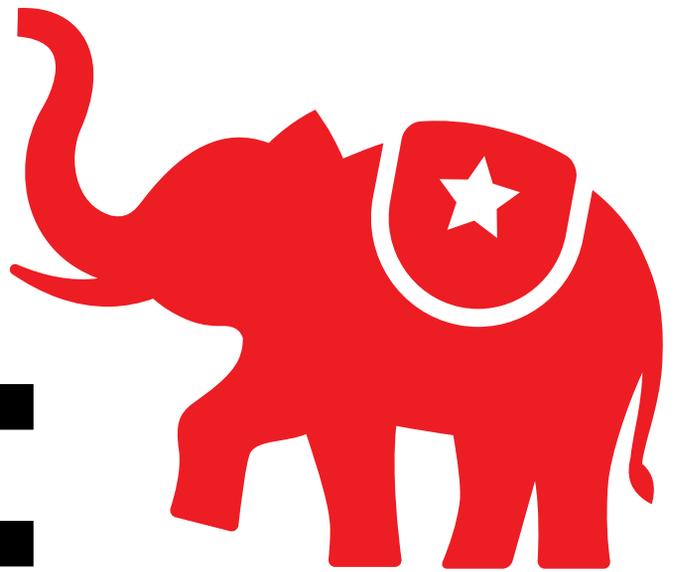
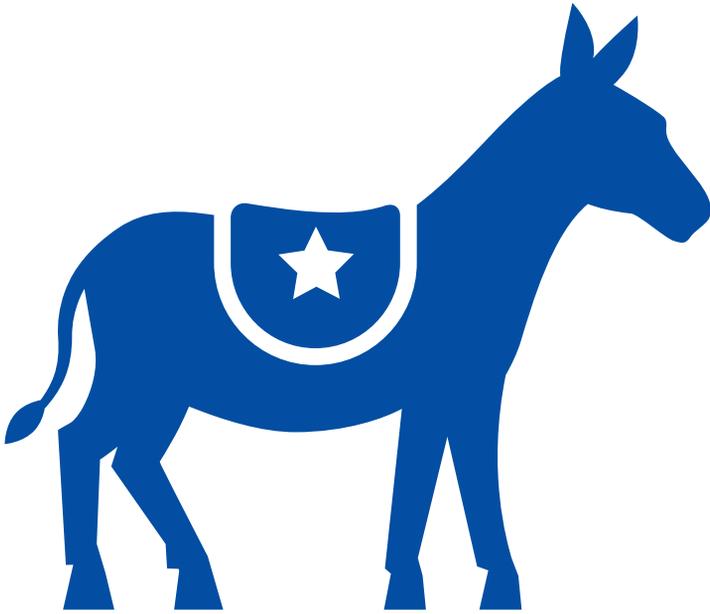


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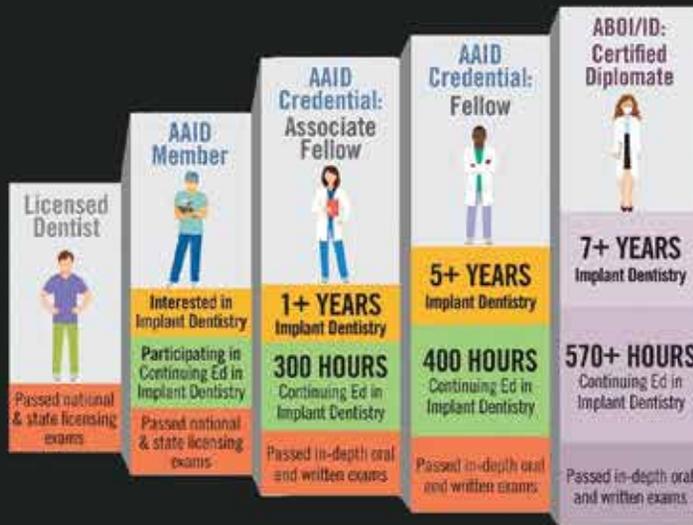


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and more resilient come 2022 and beyond. In fact, some new, good habits have probably emerged from these challenging times that we can carry into our lives long term (are handshakes a relic of the past?).

I suspect that the key to creating a bit more happiness this year than last boils down to developing good, healthy, and purposeful habits that carry over day to day, month to month, and year to year. Only then, by living a life ingrained with purpose and clarity, can each of us create the year and years ahead that we want for ourselves, our families, and communities. We have and can continue to do this, no matter if the year is 1971 or 2021. Dialogue and debate on how to better achieve more meaningful, resourceful, and ethical communities (neighborhoods, cities, states, our nation) can and should be had.

I was discussing this idea with our publisher Veronica Tovey recently. She mused on how dinner table conversations between politically polar-opposite family members used to be lively, vigorous, meaningful, and could even be fun. It seems we've lost that sense of healthy debate. I say, let's bring it back.

So, beyond the generic goal of "losing a few COVID pounds" this year (and hopefully I can, LOL), how will you (and I) make this year any different than the last? May I suggest we start with listening well, learning more, and developing a touch more empathy among us? All lifelong habits that can carry us, together, year over year and beyond.

For me, personally, I'll aim to "practice what I preach." I could definitely do a better job of that. I know so...my wife has been saying it to me for years.

Happy New Year,

James Houck,
Editorial Director

At the stroke of midnight on December 31st, we finally shelved one of the most challenging years in generations, 2020. I heard it time and again throughout this past holiday season. "I can't wait for this year to be over," my family, friends, and colleagues often said. And who can blame us? Between a pandemic, economic upheaval, social unrest, political division, all manner of struggle and strife, and the loss of more than several national entertainment treasures...(roll "In Memoriam" clip, which will include the likes of John Prine, Kobe and Gianna Bryant, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Toots Hibbert, Carl Reiner, Vera Lynn, Chadwick Boseman, Eddie Van Halen, Sean Connery, Regis Philbin, and Alex Trebeck to name a few...shed tear)...is it really any wonder why we reflected upon and celebrated the end of this past year?

What will 2021 bring to the table? Beyond our good intention attempts at various New Year's resolutions, I must confess I'm a believer that a year versus year vision isn't quite an accurate or meaningful way to purpose oneself and live one's expectations for the future. The sun rises and sets the same each day, regardless of the Gregorian Calendar. Though each year starts "fresh," we'll inevitably experience happiness, joy, sadness, and struggle in the coming months. "Good times, bad times, you know I had my share," Robert Plant sang many moons ago. The strikes and gutters of life will most certainly abide this year, as they did last. So, what are you expecting for this year?

A new president is scheduled to be inaugurated, but will your day-to-day truly change? Probably not. Will there be celebrity and political scandals in the news? You bet. And the pandemic has certainly altered our livelihoods, but we're coping, hoping, and willing to do what it takes to emerge stronger

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A Talbot Hospice Story: Robert E. Blades

By Amelia Blades Steward

I don't think it was by accident that I was introduced again to Talbot Hospice a year before my father died. I had written for the organization periodically through the years, but then in June 2015, the phone call came asking me to help tell the organization's story as it prepared to open its newly-renovated facility on Cynwood Avenue. I was thrilled to be involved again and looked forward to learning how hospice had changed since my first encounter eight years earlier. Things in my life had changed, however, and the journey I was about to begin became a very personal one and one which would change my life in immeasurable ways.

One of the first stories I was asked to write was about Talbot Hospice's end-of-life doula program. I had been familiar with the term from when I had given birth to my two sons. I had heard of women I knew using birth doulas to help with their deliveries, transitioning the lives of their babies into a new world. Unsure what a doula did during the active dying process intrigued me. I inter-

viewed hospice doulas and patient families, learning that doulas were trained members of the hospice team who help with the moment of death—from holding patients' hands to advocating for them, to helping family members understand the physical changes associated with dying. Doulas care for patients

“End-of-life doulas are trained members of the hospice team who help with the moment of death in a patient's home, in nursing facilities as well as at Hospice House.”



Amy with her Mom and Dad at an Orange game.



Amy and her Dad at a Daddy-Daughter Dance at Hood College in 1979.

in their homes, in nursing facilities, as well as at Hospice House. I heard from a doula that helping someone pass from one realm to another was a sacred time and a privilege.

I am not sure I appreciated what that really meant until on June 15, 2016, my family got a call from our Talbot Hospice social worker asking if we needed a doula as my father, Robert E. Blades, had begun his own journey of dying. I wouldn't be telling the truth if I said it was an easy process to go through. Frankly, we were overwhelmed with how quickly things were progressing. We had just engaged hospice that week and were learning about what services we could use.

We were exhausted from sleep deprivation and needed to ask for more help. While hospice nurses were managing his discomfort and taking care of his physical needs, we needed to prepare for his spiritual passing, and we weren't nearly ready for that. Although conversations had been completed about the Five Wishes and the will and final arrangements had been made, we were not ready to lose our dad.

I said yes to the doula that day when the phone call came in and within minutes Phyllis Peddicord was at our back door. While writing the story about doulas months earlier, I had spoken to Phyllis but had never met her. Her diminutive size didn't match her mighty spirit. When she walked into my father's room that day, the franticness of the scene diminished and the room immediately became peaceful. Her spirit filled the room and I could see my dad begin to relax as Phyllis stroked his head and spoke softly to him. I was in awe. This is what patient families had told me about the doula process. I began to understand the sacredness of this time.

Phyllis reassured me that I could manage what was happening and showed me how to reassure my father that we were with him as he was about to leave this realm for the next. The words came naturally to me, although looking back, I don't know

where they came from. My dad had confidence in where he was going. It reassured me to see his eyes glimmer with hope as he looked beyond us in the room that day to a place that only he could see. My mom, who had been his caregiver for the past few years, was finally able to sit next to him as his wife, as she lovingly said her "good-byes." His passing was calm. It was beautiful, it was sacred.

While I felt a surge of sadness as he left us that day, I felt the power of life and death in new ways. I no longer feared death. I knew that death could be a dignified process and one that I could participate in with a loved one. With the help of Talbot Hospice, my mother and I could face the difficult moment of the death of my dad, knowing we had given him what he wanted. His wishes had been to die in the comfort of his home, surrounded by those who loved him.

“With the help of Talbot Hospice, my mother and I could face the difficult moment of the death of my dad.”

Talbot Hospice is an incredible asset to our community. While each individual's experience with the dying process is a personal one, I learned what a blessing it is to have hospice along for the journey. The hospice staff meet you where you are in the process and make the unknown less scary. In the end, they help families find joy and celebrate the lives that were lived.

We later learned from some of the hospice workers that at the hour my dad left us on June 15, 2016, a bird had flown to the window of the new Hospice House and demanded their attention while they were in a meeting. He pecked on the window and insisted they take notice of his wings. The staff in the meeting immediately thought of my dad as they knew he loved watching the birds from his windows on the creek. There is not a doubt in our minds who that bird was at Hospice House that day. My dad had gotten his wings and had taken flight. Every now and then, a bird will stop by for a visit to my window or my mother's window, giving us great comfort in the days following my dad's death.

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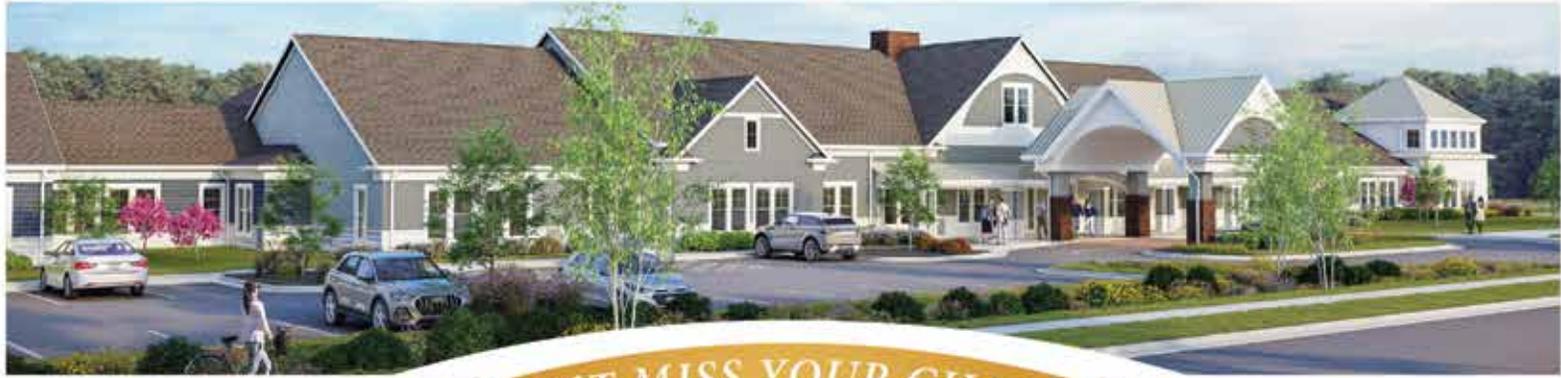


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Wisp Resort →

296 Marsh Hill Road, McHenry, Maryland; 301-859-3159; Wispresort.com; Covering 172 acres in Garrett County, Wisp Ski Resort is Maryland's only four-season resort. Though Wisp is known for their skiing, snow tubing, and other winter sports, they also offer golf, aerial activities, water adventures, and more. Wisp offers night skiing Tuesday through Saturday and offers 33 slopes totaling 11 miles of trails. Don't forget to take a ride on their Mountain Coaster! **Runs:** 34 total; 35% beginner, 38% intermediate, 27% expert **Lifts:** 12 **Vertical Drop:** 700 feet **Longest Run:** 1.5 miles **Features:** Night skiing, 3 terrain parks, snow tubing, mountain coaster, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours, 20 minutes

Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center

101 Doe Mountain Lane, Macungie, Pennsylvania; 866-754-2822; Bcmountainresort.com; Bear Creek Mountain Resort has launched a new sanitation program, Ever Strong, to make this year's skiing season as amazing and memorable as last season. You must purchase your ticket ahead of time to run the slopes this year. **Runs:** 23 total; 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced **Lifts:** 3 **Vertical Drop:** 510 feet **Longest Run:** 1 mile **Features:** Skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, 3 terrain parks, NASTAR racing **Distance from Annapolis:** 2 hours, 53 minutes



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Blue Knob All Seasons Resort

1424 Overland Pass, Claysburg, Pennsylvania; 814-239-5111; Blubknob.com; Visit Blue Knob all year long for events on the mountain, golfing, biking, hiking, and dining. Grab your season passes now or visit their website to see their weekday specials, including military discounts on Wednesday, discount for college students on Thursdays, and more. **Runs:** 34 total; 20% beginner, 35% intermediate, 35% advanced, 10% expert **Lifts:** 5 **Vertical Drop:** 1,072 feet **Longest Run:** 2 miles **Features:** Night Skiing, 1 terrain park, snowboarding, snow tubing, NASTAR, cross country skiing, snowshoeing **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours, 17 minutes

Poconos Mountains, get ready to challenge your skiing skills and embrace a thrill down the 1,082-foot drop and enjoy a smooth ride across over 170 acres of skiable land. **Runs:** 16 total; 42% beginner, 13% intermediate, 45% expert **Lifts:** 39 **Vertical Drop:** 1,082 feet **Longest Run:** 1.2 miles **Features:** Snowboarding, snow tubing, adult and youth racing **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours, 14 minutes

Camelback Mountain Resort

301 Resort Drive, Tannersville, Pennsylvania; 570-629-1661; Camelbackresort.com; If skiing in the middle of the Poconos isn't a big enough reason to stop by Camelback Resort, then stop by for their indoor waterpark. The waterpark features Pennsylvania's largest texlon roof and is 'USA's #1 indoor waterpark'. **Runs:** 37 total; 39% beginner, 26% intermediate, 26% advanced, 9% expert **Lifts:** 16 **Vertical Drop:** 800 feet **Longest Run:** 1 mile **Features:** Snowboarding, snow tubing, Appalachian

Blue Mountain Resort

1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton, Pennsylvania; 610-826-7700; Skibluemt.com; Here you will find the highest drop in the state of Pennsylvania. Located alongside the



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Hidden Valley Resort

1 Craighead Road, Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania; 814-443-8000; Hiddenvalleysresort.com; Gear up at the ski shop before you get the opportunity to learn from the snowsports school and then conquer over 110 acres of skiable land at Hidden Valley Resort. **Runs:** 26 total; 27% beginner, 50% intermediate, 23% advanced **Lifts:** 9 **Vertical Drop:** 470 feet **Longest Run:** 1.5 miles **Features:** Night Skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, 2 terrain parks **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours, 26 minutes

Jack Frost Ski Resort

434 Jack Frost Mountain Road, White Haven, Pennsylvania; 570-443-8425; Jfbb.com; Visit neighboring mountains in Pennsylvania to really see how much skiing you can handle. This year, for safety reasons, the resort is going cashless at their hotels, restaurants, Ski & Ride school, and all other activities. **Runs:** 36 total; 40% beginner, 30% intermediate, 30% advanced **Lifts:** Jack Frost: 12, Big Boulder: 10 **Vertical Drop:** Jack Frost: 600 feet, **Big Boulder:** 475 Feet **Longest Run:** 1 mile **Features:** 7 Terrain parks, snowtubing **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours, 26 minutes

Laurel Mountain Ski Resort

374 Summit Ski Road, Bowell, Pennsylvania; 724-238-2801; Laurelmountainski.com; You think you can handle a challenge? Laurel Mountain Ski Resort has got the slope for you. Laurel Mountain is home of the famous double-diamond Lower Wildcat slope, the steepest slope in the state. This resort ranks in the top ten ski areas even though it is smaller in size. **Runs:** 20 total; 11 beginner, 6 intermediate, 2 advanced, 1 expert **Lifts:** 2 **Vertical Drop:** 761 Feet **Longest Run:** Over 1 mile **Features:** Snowboarding, lodging package access to Seven Springs and Hidden Valley resorts **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours, 32 minutes

Liberty Mountain Resort

78 Country Club Trail, Fairfield, Pennsylvania; 717-642-8282; Libertymountainresort.com; Located just a few miles south of Gettysburg, Liberty Mountain is the closest ski resort to the Annapolis area. The resort features 4 terrain areas varying in difficulty for freestyling, training your new skills, and cleaning the rust off from last season. **Runs:** 16 total; 35% beginner, 40% intermediate, 25% expert **Lifts:** 8 **Vertical Drop:** 620 feet **Longest Run:** 1 mile **Features:** Snowboarding, snow tubing, ice skating **Distance from Annapolis:** 1 hour, 42 minutes



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Roundtop Mountain Resort

925 Roundtop Road, Lewisberry, Pennsylvania; 717-432-9631; Skiroundtop.com; Just outside of Hershey, Roundtop Mountain Resort has plenty to do this

winter, including paintball. The terrain parks include Fanny Hill, a terrain park for even the newest skier. **Runs:** 20 total; 20% beginner, 25% intermediate, 40% advanced, 15% expert **Lifts:** 9 **Vertical Drop:** 600 feet **Longest Run:** 0.4 miles **Features:** Snow tubing, snowboarding, 3 terrain parks, paintball, Roundtop Mountain Sports **Distance from Annapolis:** 1 hour, 53 minutes

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

777 Water Wheel Drive, Champion, Pennsylvania; 814-352-7777; 7springs.com; Roundtop Mountain Resort really does have it all. Don't trust me? Visit their website to view the live cams showing the golf course, base of the mountain, chair lift, polar bear express, snow tubing and more. **Runs:** 33 total; 35% beginner, 40% interme-

mediate, 25% advanced **Lifts:** 10 **Vertical Drop:** 750 feet **Longest Run:** 1.2 miles **Features:** Night Skiing, snowboarding, 7 terrain parks & pipes, NASTAR course **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours, 36 minutes

