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# Welcome to the 2017 Maryland District AAU Awards Banquet Ceremony!



**Thank You** for joining us today as we recognize the wonderful achievements of our organization and its members!

As we wind down another year of exciting Maryland District Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) activities, I appreciate the hard work, dedication and support all of you continue to demonstrate. You are truly awesome!

The Maryland District AAU is an established organization and continues to be a top competitor. AAU programs challenge our athletes to improve their sports skills, build life skills and achieve their fullest potential. Our programs inspire, motivate and guide our athletes, and are designed to build character.

AAU activities teach athletes the finer points and basic fundamentals of each sport, and they also instill the confidence our athletes need in other areas of their lives. They teach the importance of setting goals, encourage team work, leadership and good sportsmanship.

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

Yet, we also recognize the fact that these athletes would not be successful without the help, support, guidance and encouragement of their coaches, volunteers, family and friends.

On behalf of the Maryland District AAU Executive Committee, I congratulate all of the Coaches, Volunteers and Athletes in the Maryland District who have distinguished themselves in AAU competitions during 2017. May we always remember the individual triumphs and great moments we shared this year. I hope that you all take with you fond memories, new friends and many important life experiences gained from participating in AAU Sports programs.

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoys today's celebration!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benjamin F. DuBose Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

Welcome .....	<i>Tracey Estep - Maryland AAU District Secretary</i>
Introductions: Maryland District Officer; Sport Directors, & MC .....	<i>Lisa Fitts - Sport Director - Cheerleading</i>
Master of Ceremony .....	<i>Mr. Lamont Germany - Master of Ceremony</i>
Introduction of Head Table and Banquet Committee and Helpers .....	<i>Mr. Lamont Germany - Master of Ceremony</i>
Invocation .....	<i>Trustee Thurman Bell - Boy's Basketball</i>
Banquet Housekeeping .....	<i>Mr. Lamont Germany - Master of Ceremony</i>
Dinner & Year In Review .....	
Introduction of Keynote Speaker .....	<i>Tanya Rush - Associate Vice President-Student Affairs</i>
Keynote Speaker .....	<i>Dr. David Wilson - President Morgan State University</i>
Presentation to Keynote Speaker .....	<i>President of Baltimore City Council - Bernard "Jack" Young</i>
Awards - Jump Rope .....	<i>Jim McCleary - Sport Director</i>
Awards - Track & Field .....	<i>Felix Rogers - Sport Director</i>
John Considine Award	<i>Maurice Ward - MD District 2nd Lieutenant Governor</i>
Awards - Girl's Basketball .....	<i>Carolyn Leach - Sport Director</i>
Jump Rope Presentation .....	<i>Jim McCleary - Sport Director</i>
Awards - Boy's Basketball .....	<i>Ben DuBose - Sport Director</i>
Awards - Swimming .....	<i>Pastor Antoinette DuBose - Sport Director &amp; Joe Cucchiaro-CMSL Swim Liaison</i>
Awards - Baseball .....	<i>Michael Graham - RBI Baseball</i>
Awards - Wrestling .....	<i>Jason Gabrielson - Sport Director</i>
Ben DuBose - Overcoming Adversity Award .....	<i>McCarroll Nole - MD District AAU - Emeritus 1st Lieutenant Governor</i>
Awards - Cheerleading .....	<i>Lisa Fitts - Sport Director</i>
Volunteer of Year Award .....	<i>Beverly Vincent - Registrar - MD AAU District</i>
Awards - Governor Awards	<i>Ben DuBose - Governor &amp; Boys Basketball Sport Director</i>
Special Awards	
Master/Ceremony, MSU .....	<i>Eric Brown - Treasurer</i>
Morgan State University .....	<i>Gary Brooks</i>
Melvin Parker Award .....	<i>Phil &amp; Rosetta Holloway</i>
Drawings .....	<i>LaKeesha Beverly</i>
Closing Remarks / End .....	<i>Ben DuBose - MD AAU District Governor</i>



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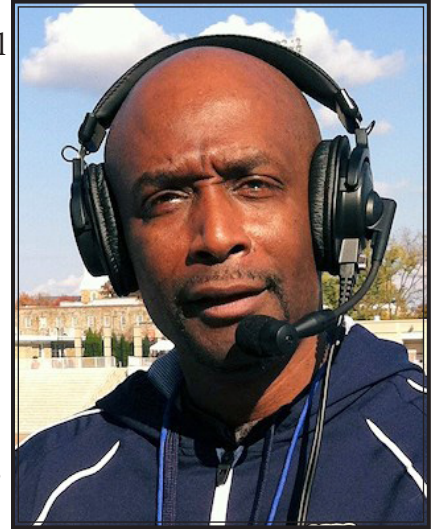
## **Lamont Germany**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Germany currently resides in Parkville, Maryland.

