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## Pastors and community march, calling for an end to police brutality *Sparked by the televised murder of George Floyd*



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**Minister Chris McBrayer leads hundreds of people down the street chanting, "No justice, no peace."**

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

Hundreds of people, including Toledo Pastors from different denominations, gathered in the parking lot of Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood Blvd. It was Sunday, June 7, approximately two weeks after the televised murder of George Floyd at the hands of Derek Chauvin, a then Minneapolis Police officer. And, who is currently charged with second degree murder. The shocking scene was caught on video by a bystander, and has been seen all over the world.

Mr. Floyd's murder has fueled protests all over the world calling for an end to police brutality and racism; including daily protests happening throughout the Greater Toledo Metropolitan area.

Organized by Faith Leaders, United for Change, the clergy led event also had numerous elected leaders participating in the march.

The caravan of concerned citizens started their march at Warren AME Church, head north on Collingwood Blvd, then west on Dorr St.; concluding their hike at the Toledo Urban Federal Credit



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**Eight minutes and forty-six seconds of silence was observed; the amount of time Officer Chauvin had his knee in the neck of George Floyd, as he pleaded he couldn't breathe.**

Union.

Before starting their march, Minister Chris McBrayer, one of the event organizers, would lead them in a eight minute and forty-six second moment of silence; the exact amount of time then, Officer Chauvin, pressed his knee into the neck of Mr. Floyd as he repeatedly pleaded he couldn't breathe.

After the time had ended, Minister McBrayer yelled, "Mamma," several times; the last words Mr. Floyd, as he lay dying under the knee of Officer Chauvin.

"You know how desperate a grown man has to be to yell out mamma," the young and

fiery Minister McBrayer told the protesters.

He went on to tell everyone that they can't control the outcome in Minneapolis, but they can have a say of what takes place in Toledo.

Following the conclusion to the opening, Minister McBrayer led the protesters down the street, and led them in chants of, "No justice, no peace," and Mr. Floyd's last word, "Mamma."

Once they arrived to their destination, other event organizers laid out a plan of action on what they want from the Toledo Police Department, elected leaders, and the

overall community; all of which, they said, will make the city a better and safer place for all people.

Improved police relations, enhance community relations, support black owned businesses, and an effective collaborative support, were the four points the Pastors highlighted.

Pastor Charles Allen, an event organizer, told everyone that the day was merely a commercial to their overall plan.

"We've, us Pastors, have been strategizing for over a

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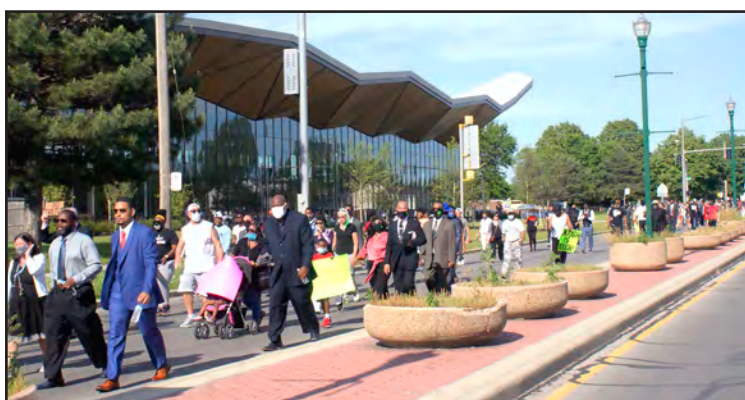


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# Obama's Popularity Continues to Rise Amid Trump's Rhetoric

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

With unrestrained vitriol and the stunning lack of leadership emanating from the White House on an almost daily basis, the ever-rising popularity of former President Barack Obama is unmistakable.

The media and most of the American public hang on every word and watch every move Obama makes – many openly pining for the 44th president to “do something,” “do anything,” to provide some sense of normalcy and a renewed dignity to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.  
“Overall, most liberals I know loved

President Obama because he was eloquent and thoughtful. I think he's extremely popular right now because Trump has pretty much failed in every way possible – especially on the points where he said he could and would do things better than Obama did,” New York resident Alicia Butler told NNPA Newswire.

“The inept Trump becomes; the more people will forget what they didn't like about Obama. And for those of us who loved Obama, seeing Trump mess up ten times a day really drives our appreciation for 44 home even further,” Butler stated.

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Leaders amongst BLM have said defunding police departments is one method to helping curb police brutality. Even the mayor of Los Angeles has spoken of defunding the LAPD. Do you think this is an effective strategy? And if you agree with the strategy, where could the excess money best be used?