Shawnee Mountain Ski Area

401 Hollow Road, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; 570-421-7231; Shawneemt.com; In the Pocono Mountains you will find Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, a mountain with 23 runs and, a fan favorite, the Pocono Plunge Snow Tubing Park which has 6 chutes and 2 carpets **Runs:** 23 total; 26% beginner, 48% intermediate, 26% advanced **Lifts:** 10 **Vertical Drop:** 700 feet **Longest Run:** 1.6 miles **Features:** Night Skiing, 2 terrain parks, snow tubing **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours, 29 minutes

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1822 Resort Drive, McGaheysville, Virginia; 540-289-5411; Massresort.com; Stay, play, and relax at Massanutten Resort in the Shenandoah Valley. Visit the spa or indoor waterpark in addition to learning how to ski and snowboard on their 6,000 acres of mountain. Not quite ready to get on the slopes yet? Visit their website for Massanutten Moments to get your 'Daily dose of fresh mountain air' created by the staff. **Runs:** 14 total; 31% beginner, 46% intermediate, 23% advanced **Lifts:** 8 **Vertical Drop:** 1,110 feet **Longest Run:** 0.8 miles **Features:** Night skiing, 2 terrain parks, snow tubing, ice skating, team sports & racing, indoor waterpark, spa, family adventure park **Distance from Annapolis:** 3 hours



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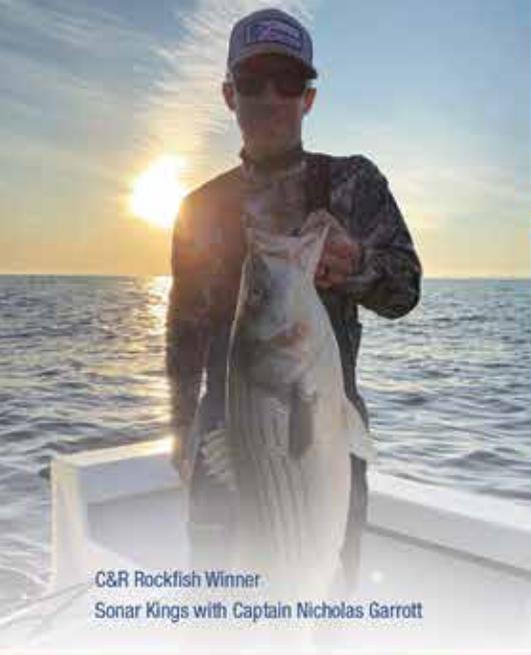


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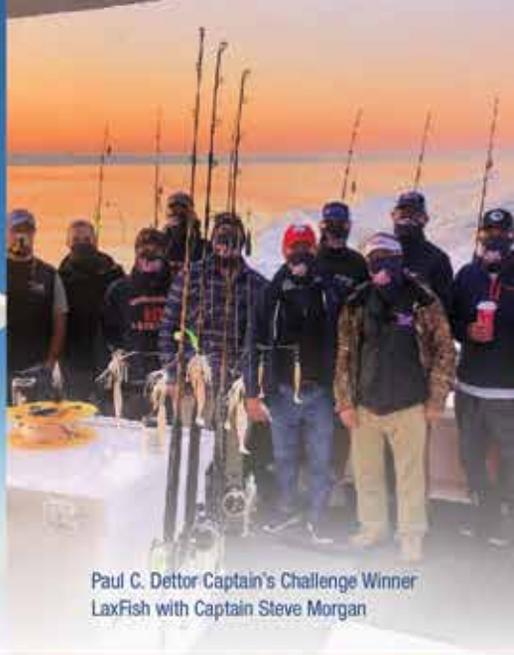




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TOWNE SALUTE

Karen Shook

Academy Art Museum

By Lisa A. Lewis

A native of Chicago, Karen Shook still has fond memories of her visit to the Art Institute of Chicago when she was in the third grade. Indeed, the museum made a lasting impression on her and helped lay the foundation for her lifelong love of art. Shook’s interest in museums as a child carried over into adulthood and ultimately inspired her to become a docent. She conducted weekly tours at the Art Institute of Chicago and also led outdoor walking tours of some of the early skyscrapers in Chicago for the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

Shook’s appreciation of art continued to enrich her life throughout the years, and when she moved to St. Michaels in 2009 from Washington, D.C.—where she had built her career as an Emmy Award winning journalist and served as the

president of the Washington, D.C. Board of Education—she sought opportunities that would allow her to pursue her passion. Not surprisingly, her search led to the Academy Art Museum (AAM) in Easton, and she became a member soon after moving to St. Michaels.

As a longtime art enthusiast, Shook was captivated by the museum and wanted to become more actively involved. So she decided to become a docent. She completed her training in the fall of 2017 and conducted her first docent tours in January 2018, which coincided with AAM’s 60th anniversary. Shook is one of nine volunteer docents. They are all members of the first class and began conducting tours at the same time.

“I love being a docent,” says Shook, who also serves on the board of trustees. “I enjoy meeting new people, and the environment is so warm and inviting. The exhibits are constantly changing, so every tour is different. And since everyone’s level of knowledge about art varies, we learn from each other. Being a docent is truly a rewarding experience for me.”

When AAM shut down in March due to COVID-19, the staff was faced with the challenge of finding ways to allow people to experience all the museum has to offer—without actually being able to visit. They soon realized that the obvious solution was to bring art into people’s homes. So they created “Docent Reflections,” a series of audio segments in which the docents provide commentary on a specific work of art. An

exciting opportunity for the docents, “Docent Reflections” offer an innovative, creative way for people to enjoy art. In addition, creating a strong online presence ensures that AAM is accessible to everyone in the community—allowing people of all ages and walks of life to learn about and gain an appreciation for art.

At the time of writing, in-person tours aren’t currently available. However, AAM re-opened on August 1st and has been operating at reduced capacity. Safety measures have been implemented in accordance with city, state, and CDC guidelines. But anyone who is unable to visit is encouraged to explore AAM’s virtual platform, “Art at Home,” which features virtual tours, artist talks, activities, and more, by visiting AAM’s website at academyartmuseum.org.

“Karen is a dedicated and enthusiastic docent,” says Curator of AAM Mehves Lelic. “She dives right into new initiatives and always produces impressive, high-caliber work. She is also an active researcher who is eager to learn about multiple aspects of a piece of artwork she is introducing to an audience. When the museum shut down due to COVID-19, Karen was one of the first volunteers to produce virtual reflections on works from the museum’s permanent collection. She had never produced an audio segment on an artist before, but that did not stop her from creating a lovely episode on Mary Cassatt. Her beautiful work was instrumental in our decision to expand these segments to our rotating exhibitions.”

“Karen has been an inspired member of the docent program from the beginning, consistently leading tours of the highest level, and more recently, producing moving, thoughtful, and well-crafted ‘Docent Reflections’ segments,” adds Director of AAM Ben Simons. “She’s been a [true] leader of our very talented corps of museum docents.”

Shook is proud of AAM’s online presence and gives credit to everyone involved for thinking outside of the box and developing exciting virtual opportunities. “Docent Reflections” bring her so much joy, and she hopes that the audio segments offer comfort during these difficult times.

“Due to COVID-19, people are spending more time alone, which offers time for reflection,” says Shook.

“Art can help us work through our feelings and provide an outlet while also teaching us to be mindful and appreciative. It’s truly transformative. I’m looking forward to conducting in-person tours again when it’s safe. But for now, I’m happy producing ‘Docent Reflections.’ I hope that I can play a small role in opening someone’s eyes to the joy of art.”

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TOWNE ATHLETE

Cory Morgan

Sts. Peter & Paul
Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball

By Tom Worgo

Saints Peter & Paul High School senior Cory Morgan refused to let the recruiting process drag on. One school's lacrosse program stood out for him—High Point University in North Carolina. Morgan, a three-sport athlete, committed to go to High Point in January just two months after visiting its campus.

He will be attending the school on a lacrosse scholarship. "I did things different than a lot of other people," says Morgan, who carries a 3.4 grade-point average and plans to major in marketing.

"When High Point told me, they were looking at me pretty hard, I was like, 'Sweet. This is where I have wanted to go for a pretty long time.' So, I just focused on them."

Furman University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Florida Southern College also recruited him, but he couldn't stop thinking about High Point and its appeal.

"When I visited the campus, I just fell in love with it," he says. "I like how the lacrosse team plays. Their style of play is a lot like

how I always play. And it's like a family, there. The lacrosse program is super close."

High Point Men's Lacrosse Coach Jon Torpey was also a selling point for the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Morgan, who transferred to Saints Peter & Paul after his freshman year at Easton High. "The coach is a very good and he has done a great job with the lacrosse program," he says. "I want to be part of that."

Saints Peter & Paul Coach Pat Tracy believes High Point is close to the perfect school for Morgan. "He was a swiss Army knife kind of guy for us," he says. "They see him at the college level as a guy who can do a lot of things for them at the midfield. He will be able play solid defense and then create transition."

Morgan, a midfielder, has played club lacrosse for nine years and the skills he developed during that time set him up to have a lot of success as underclassman. He scored 17 goals and had 12 assists for Easton as a freshman and earned Bayside Conference honorable mention honors.

He improved on those numbers drastically as a sophomore at Saints Peter & Paul, totaling 44 goals and 21 assists. Morgan scored five goals in March of last year in a loss to Friends during a season in which he was named a Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association B Conference First-Team selection.

He notched four goals against highly respected St. Paul's of the A Conference in March, during a season reduced to four games because of the pandemic.

"He has great speed and good size," Tracy says. "He can shoot the ball well on the run. But the thing that really impresses me about Cory in the two years that I have worked with him is that his motor has gotten tremendously better."

Tracy also values Morgan's leadership qualities. He served as co-captain of both the soccer and lacrosse teams. "That's an area I have seen tremendous growth in the past two years," the coach says. "He is not going to yell or scream. But he will lead by example. I have challenged him and he has done a really good job of leading by example on and off the field."

Morgan is also a standout in soccer. He's a two-year starter as goalie for the Sabres. "He is one of the top goalies in the state," Saints Peter & Paul Boys Soccer Coach G.R. Cannon says. "He could play Division I soccer. He has the ability and mindset to do it."

Morgan played on the Saints Peter & Paul varsity basketball team last winter and exceeded the expectations of Coach Gary Gould. He averaged eight points and four rebounds per game. Not a bad season for someone playing the sport for the first time. "He was a vital part of the team," Gould says. "He understood how hard you had to play to win. He is a great athlete who played physical and has good size and strength."

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TOWNE INTERVIEW

J.K. Dobbins

Baltimore Ravens Running Back

By Tom Worgo

Baltimore Ravens running back J.K. Dobbins often thinks about his father Lawrence. Dobbins honors him by wearing No. 27—the same number Lawrence wore at La Grange High School in Texas. Dobbins also attended La Grange.

“I wore the number in pee wee football,” Dobbins says. “I moved away from it in college and high school because I wanted to have my own number. When I got to the Ravens, there were other numbers, but that one stood out to me and I felt it was right to take.”

It was right around when Dobbins started attending high school that Lawrence died in prison of a stroke at age 33. He was serving a two-year sentence for theft.

“His death made me way more mature,” Dobbins explains. “And it made me appreciate things a lot more.”

Dobbins wishes his father had been able to see him play, back when he starred at La Grange, Ohio State, and now with the Ravens.

Baltimore didn’t need the 5-foot-10, 212-pound Dobbins. The Ravens had the most prolific rushing attack in NFL history in 2019, boasting three-time Pro Bowl running back Mark Ingram and standout bruising back Gus Edwards.

But Dobbins was just too talented to pass up in the 2020 NFL Draft. He proved that the Ravens made the right choice with him showing his big-play ability. With Ingram sidelined because of an ankle injury, the 21-year-old Dobbins rushed for 113 yards on 15 carries against Pittsburgh in early November.

He also led Baltimore in catches for a running back half-way through the season.

We recently talked to Dobbins about the team’s Super Bowl aspirations, the pandemic’s impact on him, his close relationship with Mark Ingram, and how he stays in touch with his former college teammates.

You got your first taste of Steelers-Ravens rivalry, which some people say is the NFL’s best today. What did you think of it?

It’s definitely something else. It’s a rivalry that’s really up there. It’s very intense. It’s a lot of fun and I wish we could have come away with the win. I rushed for more 100 yards, but I am not a stat guy. I want to get the win first.

What is it like playing with Lamar Jackson?

He is amazing. I am certainly glad he is on my team. He’s a great leader and does such great things on the field. It’s a blessing to be able to play with him. I have a great relationship with him.

Can you talk about the impact running backs coach Matt Weiss has had on you in your adjustment to the NFL? And how close are you with Mark Ingram?

Coach Weiss has been a big help with me learning the plays. It’s definitely important having someone like him in your corner. I’m definitely glad to have Mark in the running back’s room for meetings. He is like a big brother to me. I can learn by picking his brain. He tells me what to do and not to do on and off the field. He has helped with the mental part of the game and to always stay sharp.

Do you stay in touch with your old teammates that also made it to the NFL? Are you guys like family in a way?

We are always like a family even with the guys I didn’t play with. I make an effort to talk to them when I see them on the field. It’s a brotherhood at Ohio State. I talk to (Detroit Lions cornerback) Jeff Okudah a lot and players from our draft class. He is like my best friend.

You are wearing Ray Rice’s old number 27. What kind of reaction have you gotten?

I get a lot of reaction from fans. I think the fans here are so good they have gotten the jersey with my last name on the back. It’s great to see that. Ray Rice was a great player. It’s an honor to wear that number.

A lot of analysts have picked the Ravens to go to the Super Bowl? Do you feel the Ravens are that good a team?

We have the talent and so many great players. From what I am feeling and what I have seen I would say yeah. Coming from a college that has a winning tradition, it was great to come to the Ravens. They have those type of expectations.

Is must be awkward or different playing games in front of few or no fans; do you still get just as pumped up playing? Is the intensity different or not?

The intensity is the same I feel like, but it's definitely weird playing in front of no fans. We miss the fans for sure. I don't really worry about it. I just concentrate on playing well and making plays.

How worried or not are you about COVID-19? Is it something always on the back of your mind?

I really believe it's a serious thing and I always try to stay safe. That's the main

thing for the protocols we have. You have to keep your distance and keep your mask on all the time. When I am away from the practice facility, I stay safe, too. I just relax, chill at home, watch film, and play video games.

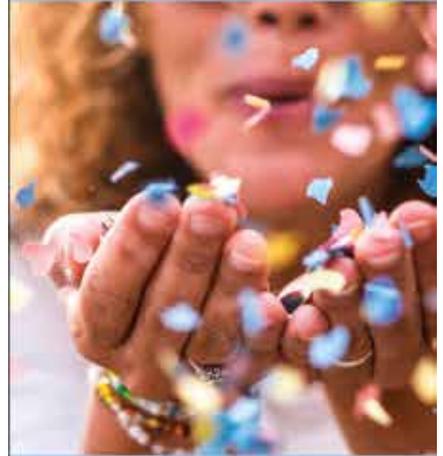
What do you do for fun in your during the offseason?

I would really like to travel whenever I can now that I am in the NFL. I'm still trying to plan some trips out. When I was in college, I didn't get the chance to travel.

What kind of offseason workouts did you do to prepare for the season? Are they different than what you did in college?

I am playing the game in the NFL, so I like to do it all. Free weights, cardio, running, and stretching. I was working out more than four hours a day. I would break it up throughout the day: two hours here and two hours there. I worked out as much in college, and pretty much did the same thing.

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The Year We
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A Preview of the 2021 Maryland Legislative Session

By Mark Croatti

Everyone believed that 2020 would be *The Year of the Woman* (and it certainly was in many ways) but no one foresaw that it would become *The Year of the Coronavirus*. By New Year's Day, China had announced a cluster of strange, pneumonia-like cases "of unknown causes" in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province, 650 miles from Beijing. On January 3, before any deaths, China provided details to the World Health Organization (WHO), which announced the cluster on January 5. On January 9—the day after the Maryland General Assembly convened its 2020 session—China had determined that the cause was not pneumonia but rather a novel coronavirus, COVID-19 ("Corona Virus Disease 2019" or "SARS-CoV-2"). The U.S. announced the first case on January 22; and when President Donald Trump imposed travel restrictions to and from China on January 31, there were nine confirmed cases in the U.S., although very little testing had been done. By February 26, the WHO was tracking more daily cases outside of China than within. On March 16, Maryland's General Assembly adjourned three weeks early—for the first time since the Civil War—without a legally recognized plan for continuing the legislative session virtually. As the pandemic forced schools and colleges across the country to send students home for online instruction, often with parents working remotely while taking care of their children—there were more than 150,000 global cases and close to 6,000 deaths, with the U.S. accounting for over 3,000 cases (2 percent) and 60 deaths (1 percent).

RECAP OF THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Before leaving, legislators passed almost 700 bills within a \$48 billion fiscal year 2021 budget, including the Kirwan Commission's "Blueprint for Maryland's Future," a 10-year package of educational reforms costing several billion dollars. Legislators approved over \$2 billion for additional school construction through bonds that casino money would pay for. Another bill would refurbish horse racing facilities at Pimlico and Laurel Park with \$375 million in bonds issued by the Maryland Stadium Authority, also drawing on casino-generated funds. After a third major bill allocated hundreds of millions of dollars to Governor Larry Hogan to fight the pandemic's spread—including \$50 million from Maryland's "rainy day" fund and up to \$100 million more from state reserves to counter a spike in unemployment claims (supplemented by congressional support), expand COVID-19 testing, and increase executive authority to declare and preside over a "catastrophic health emergency"—Governor Hogan paid \$9 million for 500,000 test kits from South Korea and \$8 million for 250,000 rapid point-of-care antigen tests from Becton, Dickinson, and Company.

When soaring pandemic costs threatened to prematurely deplete Maryland's fiscal year 2020 budget—shortfall projections ranged from \$1 billion to \$2.8 billion (by Comptroller Peter Franchot)—Hogan halted state agency discretionary spending, froze state hiring, and vetoed 22 bills that mandated increased funding, including the Kirwan bill and almost \$600 million for Maryland's historically black colleges and universities. Favoring spending cuts over job losses, Hogan argued that "The economic fallout from this pandemic simply makes it impossible to fund any new programs." Soon after, an African American named George Floyd died when a Minnesota policeman knelt on his neck for eight minutes, setting off nationwide protests that grew in intensity, confrontations, and violence between people and police, citizens and government officials, and partisan ideologies, with little to no social distancing or mask wearing.

Seven months after the General Assembly departed prematurely last March, the U.S. had almost eight million COVID-19 cases and 225,000 deaths, with roughly 130,000 cases and 4,000 deaths in Maryland. The U.S.—about 5 percent of the world's population—now had 20 percent of the 40 million cases and one million deaths globally. Although these numbers will change by the time the next Legislative Session begins (some are predicting they will double), 2020 will now be remembered for a mass police reform movement while a pandemic caused the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, as 3.5 percent unemployment in both the U.S. and Maryland skyrocketed to nearly 15 percent nationwide and more than doubled in Maryland to 7.6 percent.

