

# PRIDE & Joy Newsletter—Scholar Issue

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Welcome to MSDE \* Academic Accolades \* Professional Strides \* Shining Stars

## “PRIDE Hall of Fame”

Let's give a 'Shout-Out!' to this quarter's Shining Stars profiled in the Liberty Street Lobby...  
*Chezia Quarterman-Calloway, Anita Chambers, Jilda Scott, James Tucker, and Robin Wefelmeyer*

### Academic Achievement at its Best

**Michele Goady**, in DECD, is beaming with pride for her daughter, *Khristina M. Goady*. *Khristina* received her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Science from Loyola University of Baltimore. *Khristina* was also recognized as an “Emerging Scholar” for her thesis on “Fostering Intrinsic Motivation in Children,” in May 2010.

**Marion Mitchell**, in DECD, is pleased to announce that her son, *Jarrard Mitchell*, graduated from Frostburg State University with a Masters in Business Administration.

**Darlene Norman**, in OS-Audit Office, is beaming with pride and overwhelmed with joy for her son, *Carl S. Norman, Jr.*, who graduated from George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology High School. *Carl* will pursue a degree in Criminal Justice in the fall.

**Susan Spinnato**, in DOI, has double the reason to celebrate. Her twin sons, *Anthony and William Spinnato* both graduated from college. *Anthony* graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lebanon Valley College with two degrees—Bachelor of Music in Music Recording Technology and Bachelor of Arts in Percussion Performance. His twin brother, *William*, graduated Cum Laude

from New York University with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance—Music Theatre.

**Alex Wallace**, daughter of **Chuck Wallace** in DCCR, is attending Bucknell University in the fall and will major in neuroscience and also play Division One Lacrosse.

**Zondra Johnson's** daughter, *Ngalla*, graduated from Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School and will attend Frostburg University in the fall.

**Heidi and Philip Deitchman**, in OHR, are so very proud of their son, *Dr. Andrew R. Deitchman* who graduated from Temple Medical School. *Andrew* will begin his 5-year residency at Christiana Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware in July 2011.

**Dr. Carol Ann Heath-Baglin**, in DSE, is pleased to announce that her son, *Seth Liam-Hewitt Baglin*, graduated from the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law.

In DCCR, **Marquita Friday's** niece, *Terra Dodson*, received a Master's degree from Howard University's School of Divinity.

**Yvonne Kranitz**, in DORS, announced that her daughter, *Genna Kranitz*, earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Towson University. *Genna* completed her studies with a 3.8 GPA.



**Benjamin Charles Wallace**, son of **Rosemary Bitzel Wallace**, in DCCR, graduated from Western School of Technology and Environmental Science. *Ben* left for Alaska, where he will work at the Becharof National Wildlife Refuge clearing vegetation from the historic Kanatak Route—an old Native American trail—to enable archaeologists to work there. Upon his return, *Ben* will attend St. Mary's College of Maryland in the fall.

Proud parents **Chris and Cheryl DeAtley**, in DECD, are pleased to announce the graduation of their son, *James C. DeAtley*, from McDaniel College. *James* earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication. *James* is a songwriter and musician and he served as an intern to Congressman Steny H. Hoyer.

### CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

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**“Where nations once measured their strength by the size of their armies and arsenals, in the world of the future KNOWLEDGE will matter most.” ~ President Clinton**

**“Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself.” ~**

**John Dewey**

### **Welcome to the MSDE Family!**

Adedayo Adeala, DORS  
Muhammad Anwar, DORS  
Andre Arthur, DORS  
Karen Auten, DORS  
Alberto Baca, DSFSS \*  
Trina Baylor, DORS  
Cynthia Bloom, DORS  
Tiara Booker-Dwyer, DOI \*  
Danielle Crawford, DORS  
Sunceri Dade, DSFSS  
Sara Duncan, DORS  
Iyabode Fadeyi, DORS  
Lucas Gerace, DORS  
Jason Green, DECD  
Jessica Green, DECD  
John Grymes, DSFSS  
Joseph Harkness, DAADS \*  
Denise Hunt, DAADS \*  
Margo Jones, DORS  
Tyler Kraus, DORS  
Keisha McLaurin, DSFSS \*  
Sarah Mills, DORS  
Bonnie Naef, DOI \*  
Linda Ritz, DECD  
Janine Ross, DORS  
Bridgette Sloan, DCCR  
Leroy Tunstall, DORS  
Rustiller Tyler, DCCR  
Burt Zimmerman, DORS

\* Race to the Top Hire

**“The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people.” ~ Leo Tolstoy**

Rose Bailey, in DORS, is very proud of her youngest son, MarQuet Ro'Mar Robinson, who recently graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Anita Dewling, in DORS, is beaming with pride over her son, John Dewling, Jr. who recently graduated from Chesapeake High School.

