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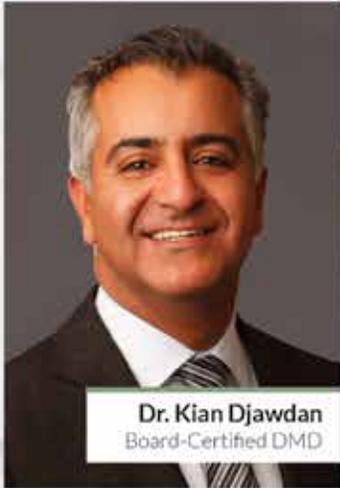


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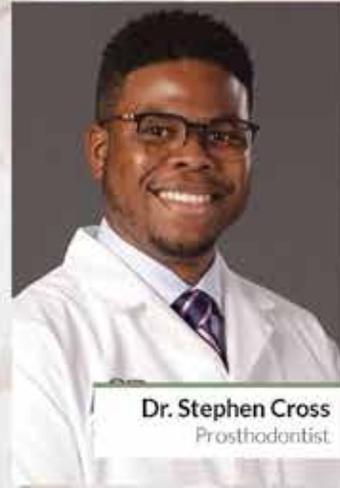
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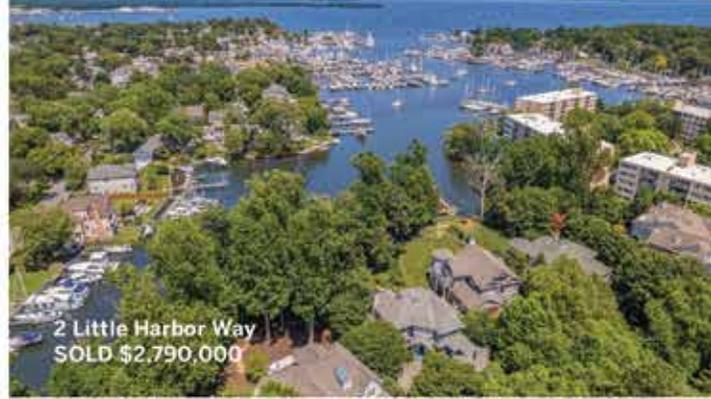


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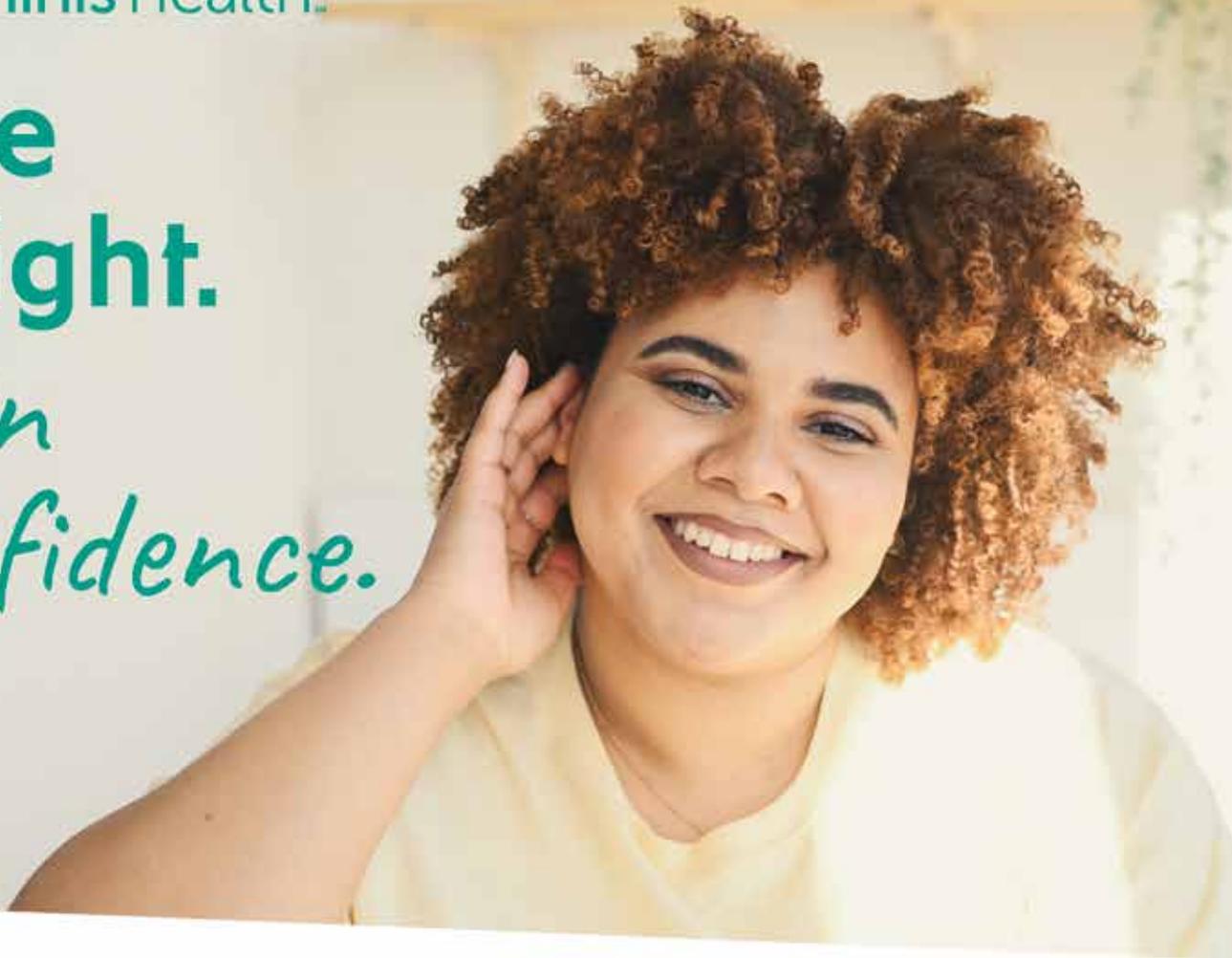
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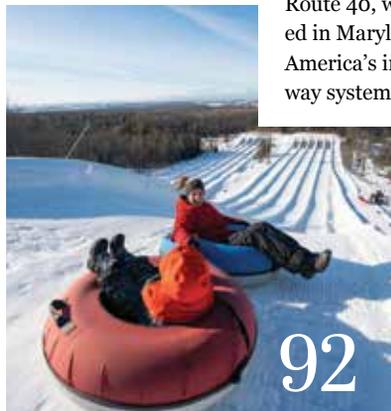
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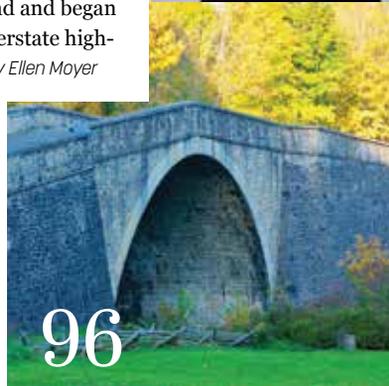
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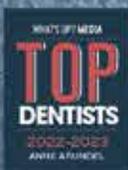
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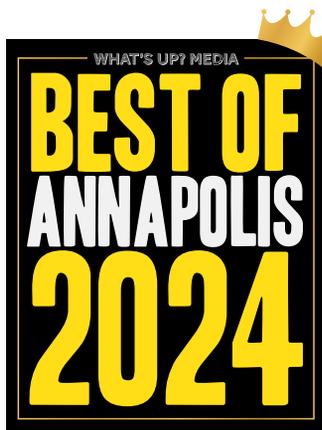
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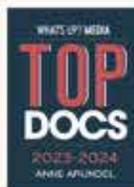
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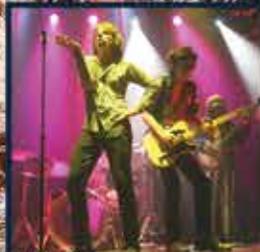
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↑ AN ARMED FORCES SALUTE

Londontowne Symphony Orchestra's annual January performance will be held on January 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. An Armed Forces Salute will feature vocalist Parijita Bastola, who was recently featured on NBC's *The Voice*. The program will include patriotic works by American composers along with guest conductors Commander Diane Nichols and Mr. Greg Pascuzzi. Find more information and order tickets at marylandhall.org.



The Sinatra Experience

The Sinatra Experience starring Dave Halston is coming to Bowie Center for the Performing Arts on January 20th. The evening will be filled with music, laughter, and a zesty lineup of Frank Sinatra's most popular songs. Halston and his world-class band will be bringing the Sinatra sound and swagger to the stage with a swanky Vegas vibe. Get your tickets at bowiecenter.org.

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Program ↓

On January 11th, the 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Program will be held at Live! Casino & Hotel in Hanover. Maryland Governor Wes Moore will speak, as well as U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, Congressman John Sarbanes, County Executive Steuart Pittman, and Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley. There will be 10 honorees acknowledged at the event whose leadership in civil rights has helped keep Dr. King's legacy alive. Proceeds from the event help pay off the debt incurred by building the Civil Rights Foot Soldiers Memorial. Tickets are available for purchase at mlkjrmd.org.



THE GIN GAME

Compass Rose Theater is performing *The Gin Game* from January 19th through February 18th at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. Fonsia and Weller are two residents at a retirement home who play repeated games of gin rummy, which are revealed to be metaphors of their lives. Their hilarious feisty games reveal the laughter, tears, and intimate details of their long lives and the bittersweet realities of their most challenging chapter. *The Gin Game* is the winner of the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Order tickets at marylandhall.org.

MONSTER JAM ↓

Monster Jam is coming to Baltimore with multiple shows January 19th through 21st at CFG Bank Arena. Monster Jam is one of the most unforgettable motorsports experiences in the world. World champion athlete drivers will tear up the dirt with their 12,000-pound trucks in competitions of speed and skill. There will also be a Monster Jam Pit Party on Saturday and Sunday to see the massive trucks up close, meet the drivers, crew, and more. Order tickets at cfgbankarena.com.



Chesapeake Bay Boat Show

The Marine Trades Association of Baltimore County is bringing the Chesapeake Bay Boat Show to the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium on January 19th through 21st. The show will feature over 30 Maryland boat dealers who will be showcasing new boats and marine equipment, sport fishing boats, ski boats, cruisers, and more. There will be food and drinks, educational seminars, and plenty of reasons to enjoy the day. Find more information at thechesapeakebayboatshow.com.

DANCING WITH THE STARS TOUR

The Theater at MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill is hosting the tour of one of our favorite competitions: Dancing with the Stars. After selling out many shows last season, the production is back on tour this winter with a dazzling, high energy, brand-new live show. Experience the breathless excitement, athleticism, and artistry that you see in the ballroom up-close! The show will be at 8 p.m. on January 12th. Find more information and tickets at mgmnationalharbor.mgmresorts.com.



↑ Paw Patrol

The pack is back and on a roll from their lookout tower in Baltimore! Paw Patrol is live at The Hippodrome in Baltimore for five performances this January. Come see Mayor Goodway get everything in shipshape for a big Pirate Day celebration in Adventure Bay on January 26th through 28th. Performances will be at 6 p.m. on January 26th, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on January 27th, and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on January 28th. Order tickets for the kiddos at baltimore.broadway.com.

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The 49th East Coast Commercial Fishermen's & Aquaculture Trade Exposition will be at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, January 12th through 14th. This event, hosted by the Maryland Watermen's Association, works continuously to ensure the future of independent watermen and seafood business throughout the state. The weekend will have seminars, vendors, entertainment, and more. Find more information at marylandwatermen.com.



↑ Cambridge Ice & Oyster Festival

The 3rd Annual Cambridge Ice & Oyster Festival will be back on January 12th and 13th. Enjoy two days of interacting with amazing ice sculptures, eating oysters, live music, and plenty of family fun. Last year's event included 50-plus ice sculptures and over 8,000 visitors. This year the plan is to be even bigger and better. The festival will be in Downtown Cambridge from Cannery Way to Blue Ruin. There will be ice thrones, slides, games, and more. Find more information at iceoysterfest.com.



PENGUIN SWIM

Atlantic General Hospital's 30th Annual Penguin Swim is back on January 1st at The Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel in Ocean City. Dunk your penguin tail in the frigid waters of the Atlantic Ocean to support our community's healthcare heroes. It has been a tradition on the beach to raise funds to help the hospital provide the excellent quality care the community depends on. All proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital Foundation. The swim starts at noon. Register at aghpenguinswim.org.



↑ "1964" THE TRIBUTE

One of the most renowned Beatles tribute bands is coming to the Avalon Theatre on January 12th at 7 p.m. "1964" focuses on the early years of the Beatles, when they started playing for a live audience. The Fab Four toured the world in the early 1960s, but only a few remain who actually saw them live. But help is on the way! "1964" recreates the magic of those live Beatles' performances with artful precision and unerring accuracy. Get your tickets at avalonfoundation.org.

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Women Who Make a Difference

On October 17, the Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce hosted a special panel discussion, lunch, and networking event, 2023 Women Who Make a Difference. Led by moderator Dr. Dawn Lindsay, President of Anne Arundel Community College, the four panelists—Michelle Coates, Finance Administrator and Education and Outreach Coordinator, Register of Wills, Anne Arundel County; Nadine Chien, Esq., Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Anne Arundel Community College; Amy Gowan, President & CEO, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation; and Kris Valero Shock, President & CEO, Leadership Anne Arundel—touched on topics of business, philanthropy, and public service. Learn more at naacc.com.

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1. Chamber CEO Beth Nowell with the 2023 panel 2. Stuart and Michelle Schmidt 3. Senator Pamela Beidle with Amy Salmon 4. The 2023 panel: Dr. Dawn Lindsay, Michelle Coates, Nadine Chien, Esq., Amy Gowan, and Kris Valero Shock 5. Shawn Haught, Cathleen Ward, Robert Pratz, and Jeff Weidley 6. Michelle Coates and Jessica Butler



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On September 22nd, the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation hosted its annual gala fundraising event, For the Love of the Library, at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library. The cocktail party featured delicious food from Chesapeake Chef Services, generous libations, and auction with a few surprise experiences for bid. Learn more at aacpl.net/foundation.

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Robin Mohns

Chris Gives Foundation

By Lisa A. Lewis

When Robin Mohns' husband, Chris Mohns, Sr., passed away suddenly from a heart attack on June 17th, 2022, she realized, in time, that the best way to cope with the overwhelming grief was to keep Chris' memory alive and honor his legacy. Chris was known in the community for his warm, caring nature, his selfless desire to help those in need, and his enthusiastic spirit of philanthropy. So, in December 2022, Robin created the Chris Gives Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides help to individuals who are struggling to pay for auto repairs and other transportation costs.

A 42-year Midas franchise owner with shops in Pasadena, Annapolis, Laurel, and Wheaton, Chris followed in the footsteps of his father, who owned 12 Midas shops. A dedicated businessman and active member of the community, he was always willing to lend a hand and believed that it was his duty to use his skills and talents to help others.

"Chris was a genuine person," says Robin, who serves as the president of the Chris Gives Foundation. "If he saw someone whose car had broken down on the side of the road, he would call a tow truck and have their vehicle repaired at one of his shops—no charge and no questions asked. He loved to pay it forward and give back to the community. Through the foundation, we hope to continue Chris' legacy of giving."

Funds raised by the Chris Gives Foundation are used to provide parts, services, and labor as well as free vehicle repairs for individuals and families in need. Reliable transportation is a basic necessity, yet many people cannot afford repairs or maintenance. Since Robin was familiar with the automotive business, she was able to identify and address this critical need. Once the idea for the foundation was planted in her mind, it took root and grew organically.

"To fulfill its mission, the Chris Gives Foundation partners with auto repair shops, vendors, and volun-

teer technicians who generously devote their time to this worthy cause," Robin says. "Since its inception, the foundation has hosted two fundraising events to help generate awareness and has already made an impact in the community. I hope to expand our services to include transportation costs to medical appointments. I would really like to reach out to Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center to discuss their needs."

Robin and Chris met in 1984 when she stopped by his Midas shop in Laurel. A native of Cumberland, Robin was looking for a summer job before returning to college to complete her studies. During the six months that she worked in the shop, she developed an admiration for the way Chris approached life. He valued his employees, provided outstanding customer service, and enjoyed helping others.

Robin and Chris parted ways when she returned to college, and life led them down different paths. However, Chris had inspired her, and throughout the years, she followed his example by further developing her love of helping others and giving back to the community. Thirty-four years later, Robin and Chris' paths crossed again when they reconnected on Facebook. They soon realized that they still had a lot in common and really cared about each other. Married in 2019, the couple was excited to build

their life together. Robin left her government job in Washington, D.C., and became Chris' business partner at the four Midas shops.

"Robin's dedication to honoring the legacy of her late husband through the Chris Gives Foundation keeps a light shining on a common aspect of their love: a desire to help others who are struggling," says Sandie Curtis, CFE, IPMA-SCP, JMT, Vice President of Education, the International Franchise Association (IFA) and a board member of the Chris Gives Foundation. "Community outreach helps locate people in need of auto repairs. And by providing much-needed services, the foundation offers hope during tough times."

Robin, who lives in Millersville, continues to operate the four Midas shops. Chris' son, Chris Mohns, Jr., who works in the Annapolis Midas shop, will continue the family tradition, and ultimately carry on his father's honorable legacy.

"Chris always said that truth is stranger than fiction, and that definitely applies to our love story," Robin says. "We were reunited after decades, and we planned to spend our lives together. When he was taken away so suddenly, I was grief-stricken. I really don't know what I would have done if I had not created the Chris Gives Foundation. It has given me a purpose. Chris was such a special person. Nothing is more important to me than carrying on his legacy."

To learn more about the Chris Gives Foundation, visit chrisgives.com.

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Always Ice Cream Expands

Annapolis-based Always Ice Cream Company has signed a lease to open in 1,135-square feet of space in The Village of Cross Keys, a revitalized, upscale, mixed-use development in Baltimore. The store's sleek, contemporary design will create a cutting-edge allure in the new jewel box building being constructed near the main entrance to the Village Shops between Atlas Restaurant Group's new Asian restaurant and The Cordish Company's Cece's Roland Park. [Artist rendering courtesy Caves Valley Partners.]

"On warm, beautiful days I wish there were a place nearby where we could go out for a delicious scoop of ice cream in an upscale, relaxed setting," said Arsh Mirmiran, the partner at Caves Valley Partners leading the development of Cross Keys. "Starting in the spring of 2024, anyone in the area will be able to do so at Always Ice Cream Company's new location at Cross Keys." Learn more at alwaysicecreamcompany.com and crosskeysbaltimore.com.



← CRAB Cup Earns Accolade

Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) is the proud recipient of the *Sailors for the Sea* Platinum Regatta award for its sustained commitment to clean, sustainable environmental responsibility. Through the support of the Eastport Yacht Club's clean regatta program, the CRAB Cup has been recognized for its environmental stewardship every year since 2016. CRAB Chairman Jim Nolan was presented the award and said, "CRAB is pleased to be recognized as a platinum environmental steward of the Chesapeake Bay. CRAB continues to be dedicated to sustainability and accessibility to keep our beautiful bay healthy for everyone to enjoy." Learn more at crabsailing.org.



↑ IMPACT100 GRANTS \$90K TO ASO

The members of Impact100 Greater Chesapeake, Inc. (Impact100) voted to award this year's \$90,000 grant to Annapolis Symphony Academy, marking Impact100's sixth year of grant awards directly supporting nonprofits in Anne Arundel County. This grant will specifically support ASO's expansion of programming from group to individual lessons in two community centers (The Salvation Army and Bancker Douglass/Annapolis Housing Authority for the Robin Wood Community); the expansion of the existing cohort at Marshall Hope where a group of predominantly immigrant students learn music while English as a Second Language classes are offered to family members; and build a new branch of the program in North Anne Arundel County in 2024. Learn more at impact100greaterchesapeake.org.



Prostatis Financial Celebrates 20 Years

Prostatis Financial Advisors Group, LLC hosted a special two-day, 20-year anniversary celebration at its corporate headquarters in Hanover on October 16th and 17th. The first evening featured a live townhall-style broadcast of the group's radio show "Savvy Investor" with Prostatis owner Michael Canet and company partner Ryan Herbert (both pictured). The next evening, guests enjoyed an open house cocktail party. Learn more about Prostatis at prostatisfinancial.com. Photograph by Carol Timlin.

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CURRENT DERMATOLOGY WELCOMES P.A. TO TEAM

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“We are thrilled to welcome Jamie to our practice,” said Dr. Molly Walterhoefer, Founder and Dermatologist at Current Dermatology. “Her expertise and dedication to exceptional patient care align perfectly with our mission. We believe her presence will contribute significantly to the high standard of care we offer our patients.” Learn more at currentderm.com.



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↑ Sheridan Opens in Severna Park

Members of the community, local dignitaries, and staff of The Sheridan at Severna Park, a senior lifestyle community, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 12th. The Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce hosted the event on site. The Sheridan offers “upscale senior living in a desirable Maryland location between Baltimore and Annapolis. Residing between the Magothy and Severn rivers,” states the company. “Our beautifully-appointed community will feature a nautical aesthetic fit for an area known for its exciting sailboat races. Residents can look forward to enjoying our array of amenities and daily activities with access to award-winning Assisted Living and Memory Care services.” Learn more at seniorlifestyle.com/property/maryland/the-sheridan-at-severna-park.

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Glen Burnie High School Football

By Tom Worgo

When Romeo Edmonds tried out for the Glen Burnie High football team in August of 2020, he wanted to play a glamorous position. So, he chose wide receiver. It wasn't a surprise since he'd lined up mostly at wideout all through rec football.

But after a couple of days of practice, the Gophers didn't seem to have a quarterback capable of getting the ball consistently to the speedy Edmonds.

As a result, Edmonds volunteered to play quarterback. Three years later, the Glen Burnie coaching staff loves that Edmonds made that choice. "I can throw bullet passes," a confident Edmonds says.

Edmonds has led the Gophers to a new level after years of struggling. Glen Burnie had a string of losing seasons, which was capped by a 3-7 record in 2021.

