

'Creating an Accessible Society'

Commission on Persons with Disabilities presents Disability Awareness Awards.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The City of Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, presented the 2023 Disability Awareness Awards June 13 at the American Physical Therapy Association headquarters in Potomac Yard.

Honored at the event were Alexandria City High School senior Katherine Radt, Miracle League board chair and volunteer coordinator Mac Slover, and Cherry Blossom PACE -- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

Radt received the Gerry Bertier Scholarship, which is awarded to an Alexandria resident or student with a disability who is seeking post-secondary education.

"Katherine has been committed to her activism at a very busy time of her life as a high school student," said commission representative Jeffrey Pool in presenting the award. "She will attend American University in the fall and hopes to one day pursue a law degree and dedicate her career to creating an accessible society where those with a disability can participate equitably in life."

Slover was honored with the John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Award, which recognizes an individual who advocates for and contrib-

utes to the promotion of equal opportunity for people with disabilities in Alexandria.

"It has been a lifelong passion of mine to work with youth and adults with disabilities," said Slover, who retired in 2018 following a 30-year era career as director of sports for the city's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. "Working with the City of Alexandria gave me that opportunity. But the real heroes are the youth and the adults that I work with every week, every year for our Miracle League athletes."

Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Joe Haggerty presented the Commitment to Disability Award to Cherry Blossom PACE for its commitment to providing services and support for persons with disabilities, and for making special efforts to raise positive awareness of and advocate for the needs of people with disabilities.

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— Mac Slover
on Miracle League athletes

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Recipients of the City of Alexandria and Chamber of Commerce Disability Awards gather with Chamber CEO Joe Haggerty, left, and Commission on Persons With Disabilities representative Jeffrey Pool, second from right, June 13 at the American Physical Therapy Association headquarters in Potomac Yard. Pictured are: Haggerty, Andre Atkins of Cherry Blossom Pace, recipient Katherine Radt, Pool and recipient Mac Slover.



Chamber of Commerce CEO Joe Haggerty, right, presents the Commitment to Disability award to Andre Atkins on behalf of Cherry Blossom PACE June 13 at the American Physical Therapy Association.



Jeffrey Pool of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, left, presents Katherine Radt with the Gary Bertier Scholarship award June 13 at the American Physical Therapy Association.



Susan Collins congratulates Mac Slover on receiving the John Duty Collins III award at the City of Alexandria Disability Awards June 13 at the American Physical Therapy Association.



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A passenger on the station platform of the newly opened Potomac Yard Metro station.



Stewart Schwartz took the June 6 group to the station's deck. The building under construction is the first of three planned for the new Virginia Tech campus.

The New Potomac Yard Metro Station

Smart and special

BY GLENDA BOOTH
GAZETTE PACKET

It's smart and it's special, stressed Stewart Schwartz, leading a walking tour of the new Potomac Yard-VT Metro subway station on June 6. Schwartz is the Coalition for Smarter Growth's Executive Director.

The station, which opened on May 19, is the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's 98th and on the blue and yellow line in Alexandria between the Braddock Road and Reagan National Airport stations. Decades in the making, it was initiated by Alexandria and funded through tax revenue, developer contributions, federal and state grants, loans and regional sources.

It's Smart

"The Coalition for Smarter Growth advocates passionately for projects like Potomac Yard because they create sustainable, livable urban communities with dedicated affordable housing close to jobs and opportunity," said Bill Pugh, Senior Policy Fellow. He added, "This station improves travel options and will reduce miles of driving and greenhouse gas emissions compared to development in sprawling outer suburbs. The Potomac Yard

station and mixed-use community will show how well-planned urban infill can foster vibrant communities and reduce climate emissions, while being sensitive to existing neighborhoods and our treasured parks and historic resources like the George Washington Memorial Parkway."

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The station has no commuter or Kiss and Ride parking, but has nearby DASH and Metroway bus stops, sidewalks, the Potomac Yard trail, bike parking and Capital Bike-share. It will serve a burgeoning housing and commercial area.

Metro officials say that sustainability was a design focus and expect it to become one of the first rail stations in North America to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.



The new Potomac Yard Metro station's north entrance

campus just north of the station, today a rising edifice resembling a cruise ship. With the airport a stone's throw away, the building's design and shape are the maximum height and shape allowed by the Federal Aviation Administration to preserve flight sightlines, David Baker, Director of Operations explained to attendees.

Planned for a fall 2024 opening, the university will offer graduate level degrees in computer science and engineering and business administration, serving 1,000 full-time students a year plus researchers by 2028. The Potomac Yard station was a major draw, said Baker.