To address these and other complicated issues, we spoke to **Sheree Sample-Hughes**, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Delegates (D-District 37A); **Eric Luedtke**, House Majority Leader (D-District 14); Delegate **Shaneka Henson** (D-District 30A); **Melony Griffith**, Senate President Pro Tempore (D-District 25); Senator **Adelaide Eckardt** (R-District 37); Senator **Sarah Elfreth** (D-District 30); Senator **Cory McCray** (D-District 45), the former Acting Chair—now Vice Chair—of the Maryland Democratic Party; and **Dirk Haire**, Maryland Republican Party Chair.

Luedtke and Griffith sit on the Senate Spending Affordability Committee; Griffith, Eckardt, Elfreth, and McCray sit on the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Luedtke sits on the House Ways and Means Committee; Henson sits on the House Appropriations Committee; and Hughes sits on both the House Health and Government Operations Committee and, with Luedtke, on the Joint Covid-19 Response Legislative Work Group.

ISSUES THAT THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WILL FOCUS ON



COVID-19

Although the legislature adjourned early last year, it didn't stop working. "The 2020 interim was the busiest in my 18 years in elected office," Sen. Griffith said. Sen. Elfreth agreed: "We've had virtual committee hearings non-stop on all things 'corona' to get ready for January." How to hold a formal session during a continued pandemic, especially online, is still being finalized, according to Elfreth, "First and second readings of bills can be virtual but third readings must be in-person." They may use Plexiglas partitions, Sen. Eckardt said, "but we have to look at what other jurisdictions have done to identify air flow quality specifications. While one option is to hold small meetings in different places, the biggest concern people have right now is that bill drafting and hearings will have no public input. This is not only non-traditional but possibly unconstitutional. To not have discussion about that is a little troubling."

Once they decide on how to proceed, COVID-19-related issues will be at the forefront. According to Griffith, "The virus has had a disparate effect on communities of color who have less access to health care to start with and who live in food deserts, which made getting medical services and healthy groceries difficult when unemployment went up and stay-at-home orders were issued." This was especially true for "the Latinx population, which had the highest infection and death rates," Del. Henson said. "Federal funds to assist with coronavirus consequences must get to those who need it the most," Griffith promised.

Unemployment Benefits: The pandemic caused the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, as] unemployment skyrocketed in both the U.S. and Maryland. Starting in mid-March, over 10,000 people began filing unemployment claims each week, peaking at 33,000 weekly applications in July before beginning a descent that didn't dip below 10,000

weekly submissions until August, according to *The Baltimore Business Journal*. Although by October the unemployment rate decreased to about 8 percent nationally and 7 percent in Maryland, for most of 2020, unemployed Marylanders depended on both the state's unemployment payout and the supplemental benefit provided by the national government that ran out when negotiations between Congress and the White House to renew them failed. "The unemployment system did not work ideally," Sen. Griffith conceded. Luedtke agreed: "We need to shore up the unemployment system. Our hope is that the new Congress will work with the federal government to help the states. In Maryland, we need to assist small businesses, employees working in nursing homes and other health industry jobs, and people living in affordable housing."

Nursing homes: The elderly have been a particularly vulnerable population during the pandemic, both in general and in Maryland's many long-term care facilities. Del. Sample-Hughes stated, "I will be re-introducing the Residential Services Agency Bill requiring that licensed providers are trained in handling, first of all, cases of dementia; three hours initially and then two hours each year thereafter. The public assumes they have had that kind of training but it's not widespread because it's not mandatory. Negative physical and emotional reactions among nursing home residents are being triggered by misunderstandings and even fear when a staff member says or does something counter to what is appropriate to the needs of those in their care." A second issue is Alzheimer's Disease. "The Department of Public Health has strongly emphasized these types of training, especially now that we've seen how an unforeseen pandemic affects the ability to provide 'normal' services," she said. Third, nursing homes "need more guidance on COVID-19 testing and if someone passes from the virus so that proper procedures are followed for how a body is handled and then transported to a funeral home." Sen. Eckardt is concerned that "our nursing homes and assisted living facilities will even survive. They've endured bad press but an increased need for their services. Their residents' societal isolation has increased and that needs to be addressed. How can we ensure that they have adequate resources so that people don't get discouraged with the entire health industry?"

Rental units: Those who rent low and middle-income housing have been particularly hard hit by the quarantine. "The coronavirus forced people to stay indoors, so the quality of affordable residential homes became a top issue," Del. Henson said. "Mold causes respiratory issues that are then magnified by COVID-19 and vice versa, compounded by inferior air ducts and faulty electrical wiring. Multi-family rental properties have the biggest problems; last year, Annapolis was sued over discrimination-related issues such as home inspections where either inspectors refused to enter multi-family dwellings or inspected them so rapidly that they failed to find subpar housing conditions. I am re-introducing the Indoor Air Quality Bill that didn't make it out of last year's session. It will have a 'Tenants' Bill of Rights' clause allowing residents to self-report

violations and submit a 'video inspection' by remote recording using their phones or any other method determined by different jurisdictions. One thing we did last year was change the laws that allowed for uneven inspection standards for public vs. private housing; now all units must be treated equally. Next, we'll eliminate the different inspection criteria for multi-family vs. single-family communities."

Addiction Assistance: During a pandemic, when people must socially-distance or even stay at home and thus cannot interact with loved ones and friends, substance abuse becomes an even bigger problem. Over 40 percent of Maryland's methadone clinics are in Baltimore. Sen. McCray represents the city and will be introducing four bills requiring greater transparency from the three primary players: The national government, the Maryland Department of Health, and Baltimore city. "The federal-state-community relationships are not clear as to what their specific roles are," he said. "Each methadone clinic serves thousands of people while their operators donate to elected officials to influence local zoning and other potential obstacles to their ability to remain open *and* be eligible for funding. We need to make sure that the necessary requirements are being met and applied to all behavioral health organizations."

LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORM

"We must have police accountability," Sen. Elfretth stated. Sen. Griffith will be chairing a Senate work group that will focus on Equity and Inclusion. "Systemic racism must also be addressed, she said. According to Sen. Eckardt, police reform, social justice, and race disparity issues must target the most affected members of society, adding, "I think we'll see a lot of creative ideas in this session that will need a great deal of input so that they'll be vetted thoroughly enough to move forward."

EDUCATION

The "Blueprint for Maryland's Future": The Kirwan Commission's bill to create a new educational funding formula to inject \$1 billion into public schools over three years was vetoed by Governor Larry Hogan. "Overturning this decision is one of our biggest veto priorities," Sen. Elfretth said.

According to Sen. Eckardt, "In Sen. Nancy King's amendment, if the economy reduced by 7 percent or more, Kirwan wouldn't get implemented; the economy fell more than 10 percent. Not all of 'Phase 1' passed last year, but 2021 was going to be 'Phase 2.' Everything will be re-evaluated. Local jurisdictions are re-assessing where they are and where they want to go. Will COVID-19 completely transform the educational structure in unanticipated ways? What'll happen to educational funding formulas if kids aren't in school? What new online technologies and learning models will develop? Can a virtual, multiple-county consortium provide a quality virtual education that meets all current standards? The next two to three years will be difficult budget battles; we lost four months of gasoline taxes and casino revenue is way down, so what happens to the expected educational funding levels? This is not a delay

but a pause until we can leverage more federal dollars. The biggest immediate challenge is that our children and citizens need access to broadband so that they can learn and work from home. I'll be introducing a bill to '*Connect Maryland*' by bringing together all elements of connectivity both within and outside Maryland, such as the federal government, that will be multi-organizational." Del. Sample-Hughes agreed. "What I continually hear from constituents and colleagues is Maryland's lack of broadband access. Some places have it, some don't. Speaker Jones has emphasized that schools must have the technology they need. A lack of broadband access obviously complicates learning from home. People are struggling, so we have to make sure that we do this right."

HBCUs: According to Sen. Luedtke, "Kirwan is a 10-year plan. I'm more concerned short-term with overturning the Governor's veto of the HBCUs funding bill." Del. Sample-Hughes added, "I meet regularly with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore's president. Historically black colleges and universities are grappling with the veto's funding cuts. They needed that revenue in order to offer vital programs."

TRANSPORTATION

"It's not just the Education Trust that's underfunded," cautions Sen. McCray, who sits on the Environment and Transportation Committee. "The Transportation Trust Fund has lost a significant amount of revenue. That will affect the Purple Line, road, and infrastructure needs like aging bridges, and BWI's financial support. There were cuts to Maryland's Department of Transportation and Transit Administration, even though ridership has not decreased during the pandemic." Sen. Griffith agrees. "Driving commute times are already excessive," she said. "We need to get people out of their cars and back to their homes and communities; otherwise, they have less time to help their kids with homework and engage in civic activities. I don't expect recent shortfalls to be addressed in the 2021 session; transportation solutions involve long-term planning, but what we can do is create economic centers around existing transit stations that create jobs and generate revenue to help restore the appropriate levels of funding."





DEMOCRACY

Redistricting: “The top issue for Republicans in both chambers is redistricting,” said state party chairman Dirk Haire. “Census completion is the key, so creating new district boundaries may need to be done later, in a special session. We also need new legislation to pare back gerrymandering.”

Voting: Del. Luedtke wants to introduce the “Voter Empowerment Act” aimed at specific demographics that face voting challenges such as students and military personnel overseas and senior citizens. He wants to improve the ability to vote electronically and in-person at school campuses set up proactively. “These are Maryland’s next steps toward becoming the best state when it comes to voting,” he said. Sen. Elfreth agrees: “The primary season saw a record turnout without fraud. Now we need to specify regulations for mail-in voting and other election-related issues.”

CONCLUSION

Other topics to consider: Del. Henson wants to make sure childcare centers have the same quality inspection standards as schools, nursing homes, and rental units; Del. Luedtke expects more progress in restoring the health of the Chesapeake Bay, such as reducing single-use plastics and better oyster management; and Del. Sample-Hughes would like to see Maryland finally retire its Civil War-themed state song that praises the Confederacy and criticizes Abraham Lincoln. “Nationwide, now’s the time,” she said. “It’s not a new idea

but there’s a new opportunity. People want change. This bill will be heard in my committee. It’s a repeal, not a repeal and replace—it’s just a first step. Moving on to new lyrics or a different song will happen later.”

Meanwhile, a Reconstruction-like effort will be needed to rebuild Maryland’s economy. “We need COVID-resilience,” Sen. Eckardt said. “Supporting our restaurants and retailers, thinking about how local economies can sustain themselves for the foreseeable future, and creating regional councils of local communities working together.”

If 2020 went from *The Year of the Woman* to *The Year of Coronavirus*, hopefully 2021 will be *The Year We Rise*; however, Sen. Griffith warns that “Maryland’s post-COVID-19 recovery will be our top priority but it’s a difficult path to chart because we don’t know if our legislative session will be on the ‘recovery’ side of the year 2021.” Indeed, it is difficult to be overly optimistic after a once-in-a-lifetime calamity, nationwide protests, and economic hardship all came together to create a perfect storm of despair, but I’m inspired by something Abraham Lincoln said while giving the Emancipation Proclamation: “I hereby enjoin upon the people...to be free to abstain from all violence...and I recommend to them, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.” That might make a great song.

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TALBOT INTERFAITH SHELTER EXPANDS AMID COVID CRISIS



Fortuitously coinciding with National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2020, on November 17th, Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) received unanimous approval from the Easton Board of Zoning Appeals to expand their shelter services and open a second shelter facility. In another stroke of serendipity, the new building will be located directly next door to their current shelter, a former bed and breakfast aptly named Easton's Promise.

TIS plans to convert Easton's Promise into a families-only facility, while the new building will focus on single men and women. With seven potential bedrooms, TIS will eventually be able to serve up to 14 additional guests at a time in the new shelter, essentially doubling their shelter capacity.

Guests at both facilities will continue to receive case management and educational opportunities during their stays as they work with TIS staff to move through individualized plans that will help them reclaim their financial independence.

This is all part of the shelter's S4 Program (Shelter, Stability, Support, Success), a long-term program designed to guide guests from homelessness to self-sufficiency. The goal for all shelter guests is to earn an invitation into one of TIS off-site transitional apartments. There, they will continue to receive case management and attend classes as they gradually increase their portion of the rent until they are able to move into their own housing.

According to TIS Executive Director Julie Lowe, "We have recognized for quite a while that there are people in our community that we are not able to serve at our current capacity. A second shelter facility was in our strategic plan for two or three years from now, but when the financial repercussions of COVID became evident, we knew we had to expedite our timeline."

TIS began seeing a sharp uptick in calls for shelter in the summer of 2020, even before eviction courts reopened. Many of those calls were from single individuals. Because of their limited capacity at Easton's Promise, TIS must prioritize admittance to families.

Lowe says, "It has been heart-wrenching having to turn people away simply because we don't have enough room. We are looking forward to being able to accommodate many more of our neighbors and help them on their path back to self-reliance." She adds, "So much of the success of our shelter at Easton's Promise has been that it is truly a home environment for our guests. We are thrilled that we have found another such facility right next door, where our guests can feel welcome and valued by our community, and really attain the stability they need to rebuild their lives."

This necessary expansion means a significant increase in TIS' operating budget. To make a donation, visit talbotinterfaithshelter.org or mail a check to PO Box 2004, Easton, MD 21601. For information about other donation methods, contact TIS' Marketing and Development Director Jayme Dingler at jaymedingler@talbotinterfaithshelter.org or 443-786-4676.

To learn more about TIS' mission to end homelessness on Maryland's Mid-Shore by providing Shelter, Stability, Support, and a path to Success for families and individuals in need, visit talbotinterfaithshelter.org or contact Julie Lowe at 410-310-2316.



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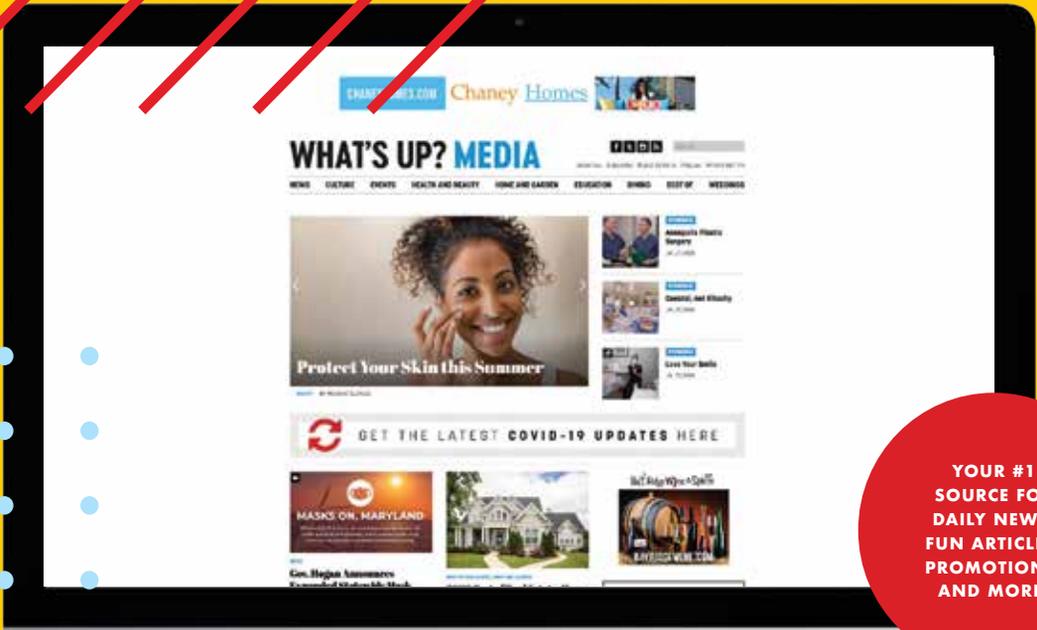


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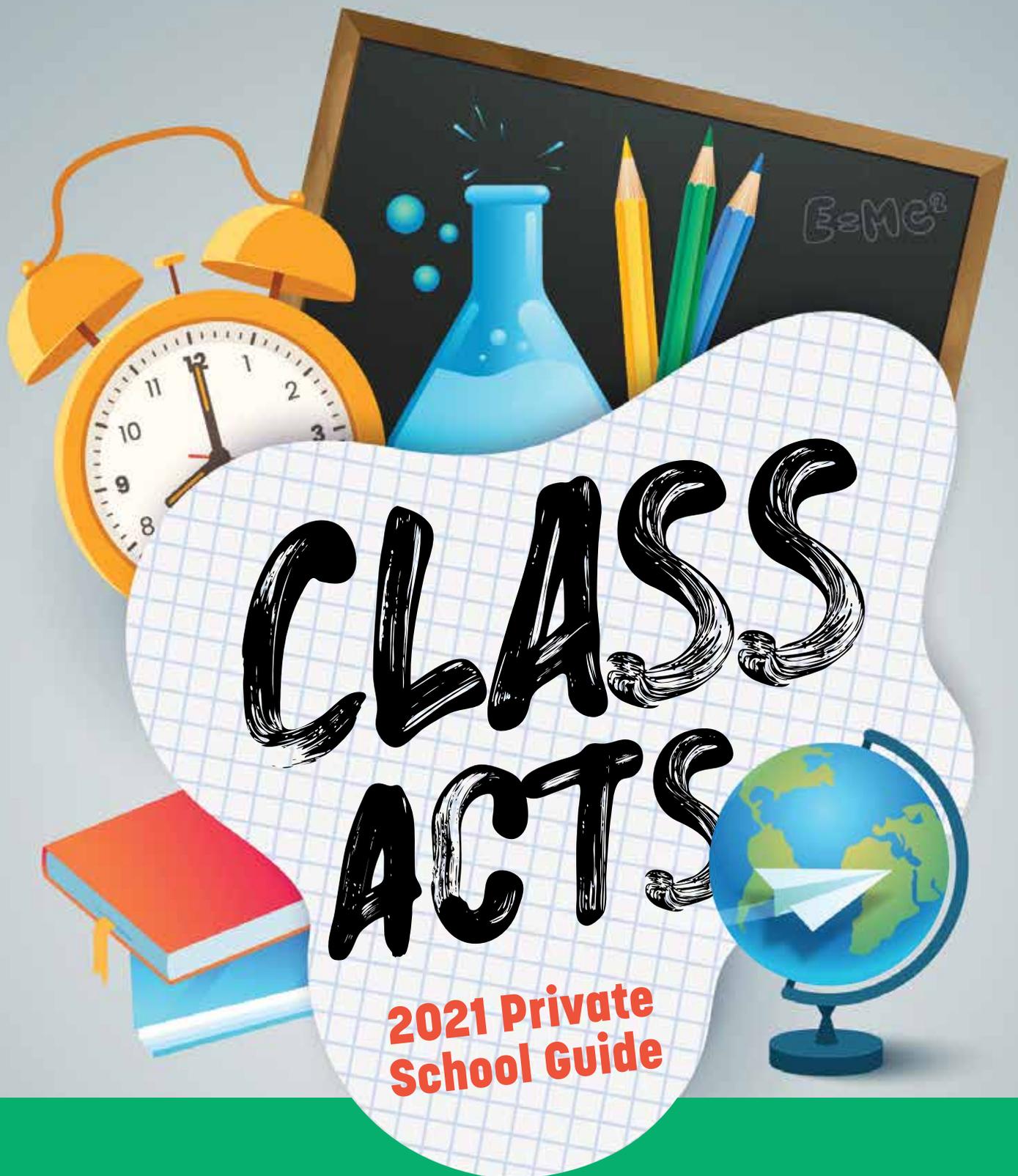
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Welcome to your 2021 Private School Guide! Choosing a private school for your child and your family's wants and needs requires considerable time and research. Like last year, the format of the guide allows you to easily navigate local private schools' vital information (tuition, student/teacher ratios, key contacts, etc.) and efficiently learn about their education philosophies, affiliations, student clubs, extracurricular programs, sports offerings, and more.

