committee which is instrumental in raising funds for Boys’ Basketball and other sporting tournaments in the Maryland District. Mayor Young is also a member of the Boys Basketball Tournament Committee and Banquet committee.

In 2016, voters in Baltimore overwhelmingly approved Young’s charter amendment – Question E – that established a continuing, non-lapsing Children and Youth Fund to be used exclusively to provide supplemental funding to services for children and youth. The fund, a first-of-its-kind initiative for Baltimore, and only one of the few dedicated youth funds in the country,

established an annual multi-million-dollar pot of money for youth-focused, grassroots organizations in Baltimore. The Baltimore City Youth Fund is active accepting proposal for funding for youth centered and grass roots organizations.

A native East Baltimorean, Mayor Young has championed efforts to increase government transparency, fight for equitable housing opportunities, and bolster funding for youth and education.

Mayor Young is married to wife Darlene, has two adult daughters and five grandchildren. He attends United Baptist Church in East Baltimore.



2024 Overcoming Adversity Award Winner

2024 BENJAMIN F. DUBOSE, JR. OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD COACH ROHAN PHIPPS

In September 2023, Coach Rohan Phipps suffered a traumatic brain injury that led to an extended hospital stay of over six weeks. Coach Rohan has faced many challenges in his life, but this near-death experience was one of the worst. Not only was he separated from his loved ones, but this injury also meant being separated from his beloved team, the Southern Sprinters. For someone who has dedicated his life to mentoring, coaching, and inspiring young athletes, this separation was excruciating.

Yet, even while facing such immense hardship, his thoughts remained with his team and his passion for coaching.

During his exit appointment with doctors, they advised him to take a six-month hiatus from coaching. However, this was not an option for Coach Rohan. Immediately upon his release from the hospital, he advocated with his medical team to incorporate coaching into his recovery plan. He knew that returning to the track, to his athletes, was not just part of who he is but integral to his healing.

As Coach Rohan often says, "Track has always been a place of refuge for me. No matter what was going on in my life, I could always step on the track and leave it behind." His tenacity in pushing for this approach speaks volumes about his character and his unyielding commitment to both his personal recovery and the success of his athletes.

With unwavering support from his wife Frances, assistant coaches Omar and Vondell, and team moms Shonnie, Yolanda, and Tracy, Coach Rohan not only pursued his rehabilitation with grit but also maintained a significant presence with the Southern Sprinters.

His determination paid off—within just three short months, he had regained over 90% of his faculties, a feat that normally takes six to twelve months. His doctors were astonished by his progress, but to those who know Coach Rohan, his rapid recovery was a reflection of the same discipline, mental toughness, and perseverance he has instilled in his athletes for years.

For Coach Rohan, the driving force behind his recovery was his athletes. As he often says, "I have to lead by example. It doesn't make sense for me to tell them they can do hard things if I don't believe it myself." His commitment to his athletes not only kept him going through the most difficult moments of his rehabilitation but also allowed him to defy the odds and make a triumphant return to coaching in record time.

Coach Rohan's journey mirrors that of Benjamin F. DuBose Jr., the namesake of this award, who also faced life-threatening health challenges while remaining dedicated to his work and his community. Like Mr. DuBose, Coach Rohan's perseverance in the face of adversity, combined with his deep sense of responsibility to those he mentors, makes him an ideal candidate for this award.

I wholeheartedly believe that Coach Rohan's story of resilience and determination deserves to be recognized. His courage, integrity, and steadfast commitment to his team serve as an inspiration not only to his athletes but to everyone fortunate enough to know him. It is my profound honor to nominate Coach Rohan Phipps for the Overcoming Adversity Award, recognizing his incredible resilience and determination in the face of overwhelming challenges.

Coach Rohan's journey is a true testament to the human spirit's ability to persevere against all odds, and his story serves as a shining example of what it means to confront adversity head-on.





2024 Mel Parker Award Winners

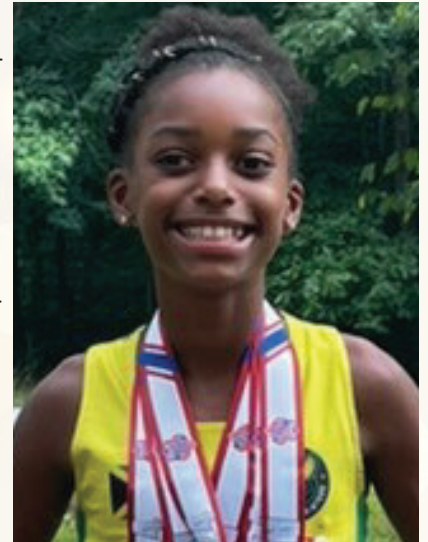
Taylor Dent – Elementary-Middle School - Track & Field

In just her second year of participating in AAU track and field, Taylor has made remarkable strides. What began as a fun activity in 2023 has blossomed into a passion, leading her to compete in two Junior Olympics. She regularly maintains a national ranking in her events during both the indoor and outdoor seasons, showcasing her consistent dedication and success in the sport. At the 2024 Region 3 AAU Regionals, Taylor earned 1st place in the 100m, 200m, and 400m events for 10-year-old girls, a testament to her hard work and commitment.