But he guided Glen Burnie to its first playoff win in school history in 2022 as the Gophers finished 6-5. This past fall, they were even better, going 5-2 (at the time of this writing), as he continued to dominate opponents with his arm and legs.

"He accelerated the growth of the program," Glen Burnie Defensive Coordinator Tom Chroniger says.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Edmonds will also likely be one of the program's few players to have played at a Division I school, and he will do it at a different position—cornerback. He's is that athletic and good of a defensive player. Edmonds, who also competes in track and field, runs a 40-yard dash in 4.53 seconds.

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"He's had scholarship offers from Army, Navy, Air Force, and Howard," says Glen Burnie Head Football Coach Alec Lemon, who is in his fourth season. "When I first saw him, I said, 'This kid is going to be special.' He certainly has been special the past four years."

Edmonds has also been recruited by Villanova and Temple universities. He carries a 3.5 grade-point average.

Edmonds has wanted to play college football for a long time—since elementary school to be exact. "I was around nine years old when I first wanted to play college football," Edmonds explains. "I started watching college football then. I want to be the first person from my family to play in college."

One game in October gave fans a glimpse of how much of an impact Edmonds can have. Edmonds returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown and recorded a sack and four solo tackles in a 21-14 loss to Broadneck, which had its 23-game county

winning streak snapped by Old Mill in early October.

If there is such a thing as a moral victory, Glen Burnie's performance against Broadneck was it. The Gophers lost to the same team in 2022 by 41 points.

"He just has a knack for making big plays," Chroniger says. "This year, no one wants to throw at him. He is as close as you are going to get of a shutdown corner."

Lemon adds, "Teams are scared to throw his way."

Edmonds also is making a lot of big plays on offense. The quarterback threw 10 touchdown passes and ran for two more scores. Edmonds has totaled 1,343 yards passing and rushing combined. His best performance of the season came against Arundel in early September. Edmonds threw for 187 yards and three touchdown passes while rushing for 87 yards on 14 carries.

To help him stay in shape for football, Edmonds joined the outdoor track team his sophomore year to help stay in shape for football. He also competed for the squad last spring, running the 100- and 200-meters and on a pair of relay teams.

"I definitely have gotten faster and more explosive," Edmonds says. That's something that opponents didn't want to hear.

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THE SUPERINTENDENT

It's a role with a hero/scapegoat dynamic and Anne Arundel County's Mark Bedell is intent on setting a positive example for all



Ninth-graders rarely put down their phones. Especially not for a Monday morning assembly, where the superintendent might just drone on.

But as he strides onstage at North County High School, Mark Bedell makes clear this won't be the usual lecture. Snapshots light the screen behind him. With each one, Bedell delves deeper into his past, drawing in even the most distracted of 650 students, their texting forgotten.

Here are the 12 homes he lived in, growing up with the turmoil of his mom's addiction and bouncing between relatives in Rochester, New York. Next, he points out a corner store, where he cashed his teen paychecks



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to buy his family food. A final photo shows a reunion with four of his seven siblings. By then, they'd endured the heartbreak of a brother killed in a drive-by, a sister found murdered in the woods, and the youngest in jail. Only Bedell made it past eighth grade.

"Whatever circumstances you're going through outside of school, whatever might be a crutch for why you can't try your best, all I'm saying is: 'If I can make it, you can make it, right?'" Bedell urges the freshman class in early fall. "You all *can* achieve."

Now 49 and sharp in slim suits, Bedell commands respect with a national reputation, a doctoral degree—and more impressive to high schoolers—a closet of Air Jordans he once couldn't afford.

After a 26-year career in public schools, our new superintendent excels in many roles: data guru, budget planner, community liaison. But he's best as a motivational speaker, declaring "school was my only savior," his life a testament to his faith in education.

Eighteen months ago, Bedell took charge of a school system that's rapidly growing yet grappling with disparities and often overshadowed by its higher-achieving neighbors. Bedell had distinguished himself by turning around Kansas City, Missouri's school system, leading big cities like Philadelphia to court him. Instead, he opted for the \$305,000-a-year suburban job here.

His mission is twofold: to rejuvenate the weakest of 130 schools but also to rouse the complacent.

With 83,000 students, Anne Arundel's district is Maryland's fourth largest, and like the flourishing county, increasingly diverse. Students of color now

make up half the enrollment. Despite a healthy \$1.68 billion budget and surrounding affluence, the schools hover just above state average. Middle schools underperform, notably in math. Beyond a few stellar high schools, most lag in the competitive Baltimore-Washington suburbs that prize advanced classes and college acceptances. Only five seniors were National Merit Scholar semifinalists last year, compared to 61 in Howard County, and 162 in top-ranked Montgomery County.

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“There’s a lot of pressure from a very loud minority of folks trying to impose their own values on our county,” says Kristen DeBoy Caminiti, 42, a Crofton mother of four, who opposed the flag ban. She fears parental rights activists might target library books or curriculum content here, as they have elsewhere, fretting “it’s going to be a challenge.”

Bedell is more sanguine. He speaks his mind but takes pride in his ability to collaborate with different groups, including the conservative powerhouse Moms for Liberty. And he firmly believes that improving student performance will override everything else.

School board outgoing president Joanna Bache Tobin agrees. Online learning frustrated parents during the pandemic, she says, “but we’re in school again, and people want to see their kids’ outcomes. The most important thing right now is to be clear on your compass. For him, it’s our students.”

After introducing himself to parents and civic leaders, Bedell endeared himself to teachers by securing an eight percent raise in salaries he called “embarrassing,” lifting them from near the state’s bottom to fourth. He greets crossing guards and thanks cafeteria workers. Recently, he was named “superintendent of the year” by the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Now, he has to make tougher decisions: redistricting the northern end of the county, instituting state reforms, and transitioning to new reading methods. Nearly half of third- and fifth-graders don’t read proficiently at grade level, though scores ticked up last year. The district is also trying to end the isolation of special education students and expand preschool programs.

STUDENTS FOREMOST

Another day and Bedell is showing more slides, this time to the school board. One celebrates back-to-school progress—fully staffed bus routes and half as many teacher vacancies. The other details multimillion-dollar plans to ease overcrowding with three new schools.

It’s a quietly mundane meeting, unlike last summer, when hundreds of parents and students clashed over gay pride displays in schools. Bedell argued schools should not ban such unofficial flags, saying he wanted to ensure an equal “sense of belonging” for all students. The board ultimately voted 4-3 to defeat the proposal.

Still, Bedell recognized it was a delicate moment at a time when superintendents can go from celebrated to scorned amid the country’s angry debates over teaching race and gender. Bedell, the first Black man to lead the county schools, is among a mere two percent of Black schools chiefs nationwide. Several have faced backlash, including a Queen Anne’s superintendent, who resigned in 2021 after a social media outcry over her Black Lives Matter support.





IF HE CAN DO IT...

Above all, Bedell wants to address academic inequalities among Black, Latino and low-income students. Many are less likely to enroll in college-track classes...and at risk of quitting school.

Discipline rates also differ starkly by race, with disproportionate suspensions of Black youth. If that weren't enough, schools are dealing with TikTok-triggered fights and a teen mental health crisis. Parents want help; at this meeting, "Moms Demand Action" advocates cite alarming youth suicides to ask that schools hand out pamphlets promoting safe gun storage.

A grandmother has the final word. Through the patchy connection of an online call, Lillie Ellis implores the board to do more for Black students by creating a charter elementary school.

"By the time they reach middle school," she says, "we've lost them."

Bedell looks up from a pile of documents, his expression somber. It almost happened to him.



Until second grade, Bedell was eager to go to school. His home could be chaotic, with a struggling single mom, and a new sibling every year or so. Meanwhile, Rochester itself was in a downturn, the once-thriving manufacturing city in western New York losing jobs and population with the decline of employers like Eastman Kodak and Xerox.

One day, an annoyed teacher snapped at Bedell. "Dumb" and "ugly," she called him, adding dismissively that he would "never amount to anything." Bedell can still recite every harsh word. He retreated to the couch. Eventually, Bedell missed so much school that a child services worker intervened, sending him and a brother to live with an aunt. It was the first of many moves: as the oldest of eight, he would be repeatedly separated from his brothers and sisters scattered in foster care. Back with his mom in high school, Bedell tried to cope with her worsening alcoholism, drug use, and an abusive partner. Some nights as a teen, he went hungry, or had to sleep in a car.

Basketball became his refuge. When poor grades threatened to bench him, a homeroom teacher pulled the distraught 15-year-old aside, telling him: "You're academically talented, and I don't think you even know it." Somewhat hesitantly, Bedell confided his troubles at home. Their frank talk was cathartic: with the teacher's encouragement, Bedell would reclaim his place on the team, make the honor roll, and set his sights on college. "I never looked back," Bedell recalls.

Bedell went on to graduate in 1997 as a basketball star from Nashville's Fisk University, where he set a Division III scoring record—and met his future wife, Robyn, an attorney with whom he has three children. His NBA dreams out of reach, Bedell signed up as a substitute teacher, remembering his homeroom mentor's advice that he could help students facing similar hardships.

"Sometimes, all you need is someone who listens," says Eric Lin, a 17-year-old at Severna Park High, who is the school board's student representative. Students are inspired by Bedell, he adds: "You see he overcame so many huge challenges, so what's to say I can't?"



After teaching in Nashville and Houston, where his wife went to law school, Bedell went into administration. In 2010, he revived Houston's oldest high school as principal, then led Apollo20, a pioneering math tutoring program. From 2012 to 2016, he worked as a Baltimore County assistant superintendent, improving graduation rates by over 4 percent. Meanwhile, he wrote his dissertation on dropout prevention and lived with his family in Anne Arundel County.

By the time he became Kansas City's superintendent in 2016, Bedell had developed a mix of strategies. Among them: free PSAT testing, expanding access to advanced classes, and tacking on school time for tutoring. He scrutinizes school data to target those with the lowest test scores and highest rates of truancy. By experimenting and cheerleading, he restored the 14,000-student district to accreditation in 2022, for the first time in a decade, gaining national attention.

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Bedell has brought the same methods here, while looking for ways to reverse pandemic learning loss. One solution—cutting 60-minute free periods in half—prompted some student howling (even his youngest daughter, an eighth-grader at an Annapolis middle school, weighed in.)

Overall, the county boasts an 89 percent graduation rate, comfortably above Kansas City's initial 68 percent, but 18th of Maryland's 24 school districts. Bedell is determined to push it higher.

Amid all the initiatives, Bedell is best known for his straight talk at schools and community forums, sharing the struggles of his youth with a candor that resonates, especially with teens. He describes the college call that his brother had been shot, his mom's 2002 overdose, and his sister's later murder, to emphasize the dangers of dropping out of school.



“When you don’t have adults who understand what you’re going through, this generally becomes the outcome,” he says. “So, we have to be more proactive.”

A CALLING

His days might be filled with routine paperwork, check presentations and meetings. But on a fall night in Annapolis, Bedell is greeted like a celebrity at the Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center. Every seat is taken, and people jostle for a view. Some are old enough to have graduated from Bates, once the county’s only high school for Black students. Others are two to three generations younger and have first-graders playing soccer behind the renovated building.

“I take my craft seriously,” Bedell says to the crowd at the Caucus of African American Leaders meeting. He ticks off plans to improve SAT scores, revamp lackluster middle schools, and expand access to Advanced Placement Classes. He says to cheers: “I wrote a 146-page dissertation. I never took an AP class. I never got invited.”

People here are fans, having handed out books at giveaways or played pickup basketball with Bedell. But they have longed for more dramatic change for over 30 years, having seen too many of their kids fall behind and graduate undereducated for college or jobs.

Many here also are unnerved by the surging teen violence in Annapolis. Four days before the meeting, an 18-year-old was gunned down in the Bywater neighborhood, following the shooting of a 16-year-old earlier in the summer. On the second day of school, several students started a fight at Annapolis High. The instigators “showed it blow-by-blow on Instagram,” notes a disgusted Baron Bell, a 55-year-old consultant who graduated from the school.

For a brief moment, Bedell is silent. He can be tough on disruptive students, only to be questioned about discipline disparities. He can try to limit phone use in schools, but parents will worry about reaching their kids in an emergency.

“No matter what, I’m getting beat up,” he exclaims in exasperation.

Then, Mark Bedell returns to his calling. He poses for a photo with a football and basketball stand-out at Glen Burnie High, who is running a camp for low-income kids. He urges people to volunteer for #BePresent, a youth mentorship campaign he launched, saying they can transform a kid’s life like his homeroom teacher did for him. Bell is already active, impressed that “he means what he’s saying. It’s an actual program, not just a statement.”

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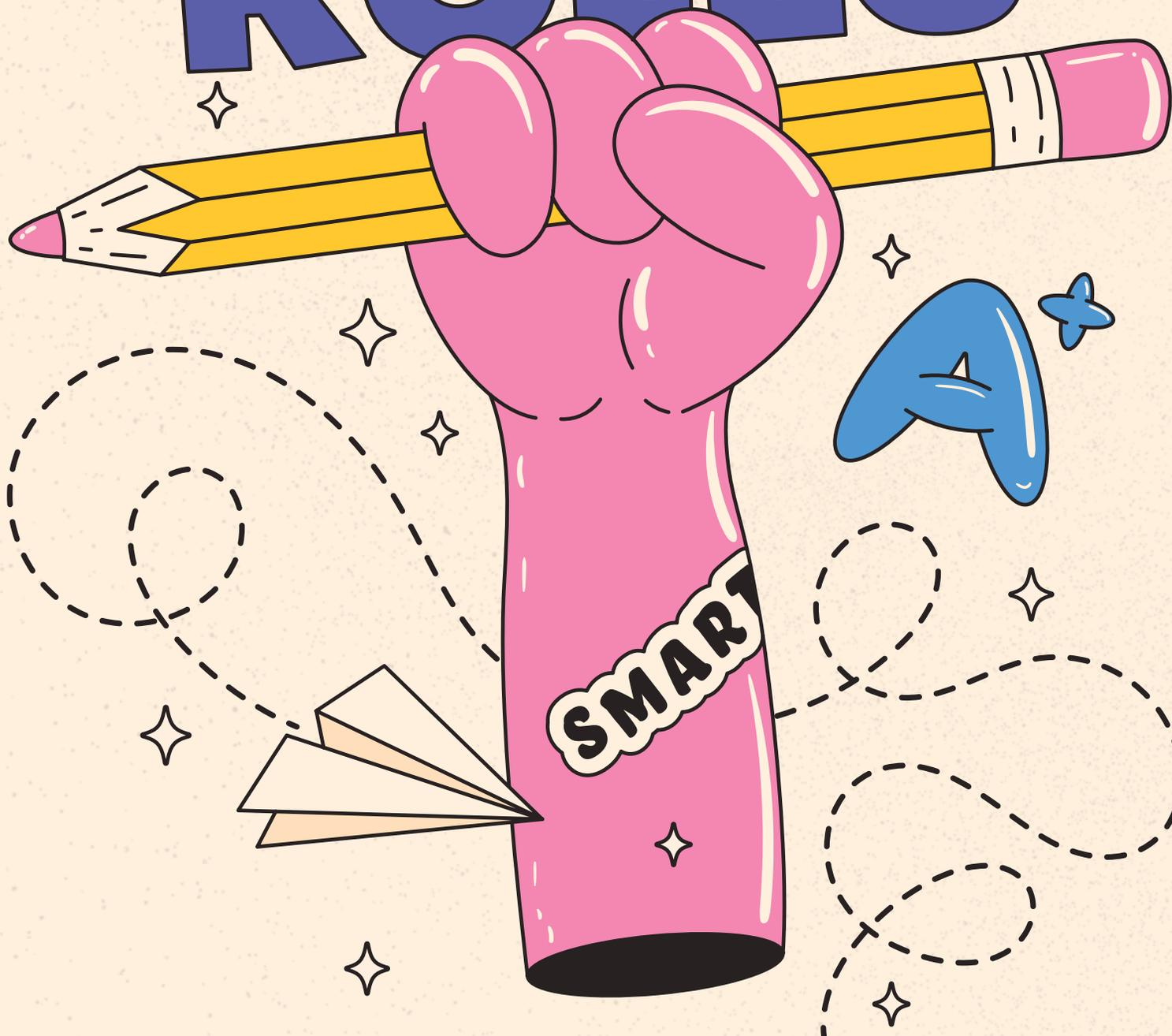


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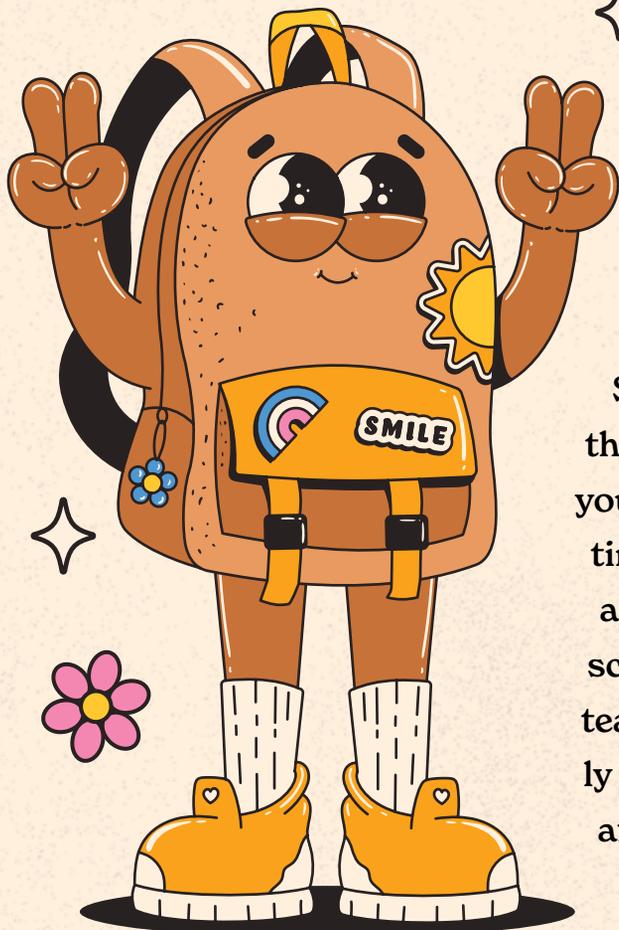


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	11:1	\$14,930 (K5) and 15,750 (1st-5th)/year	March 1st, March 12th, April 12th, April 23rd	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	4	2	0	N/A
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	11:1	\$18,540/year	Check Website for Dates	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish, ASL	6	4	5	N/A
	10:1	\$23,530/year	January 29th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	11	0	Chinese, French, German, Latin, Spanish, ASL, ESL	21	20	15	8 hours per year (encouraged, not required)
	6:1	\$5,000–6,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music and Fine Arts	Multiple	0	N/A
	6:1	\$340–760/month	Call for Information	Coed	No	No	No	0	0	N/A	Music Classes & Programs	Community Events/Service Opportunities	0	N/A
	Varies	\$13,600–\$19,845/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	No	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Art and music	Multiple	0	72 hours per year (grades 7 and 8)
	15:1	\$10,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Latin and Spanish	Art, Choir, Drama, Debate	Ballroom Dance and Pro Life	Soccer, Track & Field, Ultimate Frisbee	N/A
	2:1	\$41,726/year	Call for information	Coed	No	Dress code	No	0	0	N/A	Studio art and performing arts	5	4	75 hours for seniors
	6:1 to 10:1	See website for details	January 17th, Tours upon request	Coed	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	Music	N/A	N/A	No
	7:1	\$18,800–\$30,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	21	0	Spanish, Latin, Arabic, Japanese	27+	30+	14	75 hours recommended

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<p>The Key School 534 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis 410-263-9231; keyschool.org</p>	<p>Key is renowned for its rigorous academic program, which produces unparalleled student outcomes. It's a diverse community where students are transformed through authentic connections, a safe space where students grow into ethical leaders and a training ground for winning teams and talented artists. Key school is one of the most sought-after programs in Maryland because we are more than just a school.</p>	1958	Non-Sectarian	Matthew Nespole	Key-Wee (2.5 years)–12th grade	660	16–18
<p>Maryland Curiosity Lab 461 College Parkway, Arnold 303-909-4958 marylandcuriositylab.org</p>	<p>We believe school should spark curiosity and ignite a lifelong love of learning. Our Acton Academy program has grown to ages K-8. It mixes real-world projects with online learning and Socratic discussions in a multi-age classroom. Plus an adventure trip every week!</p>	2022	Non-denominational	Roman Hardgrave	K-8	30	15
<p>Maven Academy 1908 Forest Drive Suite 2J 410-216-7070 themavenacaemy.com</p>	<p>The Maven Academy is unique among Annapolis Area private schools. We are a small school offering core subjects and electives to students in grades 6 through 12, Tuesday through Thursday. While we strive to adhere to biblical and moral principles, we do not teach religion and we are respectful to all faiths.</p>	2014	Christian	Gina Vogel	6-12	25	13
<p>Montessori International Children's House 1641 North Winchester Road, Annapolis; 410-757-7789 montessoriiinternational.org</p>	<p>Recognized by the Association Montessori Internationale, Montessori International Children's House educates to students ages 18 months to 12 years. Extended day available</p>	1985	Non-Sectarian	Elizabeth Whitaker	18 months–6th grade	160	9-30
<p>Naval Academy Primary School 74 Greenbury Point Road, Annapolis 410-757-3090; napschool.org</p>	<p>Naval Academy Primary School is an independent, co-educational school with ties to the U.S. Naval Academy, serving civilian and military families alike.</p>	1949	Non-Sectarian	Robyn M. Green	PreK–7	293	12-18
<p>Rockbridge Academy 680 Evergreen Road, Crownsville 410-923-1171; rockbridge.org</p>	<p>Celebrating over 25 years as a classical Christian school, Rockbridge Academy is ready to welcome K-12 students into a transformative learning community, where children grow to be the compassionate, thinking leaders of the next generation. Come tour our new campus!</p>	1995	Christian	Roy Griffith	Junior K-12th grade	423	14
<p>Ss. Constantine and Helen Preschool 2747 Riva Road, Annapolis 410-573-2078; ssschool.org</p>	<p>Preschool that provides a safe and loving Christian environment dedicated to creating lifelong learners who are prepared for the next academic level</p>	2015	Greek Orthodox (welcome children of all faiths)	Emily Soeffing	Ages 2-5	50	8-16
<p>St. Anne's School of Annapolis 3112 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis; 410-263-8650 stannesschool.org</p>	<p>Our progressive curriculum is grounded research. We are committed to a holistic education that celebrates each child's uniqueness in an authentic, diverse, and inclusive community of students. Our families share our vision of delivering a challenging, high-quality academic, social, and emotional program.</p>	1992	Episcopal	Connie Coker	Twos–8th grade	310	14
<p>St. Martin's Lutheran School of Annapolis 1120 Spa Road, Annapolis 410-269-1955; stmartinsonline.org</p>	<p>Saint Martin's Lutheran School provides private, Christian education in a safe, secure and inclusive environment with a focus on small class sizes.</p>	1963	Lutheran	MS: Sandra Sanders LS: Bobi Glava	PreK 3–8	118	12
<p>St. Margaret's Day School 1605 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis; 410-757-2333 stmargaretsdayschool.org</p>	<p>St. Margaret's Day School is located on the Broadneck peninsula on the historic campus of St. Margaret's Church. The school is accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children and is Green Certified through MAEOE</p>	1995	Episcopal	Aleshia Marshall	2 years–K	132	12–20
<p>St. Mary's Elementary School 111 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis; 410-263-2869; stmarysannapolis.org</p>	<p>Located in downtown Annapolis, St. Mary's Elementary offers a broad educational curriculum with Christian values to its students.</p>	1862	Catholic	Megan Back	PreK–8	855	20-22