It's Special

Few rushing passengers pause to take in views, but the station has an observation deck offering expansive views looking north. "It's one of the fun things" about the station, Schwartz told the group.

To receive this designation, the surroundings must promote walkability and sustainable transportation. Managers must divert construction waste from landfills to recycling or reuse and manage stormwater runoff "to help preserve local wetlands," says the WMATA website. They must use water-saving native plants and technology. State-of-the-art escalators, lighting, heating and air technologies should yield "reduced energy usage and carbon footprint."

Virginia Tech is building its innovation

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SUMMER FUN

Portside in Old Town

The Portside in Old Town Summer Festival returns riverside for a two-day event kicking off summer on Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, 2023. This free festival features live music, local craft beer from Port City Brewing Company and fun for the whole family at Alexandria's Waterfront Park.

New this year:

- ❖ Port City Brewing Company's team will

serve Lost Boy Cider's Comeback Kid, Virginia wine from Breaux Vineyards and Hopwell, Port City's hops-infused sparkling water, in addition to their beer offerings.

- ❖ A Lawn Game Zone from festival sponsor Ting Internet will entertain guests with cornhole and Connect 4.

- ❖ A new retail presence at the base of King Street will include Made in ALX, White Lily Shoppe, Inti Phaxsi Gems and Sophisti-

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- ❖ Complimentary bike valet service will be offered on Saturday by Two Wheel Bike Valet, located at the HB Parking Lot at 300 N. Lee Street.

- ❖ Guests can stay for the weekend with discounted hotel rates accessible via PortsideFestival.com .

Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., the Portside Festival once again merges with the 45th Annual

ALX Jazz Fest to showcase jazz performances and readings by local poets. Festival-goers will enjoy a dynamic lineup featuring jazz vibraphone from the Joe Baione Quintet, Alexandria born-and-raised bassist and composer Michael Hawkins and his band The Brotherhood, and celebrated vocalist Sharón Clark. Musical sets will be complemented

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COL. PARIS DAVIS (ret), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroics in Vietnam, will be honored at a reception Saturday, June 17, at 11 a.m. at the Capt. Rocky Versace Vietnam Memorial Plaza at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center in Del Ray. The event is free and the public is invited to attend. 2701 Commonwealth Ave.



Public Notice

Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

Jurisdiction	Fed Struc Id	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
SCOTT	16692	622	SINKS RD	COX BRANCH	5/30/2023
CARROLL	4780	881	CROSS CREEK RD/RTE 881	LITTLE REED ISLAND CR #2	5/30/2023
SCOTT	16725	632	POSSUM CREEK RD	BRANCH	5/8/2023
SCOTT	16929	859	ROBERTS CREEK RD	BRANCH	5/8/2023
SCOTT	16698	623	SPEERS VALLEY RD	N FORK CLINCH RIVER	5/3/2023
ALBEMARLE	746	680	BROWNS GAP TURNPIKE	LICKINGHOLE CREEK	5/2/2023
CARROLL	4683	679	WARDS GAP RD/RTE 679	JOHNSONS CREEK	5/2/2023
CAROLINE	24142	207	WBL BOW. GREEN BYP	RTE. 301 (2)	5/1/2023

The list above is not a comprehensive list of all structures with weight restrictions in the Commonwealth, but shows only structures that have new or changed weight restrictions within the last 30 days. The list contains only basic structure identification and location information and the date the new or changed weight restriction and signage became effective.

For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit <https://www.virginiadot.org> and navigate to Info Center/Trucking Resources. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov.

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GRADUATION

Titanic Celebration ACHS Class of 2023 graduates.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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A sea of red, white and blue filled George Mason University's Eagle Bank Arena June 3 as nearly 900 Alexandria City High School students and their families celebrated the graduation of the class of 2023.

"It fills me with joy to see the Titan Class of 2023 receive their diplomas and celebrate their achievements," said Executive Principal Peter Balas. "We admired their resiliency and creativity as they learned, explored life and contributed to our community."

The commencement ceremony for the Titan Class of 2023 celebrated the achievement of the 898 graduating seniors, the support of their families and Alexandria City community members. Stories were shared about the students' leadership and contributions to the community.

A blacksmith, a bagel company founder, an international dancer, an advanced mathematician, a Futsal World Cup goalkeeper and the creators of ACHS's first Women of the Future Club were among the graduates. Four graduates were on the ACHS state champion volleyball team in 2022, with two of them also winning the state championship in 2020.

"Our Titan Class of 2023 is an impressive group with many accomplishments to celebrate," said Interim Superintendent Melanie Kay-Wyatt. "Their hard work and dedication helped them reach this exciting milestone, and they each have the ability to fulfill their personal dreams. My wish for them is to return to ACPS in the future and share with us the impact they have made on their lives, their community and the world."