Beyond her impressive athletic achievements, Taylor demonstrates remarkable sportsmanship by routinely congratulating her competitors after every race, whether with a handshake or a hug. Her respect for others and her positive attitude on and off the track make her a role model for her peers. Taylor is sociable, forming friendships with athletes from multiple teams, and she consistently pushes herself by training with older girls, often running with those aged 13 and above.

Taylor leads by example, not just in her athletic pursuits but in her daily habits. She frequently leads stretches during practice and encourages other athletes to adopt healthy habits. At track meets, you can often find her reading a book to limit screen time, and she encourages others to do the same. Her commitment to community service is equally commendable. Taylor volunteers regularly at St. Mary's Bryantown Catholic Church, where she serves as an altar server during Sunday and School Masses. During Thanksgiving, she prepared and distributed meals to the less fortunate at the church rectory, showing her compassion and desire to help those in need.

She also participates in local trash clean-up efforts through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., contributing to the betterment of her community. Taylor Dent's combination of athletic success, leadership, sportsmanship, and community involvement makes her a highly deserving candidate for the Melvin "Mel" Parker Award.



Carson Padmore – Elementary-Middle School Track & Field

Carson Padmore had a phenomenal 2024 AAU track season with the White Knight and Ralph Durant Track Clubs (partnered organizations). During his indoor season he placed 6th in the 9-year-old boys 200 meters at AAU Indoor national and helped his team place 6th in the 9/10 boys 4x200 meter relay.

This would prove to be the floor for Carson as he went on a tear during his outdoor campaign with the Ralph Durant Academy. He proceeded to sweep AAU Districts, Regionals and most importantly AAU Junior Olympics in the 9-year-old boys Long Jump where he achieved the title of National Champion. At the Junior Olympics he jumped a personal best 15ft ½ inch to secure the national title.

Additionally, he placed 2nd at Maryland Districts in the 200, 3rd at Regionals and 4th at AAU Junior Olympics with a personal best 27.76 to become an All-American in the event. Carson's unselfishness and team spirit was undeniable.

Carson could have easily had this same success in another open event but became an integral part in the areas best 9/10 4x400meterrelay. Carson ran some incredible legs throughout the summer, anchoring the District and Regional Champion 4x400relays for RDA. Carson had the second fastest 400 split (1:01.06) in the 9/10 Boys 4x400 Relay at The AAU Junior Olympics. The split would later help the 9/10 Ralph Durant Academy Boys 4x400 place 3rd overall at the AAU Junior Olympics with a season's best 4:22.90.

Carson ended his year a National Champion, 5x All-American, 2x Regional Champion and 2x District Champion.





2024 Mel Parker Award Winners

Reagan Smith – High School - Jump Rope

Reagan Smith exemplifies a well-rounded scholar, athlete, and community leader. Reagan is a Senior at the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School and is dual enrolled at Harford Community College where she maintains an overall GPA of 4.7. She recently earned the “AP Scholar with Distinction” award for the second consecutive year, with 7 qualifying AP exam scores. She intends to continue her education attending a 4-year college for an accelerated degree in Biomedical Engineering and hopes to earn her master's degree by 2029.

This past year was Reagan’s 9th year of competing in jump rope where she earned the Joel Ferrell Memorial Award at the 2024 AAU Junior Olympic Games for Jump Rope. At the 2024 AAU Junior Olympic Games she won the overall gold medal in 3 out of the 4 Triple Crown disciplines, medaling in every event AAU Jump Rope offers. She has been recognized as a Maryland Outstanding Athlete four times.

Along with competing Reagan performs in local and regional jump rope performances and is a Junior Coach for the Hoppin’ Hawks. Reagan is also involved within her school community. She is an avid instrumentalist performing as the solo violist in her school’s Orchestra. She participates in a variety of clubs and a total of four different honor societies having held leadership positions for Key Club, National English Honor Society, and Women in STEM Club.

Outside of school, she volunteers with the National Inventors Hall of Fame Camp Invention STEM Camp as a Leadership Intern and tutors within the STEM field. Reagan balances these activities with her part-time job and rigorous school schedule. These opportunities have helped her become the high performing student-athlete and the community leader she is today!



Caleb Smith – High School - Track & Field

Caleb Smith is a talented student-athlete and dedicated community member whose achievements demonstrate his well-rounded excellence. In the 15-16 age group, Caleb has made significant strides in AAU track and field competitions. At the Potomac Valley District Qualifier, he earned 1st place in the 4x400m relay with a time of 3:31.88 and 2nd place in the 200m with a time of 22.58. Caleb also placed 3rd in the 4x400m relay (3:28.70) at the Region 3 Qualifier, further solidifying his reputation as a standout competitor.