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	6:1	\$9,355–\$33,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	No	Yes	14; 6 AP	0	Arabic, French, Latin, Spanish	25+	45	40	N/A
	15:1	\$14,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7:1	\$5,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	Yes	No	0	0	Out-sourced	Varies	Varies	0	Encouraged, not required
	Varies	\$11,250–13,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	No	No	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music	Varies by year	0	N/A
	12:01	\$8,916–12,996/year	January 28th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	French	Music and Fine Arts	16	Cross Country and Basketball	N/A
	8:1	\$7,800–17,800/year	February 5th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Honors level	0	Latin, Spanish	25	23	6	Daily service duties and mentoring opportunities
	2's-2:6, 3's-2:12, 4's-2:15	\$835/year	Call for Information	Coed	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	English and Greek	Music Classes once a week, music in Greek and English	No	No	No
	8:1	\$6,470–24,850/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	7	11	6	10 hours (grade 8)
	8:1	\$6,300–14,000/year	January 26th	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Spanish	5	12	7	Yes
	7:1	\$2,400–8,300/year	January 17th and 18th	Coed	No	Optional	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music Together, ballet, Jump bunch	3–4	Soccer, Basketball, Cheer	N/A
	7:1 (PreK–K); 12:1 (grades 1–4); 20:1 (grade 5)	PreK-5: \$9,606/year (Catholic); \$11,049/year (Non-Catholic) 6-8: \$10,606 (Catholic); \$12,042 (Non-Catholic)	Call for Information	Coed	Kindergarten & middle school math	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	5	Multiple	4 (middle school)	Weekly service projects, community outreach, Saints in action

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SEVERNA PARK/ PASADENA	St. Mary's High School 113 Duke of Gloucester Stree Annapolis; 410-263-3294; stmarysadmissions.org	1946	Catholic	Joseph Keenan	9–12	511	24-27
	Divine Mercy Academy 8513 St Jane Drive, Pasadena 410-705-0778; divinemercury.md	2019	Catholic	Patrick Sullivan	K-8	142	15
	Severn Shool - Chesapeake Campus (Lower) 1185 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Arnold; 410-647-7700; severnschool.com	1914	Non-Sectarian	Douglas Lagarde	PreK-5	257	14
	Severn School - Teel Campus (Upper) 201 Water Street, Severna Park 410-647-7700; severnschool.org	1914	Non-Sectarian	Douglas Lagarde	6–12	637	13
	St. John the Evangelist School 669 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park 410-647-2283; stjohnspschool.org	1959	Catholic	Casey Buckstaff	PreK–8th grade	561	25
	St. Martin's In-The-Field Episcopal School 375-A Benfield Road, Severna Park 410-647-7055; stmartinsmd.org	1957	Episcopal	Anthony Shaffer	Pre-school 3s–8th grade	253	16
EDGEWATER	St. Andrew's Day School 4B Wallace Manor Road, Edgewater 410-266-0952; standrewsum.org	1985	United Methodist	Mark Wagner	PreK–8th grade	203	15
	The Summit School 664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater 410-798-0005; thesummitschool.org	1989	Non-Sectarian	Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy	1–8	113	Varies
GAMBRILLS/ODENTON	Odenton Christian School* 8410 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton; 410-305-2380 ocs.odentonbaptist.org	1977	Baptist	Pastor John Lacombe	K3–12th grade	181	14
	School of the Incarnation 2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills 410-519-2285; chooloftheincarnation.org	2000	Catholic	Nancy Baker	PreK4–8th grade	785	30
MILLERSVILLE	Elvaton Christian Academy* 8422 Elvaton Road, Millersville 410-647-3224; elvatonacademy.com	1995	Christian	Pastor Dallas Bumgarner	PreK4–8th grade	72	12

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	24:1	\$16,716/year (Catholic); \$18,716/year (non-Catholic)	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	16	0	Spanish, French, Latin	15	30	19	75 hours
	7:1	\$8,500	February 21st	Coed	N/A	Yes	Yes	0	0	Latin	Art and Music	Dance and Self Defense	0	25 hours
	10:1	\$24,180/year; PS-K varies	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	0	N/A
	10:1	\$31,190/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	20	0	French, Spanish, Latin	35+	45+	46 teams	10 hours per year (grades 9–12)
	14:1	\$8,870/year	January 30th	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	10	26	6	N/A
	8:1	\$3,800–14,700/year	January 24th	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	0	Spanish	6	20	8	Yearly class service
	6:1	\$10,160–\$14,860/year	Call to schedule a private tour	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music and art	Multiple (After School Enrichment Program)	4	N/A
	5:1	\$35,500/year	January 9th & March 19th in person; February 1st, virtual	Coed	No	Yes	Yes	0	0	N/A	4	5	6	Yes
	9:1	\$6,695/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	No	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	3	N/A
	16:1	\$8,700/year (Catholic); \$9,450/year (other faiths)	January 27th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Music, Middle School Theatre	35+	9	15 hours (grade 8)
	12:1	\$2,970–6,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Limited	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	0	N/A

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SEVERN/GLEN BURNIE

Archbishop Spalding High School*

8080 New Cut Road, Severn
410-969-9105;
archbishopspalding.org

Archbishop Spalding is a Catholic, co-educational college-preparatory situated on a 52-acre campus. Spalding welcomes students from more than 110 catholic, private, and public elementary and middle schools in greater Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington D.C. areas

1966

Catholic

Brian J. Kohler

9-12

1,300

20

Calvary Baptist Church Academy

407 Marley Station Road,
Glen Burnie; 410-768-5306
cbcaknights.org

Calvary Baptist Church Academy is a Christian school that has a good balance between teaching Christian principles and having a strong educational base (our students test 1-2 grades higher than national average)

1973

Christian

George Kyrchuk,
Adminis-
trator

K3 & K4,
K5-12th
grade

350

22-24

Granite Baptist School*

7823 Oakwood Road,
Glen Burnie; 410-761-1118
granitebaptistschool.org

Granite Baptist School was founded as a ministry of Granite Baptist Church, and is located near Route 100 and Route 2.

1975

Baptist

Lou Rossi,
Jr.

K3-12th
grade

273

Varies

Monsignor Slade Catholic School

120 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie
410-766-7130; msladeschool.com

Monsignor Slade is part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is located in northern Anne Arundel County on a 10.5-acre campus.

1954

Catholic

Cameron
Stehle

Pre-
K2-8th
grade

544

25

St. Paul's Lutheran School*

308 Oak Manor Drive, Glen Burnie
410-766-5790; stpaulsgb.org

Located near Route 100, St. Paul's Lutheran School focuses on a Christian-based curriculum.

1950

Lutheran

John
Maxwell

P2-8

325

17

PRINCE GEORGES, HOWARD COUNTIES & BEYOND

The Boys' Latin School of Maryland

822 West Lake Avenue, Baltimore
410-377-5192; boyslatinmd.com

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1844

Non-
Sectarian

Christo-
pher J.
Post

K-12

635

13

Calvert Hall College High School

8102 LaSalle Road, Baltimore
410-825-4266; calverthall.com

Calvert Hall College High School is an independent, all-boys Lasallian Catholic college preparatory school attracting students from more than 100 zip codes.

1845

Catholic

Charles S.
Stemler

9-12

1,230

17

The Calverton School*

300 Calverton School Road,
Huntingtown; 410-535-0216
calvertonschool.org

The Calverton School is an independent school that serves Pre-K3 to 12th-grade day students, as well as 9th-12th grade boarding students. Boarding is available for 5 and 7 days a week. Calverton offers the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

1967

Non-
Sectarian

Dr. Allison
Trentman

Pre-
school-12

324

14

DeMatha Catholic High School*

4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville
240-764-2200; dematha.org

DeMatha High School is a college preparatory school for boys that focuses on educating them in the Trinitarian tradition and offers co-curricular programs.

1946

Catholic

Dr.
Daniel J.
McMahon

9-12

814

19

Elizabeth Seton High School*

5715 Emerson Street, Bladensburg
301-864-4532; setonhs.org

Elizabeth Seton High School is an all-girls, college preparatory school, and is affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington.

1959

Catholic

Dr. Lisa
Grillo

9-12

550

19

Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School Primary School

13106 Annapolis Road, Bowie 301-262-5355; htrinity.org
The Daisy Lane School and High School Prep 11902
Daisy Lane, Glenn Dale 301-464-3215; htrinity.org

Holy Trinity features the Primary School campus for grades 1-4, while The Daisy Lane School and High School Prep campus houses preschool and kindergarten and grades 5-8.

1963

Episcopal

Michael S.
Mullin

PreK-
8th
grade

442

15
(Pre);
20 (K-
4); 21
(5-8)

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	16:1	\$19,420/year	October 27th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	26	IB Diploma School	Spanish, French, Latin	Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Engineering: Project Lead the Way	30+	30+	60 hours of community service
	22:1	\$7,000/year Private, personalized family tours available.	Schedule online	Coed	Yes	Yes	No	0	N/A	Spanish & American Sign Language	Drama, Speech, Arts classes	0	5	N/A
	Varies	\$4,860 - \$6,112/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	No	0	0	N/A	Multiple	N/A	12; Little Braves (K5-6th)	N/A
	Varies	\$8,113/year (Catholic); \$8,987/year (Other Faith); Full Day Pre-K2 \$10,739; Full	January 28th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish (grade 4-8)	10	14	5	12 hours
	8:1	Day Pre-K3 \$9,510; Half day Pre-K3 \$3,579; Half Day Pre-K4 \$4,132	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	6	7	7	5 hours per family
	7:1	\$24,100-\$35,900/year, boarding \$52,500	Call for Information	Boys	Yes	Dress code	Yes	15	0	Latin, Spanish, French	17	35+	14	40 hours
	11:1	\$18,925/year	Call for Information	Boys	Yes (HSPT)	Yes	Yes	28	0	Latin, French, German, Spanish	39	60+	40	Varies
	7:1	\$7,000-35,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	14	French, Spanish, German	Multiple	Multiple	10	Yes
	12:1	\$20,700/year	Call for information	Boys	Yes (HSPT)	Yes	Yes	22 & 15	0	French, Spanish, Latin, German, Mandarin, Greek	30	28	14	55 hours
	14:1	\$19,077/year	February 6th and March 5th	Girls	Yes (HSPT)	Yes	Yes	15	0	Spanish, French, Latin, ASL	17	31	23	Varies per year
	Varies	\$12,775 (3 & 4 yrs old) \$13,975 (K) \$13,225 (Grades 1-4) \$14,955 (Grades 5-8)	January 5th, February 9th, April 13th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	N/A	Multiple	6 (Grades 5-8)	5 hours/year (7.5 hours for single-parent families)

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<p>Glenelg Country School* 12793 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City; 410-531-8600 glenelg.org</p>	1954	Non-Sectarian	Matt Walsh	Ages 2 through Grade 12	780	13
<p>Maryvale Preparatory School 11300 Falls Road, Baltimore 410-252-3366; maryvale.com</p>	1945	Catholic	Tracey Ford	6th-12th	450	13-14
<p>Mount de Sales Academy* 700 Academy Road Catonsville 410-744-8498 mountdesalesacademy.org</p>	1852	Catholic	Sister Mary Raymond Thye, O.P.	9th-12th	465	13
<p>Mount St. Joseph High School 4403 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore 410-644-3300; msjnet.edu</p>	1876	Catholic	Brendan Donohue	9th-12th	800	19
<p>Notre Dame Preparatory School * 815 Hampton Lane, Towson 410-825-6202; notredameprep.com</p>	1873	Catholic	Sister Patricia McCarron, SSND, PhD	6-12	813	19
<p>Roland Park Country School 5204 Roland Avenue, Baltimore 410-323-5500; rpcs.org</p>	1894	Non-Sectarian	Caroline Blatti	K-12th; coed pre-school	600	Varies
<p>St. Augustine School* 5990 Old Washington Road, Elkridge 410-796-3040; staug-md.org</p>	1857	Catholic	Joseph Miller	PreK3-8th grade	265	25
<p>St. Philip Neri School* 6401 S. Orchard Road, Linthicum Heights 410-859-1212; st.philip-neri.org</p>	1965	Catholic	Kate Daley	PreK-8th grade	460	22
<p>St. Pius X Regional School 14710 Annapolis Road Bowie, 20715 301-262-0203; stpiusbowie.org</p>	1962	Roman Catholic	Ann Gillespie	PK3-8	500	25-30
<p>St. Timothy's School* 8400 Greenspring Avenue, Stevenson 410-486-7400; stt.org</p>	1882	Episcopal	Randy S. Stevens	9-12		
<p>St. Vincent Pallotti High School* 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel 301-725-3228; PallottiHS.org</p>	1921	Catholic	Jeffrey Palumbo	9-12	450	17
<p>Oldfields School* 1500 Glencoe Road, Sparks Glencoe 410-472-4800; oldfieldsschool.org</p>	1867	Non-Sectarian	Ansley Smithwick	8-12	10	5

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	7:1	\$12,710-\$32,630/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	22		Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish	Yes	36	43 teams including 12 middle school	25 hours per year (grades 9-12)
	8:1	Middle: \$22,300/year High: \$22,700/year	Call for Information	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	21	0	Spanish, French	Theatre	70+	30	N/A
	13:1	\$16,750/year	Call for Information	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	13	0	Spanish, French, Latin	20	35	21	12-23 hours
	10:1	\$18,500/year	visit msjnet.edu/visit	Boys	Yes	Yes	Yes	20	0	Spanish, French, Italian	20	50+	17	60 hours
	9:1	\$21,950/year	Call for Information	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	25	0	Spanish, Mandarin	Multiple	50+ (upper level);12+ (middle level)	15	20 hours a year starting sophomore year
	6:1	K -\$29,800; 1st -8th - \$31,400-36,900; 9-12 - \$37,900	April 25th	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Seven languages taught	20	50	15	N/A
	13:1	\$7,300/ year K-8th; \$4,380 Preschool 3 day; \$7,300 Preschool 5 day	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	4	N/A
	24:3 (PreK); 22:1 (K-grade 8)	\$6,500/year	Call for Information	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	0	Spanish, Latin	School chorus, drama club Jr., school musical	10	2	20 hours per family
	12:01	K-8 \$9,545; Non-Archdiocese of Washington: K-8 \$10,545; Non Catholic: \$11,545; PreK4 \$10,550;PreK3 \$12,050	January 28th	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple	\$500 Volunteer Service Program Fee or 20 hours of creditable work
	8:1	Day Tuition-\$36,500 Boarding- \$64,200	Call for Information	Girls	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	French, Mandarin, Spanish	15	18	12	N/A
	12:1	\$16,975-18,000/year	Call for Informaiton	Coed	Yes	Yes	Yes	20+	0	Spanish, French, Mandarin	20+	20+	20+	80 hours over 4 years
	3:1	Day: \$31,000/ year Boarding: \$59,000	Private tours offered all year	Girls	Test Blind Policy	Dress Code	Yes	Yes	No	French and Spanish	5+	3+	Signature Equestrian Program	80 hours required

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6:1 Student-to-Teacher-Ratio

42% Students of color

\$12,000

Average Financial Aid Award

16 Average class size

40 Interscholastic teams

90+ hours

College advising support

100+ hours

Outdoor education experiences

Languages:

Arabic, French, Latin, Spanish

35+ Visual and Performing Arts offerings

2020-2023

Student Outcomes:

1396+

25% scored 1396 or higher on the SAT

1304

SAT average (MD average is 1221)

84% Earned merit scholarships to college

21 League Championships

GRADES:
2.5 yrs -
Grade 12

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:
Non-Sectarian

EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT:
Co-Ed

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:
650

UNIFORMS:
No

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$9,920 - \$33,900

Class of 2027 Notes

24 States represented

54.6%

Percentage of students from MD, Del., VA., & D.C.

20.8%

Percentage of students who identify as students of color

22.6%

Percentage of first generation students

3.67 GPA average

100%

Percentage of students receiving institutional aid

\$39,440

Average institutional aid awarded

10,000+

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Washington College

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Washington College, Maryland's premier small college, offers a rigorous academic program taught by remarkable faculty. With more than 50 academic programs and nationally recognized centers of excellence, Washington's unique campus on the Eastern Shore—which features the 5,000-acre River and Field Campus—provides easy access to nearby urban centers.

Washington students take advantage of an array of opportunities that broaden their education and lead to successful careers. They engage in graduate-level research, participate service learning, and choose from among thousands of internship opportunities and a range of study abroad programs.

The focus is on academics, but we encourage students to get out and try new things. Washington's residential campus has everything you expect from a top-rated college—more than 80 clubs and organizations, 20 intercollegiate athletic teams, 14 of which compete in NCAA Division III, as well as club and intramural sports, live theatre, dance, and music performances, leadership roles, volunteer opportunities and more.

The Washington College experience empowers and motivates students within a community committed to diversity and inclusion. The expansive opportunities in and out of the classroom combined with strong outcomes for Washington College graduates, offers students and their families an exceptional value.



Quick Look

92% of graduates employed or attending grad school within 9 months

84% Acceptance rate for students applying to medical school

YEAR FOUNDED:
1782

ENROLLMENT:
955

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO:
9:1

MAJORS OFFERED:
31

CLUBS & ORGS:
80+

2023-2024:
\$70,080



St. Mary's School

109 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-990-4238 | www.stmarysannapolis.org

St. Mary's School is a coeducational Catholic parish school for students in Pre-K through grade 12 located in downtown Annapolis, Maryland. Anchored in faith, rooted in tradition and committed to excellence, our programs build lifelong learners who are servant leaders.

St. Mary's Elementary School has a broad educational curriculum, which imparts both physical and academic skills to our students. The skills afford knowledge and attitudes that enable students to continue to learn and act with self-confidence in an ever-changing world.

St. Mary's High School continues to build on this foundation in our college preparatory program. Our students excel in and out of the classroom, on the field and in service to the community. The Class of 2022 had a 100% college acceptance rate, earning more than \$13 million in scholarships.

Celebrating 160 years in our elementary school and 76 years in our high school, our rich tradition of academic excellence continues to service young minds and hearts, creating an atmosphere for the development of mind, body and spirit. Our graduates leave us well prepared to be positive contributing members of their communities.

Religious Affiliation:

Catholic

St. Mary's Elementary School Head of School: Mrs. Megan Back

St. Mary's High School Head of School: Mr. Joseph Keenan

Pre-K through Grade 8 Enrollment: 855

Grades 9 through Grade 12 Enrollment: 511

Class Size:

Pre-K: 20

Kindergarten: 22

Grades 1 through Grade 3: 25

Grades 4 through Grade 8: 27

Grades 9 through Grade 12: 24

Student/Teacher Ratio:

Pre-K & K: 7:1

Grades 1 through Grade 4: 12:1

Grades 5 through Grade 8: 20:1

Grades 9 through Grade 12: 24:1



Quick Look

GRADES:

Pre-K -
Grade 12

PRE-K - GRADE 5 TUITION:

Catholic - \$9,606
Non-Catholic - \$11,049

GRADES 6 - GRADE 8 TUITION:

Catholic - \$10,606
Non-Catholic - \$12,042

GRADES 9 - GRADE 12 TUITION:

Catholic - \$16,716
Non-Catholic - \$18,716



Severn School

Chesapeake Campus (preschool through Grade 5): 1185
 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd., Arnold, MD
 Teel Campus (Grades 6 thru 12): 201 Water Street,
 Severna Park, MD
 PH: 410-647-7700 | www.severnschool.com

Be An Admiral.

At Severn, people hold the door for each other. Every morning, the Head of School greets arriving students by name. It's a place where academic opportunities are limitless, and faculty model excellence by bringing their best selves to school every day. It's a place where students consistently find themselves in positions of leadership - in the classroom, in club meetings, on stage, and on the athletic fields.. It's a place where students come to be challenged, inspired, and prepared for the next step in life. And that's because Severn is more than just a school. It's a community where every Severn student is known and valued – not just for who they are today, but for who they aspire to be.

