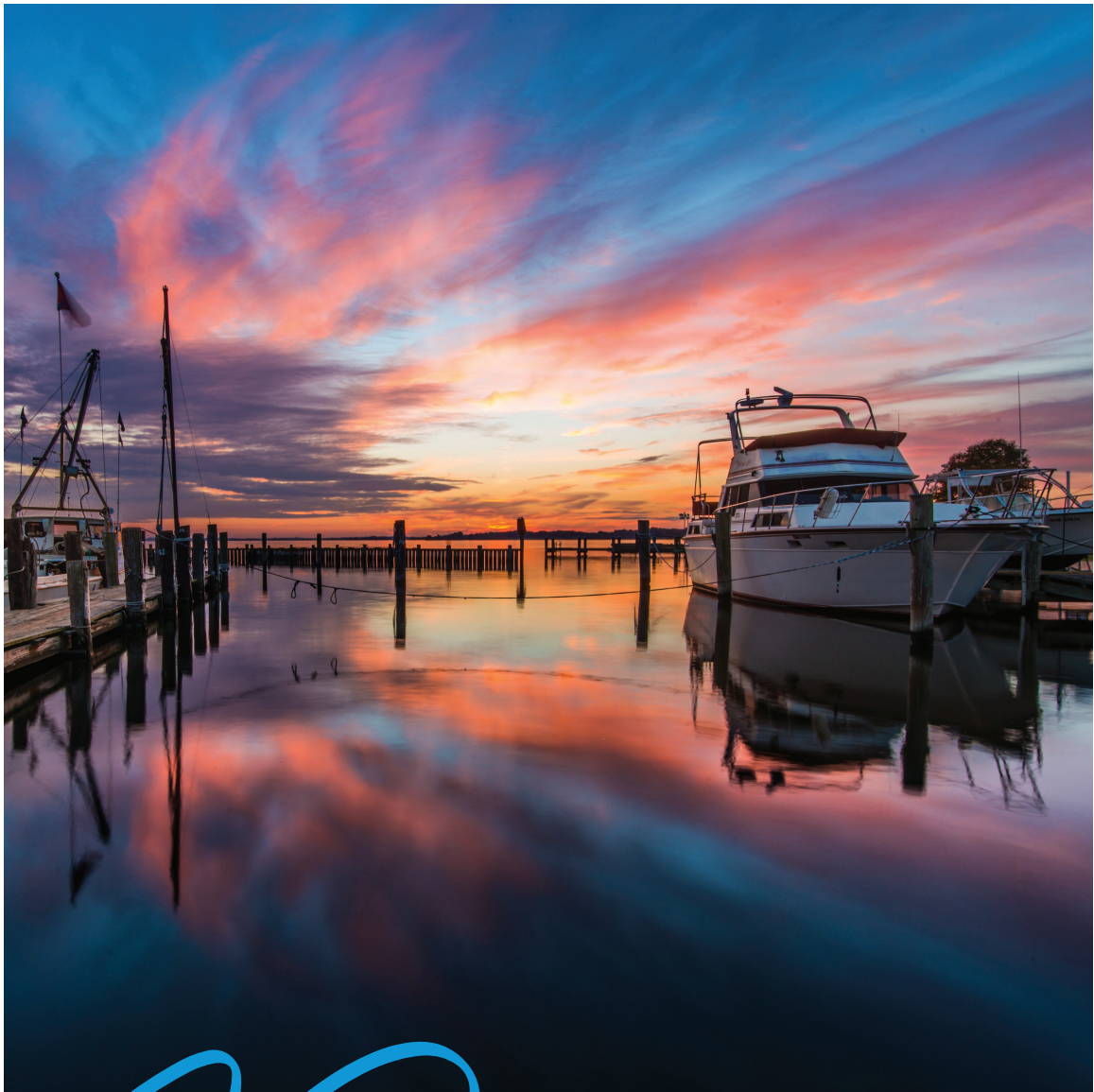


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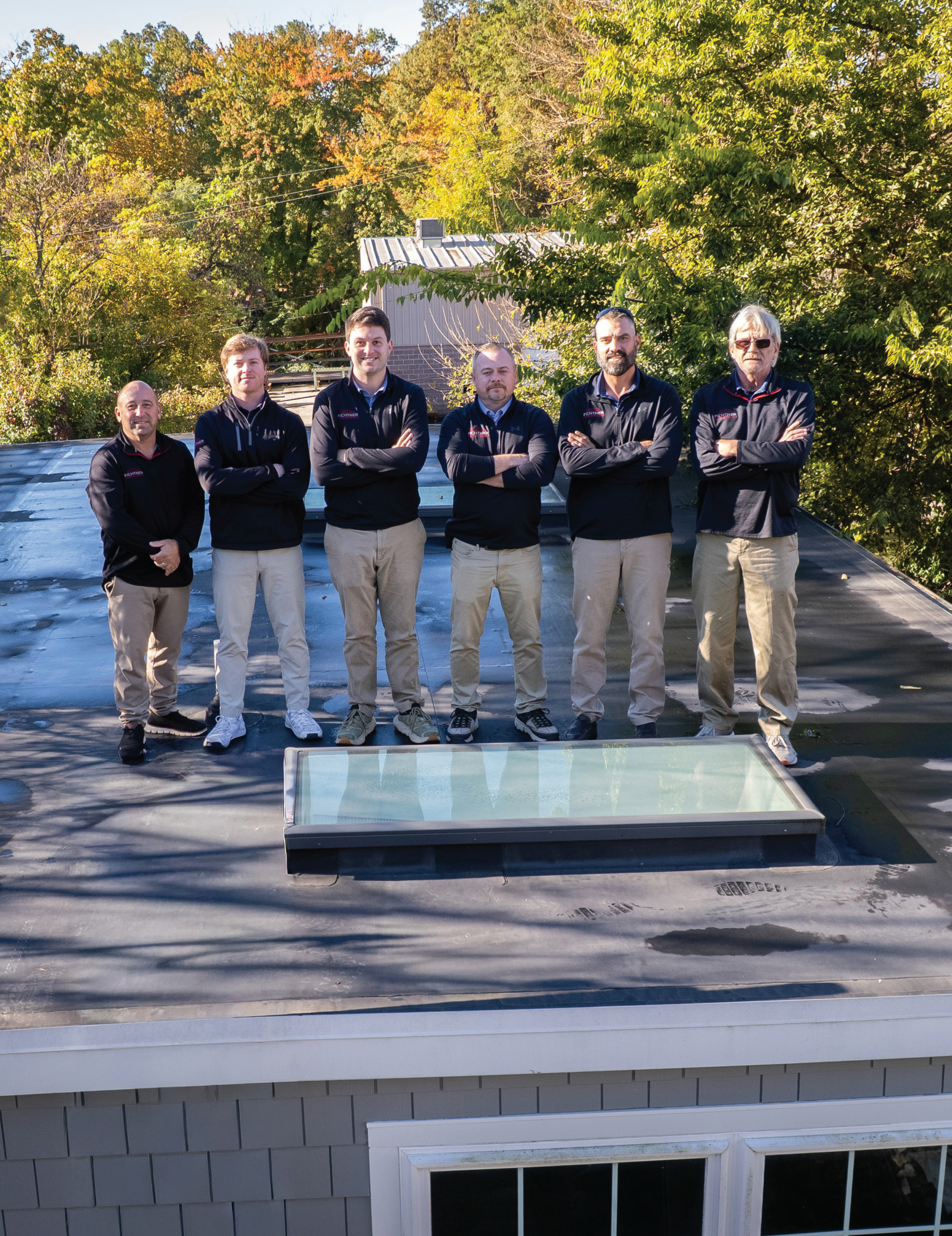
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WISE WORDS:

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WISE WORDS: "Trust is earned in the smallest of moments. It is earned not through heroic deeds, or even highly visible actions, but through paying attention, listening, and gestures of genuine care and connection."

— Brené Brown

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Melissa Corbin, PA-C, is the founder and visionary behind Corbin Cosmetics, a luxury aesthetics practice in Annapolis, MD. With over 14 years of experience, she is passionate about delivering natural, refined results that enhance confidence. Melissa combines advanced injectable techniques with a deep understanding of facial aesthetics to ensure treatments are highly personalized. Her philosophy is rooted in authenticity, helping patients look refreshed and lifted without ever feeling “overdone.” She has grown Corbin Cosmetics into a trusted practice where luxury, expertise, artistry, and compassion come together to create a welcoming environment where patients feel confident and cared for.

WISE WORDS:

“Aesthetic medicine should be seen as self-care; an empowering, modern way to prioritize ourselves, enhance confidence, and feel our best inside and out.”





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WISE WORDS: "Our team's unparalleled depth of expertise in luxury aesthetic medicine ensures every patient receives safe, personalized, and exceptional care that enhances natural beauty."