Beyond his track and field successes, Caleb has been recognized for his athletic abilities in multiple sports (football and track and field). He was awarded the Varsity Scholastic Award for his contributions to the La Plata High School football team and was named Indoor/Outdoor Athlete of the Year for his outstanding performances in track and field.

Caleb’s efforts have also been recognized by the Charles County Commissioner, who issued a proclamation in his honor for his achievements in athletics.

Caleb’s commitment to his community is equally impressive. He has been a consistent volunteer with Shabach Ministries, serving as a youth ministry support during church services and offering math tutoring to elementary school children. In earlier years, Caleb spent time volunteering with the elderly, demonstrating his compassion and dedication to service from a young age.

Balancing academics, athletics, and volunteer work, Caleb exemplifies the qualities of a dedicated and humble leader. His drive to excel in all aspects of life, combined with his strong sense of responsibility and community service, makes him a deserving candidate for the Melvin “Mel” Parker Memorial Award.





2025 Mel Parker Award Nominees

Zody Benoit – Elementary-Middle School - Track & Field

Zody Benoit is a distinguished sixth grade student at Perry Hall Middle School, maintaining an impressive 3.5 GPA while demonstrating exemplary dedication and excellence in both academics and athletics. His outstanding achievements in Cross Country and Track are highlighted by Multiple first place finishes, including victories at the 2024 AAU Cross Country Nationals, his team were also 1st place National Champions. He also has a victory in the 1500 meter run, 2nd place in the 800 meter run and 2nd place in the 4 x 400 meter relay at the AAU National Indoor Youth Championships. Zody was also first place in the 800 meter run, 1500 meter run and 3000 meter run races at the 2025 AAU District and Regional Outdoor Track Championships. At the 2025 Junior Olympic Game, Zody was 3rd in the 800 meter run and National Champion in the 1500 meter run and the 3000 meter run races.

In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Zody actively contributes to his community through volunteer participation in the 2024 Baltimore Running Festival, 2024 10U MYFA State Champions and membership in the Green School of Baltimore's Steel Drums Band and competition in the Maryland Elementary Chess Tournament, where his team earned third place.

Zody Benoit's exceptional discipline, leadership and commitment to excellence embodies the highest standards of youth sportsmanship and academic achievement, making him a worthy recipient of recognition for the Mel Parker Memorial Award at the 2025 Maryland AAU Award Banquet.



Kalliah Boddie - Elementary-Middle School - Track & Field

Kalliah Boddie should be considered for the Mel Parker Award because she exemplifies what it means to be a student athlete dedicated to putting forth her best effort no matter the task at hand. She started her track and field journey back in 2022 as a sprinter and competed in the 100m, 200m, 400m and relay teams until her coach tasked her with competing in the 800m in the last meet of the 2024 outdoor season. Ever since then, she has taken middle distance by storm.

She finished her first Cross Country season in the fall of 2024 winning all her events (8) races until AAU Cross Country Nationals where she led until the final 400m before running out of steam finished (finished 4th),

A week later, she persevered thru cold temperatures in Indiana and bounced back to become the USATF Cross Country National Champion for 9-10 girls. She followed up her Cross Country Season with a pt (1500m run), 2nd (3000m run) and 3rd (800m run) at The AAU Youth Indoor National at the Virginia Beach Sports Complex.

She also competed at the USATF Indoor Nationals, where she received 2nd in the 3000m run, 5th in the 1500m run and 6th in the 800m run. To round out the track & field season, she finished out the Outdoor season with a nation fastest 1500m run (1st place) and 3000m run placing 3rd-

She not only excels at Cross Country and Track, she's also an integral player on one of the top soccer teams in the state of Maryland (Pipeline SC). Since joining the team in the fall of 2025, she has stepped into a lead role as a defender garnering nothing but praise from the parents, coaches and teammates. This year, her soccer team will be competing in national tournaments and showcases against some of the best teams in the nation

While juggling competing in track & field, cross Country and soccer all at a high level, she also has several scholastic achievements under her belt, maintained 4.0 GPA through elementary school, Carson Scholar nominee. President's Award for Educational Excellence, Harford Glen Stewardship Award Recipient - awards for camper who displays kindness, respectfulness, responsibility and leadership qualities. Yearbook cover contest winner, Golden Gator Award Recipient - awarded to students who consistently display respectful, safe and responsible behavior. She is also a 5th grade peer helper, mentoring 3rd grade students and helping teachers before school, a member of the chorus and having a lead role

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2025 Mel Parker Award Nominees

(Kalliah Boddie Continued...)

in her school play. Volunteers at the local farms to sort & pack potatoes and apples that were donated to homeless shelters. Around Christmas, she helps decorate and fill stockings and wrap gifts for children in need. Both track and soccer have taught Kalliah how to be a leader whether it be leading stretches in track, being a role model in her approach to cross country practice, or commanding the defense on the soccer field. She has learned to be mentally tough and understands the importance of proper preparation which has served her well on the track and the classroom.