"As a Severn student, I feel like I've been able to step out of my comfort zone and try new things that I wouldn't have the opportunity to do, or wouldn't have had the courage to try if I wasn't here. It's such a close-knit community and it's so welcoming to everyone." –Marcus '26



Quick Look

10:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

Athletic Teams across 3 Seasons: 47 (includes Middle School and Upper School)

GRADES:
 Preschool -
 Grade 12

TOTAL ENROLLMENT:
 984

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:
 13

YEAR FOUNDED:
 1914

TUITION:
 PreK – 5 full days: \$19,720; Kindergarten: \$22,010;
 Grades 1-5: \$24,180; Grades 6-12: \$31,190



St. John the Evangelist School

669 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146
410-647-2283 | stjohnspschool.org

Saint John the Evangelist School is a Roman Catholic parish school that serves students in preschool through eighth grade. In a community of faith, our faculty and staff work together to make sure each child develops to the best of their ability spiritually, artistically, socially, and physically. Our school offers a nurturing environment that promotes living faith, academic excellence, leadership, and service within the church community and society.

Saint John offers clubs and activities that allow our students to explore their unique talents and personalities. In addition to weekly art, Spanish, technology, and music classes, students have the opportunity to participate in various clubs and activities, such as musical theater, chess, birding, and more. Students may also participate in a variety of sports through our athletic association, including ice hockey, soccer, lacrosse, and basketball.

We encourage our students to be active in their learning experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom. As a Certified Maryland Green School, Saint John emphasizes the importance of environmental stewardship in classroom lessons and throughout our 30-acre campus. Through outreach, leadership, prayer, and service projects, Saint John promotes service to others. Inquire today to learn how we merge faith, academics, and technology to create responsible citizens and future leaders.



Quick Look

14:1

Student to Teacher Ratio

26

Extracurricular Activities

GRADES:
PreK-8

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:
Catholic

TOTAL ENROLLMENT:
561

YEAR FOUNDED:
1959

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$8,870



Radcliffe Creek School

201 Talbot Blvd Suite A, Chestertown, MD 21620 | 410-778-8150 | radcliffecreekschool.org



Overview: Radcliffe Creek School is a co-ed independent school for non-traditional learners. With small class sizes and customized learning plans providing a caring, connected environment, every child who attends Radcliffe thrives. Students identified with learning differences like dyslexia, ADHD, and anxiety blossom in our school. Radcliffe Creek School is located in Chestertown, MD and serves students from Talbot, Kent, Queen Anne's, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Dorchester and Caroline Counties in Maryland, as well as areas of Delaware thanks to a robust, privately-run busing service.

Mission: Radcliffe Creek School's mission is to empower children in a dynamic environment that utilizes a strength-based approach and celebrates unique learning. With an acute focus on executive function skill-building and socio-emotional growth, our time-proven approach creates well-rounded, life-long learners. The school creates an environment where learning goes hand-in-hand with academic success and improved self-awareness. Radcliffe Creek School believes that as each student develops a positive belief about oneself, he or she is able to engage in the learning process and therefore become an independent learner ready to navigate the challenges of high school and beyond.



**Discover.
Create.
Thrive.**



100%

attend their first high school choice!

5:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

Tuition Assistance

awarded to over 60% of families!

1:1 Chromebooks

at every grade level

Busing Service

available

AIMS Accredited



Quick Look

GRADES:
Kindergarten through 8

HEAD OF SCHOOL:
Mr. Peter Thayer

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:
Currently 54, rolling admissions offered

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$31,920

**OVER 9 COUNTIES SERVED
IN 2 STATES!**



The Gunston School

911 Gunston Road | PO Box 200 | Centreville, MD 21617 | gunston.org
Instagram & Facebook @gunstonschool | 410-758-0620

The Gunston School offers an intellectually rigorous, highly personalized, and nurturing college preparatory educational experience.

Established in 1911, the Gunston School is uniquely situated on 75 acres along the Corsica River and provides students with a personalized and rigorous academic experience, a strong sense of community, a focus on the balanced development of mind, body, and spirit, and an innovative curricular emphasis on global and environmental leadership. Gunston draws its student population from eight Maryland and Delaware counties as well as internationally from at least four countries.

Programs of note include Gunston's nationally-recognized environmental programs including Chesapeake Bay Studies and the study of climate science. Additionally, the fully accredited Chesapeake Watershed Semester (CWS) is a single-semester, place-based academic program that cultivates student leaders who can promote regional and global environmental sustainability through their understanding of scientific, social, cultural, and political systems. The program is open to any juniors and seniors from any school.

Other programs include a nationally competitive robotics and rocketry team, and a popular arts program that features a pottery studio, wood sculpture, performing arts, and more. Additionally, various student leadership programs begin from day one at orientation and continue through all four years. Gunston offers 20 sports teams including sailing, crew, cross country, golf, volleyball, and triathlon, among others. The school day ends at 4:30 p.m. Gunston offers transportation from Annapolis, Severna Park, Chestertown, Church Hill, Easton, Millington, Grasonville, Kent Island and Middletown, Delaware.

Personal tours and shadow days are available by appointment with in-person open houses held annually in January, April, October and November.



Quick Look

20 Interscholastic Sports

9:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, January 21
Sunday, April 28

GRADES: 9-12	TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 242	AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 10-12	YEAR FOUNDED: 1911	23-24 TUITION: \$28,950 (includes tuition and lunch)	LANGUAGES: Spanish; other options online
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The Summit School



664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater, MD 21037 | thesummitschool.org | 410-798-0005
 Facebook: @TheSummitSchoolMaryland Instagram: @TheSummitSchoolMD

The Summit School educates and empowers bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences. Teachers maximize students' strengths and support areas of weakness. Instructional highlights include:

- Research-based methodologies
- Activity-based multisensory learning
- WordSense™
- Read Naturally® Live
- EmPOWER™ writing program
- Social Thinking™
- STEM-infused curriculum
- Standards-based math

Summit addresses the whole child and teaches self-advocacy, confidence, and social-emotional wellness. Parent-school partnerships are key to student success.

Benchmark testing is used to evaluate students against specific grade-level standards and learning goals. Results give teachers actionable data and drive instruction for each student.

Alumni credit Summit with giving them the confidence, strategies, and learning tools they needed to succeed in high school and beyond. With a strong foundation, the possibilities are endless.

5:1 Student to teacher ratio **3-12** Average class size **Open Houses** January 9 February 1

 Quick Look	GRADES: 1-8	2023-2024 ENROLLMENT: 113	ACCREDITATIONS: AIMS, MSDE	TUITION ASSISTANCE: Need based, 35% of families	2023-2024 TUITION: \$35,500

Saint Andrew's Day School



4B Wallace Manor Road, Edgewater, MD 21037
 410-266-0875 | school.standrewsum.org

Saint Andrew's United Methodist Day School is a remarkable school with a rich, engaging environment that challenges students at every turn. Saint Andrew's embraces the challenge of educating both the hearts and minds of students. All aspects of the Saint Andrew's experience are infused with core values of kindness and respect. From the moment they enter Saint Andrew's, our students are immersed in an enriching educational environment that promotes the development of productive work habits and the mastery of essential life and academic skills.

Across all grade levels, Saint Andrew's teachers plan exciting interdisciplinary lessons. Artfully employing resources such as our barn and garden, MakerSpace, and outdoor classroom. Our teachers plan educational experiences that encourage our students to think creatively and work collaboratively.

6:1 Student to Teacher Ratio **14** Average class size **202** Total enrollment 

 Quick Look	GRADES: PreK3-8	RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: United Methodist	YEAR FOUNDED: 1986	2023-2024 TUITION: Preschool - Half Day \$10,160 Full Day \$12,780 Elementary School K-4th \$13,305, 5th \$13,775 Middle School - \$14,860

Naval Academy Primary School

74 Greenbury Point Road, Annapolis, MD 21402 | 410.757.3090 | www.napschool.com

The mission of the Naval Academy Primary School (NAPS) is to educate the whole child, from their academic needs to their social and emotional development.

Our faculty and staff includes military spouses, parents, and former service members who have the experience necessary to support your child's transition to our school and community - whether or not your family has connections to the military.

Military or civilian, NAPS provides a nurturing, structured environment that encourages all students to reach their full potential. We emphasize kindness and mindfulness, while providing the academic foundation and character development to prepare students for success in middle school, high school, and beyond.



GRADES:
PreK-7th

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:
12-18

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO:
12:1

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:
293

Rockbridge Academy

680 Evergreen Road, Crownsville, MD 21032
410-923-1171 | rockbridge.org

2024 Open House
February 5 @ 9:00 AM

Distinctively classical. Unwavering Christian. Established in 1995, Rockbridge Academy has been a national leading school in classical Christian education. The proven classical methodology works within the developmental framework of children and prepares students to excel by all academic measures (college acceptances, SAT scores, the NMSQT, graduates in both liberal arts and STEM fields); however, at the heart of our program is a vision to nurture students to be lifelong Christ followers and compassionate, thinking leaders of the next generation.

Ours is an integrated curricular approach through a Christian worldview as we come alongside parents to offer an unparalleled education and prepare children, not just for college or a job, but to engage with the world in humility and grace. Come, discover classical Christian education!



9:1 Student to teacher ratio

67% of Upper School Teachers with Advanced Degrees

1301 5 Year Average SAT Score



GRADES:
Junior K-12

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:
Christian

CHURCHES REPRESENTED:
73

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:
13

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$7,800-\$17,800

Archbishop Spalding High School

8080 New Cut Road | Severn, MD 21144
410-969-9105 | archbishopspalding.org

Archbishop Spalding is a Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory high school that has been committed to serving our students in a caring environment since 1966.

Spalding not only offers core academic courses but also embraces religious studies, fine arts, STEM education, the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, and physical education. This reflects the school's dedication to providing an environment in which students are encouraged to reach their potential academically, spiritually, and physically. Where each student will be cared for and recognized for the person they are and not the number they represent. Outside the classroom, our students participate in numerous award-winning athletic, fine arts, and co-curricular programs; each designed to inspire growth in the individual.

16:1 Student to teacher ratio **19,412** Service Hours completed by the class of 2022



Quick Look

PRESIDENT:
Brian J. Kohler

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:
Catholic

YEAR FOUNDED:
1966

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$19,420.00

VARSITY SPORTS:
30 competing in the MIAA and IAAM

Indian Creek School

1130 Anne Chambers Way, Crownsville, MD 21032
410-923-3660 | indiancreekschool.org

Indian Creek is a premier independent school where KINDNESS is currency, WELL-BEING is priority, and EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION is relentlessly pursued. Located on a 114-acre wooded campus just minutes from Annapolis, Indian Creek provides an outstanding education built on strong relationships between students and teachers. Indian Creek is recognized for many signature programs, including the prestigious AP Capstone program, Upper School STEM Program, Voros Thesis in the Humanities, Middle School Project Based Learning curriculum, and Nature-Based Early Childhood Program. ICS students are known for their integrity, kindness, and empathetic leadership.

16 Average class size **7:1** Student to teacher ratio **100%** College Placement



Quick Look

GRADES:
Pre-K through Grade 12

YEAR FOUNDED:
1973

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:
555

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$19,800 - \$30,900

CAMPUS SIZE:
114 acres

School of the Incarnation

2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054
410.519.2285 | schooloftheincarnation.org

School of the Incarnation is a fully-accredited Catholic school that educates over 750 students in central Anne Arundel County on a beautiful 26-acre campus. School of the Incarnation is officially associated with the five Catholic parishes St. Joseph Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Fields, Holy Family Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The School of the Incarnation embraces an inter-parish community of children with differing gifts. Through collaboration amongst the faculty, parents, and other professionals, the School is dedicated to cultivating and promoting academic excellence in an environment immersed in Gospel values. This commitment is woven seamlessly into the academic program and student life. We seek to provide a distinctive educational experience to a diverse body of learners and to cultivate our students' ability to think globally and behave ethically.



26 Average class size

16:1 Student to teacher ratio

Open House

January 27th
8:30am-11:00am



Quick Look

GRADES:
PreK-8th

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:
Catholic

PRINCIPAL:
Ms. Nancy Baker

YEAR FOUNDED:
2002

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$5,865 - \$9,540

St. Margaret's Day School

1605 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis, MD 21409 | 410-757-2333 | stmargaretsdayschool.org

St. Margaret's Day School provides children with an opportunity to learn about themselves and the world around them. We provide them with ample opportunity to explore, experiment and create. Our goal is to help children go socially, physically, intellectually and spiritually through a warm, open learning environment, facilitated by professional, caring adults. We recognize that all children grow and learn differently, and our curriculums reflect each child's own needs, interests and level of development.

St. Margaret's Day School uses research based curriculums as well as an innovative STEM program. Children in our early childhood setting will collaborate as a team to learn, integrate and apply rigorous content; interpret and communicate information; engage in inquiry and logical reasoning to investigate within science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines to answer complex questions, to investigate global issues and to develop solutions for challenges and real-world problems while also using 21st century tools.

Accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children, MD Excels level 5 rated, MAEOE certified, and as a certified Monarch Waystation we offer a comprehensive program dedicated to the personal development and growth of each child through a curriculum of creative play and developmentally appropriate activities.

7:1

Student to teacher ratio

12-20

Average class size



Quick Look

GRADES:
Twos-K

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:
Ballet, Cheer, Soccer Shots and Basketball

WEEKLY CLASSES:
Music Together, Jump Bunch, Spanish and Chapel

ENROLLMENT:
132

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$2,600 - \$8,700

The Boys' Latin School of Maryland

822 W Lake Ave, Baltimore, MD 21210
410-377-5192 | boyslatinmd.com

The Boys' Latin School of Maryland is an independent school serving boys in grades K-12, with boarding available in grades 9-12. Our K-12 family is small by design because nearly two centuries of all-boys education has taught us that a close community builds a foundation of confidence. Of compassion. Of curiosity. And of character. We create space for boys to explore possibilities and pursue their passions.

Boys' Latin provides a challenging academic curriculum and countless opportunities. Perhaps most important, character education is interwoven in all we do. Each day our boys learn to do what's difficult and what's right.

Boarding students are an important part of the Boys' Latin family, finding the perfect setting to grow in confidence and independence.

Learn more at boyslatinmd.com/boarding



7:1 Student to teacher ratio

13 Average class size

42 Athletic teams

25 Upper school clubs



GRADES:
K-12, Boarding
9-12

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:
Non-Sectarian

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:
630

2023-2024 DAY TUITION:
\$24,100-\$35,900

2023-2024 BOARDING TUITION:
\$52,500

Wye River Upper School

316 S Commerce Street, Centreville, MD 21617
410-758-2922 | wyeriverupperschool.org

Wye River Upper School is an independent, non-profit middle and high school that changes the lives of students who learn differently due to dyslexia, ADHD, executive function needs, anxiety, high-functioning autism, and more. Our program provides a well-rounded, rigorous, individualized curriculum that recognizes and develops each student's strengths. Our inclusive and uniquely supportive environment enables students to thrive and grow socially and academically.

Wye River Upper School offers a holistic approach that addresses the needs of those we serve through small classes, real-world problem-solving, and experiential hands-on learning. We provide an experience where our students feel comfortable to be their true selves and learn to take healthy risks to develop their unique talents and abilities. During their time at Wye River, students' lives are transformed as they build friendships and establish an independence and confidence that will allow them to be successful in college, career, and life.



5:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

75% Graduates are college-bound

25% enter trade, military or work force



GRADES:
8-12

TOTAL ENROLLMENT:
60

HEAD OF SCHOOL:
Stephanie Borges Folarin

YEAR FOUNDED:
2002

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$34,650

St. Anne's School of Annapolis

3112 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21403
410-263-8650 | stannesschool.org

St. Anne's School of Annapolis is a small, independent school with a big impact and an even bigger heart. We are a caring community of educators with a guiding mission to invest in the intellectual and spiritual promise of each and every student. Here, at St. Anne's School, teachers learn alongside students, sparking joy in learning while also challenging students to think critically and creatively. Here, we celebrate diversity and foster belonging by upholding the dignity of every human being. Here, we stand for respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness—core values that we uphold daily both on and off campus. Here, we inspire our students to lead lives of purpose, to fully know themselves as learners, and to govern their lives with confidence, compassion, and integrity.

You belong here.



3 Science labs



Student-Led Buddy Program



10 Outdoor Learning Spaces Including Ropes Course

\$500,000+

in high school scholarships awarded (2018-2023)

8:1 Student to teacher ratio

32%

of our student body identifies as diverse and represents 28 zip codes



Quick Look

GRADES:
Twos - Grade 8

2023-24 ENROLLMENT:
310

TUITION RANGE:
\$4,000-\$24,000

ALL FACULTY TRAINED IN MIND/BRAIN EDUCATION & RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM

EMILIA REGGIO INSPIRED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal School

375-A Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146 | 410-647-7055 | stmartinsmd.org

St. Martin's is located on an 8-acre campus in the heart of Severna Park. We are proud to educate and nurture students in Preschool through 8th grade to be learners, leaders, and friends. We seek to create a welcoming educational environment, encouraging each individual to grow in Confidence, Compassion, and Character. In our inclusive community, every child is known and supported.

We offer an academically rigorous curriculum allowing for individualized instruction. Creativity and problem solving are fostered through active hands-on learning. All students participate in Music, Spanish, Physical Education, and weekly Chapel Services. Students in grades K-8 also engage in Technology, Library, Art, Sacred Studies, and Service Learning. We offer after-school clubs and activities at all grade levels in addition to interscholastic sports teams and musical theater in Middle School.

Contact Kira Dickson, Director of Admissions to schedule a private tour or register for our January 24th Open House: kdickson@stmartinsmd.org.



14 Average class size

8:1 Student to teacher ratio



Quick Look

YEAR FOUNDED:
1957

HEAD OF SCHOOL:
Tony Shaffer

GRADES:
Preschool - 8

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT:
254

2023-2024 TUITION:
\$3,800-\$14,700

Heritage Learning Center

1740 Forest Drive | Annapolis, MD
 410-263-6680 | Heritagelearningcenter.org
 contact: vickie@heritage loves.com

Heritage Learning Center has been serving Annapolis and the surrounding communities for over 35 years. We take pride in our long rich history of exceptional Early Childhood Education. We welcome families of ALL faiths to our community. We believe children have unique personalities, diverse learning styles, and differing family backgrounds. Our dedicated team provides a loving, developmentally appropriate learning environment designed to meet children where they are, to stimulate and encourage each child's individual growth and to meet the diverse needs of families.



Open House:

Wednesday, January 17th
 9:30 - 11:00

Tours available upon request
 beginning in January

Class begins Sept. 3, 2024

Maryland Hall

801 Chase Street
 Annapolis, MD 21401
 410-263-5544 | marylandhall.org



Explore creativity at Maryland Hall with classes ranging from ceramics to digital arts! Our historic landmark nurtures a cultural and artistic experience for all ages. Discover diverse courses in arts, music, dance, theater, and our new Media Arts Hub. Join our community where we value education, imagination, and inclusivity. Start your artistic journey at marylandhall.org/CLASSES! We welcome #AllintheHall.

Over 25

varied class categories, ensuring a rich selection for every artistic interest.

Media Arts Hub

brings contemporary digital arts education, including podcasting and digital drawing, to the forefront.

Inclusive

classes designed to accommodate learners of all abilities.

Quick Look	GRADES: Preschool 2's through 4/5's	SCHOOL HOURS: 9:00 - 12:00	BEFORE SCHOOL: 8:00-9:00 LUNCH BUNCH: 12:00 - 1:00
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Tailored programs for all age groups, from young children to adults, allow learners to find their perfect class.

St. Martin's Lutheran School of Annapolis

1120 Spa Road
 Annapolis, MD 21403
 410-269-1955
stmartinsonline.org

At St. Martin's Lutheran School we are a community of teachers, learners and believers. We embrace the notion that each student is unique, bringing experiences, beliefs and perspectives that form the framework on which we can build. Our commitment to provide students with Christian instruction, exquisite education and extracurricular activities has not changed since our founding in 1963. Schedule a tour today to come see why St. Martin's students are "Learning Today & Leading Tomorrow."

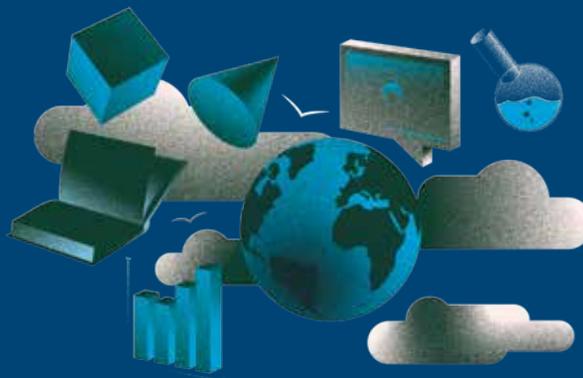


Before & After Care:

7:10 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.
 Noon - 3 p.m. (PreK Only)
 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

12 Average class size

Leaders in Education



For more information visit whatsupmag.com

Quick Look	GRADES: PreK (3) - 8	HEAD MASTER Greg Whitley	2023-2024 ENROLLMENT: 118
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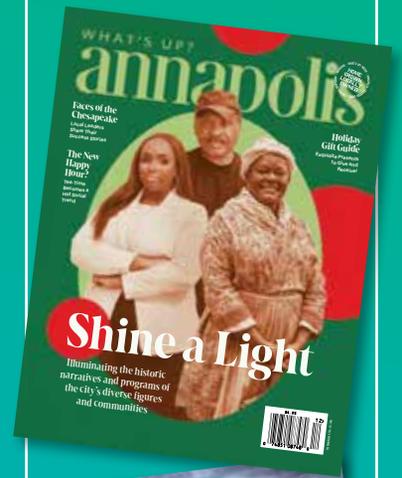
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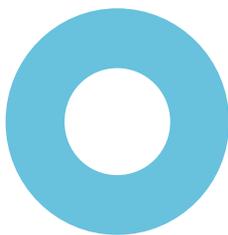
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The background is a light pink color with various decorative elements: white circles, yellow and blue stars, and thin white lines. In the top left, a hand holds a blue book. In the top right, a hand holds a yellow book with the text "A year on the road with the Busload of Books". In the bottom left, a hand holds an open book with white pages and a red cover. In the bottom right, a hand holds a stack of three books: a blue one on top, a yellow one in the middle, and a dark purple one at the bottom. The title text is centered and uses a variety of colors and fonts.