Also in attendance were Alexandria City School Board Chair Meagan Alderton, School Board members, ACPS leadership, Mayor Justin Wilson and members of City Council.

The 2023 ACHS graduates plan to attend more than 145 universities, serve in the military, work at a job, take gap years or learn a technical vocation. More than 600 graduates reported applying to a college or university (either a two-year or four-year program) and 16 graduates will serve in the U.S. military.

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria awarded scholarships to 208 students totaling \$627,000, many of which are renewable throughout four years of study. Ten students have been awarded an Akerson Scholarship of \$10,000 per year, renewable for four years. Four students won a Project Discovery Scholarship, each receiving \$5,000, and 20 Titan athletes have signed letters of intent to compete in collegiate athletics in 10 sports.

"I am so proud of them," Balas said. "As they enter a world overflowing with challenges and infinite opportunities, I encourage them to remember our Titan community and embrace their potential and their courage to make their mark on this world."



Students celebrate at the Alexandria City High School graduation ceremony June 3 at Eagle Bank Arena.

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— ACPS
Interim Superintendent
Melanie Kay-Wyatt

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The ACHS Class of 2023 celebrates following graduation ceremonies June 3 at Eagle Bank Arena.



ACHS Class of 2023 speaker Leila Abarca June 3 at Eagle Bank Arena.



Steven Alberto Portillo holds his ACHS diploma June 3 at Eagle Bank Arena.

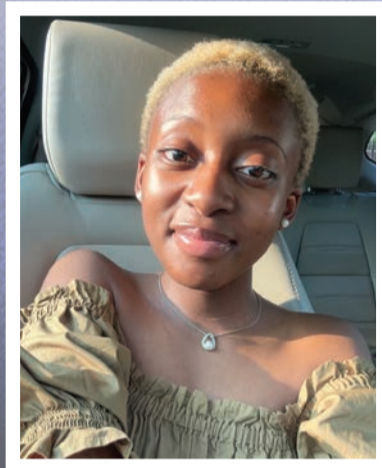


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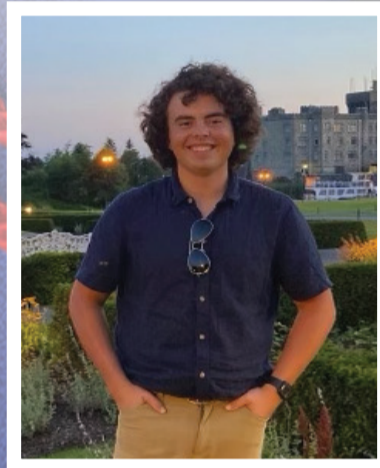
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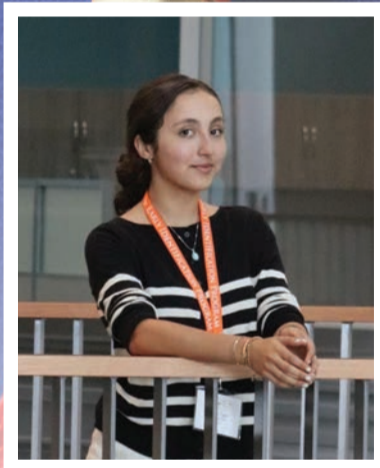
**Alexandria City High School graduates have diverse postsecondary plans.
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As of June 5, Alexandria City High School graduates are heading off to the following colleges and military institutions:

Academy of Art University; Alderson Broaddus University; American University; Anglo-American University; Appalachian State University; Berklee College of Music; Boston College; Bridgewater College; Brigham Young University; Brigham Young University-Idaho; Brown University; Bryn Mawr College; California State University Maritime Academy; Carnegie Mellon University; Christopher Newport University; Columbia University in the City of New York; Columbus State University; Concordia University; Cornell University; DePaul University; Drexel University; Duquesne University; Durham University; Eastern Mennonite University; Elon University; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach; Emory University; Empire Beauty School - Springfield; Flagler College; Florida Atlantic University; Fordham University; George Mason University; Georgetown University; Hamilton College; Hampton University; Hollins University; Hood College; Howard Community College; Howard University; Ithaca College; J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College; James Madison University; Johnson & Wales University; Johnson & Wales University Charlotte Campus; Longwood University; Loyola Marymount University; Loyola University Maryland; Marist College; Mary Baldwin University; Maryland Institute College of Art; Marymount University; Michigan State University; Middle Tennessee State University; Middlebury College; Millersville University of Pennsylvania; Montgomery Community College; Morgan State University; New York University; Norfolk State University; North Dakota State University; Northern Virginia Community College - Alexandria Campus; Northern Virginia Community College - Medical Education Campus; NOVA School of Business & Economics; Old Dominion University; Penn State Harrisburg; Plymouth State University; Prairie View A&M University; Radford University; Radford University Carilion; Rhode Island School of Design; Roanoke College; San Diego State University; Savannah College of Art & Design; Scripps College; Spelman College; St. Bonaventure University; St. John's College; Stevenson University; Temple University; Texas Christian University; The American University of Paris; The Citadel; The Military College of South Carolina; The College of Charleston; The College of William & Mary; The Fashion Institute of Technology; The George Washington University; The Georgia Institute of Technology; The New School; The Oberlin Conservatory of Music; The Ohio State University; The Pennsylvania State University; The State University of New York at Purchase; The United States Air Force Academy; The United States Military Academy; The United States Naval Academy; The University at Albany, SUNY; The University of California, Los Angeles; The University of California, Santa Barbara; The University of California, Santa Cruz; The University of Colorado Boulder; The University of Dundee; The University of Georgia; The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; The University of Iowa; The University of Leeds; The University of Louisville; The University of Lynchburg; The University of Mary Washington; The University of Maryland Eastern Shore; The University of Maryland School of Nursing; The University of Maryland, College Park; The University of Miami; The University of Mississippi; The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; The University of Pittsburgh; The University of Rhode Island; The University of Richmond; The University of San Diego; The University of Tennessee-Knoxville; The University of Texas at Austin; The University of the District of Columbia; The University of Utah; The University of Vermont; The University of Virginia; The University of Virginia's College at Wise; The University of Washington; The University of Wisconsin-Madison; Tricoci University of Beauty Culture - Normal; Tufts University; Universal Technical Institute; University College Dublin; University of the Pacific; Utah State University; Virginia Commonwealth University; Virginia Military Institute; Virginia State University; Virginia Tech; Virginia Union University; Washington and Lee University; West Virginia University; West Virginia Wesleyan College; Wheaton College; William Paterson; University of New Jersey; Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Xavier University of Louisiana.

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The new Potomac Yard Metro station's south entrance



A sign welcomes riders.

The New Potomac Yard Metro Station

FROM PAGE 3

The otherwise steel-glass-concrete structure has artwork brightening up the two entrances, art that recognizes the station's Virginia roots and the nation's capital. The south pavilion features a representation of Virginia blue bells; on the north pavilion, cherry blossoms, both created by artist Rob Ley.

The design is intended to provide views that connect people to the natural environment. On the east side, riders can view a National Park Service wooded and wetland strip between the railroad tracks and the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

The station has public restrooms. Many Metro stations do not.

Some Locals Welcome It

Mount Vernonite Dave Wilson finds the station convenient for having after-work dinners and coordinating his doggie day care nearby. Another Mount Vernon resident, Amy Tryon, says, "It's inspiring to see the brand new station. I'm glad to see Metro offering public transit to more people." Kaiser Permanente patients welcome the convenience of going to appointments nearby without driving.

Not Without Controversy

The station site generated controversy during the permitting phase when local conservationists and others expressed concerns about adverse wetland impacts on National Park Service land. The 2019 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit to the city authorizes 3.5 acres of temporary and permanent impacts to wetlands. "Mitigation for the impacts would be accomplished by purchasing credits from the Buena Vista Wetland Mitigation Bank or an approved bank," the permit states. It requires that some disturbed areas be "returned to preconstruction contours and replanted."

Basics

The station has two entrances: the north at 3201 University Drive and the south at 3001 Potomac Avenue, both connected to the station by a covered walkway.

Potomac Yard Constructors, a joint venture of Halmar International and Schiavone Construction Company, built the station at a cost of \$370 million. It sits on the former Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railyard.

At the opening, local officials said it would generate billions in new private sector in-



An aboveground covered walkway connects the two entrances/exits of the new Potomac Yard Metro station.

vestment and support 26,000 new jobs. Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson told reporters it will bring up to \$2 million in new tax revenue to the city over 30 years, and 13,000 new residents.

U.S. Representative Don Beyer (VA-8) commented, "The completion of the Poto-

mac Yard Metro Station is great news for the fastest growing area of Alexandria and will provide substantial benefits to Northern Virginia. It took a determined effort to get here, and I commend the construction team, the involvement of residents, and the local, state and federal leaders who made this a reality."