# Keynote Speaker

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## **Dr. David Wilson ~ *President, Morgan State University***

David Wilson, Ed.D., the 12th president of Morgan State University, has a long record of accomplishment and more than 30 years of experience in higher education administration. Dr. Wilson holds four academic degrees: a B.S. in political science and an M.S. in education from Tuskegee University; an Ed.M. in educational planning and administration from Harvard University and an Ed.D. in administration, planning and social policy, also from Harvard. He came to Morgan from the University of Wisconsin, where he was chancellor of both University of Wisconsin Colleges and the University of Wisconsin–Extension. Before that, he held numerous other administrative posts in academia, including: vice president for University Outreach and associate provost at Auburn University, and associate provost of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Dr. Wilson's tenure as Morgan's president, which began on July 1, 2010, has been characterized by great gains for the University. Among the many highlights: a second-year retention rate of 76 percent for the entering class of 2013, the highest rate in two decades and the fourth consecutive year that the rate has exceeded 70 percent; procurement of the university's largest-ever research contract, a \$28.5-million, five-year contract from NASA; inclusion of Morgan as one of the recipients of a \$129-million energy innovation research grant to Penn State University; an alumni participation in giving rate of 17 percent for fiscal year 2015, representing a 183 percent increase since 2010; the founding of a new school, the School of Global Journalism and Communication; the launch of an aggressive initiative to maintain excellence in customer service and improve the information technology infrastructure on campus; new construction on campus valued at more than \$271 million; signing of articulation agreements with several two-year colleges, bringing Morgan bachelor's degrees to their campuses; approval of Morgan's first off-campus baccalaureate program by the State of Maryland; establishment of Morgan's first online degree program; a significant expansion of study abroad opportunities for Morgan students; and the continuation of Morgan's status as the No. 1 HBCU in production of Fulbright scholars and grantees.

Dr. Wilson has authored two books and more than 20 articles published in scholarly journals. Among the many honors and recognitions he has received for his work: he was named one of the nation's top 100 leaders in higher education by the American Association of Higher Education in 1998, was selected as one of The Daily Record newspaper's Influential Marylanders for 2011, and was honored by the University of Alabama with an award for outstanding leadership in engaged scholarship in April 2011.

Dr. Wilson has been appointed by the U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology to serve a three-year term as a member of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. He is president of the HBCU/China Network, a member of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council and the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Governing Board and serves on the Boards of Directors of the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities and the Association of American Colleges and Universities. In February 2010, President Barack Obama appointed him to his 11-member Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Dr. Wilson has served on the Board of United Way of Central Maryland.

"I've always tried to create an atmosphere where I work so people don't see what they do as a job," he says. "It's a calling."



# 2017 Executive Committee



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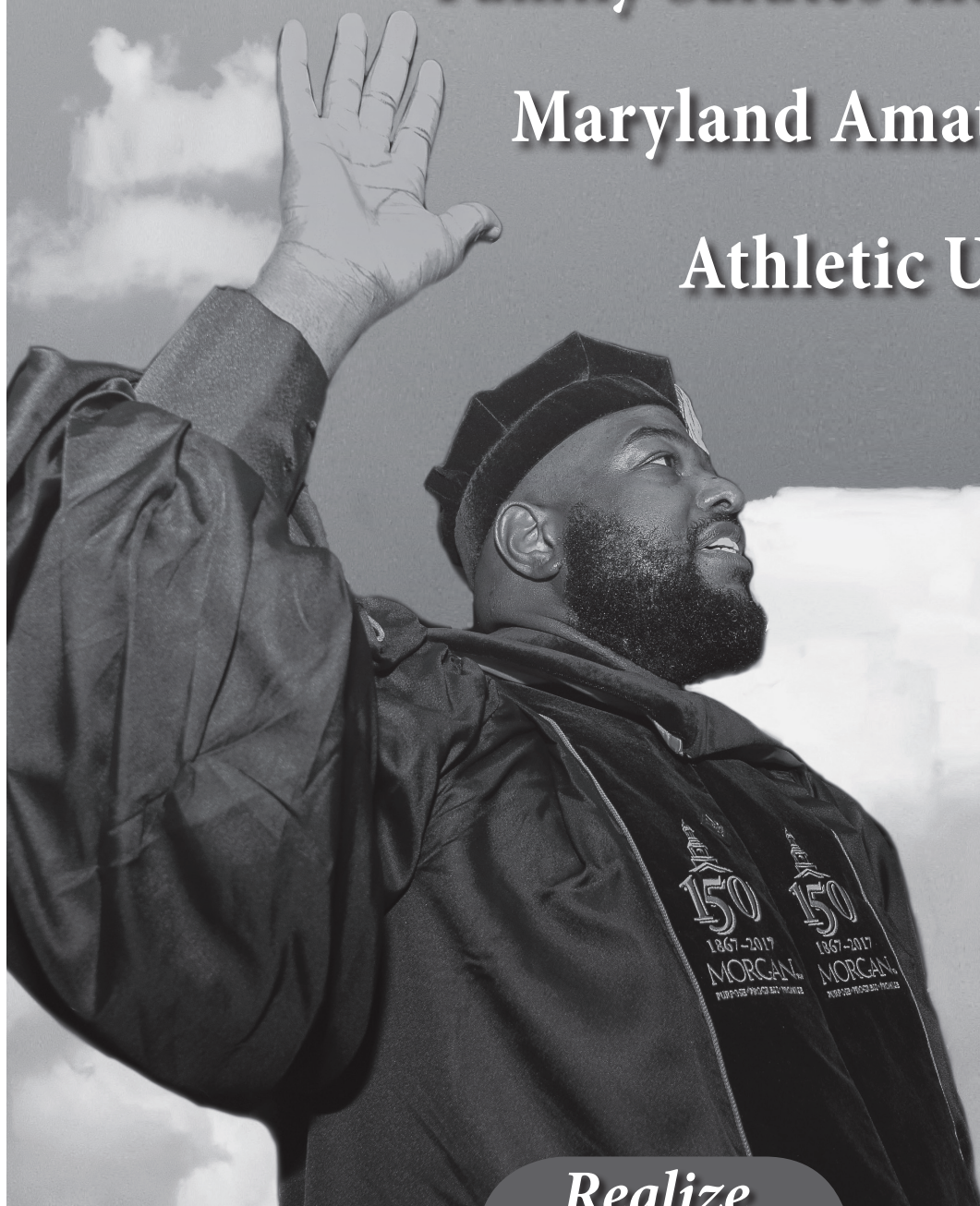
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# 2017 Maryland AAU Awards