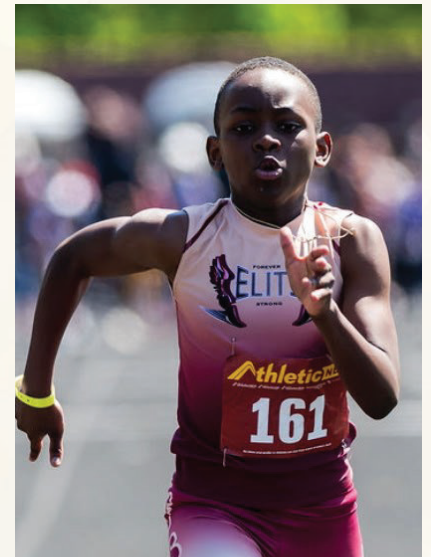
Kalliah is an all around great kid who is loved by her family, friends, teammates and coaches. Despite everything going on with school and competing in two year round sports with practices nearly every night of the week and competitions on the weekend, she still manages to find time to be a kid. Her positive attitude is infectious and her outlook on life is admirable.

Geremiah Brown - Elementary-Middle School - Track & Field

Geremiah Brown is a remarkable 9 year old student athlete who exemplifies excellence both in the classroom and on the track. As an honor roll student maintaining straight A's, Geremiah has distinguished himself as a leader in academics. He has shown his teachers and peers his leadership skills by holding the title as Class Assistant.

His athletic accomplishments are equally impressive boasting 11 All-American titles in track & field. In 2024, he achieved the title of indoor champion securing 1st place in both the 100m and 200 meter dashes. Moreover, Geremiah demonstrated exceptional talent as a 2024 Junior Olympian, earning 2nd place in the 100m and 3rd place in the 200m dashes. This year, he continues to excel as the 2025 Outdoor Regional Champion in the 200m, silver medalist in the 100m and Regional Champion with his relay in the 4 X 100m relay. With impressive results at the regionals, Jeremiah secured 4th place in the 4 x100m relay, 6th place in the 100m and 5th place in the 200m dashes at the 2025 Junior Olympic Games.

Outside of the track and field circuit, Geremiah is a talented football player, breaking records as the first 9U player to score a 91yard touchdown. In addition to his athletic and academic pursuits, Geremiah enjoys traveling with family and playing outside with his friends, showing a well-rounded character.

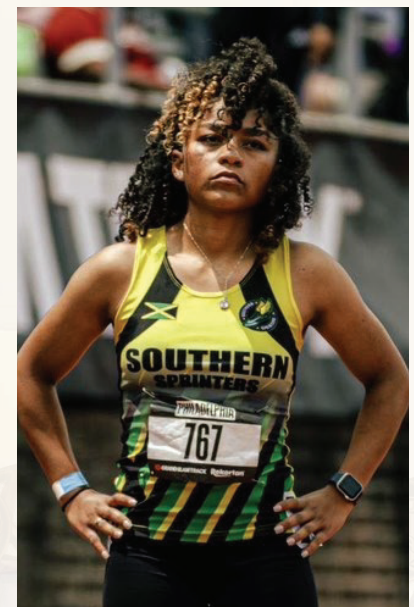


Genevieve Coughlon – High School - Track & Field

Genevieve Coughlon is a dedicated student-athlete and leader with a strong record of achievement across academics, athletic, service and leadership. In athletics, she has played basketball for three years, served as captain of the track and field team for three of the four years she has been on the team, and currently manages the football team. Her leadership and commitment in track have earned her the Coach's Award twice- an honor recognizing athletes who exemplify dedication and integrity.

Outside of sports, Genevieve has taken on key leadership roles, including serving as a member of the Leadership Initiatives Program, chair of the National Honor Society, and secretary of the Science National Honor Society. Demonstrating initiative in community service, she has volunteered with Caritas Resource Center, supporting families in securing stable housing and essential resources.

Academically, Genevieve has excelled in rigorous AP and Honors coursework, maintaining a OPS above 4.2 throughout all four years of high school. This academic excellence has earned her consistent placement on the President's List and recognition as an AP Scholar. She is also an active member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), qualifying for regional and national competitions every year of high school. With over 238 hours of community service, along with work experience at Wendy's and participation in an athletic internship, Genevieve continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to personal growth, professional development and services to others.





2025 Mel Parker Award Nominees

Kenae Fullwood – Elementary-Middle School - Track & Field

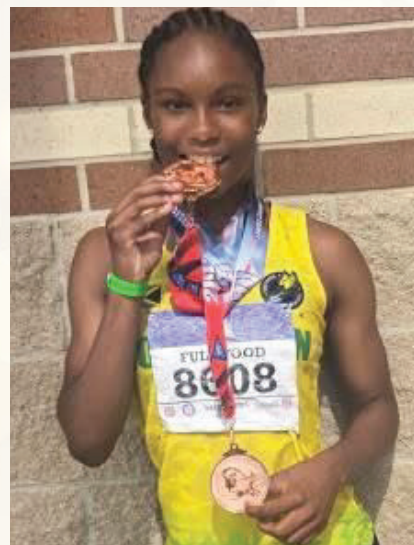
Kenae Fullwood is an exceptional student-athlete who excels in multiple sports including basketball, swimming, soccer and track & field. While she is multitasking, her true passion lies in track & field, where she has distinguished herself as a top performer in the 13 Girls age group, both in the State of Maryland and nationally.