'No Environmental Concern'

PHOTOS BY GLENDA BOOTH

This stormwater pond is part of the new development in Potomac Yard, not part of the Metro station construction. The pond is "discolored because of iron-fixing bacteria" and "there is no environmental concern," according to Alexandria Stormwater Division Chief Jesse Maines. It is near the south entrance and easily visible from the station's walkway.



Congratulates the Class of 2023!



Photo courtesy of Musa Visual Media

Back Row L-R: Zackary Foster, Cooper Kalan, Christopher Duffield, Liz Joyner, Olivia Barr, Emma Jones, Sydney Hartman, Andreas Askjaer-Thomas, Henry Wegner, Charlie Konrad

Second Row L-R: Lia Noriega, Ellory Gray, Zoe Schlise, Eliza Spivey, Abby Stump, Londyn Tucker, Reagan Lady, Lucy Kidd, Sabrina Dunton, Wallie Komnik

Front Row L-R: Brenden Mahoney, Chloe Campbell, Kathryn Easton, Kaia Corens, Ambika Varma, Amirah Jackson, Maddy Campbell, Mary Caroline Ingols, Abigail Hailu, Bennett Goeas

Members of the Class of 2023 have been offered admission to and/or will be attending the following high schools:

Alexandria City High School STEM Academy, Asheville School (NC), Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop McNamara High School, Bishop O’Connell High School, The Calverton School, Commonwealth Academy, Edmund Burke School, Episcopal High School, The Field School, Flint Hill School, Gonzaga College High School, The Hotchkiss School (CT), The Howard Gardner School, McCallie School (TN), McLean High School, Middlesex School (MA), National Cathedral School, The Potomac School, St. John’s College High School, and St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School

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CEREMONY

Moving Up

Corey Reynolds speaks at Patrick Henry promotion ceremony.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Actor Corey Reynolds, a Virginia native known for originating the role of Seaweed in the Broadway adaptation of *Hairspray* and for the TNT crime show *The Closer*, was the guest speaker at the Patrick Henry K-8 School promotion ceremony celebrating students who have completed eighth grade and will be entering high school in the fall.

The brother of Patrick Henry Principal Ingrid Bynum, Reynolds spoke about the challenges he and his sister overcame in their childhood.

“We would come home sometimes and our lights were cut off or sometimes our water was cut off,” Reynolds said. “My sister and I overcame those challenges. We pushed through and found the way to find careers for ourselves and build a life for ourselves where we were not only surviving but we were thriving, which is the real goal.”

Bynum joined Reynolds in addressing the students, as did Interim ACPS Superintendent Melanie Kay-Wyatt. The promotion ceremony recognized students graduating eighth grade along with students who have achieved academic excellence.

“Every single challenge, even in your young life today, will be one that trains you for a bigger challenge later that you will be more prepared for,” Reynolds said. “Everyone in this audience wants to do something great. Nobody here woke up this morning saying ‘I want to be mediocre.’ The truth is that no one can stand in front of you and take your future from you. No one can intercede in your path and keep you from going where you want to go except for yourself.”

Reynolds spoke about the importance of students surrounding themselves with friends who build them up and support them and the dangers of letting social media affect their self-esteem.

“In society today, in particular with social media, we can let people we’ve never heard of do something internal to us that makes us feel bad,” Reynolds said. “We have to empower ourselves and know that where you are is where you are meant to be.”

Reynolds concluded his remarks by making an analogy to his chosen profession.

“The key thing to remember is that you are not only the star of your own film, you are the director of your own film and you are the producer of your own film,” Reynolds said. “What you choose to do with it and how far you choose to take it is 100 percent up to you.”



Students at Patrick Henry K-8 School attend the June 12 promotion ceremony for students who have completed eighth grade and will enter high school in the fall of 2023.

“No one can stand in front of you and take your future from you.”
— Actor Corey Reynolds



Actor Corey Reynolds, known for his role as Detective Sgt. David Gabriel on TNT’s *The Closer* 123, speaks to students June 12 at the Patrick Henry K-8 School promotion ceremony.



Hailey De Leon, left, stands with parents Cesar De Leon and Sara Guzman and her little sister at the Patrick Henry K-8 School Promotion Ceremony June 12

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Patrick Henry students Calara Duah and Shafi Hogue, recipients of the Principal’s Award, stand with Principal Ingrid Bynum, Academic Principal Andaiye Cammon, Assistant Principal Jerome Graham and Dean of Students Andre Keys at the June 12 promotion ceremony.