Please note: This information is up-to-date as of our print deadline. Because some schools have varying data points, you will see "N/A" (Not Applicable) for several schools' categories that do not apply. The Performance/Creative Arts Offerings, Extracurricular Clubs, and Interscholastic Sports categories also have varying data references because some schools have a specific number of programs, while other schools vary year to year. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school directly.

PRIVATE SCHOOL

*Most recent statistics provided

DESCRIPTION

		YEAR FOUNDED	RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	PRINCIPAL/HEAD OF SCHOOL	GRADE LEVELS	ENROLLMENT	AVG. CLASS SIZE
CAROLINE COUNTY	THE BENEDICTINE SCHOOL 14299 Benedictine Lane, Ridgely 410-634-2112; benschool.org	1959	Non-Sectarian	Julie Hickey	Ages 5–21	66	5–7
DORCHESTER COUNTY	COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL* 5333 Austin Road, Cambridge 410-228-0574	1974	Christian	Beverly Stephens Herbst	PreK–8	40	5
KENT COUNTY	CHESTERTOWN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 401 Morgneq Road, Chestertown 410-778-5855; chestertownchristian.org	1979	Baptist	Thomas Hudson	K4–12	122	10
	KENT SCHOOL* 6788 Wilkins Lane, Chestertown 410-778-4100; kentschool.org	1967	Non-Sectarian	Nancy Mugele	PreK–8	143	12
	RADCLIFFE CREEK SCHOOL* 201 Talbot Boulevard, Chestertown 410-778-8150; radcliffecreekschool.org	1996	Non-Sectarian	Meg Bamford	K–8	73	5
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	THE GUNSTON SCHOOL 911 Gunston Road, Centreville 410-758-0620; gunston.org	1911	Non-Sectarian	John A. Lewis, IV	9–12	224	10–12
	LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 931 Love Point Road, Stevensville 410-643-3034; lacademy.org	2001	Christian	Kathleen Guerra	PreK–8	86	7
	SWEET BAY MAGNOLIA ACADEMY AT THE MCARDLE CENTER* 201 Love Point Road, Stevensville 443-249-3368; mcardlecenter.com	2015	Non-Sectarian	Brian Tyler	K–3rd; home instruction; 1st–9th grade co-op	10	5
	WYE RIVER UPPER SCHOOL 316 South Commerce Street, Centreville 410-758-2922; wyeriverupperschool.org	2002	Non-Sectarian	Dave Mullen	9–12	57	7–8
TALBOT COUNTY	CHESAPEAKE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL* 1009 N. Washington Street, Easton 410-822-7600; chesapeakechristian.org	1999	Christian	Deborah L. Whitter	K4–12	170	15
	THE COUNTRY SCHOOL 716 Goldsborough Street, Easton 410-822-1935; countryschool.org	1934	Non-Sectarian	Bill Ennist	PreK–8	278	15
	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL 900 High Street, Easton 410-822-2251 (ES); 410-822-2275 (HS); sspeaston.org	1955	Catholic	Sherrie Connolly (elementary school); James Nemeth (high school)	PreK3–12	322 (ES); 152 (HS)	14 (ES); 13 (HS)
GREATER ANNAPOLIS	ANNAPOLIS AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—LOWER (Severn) 61 Gambrells Road, Severn (Annapolis) 710 Ridgely Avenue, Annapolis 410-519-5300; aacsonline.org	1971	Christian	Karl Graustein (Severn); Elizabeth Williams (Annapolis)	K–5	220	10–15
	ANNAPOLIS AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—MIDDLE 716 Bestgate Road, Annapolis 410-846-3505; aacsonline.org	1971	Christian	Benjamin Peddicord	6–8	205	10–15

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	3:1	Varies depending on services required	Call for Information	Coed	×	✓	N/A	✓	0	0	N/A	N/A	Multiple	0	N/A
	5:1	\$4,400/year	Call for Information	Coed		✓	N/A	✓	0	0	Spanish, ASL	Musical and drama programs	N/A	0	N/A
	12:1	\$3,990 (K4-6th); \$4,990 (7th-12th)	Call for Information	Coed	✓ (grades 3-12)	✓	5%	✓	Yes	Dual enrollment available	Spanish	3	Varies year to year	4	10 hours per academic year (grades 9-12)
	7:1	\$7,000/year (Prek 3 and 4); \$16,200/year (K-grade 4); \$17,375/year (grades 5-8)	Call for Information	Coed	✓	×	14%	✓	0	0	Spanish	3	1	9	N/A
	Ranges from 1:1 to 7:1; (typically 4:1)	\$28,700	Call for Information	Coed	×	✓	N/A	✓	0	0	N/A	8 (changes yearly)	6	2	N/A
	9:1	\$25,600/year	Call for information	Coed	✓	×	18%	✓	19	0	Spanish	16	18	15	45 hours
	7:1	\$4,000-8,800/year	Call for information	Coed	✓	✓	10%	✓	0	0	Latin	2	4	2	N/A
	3:1	\$5,000-20,000/year (based on program)	Call for Information	Coed	✓	×	N/A	✓	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
	5:1	\$30,475/year	1/28, 6-7:30 p.m.; 4/25, 2-4 p.m.	Coed	×	×	21%	✓	0	0	Spanish	9	7	5	90 hours
	15:1	\$5,000/year	Call for information	Coed	×	✓	20%	×	0	0	Spanish	4	0	6	100 hours
	9:1	PK \$9,975; K \$15,400; 1-8 \$17,850	Check Website	Coed	✓	✓	20%	✓	0	0	Spanish	4	5	6	Not required, but part of curriculum
	13: 1 (ES); 7:1 (HS)	\$5,506-\$8,632/year (PreK3-8); \$13,755-\$14,974/year (9-12)	Call for Information	Coed	✓ (HSPT)	✓	7% (ES); 10% (HS)	✓	11	0	Spanish, Latin	Art, Music, Choir, Band, Theatre	13 (ES); 32+ (HS)	8 (ES); 15 (HS)	80 hours over four years (grades 9-12)
	11:1	\$11,800-13,150/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	35%	✓	0	0	Spanish	4	2	0	N/A
	11:1	\$15,600/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	35%	✓	0	0	Spanish, ASL	6	4	5	N/A

PRIVATE SCHOOL

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ANNAPOLIS AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—UPPER 109 Burns Crossing Road, Severn 410-846-3507; aacsonline.org	AACS is an accredited K-12 private, co-ed, school with four campuses in AA county. We provide an excellent, distinctively Christian education.	1971	Christian	Dr. Robert McCollum	9-12	407	10-15
BOOK OF LIFE ACADEMY* 913 Cedar Park Road, Annapolis 410-263-2600; bookoflifeacademy.com	Located in Annapolis, Book of Life offers a Christian education through various daily enrichment programs.	1982	Christian	Ashley Mackell	K2-5	115	12
CALVARY CENTER SCHOOL* 301 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis 410-268-3812; calumc.org/calvary-center-school	Calvary Center School is a preschool for children ages 3 and 4, and also offers extended care options.	1986	Methodist	Johnna Parker	PreK	75	12-15
CHESAPEAKE MONTESSORI SCHOOL* 30 Old Mill Bottom Road North, Annapolis 410-757-4740; chesapeake-montessori.com	Chesapeake Montessori is recognized by the Association Montessori Internationale, and focuses on indoor and outdoor learning environments on their 7-acre campus.	1977	Non-Sectarian	Robert Wirts	18 months-8	150	24
THE HARBOUR SCHOOL AT ANNAPOLIS* 1277 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis 410-974-4248; harbourschool.org	The Harbour School, located in Cape St. Claire, has an individualized way of teaching, and adapts to the students' way of learning.	1982	Non-Sectarian	Linda J. Jacobs	1-12	189	8-10
INDIAN CREEK SCHOOL—LOWER 680 Evergreen Road, Crownsville 410-923-3660; indiancreekschool.org	Indian Creek School is a college-preparatory school with two Crownsville campuses: Lower (17.1 acres) and Upper (114 acres).	1973	Non-Sectarian	Jennifer Malachowski	PreK 3-6	200	16
INDIAN CREEK SCHOOL—UPPER 1130 Anne Chambers Way, Crownsville 410-849-5151; indiancreekschool.org	Indian Creek School is a college-preparatory school with two Crownsville campuses: Lower (17.1 acres) and Upper (114 acres).	1973	Non-Sectarian	Matthew McCormick	7-12	325	15
THE KEY SCHOOL 534 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis 410-263-9231; keyschool.org	Key School is a coeducational, progressive, college-preparatory day school with a picturesque 15-acre campus located in Hillsmere Shores and a 70-acre athletic park located in Annapolis Roads.	1958	Non-Sectarian	Matthew Nespole	Key-Wee (2.5 years)-12	645	16-18
MONTESSORI INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOUSE 1641 North Winchester Road, Annapolis 410-757-7789; montessorinternational.org	Recognized by the Association Montessori Internationale, Montessori International Children's House caters to students ages 18 months to 12 years on their 4.5-acre campus.	1985	Non-Sectarian	Elizabeth Whitaker	18 months-6	150	12-25
NAVAL ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL 74 Greenbury Point Road, Annapolis 410-757-3090; napschool.org	Naval Academy Primary School is an independent, co-educational school with ties to the U.S. Naval Academy, serving civilian and military families alike.	1949	Non-Sectarian	Robyn M. Green	PreK-5	260	15
ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY 680 Evergreen Road, Crownsville (K-6) 911 Generals Highway, Millersville (7-12) 410-923-1171; rockbridge.org	Celebrating our 25th year as a classical Christian school, Rockbridge Academy is ready to welcome K-12 students to our unified campus next year!	1995	Christian	Roy Griffith	K-12	330	13
ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL OF ANNAPOLIS* 3112 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis 410-263-8650; st.annesschool.org	St. Anne's School is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary and Middle Years Programme, and offers several different approaches to the learning environment.	1992	Episcopal	Lisa Nagel	Twos-8	235	13
SAINT MARTIN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF ANNAPOLIS 1120 Spa Road, Annapolis 410-269-1955; stmartinsonline.org	Saint Martin's Lutheran School provides private, Christian education in a safe, secure and inclusive environment with a focus on small class sizes.	1963	Lutheran	Patrick Kiley	PreK 3-8	120	11
ST. MARGARET'S DAY SCHOOL 1605 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis 410-757-2333; stmargaretsdayschool.org	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.	1995	Episcopal	Tricia McVeigh	2 years-K	127	12-20

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	11:1	\$19,850/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	40%	✓	11	0	Chinese, French, German, Latin, Spanish, ASL, ESL	21	20	15	8 hours per year (encouraged, not required)
	6:1	\$4,500–6,000/year	Call for Information	Coed	×	✓	N/A	✓	0	0	Spanish	Music and Fine Arts	Multiple	0	N/A
	6:1	\$180–1,025/month	Call for Information	Coed	×	×	N/A	×	0	0	N/A	Music	N/A	0	N/A
	Varies	\$11,000–16,500/year	Call for information	Coed	×	×	N/A	✓	0	0	French	Art and Music	Multiple	0	72 hours per year (grades 7 and 8)
	2:1	\$40,112/year	Call for information	Coed	×	Dress code	27%	×	0	0	N/A	Studio Art and Performing Arts	5	4	75 hours for seniors
	7:1	\$9,090–22,100/year	Daily Virtual Tours by Appointment	Coed	✓	✓	26%	✓	0	0	Spanish	8	12	8	N/A
	7:1	\$27,500/year	Daily Virtual Tours by Appointment	Coed	✓	✓	26%	✓	21	0	Spanish, Latin	30	43	25	75 hours (grades 9–12)
	6:1	\$8,800–\$30,075/year	keyschool.org/openhouse	Coed	✓ (ISEE or SSAT)	×	35%	✓	6	0	Arabic, French, Latin, Spanish	24	45	40	N/A
	4:1 to 15:1	\$10,000–12,500/year	Call for Information	Coed	×	×	25%	✓	0	0	Spanish	Music	Varies by year	0	N/A
	9:1 (PreK); 16:1 (K–5th)	\$5,100–11,340/year	Call for Appointment	Coed	×	✓	12%	✓	0	0	French	Music and Fine Arts	16	0	N/A
	6:1	\$7,000–15,690/year	1/15, 2/23	Coed	✓	✓	29%	✓	0	0	Latin, Spanish	25	23	6	Daily service duties
	9:1	\$3,575–19,995/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	33%	✓	0	0	Spanish	7	7	6	10 hours (grade 8)
	10:1	\$3,900–12,900/year	Call for Information	Coed	×	✓	18%	✓	0	0	Spanish	14	5	4	15 hours (middle school)
	5:1	\$2,300–8,000/year	TBA	Coed	×	×	5%	✓	0	0	Spanish	Music Together, Ballet	3–4	0	N/A

PRIVATE SCHOOL

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DESCRIPTION

SEVERNA PARK

EDGEWATER

GAMBRILLS/ODENTON

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*
111 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis
410-263-2869; stmarysannapolis.org

Located in downtown Annapolis, St. Mary's Elementary offers a broad educational curriculum with Christian values to its students.

YEAR FOUNDED

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

PRINCIPAL/HEAD OF SCHOOL

GRADE LEVELS

ENROLLMENT

AVG. CLASS SIZE

1862

Catholic

Rebecca Zimmerman

PreK-8

800

28

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL*
113 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis
410-263-3294; stmarysadmissions.org

Located next to the elementary school, St. Mary's High is a college preparatory day school that focuses on the traditions of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

1946

Catholic

Mindi Imes

9-12

507

20

SEVERN SCHOOL—CHESAPEAKE CAMPUS (LOWER)
1185 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Arnold
410-647-7700; severnschool.com

Severn School is a college preparatory school. The 4-acre lower campus offers an outdoor science learning center and learning pavilion.

1914

Non-Sectarian

Douglas Lagarde

Pre-school-5

222

15

SEVERN SCHOOL—TEEL CAMPUS (UPPER)
201 Water Street, Severna Park
410-647-7700; severnschool.org

Severn School's upper campus is situated on 19 acres, and offers the Stine Environmental Center, which is located along the Severn River.

1914

Non-Sectarian

Douglas Lagarde

6-12

627

13

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL
669 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park
410-647-2283; stjohnspschool.org

Located on over thirty acres, St. John the Evangelist School offers rigorous academics in a nurturing environment for students in Pre-K through 8th grade.

1959

Catholic

Casey Buckstaff

PreK-8

503

25

ST. MARTIN'S IN-THE-FIELD EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
375-A Benfield Road, Severna Park
410-647-7055; stmartinsmd.org

St. Martin's is an independent school with a STEAM-based curriculum, encouraging students to discover their potential while learning with confidence, compassion and character. The school is located on an 8-acre campus, and offers three high school level courses as well as a wide variety of extracurricular programs for all ages.

1957

Episcopal

Jamey Hein

PreK 3s-8

215

14

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY SCHOOL
4B Wallace Manor Road, Edgewater
410-266-0952; standrewsum.org

Saint Andrew's is an independent school located on a 20-acre campus, and offers engaging After School Enrichment Programs.

1985

United Methodist

Mark Wagner

PreK-8

186

15

THE SUMMIT SCHOOL*
664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater
410-798-0005; thesummitschool.org

The Summit School serves students with dyslexia and other learning differences by employing a multi-sensory teaching approach.

1989

Non-Sectarian

Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy

1-8

105

Varies

ODENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL*
8410 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton
410-305-2380; ocs.odentonbaptist.org

Odenton Christian School follows the A Beka curriculum. In addition, OCS offers many real-world electives.

1977

Baptist

Scott Milner (principal); John Lacombe (director)

K3-12

181

14

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION
2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills
410-519-2285; schooloftheincarnation.org

Located on a 26-acre campus in central Anne Arundel County, School of the Incarnation is a coeducational school and operates under the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

2000

Catholic

Nancy Baker

PreK-8

750

25

ELVATON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY*
8422 Elvaton Road, Millersville
410-647-3224; elvatonacademy.com

Elvaton Christian Academy is a coeducational school located in Millersville.

1995

Christian

Pastor Dallas Bumgarner

PreK2-8

60

8

ARCHBISHOP SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL
8080 New Cut Road, Severn
410-969-9105; archbishopspalding.org

Spalding is a coed, college preparatory school that serves students in the greater Annapolis and Baltimore areas. It is a Diocesan school of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

1966

Catholic

Kathleen K. Mahar

9-12

1,250

25

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 Kirychuk, Administrator

K3-12

293

15-18

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.