ONE SCHOOL, ONE kid at a time

STORY BY LISA J. GOTTO



ne humid early evening last August, a passionate throng of Chestertown residents and many friends stood outside Stam's Luncheonette on High Street holding colorful

handmade signs that said, "Welcome Home!" They were waiting patiently for an even more colorful school bus to arrive. A school bus that would return a young Chestertown family home after being on a year's-long road trip.

As the bus pulled into town, it was first greeted by a police escort, lights a-blazing, that would accompany it along the final leg of its journey. The throng became noisier and more animated as it approached and then parked outside Stam's—because this was not just any school bus, or any standard road trip.

This bus was returning from a trip that took a decade to conceive. It involved making a minimum of 50 stops along the way, one in every state and the District of Columbia. This trip was not a traditional vacation or sightseeing excursion, however. This was an advocacy-based trip, with built-in opportunities for family bonding.

After many congratulations, hugs from the crowd, and cones of some of Stam's famous ice cream, the family retired around the corner to the converted barn loft that they call home to begin reflecting on that advocacy trip. The journey that had husband and wife, Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr on a quest designed to further a literacy-based outreach initiative they had started years prior by visiting under-resourced schools like the grade school Robbi attended growing up in Kent County.

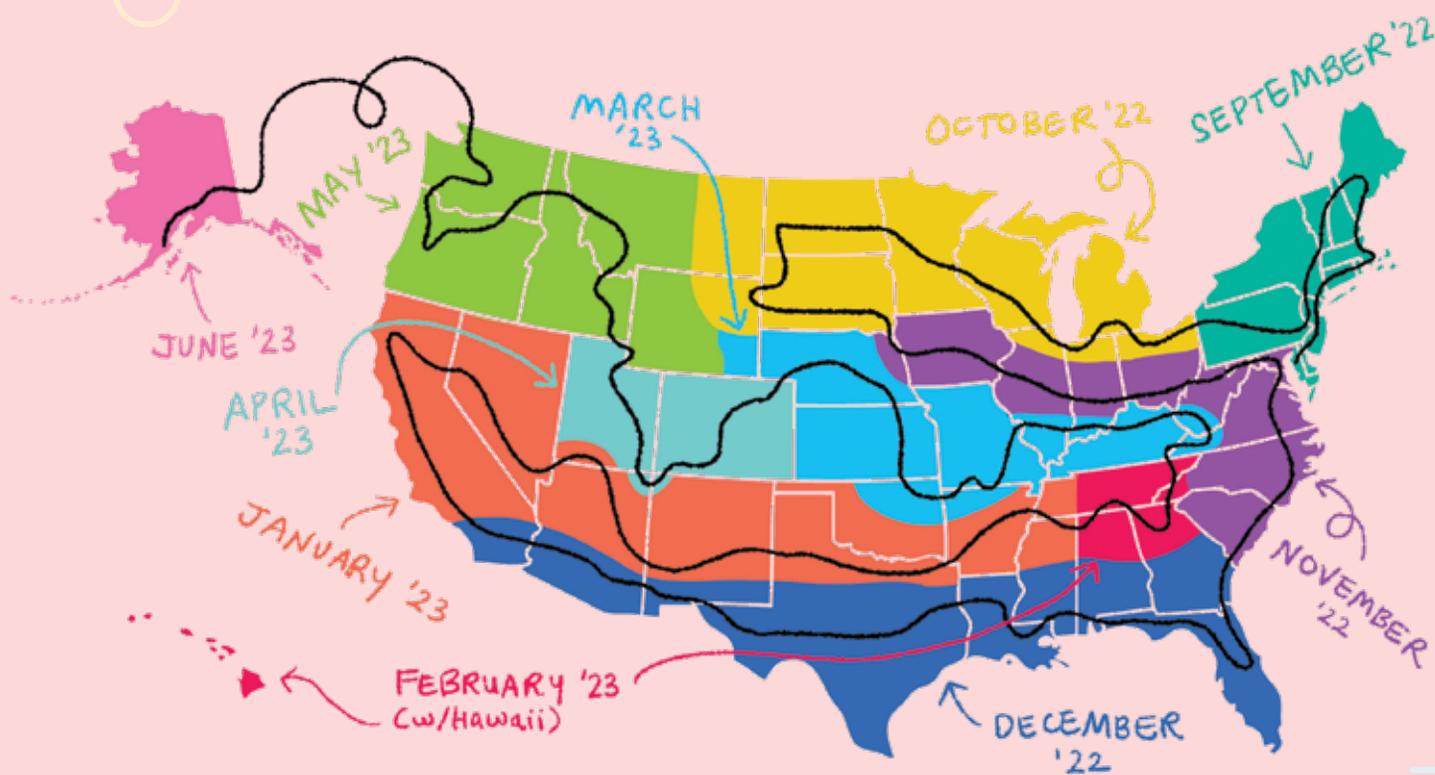
A Collab of Creative Passions

Years prior to those Kent County visits, the couple was living traditionally appropriate, post-college lives with careers in creative arts, each having eventually landed positions at a Baltimore design firm, where Robbi was an illustrator, and Matthew, an advertising executive.

While the couple had initially met in college, they were not personally involved until they ran into each other again a few years later. Theirs was a collaboration of shared dreams and creative passions. She wanted to one-day illustrate children's books and he wanted to publish, "...big, fat, ponderous novels."

And so, they embarked on their first journey; the one where they marry and eventually have kids, and then come to a profound realization: They're so efficient





in their demanding professional roles, they will probably never have the opportunity to work toward the aspirations they're most passionate about.

“So, we said to heck with this, and we quit our jobs,” Swanson says. “We sold our house and most of our belongings, and we moved to Chestertown into the hayloft,” referring to Behr’s parents’ converted barn around the corner from the luncheonette.

The couple gave themselves a year to embark on paths that would help them realize their dreams of being a children’s book illustrator and a novelist. It was during this most free-form time in their lives when they were able to start self-publishing their first books, after Swanson decided he would be the one to give a voice and narrative to his wife’s amazing illustrations.

“We spent a glorious year making self-published books in the hay loft of that barn, and we thought we’d have to stop. But right before the year was up, I got a call from my old boss offering my old job back working halftime from home. So, that allowed one year to turn into two years, and two years to turn into ten,” says Swanson.

With titles like *Everywhere Wonder* and *Babies Ruin Everything*, Swanson and Behr started getting noticed for their work.

“Slowly, our books got out into the world. In part, thanks to Tom at The Bookplate,” explains Behr, referring to Chestertown’s beloved local bookstore. “So, ultimately, luckily, our books found their way into the hands of some editors at big publishing companies.”

With the larger publishing world on board, the couple would be offered some new opportunities to interact with readers. (The couple had already been making the rounds at the behest of high schools and colleges who wanted them to talk about the ins and outs of the self-publishing world.) Behr explains that they were then offered the chance to speak at elementary schools as visiting authors.

“But hosting an author or illustrator is expensive,” she says. “We noticed that we were only getting invited to private schools or really well-resourced public schools. Places where the kids had plenty of enrichment opportunities already.”

Swanson says they hoped they would be able to pinpoint schools that were traditionally under resourced.

“We realized that there was a huge group of kids we were not serving, and they were probably the kids who would most benefit from having an author visit,” Swanson says. “For example, our own Garnet Elementary School right here in Chestertown, is an



amazing school full of wonderful teachers, and a warm and loving environment. However, you may not know that 88-percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. So, quite understandably, hosting authors is not the highest priority.”

Swanson and Behr knew the key to making this advocacy effort as valuable and relevant as it could be, was to design and push for a program geared specifically for Title I school kids.

It Took a Village...and 10 Years

Cue the crowdfunding, partnership-building, and logistical portion of our narrative. Fortunately, the couple visited enough schools by this point, that they had already built a following and sense of aspiration and anticipation about their visits.

Anticipation, because Swanson and Behr unwittingly created a secret sauce in the advocacy space. They inspired young students with a unique, agency-building approach to their presentation that exposed the kids to all the steps in the creative process of producing a book from concept to cover. It also provided a unique opportunity for the kids to see a man and a woman who love what they do professionally, and who truly care about them, working together as presenters.

Just a look at their Instagram account provides an amazing insight into how the couple captures and holds the imaginations of pretty much anyone who wants to follow along—and these kids certainly want to. The engagement by the pair in these sessions with the kids and their teachers is robust, heart-felt, and genuine.



The pair would soon devise a plan to take their act—and family—on the road with the goal of visiting one Title I school in each state and the District of Columbia, over the course of a year. They set up an online crowdfunding site to help them support the effort financially. The Kent Cultural Alliance, a local arts nonprofit, would step up to act as a fiscal sponsor. The couple is, to this day, humbled and grateful for the overwhelming support they received from the public.

So inspired, the couple continued to write and illustrate children’s books and foster the partnerships that would help provide the logistical and research-related support that would facilitate and validate the entire endeavor. The creators would go on to produce their now wildly popular *Cookie Chronicles* series during this time.

Interestingly enough, the effort to get on the road began with the hope of purchasing a standard recreational vehicle to accommodate the family of six as they traveled. Behr describes that experience as demoralizing since the sticker shock at the RV show they attended proved palpable. And then, their good friend, Brian Thompson of Red Door Remodeling, suggested that they get a decommissioned school bus and rehab it to house and transport a family—a family with many books—across country. He then volunteered to do the interior rehabilitation for them, so that box was checked.

And so, the story grew with more and more people pitching in in any way they could to see this mission come to fruition. Chestertown’s own Washington College provided the research team that would collect the data and document the experience from an academic point of view.



that AWESOME bus!

Yes! Two adults, one 1st grader, one 6th grader, one 8th grader, one high school sophomore, and one pet dog (joined by another adopted dog somewhere down the road) all cohabitated on this school bus which measures 23-feet long, 8-feet wide, and 11-feet by 6 inches high (when the rooftop pop-up is not in use) for one entire year. Artist and mom, Robbi, and her friends at Garnet Elementary School spent months painting a mural on the exterior, creating one fantastical, colorful, home-away-from-home on wheels.



“We feel incredibly glad that Sara De Reza at Washington College approached us to add this whole other layer of meaning and significance to the tour because it gives it a much longer legacy,” says Swanson.

And then there was the matter of the books, thousands upon thousands of books, that would need to be printed, warehoused, and then delivered to the right schools at the right time, a tremendous effort in itself. (Upon further examination, the space in the bus was already spoken for, and therefore they would need help transporting a year’s worth of books.)

“We had built a really important partnership with the national nonprofit First Book, who handled a few logistical things from dealing with sourcing the books, shipping the books, warehousing the books, and providing the names that we used to run a national search for the schools we visited,” Swanson explains. (First Book is the largest online community of educators that serve the needs of kids who live in poverty with the goal of building a path out of poverty through educational equity.)

Scheduling would be another hurdle to overcome, as one bus with four children, eventually two dogs, zero on-bus bathrooms, and a very defined goal of being in certain regions and then certain cities or towns at certain times of the year, would provide a year’s worth of gauntlets to run. One of the dates

would even need to provide time for the family’s other enterprise, summer-time salmon fishing in Alaska. Yes, we said salmon fishing in Alaska!

Along with the kids’ sports, activities, their bill-paying jobs, and various volunteer community pursuits, this couple with their four kids, ranging in age from 6 to 15, go to Alaska every summer to work as commercial salmon fishers until mid-July. The couple described this facet of their lives as another story in itself and left the rest to our imaginations—for now.

And then there were the tremendous contributions that they didn’t even see coming, like the people from national retailer, Build-A-Bear Workshop. Along with providing the funding for 125,000 books, the retailer’s Build-a-Bear Foundation developed a “Read Teddy” reading buddy bear for children as part of their partnership with First Book. The couple initially received 20,000 Read Teddys that they could present with each book to each child. Over the course of their endeavor, they would receive thousands more.



While every town visit was special in its own right, their own kids' learning experience included stops to the French Quarter in New Orleans, Devils Tower in Wyoming, lobstering in Maine, and helicoptering into the Grand Canyon to visit a school in the remote village of Supai, where the Havasupai people have lived for more than 800 years. The family also made it to the tropical shores of Hawaii; the bus patiently awaiting their return on the mainland.



Afterthoughts & Take-Aways

At the time of this writing, the Swanson family has been home for two months and has not even scratched the surface of their post, bust-trip experience. "So, when we look back from these very short two months removed from this experience, we're so gratified that things went as smoothly as they did," Swanson says. "We had predicted much calamity for ourselves, whether the bus was down, or schools not being able to host us, or getting sick, or any number of things that can go wrong."

But the real takeaways, they say, resound with experiences that transcended the basics of providing books to kids who otherwise might not have them.

"Yes, the books are great, but the books are kind of subsidiary to all of these other things that are coming from the fact that we are here in the community with our bus, with our dogs, with our kids, with our energy and effort," Swanson says. "And that's what meant the most to the teachers."

The teachers, explains Behr, perhaps conveyed it best when they simply said, "Thanks for loving our kids."

"And that's ultimately what the kids took away—is these people came to my school and that makes me feel differently about myself," Swanson says.

And what of the future?

"We are preparing for the next round of it," Swanson says. Not a full-blown, year-long tour, but a continued, concerted effort based on an ongoing literacy initiative in which they plan to combine a more limited number of in-person school visits with widely available online assemblies to Title I communities so they can offer different types of support more widely.

"We both plan, we [both] want to do the tour again at some point, but really we blame our children for wanting to go to school, and play soccer, and have friends," Swanson cheekily says as to why the family will now take a bit of a breather before getting back on the bus.

Want to learn more about the Busload of Books Tour? You can re-live this trip (and get updates on the next phases of the project) via Robbi and Matthew's Instagram page @robbi.and.matthew and on the bus's website at busloadofbooks.com.



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DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW

BY TYLER LEWIN

A Maryland & Mid-Atlantic primer on how, where, and when to hit the slopes for skiing, boarding, and tubing



Gear Up

When embarking on the thrilling adventures of skiing and snowboarding, it's essential to be well-prepared with the right gear and equipment. First and foremost, you'll need skis or a snowboard, boots, and bindings. Bought or rented, these components should be chosen based on your skill level and preferences. Don't forget to gear up with warm, moisture-wicking clothing to keep you cozy and dry. Layering is key, with a waterproof jacket and pants, thermal underlayers, and moisture-wicking socks.

Protect your head with a helmet and shield your eyes from the glare with quality goggles. While it may be wintertime, the sun is still shining! Make sure to pack some quality sunscreen, ideally SPF 30 and above. Additionally, the chilly weather and wind can cause some dryness, so make sure to pack lip balm too.

Lastly, ensure your hands stay warm with insulated gloves or mittens. Expect to start on gentle slopes if you're a beginner, gradually progressing to steeper terrain as you gain confidence. Professional lessons can be immensely helpful for mastering the basics. While skiing involves facing the mountain with parallel skis, snowboarding demands a sideways stance on a single board. Both sports require practice, balance, and technique. So, whether you're gliding down the mountainside or mastering the halfpipe, remember to have fun and stay safe while you embrace the snowy thrills of skiing and snowboarding.

With winter weather here to stay, the air is crisp, filled with the promise of adventure. Tucked away in the Western Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Central Pennsylvania regions, the local slopes beckon, inviting you to embrace the thrill of skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. All promising an exhilarating getaway with nature.

As you ascend the chairlift, your heart flutters with excitement, and you're engulfed in the warmth of smiles. With every swoosh and carve, you dance down the slopes, leaving a trail of euphoria in the snow. The sun sets over the trees, casting a romantic glow upon the mountains as you cozy up in the lodge, sipping hot cocoa by the roaring fire, relishing the moments shared on the slopes. Skiing and snowboarding aren't just sports; they're a culture reliant on winter's charms and a journey to ignite love amidst the snow-covered peaks.

Nestled in the charming Mid-Atlantic landscapes are several options for enjoying these winter adventures. From the thrill of skiing and snowboarding down pristine slopes to the laughter-filled excitement of tubing down snowy hills, this region offers something for everyone seeking the magic of a snowy escape. Whether you're a seasoned rider or a newbie looking for snowy fun, the region promises an unforgettable wintertime experience for all to enjoy. There are over eight options within a four-hour drive of our state capital, and we've put together a go-to guide with information about gear, peak times of the season, and some of the top resorts to embrace the winter sports and mountain culture.



Top Resorts



Whitetail Resort

13805 Blairs Valley Road, Mercersburg, PA 17236; 717-328-9400; skiwhitetail.com This mountain holds four main terrains (five green, 11 blue, three black diamond and two double black diamond) with six chairlifts and one designated freestyle terrain area. The base of the mountain has a lodge, along with a firepit and several chairs for those who want to relax. Season passes begin at \$172–552 for military passes, with Northeast value passes being \$591 and \$443 for a Northeast midweek pass. Seasonal passes give access to eight different slopes in the Midwest region, four in the Northeast and five in the Midwest. Day lift tickets are \$63 for one day, with prices increasing to \$104 per day during peak windows. Whitetail also has tubing, holding 10 lanes which can be enjoyed in two-hour sessions. Tickets for tubing must be bought online in advance. Whitetail does have its own lodging, which is available at Whitetail Mountainside Village. The prices range anywhere from \$160 to \$380 per night.



Wisp Resort

296 Marshall Road, McHenry, MD 21541; 800-462-9477; wispresort.com Over 172 acres for skiing and snowboarding with three different terrains (eight green, 14 blue and eight black diamond), a designated area for freestyle terrain and seven chairlifts. The base of the mountain features both a lodge and hotel with accommodations. Season passes for adults (23–64) are \$699, juniors (6–22) \$549, seniors (65–74) \$549, college \$499, and military \$399. Day tickets are available for purchase at the resort and, for adults (age 13–74), are \$99 Monday through Thursday, \$109 Friday–Sunday and \$119 on holidays. Tickets are cheaper when bought online, saving \$10 for option group, with youth tickets (age 6–12) being \$20 cheaper than the adult price. The resort hotel offers various lodging options as well, ranging on average from \$239 to \$339 per night. Additionally, Wisp has tubing options for those who may not want to hit the major slopes. The mountain holds 12 lanes of tubing, each of which is 750 ft long; prices range from \$44 for a Friday–Sunday two-hour session and \$44 for a Wednesday, Thursday, or non-holiday four-hour session.

Roundtop Mountain Resort

925 Roundtop Road, Lewisberry, PA 17399; 717-432-9631; skiroundtop.com Roundtop is home to four terrains (four green, five blue, seven black diamond and two double black diamonds) with five chairlifts and one surface lift. Additionally, there are three freestyle terrains. The base of the mountain features all of the standard accommodations such as a lodge with food, beverage, rentals, ticketing window, bathrooms, and more. Day lift tickets are \$63 for one day, with prices increasing to \$99 per day during peak windows. Season passes begin at \$172–552 for military passes, with Northeast value passes being \$591 and \$443 for a Northeast midweek pass. Seasonal passes give access to eight different slopes in the Midwest region, four in the Northeast and five in the Midwest. Finally, Roundtop has several tubing lanes however they have not yet released prices; tickets must be bought online and in advance for this activity.

Liberty Mountain Resort

78 Country Club Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320; 717-642-8282; libertymountainresort.com Liberty is one of the smaller mountains in the region, allowing for a more intimate feel. The mountain does contain four terrains making up 16 trails, covering 100 acres (five green, seven blue, two black diamond and two double black diamond). Additionally, Liberty has one designated freestyle terrain area with a freestyle park. The mountain has eight total lifts, five of which are normal chairlifts and three are surface pads. There are two lodges at the base (Alpine and Highland), along with a fire pit for relaxation. There is no hotel on site. Season passes begin at \$172–552 for military passes, with Northeast value passes being \$591 and \$443 for a Northeast midweek pass. Seasonal passes give access to eight different slopes in the Midwest region, four in the Northeast and five in the Midwest. Day lift tickets are \$63 for one day, with prices increasing to \$104 per day during peak windows



Seven Springs Mountain Resort

77 Water Wheel Drive, Seven Springs, PA 15622; 814-352-7777; 7springs.com Being one of the best ski and snowboard resorts in West Virginia, the mountain has four terrains spanning 285 acres (13 green, 15 blue, six black diamond, and five double black diamond). Additionally, there are eight chairlifts, three beginner areas, six designated freestyle terrain area and one racecourse area. The base of the mountain offers many options, the most unique of all being the Trillium Spa. Offering a great space to unwind and relax, services include different massages, facials, body treatments and various salon services. Season ticket prices are the same as Liberty and Whitetail with daily lift tickets being \$63 on normal days and \$115 during the peak window. Seven Springs offers seven different lodging options, ranging anywhere from \$170 per night to \$400 per night.

Timberline Mountain

254 Four Seasons Drive, Davis, WV 26260; 304-403-2074; timberlinemountain.com Another West Virginia ski option is nestled in the northeast mountains. This resort boasts four terrains (eight green, six blue, four black diamond and two double black diamond), with two chairlifts, and two designated freestyle terrain areas. There is a mountain lodge at base with standard accommodations. Season passes range from \$399 to \$699. One day lift tickets are \$95 for adults ages 13 and up, with a discounted rate of \$69 for children 12 and under, military, and ages 60. Timberline hotel offers 20 rooms.



All resorts have lockers for rent, with the average cost running \$15–20 a day. The average ski and snowboard rental packages cost \$50–90, which will include the skis/snowboard, boots, and a helmet. Skiing and snowboarding are most commonly enjoyed anywhere from early January to early March. The “peak times” and most common holidays where people hit the slopes include New Years through January 5th, Presidents Day weekend, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend.

A nice insider tip, if you’re looking to beat the crowds, is to go on the weekend of the Superbowl, specifically the day of. We have found this to be one of, if not the emptiest times of year to ski/snowboard and have the hills to yourself. And generally, tubing tends to be most crowded on the weekends as this is an activity commonly enjoyed by the whole family and children. Peak tubing time aligns with anytime school is not in session. Enjoy hitting the slopes!



Driving present-day Route 40 westbound will take travelers through scenic Western Maryland toward Hagerstown and beyond.