Patrick Henry principal Ingrid Bynum, center, stands with students recognized for outstanding academic excellence at the June 12 promotion ceremony. Shown are: Sayed Mirzada, Santiago Grande Delgado, Odelia Abebe and Sebastian Alego.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Musical Trio Scheduled to Play at River Farm

Outdoor concert kicks off River Farm activities for the summer.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Music is coming to River Farm this summer as the American Horticultural Society presents its first-ever “Music at the Manor,” which is an evening featuring live music by the group “2 dames and a stand-up dude.” The concert will be held on Thursday, June 29, 5-7 p.m. and guests are welcomed to pack a blanket and picnic basket with their choice food and beverage for an evening of music at sunset along the Potomac River. The BYOB outdoor garden event is free and open to the public.

Mary Bowers, Lynne White, and Scott Freeman are “2 dames and a stand-up dude.” They play an array of cover songs that span several decades and multiple genres; from Bossa Nova and show tunes like Girl from Ipanema and Fly Me to the Moon to singer-songwriter and contemporaries like Sheryl Crow and the Indigo Girls, with some country and Americana tossed into the mix. The dames’ two-part harmonies accompanied by acoustic guitar, keyboard and stand-up bass



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2 dames and a stand-up dude

provide an organic sound experience great for kicking back and listening or singing along.

This group is from Mount Vernon and live within a 3-mile radius of River Farm, the AHS said.

River Farm, headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, is located at 7931 E. Boulevard Dr., just off the GW Parkway in Alexandria. Regular hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free entry and parking (excluding special events). For more information, call (703) 768-5700 ext. 114 or visit www.ahsgardening.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT

NOW THRU JULY 15

Alexander D'Agostino: "A Shrine for the Forgotten" Exhibition. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Baltimore-based solo artist exhibition recipient, Alexander D'Agostino, presents "A Shrine for the Forgotten." The work explores queer histories and images, through performance, installation, and reclaiming material from queer archives and other cultural resources related to the historic marginalization of LGBTQ people.

NOW THRU JUNE 25

Kandinski. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show "Kandinsky," which will run from May 23, 2023-June 25, 2023, featuring fiber art interpretations of Kandinsky's paintings.

JUNE 1-AUGUST 31

Creative Summer Programs. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Creative Summer Programs is a series of workshops exploring the arts. Learn techniques in drawing, mixed media, mosaic, jewelry, watercolor, and more from local artists. Delve into creative exploration solo or with friends. For children and/or adults, free and paid programs are offered. Sign up for what inspires you! Visit the website: DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer

JUNE 2-25

The "American Patchwork" exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features art that highlights the diversity of cultures, landscapes, and artistic styles that make up the American experience. The exhibit broadly explores and captures the patchwork spirit of the United States and her people. Open Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 12-6pm. Reception: Friday, June 2, 7-9pm. Details: DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

JUNE 16-17

Portside in Old Town Summer Festival. Friday from 6-9 p.m.; Saturday from 1-9 p.m. At Waterside Park, 1A Prince St., Alexandria. Kick off summer with the return of the Portside in Old Town Summer Festival sponsored by Ting Internet. This free festival features an array of live music, local craft beer from Port City Brewing Company and fun for the whole family on the Alexandria waterfront. The event features Friday evening jazz performances and readings by Alexandria poets as part of the ALX Jazz Fest presented by the City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts. Saturday, the festival continues with an eclectic musical lineup, local food, hands-on art and history activities and more. Visit PortsideFestival.com

SATURDAY/JUNE 17

Juneteenth Celebration. 12-4 p.m. At Carlyle House in Alexandria. The Athenaeum is partnering with the Carlyle House Historic Park and C. Alexandria-Bernard



The Portside in Old Town Summer Festival takes place June 16-17, 2023 in Old Town Alexandria.

Thomas, to present the annual Juneteenth Celebration. Discover the history of Juneteenth through hands-on activities, art, history, and poetry readings. Activities are part of the planned offerings for the day that marks the liberation of Black Americans on June 19, 1865. For this Celebration they are thrilled to host visual artist Michael Spears and four poets: Micah the Poet, Carlynn Newhouse, Mysfit, and Pi-Anir the Poet. Visitors will have the opportunity to talk with the artists after and in-between performances as well as share their written and/or drawn reactions to the powerful performances.

SATURDAY/JUNE 17

Tall Ship Providence's New Tour. At Old Town Alexandria's Waterfront Park, south of King Street, Alexandria. Tickets are now on sale for Tall Ship Providence's new interactive dockside tour, which will take place at the new Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center, Home Port of Tall Ship Providence. The ship will reopen at its permanent home in front of Old Town Alexandria's Waterfront Park, located just south of King Street. In addition to dockside tours, Tall Ship Providence will offer sunset sails, specialty sails and private charters. The Maritime Heritage Center will also be available as a venue rental. Tall Ship Providence will open for tours on Saturday, June 17 during Alexandria's Portside Festival. Visit TallShipProvidence.org.