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## **MD/AAU OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD**

The MD/AAU Outstanding Athlete Award is presented to the athlete who excelled in performance in their respective sport, used their talents to the 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 work 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.



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# 2017 Maryland AAU Awards

## 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, who courageously battled cancer. Application Package must include a completed Application and Essay.

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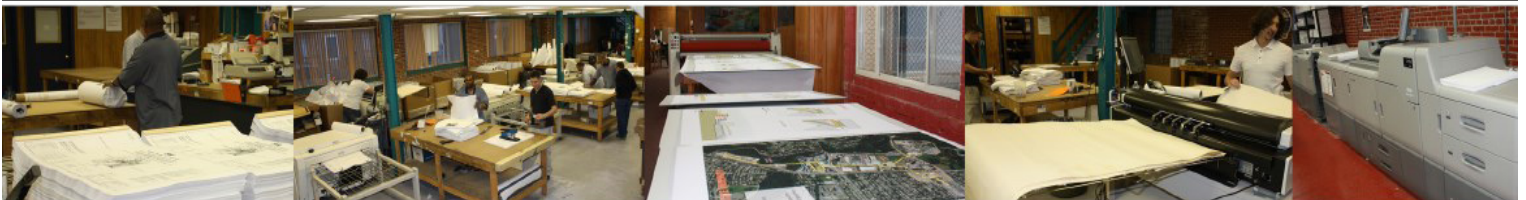
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# 2017 Special Awards

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## ❖❖❖ JOHN G. CONSIDINE – “SPORT DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP AWARD” ❖❖❖

*John G. Considine – “Sport Director Membership Award – Most Registered Participants” – Aquatics*

*John G. Considine – “Sport Director Membership Award - Largest % Increase in New Registrations” – Track & Field*

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

*Tawanda Howe – Track & Field*

*Ray Albaugh - Baseball*

*Joe Cucchiaro – Swimming*

*Angela Boston – Boys’ Basketball*

## ❖❖❖ RALPH L. DURANT MEMORIAL AWARD ❖❖❖

*Elise Cooper – Female Athlete*

*Jadon Davis - Male Athlete*

## ❖❖❖ GOVERNOR’S AWARD ❖❖❖

*Eric Allen – Track & Field*

*Jason Gabrielson - Wrestling*

*Dana Clark – Boys’ Basketball*

*Kiasha Hough – Boys’ Basketball*

*LaTonya Tinch - Boys’ Basketball*

*Michael Graham – RBI Baseball*

*Karen Schneider – Swimming*

*Brandy Radcliffe - Swimming*

*James Radcliffe - Swimming*

*Jessica Strande - Swimming*

*April Parrott - Swimming*

*Neil Parrott - Swimming*

## ❖❖❖ VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD ❖❖❖

*To be presented...*

## ❖❖❖ SPECIAL AWARDS ❖❖❖

*Master of Ceremony – Lamont Germany*

*Morgan State University*

## ❖❖❖ BENJAMIN F. DUBOSE, JR – OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD ❖❖❖

*To be presented....*

## ❖❖❖ MEL PARKER AWARD ❖❖❖

*To be presented....*

# 2017 Mel Parker Award Nominees

## JUMP ROPE - Jenna Meek



Jenna Meek is a well rounded athlete. She has been jumping rope since she has been six years old, playing soccer since she was 4 years old, and was on swim team from age 4 to age 12. She trains daily, sometimes in multiple sports and has her sights set on going to a great dental school to become a dentist.

This past summer the AAU Junior Olympics was Jenna's fourth year of competition. At AAU Regionals and Nationals Jenna competed in her age group and across multiple age groups both individually and with group partners and placed in the top 3 in all events. At the both the Regional and National tournament, Jenna was the 2nd place overall female in the 15-17 age group. In 2016 and will in 2017, receive the MD Athlete of the Year in the sport of jump rope recognition.