K3-12

273

Varies

	RATIO	TUITION PER YEAR	OPEN HOUSE DATES	EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT	ENTRANCE EXAMS	UNIFORMS	% MINORITY	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	AP COURSES	IB COURSES	LANGUAGES TAUGHT	PERFORMANCE/ CREATIVE ARTS OFFERINGS	EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS	INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS	SERVICE/ VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT
	6:1 (PreK-K); 12:1 (1-3); 15:1 (4-5)	\$8,537/year (Catholic); \$9,812/year (Non-Catholic)	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	N/A	✓	0	0	Spanish	5	Multiple	4	Weekly service projects, community outreach, Saints in action
	14:1	\$14,577/year (Catholic); \$16,320/year (non-Catholic)	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	15%	✓	16	0	Spanish, French, Latin	15	30	19	75 hours
	13:1	\$21,540/year; PS-K varies	See website for admissions events	Coed	✓	✓	20%	✓	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	0	N/A
	12:1	\$27,780/year	See website for admissions events	Coed	✓	✓	17%	✓	20	0	French, Spanish, Latin	35+	45+	15-48 teams	10 hours per year (grades 9-12)
	14:1	\$8,275/year	1/26	Coed	×	✓	11%	✓	0	0	Spanish	10	21	6	N/A
	7:1	\$3,500-13,500/year	Call for Appointment	Coed	×	✓	12%	✓	0	0	Spanish	6	20	6	Yearly class service
	6:1	\$9,120-\$13,275/year	Call for Information on Virtual Open Houses	Coed	×	✓	N/A	✓	0	0	Spanish	Music and Art	Multiple	4	N/A
	4:1	\$31,621/year	Call for Information	Coed	×	✓	22%	✓	0	0	N/A	4	8	6	Yes
	9:1	\$6,300/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	N/A	×	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	3	N/A
	14:1	\$7,950/year (Catholic); \$8,700/year (other faiths)	Call to Schedule	Coed	✓	✓	24%	✓	0	0	Spanish	Music	30+	9	20 hours (grade 8)
	12:1	\$1,400-5,500/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓ (K-8th)	30%	Limited	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	0	N/A
	14:1	\$17,250/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	N/A	✓	26	IB Diploma School	Spanish, French, Latin	Music, Theatre, Visual Arts	30+	30+	60 hours of community service
	10 to 1 (Pre-school), 15 to 1 (average K5-12th)	\$5,995 (K5-12th), \$165/week K3&K4	Call for Private Tours	Coed	✓	✓	50%	×	0	N/A	Spanish & American Sign Language	Drama, Speech, Arts classes	0	5	N/A
	Varies	Starts at \$4,410	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	N/A	×	0	0	N/A	Multiple	N/A	12; Little Braves (K5-6th)	N/A

PRIVATE SCHOOL

*Most recent statistics provided

DESCRIPTION

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		YEAR FOUNDED	RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	PRINCIPAL/HEAD OF SCHOOL	GRADE LEVELS	ENROLLMENT	AVG. CLASS SIZE
<p>MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL* 120 Darsey Road, Glen Burnie 410-766-7130; msladeschool.com</p>	<p>Monsignor Slade is part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is located in northern Anne Arundel County on a 10.5-acre campus.</p>	1954	Catholic	Alexa L. Cox	Pre-K2-8	475	25
<p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL* 308 Oak Manor Drive, Glen Burnie 410-766-5790; stpaulsgb.org</p>	<p>Located near Route 100, St. Paul's Lutheran School focuses on a Christian-based curriculum.</p>	1950	Lutheran	John Maxwell	P2-8	230	18
<p>THE BOYS' LATIN SCHOOL OF MARYLAND 822 West Lake Avenue, Baltimore 410-377-5192; boyslatinmd.com</p>	<p>Founded in 1844, Boys' Latin School of Maryland is an all-boys independent school serving boys in grades K-12. At Boys' Latin, each and every one of our students is known -- for who he is today, and all he will be tomorrow; Launching Boarding Program in Fall 2021</p>	1844	Non-Sectarian	Christopher J. Post	K-12	639	13
<p>CALVERT HALL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL 8102 LaSalle Road, Baltimore 410-825-4266; calverthall.com</p>	<p>Calvert Hall College High School is an independent, all-boys Lasallian Catholic college preparatory school attracting students from more than 100 zip codes.</p>	1845	Catholic	Charles S. Stembler	12-Sep	1,170	17
<p>THE CALVERTON SCHOOL 300 Calverton School Road, Huntingtown 410-535-0216; calvertonschool.org</p>	<p>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.</p>	1967	Non-Sectarian	Christopher Hayes	Pre-school-12	273	14
<p>DEMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville 240-764-2200; dematha.org</p>	<p>DeMatha High School is a college preparatory school for boys that focuses on educating them in the Trinitarian tradition and offers co-curricular programs.</p>	1946	Catholic	Dr. Daniel J. McMahon	9-12	814	19
<p>ELIZABETH SETON HIGH SCHOOL 5715 Emerson Street, Bladensburg 301-864-4532; setonhs.org</p>	<p>Elizabeth Seton High School is an all-girls, college preparatory school, and is affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington.</p>	1959	Catholic	Sister Ellen Marie Hagar	9-12	597	19
<p>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</p>	<p>Holy Trinity features the Primary School campus for grades 1-4, while The Daisy Lane School and High School Prep campus houses preschool and kindergarden and grades 5-8.</p>	1963	Episcopal	Junita Nell (Daisy Lane); Karen Falk (Primary School); Gene Esposito (HS Prep)	PreK-8	480+	15 (Pre); 20 (K-grade 4); 21 (grades 5-8)
<p>MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY 700 Academy Road Catonsville 410-744-8498; mountdesalesacademy.org</p>	<p>Mount de Sales Academy forms young women through a Catholic college preparatory education that nurtures the whole person and promotes academic excellence, lifelong learning, moral responsibility, service to others, and the dignity of the human person.</p>	1852	Catholic	Sister Mary Raymond Thye, O.P.	9th-12th	474	16
<p>MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL 4403 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore 410-644-3300; msjnet.edu</p>	<p>Mount Saint Joseph High School is a Catholic college preparatory school for boys sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers.</p>	1876	Catholic	Francisco Espinosa	9th-12th	881	20
<p>NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL 815 Hampton Lane, Towson 410-825-6202; notredameprep.com</p>	<p>Notre Dame Prep was founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. It is a college preparatory school for girls, located in Towson.</p>	1873	Catholic	Sister Patricia McCarron, SSND, PhD	6-12	834	16
<p>ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL* 5990 Old Washington Road, Elkridge 410-796-3040; staug-md.org</p>	<p>St. Augustine School is affiliated with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and is located on the edge of Howard and Anne Arundel counties.</p>	1857	Catholic	Denise Ball	PreK3-8	265	25
<p>ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL* 6401 S. Orchard Road, Linthicum Heights 410-859-1212; st.philip-neri.org</p>	<p>St. Philip Neri School is part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is located on a 15-acre campus in northern Anne Arundel County.</p>	1965	Catholic	Kate Daley	PreK-8	390	22
<p>ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI HIGH SCHOOL 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel 301-725-3228; PallottiHS.org</p>	<p>St. Vincent Pallotti High School is a college preparatory school in the Archdiocese of Washington, and serves students from Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.</p>	1921	Catholic	Jeffrey Palumbo	9-12	450	17

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	Varies	Pre-K4-8: \$7,712/year (Catholic); \$8,552/year (Non-Catholic); Full Pre-K2: \$10,120; Full Pre-K3: \$8,992; Half Pre-K3: \$3,373; Half Pre-K4: \$3,894	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	37%	✓	0	0	Spanish (grade 4-8)	10	14	5	12 hours
	20:1	\$1,845-7,315/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	25%	✓	0	0	N/A	4	5	3	N/A
	7:1	\$21,960-\$31,600/year	Call for admission events	Boys	✓	×	31%	✓	15	0	Latin, Spanish, French, Mandarin	15	25+	14	40 hours
	11:1	\$17,575	Call for Information	Boys	✓ (HSPT)	✓ (K-8th)	20%	✓	25	0	Latin, French, German, Spanish	32	70+	40	Varies
	7:1	\$7,000-35,000/year	Virtual Tours upon Request	Coed	✓	✓	41%	✓	0	14	French, Spanish, German	Multiple	Multiple	19	Yes
	12:1	\$19,750/year	Call for information	Boys	✓ (HSPT)	✓	N/A	✓	22	0	French, Spanish, Latin, German, Mandarin Chinese	30	28	14	55 hours
	16:1	\$15,950/year	November 1, register for access at setonhs.org/visit	Girls	✓ (HSPT)	✓	81%	✓	15	0	Spanish, French, Latin	17	31	23	Varies per year
	Varies	\$11,525 (36-4 yrs old) \$12,725 (K) \$11,975 (Grades 1-4) \$13,705 (Grades 5-8)	Call for Personal Tours	Coed	✓	✓	N/A	✓	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	6 (Grades 5-8)	15 hours/year (7.5 hours for single-parent families)
	10:4	\$15,850	Call for Information	Girls	✓	✓	25%	✓	13	0	Spanish, French, Latin	20	27	14	12-23 hours
	11:1	\$16,750	Call for information	Boys	✓	✓	31%	✓	20	0	Spanish, French, Italian	20	50+	17	60 hours
	9:1	\$20,590/year	Virtual Shadow Days. In-Person. On-Campus afternoon tours. See website for dates and to sign up	Girls	✓	✓	19%	✓	24	0	Spanish, French, Latin, Chinese	Multiple	30+ (upper); 12+ (middle)	16	At least 20 hours each during sophomore, junior, and senior years.
	13:1	\$6,699/year (members); \$7,644/year (non-members)	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	N/A	✓	0	0	Spanish	Multiple	Multiple	4	N/A
	24:3 (PreK); 22:1 (K-grade 8)	\$6,500/year	Call for Information	Coed	✓	✓	30%	✓	0	0	Spanish, Latin	School Chorus, Drama Club Jr., School Musical	10	2	20 hours per family
	12:1	\$16,975-18,000/year	See website for admissions events	Coed	✓ (HSPT)	✓	N/A	✓	20+	0	Spanish, French, Mandarin, Latin	20+	20+	20+	80 hours over 4 years

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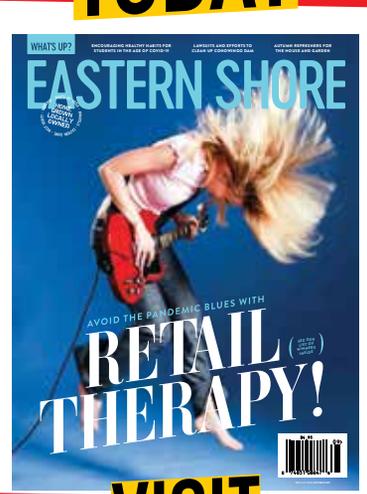
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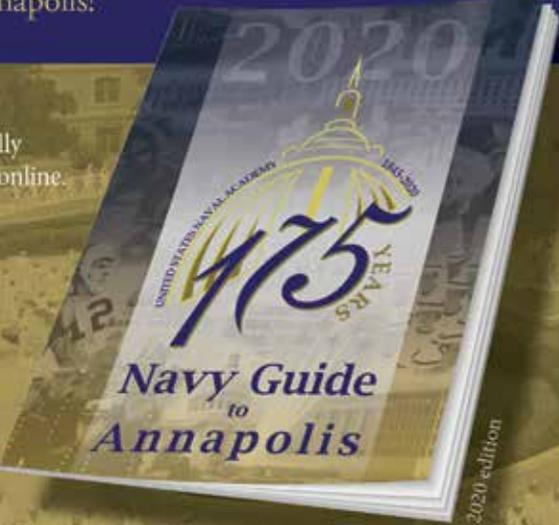
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CAMPUS NOTES

Year Founded: 1911

Grades:

9-12

2020 - 2021

Enrollment: 224

2020-2021 Tuition:

\$26,260

Personal Tours & Shadow Days Available

In-Person and Virtual Open Houses

Favorite Gunston Traditions:

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THE GUNSTON SCHOOL

911 Gunston Road | PO Box 200 | Centreville, MD 21617 | gunston.org
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Established in 1911, the Gunston School is uniquely situated on 35 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 Chesapeake Bay Studies program (celebrating its 25th year), the Chesapeake Watershed Semester, a nationally competitive robotics team, and a popular arts program that features a pottery studio, wood sculpture, performing arts, and more.

Throughout the pandemic, Gunston has remained relentlessly focused on providing its students and their families with the resources and support needed for success. Gunston's re-phased opening plan this past fall safely welcomed back students to campus. In addition to extensive infrastructure upgrades, investments in faculty upskilling, and additional staff, the school has created a robust distance learning plan to implement when necessary.

Gunston offers 17 sports teams including sailing, crew, cross country, golf, volleyball, and triathlon, among others. The school day ends at 4:30 p.m. which includes athletics, so no late bus is needed. Gunston offers transportation from Annapolis, Severna Park, Chestertown, Church Hill, Easton, Galena, Grasonville & Kent Island; Dover & Middletown (DE).

Personal tours and shadow days are available by appointment with virtual and in-person open houses planned for the spring (as circumstances allow).



10-12

Average
Class Size

9:1

Student to
teacher ratio

100%

of graduates
accepted to college

20+

Advanced Placement
classes available



CAMPUS NOTES

Grades:

Preschool-Grade 8

2020-2021 Tuition:

Preschool

\$3,250-\$9,408
(optional before school and aftercare also available)

K-8

\$28,700

2020-2021

Enrollment: 65 students due to COVID safety guidelines

Tuition Assistance

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RADCLIFFE CREEK SCHOOL

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



Radcliffe Creek School is a co-ed independent school for non-traditional learners. With small class sizes and customized learning plans in 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 the Talbot, Kent, Queen Annes, Anne Arundel, Prince George, and Caroline Counties in Maryland, as well as areas of Delaware. Radcliffe is committed to teaching using a strength-based approach.

Mission: Radcliffe Creek School's mission is to empower children in a dynamic environment that celebrates unique learning. The School creates an environment where learning goes hand-in-hand with academic success and better 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.

At the heart of our mission is finding ways to empower every student. At Radcliffe Creek School, our small class sizes and student-teacher connections allow for each student to have an individualized program that allows them to flourish. Students can take classes based on their skills and development versus their age. For example, some students participated in a pre-algebra class in the fifth grade while others may need explicit Orton Gillingham reading instruction as eighth-graders. We also work to nurture the whole child, looking to help our children grow to be good friends and citizens of the

world. Radcliffe Creek School celebrates the passions and talents of each student by offering enrichment classes and activities to cultivate our students exceptional talents. Joy, use of creativity and imagination, and a connection to nature are also central to the heart of Radcliffe Creek School. Students who graduate from Radcliffe are often lauded for their study skills, self advocacy and leadership skills.

The Radcliffe Reach program provides a mechanism to extend the best of Radcliffe to the greater community. Consultative services, tutoring services, our homeschool umbrella, the opportunity to participate in gifted and talented programs through our after school program, and our robust summer program "Legends of the Chesapeake" are some of the ways in which we offer supplemental services to children who do not attend Radcliffe Creek School.

Leadership: At the beginning of the 2018 school year, Meg Bamford became the Head of Radcliffe Creek School. Meg continues to build on the founding value of empowering every student. Bamford deeply believes that, "with a customized, strength-based approach, the trajectory of the life of each student changes. Radcliffe Creek School opens doors for children that may have otherwise been shut. By investing in a child's elementary and middle school education, children who would normally struggle in traditional classrooms are able to successfully transition to high school with confidence and skill."



100%

attend their first-choice high school

5:1

Student to Teacher Ratio based on individual student need, speech and language services available

Little Creek

for Infants through PreK



CAMPUS NOTES

Grades:

9-12

Enrollment: 57

2020-2021 Tuition:

\$30,475

37% of Families Receive Financial Aid

WYE RIVER UPPER SCHOOL

316 S. Commerce Street, Centreville, MD 21617 | 410.758.2922 | wyeriverupperschool.org

Wye River Upper School is a small, coed, independent high school that serves bright students with learning differences. We transform the lives of our students by engaging them in a challenging educational experience that builds their skills and confidence, prepares them for college and the working world, and positions them for success and fulfillment in all walks of life. At Wye River, often for the first time students find a place where they thrive, not just survive, in school.

Wye River students go to great lengths to attend our school, as more than half of our students travel across the Bay Bridge to the Eastern Shore each day. Transportation is provided at several locations in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, as well as Talbot and Dorchester Counties on the Eastern Shore.

We invite you to contact us to schedule a virtual or in-person tour of Wye River Upper School.



6-8
Average
Class Size

5:1
Student to
teacher ratio



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Academy Art Museum Summer Camps

Location: 106 South Street, Easton; **Contact:** 410-822-2787; academyartmuseum.org. Constance Del Nero, Director of Children's Education & Community Programs, cdelnero@academyartmuseum.org; **Dates/Times:** Weekly from last week of June through third week of August. Most

camps run 2-3 hours; **Ages:** PreK-grade 12; some are intergenerational (open to adults); **Cost:** Varies by program; most camps are \$100-150; The Academy Art Museum offers interesting and creative camps for every age range. From preschool summer-themed offerings to tween and teen intermediate drawing, 3D projects and digital media, there is something for everyone. The

Museum's signature Kaleidoscope Camp—a perennial favorite—consists of multi-media projects, while other camps focus on building basic art skills or working with specific materials. Several new camps are planned for 2021. Many camps welcome adult participants.

Annapolis Area Christian School Summer Programs

Location: 109 Burns Crossing Road, Severn; **Contact:** 410-519-5300, x3150; aacsonline.org/summerprograms. Cedrick Dickens, Summer Programs Director, summer@aacsonline.org; **Ages:** 3 1/2-18 years; **Cost:** \$195-355/week; With 40+ programs to choose from, Annapolis Area Christian School

Summer Programs encourage you to find out more and see how they can meet your family's needs. Traditional day camp programs, academic camps, creative arts, and athletic camps are offered, including dance, culinary, basketball, soccer, volleyball, field hockey, football, tennis, dance cheer, sports training, teen leadership development, science, coding, drones, and STEM. Tours are available by appointment.

Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park Summer Camp

Location: Back Creek Nature Park Campus, 7300 Edgewood Road, Annapolis; **Contact:** 410-295-0104; amaritime.org/education/camps;

Dates/Times: Weekly sessions June 21-September 3, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Care options available; **Ages:** PreK-grade 10; volunteer and internship opportunities for older students; **Cost:** Museum members, \$275; non-members, \$315. Prices varies for specialty sessions, including half-day camp for our youngest explorers and Teen Travel Camp; Campers will get wet and muddy while exploring our Park campus with wooded trails, secluded coves, and marsh habitats along Back Creek. Come play in the woods and water, discover our maritime heritage, and become environmental stewards! Activities are designed specifically for each age group. Our youngest campers will enjoy animal investiga-



tions, water play, crafts, and stories, while older campers are challenged with additional adventures including kayaking and boating excursions, standup paddle boarding, and fishing.

Archbishop Spalding Summer Camps

Location: 8080 New Cut Road, Severn; **Contact:** 410-969-9105; archbishopspalding.org/camps; Spalding offers a wide variety of summer programs, including academic and athletic camps. For more information, including dates, times, ages, and pricing for each camp, please visit the website or call the number above.

Camp Stellina at St. Anne's School of Annapolis

Location: St. Anne's School of Annapolis (3112 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis); **Contact:** 410-263-8650; stannesschool.org/CampStellina; **Dates/Times:** June 14-25, July 5-17, and August 2-6 -August; **Ages:** 2-3 years; **Cost:** \$60-\$250; Camp Stellina, our summer program for children ages two and three, is designed to provoke discovery, socialization, fun, and deep thinking in a safe and engaging environment. Students will enjoy an array of activities and adventures in a

hands-on experiential, Reggio Emilia-inspired program. Space is limited! Register at stannesschool.org/CampStellina.

City of Annapolis Recreation and Parks Summer Camps

Location: Varies by camp; **Contact:** 410-263-7958; annapolis.gov/recreation. Katy Owings, Recreation Division Chief, KAOWings@annapolis.gov; **Dates/Times:** TBA; **Ages:** 4-15; **Cost:** Varies by camp; Annapolis Recreation and Parks offers a variety of day camps from traditional ones that include field trips to spe-



cial interest camps that include sports, STEAM, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) and more. Last year we introduced virtual camps! Please visit www.annapolis.gov/354/Camp-Information. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on camp announcements!

2021 Navy Athletic Summer Camps

Location: U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis; **Contact:** 410-293-5845; Navysports.com. (Click on "Camps" tab); **Dates/Times:** June-August; **Ages:** Varies by camp and program; **Cost:** Varies by camp and program; Please visit website for information.

Huntington Learning Center—Crofton

Location: 1403 S. Main Chapel Way, Suite 107, Gambrills; **Contact:** 410-451-0049; huntingtonhelps.com/center/gambrills. Anand Patel, Executive Director; **Ages:** PreK-grade 12; **Cost:** Varies; Summer is the perfect time to help get your child ready for the upcoming school year. Catch up or get ahead. Prepare for the best school year ever! We'll build—or reinforce—the skills needed to succeed in school: reading, writing, phonics, math, and study skills. We help students acclimatize to greater teacher demands, increased classroom difficulty, and expanded homework.

Pongos Learning Lab

Location: 2141 Priest Bridge Drive, Suite 8, Crofton; **Contact:** 301-789-1815 ext. 4; pongoslearninglab.com. Chrissy Rey, President and Founder; **Dates/Times:** June-August; **Ages:** Kindergarten-grade 8; some camps are open to students up to grade 12; **Cost:** \$339, plus lab fees; We will cover a wide range of STEAM topics this summer, including video production, animation, game design, robotics, and coding. The first and last week of camp is Gamer Club, which gives kids a chance to have some fun while working on their





teamwork and sportsmanship skills. For the rest of the summer, kids will spend most of their days at camp learning the subject for the week or working on related projects or challenges.