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Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria

JUNE

16 School of Rock Alexandria "House Band" (Rock)
23 The Revelers (Swamp Pop)
30 Collective Delusion (Rock)

JULY

7 Kickoman (Latin/Reggae)
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Mapping Ancestor's Neighborhood.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 24

Alexandria Baroque. 2 p.m. At the Athenaeum, Alexandria. A Period-instrument Duo of Baroque Violin and Lute. Stop by for an engaging one-hour afternoon performance featuring duos for violin and lute from the 18th-century composers J.S. Bach, Silvius Leopold Weiss, Fridrich Wilhelm Rust, Paul Charles Durant, and colonial American tunes.

SUNDAY/JULY 9

The Capitol Collective Chamber Ensemble. 2 p.m. The Capitol Collective Chamber Ensemble is partnering with the Athenaeum to present an afternoon of chamber music. Consisting primarily of DC military band musicians, they seek to promote accessible chamber music throughout the DMV area. Enjoy works for strings, winds, brass, and percussion in this program featuring composers Jesse Montgomery, Ivan Trevino, Aaron Copland, and Jean Francaix.

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Archeology Museum Opens 'Community Digs Its Past'

The Alexandria Archaeology Museum opened a new permanent archaeology exhibit called A Community Digs its Past: The Lee Street Site. Cases and panels display artifacts and reveal the archaeological process and the history of Alexandria as seen through the lens of the Lee Street Site (archaeological site number 44AX180) and several other waterfront sites. The exhibit answers questions like: what is urban archaeology; what did Alexandria look like in the past; and what do archaeologists do? The exhibition was made possible by a grant from Historic Alexandria Foundation and is the cornerstone of the museum.

The City's archaeology museum has been in the Torpedo Factory Art Center for nearly 40 years. The museum studies and interprets archaeological sites from across the city.

"We're looking forward to welcoming

residents and visitors to our museum and public laboratory where there's always something new to learn about Alexandria's buried past," said Dr. Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist.

Alexandria Archaeology partnered with local graphic design firm StudioA to create a more modern, visually pleasing exhibit.

Museum staff redeveloped the content of the exhibit to be more accessible to visitors and to tell a more inclusive history of the port city, while explaining the archaeological process.

The newly designed exhibit centers the experiences of free and enslaved African Americans in Alexandria.

Visit the Archaeology Museum's new A Community Digs its Past: The Lee Street Site and for more information on this exhibit and archaeology in Alexandria, visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology>.

Portside in Old Town

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by interludes of poetry from Zeina Azzam, the City of Alexandria's Poet Laureate; Sami Miranda, a published author and artist; and two Alexandria City Public Schools student poet laureates. Friday's festivities will be emceed by award-winning poet C. Alexandria-Bernard Thomas, a queer Black non-binary teaching artist and advocate. ALX Jazz Fest performers were selected through a collaboration with the Office of the Arts and the 2023 Alexandria Jazz Fest Activation Team comprised of John Hasse (Smithsonian), Suraya Mohamed (NPR Music) and Jeremy Castillo (Levine School of Music). Friday's musical lineup will serve as the inspiration for an onsite live mural painted by Aniekam Udofia.

Saturday from 1 to 9 p.m., the Portside Festival continues with musical acts starting with nouveau flamenco group Ouros, featuring Danny Knicely on mandolin; Ethiopian folk and jazz from Kalkidan Meshesha; and indie soul group Oh He Dead. Blues guitar

aficionados will enjoy the collaboration between The Linwood Taylor Band and special guest Sol Roots. Close out the evening on your feet with danceable zydeco tunes from Louisiana's Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble and salsa from Hermanos Galván y Orquesta. Alexandria-based musicians and founders of the Yellow Door Concert Series, Vaughn and Robyn Ambrose, are guest musical curators and emcees for Saturday's performances.

Meet local artists and explore various art projects from the Office of the Arts, while also taking part in a creation of your own. Try your hand at making chocolate with Historic Alexandria.

The tall ship Providence team will have a tent on site in anticipation of the opening of the Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center, the ship's new home at Waterfront Park. On Saturday, Safe Space NOVA will offer activities such as rock painting, bubbles, plantings and more to support LGBTQ+ youth.

For a full festival schedule and more information, visit PortsideFestival.com.