In the 2025 track session, Kenae earned several All-American titles, solidifying her status as a rising star. At the AAU Indoor Youth Track & Field Championship, she placed 3rd in the 200m, and 8th in both the 400m and 60m races. During the Maryland AAU District Championships, she secured 2nd place in the 100m, 200m, and 400m events. At the Maryland AAU Regional Championship, she too 2nd in the 100m and 400 and was crowned Regional Champion in the 200m. Most recently, at the AAU National Junior Olympic Games, Kenae placed 7th in the 200m and 4th overall in the 400.

Beyond her medals, Kenae has etched her name in history with a personal record of 56.78 seconds in the 400m dash, making it the second fastest time in the country for a 6th grader. This remarkable achievement also set a new team record for the Southern Sprinters Elite Club in the 13 Girls 400m.

Kenae's excellence extends beyond the track. Academically, she earned seven A's and one Bin honors courses during her middle school year. She also served as team leader in the Sources of Strength Club, helping plan engaging school activities. Additionally, she was a dedicated member of the Study Club, where she provided academic support to student not in the honors program, demonstrating leadership and compassion.

Outside of the academics and athletics, Kenae gives back to her community. She regularly participates in local food drives, collecting and donating canned goods to the Taneytown Food Bank.



J'Syah Hardy – High School - Track & Field

J'Syah Hardy has distinguished himself as one of Maryland AAU premier young athletes. Just 14 years old, he captured 1st place in the 100 meter dash (11.54) and 3rd place in the 200 meter dash (23.67) at the Maryland AAU District Championships. He went on to set a personal record of 23.04 in the 200 meter dash at the Regional Qualifier, earning 4th place against some of the toughest competitors in the region. His times place him among the fastest sprinters in his age group statewide, and his consistent performance on the track reflects a rare combination of speed, discipline and mental toughness.

Off the track, J'Syah continues to excel. He concluded the school year with an outstanding 3.875 GPA, balancing rigorous academics with his athletic commitments. As a teen leader in the Xtreme Kids Ministry at Zion Church in Fort Washington, he mentors younger children and helps lead weekly programs that encourage positive values and community involvement. He also volunteers at the SHARE Food Bank in Landover, Maryland, where he takes initiative in organizing donations and assisting with food distribution - demonstrating a heart for service and leadership beyond his years.

J'Syah's journey hasn't been without challenges. Balancing demanding training schedules, academic pressures, and consistent community involvement has required discipline, sacrifice and resilience. Yet he meets every challenge with a quiet determination and drive to improve - not just for himself, but as a role model for others.

Through his elite athletic performance, academic excellence and meaningful service, Josiah Hardy stands as a shining example of what it means to be a student athlete. His character, leadership and achievements set him apart - not only among his peers but as an inspiration for youth across the state. He is a truly deserving candidate for the Maryland AAU Mel Parker Award.





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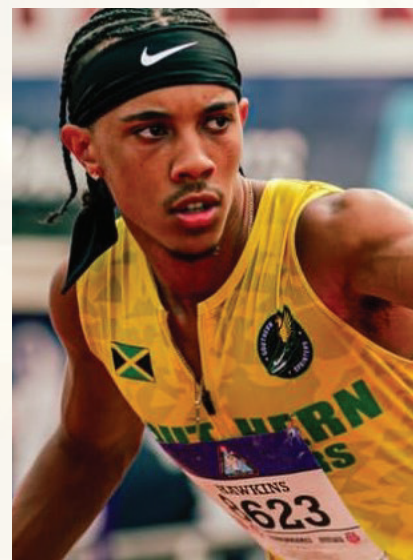
Brice Hawkins – High School - Track & Field

Bryce Hawkins is an exemplary athlete, leader, whose achievements on and off track are remarkable. Competing in the 17-18 age group, Bryce has excelled in the AAU District and Regional competitions. He and his teammates secured 1st place in the 4x400 meter relay at the Potomac Valley District Qualifier with a time of 3:28.75, 2nd place in the 400m with a time of 50.78. At the Region 3 Qualifier, Bryce and his teammates placed 1st again with a time of 3:27.30 and 1st place in the 400m with a time of 49.34, earning him a spot at the AAU Junior Olympic Games in just his third year of track and field competitions.

In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Bryce has twice been awarded the Varsity Athlete of the Year and has earned the Scholar Athlete Award for his dedication to both sports and academics. He was also recognized by the Charles County Commissioner for his participation in the 2025 Junior Olympic Games.