### **Higher Education in the House!**

Mark McGinnity, in DECD, earned a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Towson University.

William Nottage, in DCCR, received a Master of Science degree in Information Systems from the University of Maryland—Baltimore County.

Pat Mikos, in DCCR, earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore.

Karen E.L. Ross, Ph.D., in DOI, earned a Doctorate from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. In May, Karen defended her dissertation research, a quantitative study titled, “Professional Development for In-Service Mathematics Teachers: A Critical Connection to English Language Learner Students in Mainstream Classrooms.”

LaTanya Scott, in DECD, earned an Associate in Arts degree in Business Management from Baltimore City Community College and she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Business from Towson University in the fall.

Dr. James Tucker, in DOI, earned an Honorary Doctorate in Fine Arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art.

**“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” ~ Benjamin Franklin**

Brandon Holmes, son of Valerie Ashton-Thomas in DSFSS, graduated from The Harbour School of Baltimore.

Brandon's future plans include enrollment in the DORS Vocational Training Program, employment, and community college.

Gail Tucker is so very proud of her daughter, Jada Tucker, who graduated from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland earning a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with concentration in Behavioral Disorders. Jada will continue her clinical work with the Autism community at Kennedy Krieger Institute.

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Please forward “Good News” stories to:

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## “**PRIDE** Maryland Public Schools”

Now, more than ever, is an opportune time to nominate our MSDE colleagues for their personal and academic achievements, contributions to public education, and always going the extra mile to serve.

Nominate any individual or group that creates and exudes a sense of **PRIDE** at the Department.

“**Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.**” ~

**George Washington Carver**

**Adele Connelly**, in DORS, has an abundance of joy—her son, *Patrick Connelly*, graduated from Linganore High School and has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp., and her daughter, *Heather*, exchanged wedding vows in May.

**Donna Gunning**, in DBS, is having double the pride because her daughter *Meghan Gunning* graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Miami Frost School of Music with a double major in Music Therapy and Psychology—she will begin a 6-month music therapy internship at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Also, her son, *Patrick Gunning*, graduated from Archbishop Spalding High School and was awarded the Principal’s Medal for Citizenship, Leadership, Scholarship and Service—he will attend Elon University and plans to major in Communications and double minor in music technology and jazz studies.

**Denise Scott**, in C&A, is full of pride for her three children. Her son, *William Townsel*, made her a proud grandmother to Kristen Nichole—who joins big brothers Anthony and Matthew. Her daughter, *LaKeisha Townsel*, completed her studies and earned national certification from the Baltimore School of Massage. Her son, *Kristofer Townsel*, married Laura Skidmore and the happy couple now reside in San Diego, CA where *Seaman Townsel* is stationed.

### **Preparing World-Class Students!**

*Dylan R. Graybill*, grandson of **John B. Graybill** in OAG, was inducted into the “National Junior Honor Society.” John and his wife are so proud of their young scholar and overall very accomplished young man.

**Andrea Guzman**, in DSFSS, is pleased to announce the graduation of her daughter, *Sydney Rose Guzman*, from the Pre-K program at Kid Zone and now she move on to Seven Oaks Elementary School.

**Vanessa Jennings**, in DBS, is so proud of her grandson, *Ke’sean Pinkney*, for making the “Honor Roll” at Hilltop Elementary School in Baltimore County.

**Robert Glascock**, in DOI, received the International Society for Technology in Education’s “Making It Happen Award” from the Maryland Society of Educational Technology.

**Woody Grant**, in the Equity Office, is the recipient of the “Legacy Award” presented by the Maryland Multicultural Coalition/Maryland Chapter for outstanding service and longevity of commitment to social justice and multicultural education.

*Beth Shevitz*, educator and daughter of **Linda Shevitz**, in the Equity Office, was selected to be featured in an ASCD documentary titled “The Sights and Sounds of Equitable Practices” which focuses on classroom practices, instruction, and curriculum to address elimination of the achievement gap.

Congratulations to the following DECD staff that received Early Care and Education Certification in May ~ **Ava Browne; Kim Brydie; Jennifer Campbell; Anita Chambers; Raye Dugger; Addie Fuller; Tammy Guthland; Janet Hodkiewicz; Teresa Lewis; Rhonda Miller; Pamela Reynolds; Martia Rodgers; and Latashia Thornton.**

### **Moving to the Middle!**

**Margaret Cellucci**, in DAP, is so very proud of her son, *Luca Cellucci*, who is graduating from Cromwell Valley Technology Elementary School. *Luca* is moving on to Dumbarton Middle School in the fall.

**Nina Roa**, proud mom in DCCR, announced that her daughter, *Jamie Roa*, received “The Presidential Award” for academic achievement from Timber Grove Elementary School. *Jamie* will attend Franklin Middle School in the fall.

“**Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.**” ~

**Nelson Mandela**

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