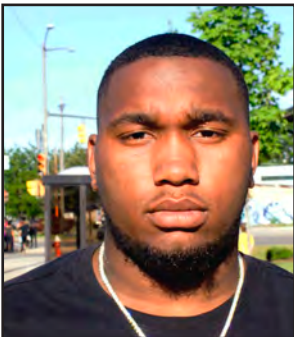
Julian Mack  
Community Organizer

Yes it's an effective strategy. Reforming the police has been a priority since the early days of their inception; when they were created to catch slaves. Financing police departments make up nearly half of city's budget. Even the military, which serves as a type of global police, consumes much of the federal government's budget. That excess money could easily go towards healthcare, and education.



Tricia Allen  
Social Worker

It's not an effective strategy. If police departments are defunded, how will they be able to affectively protect citizens? I believe the current thought process of police departments, the outdated training, and rules are what need to be reformed.



Hakeem McNeal  
Student

I definitely think it's an effective strategy. By defunding the police, you'll take away their military style weaponry. Once they no longer have those types of weapons, they won't be able to use them. Then the excess money can be used to help the homeless, or revitalize the city.



Sharisse Powell  
Pastor's Wife

I don't think it's an effective tactic. Although some people may say that defunding will affect more so police department's weaponry, it will ultimately eliminate jobs, which will limit how they protect people. I think a new method on how to be more receptive to African Americans needs to be the focus.



Marcus Allen  
Factory Worker

I don't think it's an effective strategy. When you're in a situation which requires that type of force to protect you, or your neighborhood, you'll be glad the police have that type of power. I think the solution is to get rid of the bad apples amongst the police.

## Ongoing Events

### Lucas County COVID-19 Update Community Testing Site Information

Community testing is still widely available in Lucas County. Testing is most appropriate for community members experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The main symptoms of COVID-19 infection include: a fever of 100.4 F (38C) or greater, cough, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing. Other reported symptoms have included chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell. Community members may call the Lucas County Community COVID-19 Call Lines at 419-251-4000 (English only) and 419-291-5355 (multilingual) to answer questions and provide additional support M-F, 7am-7pm.

### Ohio Division Of WildLife 2020 Lake Erie Walleye Update

Lake Erie's walleye population in 2020 is projected to be 116 million fish.

Anglers will mostly encounter fish ranging from 15 to 25 inches from the 2014 through 2018 year classes. A large number of undersized fish from the 2018 and 2019 year classes will also be caught. Please release these fish with as little handling as possible so they can contribute to the fishery in the future. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, fishing is a pursuit that can be enjoyed while safely practicing social distancing. The Ohio Department of Health's COVID-19 safety rules and guidelines for fishing can be found at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/fishing.pdf](https://www.ohio.gov/static/responsible/fishing.pdf). The walleye bag limit on Lake Erie is six fish per angler with a 15-inch minimum size length.

### Lourdes University Appold Planetarium presents the Dome from Home Club

Lourdes University Appold Planetarium presents the Dome from Home Club. Members will experience a new show every week right from home! Nothing can really compare with the immersive experience of traveling through space in the Appold Planetarium, but watching a version formatted for your flat screen at home is the next best thing.

"The Dome from Home Club is a new STEM-education offering made available free to the public because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Free to sign up. For more information or to sign up for the Dome from Home Club, visit [www.lourdes.edu/outreach/appoldplanetarium](http://www.lourdes.edu/outreach/appoldplanetarium).

### Grace Community Center Free Food Pantry

In an effort to continue to serve our community

during these trying times.....Grace Community Center has expanded its Food Pantry operations. The hours of service are M-F, 10 am – 3 pm. Children may also receive grab & go lunches from the hours of 11 -1 M-F. Eligible Seniors in need of food assistance please call for delivery options at 419-248-2467. Elaine Page, Executive Director, Grace Community Center, 406 W. Delaware.

**Every Tuesday and Saturday  
Toledo Masjid Al-Islam Through  
Tarbiyyatul Haqq Ministries Free Food Pantry**  
Located at 722 E. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43608.  
Available Tues. 9-2 and Sat 11-3 every week.

**Senior Centers Closed**  
At the advice of the local health commissioners, the following senior centers are closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

- Lucas County senior centers
- Sandusky County senior centers
- Williams County senior centers
- Wood County senior centers

The Area Office on Aging is recommending that all senior centers contact their participants and determine if anyone needs home-delivered meals, medical or personal supplies or any assistance during the period of closure. Additionally, the Area Office on Aging is recommending that a core team remain accessible to older adults and caregivers as needs arise.