Bryce's commitment to his community is equally impressive. He has volunteered with the America Legion and sons of the American Legion Post BE02 NATO Community, assisting with various events such as "Trunk or Treats" for four consecutive years, the Independence Day Festival for three years and the sale of Christmas Trees for two years. Additionally, he helped new students at SHAPE American Elementary School acclimate by showing them around the campus. Bryce continues to give back by assisting the Chestnut Grove Community with its annual National Lights Out Event. Altogether, Bryce has accumulated over 300 hours of volunteer hours through these multiday events, showcasing his strong sense of responsibility and compassion for others.

Balancing his academic achievement, dual sport athletic commitments and volunteerism, Bryce also serves as a role model for his younger sister, who often proudly shares her admiration for him. His humility, leadership and dedication make him a truly deserving candidate for the "Mel" Parker Memorial Award.



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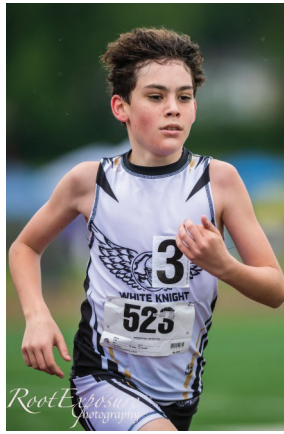




ATHLETICS

"How Do We Find So Much Talent???" - Mary Haynes, MD AAU



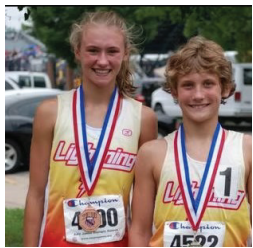




Joppatowne Roadrunners Track Club has been active for over 19 years. We are a recreation team in Harford County under the Joppatowne Recreation Council in Joppa, MD. Our mission is to provide access to sports to the youth in the community to provide foundational skills as life building blocks. We provide training and skills development in various track and field events and look forward to having athletes be successful with continuous improvement in their performances in practice and competition. Ultimately, we want athletes to qualify for national competition and experience the sport on a larger scale and venue.

We have attended the national competitions every year and have had All Americans and a National Champion, but even more importantly, we have youth go on to college and be successful in life due to the experience they have had with the team.

We pride ourselves as a small group of volunteer coaches and team parents with a lot of heart that lead a large group of youth to set and achieve goals. There have been various teams in Harford County over the years and at times the JTowne Roadrunners were the only track and field team. We have maintained our commitment to the community over the years. Bernard Teagle is currently the President and Head Coach and DeNotta Teagle is the Vice President and Assistant Coach for the team. They both have been with the team in some capacity, starting with their children participating, when the team resumed in Joppatowne over 19 years ago. There have been those that have come and gone along the way and been a part of the team's success. Now, the current team of great coaches and volunteers are: Coach Bernard Knight, Coach Jessica Crump, Coach Jairus Johnson and former club athletes, Coach Fernandes Boyd, Coach Devon Teagle, Coach Maya Teagle and Coach Javon Milton.



Lightning Running Club has been active for over 30 years, providing local youths with the opportunity to learn and participate in the great sport of Track & Field. Lightning started out in 1992 in Frederick County, which, at that time, had a number of competitive clubs that participated in both local and AAU track meets, including the Frederick Striders, Middletown, Catocin, FAA, and many other talented clubs. As a result of lots of patience from the coaches, commitment from athletes and their families, and a touch of good fortune, Lightning is very proud that its kids, over the years, have medaled at AAU Nationals in practically every event offered – from the 200-meter dash to Steeplechase; from Relays to Racewalk; from Triple Jump to Pole Vault; and Shot Put and Javelin.

As coaches, we take great satisfaction in developing newcomers and instill a passion in them towards their personal events, so after their first season with Lightning, they decide to drop their other sports and can't wait for next year's track and field season to begin. And we are also very proud of the many Lightning athletes who have continued to excel in Track & Field in both high school and in college. In summary, Lightning can look back over the past 30+ years, where its athletes have participated in AAU Nationals held all over the country – from Knoxville to New Orleans, from Cleveland to Orlando, from Des Moines to Norfolk, and from Detroit to Houston. And we have great memories from all of them.

And we, along with everyone here today, are especially looking forward to participating in the Nationals that will be held right here in Baltimore in 2028!



Randallstown Track Club is a youth track and field program operated under the Liberty Road Recreation and Parks Council of the Baltimore County Department of Parks and Recreation. For more than four decades, the club has combined athletics, academics, and life skills to help young people grow into strong, focused, and resilient individuals. Using track and field as a teaching tool, the program emphasizes continuous improvement through goal setting, performance measurement, and self-discipline. Athletes are taught focus, concentration, perseverance, and other essential life skills while developing their athletic ability.