Severn School Summer Programs

Location: Varies by camp; **Contact:** 410-647-7701 x2999; severnschool.com/summerprograms. Jennifer Hayman, Summer Program Director, summerprograms@severnschool.com; **Dates/Times:** June 21-July 30; Extended Care Program is available; **Ages:** 3 1/2 years-grade 5 (Chesapeake Campus); grades 5-11 (Teel Campus); **Cost:** \$300/week; Chesapeake Campus

offerings: Traditional day camp is available for children 3 1/2 years to grade 5; Specialty camps are available for campers entering grades 1-5; and new this year, academic camps for campers entering kindergarten-grade 5. Teel Campus offerings: Specialty camps; Community Enrichment Program; and new this year, academic camps. Various sports camps are also available. Please visit website for details. Registration will begin this month (February).

St. Margaret's Day School Camp

Location: 1605 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis; **Contact:** 410-757-2333; stmargaretsdayschool.org. Tricia Hallberg

McVeigh, St. Margaret's Day School Director; **Dates/Times:** June 14-25; July 5-17; July 19-30; August 2-7; **Ages:** 2-10 years; **Cost:** \$60-250/week; Join us from June to August at our fun-filled day camp! Every two weeks we will have a new, exciting camp theme with crafts, projects, games, science explorations, and more. Culminating activities and field trips for ages four and up at the end of each theme. Summer 2020 themes: Under the Sea; Unmask the Hero in You; Build It, Design It, LEGO; Ahoy, St. Margaret's Pirates.

Summer at Saint Andrew's

Location: 4B Wallace Manor Road, Edgewater; **Contact:** 410-216-2660; summer.standrewsum.org.

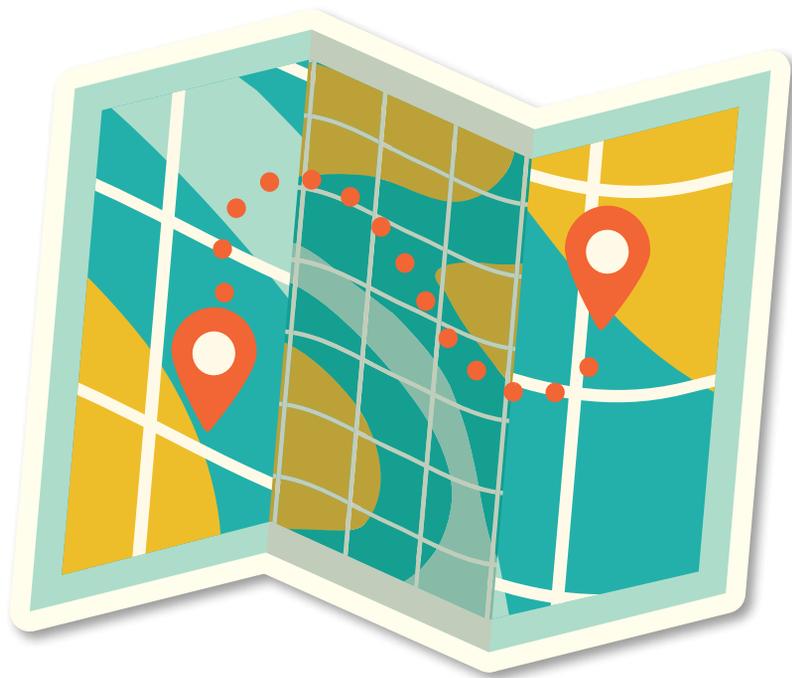
summer@standrewsum.org; **Dates/Times:** June 21-August 13, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Half-day options available for younger campers. Morning and afternoon extended care options available; **Ages:** 3-14 years; **Cost:** Varies by program; Summer at Saint Andrew's offers an unforgettable summer of fun. Get ready to discover, create, and play as we travel through time,

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Summer at KEY

Location: 534 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis; **Contact:** 443-321-2575; Keyschool.org/summer. Jane Flanagan, Director of Summer Programs, jflanagan@keyschool.org; **Dates/Times:** June 21-August 13, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; **Ages:** 3 1/2 years-grade 12; **Cost:**





Varies by program; Make memories with Summer at Key this year with the many fun-filled, action-packed day camp programs offered. From traditional camps and athletics to creative arts and academics, there really is something for everyone.

SunriseSUP

Location: Pier 7 Marina, 48 South River Road South, Edgewater; **Contact:** 434-234-4443; sunrisesup.com. Kate Grove, Owner; **Dates/Times:** June 21-August 27, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; **Ages:** SUP Pups 5-10 years; Tween Empowerment 10-14 years; **Cost:** \$375 (full day); Our paddleboarding camps cater to children within the ages of 5 to 14. The SUP experience starts with the fundamentals and instruction progresses over the week from beginner

strokes and maneuvers to advanced paddling skills. During this fun-filled week, paddlers will develop a solid foundation for stand-up paddling, participate in individual and group skills sessions, and enjoy challenges and competition on and off the water. All equipment is included.

The Country School

Location: 716 Goldsborough Street, Easton; **Contact:** 410-822-1935 ext. 130; countryschool.org. Annie Hasselgren, Director of Admissions; **Dates/Times:** June-August; **Ages:** grades 1-8; **Cost:** \$125-350; The Country School offers camps related to sports, music, science, mystery, art, games, and more. Our newly renovated campus is the perfect backdrop for fun and learning with our camp teachers, both indoors and out.

Camp Summit

Location: 664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater; **Contact:** 410-798-0005; thesummitschool.org; **Dates/Times:** July 2021, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; **Ages:** Students entering grades 1-8; Camp Summit offers a nurturing environment where students build self-confidence and get the academic boost they need for back-to-school success. Campers avoid summer learning loss while having fun and making new friends. Morning academics followed by afternoon fun! Details and applications available online.

The Summit School Specialty Camps

Location: 664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater; **Contact:** 410-798-0005; thesummitschool.org; **Dates/Times:** Camp

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Weber's Bulldog Basketball Camp

Location: 716 Bestgate Road, Annapolis; **Contact:** 410-519-5300 ext.

3150; webersbulldogbasketball.com. William Weber, Coach@webersbulldogbasketball.com; **Dates/Times:** July 12-16; July 19-23; July 26-30; **Ages:** 6-15 years; **Cost:** \$300/child; \$20 early bird discount available before March 31, 2020; Weber's Bulldog Basketball Camp is proudly owned and operated by experienced coaches and former athletes. Program open to boys and girls ages 6-15 years old with players' skill levels ranging from beginners to avid players. Campers are taught basic fundamentals during structured, competitive settings in weeklong sessions and focus is on enjoying the game. This award-winning camp has been a trusted favorite for Annapolis parents for over two decades. This is a peanut-free program. Limited space for 2021. Registration opens 2/1/2021





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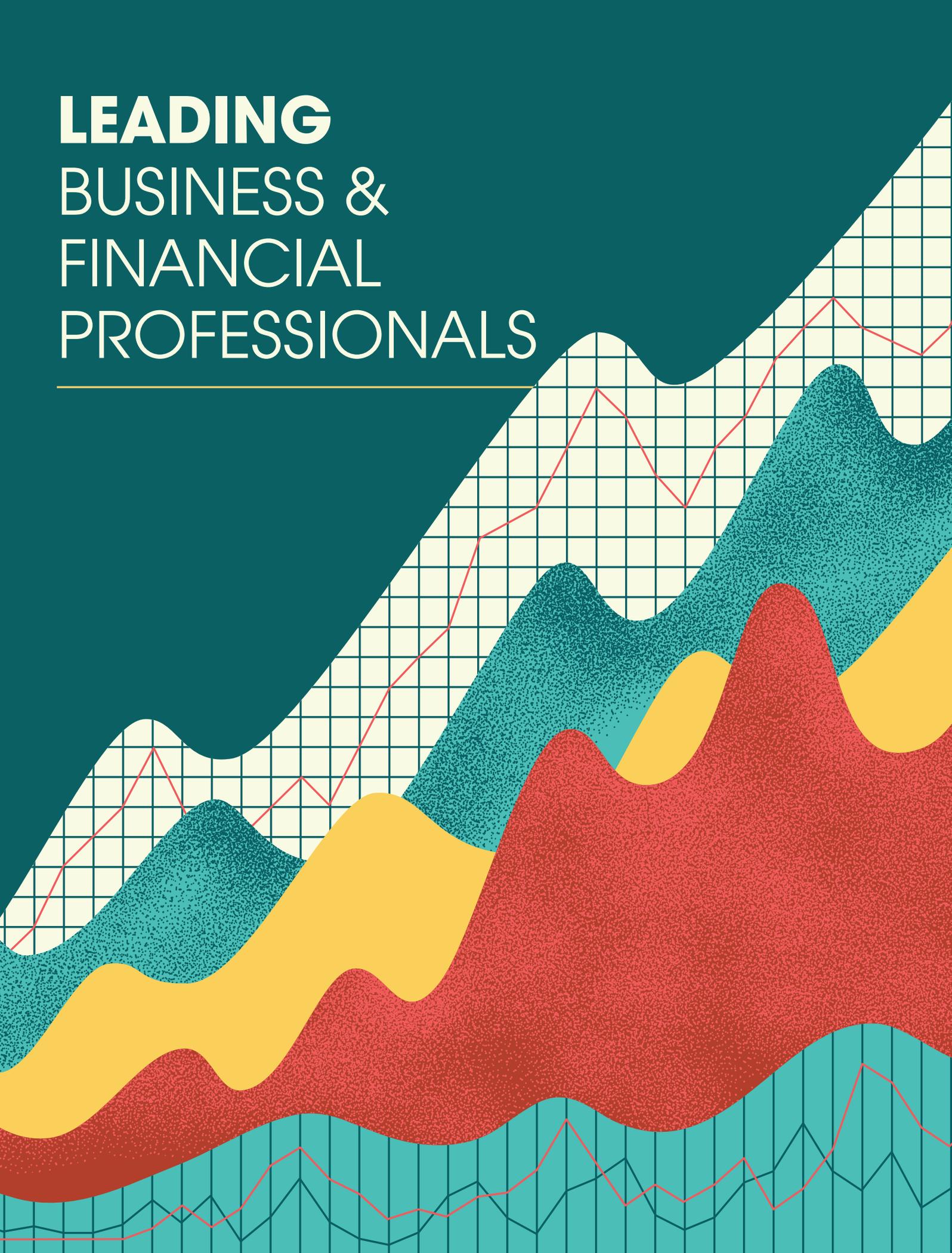
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VEHICLES OF INVESTMENT SUITED FOR TODAY'S PORTFOLIO

BY DYLAN ROCHE

The saying goes that we should always “save for a rainy day.” But what this saying doesn’t tell us is that everybody’s rainy day looks a little bit different...and because of that, everyone’s means of saving will be a little bit different too.

The same goes for investing. Unlike saving, investing entails putting money toward something that could increase or decrease in value over the years—assets like stocks and bonds. The idea is that you can make a lot more money than you would simply by saving, but with the added risk you could also lose money.

And the money you make off those investments can go to cover all kinds of “rainy days,” those times in life when expenses surpass income: times of unemployment or illness, times when you need to afford a big purchase like a home or college tuition, or even that time so many people are working relentlessly toward: retirement.

01

FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN YOU'RE INVESTING

The approach you take to investing can make all the difference—investing is strategic, and it requires different decisions for everyone.

FIRST, CONSIDER THE MARKET.

If you’re thinking of investing, you’ve probably well versed about the difference between a bull market and a bear market. Bulls charge at you fast with their horns raised up, so it makes sense that a bull market is one when the economy is strong and for all intents and purposes, healthy. The market is rising, so more people are looking to invest and are less likely to sell. This high demand and low supply imply higher pricing on investment vehicles. Conversely, bears are lumbering animals and the preferred simile for a market that stems from a receding economy. Assets are losing value, so investors withdraw their money with the hopes of holding onto it until the market gets better. By definition, a bear market is one when prices are 20 percent lower than they were during a recent bull market.

The challenging part about watching the market is that it fluctuates over a short period of time; instead of paying attention to these frequent changes, you should evaluate long-term patterns. And a professional fiduciary can guide you in this regard. The year 2020 proved to be an especially volatile year for the market, and experts disagree as to

whether it truly ever entered a bear market or not.

“As 2020 showed with the COVID-19 pandemic, markets can become volatile very quickly,” explains Bankrate, a consumer financial services company based in New York City. “In March, the market rang up some of its biggest daily declines ever, followed by some of its strongest rises ever. After a strong sell-off early in the year, the market rebounded and set a new all-time high in the summer, despite an ongoing recession. Concerns surrounding the presidential election year may also be driving markets to be more volatile.” In fact, we did see a highly fluctuating market on and after the November 3rd presidential election, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average ultimately soaring to just above 30,000 points before the holiday season began—a historic first. The S&P 500 and NASDAQ paced along similarly.

So, does this imply market gains will continue throughout 2021? It’s hard to say. Many investors are hoping the optimistic outlook on a COVID-19 vaccination could mean the economy will have the chance to fully open back up again. However, this isn’t a guarantee. “Even if there is a cure soon, and life returns to relatively normal, things may never return to exactly the way they were,” explains RealWealth Network, a financial and real estate education company founded

in 2003. “And some even believe the air has come out of the bubble and that we are most likely headed for recession.”

Those who are looking to invest in 2021 will want to exercise a certain amount of caution; more importantly, they should plan for committing to their investments for a long time with the expectation that the market only continues to improve. While conventional wisdom encourages people to invest in a bull market, particularly if it’s possible to buy early before prices rise too high, that’s not the only option an investor has. Those who invest in a bear market when equity and other investment prices are lower will likely lose a little money at first as those prices continue to drop, but holding onto their positions for a long time means they start to make more money when the market ultimately improves. Then they can sell their assets when prices are high again. It all comes down to holding investment posi-

tions for a long period of time. Which leads to the second important factor...

CONSIDER YOUR AGE. If you are young, you have the advantage of time on your side—people in their 20s have a good 40 years to let their investments build wealth for them before they need to touch any of it for retirement. However, young people starting out in their careers tend not to have as much discretionary income as older investors do. Young people might make a few investments, but in many cases, they’re not investing a lot of money. Today’s fintech can help, though. More on this in just a bit.

Once you reach your 30s, you might have a better handle of your budget and more money you can put aside. At this point, it’s a good idea to **diversify your portfolio**, a phrase that refers to buying a broad range of assets. When you do this, you don’t lose everything you have if one asset depreciates—there

are other assets you can count on. “By owning multiple assets that perform differently, you reduce the overall risk of your portfolio, so that no single investment can hurt you,” Bankrate advises.

In general, invest **money that you will not need for at least five years** so that you have a long enough period for your assets to increase in value. In a shorter period of time, you run a greater risk of losing money.

In other words, if you make investments in 2021, you shouldn’t plan to sell them off any time before 2026. “Yet no matter what happens, the key to keeping your sanity is to remember your long-term strategic vision for stock market investing and not get swayed by short-term moves,” says The Motley Fool, private financial and investing advice company founded in 1993. “If you can do that, you’ll be well on your way to starting off 2021 on the right foot.”



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02 FINTECH—SHOULD YOU TRY IT?

Modern technology is also making it easier for young people or even skeptics of the investment scene to start making educated investments. While some people might think of **fintech** (short for “financial technology”) in reference to payment apps like Paypal or Venmo, that’s not all fintech encompasses—there are now apps available that let you invest right from your smartphone without having to put up a lot of money or pay heavy trading fees.

Robinhood, Acorns, Stash, M1 Finance, and similar apps vary in the way they work, but

the idea behind all of them is that they make investing less intimidating and less expensive. Users don’t have to put forth hundreds or thousands of dollars into assets they don’t know anything about. Rather, users make micro-investments—as little as \$5 or less—toward asset (usually index funds) the app recommends based on one’s personal profile (level of risk tolerance, industry preferences, and short- or long-term goals).

While these apps promote “investing for everyone” (which is Robinhood’s actual slogan), they should be approached

with care and caution. Many financial experts point to the way the apps make trading and investing seem like a game. This is okay if someone is just warming up to the idea of investing and not putting forth a significant portion of their money. However, these investors-to-be should proceed with carefully when more significant investment sums are at play. Once they are interested in forming a long-term strategy to build significant wealth, they should steer clear of using smartphone apps to trade and instead consult a financial adviser.

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TYPES OF INVESTMENTS YOU CAN MAKE

Ready to build a diverse portfolio? Let's take a look at some of the more common investments you can put your money toward with an eye on recent and potential performance:

■ **STOCKS:** When you buy stock, you're buying a small portion of ownership in a company—it's a way for fledgling businesses to generate the funds they need, and if the business is successful, your stock becomes more valuable over time. The risk is that some businesses don't grow the way you expect them to. In a bad economy, they might go out of business altogether. Therefore, it's important to research every company you're buying stock in to make sure you're confident in its success.

The pandemic dealt a bad blow to several big industries—such

as travel, hospitality, and live entertainment—that aren't expected to recover until the coronavirus is fully under control. However, while these industries are hurting, others have flourished. The Motley Fool points out that people looked for different types of travel and entertainment throughout 2020.

"The summer saw a run on recreational vehicles as Americans sought socially-distanced ways of going on summer vacation, lifting stocks like Camping World, Thor Industries, and Winnebago," the company explains, "and this winter could mean the same thing for recreational vehicles like snowmobiles, and ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) in warmer parts of the country."

When researching stocks you want to buy, consider what alternatives people might seek to the industries that are hurting. If people can't dine at eat-in restaurants, they're more likely

to patronize restaurants that deliver. Similarly, if they can't go see live entertainment, they are more likely to invest in streaming services.

■ **BONDS:** Think of a bond as similar to a loan. But instead of an individual taking a loan from a bank, a corporate entity or government agency is taking a loan from an individual. The bond serves as an IOU when you lend money to one of these organizations to accomplish a specific mission, such as a local government that's raising money for a new capital project. A bond will always include an end date by which the borrowing agency has to repay its principal (this is referred to as a bond reaching maturity).

BankRate considers bonds a good choice for the current market climate, although government bonds (which have the backing of the government) are a safer investment than corporate bonds, which sometimes might not be able to pay back its loan.

■ **MUTUAL FUNDS:** Can't afford a wide variety of assets on your own? Can't find time to do thorough research on the stocks you're buying? This is where mutual funds offer a huge benefit. With a mutual fund, you pool your money with other investors and buy a share of a diverse portfolio that otherwise might be outside your price range. They carry a lower risk because they're already diversified, and a professional fund manager does the research for you. The downside is that the fund manager does collect some fees.

Growing in popularity are a specific type of mutual funds known as **index funds**, which are created to mimic the performance of a financial market index, such as the S&P 500, the NASDAQ 100, or the Dow Jones.

BankRate explains that index funds offer "immediate diversification" and are "more resilient than many investments." Ideally, BankRate recommends looking for index funds with low expense ratios, a term that refers to the rates charged by management companies handling the funds.

■ **ETFs:** Think of exchange traded funds (ETFs) as a hybrid of mutual funds and stocks. These increasingly popular funds involve a diverse bundle of assets the same way mutual funds do, of which investors buy a small portion. But whereas mutual funds are traded to and from the fund company and only at the close of market every day, ETF shares can be traded throughout the day and by individual investors the same way that stocks are. ETFs are designed to track indexes and are known for often having low- or no-fee trading costs.