**Every Tuesday  
Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Free  
Food Pantry**

Open from 11:00am-1:00pm. Everyone is eligible to benefit from this service regardless of income or circumstance. No identification required, no appointments necessary. Protein, canned goods, fresh produce and baked goods are available. Items may vary weekly.

**Every 3rd Saturday - River of Life Church**  
Hosts "The Storehouse" free food distribution from 11:00am to 1:00pm , 3611 Upton Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43613. Ephesians 6:7 - NLT - Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

### Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling

Acceptable items include electronic waste, but no televisions, CRTmonitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon. Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events

are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 20 at Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Blvd.
- July 11 at Keyser Elementary School, 3900 Hill Ave.
- July 25 at Manhattan Plaza, 525-701 East Manhattan Blvd.
- Aug. 8 at Deveaux School, 2620 West Sylvania Ave.
- Aug. 22 at Longfellow Elementary School, 1955 West Laskey Rd.
- Sept. 12 at Good Shepherd Church, 3934 West Laskey Rd.
- Sept. 19 at the Toledo Zoo, Anthony Wayne Trail parking lot
- 2 Hipo Way (this event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Sept. 26 at Friendship Park, 2930 131st St.

For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit [www.toledo.oh.gov](http://www.toledo.oh.gov).

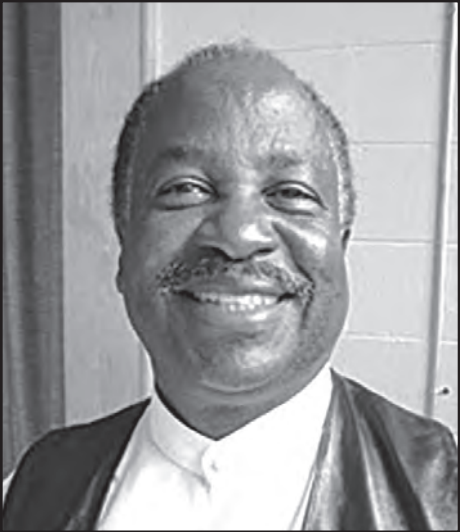
**Now Thru Aug. 14th  
Free Summer Children's Lunch Program**  
Food will be provided free to children Monday through Friday, Now to Aug. 14 through a partnership with the Children's Hunger Alliance for the City of Toledo's Children Feeding Program. (While supplies last. No need to pre-register.). Children's Hunger Alliance staff will be at the following parks, Monday through Friday:

- Wilson Park, 600 East Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608, underneath open air shelter, 11-11:45 a.m.
- Navarre Park, 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605, pool house/parking lot, 12:15-1 p.m.
- Savage Park, 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604, under open air shelter, 1:30-2:15 p.m.
- Walbridge Park, 2761 Broadway, Toledo 43609, under open air shelter, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- Ottawa Park, 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo 43606, under open air shelter, 12:15-1 p.m.

**June 11th  
Secret Life of Pets 2 Free Movie Night in the Park**  
Join us at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, at Savage Park, 650 Nebraska Ave., for Secret Life of Pets 2 Free Movie Night in the Park.  
We will continue and expand our Movie in the Park nights this summer to six events. Family and kid-friendly events, attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars! Physical distancing protocols will be followed.  
The city of Toledo supports the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need a reasonable accommodation because of a disability to fully participate in this event, please contact ADA Administrator Joan Easler, City of Toledo Office of Diversity and Inclusion, at 419-245-1059.



# Biden Crushes It...Ya Think So?



Lafe Tolliver,  
Attorney

In a moving interview with clergy leaders in Delaware, Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee for the presidency, issued a bold-faced statement that he will, “crush institutional racism.”

Now, for me, a person who engages in hyperbole to the max when it suits my fancy, such a statement by Biden is both stunning for its boldness and yet studded with iron clad obstacles.

I do not doubt the heart of Biden to take up such a massive mission but he will fail because the allies he will need to undertake this coup of America will fail him when he needs them the most.

Not knowing the depth and the extent of Biden’s knowledge of American History and the intransigence of the problem of racism since 1619 to current date, he will be confounded and bedeviled when he gets a firm grasp of the stranglehold that classism and racism had and still has on this country.

I contend the following raging bulls will meet Biden in the public arena and will succeed in goring his ambitious resolution to death.

One: Money...Money...Money: The one percenters who control the vast majority of wealth in these United States will coalesce around their leaders, known and unknown, and will flood their opposition to such institutional changes will billions of dollars. That is “billion” with a capital, “B”.

When you go after the monied class and inform them that their good thing is about to come to an end (all apologies to Lou Rawls), they will marshal their considerable forces in the media and their politicians stoogies to fight until the

death.