The Randallstown Track Club was built on a strong coaching legacy. The late Head Coach Felix Rogers and Assistant Coach Kelvin Taylor began leading the program in the mid-1980s, shaping hundreds of young athletes over the years. Coach Rogers held USATF Level I and Level II certifications in sprints, hurdles, and jumps, served as a lead instructor, and pursued Level III certification. He was also a certified track coach for Baltimore County Public Schools. Coach Taylor is USATF Level I and II certified in endurance events, an ACEP Leader Level coach, and a certified track coach for Baltimore City Public Schools. Today, the program continues under the leadership of Coach Mercedes Rogers, daughter of Coach Rogers, who holds a USATF Level I certification, is a certified USATF official, and specializes in throwing events. With this expertise, the Randallstown Track Club now offers well-rounded instruction across sprints, endurance, and throws, giving athletes exposure to all major areas of track and field. She is joined by several former Randallstown athletes who grew up in the program themselves and now carry forward the tradition of mentorship and excellence.

Each year, the Randallstown Track Club serves between 40 and 200 athletes, offering opportunities for youth at every level of development. The program provides a structured introduction to track and field fundamentals, recreational meets that emphasize learning and growth, and competitive opportunities in AAU and USATF Junior Olympic meets as well as regional and national championships. In addition to athletic training, the program supports academic achievement and personal growth, reinforcing the importance of discipline, goal setting, and character. The Randallstown Track Club is grateful for the continuous love and support of the Maryland AAU community and its many friends and partners who have encouraged and sustained the program for more than 40 years.

Maryland AAU District – Athletics (Track & Field)

We started off our Season with Cross Country 297 athletes competed in the district cross country championship. The division and race are as following: 6 & Under (1000 meters – 1K), 7 – 8 (2000 meters – 2K), 9-10 / 11-12 (3000 meters – 3K), 13-14 (4000 meters – 4K) and 15-16 / 17-18 & Open /Masters (5000 meters – 5K). There were records set and medal awards from 1st to 8th place with team trophy in the female and male division. The team trophy winners were in the female category 1st place – Clarksburg Coyotes, 2nd place – Seven Locks Running Club and 3rd place – Maryland Blaze. In the male category, the winners were 1st place – Clarksburg Coyotes, 2nd place – Seven Locks Running Club and 3rd place – Bullseye Running. There was also an AAU CARES Table with book bags, school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, glue composition books, loose leaf books, scissors and reading books. Our in between time, we were at Our Annual Maryland AAU Banquet where 256 honorees from athletes, coaches and volunteers received awards. Those that competed at the district championship when on to the National Cross Country Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina. We had representation from 14 teams (Baltimore City Track & Field Club, Bullseye running, Catoctin Youth Association Track & Field Club, Catonsville Cougas, Clarksburg Coyotes, Damascus Freedom, Frederick Blaze, Lightning Youth Running Club, Maryland Blaze Track club, Onley Cross Country, Seven Locks Running Club and Union Athletics. There 1600 plus athletes and we had 251 competing. We had several teams that placed in the Top Eight Team wise with additional medals and plaques being received.

These teams were as follows:

7-8 Age Division

Girls:

Lightning youth Running Club	2 nd place
Maryland Blaze Track Club	3 rd place
Bullseye Running	4 th place

Boys:

Clarksburg Coyotes “A”	1 st place
Lightning Youth Running Club	3 rd place
Seven Locks Running Club	4 th place
Baltimore City Track & Field Club	6 th place
Clarksburg Coyotes “B”	7 th place

9 -10 Age Division

Girls:

Maryland Blaze	3 rd place
Bullseye Running	8 th place

Boys:

Maryland Blaze Track Club	1 st place
Seven Locks Running Club	2 nd place
Onley Cross Country	4 th place
Bullseye Running	5 th place
Clarksburg Coyotes “A”	8 th place

11-12 Age Division

Girls:

Seven Locks Running Club	1 st place
Onley Cross Country	5 th place
Bullseye Running	7 th place

Boys:

Seven Locks Running Club	1 st place
Bullseye Running	7 th place

13-14 Age Division

Girls:

Bullseye Running	7 th place
Seven Locks Running Club	8 th place

Boys:

Bullseye Running	1 st place
Onley Cross Country	6 th place

From Cross Country Season, it was onto Indoor Season with the National Youth Indoor Championship occurring at the Virginia Beach Sports Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia from March 7th through March 9th, 2025. There were over 3000 athletes in the competition with our District having 24 teams representing. The athletes amassed 480 medals over the three-day span. From the Indoor season, it was Outdoor Time with the District Track & Field Championship which occurred in Baltimore, Maryland at Northwestern High School from Friday, June 6th through Sunday, June 8th, 900 athletes competing in a various of events (13 in all) from the 100 meter dash to the 3000 meter run with the 4 X 100 and the 4 X 400 relays being contested. There were field events as well from the long jump, high jump, triple jump, shot put, discus and the turbo javelin. The athletes were from 7-8 age group to the Open & Master. The Medals were from 1st place to 8th place. We proceeded to the Region III competition which occurred at the Prince George’s Sport Complex in Landover, Maryland. The top 5 athlete from the various events qualified to compete at the AAU Junior Olympic Games which took place in Houston, Texas on July 26th through August 2nd, 2025. At the AAU Junior Olympic Games, there were over 14,000 athletes competing over this seven-day period. We had representation from 31 Teams which was over 1,200 athletes. One hundred and five athletes were All-American and amassed 120 medals. We had four athletes that received three medals in Calla Drayton, Joshua Johnson, Ashton Lloyd, Mekhi Smith and Zody Benoit. One athlete, Zayden Saxton, received four medals. We had successful Track & Field Seasons with more to come in the upcoming seasons