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WISE WORDS:

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Left to right - Head of School, Nicole Sophocles, four WRUS students, Board Chair, Nikki Williams

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WISE WORDS:

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For over 25 years, the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club has defined weddings, events, and hospitality on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Its award-winning service, culinary excellence, and waterfront setting have created unforgettable memories for guests and couples alike. In 2026, the Beach Club expands its legacy with Wilson's Cove, a boutique waterfront hotel, and Vue, a rooftop destination with sweeping Chesapeake Bay views. At the core of its success is an unwavering passion for people—its team, guests, clients, and couples—who inspire every detail. Experience luxury just over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

WISE WORDS: "Hospitality is not what we do—it's who we are. Every guest, client, and couple is at the heart of everything we create."

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Joanna is an award-winning, top-producing Realtor® known for her professionalism, market expertise, and genuine care for her clients. Tech-savvy and financially astute, she combines creativity, energy, and integrity to deliver seamless results from consultation to closing. A Maryland native, she grew up along the Wye River and later captained Loyola University Maryland's Division I Women's Lacrosse team, skills that honed her leadership and communication. Now rooted in Annapolis, Joanna leverages her deep local knowledge and powerful network to help clients achieve success.

WISE WORDS:

"Heart, hard work, and integrity drive my success. I'm grateful every day to work in real estate and help people, it's who I am."

— Joanna Dalton

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Coastal Pools is redefining luxury outdoor living across Maryland and Delaware. Founded on a commitment to craftsmanship, innovation, and exceptional service, the company has grown into the region's premier custom pool builder and service provider. From concept to completion, Coastal Pools delivers tailored designs that transform backyards into stunning escapes, while their award-winning service team ensures pools are maintained and enjoyed for years to come. Recognized for excellence and trusted by families throughout the Chesapeake region, Coastal Pools continues to raise the standard—offering not just pools, but enduring spaces where memories are made and lifestyles are elevated.

WISE WORDS:

"Pools are more than water and stone—they're where families connect, laughter echoes, and memories last. We build spaces that enrich lives, one backyard at a time."

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Erica Baker, Vice President and Associate Broker at TTR Sotheby's International Realty, represents a refined standard in luxury real estate, where strategy meets sincerity. Rooted in a lifetime along Maryland's waterfront, Erica blends deep market intelligence with an intuitive instinct for artful positioning, shaping each home's legacy with care. Known for her discretion, thoughtful presentation, and ability to translate complex markets into confident outcomes, she approaches every sale with integrity, intention, and the same precision and care she would give her own.

WISE WORDS:

"A home deserves representation rooted in clarity, strategy, and intention, where every move forward is guided by purpose."





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Imagine stepping into your backyard and feeling like you've arrived at a luxury resort. That's the experience Shaun Wade and his father Wayne have delivered for over 20 years across Maryland. Their family-owned firm, Wade Landscape Design, blends custom pools, elegant landscapes, outdoor kitchens, and tailored masonry into timeless retreats. Known for precision, creativity, and five-star service, the Wades bring each client's vision to life with care and craftsmanship—from concept to completion.

WISE WORDS: "A great space begins with listening—then shaping vision into something lasting."



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Attorneys Steve McClung and Christophe Lowther started Manor Title with the #1 focus being the client experience from contract to close. They believe that every home buyer and seller should be secure that their real estate transaction is being handled professionally and with care. Veterans of the title industry, Steve and Christophe have extensive knowledge of the intricacies of Maryland properties, and the experienced team at Manor Title provide all clients a closing experience tailored to their unique needs. Located in West Annapolis, we are your local title company now, and for years to come.

WISE WORDS: “Customer service should not be a department, it should be the entire company.”

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Courtney Chipouras has built a life and career around the place she loves most — Maryland's Eastern Shore. As Vice President with TTR Sotheby's International Realty, she helps clients find their perfect place by the water while celebrating the lifestyle that makes the Shore so special. A Rock Hall native and community advocate, Courtney pairs her business expertise with a deep local connection, championing both her clients and the region's small-town spirit. For her, life on the Chesapeake is about connection—between people, place, and purpose.

WISE WORDS:

"The most meaningful work happens when you love the place you serve and the people who call it home."





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WISE WORDS: “Trusted legal guidance begins with listening. We help clients set realistic goals—and deliver results with integrity, experience, and a deep commitment to our community.”

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From waterfront estates to historic gems, Tricia Wilson has built a reputation for helping clients find their place on the Eastern Shore. After years as a top-producing agent, she launched Wilson Realty & Staging at Kent Narrows and is now celebrating her second year as broker and owner.

Known for her approachable style and sharp marketing expertise, Tricia blends creative strategy with market insight to deliver standout results. With over \$100 million in career sales, she continues to raise the bar—not only in real estate, but in the lasting personal connections she builds with every client.