The ruling elites are not going into the night without a Herculean fight that will send tsunami waves through the stock market, Wall Street and the Halls of Congress. They will fight both fair and unfair; and the unfair being employing surrogates to spew animosity on such a plan that they will label as being, socialistic or communistic at best.

Understand that the bedrock of this country stands on the backs of minority people and the unfair taking of their undervalued labor; and for rich fat cats to give up the perks and privileges of power, it will not be a stroll in the park.

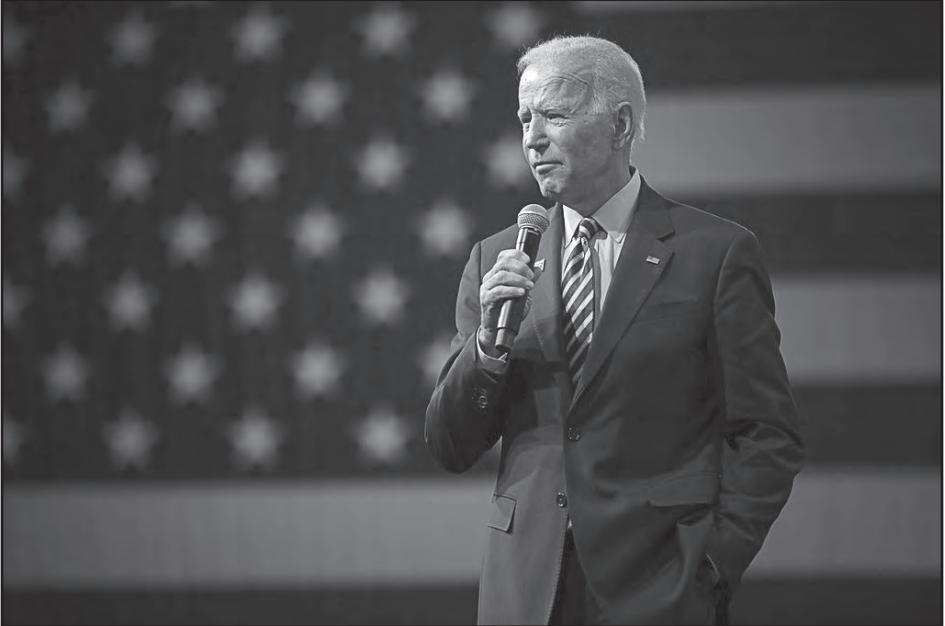
Imagine if you can, a phalanx of media personnel, politicians, lawyers, disgruntled people all being drawn into a societal conflict that could very well result in public disruptions and demonstrations that will make the worse seen civil rights eruptions appear as child’s play.

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*If you think that Colin Kaepernick took some heat and flak for kneeling at a pro football game, you are sorely mistaken if you think there will be a series of Kum-By-Ya moments and we all hug and dance around a culturally neutral maypole!*”

That is what is at stake when you attempt to reorder the pecking order of society and attempt to re-distribute wealth in America, and that wealth is seen as going to “those” people!

Considerations that the initial bedrock of the rise of capitalism in America which allowed it to become a voracious powerhouse in the international scene was wealth and labor obtained by ill-gotten means and methods, to wit: slavery and the suppression of honest wages for working class poor people, be they black, brown or white and the theft of land and resources from the land of Native Americans.

Rich folks who are fighting for their perceived right to rule the roost for an ad infinite period of time, will torch the



city rather than share wealth and power with a DeMarcus or a Lakeshia and have such “marginalized” citizens have access their halls of learning and residential neighborhoods.

I say that to state that institutional racism has a firm choke hold in America’s DNA and any attempts to excise it will be a journey of a thousand miles, akin to walking barefoot on barbed wire and glass shards thrown on the pathway.

TWO: People, People, People: Imagine telling people who have not met or conversed with a minority person all of their lives, now being told or informed that they must get to know those whom they have held in low esteem or outright hostility.

If you think that Colin Kaepernick took some heat and flak for kneeling at a pro football game, you are sorely mistaken if you think there will be a series of Kum-By-Ya moments and we all hug and dance around a culturally neutral maypole!

Think of it, this way. You must practically redo American history textbooks and as it is currently taught to show the real America and how that America came to be. You will have to re-define what is fair in the marketplace and why people should be paid living wages for doing needed and necessary work.

You will have to examine the harmful legacy of mis applied Christianity as it was used by White American theologians to justify slavery and the docility of black folks. Not an easy task to tell churches that they should take down pictures of a white blue-eyed Jesus and at least display what a Semite looked

at that time in Biblical Jerusalem.

That revision alone will have nominal Christians running for their church exit doors!