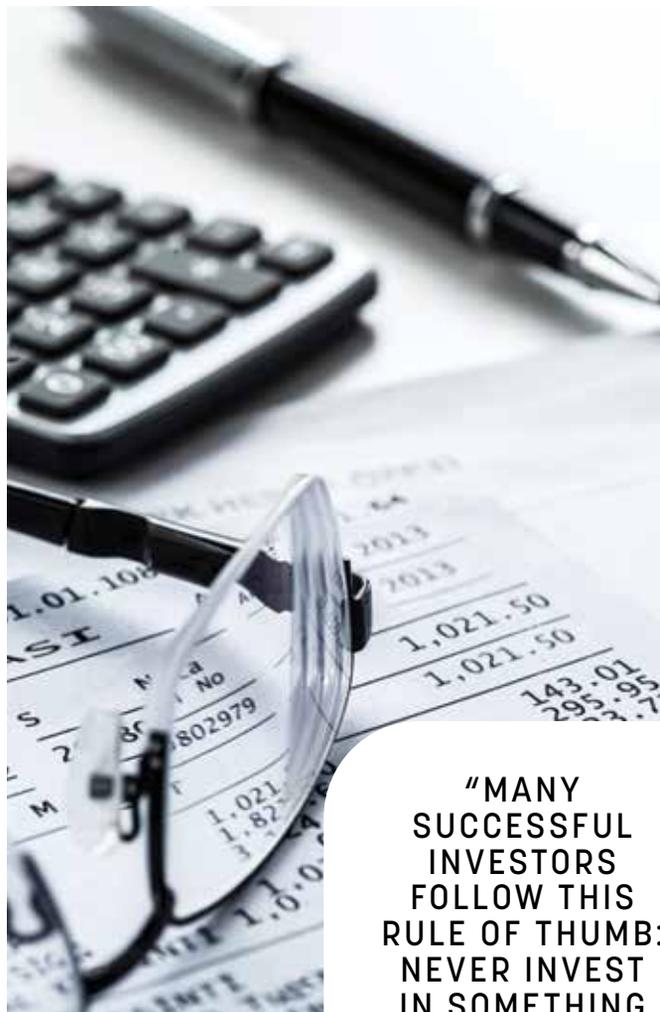


■ **CDS:** Formally known as certificates of deposit, CDs are one of the safer ways to invest. They are like a typical savings account but with more substantial interest rates (i.e. more money for you in the end) as long as you don't withdraw your deposit within a certain period of time. There's not as much money for growth with a CD compared with other forms of investment, but you are guaranteed to get your investment back plus more.

■ **401(KS):** Millions of people across the country invest money in their company's 401(K) plan to save money for their retirement, and most employers perceive a 401(K) as a key benefit they can offer. When employees divert a portion of their salary into this fund, an employer will typically match the amount (up to a certain number of dollars). The money put into a 401K is not taxed until it is withdrawn, usually once the investor retires.

Investments in 401(K) plans will likely be more lucrative for the majority of Americans in 2021 based on tax plans of President-elect Joe Biden, according to The Street. "Under Biden's plan, 401(K) participants would receive a tax credit calculated as a percentage of the amount contributed," The Street explains. "A tax credit serves to directly reduce the amount of tax due. However, this approach would result in a lower overall tax benefit for higher income 401(K) participants."

■ **ROTH IRAS:** Roth IRAs (short for "individual retirement account") are slightly different from employer-sponsored retirement plans in that the money deposited is already taxed and the investor doesn't need to pay taxes upon withdrawal. Roth IRAs are good for people whose taxes will likely be higher post-retirement than they are when they are depositing the money.



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SO, WHAT'S THE KEY TAKEAWAY?

Remember that the smart investing decisions you make will depend on the market, your income, the amount of time you have to let your assets appreciate in value, and—maybe most importantly—the risk you're willing to take.

And one other important piece of advice? Always have a firm understanding of what you're getting yourself into, per the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Many successful investors follow this rule of thumb: Never invest in something you don't understand," the commission states on its website. "Be sure to always read an investment's prospectus or disclosure statement carefully. If you can't understand the investment and how it will help you make money, ask a trusted financial professional for help."



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**118 Greenwood Creek Drive
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Waterfront on Greenwood Creek. Private Pier, Paver patio, stone FP, fire pit. Built in 2016, Main level MBR, 3 BR's upstairs & 2 car garage, stone front, paver drive & walk, Hardwoods & SS appl.



**430 Narrows Pointe Drive
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In the coveted gated community of Narrows Point. This exceptional luxury end unit home has views of the Chester River. Lovely stone FP, high ceilings, expansive open living area & gourmet kitchen. Each BR has its' own private BA & exceptional views. The expansive landing/loft would be an amazing art space or reading room!



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**7210 Kent Point Road
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**224 Canal Street
Grasonville | \$705,000**

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**102 Perrys Road
Grasonville | \$495,000**

Waterfront, Jackson Creek, just shy of an acre corner lot! Charming Cape Cod offers a private pool, entertaining deck, personal sandy beach (paddle boarding, fishing, kayaking etc.), screened porch, cozy stove to warm up to in the winter, and an unfinished space above the 2-car garage. Property offered As Is.



**408 Laurens Way
Queen Anne | \$431,000**

Private setting on a cul de sac backs to farmland. Kitchen features custom cabinets stainless steel appliances. 1 floor living, ideal for living day to day activities. New paver patio off the back side of house with wide open privacy! Featuring 3BR's, open living rm & dining rm. space with a beautiful stone FP & hardwoods.



**1701 Midway Road
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**109 Queen Anne Road
Stevensville | \$385,000**

Water views of Eastern Bay, Oversized lot, inground pool, private back yard setting, plus a deck off the right side for entertaining. The original charm still in place & ready for your personal touches. Lots of space throughout includes a wood burning stove in family room for energy efficiency. Walk to walking trails and fishing pier.



**108 Taylor Drive
Queenstown | \$345,000**

Beautifully finished bi-level home with amazing upgrades! Soaring cathedral ceilings, hardwood & tile flooring, granite countertops and 42" kitchen cabinets. 1st floor has amazing built-ins, creating a home office, oversized family room, more like a theater room with built in kitchen area. Additional built-ins in mudroom & storeroom make this house functional and organized. Fenced yard & patio.



**22677 Camryns Way
Queen Anne | \$345,000**

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**227 Ackerman Road
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Particularly, the study fleshed out four overarching themes: Connected Living, Simplified Living, Healthy Living, and Living in Place.

HOME DESIGN

Living in Space

HOW HUMAN BEHAVIOR WILL
IMPACT THE FUTURE OF
KITCHEN AND BATH DESIGN

By Lisa J. Gotto

Photography courtesy of the KNBA

Among the many things put to the test last year was the functionality and livability of our residences—particularly, the rooms we use most often, the kitchen and bathroom.

In an effort to determine the impact that people's behavior, stage of life, and habits have on kitchen and bath design, the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) conducted a study. It highlighted how changing lifestyles and the shifting needs of consumers will affect the utility of these rooms and the role they play in our overall quality of life at home.

By “connected living,” the study refers to our increasing need for human interaction, information access, and a connection to nature. These needs were highlighted in respondents expressing their desire for the inclusion and visibility that an open kitchen layout provides, as well as multi-functional spaces within the kitchen to afford a variety of activities including meal prep, home-schooling, working from home, and entertaining.

The desire for “simplified living” stems from our chaotic world and our need to retreat from it. This means more functional and well-organized spaces that minimize clutter and provide targeted storage opportunities will be in demand.

“People need an escape from a chaotic world, and their home provides a safe haven,” explains Tricia Zach, head of research for KNBA. “Our lives are bursting with responsibilities and commitments. “We’re tasked to do more with less time, and this research provides valuable insights to the specific tools and solutions people need to help them achieve a better quality of life.”

Respondents also expressed a need for “healthy living” spaces that fuel and heal the body. These spaces should also establish a deeper connection to nature and an increased focus on wellness.

Finally, with the increasing desire to “live in place,” multi-generational households will be more of a norm, so homes need to reflect that when it comes to the space needed for all to live and work, regardless of age, ability, or disability.

TRENDS BY THE NUMBERS

87% of those surveyed listed a need for greater inclusion and visibility within their kitchen layouts.

80% of respondents said that minimizing clutter, ease of cleaning, and enhanced targeted storage opportunities are high on their list of priorities.

48% want kitchens that help them to be more health-conscious.

67% of those surveyed have a desire to age in place, and more than 60% want kitchens and bath that are easily accessible for all ages and abilities.



KEY EMERGING TRENDS

The research also provided a look at the trends that would evolve from these lifestyle changes.

IN THE KITCHEN:

- Even larger kitchen islands that provide multifunctional space for meal prep, dining, and working from home
- Open floor plan with increased visibility and broader sight lines to other parts of the home where family gathers
- Increased number of charging outlets for our enhanced technological needs
- “Landing counters” that provide a separate area for just-purchased groceries and delivered items
- Larger sinks and refrigerators to clean and store fresh produce
- Commercial fabrics and finishes that offer easier cleaning and durability
- Recycling and composting capabilities

IN THE BATHROOM:

- Large-format tile, with thinner grout lines for easier cleaning
- Compartmentalized storage with integrated outlets that offers storage for specific items such as blow dryers, razors, and phones.
- Self-cleaning toilets
- Larger, zero-clearance showers with built-in seating and décor-friendly grab bars
- In-floor heat
- Wi-Fi connectivity
- Voice activation tech for shower, lighting, and entertainment
- Larger windows for more natural light
- Integration of natural materials including bamboo, stone, and live plants



MILLENNIALS WITH KIDS need open layouts and a kitchen that provides for easy meal prep. In the master bath, they want a room that accounts for their multi-tasking lifestyles and their desire consider their environmental impact.

GEN XERS love to cook and want a kitchen that reflects that, where they can comfortably spend time and have an open plan concept. In the bathroom, the space should provide an escape and be free of clutter.

BOOMERS want a kitchen that is a comforting place, a place to entertain easily, and one that has an open layout. Boomers are looking for bathrooms that can easily accommodate all ages and promote a sense of wellness.

The **GREATEST GENERATION**, like their slightly younger counterparts see their kitchen as the heart of the home, so they want it to be comforting and a place you'd want to spend time. They also require organized spaces with minimal clutter. This organizational and clutter-free theme also carries over into their needs for the bathroom.

Whatever the stage in life, we have certainly learned the value and sanctity that home provides. When well planned it also provides utility and a sense of belonging unmatched by any other space—or place—in our lives.

EXAMINING VARIOUS LIFE STAGES

Every stage of life offers its benefits and drawbacks. The NKBA also examined how these spaces in our homes should work depending on those life stages and the lifestyles within them.

When it comes to Millennials, Gen Xers, Boomers, and our Greatest Generation there are many themes that are universal, however, specific needs surfaced among the groups:

MILLENNIALS WITHOUT KIDS were desirous of kitchens that were health-conscious and provided a connection to nature. In the master bath, they want a room with minimal environmental impact, and again a feeling of connection to the outdoors.





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A Tiny Garden Framed in a Winter Window

By Janice F. Booth

January can be a tough month to navigate, looking out the window at the muted colors, the gray and white of winter. You may see bare trees, the buffeting wind, here and there a pile of brown leaves and twigs. But, don't be downcast; you can change your point of view by changing your view all together. Yes, you *can* work magic, transform a small portion of your home into a springtime garden.

So, sit back, and imagine one of your windows, preferably a window facing east or south, bursting with greenery—frothy Asparagus Ferns, fuzzy Siderasis, fragrant Pineapple Sage, perhaps even a Date Palm or Orchid for a bit of the exotic, tropical vibe. You're beginning to feel that spring sunshine already, right?

I propose a Window Garden as a project for this blustery January. You might find yourself imagining a window lush with green life, dripping from the "head" or top of the window and climbing along the frame. Or, you might want something a bit simpler—an arrangement of pretty plants all in a row along your window sill. You may want to be very bold and install window boxes on the outside of your window—now there's a

large-scale undertaking. For the purposes of our discussion, let's stick with indoor window gardens.

For about 30 years, mid-20th Century, Jean Hersey was a popular and respected garden expert. Her popularity was in part attributable to her practical, easily followed instructions for beginning gardeners, and handy hints and clever ideas for the more experienced gardener. She wrote a number of books on gardening, including *The Woman's Day Book of House Plants*. In that book she discussed the particular pleasures of window gardens. "When you give your care, interest, and affection to a garden of indoor plants they reward you with vibrant health, gay colors, assorted textures, and myriad fragrances." Now that's a resounding and irresistible endorsement; don't you think?

There are four components in planning and executing a window garden. (Now, that's not too demanding.) Part 1: Planning, Part 2: Planting, Part 3: Tools, and Part 4: Maintenance Tricks. So, let's review what's involved in putting a bit of springtime into your life right now!





PART 1: PLANNING

Take a seat in your usual spot. Look around. Which window can you see from here? That's the window where your little garden might prove the most satisfying for you. What direction does it face? Preferably east or south for the best growing sunlight.

Decide how expansive your tiny garden will be—plants only on the sill? Plants hanging and vining? How many plants will you want to create the effect you're imagining?

Will you want to create a traditional garden with a random assortment of plants, or perhaps a water-garden of plants that can grow in water, or a fragrance-garden, or would it be fun to focus on a particular color scheme?



PART 2: PLANTING

Look at some pictures of house plants. Choose plants that match your level of commitment to maintaining them. For example:

- Easy to grow plants: **ALOE**—a succulent and good for healing scrapes and burns. **ASPARAGUS FERN**—feathery sprays of rich green with tiny blossoms when it feels like it wants to. **BEGONIA** (many varieties to choose from)—pretty leaves and blossoms, easy to propagate should you decide to start a second or third window garden. **PHILODENDRON**—an almost indestructible champ that can live in water or soil and loves to grow in any light. You can have fun guiding the tendrils up and around your window.

- Somewhat touchy but awfully nice: **PEACE OR SPATHE LILY**—graceful arching leaves and scented, white blooms, needs careful attention to watering (not too much or too little.) **WINGED PEA**—great for hanging with feathery, trailing foliage and exotic, red flowers, needs lots of sun but not too much. **MINIATURE ROSE**—petite plant with delicate greenery and pink (usually) blooms, needs to be away from drafts. **CAMELIA**—glossy, deep green leaves and lush, fragrant blooms. Needs fertilizer all year through. Plan to set it outside in the summer to give it a real boost.

- Petulant beauties: **AFRICAN VIOLETS**—lush, fuzzy leaves form a nest of soft green with pink and purple violets bursting like sparklers. They're lovely but sensitive to too much light and water. If you've got the "magic touch" they'll charm everyone with their beauty. **ORCHID**—strange, exotic leaves and tendril/roots with ruffled blossoms atop slender stalks. Another plant that demands the "magic touch." **SEA ONION**—talk about a showy gal! A bulbous "onion" with graceful, trailing leaves and a tall, curving stalk festooned with tiny, white stars. A real show-stopper. But, keep her warm and carefully watered, watch for a scale that may form and can be removed.

PART 3: TOOLS

You may want to identify an attractive basket or box in which to store your tools for this tiny garden. You'll be using these tools often, and having them nearby makes the tasks less onerous.

- **WATERING CAN, JAR, BASTER, DROPPER.** Depending on the plants you've chosen, you may want all these on hand to deliver just the right amount of water to each plant.
- **SPRAY JAR.** Some of your plants will enjoy a light shower to keep their leaves fresh.
- **SCISSORS, TWEEZERS, GARDEN SHEARS.** There will be dead leaves and over-zealous vines that you'll want to remove. You may want to keep a little covered jar or pot nearby for these trimmings. They can go into your compost pile too.
- **PLANT FOOD/ FERTILIZER.** Unless you've included something exotic, any of the common fertilizers, powder or liquid, will do.
- **PENCIL, SHORT STICK.** You'll find the soil may get too compact. Use a pencil to gently poke holes in the soil providing the roots with better moisture and air distribution.
- **SOFT BRUSH.** While your home may be meticulously clean, dust does seem drawn to plant leaves. You can gently brush off the larger, firmer leaves. If the leaves become seriously dusty, dampen a paper towel with milk and wipe off each leaf.
- **FLOOR LAMP/CLIP-ON LAMP.** If you're finding the window you've chosen does not provide enough sunlight, add a lamp with a grow-bulb or a 100-watt bulb. Set the lamp on a timer to come on for 2–3 hours at dusk. (You probably don't want your window lit up all night.)



PART 4: MAINTENANCE TRICKS

No need to re-invent the wheel, as they say. Here are some hints from Ms. Hersey and other window gardeners.

- If your window is drafty, in the evening gently drop a sheet or linen towel over sensitive plants to protect them until the morning sun warms them again.
 - Do a bit of pruning when you notice a stray branch or leaves. Keep your plants shapely and properly sized for their locations. Don't wait until it becomes a big task. (Remember those scissors in your tiny tool-kit.)
 - Turn the pots every week so the plants will receive sunlight on all their leaves, otherwise, they'll become lopsided and flat or thin on one side.
- Egg shells and coffee grounds can make excellent pepper-uppers for your plants. Mix the crushed shells grounds in an old jar or can somewhere unobtrusive. Then, once a month or so, sprinkle the mix on your plants. You may want to poke a few holes with that pencil before adding the shells and grounds.
- Well, that sounds fairly simple, doesn't it? This is a project that can be completed in a weekend but will bring you pleasure for days and weeks to come. You might grow so fond of your window garden that you'll keep it going all year long. And, it's a great project to do with children of almost any age. Take lots of pictures to record the progress of the growth and blooms as they emerge. There might even be some botany lessons rolled into the gardening; who knows.



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HOME REAL ESTATE

Cool. Calm. Casually Elegant.

By Lisa J. Gotto

You just can't miss with this sold-for-list, resort-like home on the water. And why not? As this property has everything the discerning waterfront-loving homeowner could ask for.

Walking in you will immediately experience its airy appeal and the visual impact of Eastern Bay views. The view lead you to the home's central living area which is bathed in natural light from two tiers of large windows. Creamy white walls feature a white-washed, two-sided brick fireplace that reaches to the ceiling and anchors the room with its nautical vibe. One side of the fireplace faces a spacious seating area with an integrated wall-mount television (if you can take your eyes off the view) and uninterrupted sight lines to the fabulous, all-white gourmet kitchen.

The utility of this room is beyond compare with generous prep space on both countertop and a large, central working island. With seating for four it makes a great homework or work-from-home station. A cozy breakfast area for two with a luscious view of the Bay stands by for busier mornings or even perhaps, afternoon tea—totally charming. A gas cooktop and an aluminum range hood and large fridge helps make this the place to be for everyone from the aspiring chef to the “peckish” child.



On the other side of the fireplace is a separate, cozy conversation area—perfect for solitary study and reflection. The first floor also offers a large, separate home office, an exquisite formal dining area with crown molding detail, and a full guest bath.

Upstairs there is an incredible view from the open loft hallway leading to the home's four bedrooms and the additional bathrooms. The master suite is stunning with its own picture window view of the Bay and its fabulous master bath seemingly dressed in white marble from floor to ceiling. The

spacious room offers a huge glass shower, a roomy dual-sink vanity, and a glorious freestanding soaking tub.

This home was recently totally upgraded to provide a fabulous quality of life both indoors and out. That is certainly evident with its well-conceived patio and lounging area around its glamorous inground pool. You can grab some shade on the pretty pergola or in a separate well placed covered seating area for Bay-view reading and watercraft watching.