The National Road

U.S. Route 40's historic roots originate in Maryland and began America's interstate highway system

By **Ellen Moyer**

Scenic U.S. Route 40 is America's most historic road. Though the terminuses of the highway have changed over many years, it is traditionally recognized to have originated in Baltimore and continued toward St. Louis, Missouri. It is the road that opened up westward travel from the East Coast. It is the road that offered opportunity to thousands of pioneers to improve their lot in life. It was the road of hope.

In 1806, President Thomas Jefferson, in an act as important as the Louisiana Purchase, funded the new nation's first interstate highway from Cumberland, Maryland, to Wheeling, West Virginia. The road first known as Nema-colin's Path was a Native American trail over the Allegheny Mountains from the Potomac River to the Ohio River at what is now Pitts-

burgh. Explored by a young George Washington, the path was widened to a military road during the French Indian War in the 1750s.

For 50 years, Americans seeking new opportunities trekked west on foot or horse through the wilderness on the old military road. By the 1800s, the road was no longer suitable to carry the traffic of those answering the call to go west.

The spirit of America demanded a road that could carry Conestoga wagons and stagecoaches and herds of livestock. With a stroke of his pen, Jefferson funded the bill passed by Congress and heavily supported by delegations from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania to create the National Road envisioned by George Washington.



In 1806, President Thomas Jefferson signed the bill passed by Congress and heavily supported by delegations from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania to create the National Road envisioned by George Washington.

It took five years to build a road of crushed stone that would create a surface friendly to the wheels of heavy wagons and banish quagmires of mud. It was America's first Macadam road. Stone masons built bridges with graceful arches across rivers and streams. The Caselman Bridge—built in 1813 with an 80-foot span in the new town of Grantsville, located in Garrett County, Maryland—was the largest arched bridge in America. It carried traffic for 125 years and, today, is a historic landmark.

Droves of people in carriages or on foot shared the road with thousands of livestock, particularly pigs moving from Ohio eastward to Baltimore, which by 1830 was America's second largest city. Inns and houses, still visible today, constructed of bricks made on site offered accommodation and food for weary travelers. New trades and businesses—blacksmiths, coopers, stagecoach repair, taverns—flourished. The National Road was a busy, busy route.

And then the railroads came. All became quiet along the route for nearly a generation until the automobile gave it new life. And the National Road—a.k.a. Nema-colin's Path, Braddock's Road, the Cumberland Road, National Pike, or, simply, The Road—became U.S. Route 40, America's scenic and historic road of discovery. Today, most of the road parallels speedier Interstates 70 and 68.

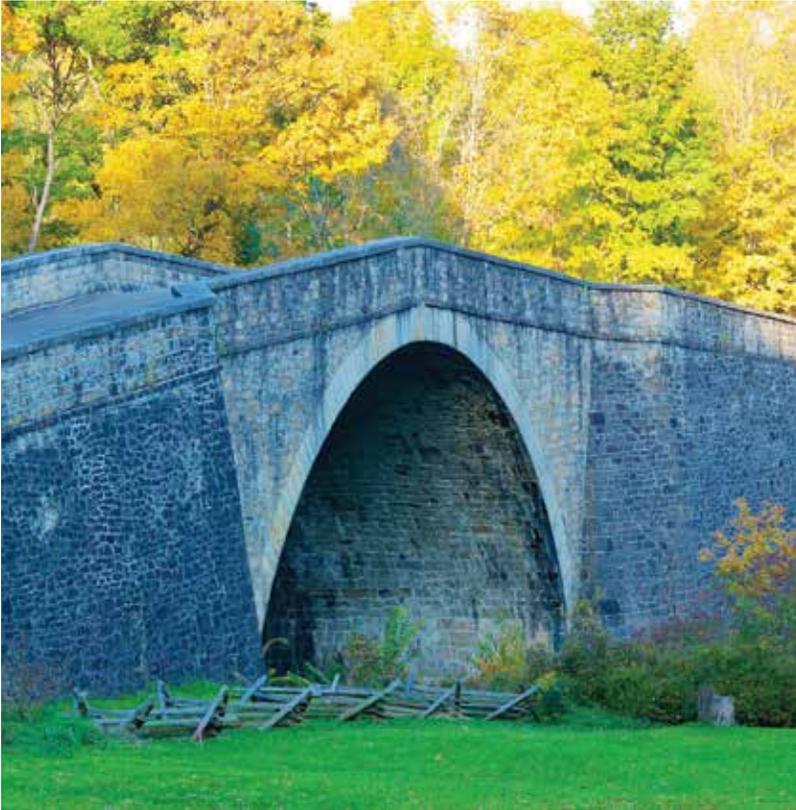
Traveling the road for a day trip in Western Maryland puts one in touch with the past or with the marvels of today's industry. For early travelers, the rocky terrain was a barrier. But engineers have sliced through the earth. Interstate 68 West, near Hancock, Maryland, cuts through Sideling Hill, revealing an amazing geologic fold with varied colors and 350 million years of rock layers.

A visitors center explains the geology of the area, a time when the continents of North America and Africa collided causing the land to fold like an accordion. Route 40 bypasses the hill several miles to the south.

Along this western route through Maryland, Rocky Gap State Park and Lodge beckon road-weary travelers to stop and stretch their legs, and lunch in a room overlooking a lake. The Lodge often hosts special holiday events and art shows. Rocky Gap is a relaxing place away from the big cities. On a night visit, s'mores are toasted at lakeside campfires.

American pioneers migrated westward in Conestoga wagons along Nema-colin's Path, which would become the National Road, in hopes of securing land and building a prosperous life.





The historic Casselman River Bridge, built between 1813–1814, is located in Casselman River Bridge State Park in Garrett County.

Route 40 moves through the Queen City of Cumberland and LaVale, then past the old toll gate, built after the National Road was handed back to the states for maintenance in 1833. No one traveled west or east without paying tribute to the State of Maryland.

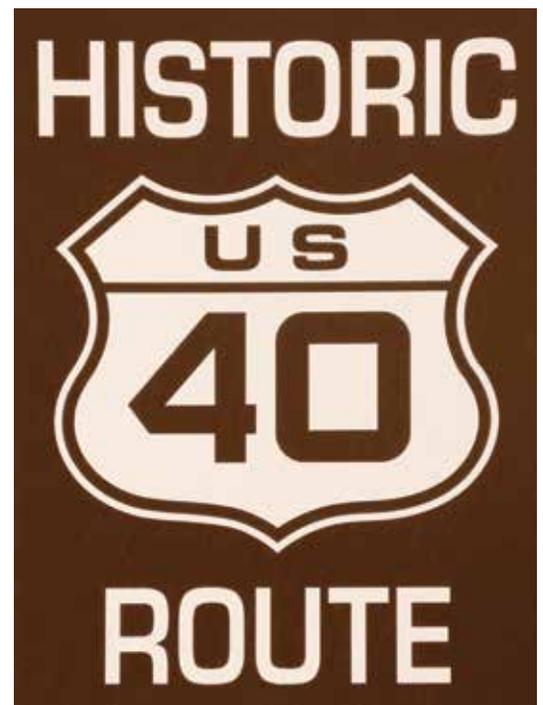
A two-lane highway rolling up, down, and over the Appalachian foothills passes by Great Meadows, where Fort Necessity once stood, and then arrives at Grantsville and the Casselman Inn, built in 1824 as one of the National Road's original hoteliers. Outside is a stone mile-marker telling how far it is to Wheeling. In fact, at odd places along the road and the interstate, ancient mile-markers appear. Today, guest rooms furnished in antiques provide a place to stay for the night, just as they did a bit more rustically 175 years ago. The restaurant and bakery serve Amish cuisine, simple and affordable meals.

Penn Alps is one mile east and serves good home cooking as well. It houses a gift shop

with unique regional crafts for holiday buying and a bookstore on local history. On its grounds are shops of artisans in buildings that were once the log cabins of settlers. Homemade soap, wool-spun items, hand-carved birds, and ground flour demonstrate the way of life that would have been familiar with our ancestors. Here, too, is the historic Casselman Bridge.

A discovery journey on the nation's first road west can last for a weekend. A detour along Route 214 to Oakland will lead to the restored Historic Train Station or the Adventure Sports Center, which features kayaking for Olympic hopefuls. Skiing at Wisp Resort is a winter pastime and during summers, you can explore the source of the Potomac River, Swallow Falls, and much more. But that is another story from a later time.

Route 40 continues westward through Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and on to the forks of the Ohio River. Amazingly, it still follows old Nemaocolin's Path, used for centuries before its discovery by colonial explorers heading west. It was the road of hope that sustained native tribes, and then a nation.



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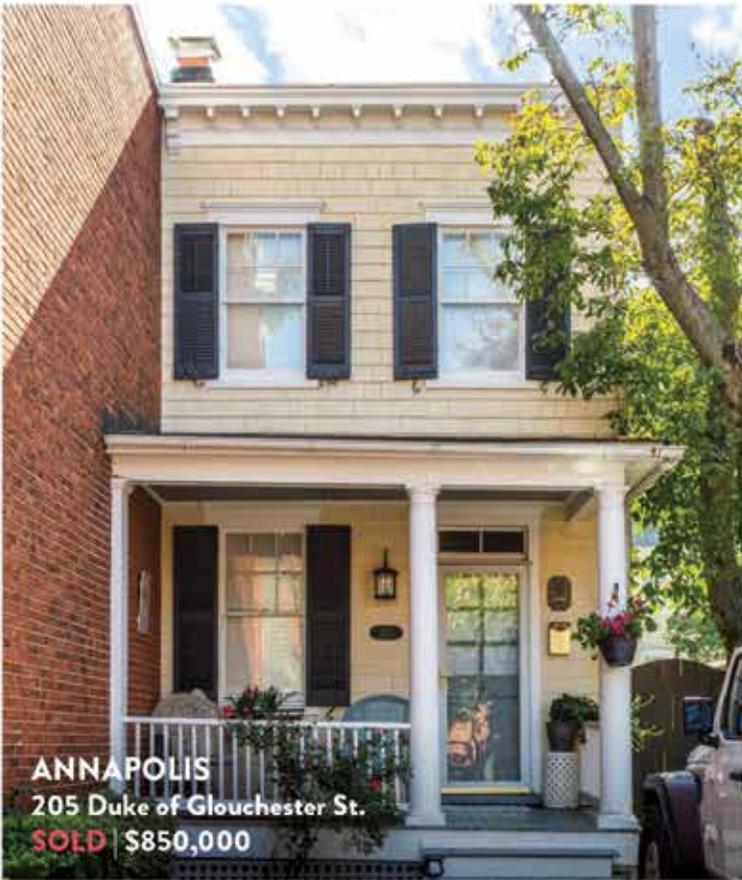
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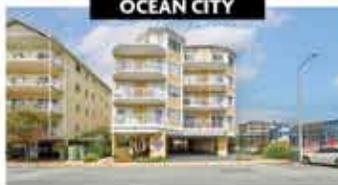
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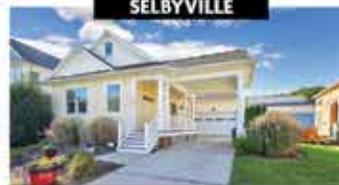
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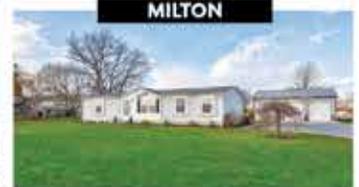
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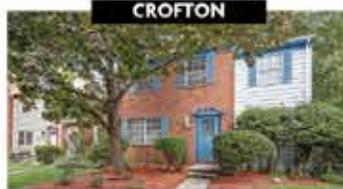
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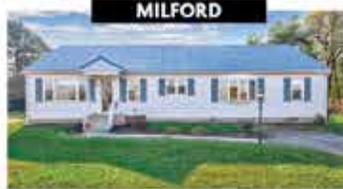
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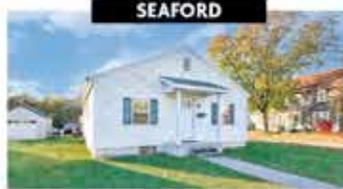
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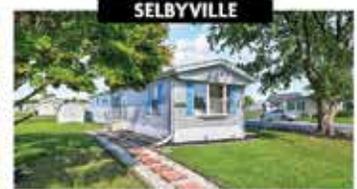
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Right *place,* Right *time*

FINDING THEIR ULTIMATE
WATERSIDE DESTINATION

It's said the very best things in life are worth waiting for. That is definitely true of this month's feature homeowners, who have always found themselves quite at home in Annapolis in their cherished private community that borders the South River near Thomas Point. So much so, they have lived there for decades in previous residences that they have loved, renovated, and raised their family in. Their ultimate goal, however, was to have a home on a quintessential, West-facing lot, right on the water. In 2020, that goal would be accomplished, as they were in the right place at the right time when that lot became available.



Assessing What Could Be

“We loved our last home, but our kids were grown and gone, and we wanted to be able to stay in the area because our kids are all on the East Coast,” says the wife, who added that they had been traveling back and forth from Colorado for her husband’s work. “We always just kept the house here and knew this is where we were going to live. So, we bought the lot to build a house for retirement.”

They would, however, do one essential thing before inking that deal. They reached out to an architect recommended by their realtor, to get her take on the property, and have a feasibility study performed.

For several reasons, that architect, Cathy Purple Cherry, of Purple Cherry Architects (PCA) in Annapolis, says the property would present some salient but surmountable problems.

“This property presented a unique opportunity and challenges because of its siting on the lot and proximity to the water,” Purple Cherry says.

Her clients requested a 5,000 square-foot home. This would be the first challenge considering the size and complex nature of the waterside lot. “And so, there were many aspects of overlays that created literally the tightness or the compactness that you are seeing. That was what was so difficult for this piece of property, says Purple Cherry of the design that was conceived for her clients.

The couple worked closely with Architectural Designer Kellen August of the PCA team in order to check off the boxes on the wish list that they had conceived; a list that included a floorplan to accommodate aging in place, a separate bedroom with *en suite* bath for each of their three grown children when they came to visit, and a covered outdoor entertaining area that would showcase the natural scheme the family had waited decades to be able to enjoy.

Story by
LISA J. GOTTO

Photography by
**STEPHEN
BUCHANAN**

Lot complexities would limit how and where the house would be oriented on the land, how many garages it could have, and exactly where those garages could be situated in the footprint. To look at its gorgeous façade and backdrop today, no one would even conceive that this property had any constrictions to contend with at all.

August explains how the team accomplished the southern, low country exterior aesthetic goals that the homeowners requested.

“We did NuCedar siding, which is a synthetic cedar siding, and we had the brick water table, which spoke to that Charleston language that they loved with the stained mahogany doors,” August says. “We had some aspects of board and batten, and then we did an asphalt shingle roof.”

“The positioning of the house, and the design of the architecture is really exceptional. The house lives really well with the nature around us. It’s very inviting. It almost feels like it’s inside your home, which is nice,” said the husband, who could not say enough about the craftsmanship and team mindset of Bayview Builders lead by David Carlisle.

“There’s nothing [in the industry] that he isn’t knowledgeable about,” says the homeowner whose background is also in building and construction, about Carlisle.

The final piece to the curb appeal puzzle was attended to by Annapolis-based Champion Hruby Landscape Architecture, who expertly integrated the site’s natural aspects with an optimal selection of trees, plantings, and elements of hardscape that helped provide that feeling of being surrounded by nature.





White oak would make an even bigger statement in the great room appearing overhead as decorative timber trusses spanning the length of the room. This feature combined with a series of large, vertical windows strategically overlooking a tree-lined waterfront conveys a restive and tranquil gathering space and gateway to the rest of the home.

The great room advantageously connects to the kitchen via a two-sided limestone fireplace. (One of the special requests per the homeowners was to fill the home with fireplaces.) This would be the first of three on the main floor.

The home, says Purple Cherry, directly reflects the needs of a semi-retired couple who travel often, and whose children are grown. This is seen keenly and stylishly in the design of the kitchen (they both love to cook) with its ultra-fashionable banquette built into the backside of an ingeniously curved island.

“Therefore, 98 percent of the time, two people are sitting in the banquette,” Purple Cherry says. “And it works beautifully.”

A ‘Wow’ in Every Room

Post-build, the homeowners attest that probably the most rewarding aspect of the project is the wow factor that was brought to each room. From the custom entry with open views to the water through the great room to an amazing butler’s pantry, guests may rethink the definition of what these spaces usually mean.

Helping to create that wow factor was the task of PCA’s Lead Interior Designer, Alex Epstein, who would inherit some interesting requests from the homeowners based on how they determined their new home would best work for them.

Base elements like a warm, re-claimed white oak was chosen for the flooring and additional elements such as the stunning crossbeam ceiling treatment used to elevate the look of the entry, were implemented to address the homeowners’ request that rustic touches be incorporated throughout.





Fine Dining Redefined

The room that best exemplifies how this curated mix works is the home's library, which the couple opted to situate just off the kitchen. In fact, the room that is most commonly located adjacent to the kitchen, does not visually appear in the floorplan at all. The homeowners decided they would take a totally different, more flexible approach to two of the rooms that flow out of the kitchen.

The library concept evolved after the couple fell in love with an exceptional pair of tall cabinets with mirrored glass front panels on that visit to High Point. These exquisite furnishings were purchased to sit on either side of a streamlined, cast stone-front fireplace.

"I remember we had so many conversations back and forth if we wanted to do built-ins or not do built-ins, but when they saw these pieces, it was a no-brainer," Epstein says.

What the addition of those pieces did for the room made it more of a sophisticated, yet informal gathering space that could be used on a regular basis, rather than a formal dining room that the couple would use maybe once or twice a year.

To create an interplay of texture in this room the couple chose a Taj Mahal quartzite for the range feature wall to which they added open, rustic wood shelving on either side, as well as a hood made of tony stainless steel and brass.

As is the practice with PCA interiors projects, the team would travel to North Carolina to the High Point Market designers showcase to get a feel for what furnishings, styles, and accessories would best suit the couple as they appointed their home. These new pieces and trimmings would be specifically chosen to work with the treasure trove of fine antiques and other collectibles the couple already owned.

“So, we found we weren’t using a formal dining room anymore. A lot of people don’t, except on rare occasions, big family events. And a lot of those are in the summer and our outdoor space transitions with our indoor space beautifully for that,” the wife explains. “But on occasion, I do need a dining room, so the library was designed to be a flexible space.”

That space would also provide the nooks, crannies, and walls for cherished heirlooms. The fifth wall, as Epstein refers to it, or ceiling, in her opinion should never be overlooked as an opportunity for interest and inspiration, and certainly was not in this case. She adds that an intense blue lacquered wallpaper was employed and is beautifully counterbalanced with a floral-patterned paper and abundant light from the room’s glass patio door.

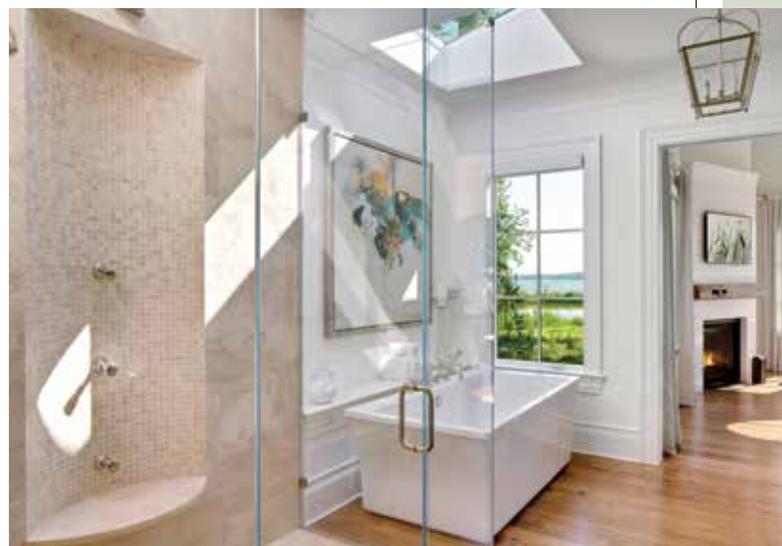
Chill Zones & Other Re-Imaginings

As beautiful, thoughtful, and picturesque as these spaces are on the main level, there are other rooms on this floor where you are most likely to find the couple hanging out mixing a cocktail, reviewing paperwork, or retrieving treasured dishware. Remember that other room off the kitchen?

“We were trying to figure out what this space was going to be used for,” August explains. “If it was going to be strictly a butler’s pantry, strictly an office, strictly a bar, or if there was a way that we could get all of that into one space.” And while it may say, “Butler’s Pantry” on the floorplan, we have yet to see another that rivals the style and utility of this couple’s butler’s pantry.

“First and foremost, it physically presents as a bar,” Purple Cherry says. “Its darkness, its ambiance, its ceiling, its glitz—it’s all bar, and it’s kind of a man-bar.”

The lack of a traditional dining room presented a question about where the traditional dining room storage would go. But not for long. Storage was provided in this most opulent of pantries with exquisite custom cabinetry fitted with glass doors and enhanced with brushed nickel cross-hatched inserts, adding some of the “glitz” to the room.





Then an antique mirror tile was chosen for the backsplash, hammered metal was selected for the sink insert, and a small floral print pattern wallpaper was chosen for the ceiling, all creating a feeling of understated glamour.

Additional utility came in the form of a bar-height style desk space created with hidden storage underneath to conceal their printer and stow office supplies, so the wife, an accountant, has a place to crunch the numbers. Dare we say, the entire space *added up* to one sleek, multipurpose room for both him and her, that is far from an afterthought.

And when cocktails and dinner are done, the couple will retreat to a primary bedroom suite that pulls every aspect of their waterside location together into one serene and inspirational setting in which to unwind and recharge.

Bringing in those rustic touches for the husband, the corner nook fireplace in the room was constructed with a re-claimed barnwood mantle above, and a wall of shiplap behind it. To accentuate and maximize the advantage of the water view and light from the large picture window in the room, the design team chose an ever-so-subtle ceiling treatment.

“And then just as a fun element, we did a very faint light blue ceiling in there,” August says. “That was another element of really bringing in that southern, low country feel, as well.”