And for the record, this proposed re-ordering of American society can not be done in a drawn-out fashion. Can you imagine frying chicken in cold oil in the skillet and you wonder why it is taking so long or that it is not cooked or even crispy? To fry chicken, you need hot oil and you dip that chicken piece in and let the fat pop and smoke, but the result is....”Ahhhhh!”

Residential segregation is still big, big in America as is stark segregation in the nation’s classrooms, boardrooms, churches and recreational outlets. Saying it simply, White America does not mix with other Americans who are of a certain culture or racial complexion. That is not how we roll.

If Biden, if he wins the presidency, can cobble together an august commission studded with named and learned people who can clearly articulate, over and over again, why such racism must be dismantled for the good of us all, he still must convince the monied class that it behooves them to make room at the public and private troughs for others, other than their own!

Simply stated, we are talking about a re-education of American values and principles that does not give “fudge points” for white folks to continue to suck out all of the air in the room and which leaves others on the sidelines looking in, saying, “I can’t breathe!”

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## Add One More Name



By Dr. E. Faye Williams  
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) – In his poem “No Man is an Island,” John Donne wrote, “Any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.” I’ve always been involved in humanitarian issues and the universality of jus-

tice. This past week has been exceptionally difficult for me and anyone else with even an iota of human compassion. Two unnecessary Black male murders have monopolized our airwaves, and will be the topic of discussion for the foreseeable future. The current social turmoil pushes me to the limits of my endurance.

Sunday, May 24th, readers of The New York Times were greeted with a front page listing the names of 1,000 COVID-19 victims. Following was the announcement that the US had surpassed the unwelcomed milestone of 100,000 deaths. While shocking and heart-rending numbers, I’m sure others were woe-fully desensitized to the full scope of loss from COVID-19.

To put these COVID-19 numbers into perspective, a comparison to the Viet Nam War isn’t un-

reasonable. By official measure, the number of American deaths in Viet Nam is 58,220. That number was matched and surpassed in late April for COVID-19 deaths. Reaching the 100,000 milestone signifies a point of nearly doubling the loss of life in Viet Nam. The greater tragedy is that it took US Forces 19 years in Viet Nam to reach 58,000. We’ve nearly doubled that number in 3 months!!

Arguably, had the Trump administration begun efforts to combat this virus one week earlier, the loss of life could have been reduced by 36,000. Instead, we add those names to the list of those we’ve lost. Although not lost to COVID-19, one other name MUST recently be added to those we have lost – George Floyd.

By now, most Americans have seen the video of Mr. Floyd be-

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# As MLK asked in 1967, Where Do We Go from Here: Community or Chaos?

By Charlene Crowell  
Wire Writer

The nationwide protests against the heinous killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis policeman, is reminiscent of the 1960s era of turmoil and voices that fervently called for social and economic justice. Today's turbulent times seem that history is repeating itself.

In addition to George Floyd, recent tragedies took the lives of a Black Louisville EMT in the middle of the night while she was asleep in her own bed. In another fatal incident, a young Black Georgia man jogging in daylight was shot dead. None of these three unarmed people deserved to die violently.

For Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a book begun in 1966 while he was living in a Chicago tenement reflected similar chaotic challenges against a backdrop of seething racial resentments. Published the following year and entitled, *Where Do We Go from Here: Community or Chaos?*, Dr. King drew upon his visits to cities across the nation to pen how substandard housing, failing schools, a dearth of job opportunities, and a myriad of other ills erupted into bloody riots.

Then and today, violence is broadly condemned, but there still seems to be little concern or justification for the resulting backlash of militarized communities, or a president who has yet to grasp that Black lives matter.

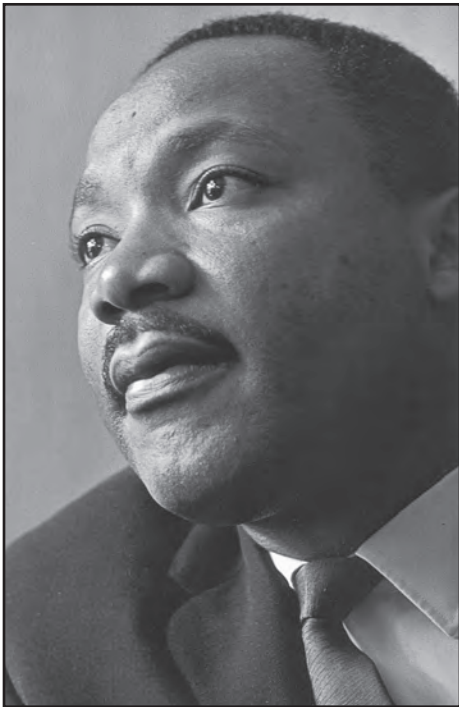
So once again, the question, "Where do we go from here?" is both timely and poignant.