Jenna loves the sport of jump rope and it shows. She coaches classes twice a week. She is a captain within the team and has helped choreograph routines to be used in the program. Jenna volunteers on Saturdays for a program called Jump for Joy at a community center in downtown Baltimore.

Jenna is a strong student with a 4.3 GPA. She participates in the band at high school, where she plays the flute. This is her second year on the JV soccer team and was chosen by the coach and her teammates to be the captain of the team. She also received the school's Athlete Scholar Letter, and volunteers as a mentor at a neighboring elementary school, and has been a girl scout since Kindergarten. Jenna works hard at school, at sports and in the community.

## JUMP ROPE - Devin Meek



Devin Meek started jumping rope with the Kangaroo Kids when he was six years old. Jump rope quickly became his sport and passion. He began competing at the AAU Junior Olympics in 2010 and never looked back.

As a result of his hard work and dedication, Devin has achieved many levels of recognition through the sport of jump rope. He has received MD AAU athlete of the year awards 3 times, a county recognition for Coach of the Year. This year at the AAU Junior Olympics, Devin was not only a competitor, but the assistant coach of the team. He also choreographed the Senior Group routine that won the Silver medal. He received the Joel Ferrell Award at the AAU Jr Olympics for the sport of jump rope.

Devin has realized all that the sport of jump rope has given him and has definitely given back. He has been a team captain of Kangaroo Kids for many years and coached classes, volunteers on Saturdays at a Baltimore community center and staffed many other jump rope teams' workshops in different states such as MI, PA, NC, ID, CT and more to help less experienced jumpers learn the sport of jump rope.

Devin has performed in hundreds of Jump Rope performances. Devin's passion for the sport of jump rope, and daily practice of the sport can be seen in his own creation of WeJumpRope, a social media presence. He shares new tricks, and ideas to further spread the sport of jump rope. All this while finishing his senior year of high school, receiving an AP scholar award, working at the snack stand at the local concert venue, being on the National Honor Society and making honor roll each quarter.

❖❖❖ **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEL PARKER AWARD NOMINEES** ❖❖❖



# 2016 Overcoming Adversity Award

*Benjamin F. DuBose*



## ***Maryland District Amateur Athletic Union***

The Overcoming Adversity Award was established in 2015 and is presented to a member of the community who has demonstrated integrity, courage, and determination in overcoming adversity after which he/she continued to make a unique contribution to their community. The award focuses on persons who have undergone a severe life's circumstance, a life threatening organic disease or an impairing physical injury. During the battle to overcome, award recipient's contribution to society must be exemplified by hard work and unselfish service. The award bears the name of Benjamin F. DuBose, who courageously battled cancer.

Benjamin survived cancer and today remains cancer free. He continues to contribute to society by providing sports programs to thousands of youth as Governor of the Maryland Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and Sports Director for Boys' Basketball as well as providing free income tax services to members of the East Baltimore community.

### **Award Description**

The award is a two year membership to the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), an AAU gold medal, a recognition award, and an invitation to the Maryland District's Annual Awards Banquet.



### **Maryland Governor, Larry Hogan**

The 2016 recipient is Governor Larry Hogan. In June 2015, Maryland's Governor was diagnosed with cancerous tumors in his neck. He underwent an aggressive 18 week chemotherapy regimen, four surgeries and 3 spinal taps. Chemotherapy compromised his immune system and left him weak, but he continued to work. Aside from the four days he spent in intensive care, he continued to work for the citizens of Maryland. Five months after diagnosis, doctors announced that the Governor's cancer was in remission.

Accepting the award for Governor Hogan is Chief of Staff for the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, the Honorable Winston Wilkerson.

# 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award



**Mr. Maurice Ward**

This year's Volunteer of the Year Award recipient has always been one that the AAU organization can depend on.

He was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and attended and graduated from Northwest High school in 1996, after which he decided to serve his country and enlisted in the US Army.

After receiving an Honorably Discharged, he returned to Baltimore and after a few years of working various jobs, he decided to continue his education and enrolled in Coppin State College and received his Baccalaureate Degree in 1996.

His professional career led him to serve as a public servant to the citizen of Baltimore City and the State. In 1994, he worked for the Public Defender's office in the Juvenile Division and later becoming a Supervisor of the Intake Department. From there he worked as Probation Officer in Baltimore City. In 2004, he changed careers and now works for Quality Software Services Inc. as a Project Manager providing services for the federal government.

As a Maryland AAU Volunteer, he is serving the union well. As:

- Commissioner for Boys' Maryland District Basketball
- Commissioner for National AAU Boys' Basketball events
- 2nd Lieutenant Governor for the Maryland AAU District
- Chairperson Maryland AAU District Finance Committee
- Facility Coordinator for Maryland District Boys' Basketball
- Member of the Taskforce for the 8 under National Championship
- Dedicated Banquet Committee member
- Currently, he serves as 2nd Lieutenant Governor for Maryland District

He has a soft spoken mannerism, as well as a compassionate spirit with all that he does. He is one you can depend on and will always avail his knowledge, talents and skills.