“When my clients came to me with the desire for ‘perfection

on the water,' I knew there was only one home I had to secure for them," said buyer's agent, Jennifer Chaney. "My clients longed for an escape from their chaotic work lives—and were ready to reward themselves with a gorgeous Eastern Shore waterfront estate."

Rewards indeed, as this property also features a recently added two-car garage with the potential for living space above, and its easily commutable location on Kent Island where you can still be a world away from everyday stressors, but just minutes from lively downtown Annapolis.

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Time for Fine Modern Living

By Lisa J. Gotto



Primary Structure Built: 2012
Sold For: \$1,600,000
Original List Price: \$1,750,000
Bedrooms: 6
Baths: 6 Full, 2 Half
Living Space: 7,537 Sq. Ft.
Lot Size: 0.41 acres

A discerning homeowner with a love for all things modern and technologically-savvy was the most likely purchaser of this amazing 7,500 square-foot Eastern Shore home. Located in the prestigious community of Easton Village, this custom coastal-style home delivers on every aspect of luxury and convenience.

Its exquisite architectural design is a stand-out with its multi-pitched roof and its exterior combination of stacked stone and tastefully-toned siding. A gracious porch with dual archways and white railing welcomes one inside to the home's foyer and formal living room wonderfully detailed with architectural columns and enhanced crown molding detail. Floors of rich, sable hardwood flow throughout the space that leads to the beyond-spacious, all-white custom kitchen with contrasting center island. This room offers a five-burner Wolf gas cooktop with Country French-styled range hood, a large carriage-door integrated refrigerator, dual oven, and transitional contrasting cabinetry leading to the home's great room.

Another island offers breakfast seating space for three, and a large formal dining space is located opposite from the kitchen, which also flows into an impressive two-story great room with a modern gas fireplace feature wall of wood that rises to the ceiling. This main level—one of three in the home—also offers a separate home office for all the family's work-from-home needs.

Upstairs, you'll find four large bedrooms and an impeccably well-conceived master suite offering a spacious master bath, two custom walk-in closets, and its own private balcony with gas fireplace.

The home's lower level is completely finished and offers the family a chance to gather for movies in the 7.1 Surround Sound Home Theater with 114-inch projection screen. This level also features a fully-equipped wet bar, a full bedroom/office and bath, and a home gym.

Among the home's many convenient and useful perks are its geothermal heating and cooling system, Lutron lighting and remote sun shades throughout, a full security CCTV system with remote access, and a home intercom system with SONOS.

Outside, the property offers a beautifully landscaped space to explore and entertain with a well-equipped gourmet outdoor kitchen, a firepit for cozy *al fresco* evenings, a canine condo, three-car garage, and a lovely, full-brick paver driveway.

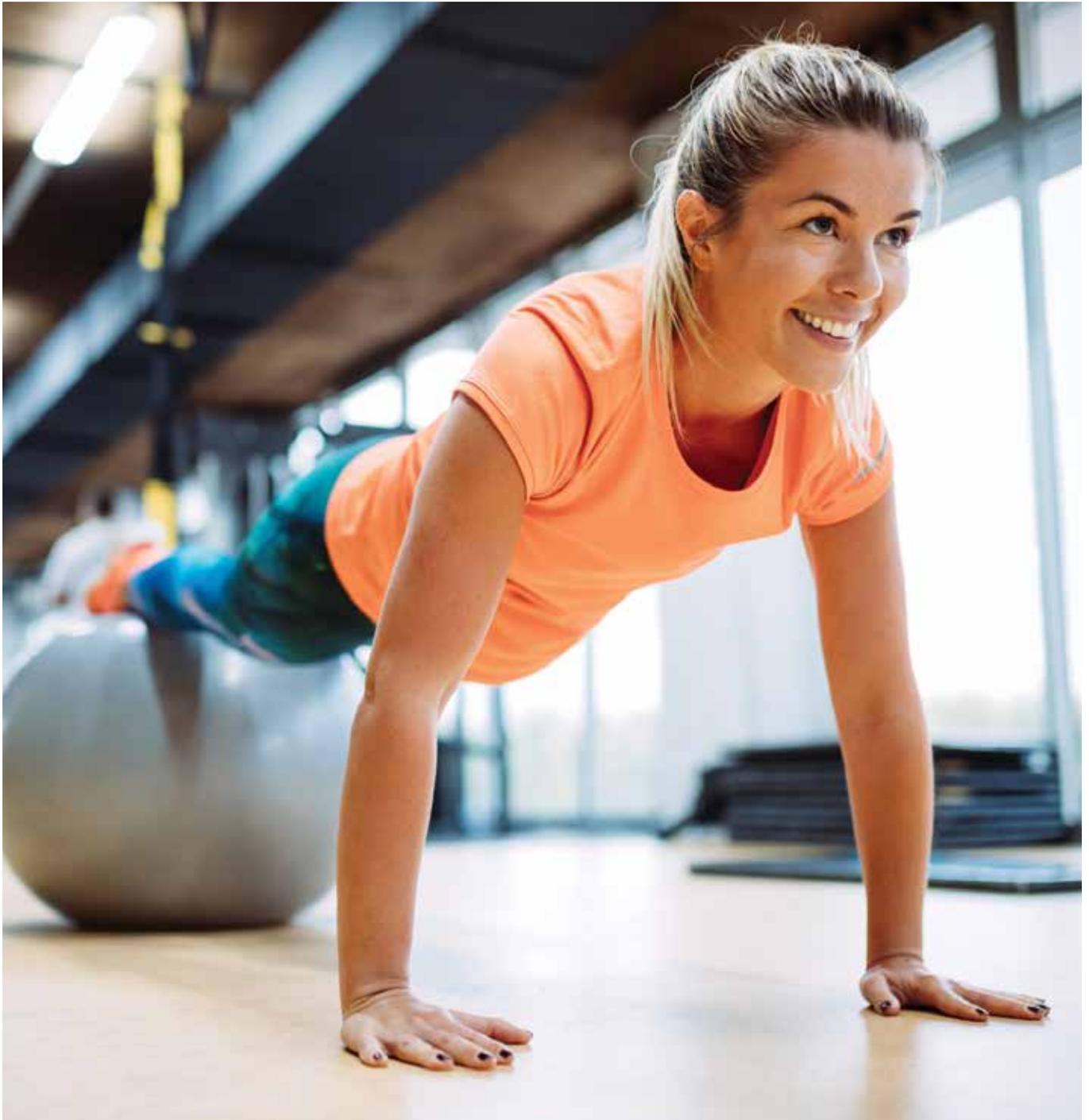
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HEALTH & BEAUTY HEALTH

Brighten Your Smile

CONSIDERING YOUR OPTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO TEETH WHITENING

By Dylan Roche

Want a whiter smile? You're not the only one. According to a survey by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the one thing most people would like to change about their pearly whites is getting them a little more...well, white. Things like food, beverages, smoking, and even aging can all contribute to stains and discoloration of your teeth.

What's the secret to cleaning those stains away? Your easiest and fastest solution is professional whitening, but this option may not be necessary for teeth with only minimal stain. Your over-the-counter and DIY options aren't perfect, but if used correctly, you can still expect to see some decent results.

FIRST, TALK TO YOUR DENTIST. Even if you're not getting an in-office professional whitening done, you should still have your dentist's guidance and go-ahead on anything you plan to do with your teeth. In the case of whitening, you could potentially end up doing yourself more harm than good. Tooth whitening products can be harsh and uncomfortable on sensitive teeth, particularly those with receded gums. If you have cracks or cavities in your teeth, your dentist will need to seal them lest your tooth pulp react poorly to or become irritated by the whitening.

When you're going through products on the shelf at the grocery store or pharmacy, keep an eye out for those that bear the seal of the American Dental Association (ADA), which holds products to a high standard and approves only those that have been proven safe and effective. Some of your options will be:

Toothpaste: Some toothpaste will make advertising claims that they can lighten your teeth, usually because they contain additional ingredients, such as a mild abrasive for removing stains. However, you should not expect toothpaste to lighten your teeth more than a shade or two.

Strips: Just place these disposable strips along your teeth and let them sit for a few minutes while the whitening solution does its work. After using them consistently for a week or two, you'll notice a difference—but the downside is that the strips can sometimes be difficult to keep in place. There's also the problem of your saliva getting under the strips and diluting the whitening solution.

Trays: Over-the-counter whitening kits come with trays that you place over both your upper and bottom teeth to apply the whitening solution. Unlike strips, they don't slip out of place as easily and there's less risk of saliva getting in there to dilute the whitening solution. But over-the-counter trays are specifically designed for your teeth and might not fit perfectly, so there is still the possibility that you can get whitening solution on your gums and irritate them.

Mouthwash: It sounds easy enough to swish twice a day with the hopes of getting your teeth whiter, but don't waste your time—mouthwash isn't exposed to your teeth for long enough to make much of a difference.

OR YOUR CAN GO ALL NATURAL! If you're looking for a home remedy to treat those stains on your teeth, try baking soda and hydrogen peroxide. Baking soda is a natural whitening agent that can remove stains from laundry, tile grout, and, yes, even your teeth. It's why some toothpastes contain baking soda as

an ingredient. Baking soda is especially effective when combined with hydrogen peroxide.

Here are two ways to try baking soda and peroxide:

Sprinkle about a quarter-teaspoon of baking soda over your toothbrush after you've applied toothpaste. Brush as you normally would. Before rinsing, while the baking soda is still on your teeth, swish your mouth clean with a solution made from equal parts hydrogen peroxide and water.

After brushing as you normally would, do a follow-up brushing with a mixture of 2 tablespoons hydrogen peroxide and 1 tablespoon baking soda. Let the mixture sit on your teeth for about 30 seconds to one minute. Rinse your mouth thoroughly.

But if neither over-the-counter whiteners nor DIY remedies are giving you the results that you want, consider a professional in-house bleaching by your dentist. This procedure entails applying a whitening solution (usually made from hydrogen peroxide) to your teeth and using a curing light or laser to activate the peroxide. The solution stays on your teeth for up to an hour before your dentist will have you rinse it out. A professional whitening can usually achieve desirable results in only one visit.

Finally, it's important to observe good dental practices to avoid heavy stains in the first place:

Brush your teeth thoroughly after every meal with an ADA-approved toothpaste. Avoid staining drinks like coffee, tea, and red wine, as well as tobacco. See your dentist twice a year for a checkup and cleaning.

Exfoliating in Winter: Do You Do It or Not?

By Dylan Roche

Winter air can be rough on your skin! And let's face it, you might be wary of any skincare practices that are going to aggravate the dryness. One such practice that people worry about—exfoliation. Though it's an important part of maintaining a healthy complexion, exfoliation is notorious for drying out your skin.

So, does this mean you should temporarily nix it while you deal with January weather? Not at all!

On the contrary, exfoliating is more important than ever during the winter. This is because exfoliation removes the layer of dead skin cells sitting on top of your skin. Unless you remove these dead cells, your daily moisturizer can't penetrate the surface of your skin and hydrate the way it's supposed to. Furthermore, exfoliation gives your skin a refreshed, glowing appearance.



It's important, however, that you don't over-exfoliate, as this will give you the dry, irritated skin you're trying to avoid. If you have sensitive skin, opt for a chemical exfoliant—such as alpha hydroxy acids, beta hydroxy acids, or poly hydroxy acids—which disintegrate the dead skin cells instead of sloughing them off the way a manual exfoliant does.

Home-Based Tip: If you're looking for a great home-made mechanical exfoliant, try mixing equal parts brown sugar and olive oil until it forms a thick paste. Use this paste to gently scrub your face using a washcloth or an ultrasonic cleansing brush. Work the scrub in a circular motion and then rinse clean with warm water.

To maintain moisture in your skin throughout the cold, dry winter, use a heavier facial moisturizer, ideally one that is oil-based instead of water-based. Apply it immediately after washing your face to lock in moisture. You can also opt for a hydrating serum, which is great for keeping your skin hydrated without giving you a heavy oily feeling.

Here's the Tea

BLACK, GREEN, OOLONG, OR HERBAL?

By Dylan Roche

Nothing warms you up on a cold winter day quite like a steaming cup of tea. If you're someone who has your kettle on the burner regularly throughout January and February, you're enjoying much more than the cozy sensation you get every time you take a sip—according to studies, tea drinkers are at a lower risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease, likely because of tea's high concentration of antioxidants.

But does it matter what type of tea you choose? In some ways, yes. Varieties of tea are all slightly different—and some herbal teas aren't technically even considered teas at all.

Let's spill the tea on the differences.

BLACK VS. GREEN VS. OOLONG

The three types of what you might consider real tea are black, green, and oolong. Although they are all made from the leaves of the same plant, *camellia sinensis*, these three teas have different tastes and health components because of the way they're processed.

With **BLACK TEA**, the leaves have been dried and fermented, resulting in the darkest color and the richest flavor. Black tea has more caffeine than green tea and oolong tea, but only about half of what's found in coffee. This makes tea a great option for those who are trying to cut back on their caffeine consumption but still need a slight pick-me-up. An 8-ounce cup of tea yields only 48 milligrams of caffeine, compared with the 95 milligrams in 8 ounces of coffee.

While black tea is full of antioxidants called polyphenols that reduce your risk of certain diseases, these compounds are found in much greater concentration in **GREEN TEA**. Because green tea leaves have not been fermented the way black tea leaves have, it has a much lighter color and flavor. In addition to its higher concentration of polyphenols, green tea is also a great source of the antioxidants known as catechins, which have been shown to keep your blood sugar in check and reduce your risk of type 2 diabetes. Green tea has much less caffeine than black tea, with only 29 milligrams per 8 ounces.

The third of these teas is **OOLONG TEA**, a kind of middleman between black and green. Oolong tea leaves have been dried and fermented, but not to the extent that black tea leaves have been. This results in a flavor, antioxidant profile, and caffeine content that is halfway between black and green.



HERBAL TEAS—NOT REALLY TEA, BUT STILL HEALTHY

It's a little confusing, but herbal teas aren't actually made from tea leaves—instead, they're made from roots, flowers, herbs, leaves, and other parts of various plants, which are dried and bagged and steeped in boiling water the same way you would with real tea. For example, chamomile tea is made from flowers, whereas peppermint tea is made from the leaves of the mint plant.

Herbal teas are caffeine free, and although they don't have the same benefits of black, green, or oolong tea, they are often regarded for many health benefits of their own. **CHAMOMILE TEA** is hailed for helping you relax and fall asleep, whereas **ROOIBOS TEA** can improve your blood pressure and circulation. Similarly, **HIBISCUS** tea is known for lowering blood pressure. **PEPPERMINT TEA** and **GINGER TEA** are great for people who feel nauseated—peppermint tea can soothe an upset stomach, and ginger tea relieves indigestion.

FRESH IS BEST

Regardless of what kind of tea you choose, always go for getting your tea as fresh as possible. This is because processing destroys the antioxidants and other health components in teas. When you buy powdered tea mixes or bottled teas, you're not getting the same benefits as you would if you enjoyed a freshly-brewed cup. You should also be wary of any fancy tea lattes or bubble teas you can order at the coffee shop, as these will often be loaded with sugar. If you're looking to sweeten your tea at home, opt for a little bit of honey or lemon.

A New Way of Looking at New Year's Resolutions

By Dylan Roche

This is going to be the year you stick to your New Year's resolution, right?

Actually, yes—it is. Or at least, it can be. Setting healthy goals is great, but they're notoriously hard to stick to when they're too ambitious or not specific enough. Consider the usual health-related New Year's resolutions people set for themselves: quit smoking, eat better, exercise more, drink less alcohol. They're all a little vague. Instead, what if you were to get specific about these goals. What exact behaviors do you want to adopt?

The American Psychological Association recommends making small adjustments instead of big ones, as these are easier to stick with. And if you mess up, that's all right. Missteps are to be expected.

Let's take a closer look at those four common New Year's resolutions. How can you adopt those into small, attainable but still specific goals?

SO, YOU WANT TO QUIT SMOKING? Start by aiming to overcome each individual craving by having a set plan of what you want to

do when the feeling strikes. The American Lung Association states that most cravings last no longer than five minutes, so you can distract yourself by letting your dog out, opening up a Sudoku puzzle, or vacuuming your living room. If you're able to handle individual cravings, aim to go for 24 hours without smoking. Then aim for three days, and then one week. For every milestone you pass, consider it accomplishing a goal.

SO, YOU WANT TO EAT BETTER? Instead of overhauling your diet from the get-go, strive to make one dietary change per week. Aim to add more fruits and vegetables to your diet by having at least one serving of with every meal or snack. Another healthy eating goal is to start opting for whole grains instead of refined grains at least half the time—enjoy whole-wheat bread instead of white bread or brown rice instead of white rice.

SO, YOU WANT TO EXERCISE MORE? If you're transitioning from a sedentary lifestyle, set aside a half-hour a day to do some kind of physical activity that raises your heart rate—it could be walking, jogging, bike

riding, swimming, aerobics, or jumping rope. Tell yourself you will try a new activity every week. This will prevent boredom, thus keeping you more committed, and it will help you find a wider variety of exercises you enjoy.

SO, YOU WANT TO DRINK LESS ALCOHOL? If you're in the habit of enjoying several drinks at the end of the day, limit yourself to one drink at a designated time—maybe that's a glass of wine with dinner or a beer while you watch your favorite TV show. Find a productive hobby that can occupy your time instead of drinking—something like painting or knitting will keep you busy during the time of the evening when

you're most inclined to drink. When you're out socializing with friends, alternate between alcohol and glasses of water, which will help you cut your alcohol consumption in half.

Even when you're setting smaller goals and focusing on specific behaviors, it's still normal to struggle. Seek out an accountability buddy whom you can count on, or if you find your situation is really problematic, schedule an appointment with a therapist. Don't forget to celebrate each small milestone and then set a slightly more aggressive goal for the next week or month. In time, you'll realize that changing small habits can change your life in a big way.



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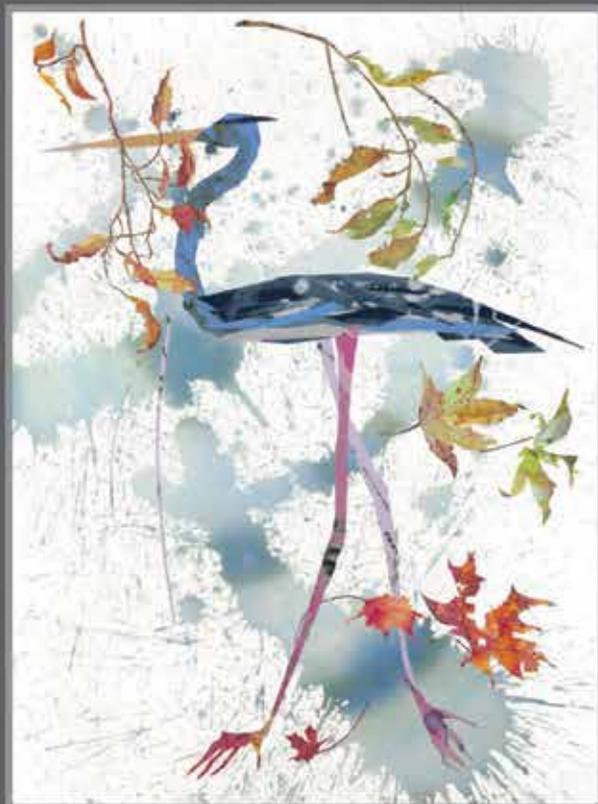
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