For the wife, there’s an incredible spa get-away of an *en suite* bath. “I would say this room, was all about the view, even though it’s a bathroom,” August explains. “That’s why the shower is all glass... and it specifically also has a skylight above, so there’s tons of natural light coming in.”

To this framework, the couple chose Kohler’s stunning *Stargaze* soaking tub for the room because that’s just what they can do from where the tub is situated, right at the foot of a waterside-facing window. The perfect way to end the day, and our narrative, looking across the pond, out to the South River and beyond, and above to the night sky.

“We’re west-facing, which was important when we were thinking about building, because I love the sunsets,” remarks the wife. “And in the winter, we get the most spectacular sunsets.”



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Color Cast '24

YOUR TOP 5 VIBE BOOSTERS

By Lisa J. Gotto

It's that time of year when we pull out the color wheel and take it for a spin to see what hues made the must-have list for this year's interior painting projects. Nothing changes the vibe of a room faster and more efficiently than changing its color.

So, we combed the Internet, tapped interiors and design experts, and then envisioned which colors would best suit our Chesapeake Bay sensibilities, and came up with our

Top 5 color-infused vibe boosters!



Upward, SW 6239

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

Described as a "bright and blissful blue," Sherwin-Williams, has introduced a color they named Upward,

as a signature hue of the year. We love it because it's so sweetly coastal, can jibe very well in almost any room of the home, and can lend a new kick to furnishings. This lighter shade is also indicative of what is forecast as a wave of lighter shades hitting the walls in 2024 and 2025. Its popularity is also related to the rising trend in what is called the "coastal grandmother chic" design aesthetic. This trend highlights the earthy colors you would associate with sand, sea birds, and water. Everything about this aesthetic communicates ease and flow, so no bold patterns, slick finishes, or fussy fabrics. Complementary colors include whites, blues, ivory, taupe, and muted greens.

← Renew Blue, 8003-37D

VALSPAR

And there's another blue on the horizon that's vying for our attention this year—Renew Blue by Valspar. Described as "combining soothing tones of blue and organic undertones of green and gray to create a use-anywhere shade that can anchor your home's entire aesthetic," this shade certainly caught our eye! Quite frankly, they had us at "anchor." This seems like the perfect Bay-side bedroom color. Or perhaps even a great contender for a pool-house hue, or bathroom. Paint it anywhere you want to evoke peace and a sense of wellbeing, as these home trends are forecasted to remain relevant for the foreseeable future.



Mountain Olive, → N350-7A

BEHR

The color experts at Behr went in a surprisingly different and dramatic direction when they chose “Cracked Pepper” as their Color of the Year for 2024. They note, this soft black, “...exudes confidence” and is an instant space elevator. While it certainly evokes an earthy, even moody mindfulness, we were most excited about their choice of ‘Mountain Olive’ from this year’s palette of a dozen complementary options for their Color of the Year pick. This warm, watery green works so well as an accent wall color, intermingles swimmingly with our Bay-based tones, and provides the ultimate mood booster with its healthy, plant-based vibes. For those who wish they could bring more of the natural world inside, this is a great option.



↑ Limitless, PPG1091-3

GLIDDEN

Into every well-executed interior scheme, a base or neutral color must live and breathe, so we chose “Limitless” from Glidden, its Color of the Year for 2024. And it is just that, *limitless*, in the sense that it blends so well with the rest of the earth-based color ethos going on in our contemporaneous interiors. We love how it helps other subtle or seemingly more mutable shades, such as driftwood-like browns, and shell-like pinks pop. With additional colors like “Aquamarine Dream” and “Night Rendezvous,” Glidden’s entire 2024 Trending Colors Collection best captures our Chesapeake Bay sensibilities in one wondrous color wheel. Now, where’s that painter’s tape?

Blue Nova, 825

BENJAMIN MOORE

“Softly saturated” is how the experts at Benjamin Moore describe the palette of custom colors they conceived for 2024. Their “Color of the Year” is—surprise—another blue, “Blue Nova,” which indeed presents as a blue that is softly saturated with violet undertones. Our pick from their palette of 10 tones that range from a “Tea Cup Rose” to a piney “Regent Green,” is “Polar Sky.” This palest of shades evokes the vibe of a winter morning sky. One lesser-known painting tip is to apply a color with this mist-like quality to the ceiling of a waterfront bedroom to enhance the reflective nature of the water within the room—a cool, but subtle tool that makes a waterside room even more inviting.





Five Prosaic Problems: One Simple Solution

By Janice F. Booth

It's cold outside. The winter sunshine hides nothing as I gaze across the garden. It's a good time to take stock of the landscape just beyond these warm rooms. If you're gazing out and noticing some troubling aspects of your landscape, I may have *one*, simple solution.

Let me review five common problems our landscaping can present, and one easy-to-implement solution:

1. The Problem: UNSIGHTLY ELEMENTS

If your home and its landscaping are new to you, recently leased or purchased, then perhaps there may be flaws that stand out. For example, the air conditioning unit clearly visible from the driveway, or the unattractive foundation—gray cinderblocks with some ugly stains.

The Solution: SHRUBS

Consider planting deciduous or evergreen shrubs near or around these annoying flaws. Some *privet* or *boxwood* shrubs around the AC box can effectively disguise the equipment. I suggest these two shrubs because they take well to tight pruning; it's important to keep the new growth from getting too close to the AC fan and electrical unit, both of which may need regular servicing. You don't want the technician wrestling with the shrubs. Boxwood and privet are well-behaved evergreen and semi-evergreen respectively, giving you a tasteful, green screen year-around. And what about the foundation's cinderblocks? This is another situation that requires choosing a well-behaved shrub that will not damage the house's foundation or interfere with drainage. Depending on the architectural siding material of your house, you might choose shrubs that add a touch of color or pick up the texture. *Azaleas* and *hydrangeas* are lovely, can be color-coordinated, and accept pruning.

2. The Problem: PROPERTY or GARDEN TOO NARROW, TOO SMALL

It's quite exciting to move from a small apartment into a grander home, or, alternately, decide to downsize from a large property and garden to a small patio or garden area. It can be daunting, *expanding* or *downsizing*. How can you quickly create a setting that pleases you and leaves you happier with the plot of land you have now?

The Solution: SHRUBS

If you look out that winter window at a large expanse that will be your garden and lawn, you might feel a bit overwhelmed. There are considerations of time and budget. Some well-chosen shrubs can fill in a large, empty space. Useful old favorites include *weigela*, which has pink and/or white blossoms and a delicate fragrance, or *spirea*, another lovely old favorite with its sprays of white blossoms that cascade and grow quickly. For some height in the garden, *butterfly bushes* can soar and produce tall, flowering spreads beloved of the butterflies! On the other hand, if you're having to adjust to a small patio or enclosed garden, do not despair! Shrubs are your friends. Gather some pots; they should be varied in size and perhaps in shape and color. At your favorite nursery, buy an assortment of small bushes (soon to be shrubs.) A *beautyberry* shrub produces pretty, purple berries and repels ticks! (Or so say the entomologists.) *Gardenias* in pots are lovely for decks and patios. They have shiny leaves and produce intoxicating blossoms. One caution, you'll have to move their containers to well-protected spots over the winter. Another advantage of the potted-garden, it's movable. You can shuffle your shrubs as they mature and turn them to keep them growing symmetrically.



3. The Problem: Boundaries

Your neighbor's adorable chocolate lab has made her path to the creek through your yard. Or, the house next door has become a rental, and you're looking for a quick way to clarify where your yard begins and the neighbor's yard ends.

The Solution: (You guessed it!) SHRUBS

Get out that spade and dig a series of holes inside your property line about 12". (You'll need to leave room for the shrubs to spread.) Two excellent choices for "keep the dogs away" boundary shrubs are *cotoneaster* and *pyracantha*. Both are handsome shrubs with white and red berries respectively. But, what makes them particularly useful as boundaries is their prickliness. Both shrubs have thorny branches that discourage animals and people from diving through them. Quick boundary shrubs are our old favorites, *forsythia* and *burning bushes*. In fact, combining them makes a handsome border—the forsythia's yellow sprays in the spring and fuchsia and orange burning bush leaves in the fall.

4. The Problem: CREATING WILDLIFE HABITAT

Almost 15 million people identified as bird watchers in 2021. Perhaps you're a birder too. Or maybe you enjoy identifying butterflies, catching a glimpse of a graceful deer gliding through your backyard or a russet fox slipping in-and-out of the shadows. How, you might ask, can you encourage the wild things to visit your garden without endangering your family's health and wellbeing?

The Solution: SHRUBS

All these beautiful, shy creatures are seeking safe havens for rest and, sorry to say so... food. You can make your landscape more inviting to shy birds and other wild creatures by encouraging the growth of some large shrubs, perhaps shrubs with berries. As I mentioned earlier, the tick-repelling *beautyberry* is attractive, loose-branched, producing fall berries. *Winterberry* is another stunning shrub, holding its bright red berries all winter—a feast for the eyes and the small birds and animals. (Caution: You'll need two, a male and a female to produce berries.) One or two taller evergreens will provide perfect cover for birds. *Holly* and *juniper* are great choices, and they too produce berries.



5. The Problem: EROSION

Winter is a great time to examine areas of your lawn and garden that might be eroding. Sometimes the solution is simply adjusting downspouts, but more often, there is some water source being misdirected. If the erosion is allowed to continue, your plants and even building foundations can be damaged, or washed away. It may be worth a walk through and around your property with an eye toward the marks of erosion.

The Solution: SHRUBS again!

If you find ruts, short or long, boggy areas, or places where plants seem to have disappeared, it's time to address the problem. You may need to bring in a specialist in "hard landscaping." That is, someone who deals with ground erosion and moving plants and earth to maximize the safety of the foundations and plantings, and the avoidance of further damage. For this problem, it's more difficult to identify specific shrubs to use. Until the source of the water is identified and corrected, repairing the damage will be fruitless. But, once the water has been redirected, you can plant shrubs that will fit into the setting. Unlike more delicate plants, shrubs can take a bit of wind and even sun, as well as compensate for wet soil...for a while.

And so, I repeat, when you're faced with a dilemma, a gardener's nightmare, even. Think shrubs! They're tough, easy to propagate, and relatively undemanding.



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History-Steeped Summer House

By Lisa J. Gotto | Photography by Michele Sheiko

Contemplating life during a simpler time is easy to do when you're seated in the expansive three-season room of this quintessential summer-house property situated along Annapolis' South River.

The home, which dates back to 1920, evokes memories of a by-gone era. The original owners of the property, known as Wimbledon House, were the Norris family from Baltimore. Harry Norris was a prominent Baltimore businessman, and five generations of his family enjoyed this nostalgic home, which is perfectly situated on a 2.5-acre bluff high above the river providing scenic views out to the Chesapeake Bay.



After approaching via the fenced-lined drive, the gracious entry welcomes guests to all the grandeur of a 1920s pre-war home with its rich and multi-tonal hardwood floors, well-honed wood trim work, and an attractive, architectural period staircase with an elegant, second-floor landing.

Old bones characteristics, including crystal door-knobs, period sconces, French doors with transom features, and nostalgic hardware abound throughout.

The primary living area spans the width of the back of the home and includes a formal living area and an informal seating area at the opposite end of the large, open space. Each area boasts an enduring and atmospheric stone fireplace with a stone ledge mantle and rich, wood beams overhead.



This space is punctuated with a series of elegant French doors that provide access to the three-season room that mimics the living area in size and boasts a series of expansive windows that showcase this property's incredible waterfront views and grassy backyard. One of the property's majestic, mature trees provides a nostalgic rope swing for summer day of play.

This indoor/outdoor area offers a substantial amount of prime entertaining space. And just off the interior living room, there is a large formal dining room with a series of casement windows offering abundant natural light and views of the water on one side.

A side door off the main living room provides access to one of the home's first-floor bedrooms, which also offers tranquil waterfront views and a lovely, *en suite* bath.



The all-white kitchen in this home is light and bright and features the home's original wood cabinets with period hardwood, an eat-in area, all stainless-steel appliances, and an original brick accent chimney. The water views from this room are remarkable.

Outside, there's an inground pool and patio well-situated on the front of the property accompanied by an abundance of mature, canopied trees and gorgeous plantings, 325-feet of shoreline, and the ability to add two docks to the property. Everything the new homeowners could want to start building a legacy for a new generation of Annapolitans.

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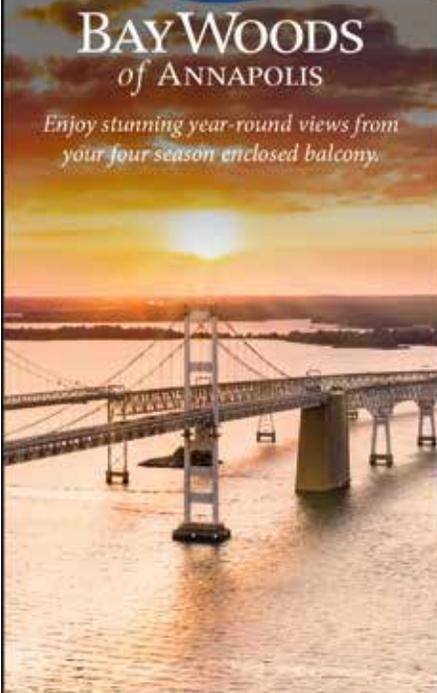
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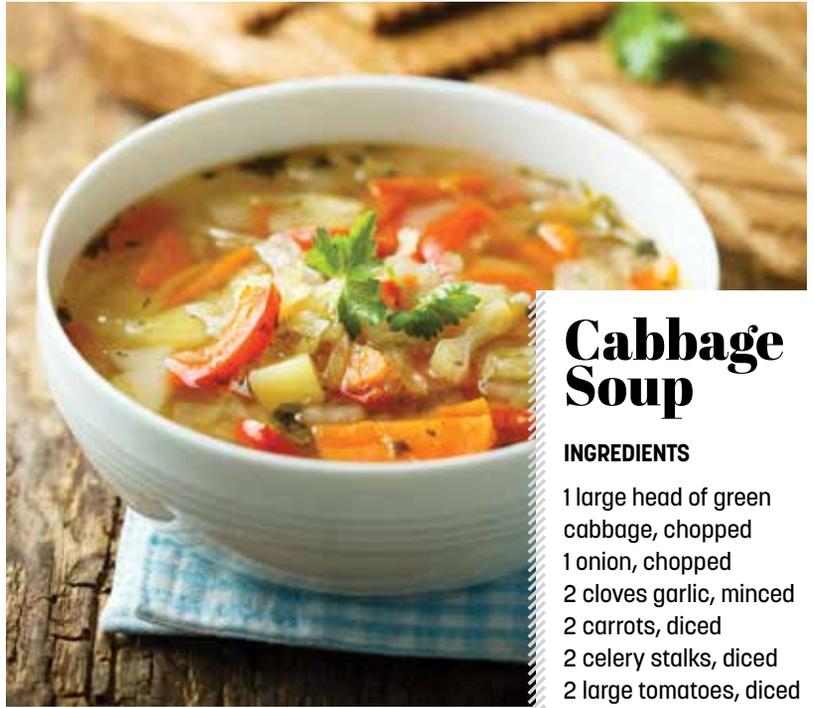
CABBAGE

By Dylan Roche

Think of cabbage as one of those vegetables that is undergoing a PR breakthrough—like its botanical cousin, the Brussels sprout, cabbage got a bad reputation in the past because so many home cooks were inclined to boil or steam it, completely wasting the cabbage's potential as a flavorful addition to a healthy diet. Today, people are enjoying cabbage prepared in exciting ways—which is great, as cabbage is full of healthy nutrients.

Popular since ancient times—when it was revered by the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans not only as food but also medicine—cabbage spread throughout the world and evolved into many different varieties. In fact, you might be surprised to learn that cabbage is one of the oldest known vegetables and has been cultivated for more than 4,000 years.

Today's varieties of cabbages include green cabbage, red cabbage, Savoy cabbage, Chinese cabbage (also known as Napa cabbage), as well as bok choy. The different tastes and textures from these many varieties makes cabbage extremely versatile. Cabbage can be thinly sliced and served raw in salads, or it can be seasoned and roasted, or tossed into stir-fries, or stuffed and served as a cabbage roll. It can even be fermented, in the case of such dishes as sauerkraut and kimchi.



Cabbage Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large head of green cabbage, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 2 large tomatoes, diced and drained
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 6 cups vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme

In a large pot over medium heat, warm the olive oil before adding the onion and garlic. Allow the onion and garlic to sauté until they're soft and fragrant. Toss in carrots, tomato, potatoes, and celery, allowing to soften, approximately 5 minutes. Add the cabbage and allow to cook for another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to mix the vegetables. The cabbage will wilt and reduce in size as it cooks. Pour in the vegetable broth, adding the bay leaf and thyme for flavor. Bring the broth to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover and allow the soup to simmer for approximately 40 minutes. Remove the bay leaf and serve the soup while it is hot.

When you think about all the traditional dishes, you'll realize that many cultures around the world have some kind of dish involving cabbage. But what will really get you excited about cabbage is the pack of health properties it has.

Cabbage is very low in calories, having only about 20 calories per 1 cup, though its fiber content means it will fill you up and keep you full for a long period of time, so it's good for people who are trying to maintain a healthy weight. Cabbage is a rich source of vitamin K for blood clotting and bone health, vitamin B6 for brain development and function, and vitamin C for healthy immunity. Athletes will want to take note of cabbage, as it offers a natural source of many electrolyte minerals they lose through heavy sweating, and that are necessary to healthy bones and muscles—potassium, calcium, and magnesium. Although the scientific research is still inconclusive, some studies have linked cabbage to a reduce risk of cancer and heart disease.

You'll have an easy time finding cabbage all winter long, as it's a hardy vegetable that grows well in cooler temperatures. This durability also means that once it's

harvested, you will have a fairly easy time storing cabbage for an extended period of time, providing you take care of it properly. Ideally, you should store the head of cabbage whole, as cutting it up can shorten its storage lifespan. Avoid washing it until you're ready to prepare it, as wetness can sometimes lead to premature rot.

So, if you've spent the better part of your life thinking of cabbage as something that's pungent and bitter, go ahead and leaf through some of these trendy and traditional recipes that will have you tasting cabbage in a whole new way.



Kimchi

INGREDIENTS

1 large Napa cabbage
 1/4 cup salt
 1 tablespoon ginger, grated
 6–7 cloves of garlic, minced
 1/4 cup soy sauce
 3 tablespoons red pepper flakes
 1 teaspoon sugar
 3 large green onions
 1 small carrot
 4 cups water

Quarter the cabbage and remove the core, then cut into small, bite-sized pieces. Bring a large bowl of water to a boil and dissolve the salt into it. Remove from the heat and submerge the cabbage in the salted water. Allow to sit for 2 hours, stirring the cabbage every 15 minutes. Mince the garlic and chop the onion and carrots into small pieces. Set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk the soy sauce with grated ginger, sugar, and red

pepper flakes until a thick paste forms. Drizzle this paste over the garlic, onion, and carrots and stir to combine. Drain the cabbage and rinse thoroughly. Wrap the cabbage in a paper towel and allow to sit for 5–10 minutes to absorb excess water. Toss the cabbage with the paste and transfer to a clean, airtight container. Seal the top and transfer to the refrigerator. Allow to sit for three days so the vegetables can ferment, and the flavors can mix.



Braised Cabbage

INGREDIENTS

1 head of red cabbage
 1 apple
 1 red onion
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
 1/4 cup red wine
 2 tablespoons maple syrup
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/2 cup vegetable broth

Core the cabbage and slice thinly into strips. Set aside. Peel and core the apple and chop into half-inch pieces. Chop the onion. In a large pot, warm the olive oil over medium heat and add the onions, allowing to become soft and fragrant. Toss in cabbage and apple and allow to cook for 5–10 minutes

until the cabbage wilts and the apple softens. Drizzle in the maple syrup and sprinkle in the cloves. Stir to combine well before cooking for another 5–10 minutes. The syrup will begin to caramelize. Pour in the red wine and red wine vinegar. Stir several times, allowing the cabbage and apples to deglaze. Some browned bits may collect at the bottom of the pan. Add the vegetable broth and reduce the heat to low. Cover the pot and allow to simmer for approximately 1 hour, checking occasionally and adding little bits of extra broth by the tablespoon if it's looking too dry. The broth should be fully cooked up into the cabbage and apple by the time they are tender. Serve warm as a side dish or a light appetizer.



Fitness Tips

PREVENTING MUSCLE CRAMPS IN THE COLD

By Dylan Roche

It's something that far too many people who exercise in cold weather experience: You head outside on a freezing day, ready to move your body despite the temps, but before you know it, you have a bad muscle cramp. What is it about cold weather that makes you susceptible to cramping?

There are actually a few scientific reasons behind this—and as such, there are some smart precautions you can take to prevent them. No need to skip the outdoor workouts in January and February if you don't want to!

SO, WHAT CAUSES THESE MUSCLE CRAMPS IN THE COLD? THEY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A COMBINATION OF SEVERAL FACTORS:

Pressure: Cold temperatures mean lower barometric pressure. Especially on days when the temperature has dropped suddenly, such as when a cold front blows through, it's not unusual for this low pressure to expand your muscle and joint tissues, causing feelings of tightness and minor pain.

Blood flow: When you're cold, your blood vessels constrict, affecting your circulation. When your blood doesn't flow as easily to all the muscles in your body, they can start to experience fatigue more quickly and cramp up.

Mental Stress: Many people tend to experience depression and anxiety during winter months, when there's less daylight and you're more likely to spend time inside. Although depression and anxiety don't directly cause physical pain, it's not unusual to carry that stress in your muscles—hence why you might get headaches, neckaches, and backaches when you're anxious. When you exert those already stressed muscles, they can easily cramp up.

Dehydration: Finally, don't overlook the possibility that you might be dehydrated. You're not sweating as often in winter as you do in summer, which explains why you aren't pushing the fluids in quite the same way. But hydration is just as important during the winter months, so if you've been neglecting your H₂O intake because you're not drenched in sweat, go ahead and have a few sips (or a whole cup). Good fluid balance is important for preventing muscle cramps.