He is a proud father and husband to Denise and cherishes time with his family

Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you the 2016 Maryland District AAU Volunteer of the Year recipient, Mr. Maurice Ward.



# 2017 Outstanding Athletes & Coaches



## RECIPIENTS

### Track & Field

#### *Athlete Awards - Female*

Elise Cooper  
Lacey Eden  
Marisa Gaines  
Tylar Colbert  
Naiyae Evans  
Bintu Chune  
Adrianna Thomas  
Nadia Hackett  
Ashley Thomas  
Nylah Wilson  
Haeley Alvarez  
Ella Cooper  
Zoe Deese

#### *Athlete Awards - Male*

Jadon Davis  
Damon Ferguson  
Daniel Harper Jr.  
Colin Barley  
Brendan Johnson  
Patrelle Graham  
Ryan Moore  
Thomas Smith  
Ashton Allen  
Austin Allen  
Ty Trinh  
Ablel Gebreselase

#### *Volunteer Award*

Mary Haynes  
Kelvin Taylor

#### *Coaches Awards*

Shirley Hinton  
Adrian Gilber

### Boys Basketball

#### *Athlete Awards - Madison Bucks*

Makai Jones  
Ryan English  
Tyler Dubose  
Kylie Howard  
Antonio Lewis  
Marquise Mcdougal  
Christian Barnes  
Theartis Battle, III  
Sharod Mattox, Jr.  
Zion Pate

#### *Coaches Awards*

Derrick Wilson  
William Baylor  
Darnell Dantzler  
Maurice Jones

#### *Athlete Awards - Train 2 Win*

Carlos Ferguson  
Darrell Davis  
Chance Jordon  
Cayden Bruce  
Cannon Cooper  
Rasheed Muhammad Jr  
Troy Taylor  
Kaiden Argueta  
Jameer Wallace  
Babatunde Oladotun  
Aaron Early Jr

#### *Coaches Awards*

Carlton Ferguson Jr  
Rasheed Muhammad Sr  
Derrick Brooks

### Jump Rope

#### *Athlete Awards - Kangaroo Kids*

Devin Meek  
Jenna Meek  
Chole Williams  
Emma Breznak

#### *Athlete Awards - Kangaroo Kids*

Adeline Murray  
Reagen Smith  
Amy Bond

#### *Coaches Award*

Megan Reith - Hoppin Hawks

### Cheerleaders

#### *Athlete Awards*

Jayla Hughes

#### *Volunteer Awards*

Maya Fitts

### Girls Basketball

#### *Athlete Awards*

Lexi Adams  
Adey Alexander  
Heaven Alexander  
Noelle Cabiness  
Natalie Connolly  
Madison Dicks  
Madison Hall  
Yalaina Lewis  
Meghan Yarnevich  
Leah Poon-Ying  
Elizabeth Smith  
Karmen McDuffie

# 2017 Outstanding Athletes & Coaches

## **Coaches Awards**

Reggie Leach - Head Coach  
Roger Cabiness  
Lichelle Reynolds

## **Baseball**

### **Athlete Awards**

Pat Blum  
Jake Willis  
Dustin Gosnell  
Jake Fedorczyk  
Nick Todd

### **Volunteer Awards**

John Granger

## **Coaches Awards**

Chris Cummings

## **Wrestling**

### **Athlete Awards**

Alex Szkotnicki  
Anya Knappenberger  
Nasir Wilkinson  
Clayton Gabrielson

## **Swimming**

### **Athlete Awards**

Phillip Emrich  
Rachel Florio  
Isaiah Weaver  
Maggie Reed  
Alexandra Belyansky  
Sammy Rotman  
Lucas Calderon  
Lucinda Sheinin  
Gabe Moreno  
Sydney Laughlin  
James Miller  
Kayla Snyder  
Clancy Kelly  
Olivia Sheridan  
Katherine Brooks  
Emma Corey  
Sam DeVito  
Parker Gates  
Tess Phillips  
Branden Vermillion  
Hailey Smith  
Ben Bilo  
Erin Bobango  
Mary Caroline Dunworth  
Nate Sukeena  
Andrew Fritz

Sarah Cangialosi  
Max Felbinger  
Sydney Thornton  
Adam Conley  
Kate Hunt  
Christina Barrett  
Samuel Devroye  
Lyla Davenport  
Salvatore Doede  
Brandon Wilson  
Selu Fanua  
Caitlyn Bossle  
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Stuart Zhu  
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# 2017 Track & Field Highlights





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*Abelel Gebreselase*



*Brendan Johnson*

*Coach Garfield Thompson - Program Coordinator*





# 2017 Wrestling Highlights

MD AAU Wrestling is very excited to be attending this years AAU Awards Banquet. Since revamping MD AAU Wrestling 7yrs ago we've had a tremendous amount of success with kids receiving nearly 50 individual All-American Honors as well as 6 Top 3 Team placement's at AAU National Level events. With an incredible amount of young talent coming up through the ranks, and the addition of Girls wrestling, MD AAU Wrestling will continue to see success.