For more than 386 organizations, a written appeal to congressional leaders noted that over the past year, more than 1,000 people were shot and killed by police. Facilitated by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and led by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the June 1 letter called on Congress to "rectify these structural wrongs through legislation before another Black life is needlessly lost."

But police violence is not the only problem that needs to be eradicated. People who riot are usually those who have no hope. The most dangerous person is not the one who lost a job, but rather the one who has no hope that another can be found.

Since March, 40 million people have sought unemployment benefits. This monumental surge has exceeded states' technological capacity to swiftly process these claims, resulting in multiple attempts to use online systems and lengthy waits, often 30 days or more. Although federal stimulus checks were intended to provide a much-needed cash infusion, many consumers were forced to endure another lengthy wait for this benefit.

Further, America's legion of work-



ing poor often holds multiple jobs because stagnant low wages have failed to keep pace with the rising cost of living. Today's federal minimum wage is still \$7.25 an hour. In many cases, these are the same workers who walk or rely upon public transit where available to reach their places of employment. It should also be noted that these workers comprise many of those who have not had the option of working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Often, many who were forced to work during the pandemic have not been financially compensated with hazard pay while working during the public health crisis.

While these Americans jeopardize the health of themselves and their families, Congress continues to brush aside attempts to raise the minimum wage, or fund infrastructure that could create jobs while improving transit, roads and bridges.

By contrast, investment and corporate interests have seen swift governmental adjustments.

Several monied interests received significant funds through the Paycheck Protection Program, even as many small businesses - particularly owned by Blacks and Latinos - struggled to access the aid. After the public outcry, the Treasury Department publicly called for approved multi-million-dollar loans be returned. The Federal Reserve also took a previously unused action of buying corporate debt, ultimately saving the firms billions in borrowing costs.

Over the years, this column has reported on racial disparities in homeownership, family wealth, the lack of access to affordable credit, and the pattern of alternative financial services

preying upon communities of color by charging triple-digit interest rates on small-dollar loans. Sadly, during the pandemic, this financial exploitation has persisted and falls on those hardest-hit with job losses, illnesses, and loss of life.

For example, as many low-income people and especially those of color realized that competitive jobs markets essentially required skills and training to access gainful employment, millions were snookered into enrolling in costly for-profit colleges that failed to deliver the training or credentials necessary to live financially independent lives. With low graduation rates, many of these former students incurred deep debt without the requisite skills nor a degree that enable them to secure employment with adequate wages to repay their loans. Just as after the Great Recession, emerging signs indicate that this industry will once again achieve explosive growth in the midst of widespread economic insecurity.

Despite recent and bipartisan support in Congress, the Trump Administration again chose to shield predatory for-profit institutions at the expense of students and taxpayers. Last week, the Administration vetoed a recent measure to overturn a 2019 rule that would weaken accountability for these institutions. This action also prevents defrauded students from access to financial relief. The 2019 rule overhauled a previous one adopted during the Obama Administration that ensured direct and corrective response to release former for-profit students from the educational debts incurred by false promises.

"If Congress doesn't override the President's veto," noted Ashley Harrington, Federal Advocacy Director and Senior Counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), "Secretary DeVos' 2019 harmful Borrower Defense Rule will go into effect this summer making it nearly impossible for future defrauded students to access relief and taxpayers to recoup their wasted and misused dollars."

Similarly, the Department of Justice under the current administration, has not pursued cases of discrimination. Where former Attorney General Eric Holder went to Ferguson, Missouri to find out first-hand that community's racial tensions in policing, current Attorney General William Barr has been conspicuously silent and invisible.

Under the current administration, regulations that held illegal businesses accountable for financial exploitation have been removed or weakened. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), created to be the consumer's financial watchdog in the marketplace,

has consistently acted in the interest of businesses instead of people, holding that consumer information - not protection or enforcement - is their watchword.

Additionally, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency recently followed through with its plan to dramatically overhaul the Community Reinvestment Act, which will cause further financial harms to low-to-moderate income families and communities of color.

The onus for achieving financial fairness rightfully rests with government. Consumers who have been victimized by profiteers should not be asked to conduct their own investigations and have no standing to prosecute whatever they might discover.

All governments - federal, state, and municipal - need to do their jobs. At the same time, leaders in business and commerce have a role to play as well: advocating and ensuring that all consumers, regardless of race, have access to the credit they deserve. Just as the Federal Reserve took decisive action to support corporate and investor interests, working families are equally deserving of a governmental champion to unclog the blocks on benefits, loans and grants.