So, what are you to do if you want to keep up your outdoor exercise routine without suffering cramps? Besides checking the weather forecast to see when (or if!) there are days when the temperature and pressure are better than normal, there are several precautions you can take:



Dress appropriately in insulated material that will keep you (and your muscles) warm. Specially designed compression gear, such as sleeves or socks, can improve blood flow to parts of your body, helping you move more easily.



Start off with a warm-up that includes light cardiovascular activity and dynamic stretches. This will get your muscles limber and ready for more intense activity while making you aware of any parts of your body that may be feeling tight.



Drink plenty of water before, during, and after exercise. Staying hydrated will increase your blood volume and improve your circulation, so oxygen easily makes its way to every part of your body.



Reduce muscle tension by using a foam roller or a massage gun after intense exercise, which will drive more oxygen-delivering blood to those massaged areas of your body and reduce the risk of cramps.



Coloring Your Hair?

DON'T FORGET TONER

By Dylan Roche

You were pretty happy with your recent dye job—until you noticed those brassy or yellowish undertones to your hair. This is why so many people who do regular coloring swear by the use of a good hair toner, which will neutralize those undertones, an unfortunate regularity when dyeing your hair, especially if you're making a drastic color change.

The concept behind hair toner is in the way it counteracts the underlying pigments in your hair—they infuse your hair with just enough of the opposite color that it nicely tones your dye job. So, for example, if you have yellowish undertones, a purple toner could give you the color you need; if your problem is brassiness, a blue toner could do the trick.

Applying hair toner is an important part of the hair dyeing process, so most people who have their hair professionally colored will already have toning done. However, if you dyed your hair at home, you would need to use an at-home toner product, especially if you bleached your hair, highlighted your hair, or have naturally gray or silver hair. You could also use a toner to fix overly warm or cool tones.

If your newly dyed hair is...



...blonde, use purple to neutralize yellowness and cool down any excess warmth so that it looks more natural.



...brown, use a blue or green toner to play down any red undertones and give your hair a cooler, ashier shade of brown.



...red, a green toner will subdue any brassiness and give you a vibrant shade of red without any excessive warmth.

Remember to make sure the over-the-counter hair toner you're buying is formulated for your hair type and follow the instructions to achieve the best result. Although toning at home can suffice for a short-term solution, hair toner fades over time and it's best to seek a professional's advice to give you the consistent color you want.

Not So Sweet

THE LATEST ON ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS

By Dylan Roche

The hype behind artificial sweeteners is easy to understand. Also referred to as *nonnutritive sweeteners*, manufacturers can use them to sweeten food and drink products without adding sugar—and therefore, consumers don't need to worry about excess calories or a spike in blood sugar. So, what do the health experts say about this? Many of them say don't get too excited—the fact that diet soda is sugar-free isn't a go-ahead to consume endless amounts of it.

Weight Management Made Easy?

According to the latest guidance released by the World Health Organization in spring 2023, you shouldn't be relying on artificially sweetened products to lose weight or to reduce your risk of disease.

Replacing sugar with nonnutritive sweeteners can offer some benefits in the short term. People are able to cut back on calories without sacrificing taste, which can help them lose weight at first. The problem is that a person who consumes artificially sweetened products is still accustomed to the taste of highly sweetened foods and drinks. This is why the WHO says artificial sweeteners aren't good for long-term weight loss. It's better to reduce your overall taste for sweetness and consume water or unsweetened coffee or tea.

As you cut back on artificially sweetened products, you'll be able to satisfy yourself with light sweetness found in natural foods. For example, the Cleveland Clinic recommends adding frozen fruit to your sparkling water, a sliced banana to your oatmeal, or berries to your plain yogurt.

A Potential Carcinogen?

Artificial sweeteners are not the carcinogen that many people believe them to be. Much of this misconception goes back to the 1970s, when some research found a connection



between the artificial sweetener saccharin (used to make Sweet 'N' Low) to bladder cancer in lab rats. But since then, further research has shown this isn't the case with people.

Still, it might have been alarming last year when the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer categorized aspartame (the sweetener used to make NutraSweet and Equal, and the sweetener commonly used in diet sodas) as a Group 2B carcinogen. By definition of Group 2B, this means it's possibly carcinogenic to humans based on limited evidence.

But you would need to consume large amounts of aspartame for it to be harmful, according to the WHO. The acceptable daily intake set by the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives is 40 milligrams per kilograms of bodyweight. That means a 150-pound person would need to drink more than 10 cans of diet soda a day to exceed this amount.

Which Option is Best?

The market has no shortage of artificial sweeteners to choose from. Among the many options is **aspartame** (NutraSweet, Equal), **saccharin** (Sweet 'N' Low), **sucralose** (Splenda), and **stevia leaf extracts** (Truvia, PureVia). Is there any one that's better than the others? It depends on whom you ask. For example, the Center for Science in the Public Interest discourages people from consuming saccharin, though it does deem sucralose and stevia extract to be safe. But a study published last year in the journal *Nature Medicine* linked erythritol, a sugar alcohol often combined with stevia extract in some products, to heart attacks and stroke.

Your best option? Think of artificial sweeteners as better than too much added sugar, but cutting back on the sweetness altogether is best.

There's Some Merit to Herbal Remedies

By Dylan Roche

Herbal remedies aren't a replacement for medicine in serious conditions, but many of them have the endorsement of health experts as a way of treating minor woes or supplementing other treatment options.

Here are six of the most popular that have the thumbs-up from reliable sources:



Peppermint for Better Digestion

Peppermint soothes the muscles of your digestive tract and increases the flow of bile, making it easier for your stomach to break down food and pass it through your digestive system. Mount Sinai Health System in New York says peppermint can often help ease feelings of gassiness and bloating, or simply aid overall digestion. Sip on peppermint tea or chew on candies made with all-natural peppermint oil.



Ginger for Nausea

Ginger contains a component known as gingerol, which Johns Hopkins University cites as being good for gastrointestinal motility. This prevents food from sticking around in your stomach for too long, where it can cause nausea. You can grate fresh ginger into recipes, or you can try drinking ginger tea and chewing on ginger candies.



Chamomile for Better Sleep

The Sleep Foundation notes that people who drink chamomile tea tend to have an easier time falling asleep and ultimately enjoy sounder sleep, likely because of a chemical compound called apigenin, which has a tranquilizing effect. Another option is valerian root, which contains the natural sedative properties valepotriates and sesquiterpenes.



Lavender for Anxiety

When you use lavender oil to scent the air—such as through a diffuser or by burning a candle made with natural lavender oil—its smell can help you manage your adrenal levels, breathe better, and reduce your heart rate, according to St. Vincent's Medical Center in Connecticut. This applies to lavender in aromatherapy, not lavender taken in the form of supplemental pills.



Turmeric for Inflammation

Turmeric, which can be used to season food or to brew a tea, contains a compound called curcumin with anti-inflammatory properties that could potentially ease the pain of conditions like osteoporosis and arthritis, according to Johns Hopkins. However, if you want to enjoy the health benefits of turmeric, it's better to consume it via food or drink, as supplemental turmeric pills have high concentrations that could be unhealthy.



Aloe Vera for Skin Conditions

The gel from the thick leaves of the aloe vera plant does wonders for your skin, thanks to its anthraquinones compounds that reduce swelling and inflammation. Aloe vera is recommended for healing your skin after a bad sunburn, per the advice of Penn Medicine. The Mayo Clinic notes that aloe vera can be used for reducing acne or taming the redness and itching associated with psoriasis.

Although these herbal remedies are natural and supported by health experts, always do your research and consult your doctor, who will be able to let you know about any side effects or interference these might have to medications you're taking. Happy healing!

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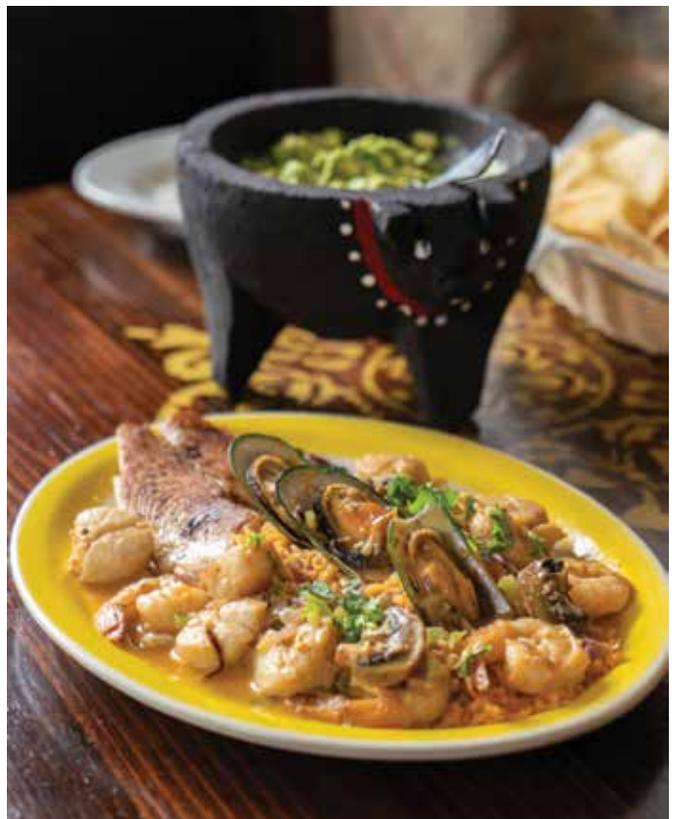
Our Long-Awaited Return to Cancún (in Annapolis)

By Mark Croatti | Photography by Stephen Buchanan

When we honeymooned in Cancún in 2015—the same year Mi Lindo Cancún Grill opened in Annapolis—my wife and I traveled to Mexico’s Riviera Maya, with three distinctly regional adventures: A tropical, Caribbean paradise; exciting day trips to Mayan ruins like the pyramid at Chichen Itza, with long staircases leading up to its temple; and Mesoamerica’s unique cuisine showcasing the culinary history of the Oaxaca region. Since then, when driving by Mi Lindo Cancún Grill, I’ve often wondered how much it had in common with its namesake. Now I regret not finding out sooner, because after an enchanted evening with Chef Roberto Robles, we rediscovered the magic of the Yucatan peninsula.

The fun began immediately; from the outside, an impressively decorated wooden door opens to reveal a small but beautiful, Mexican art-filled, inner chamber where a second door provides the access to this hidden treasure. Once inside—after being enthusiastically greeted by their friendly staff—we encountered *their* three distinct adventures. The first is the mouth-watering aroma of grilled meats and seared seafoods reminiscent of an outdoor barbecue. The second is an extension of its Mayan temple-themed décor along the walls—a colorful, framed exhibit of powdered sand beaches and turquoise water augmented by portraits depicting the Maya civilization’s spectacular achievements, complete with a large illustration of Chichen Itza. The third is a large guacamole station positioned at the front of the restaurant, where piles of fresh avocados sit next to containers bursting with ripe tomatoes, onions, limes, cilantro, jalapeños, and a variety of seasonings. Once an order comes in and a cook starts making the guacamole, the show begins!

Mi Lindo Cancún Grill offers a wide array of dishes and drinks from a seemingly endless menu of lunch and dinner choices as well as their legendary breakfast selections,



such as Huevos con Chorizo and their popular Chilaquiles that feature corn tortillas, eggs, and grilled steak with queso fresco and Mexican crema. The restaurant also boasts an exotic drink menu highlighting Mexican beers, freshly made sangrias, and an extensive collection of themed mixed drinks including several types of mojitos and so many original margaritas that they list them in alphabetical order down an entire page—like “El Matador” made with 1800 Silver Tequila and Grand Marnier. We looked around and saw servers pouring iced tea around the room and ordered some for us, too.

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Once our server Angel arrived with the tea and some puzzles and crayons for our sons (seven and four), he noticed our longing gazes at the guacamole station and suggested it as an appetizer; we agreed and added the Queso Dip. With a nod toward the station from Angel, we watched in awe as a cook began pounding all of the cart's ingredients into an overflowing, ground stone bowl of green perfection that was delivered with several baskets of light, crispy, slightly salted tortilla chips cooked on the premises—all accompanied by their warm home-made salsa. The guacamole was flavorful and tangy while the mild salsa encompassed a superb mix of tomatoes, onions, and cilantro.

The Queso Dip soon arrived—a thick, velvety blend of creamy goodness with an infusion of southern Mexican flavors to stir your taste buds. Fans of the Queso Dip at Señor's Chile in Edgewater—like my family—will recognize the recipe since Fredy Salmoran—from Oaxaca—owns both expanding franchises (a fifth Mi Lindo Cancun Grill in Laurel called Amigos Mexican Grill will have opened by the time you read this). Chef Roberto stopped by and described for us how everything he makes is from scratch, from his signature sauces to the light, fluffy tortillas available in both corn and flour.

Choosing our entrées was not easy; not only does the menu tease you with enticing pictures, you also get to watch the food arrive at other tables as you absorb the trail of sights and scents. First, we wanted to try the Mexican crema so we ordered the Camarones a la Crema, which was spectacular; jumbo shrimp sautéed in tequila with garlic, tomatoes, onions, and spices, cooked in a thick seafood broth and blended with heavy cream that coats the shrimp and kicks it into gear. The shrimp and the zesty sauce they're swimming in were delicious.

Next, the Marylander in us was intrigued by the Mexican crabcake in Frida's Especial. Crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, it boasted crabmeat swirled with red and green peppers, onions, cilantro, and Mesoamerican-inspired seasonings. It was a delectable Oaxacan version of a local favorite and arranged on a wooden block alongside succulent bacon-wrapped shrimp, grilled ribeye steak,



broiled tilapia, and seared scallops. The bacon was a wonderful, smoky complement to the shrimp it wrapped while the marbled ribeye steak, perfectly seasoned and grilled, exploded with flavor. The fresh tilapia was seared in a pan filled with butter that coated the entire fish and browned it on the edges, producing a juicy masterpiece that melted in our mouths. All of the meats were layered over a bed of crisp, roasted vegetables comprised of broccoli, zucchini, onions, and peppers—a combination of red, orange, yellow, and green—and served with a covered tray of corn tortillas.

The kids chose to split the Ground Beef Street Tacos and a basket of Chicken Tenders and Fries. The ground beef was the right level of not-too-spicy and mixed with lettuce, tomato, and sour cream inside flour tortillas. I feel compelled to emphasize that the Chicken Tenders aren't a fast-food replica; they are batter dipped and fried golden brown and taste like a poultry version of fish and chips—light, airy, crispy on the outside and moist on the inside. Simply the best chicken tenders we've ever had.

Mi Lindo Cancún Grill also offers Mexican dessert favorites like Tres Leche and Chocolate Lava Cake; after all, the Maya and Aztec invented and perfected chocolate, which became a confectionary delight in Europe.

Over the years, my wife and I have often wondered how our children would have liked Cancun had they been born before we traveled there. Now, thanks to Mi Lindo Cancún Grill, we feel like we have offered them a taste. We can confidently say that Mi Lindo Cancún Grill offers a wonderful, participatory experience of savory Mesoamerican specialties, uniquely prepared by a creative chef in an eclectic atmosphere that transports you back in time to the days of the Maya.



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Savor the Chesapeake

Restaurant news and culinary trends throughout the Chesapeake Bay region

By Megan Kotelchuck

The year is not only what's new in the area. We have new bakeries, coffee shops, ice creameries, and bars to enjoy now that our schedules have cleared a bit. Fill your calendar back up with lunches, dinners, happy hours, and desserts at local businesses and give back to our community!

On the Dining Scene...

It is not quite the weather for **Capital SUP** to show their skills on the water, so they decided to pivot for the winter. While the business gets ready for the 2024 season, Capital SUP decided to relocate their Nautilus Point trailer to open CapCafe at Quiet Waters Park Ice Rink. All winter, CapCafe will be serving hot cocoa, coffee, tea, treats, and positive vibes, as well as cold-weather Capital SUP merchandise to enjoy while you are on the ice. CapCafe serves The Big Bean Coffee! Find more information at capitalsup.com.

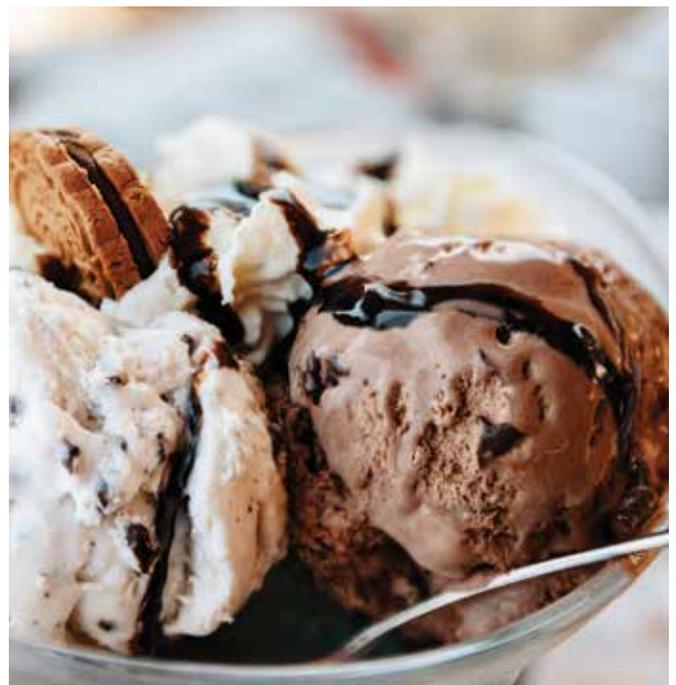
Believe it or not, we have a lot of ice cream news this month. **Tasty Toucan**, an ice cream shop in Stevensville, has been recognized as the 2023 Paleta Champion. This award is a testament to their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence in frozen desserts. Tasty Toucan has handmade ice cream with all-natural ingredients. Tasty Toucan also has an array of ice pops and spiked 'poptails'! Find more information at tastytoucan.com.

And are 150 ice cream flavors enough? Visit the newest **Bruster's Real Ice Cream** in Odenton to find out! Bruster's opened their 10th location in the Seven Oaks Shopping Center across from Fort Meade. This is the fourth Bruster's in Anne Arundel County. Visit brusters.com for info.

Need even more sweet, cool confections? **Haagen-Dazs** opened a new location in the Annapolis Mall. Haagen-Dazs opened in the middle of the main food court in the mall during November and is the newest destination for the sweetest and creamiest of all the treats. During their grand opening, the creamery gave the first 500 guests free mini cups or cones.

One of the restaurants we know and love in the heart of Annapolis and elsewhere is expanding once again. **Iron Rooster** announced that they are opening their fourth location this winter in College Park. The newest installment will operate out of The Hotel at University of Maryland, just steps away from the iconic terrapin entrance. Get ready for more breakfast all day and, of course, the famous homemade Roostarts. Find more information at ironroosterallday.com.

Just before Thanksgiving, the newest Titan Hospitality-managed restaurant opened in Annapolis. **The Lodge** opened on Jennifer Road the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, introducing the dining concept of "where rustic meets farm freshness." The Lodge is similar to The Blackwall Barn and Lodge already located in Gambrills (and in Columbia). The Lodge showcases simplicity in rustic dining with wholesome ingredients. Find more information and a full menu at lodgeannapolis.com.



At the end of October, **Blondie's Doughnuts** opened their first store front in Edgewater. Michelle Diggs opened Blondie's Doughnuts, a pop-up shop, in 2019 and has appeared at farmer's markets and events in the region. Now, Blondie's will offer doughnuts, baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, and coffee at their permanent location at 8 Mayo Road. Find more information and food truck locations at blondies-doughnuts.com. ↓

One of our favorite recent additions to the hybrid dining/entertainment space, **GameOn Bar + Arcade**, is opening their third location in Howard County. Eli and Casey Linthicum, a couple from Columbia, will open a location in their hometown! The retro wonderland is family-friendly during the day and becomes 21 and over at 8 p.m. Enjoy a game of Pac-Man while sipping on an 'adult' Capri Sun. Best of both worlds right? The bar-cade is planning to open mid-January. Find more information at gameonbararcade.com.



Fake It 'Til Ya Make it...

It is that time of year for a change in habits and a healthier perspective. This just means that we should enjoy even tastier drinks, albeit non-alcoholic. Below is a list of mocktails that are worth bringing to your next home happy hour.



Peppermint White Russian

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ounces Strong Brewed Coffee
- 1/4 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 1/8 teaspoon Peppermint Extract
- 2 ounces Heavy Cream
- 1 Peppermint Stick

INSTRUCTIONS

Fill the glass with ice. Pour the brewed cold coffee over the ice. Add vanilla and peppermint extracts. "Float" cream over the coffee, stir gently, and add peppermint stick.

Photo and recipe courtesy of artfrommytable.com



Sparkling Blood Orange Mocktail

INGREDIENTS

- 8 ounces Blood Orange Juice
- 1 tablespoon Honey
- 1/2 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 4 ounces Lime Sparkling Water
- Blood Orange Slices for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

Squeeze the blood orange juice into a mason jar with a lid or cocktail shaker. Add the honey and vanilla extract to the unchilled juice. Shake. Add ice to cool it down. Pour evenly into two ice-filled glasses. Top with lime sparkling water and a slice of blood orange on top. Cheers! Enjoy right away.

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Winter Kiss Mocktail

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ounce White Cranberry Juice
- 1/2 ounce Simple Syrup
- 1/2 ounce Lime Juice
- 1 ounce Pomegranate Juice
- Club Soda

INSTRUCTIONS

Add all ingredients to a glass with ice, top with club soda.

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Have culinary news to share? Send an email to the editor at editor@whatsupmag.com.

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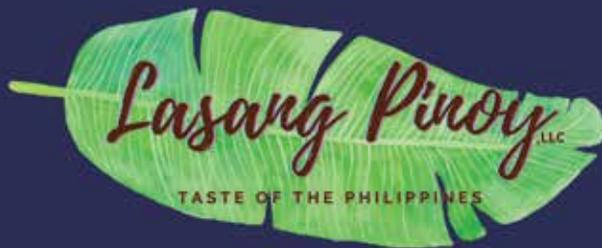
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