Maryland AAU Governor, **Ben DuBose** (right) presents Baltimore's HAZELWOOD INN Manager **Paula Kosmakos** with a copy of our 2015 Awards Banquet Program & Souvenir Booklet, (December 17, 2015)

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# 2017 Baseball Highlights

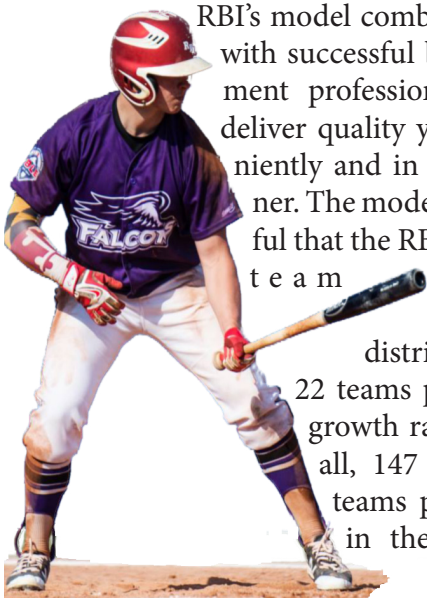
## MD AAU Baseball Swinging for the fences



For the third consecutive year, Maryland AAU Baseball earned prestigious recognition nationwide in 2017. Player registrations ranked in the Top 25 (#19) nationally among AAU districts – driven by the area's need for high-quality, accessible youth baseball. Ruth's Baseball Ideals (RBI) Baseball Club (Annapolis, Md.) ranked among the leading affiliate clubs in the 25,000-player AAU Baseball system—one of the sport's so-called "Big 4" organizations at the national level: AAU, American Legion, USSSA, AABC.

"We are delighted to be among the largest and fastest growing districts in the U.S. for AAU Baseball over the past three years," said John Pineau, Director of the Maryland and Potomac Valley Districts for AAU Baseball; the AAU Mid-Atlantic Wood Bat League based in Maryland, Washington DC and Northern Virginia; and founder and CEO of RBI. "Our success is the result of the dedication of our volunteers and players."

In its 10th year—seven under the AAU umbrella—RBI has pioneered the concept of high school eligible baseball for ages 13-19 intensively in Anne Arundel, Kent, Prince George's, Calvert, St. Mary's, and Baltimore Counties. With its dogged perseverance, the club became the district's baseball leader and a fixture not only in the district but also the state, Mid-Atlantic region and national levels of AAU Baseball.



RBI's model combines skilled coaching with successful business and government professionals volunteering to deliver quality youth baseball conveniently and in an economical manner. The model has been so successful that the RBI club grew from one team in 2009 to an AAU sanctioned multi-district league averaging 22 teams per year (2015-17), a growth rate of 700 percent. In all, 147 players among nine teams played AAU Baseball in the AAU Mid-Atlantic

Wood Bat League in 2017 at the 13U-19U level.

"Our growth has been gratifying, and we believe it represents the fact that RBI's player-centric model is at the forefront of a revolution in the amateur baseball world," says Pineau. "Maybe more telling than our growth is the number of players who have advanced to college and are playing college baseball that have arisen within our system as a result of the success they have enjoyed with their AAU player development experience," concluded Pineau.

The highlight of the year was the resurgence of Mid-Atlantic power Maryland RBI under coaches Chris Cummings and Jim Hoyer, team manager Ray Albaugh, and general manager Mike Graham. As the No. 1 top-seed in the Maryland AAU Baseball Championship Tournament, the Maryland RBI Advanced Skills Development Team bounced back from one of the biggest upsets in Maryland AAU sports history when the South River Seahawks shocked the nation in 2016, defeating the longtime acknowledged leaders of AAU Baseball in Maryland. In 2017, Maryland RBI capped an undefeated 18-0 season with a thrilling win over the defending 2016 Maryland AAU state champion Pasadena Baseball Club of coach John Granger in the summer baseball championship game.

In other advancements, six Maryland AAU and RBI players and alumni and two coaches formed the nucleus of the Sant Boi Barcelona Falcons (Spain), a team of college and high school baseball players recruited to compete internationally in the high-level summer Collegiate Baseball League Europe (CBLE) in Spain, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands for the second consecutive year. Maryland AAU players CJ Cummings, Mac McGrath and Jimmie Gentry were named to the international league's All-Star game against the French National Team, while coaches Cummings and Graham were named the All-Star team's coaching staff for the second consecutive year.

In the course of the year, as AAU Baseball International Ambassador Coach and serving as a member of the AAU Baseball National Executive Committee, Graham represented the USA in AAU Baseball global expansion discussions with European baseball organizations.



“No one has put more into advancing and maximizing the value of AAU Baseball than Coach Graham,” Pineau said, “fielding teams year after year of the highest quality coaching, competitiveness and character both on and off the field. We are extraordinarily proud of this recognition in every measure and this success has surely been the success of Maryland AAU and Ruth’s Baseball Ideals.”

Significantly, RBI had the greatest number of players in college ever this year. “It’s a tough thing to coach at this level and the time that it requires,” Pineau said. “But we look back and see firsthand all the positive things all of our players and volunteers achieve. That’s where we are much different from other clubs. We produce quality players to play in college, and our top coaches are recognized by the pros as well as nationally and internationally. That statement alone is where we stand out above the rest and the best is yet to come.”





