

BENJAMIN F. DUBOSE, JR. - OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD

AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION

FROM THE DICTIONARY DESK, ADVERSITY IS DEFINED AS A STATE OF HARDSHIP, DIFFICULTY, OR MISFORTUNE AND RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF IT. ADVERSITY CAN BREAK OR MAKE A PERSON. MANY IDENTIFY WITH THEIR OWN BOUT WITH ADVERSITY IN THE FORM OF PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, OR DISEASE—OR THAT OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW OR LOVE. SOMETIMES THE SEVERITY OF ADVERISTY ROCKS THE VERY FOUNDATION OF OUR LIVES. IT CAN TEST OUR COURAGE, OUR CHARACTER, OUR MENTAL AND PHSICAL TOUGHNESS, OUR DETERMINATION, AND OUR FAITH.

THE OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD, ESTABLISHED IN TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, IS PRESENTED TO A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED INTEGRITY, COURAGE, AND DETERMINATION WHILE UNDERGOING A SEVERE LIFE CIRCUMSTANCE, A LIFE-THREATENING ORGANIC DISEASE, OR AN IMPAIRING PHYSICAL INJURY.

THIS AWARD BEARS THE NAME OF BENJAMIN F. DUBOSE, JR., GOVERNOR OF AAU'S MARYLAND DISTRICT. IN 2013, HE COURAGEOUSLY BATTLED CANCER WHILE **CONTINUING** TO PROVIDE SPORTS PROGRAMS TO THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS IN THE MARYLAND DISTRICT. HE RANG THE BELL ON CANCER AND TODAY BENJAMIN IS CANCER FREE. ADVERSITY, HOWEVER, IS NOT LIMITED TO ONCE IN A PERSONS OR FAMILY'S LIFE. IT HAS AGAIN ENTERED BENJAMIN'S LIFE. NARROWLY AVOIDING A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK, HE UNDERWENT OPEN HEART SURGERY ON NOVEMBER 15. DOCTORS SAY HE IS MAKING REMARKABLE PROGRESS. BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE, HE HAS A LONG ROAD TO FULL RECOVERY. IN THE MIDST OF ALL, BEN CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE SERVING AS A LEADER IN THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY AS GOVENOR OF THE MARYLAND AAU DISTRICT.

PROCEDURE

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS AWARD MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ESSAY FORMAT WITH DETAILS AS IT RELATES TO THE ADVERSITY THAT THIS PERSON HAS ENDURED. THE SELECTION PROCESS WILL UTILIZE THE CONTENTS OF THIS ESSAY.

SUBMIT ESSAY TO BANQUET CHAIRPERSON: ndubose1744@aol.com.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS OCTOBER 16, 2026.

EACH RECOMMENDATION IS REVIEWED BY THE BFD OVERCOMING ADVERSITY SELECTION COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE WILL MAKE THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BANQUET CHAIRPERSON AND EXECUTIVE BOARD.

WINNERS WILL BE HONORED AT THE "ANNUAL MARYLAND AAU OUTSTANDING ATHLETES, COACHES, AND VOLUNTEERS AWARD BANQUET.

NEITHER RACE, COLOR, CREED NOR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION WILL BE USED TO DISTINGUISH ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS AWARD.

SIGNATURES

Person Nominating:

Name _____ Signature _____

Date: _____

MARYLAND AAU Sport Director:

Name _____ Signature _____

Date: _____

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