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There are so many youth basketball leagues that are win-loss leagues, which focus on the end result, and that's it. As an organization, our goal is to teach basketball fundamentals and court awareness, or "IQ". It is our intent that at the end of our time with us the player will be better, stronger and faster than when they began.

We have plenty to be proud of! The ultimate goal for all of our player/students is to successfully guide them into the next phase of their lives through higher education. This is where the cohesion of athletics and academics can play a huge role. Grade Point Average, (GPA), makes a huge difference when it comes to deciding what schools you can attend.

Playing sports will enhance the college experience but it will not make the college experience. Programs are designed to develop players skills in vast areas of the game. We want athletes to compete and conquer and be a well rounded student of the game!





Team Melo Girls 2031 Jr. EYBL

Winners of the MD District State Championship Tournament and Super Regionals. Team Melo Girls 2031 Jr. EYBL is a powerhouse youth basketball team built on grit, talent, and next-level work ethic. Representing the elite Jr. EYBL circuit, this group of young athletes showcases a unique blend of skill, composure, and passion for the game.

As a part of the respected Team Melo organization, these girls are not only learning how to win—they're learning how to lead, how to compete at a high level, and how to play the right way.

Throughout the 2024/25 season, Team Melo Girls 2031 has proven themselves as a force on the national stage. They captured a championship title at the 2024 Winter Series and several other championships through the 2025 seasons, demonstrating dominant play on both ends of the court. Their run included strong wins over top-ranked programs, showcasing their depth, defense, and unselfish style of play. In addition to their Winter Series success, the team has also claimed victories in several other high-profile tournaments throughout the year, continually proving they belong among the nation's best in their age group.

With a winning mindset and a unified team culture, Team Melo Girls 2031 is focused on continued development and long-term success. The team is committed to pushing each other to be better every day—on the court, in the classroom, and in their communities. As they continue to grow and stack up championships, their journey is just getting started - and the future is incredibly bright!





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JUMP ROPE

2025 Jump Rope Highlights

For the 2025 season, Maryland AAU Jump Rope had one regional tournament hosted by the Hoppin' Hawks in Harford County. Jumpers from AAU teams in Maryland, Massachusetts, and Virginia attended this event and enjoyed competing and sharing jump rope skills with one another.

We are excited for the 2026 season and continuing to share the sport of AAU Jump Rope with others!







SWIMMING

Building champions one stroke at a time!

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

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

The league is comprised of 48 teams separated into nine divisions across four counties and Baltimore City.

In partnership with AAU, CMSL works to provide competitive summer swimming programs for children of member pools to help advance aquatic skills, promote teamwork and principles of good

sportsmanship, and develop a love of the sport.

The league is separated into 8 divisions to accommodate a more competitive grouping of teams which is based on the performance of a team during the previous season and may change from year to year. Each athlete, coach and team representative is an AAU member.

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

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

All dual and tri meets are held at member pools, usually on Saturday mornings in June and July.

Many teams also organize additional inter-divisional and novice meets throughout the season to provide more opportunities for competition and fun.

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

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





AAU CARES!

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

On December 24, 2024 Baltimore's Cecil Kirk ADL Sports Council celebrated its 33rd Annual "A Christmas Wish" Program, led by our wonderful AAU Sport Director Joyce Venable (pictured right), who also serves as a Recreation Leader with Baltimore City's Department of Recreation and Parks .

This year, "A Christmas Wish" brought joy to 250 children with gifts, including 25 brand-new bicycles, 15 hover boards, 12 scooters - and they served up over 300 delicious meals.

"Dedication and Determination are the keys to our success," Joyce shared with a smile. "I'm dedicated to brightening each child's holiday and determined to make it happen for everyone on my list. Huge thanks to my AAU family for all your love and support!"

Friends, staff, community members, and local organizations, like the MD District AAU, rallied together to provide generous gifts and donations.

"As always," said Ben DuBose, MD AAU Governor, "the Maryland District AAU is thrilled to support Joyce's amazing program. Her dedication to the kids and our community inspires us every year. We're honored to contribute gifts, money, and our time."

The MD District AAU brought bikes, toys, canned goods, and refreshments to share. AAU volunteers eagerly assembled bikes and toys, wrapped presents, served food, and helped distribute gifts to all, filling the day with smiles and holiday cheer.









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You All Represent with your outstanding accomplishments, determination and perseverance. Well Done Everyone!

Love Always,

Mary K. Haynes, Sport Director – Athletics

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