# 2017 Boys Basketball Highlights



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# 2017 Girls Basketball Highlights

*Carolyn Leach, District Sports Director*

## MD AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Madison Dicks  
Madison Hall  
Yalaina Lewis  
Leah Poon-Ying  
Elizabeth Smith  
Karmen McDuffie  
Meghan Yarnevich*



*Head Coach: Reggie Leach, Asst. Coach: Roger Cabiness, Asst. Coach: Shelly Lawry  
Coordinator: Jessica Connolly*



# 2017 Cheerleaders Highlights

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# 2017 Jump Rope Highlights

## Kangaroo Kids AAU Highlights 2017

The Kangaroo Kids Competition Team had a very successful year! The team hosted 2 AAU Tournaments, one was an Invitational event with divisions for both Novice and Experienced jumpers, and one was a qualifying tournament for the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Several Kangaroo Kids jumpers qualified to compete at the AAU Junior Olympic Games this summer in Detroit, MI. These jumpers competed in speed, power, and freestyle in Individual, Pairs, and Double Dutch events and many ribbons and medals were won by Kangaroo Kids athletes! Kangaroo Kids also won the silver medal for Senior Group Routine at the AAU Junior Olympic Games with a routine choreographed by a couple of our jumpers! Members of the Kangaroo Kids were also honored with special recognition during this AAU Junior Olympic Games, both the Male and Female Joel Ferrell Award Winners in the sport of Jump Rope Junior Olympic Games were members of the Kangaroo Kids Competition Team, the John Swan Volunteer Award went to a Kangaroo Kids parent, and the Jean Hodges Distinguished Service award was presented to a long time Kangaroo Kids parent volunteer, too!

In addition to our team's participation in AAU competitions, the Kangaroo Kids continue to offer class and team level programs, host workshops, and perform many demonstrations and shows each year as part of our mission of promoting youth fitness through the sport of jump rope.



## Hoppin' Hawks AAU Highlights 2017

The Hoppin' Hawks Jump Rope Club had a very successful competition season! The jumpers participated in several tournaments including the AAU MD Open hosted by the Kangaroo Kids this past May. Four of our jumpers qualified and participated in the AAU Junior Olympics Games this past summer in Detroit, Michigan. This was the first time these four jumpers participated in a competition outside the state of Maryland. The girls enjoyed meeting the jumpers from other teams as well as watching the other AAU sports at our competition venue. In addition to earning many ribbons these jumpers earned several medals in individual events as well as partner and team events. We also enjoyed exploring Detroit as a team and enjoyed bonding as a team over dinner, playing mini-golf, and attempting to bowl (we learned we are much better at jump rope than bowling).

While we enjoy competing and had a wonderful time participating in AAU events this year, Hoppin' Hawks also performs in our area for schools and at community events. Additionally, we offer classes for our instructional jumpers and enjoy teaching the next generation of jump rope athletes.







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# 2017 Swimming & Diving Highlights

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In 2017, CMSL teams competed in over 150 AAU sanctioned dual and/or tri-meets as well as invitational and championship meets. The official season for each team consists of five dual meets, a league-wide invitational meet called Straehles for which swimmers must have achieved minimum qualifying times, and divisional championship meets at the end of the season. The league provides swimmers with various levels of competition to assist in their development as athletes and well-rounded individuals.

All dual meets are held at member pools on Saturday or Sunday mornings or weekday evenings 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. Some examples include competitive time trials, county-based invitational meets, rock-and-roll relays and dive-in movies.







A word cloud featuring the names of athletes from the 2012 London Olympics. The word 'Athletes' is the largest and most prominent, centered in the image. Other large words include 'ARDs' (part of 'Olympic Athletes from Russia'), 'McCleary', 'James', 'Bottle', 'Caitlyn', 'Kydd', 'Rydy', 'Tanya', 'Male', 'Female', 'Win', 'Lost', 'Forward', 'Event', 'Team', 'James', 'Bottle', 'Caitlyn', 'Kydd', 'Rydy', 'Tanya', 'Male', 'Female', 'Win', 'Lost', 'Forward', 'Event', 'Team'. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with 'Athletes' at the top and 'ARDs' at the bottom. The background is a light blue gradient.



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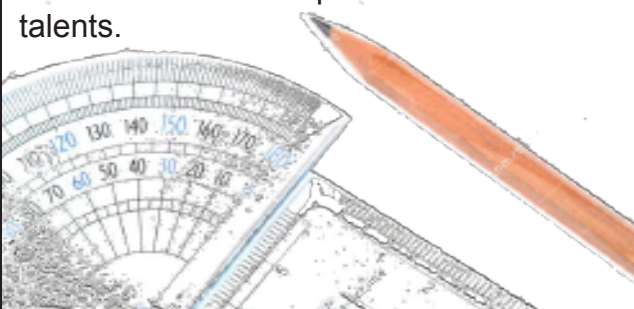


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Without your efforts, we would not be here celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of our athletes, coaches and volunteers. There would be no one to recognize and we'd have no reason to celebrate. Your generosity, time and commitment have allowed us to complete another successful season.