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In Sync with the In-Laws



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Granted, Dina and I were on our best behavior. However, we didn't exactly only speak when spoken to, but we did stay away from politics and religion/abortion and so far as expletive-"deleted" uttered, I had a few missteps but nothing anywhere George Carlin's "seven dirty words." Generally speaking, the four of us meshed very well, amazingly even. No awkward moments, no pregnant pauses, no arguments/disagreements and "neither was there heard a discouraging word." In that word our time together was fabulous.

We picked them up Saturday night at Reagan National Airport and drove them to their hotel in Old Town. The talk between us was cordial and friendly enough that we agreed to spend the next day together: at Arlington National Cemetery, particularly visiting the Kennedy gravesites and the changing of the guard at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. And if we had time, we would stop by my favorite memorial (convenient to the cemetery as well): The Iwo Jima Memorial (officially known as The US Marine Corps War Memorial).

The weather was perfect on Sunday. We spent almost four hours on the grounds. They absolutely loved the experience, especially astonished by its size and scope. And since we took the tram/talking tour, we learned about many of the other notable people buried there: Thurgood Marshall, William Rehnquist, Omar Bradley, "Black" Jack Pershing, and the "presiding judge" at the Nuremberg Trials: Michael Musmanno, among so many more. Eventually we made our way back to the parking lot and due to time constraints, skipped Iwo Jima and headed back to their hotel. As we pulled into their hotel's circular drive, the discussion about dinner didn't really happen. It seemed natural that we go our separate ways. We made tentative plans for Monday and agreed to confirm in the morning.

The next day didn't happen as one of our in-laws had a bad sleep and didn't feel up to the rigors of touring/walking around Washington, DC. Tuesday was a different story however as our in-laws were rested and ready. We planned a driving/parking/walking tour of Washington, DC. First, we were able to find relatively convenient parking along the Potomac River near the Lincoln Memorial. We then made all the local Memorial rounds: The Lincoln Memorial, The Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, the M.I.A. statue, the nurse's statue, the Korean War Memorial and finished up at the World War II Memorial. Walking back to the car, we stopped by the Martin Luther King Memorial and then the Roosevelt Memorial. After we reached the car (no ticket) I suggested that we drive to Alexandria by way of Roslyn and see the Iwo Jima Memorial. We parked nearby and then walked right up the immense statue. In this instance, size did matter. Its awesomeness was not lost on our visitors. They continually shook their heads in amazement. Dinner again didn't happen as we had another big day planned for Wednesday: a tour of the US Capitol and the Library of Congress - with a walk-by of the Supreme Court.

Another beautiful day and another jaw-dropping reaction to Washington, DC. Whatever amazement was left over from the previous day gushed over into this Wednesday. To invoke Yoda's syntax: gob smacked they were. The tour and all were nearly four hours long - and with walking from nearby Metro stops, we were all a bit spent and again dinner was spent apart. It all seemed very natural and normal. We were all enjoying each-other's company. The next two days were spent apart as we left our visitors to explore on their own and see whatever drew them to Washington in the first place (it wasn't us).

Our last night together was dinner at a Greek Restaurant on King Street. We sat outside in their moonlit garden. The weather and all were perfect, yet again. Afterwards we walked the few hundred yards back to their hotel where before saying our final good-byes, they asked up their room. Upon entering their suite, we noticed two beautifully decorated gift bags sitting on the dining room table which they eagerly presented to us with effusive praise and gratitude for our participation in their Washington week. We thanked them and kissed each other good-bye. In the hallway walking to the elevator, Dina and I spoke nearly at the same time: "What a wonderful couple! They're the nicest people we've met in a long time."

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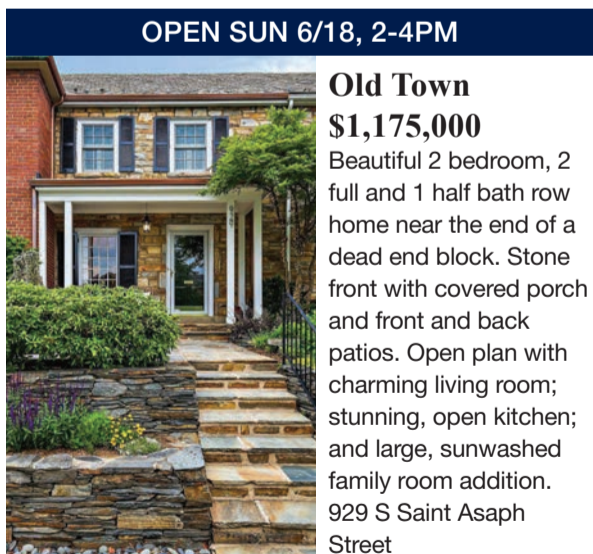
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