WISE WORDS:

“Success is a journey, not a destination—walk forward each day with intention, gratitude and faith.”





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With over 22 years in real estate, David Orso has earned a reputation for excellence as Anne Arundel County's #1 agent since 2013. With 1,000+ home sales and over 300 five-star reviews, his unmatched market knowledge, strategic marketing, and expert negotiation skills give clients a clear advantage. David's proven systems deliver consistent, superior results across all market conditions—not just the boom years. Whether you're buying or selling, trust an experienced professional with a long-standing record of success. You deserve the best—so hire the best.

WISE WORDS:

"When my clients win, I win.
Always in that order."

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With over 1,500 completed transactions and \$922 million in total volume as both a buying and selling agent, Chuck is recognized as one of the Eastern Shore's top real estate professionals. Since 2001, he has specialized in waterfront, inland, and commercial properties across Talbot, Queen Anne's, Caroline, and Dorchester Counties. A longtime Talbot County resident, Chuck supports local organizations including the Academy Art Museum, Habitat Choptank, and Talbot Mentors. His management background and customer service expertise sharpen his negotiation skills and commitment to clients, strengthening Benson & Mangold's nearly 60-year legacy.

WISE WORDS:

"Real estate is about more than transactions—it's about relationships, trust, and helping clients find the right home for the next chapter of their lives."



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Modern Dermatology of Maryland is a locally owned medical dermatology practice in Annapolis, founded by board-certified dermatologist, Dr. Lane Neidig, M.D. in 2023. Born and raised in the Annapolis area, Dr. Neidig recognized the need for a traditional physician owned dermatology office where patients, staff, and providers of care are valued and treated with respect and integrity. Our office offers the most advanced non-surgical skin cancer treatment available and a comprehensive surgical and phototherapy suite. Modern Dermatology offers an authentic and reliable haven for the dermatology patients of Annapolis and surrounding areas.

WISE WORDS: "Treat others how you want to be treated."



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Sarah Garza is your go-to PCS and relocation real estate expert in Anne Arundel County. A military spouse of 30 years with nearly 20 moves herself, she truly understands the journey of service families. As a Military Relocation Specialist and founder of The PCS Home Team, Sarah guides buyers and sellers with clarity, care, and strategic expertise. Her team serves military families stationed near the Naval Academy and Fort Meade, as well as those relocating to and from Anne Arundel and surrounding counties. Sarah combines personal experience, deep market knowledge, and a client-first approach to make every move seamless.

WISE WORDS: "It's not goodbye — it's see you soon."
— *Common Saying in Military Communities*

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Stephanie Rose Tippet, MSN, CRNP, FNP-C, CANS, is the owner and clinical director of Bella Rose Medical Aesthetics & Wellness on Kent Island. With over 20 years of experience in healthcare and 16 years specializing in aesthetics, Stephanie blends artistry and science to help patients feel confident and refreshed, never overdone. Her holistic approach integrates advanced injectables, laser technology, skincare, wellness, and hormone therapy for transformative, natural results. Stephanie leads her team with compassion, precision, and a deep commitment to excellence in patient care.

WISE WORDS:

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After living abroad for 18 years, Rhonda and Glenn Rogers repatriated to the US. Glenn, a pilot, and Rhonda, driven by her entrepreneurial spirit and passion for community, sought to build something meaningful. Bravely navigating the global lockdown, in December 2020, Nothing Bundt Cakes Annapolis was born. Together, with their son John and girl-wonder Samantha Colletti, they've realized a multi-bakery business. Nothing Bundt Cakes is more than just a bakery, it's a little "bundt'ique" of joy! Spreading smiles across Annapolis, Crofton, Severna Park, and soon Easton and more, Nothing Bundt Cakes is sweetening up their communities one bundt at a time.

WISE WORDS: "The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud."

— Coco Chanel

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WISE WORDS:

"Some people cannot be cured, but everyone can heal."





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WISE WORDS: “Everyone deserves access, opportunity, and community, allowing each person to shape their own path.”



Pictured: Indian Creek School's Outdoor Education team (L-R): Upper School Humanities Teacher Mr. Garth Robinson, Director of Outdoor Learning Ms. Stephanie Chambers '00, Upper School Science Teacher Dr. Michael Roswell, Dean of Community & Well-Being Mr. Danny Haley; Not pictured: Sarah Allen '01, Anne Engles '97, Tyler Larkin, Jennifer Malachowski, Tricia Roth, Lindsey Seynhaeve;

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At Indian Creek School, learning doesn't stop at the classroom—it thrives across the School's 114 acres of forests, fields, and gardens - and beyond. Creek's Outdoor Education team has designed a comprehensive environmental education program that uniquely integrates academics, wellness, and environmental responsibility across every grade. From daily, all-weather campus exploration in Pre-K, to Middle School cultivation of a 2,500 square-foot garden that nourishes local families, to Upper School outdoor adventure field trips and community partnerships, Indian Creek's outdoor learning program inspires confident, compassionate thinkers ready to make a difference.