Your unwavering spirit of teamwork and cooperation continues to make all of our AAU events run as smoothly as possible and that is something I truly appreciate.

Thanks again, for your dedication and support, and for making this year's Awards Banquet Ceremony a great success!

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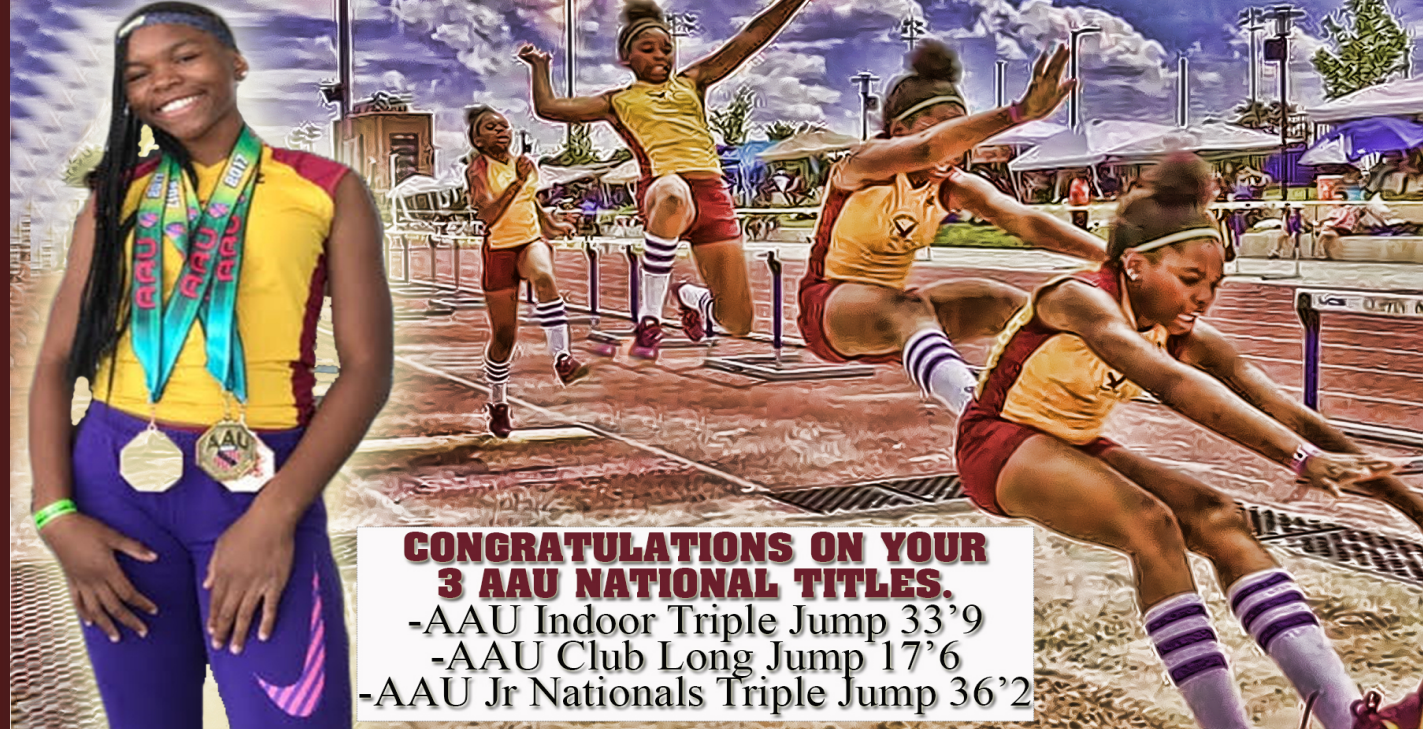
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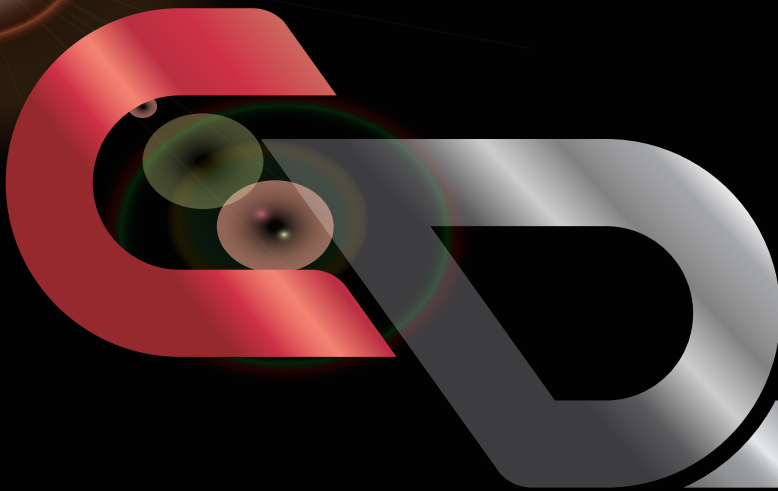
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