Right now, not sometime in the future, Black businesses need ready access to available grant aid and credit through mainstream lending. Fortunately, in this market, there seems to be a window of opportunity for real change.

Already a coalition of civil rights advocates that include the NAACP, Unidos, and CRL appealed to Congress to fix the Paycheck Protection Program by streamlining loan forgiveness for small loans and ensuring both reporting and data transparency. In addition, and to assist the very smallest businesses, the coalition supports instituting a minimum loan origination fee.

Now, while the nation awaits additional Congressional action, several major bank CEOs have begun speaking out about racism and their respective plans to ensure that institutionally, their operations can eliminate discrimination. But to date, there has been no large-scale or long-term banking program that offers the financial heft to effectively address the lack of credit - even as the Black homeownership rate remains at 42%.

As Dr. King wrote, "[W]e need the vision to see in this generation's ordeals the opportunity to transfigure both ourselves and American society...Let us be those creative dissenters who will call our beloved nation to a higher destiny...to a new plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness."

Amen, Dr. King.

## Add One More Name

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ing suffocated by a police officer. The officer applied near-total force of his body to Mr. Floyd's neck for 8 minutes. During that time, Mr. Floyd repeatedly begged for mercy and, probably from past life-lessons, remained respectful to the police. Mr. Floyd even addressed his assailant as "Sir." In an MSNBC interview, Princeton Professor, Eddie Glaude, Jr., described this problem as one of African Americans having to live under the "trauma" of Coronavirus and the "terrorism" of lawless policing.

Those who have lost relatives or friends to the Coronavirus, or even had relatives or friends contract the disease, understand the trauma and uncertainty of living under the threat of the disease. There is genuine trauma in wondering, "Who's next?" or "How can I avoid it?"

If one cannot understand the terrorism that Professor Glaude describes, imagine being apprehended, tried and executed by a rogue police officer. Backing-up from George Floyd on the ground and begging for mercy, we learn of the initial allegation that brought Mr. Floyd and the police

in contact. A store owner called the police with an allegation of passing counterfeit currency. Whether he attempted to pass bogus money or not, there is no charge of counterfeiting that results in execution.

George Floyd joins Eric Garner, choked for selling single cigarettes, Ahmaud Arbery, killed for jogging, Tamir Rice, killed for playing as a 12 year-old child would, Trayvon Martin, killed for walking home wearing a hoodie and eating Skittles, Emmitt Till, killed for allegedly whistling at a white woman.and on and on..

George Floyd endured suffocation AND ridicule to the point of his death. These killings are the result of ideation that denies the humanity of the victims. They cannot be excused because of mental illness. They are deluded expressions of superiority and control over selected victims. This MUST stop!! We need no more names on this list!!

(Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women. She also hosts "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3 radio.)



# Local Agencies Serving Senior Citizens Get Donated COVID Supplies

*Submitted*

The Ohio Department on Aging, in conjunction with the Ohio Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19, donated Personal Protective Equipment Supplies (PPEs) to the Area Office on Aging's network of agencies serving senior citizens. Over 30,000 masks and 4,500 bottles of hand sanitizer have been shipped to the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio for distribution to these local agencies serving senior citizens.

"This donation from the Ohio Department on Aging and the Ohio Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19 will help protect those essential employees who are providing home-delivered meals, providing medical transportation, and helping

employees stay safe while meeting the critical needs of the senior citizens we serve."

The Ohio Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19 is a coalition of Ohio business leaders convened by Governor Mike DeWine to address issues created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Several businesses provided donations of hand sanitizer and bottling supplies, including Anheuser-Busch, Axiom, Cleveland Whiskey, GOJO Industries, Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network (MAGNET), Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction's Penal Industries, and Proctor & Gamble. AEP Ohio, Anthem, Inc., Fiat Chrysler Automobiles US, and Meijer, Inc. donated dust masks. In addition to

the delivery of these materials and supplies by the Ohio Department of Transportation, R & L Transfer delivered pallets of supplies to the Area Office on Aging at a discounted rate.

The Area Office on Aging is a regional planning and service development agency that promotes the health, well-being and safety of older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers. The agency currently serves over 40,000 northwest Ohioans a year through its extensive network of agencies and senior centers.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH. Also, contact the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 or at [www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com](https://www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com).