WISE WORDS: "At Indian Creek, students don't just study nature—they learn from it, through it, and ultimately, for it."



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Rooted in the Chesapeake Bay region, Brad Kappel has become a trusted leader in Maryland's luxury and waterfront real estate markets. As founder of the Brad Kappel Team, he combines local expertise with global reach to deliver refined, results-driven representation. The team's recent milestones—surpassing \$315 million in annual sales year-to-date—reflect both the strength of the market and their dedication to strategy, storytelling, and service. With more than \$1.5 billion in total career team sales, Brad remains focused on what matters most: guiding clients through every stage of the luxury real estate experience with integrity, precision, and care.

WISE WORDS:

"Our success stems from trust, precision, and purpose. We don't just sell homes—we curate the Chesapeake lifestyle for those who value it most."







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The Jaklitsch Law Group stands as one of the most recognized personal injury firms in the country. Led by four distinguished attorneys - Rick Jaklitsch, Christine Murphy, David Jaklitsch, and Thomas Brimmer - the firm combines the resources and expertise of a large practice with the personal attention of a boutique firm. Having earned numerous national accolades, including “Best Personal Injury Trial Law Firm - USA,” the Jaklitsch Law Group has built its reputation on handling the most serious catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases. Affectionately known as the “Big Dogs from the Small Firm,” their long track record of substantial settlements and verdicts makes them the unmistakable Face of Personal Injury Law, as again confirmed by *What’s Up? Media*.

WISE WORDS: “Be the Best — in every case, with every client, every day!”
— *The Maryland Lacrosse motto, and our mission at Jaklitsch Law Group*



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At Anchored Hope Therapy, healing starts with the right client-therapist connection. Their team of trauma-informed providers understands that trauma impacts each person differently and believes in treating the whole person — not just the symptoms. With a focus on mind-body integration and community collaboration, they offer personalized, compassionate care. Anchored Hope partners with local professionals to support holistic healing and values accessibility, accepting Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance plans and working to expand care options. Their approach honors both individual and collective healing, creating a safe space where clients can feel seen, supported, and empowered to grow. Healing happens here — together.

WISE WORDS: “Trauma changes you, but it doesn’t define you. Healing is possible. You don’t have to do it alone. We’re here.”



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WISE WORDS: “We shape our homes, and then our homes shape us.”

—Winston Churchill



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WISE WORDS: "Technology is a powerful catalyst for growth; an investment that drives innovation, efficiency, and long-term success."

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WISE WORDS:

"I'm redefining advocacy by rewriting its standards."

— Amanda S. Denison, Esq.



Drs. Chris Chambers, Neil Sullivan,
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WISE WORDS: "Our focus is always on the patient, combining advanced surgical expertise with compassionate care to maintain comfort, restore confidence, and quality of life through every stage of treatment."



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Elizabeth seamlessly integrates her unique background in healthcare consulting and neurobiology with negotiating deals and helping people achieve their real estate goals. This unconventional foundation equips her with exceptional empathy, analytical skills, and an understanding of complex systems, all vital in navigating the nuanced real estate sector. Named an international Coldwell Banker 30 Under 30 and *What's Up's* Best Residential REALTOR, Elizabeth is taking the real estate world by storm. Raised in a REALTOR family, she now brings a blend of personal experience and academic expertise to her thriving career, alongside her husband, Jake, dogs, Jinx and Beretta, and bearded dragon, Mushu.

WISE WORDS: "We will get through this purchase or sale, together. One step at a time." – Elizabeth Arentz



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WISE WORDS: "Don't wait to buy real estate. Buy real estate and wait."

— Will Rogers

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WISE WORDS:

"Surgery is both science and art—the science ensures safety; the art ensures beauty."



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WISE WORDS: "When you feel good in your skin, it shows everywhere else."



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WISE WORDS: "Movement is not only key to both physical and mental health, it is a big part of what makes life fun."

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WISE WORDS:

"Named to honor my late mother, Frances — her values built its foundation, and her spirit still drives it forward."





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WISE WORDS:

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."



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WISE WORDS: “Buying a home isn’t just about numbers—it’s about finding your place. Plan smart, stay patient, and trust the process.”



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WISE WORDS: “Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.”



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