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with other needed care for seniors during the Coronavirus crisis," said Area Office on Aging President/CEO, Mrs. Billie Johnson. "These agencies can now make sure their essential

# 6 Tips for Refinancing Your Mortgage

*Submitted*

(StatePoint) - The recent economic downturn has caused many Americans to worry about their money, but there is at least one potential bright spot: lower interest rates. For homeowners, this means that it may be time to consider refinancing your mortgage. Refinancing can give you an opportunity to lower your monthly mortgage payments and save money by paying less interest over the term of the loan.

Here are six tips to consider if you are thinking about refinancing your

mortgage.

- Check Your Credit Score: To determine if you qualify to refinance at a lower rate, lenders will look at any outstanding debt, such as credit cards, student loans or delinquent bank accounts. They will also check to see if you make your mortgage payments on time, which is a sign that you will reliably make future payments.
- Shop Around: Your current lender can work with you to refinance your mortgage to keep you as a customer,



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Take the time so that you are prepared when the time comes to meet with someone about refinancing. Do your homework and gather all your statements into a single place.

but they might not be able to compete with the lower interest rates offered at other lending institutions. Do some research to find a new loan with terms and an interest rate that works best for your financial situation.

- Be Prepared: To make the refinancing process as seamless as possible for you and your lender, gather all necessary paperwork -- pay stubs, bank and credit card statements, tax returns, and other key financial documents -- before you start.
- Understand the Terms of Your Loan: Understanding both your current mortgage and the one you are pursuing is necessary to make smart, beneficial choices about refinancing and avoid "buyer's remorse" down the road.
- Lower Your Interest Rate: Most experts agree that if you plan to stay in your home for many years, it is worth the initial upfront cost to reduce your interest rate. But do the math to make sure that the amount of money that you will save in interest over the expected repayment period will be more than the cost of refinancing.
- Remember that a New Loan Usually

Restarts the Clock: You might reduce your monthly payments with a lower interest rate, but your savings may not add up if your new loan keeps you in debt longer (an extended loan term means more monthly payments). For this reason, consider shortening the term of your new loan by paying a little more each month. You could even continue making your old mortgage payments against the new loan, and thereby use your refinancing savings to pay down your principal. You might also consider a loan with a shorter term to begin with, but this may affect available interest rates.

A Certified Financial Planner professional has the knowledge and experience to help you build a refinancing plan tailored to your financial needs and can help evaluate your different loan options. To find a CFP professional near you, visit [letsmakeaplan.org](https://letsmakeaplan.org).

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# Obama’s Popularity Continues to Rise

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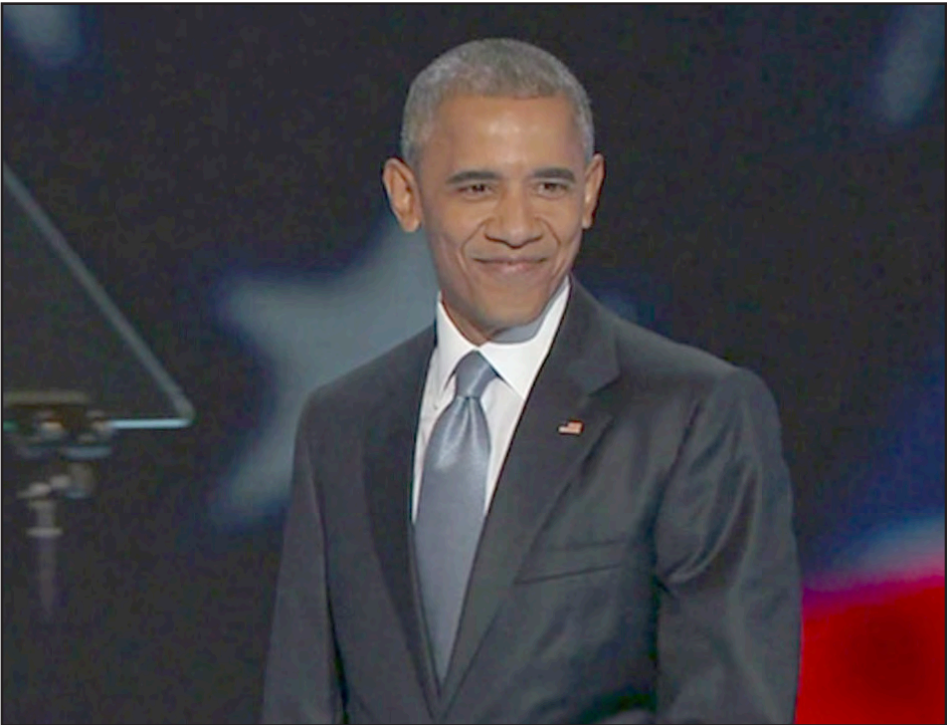


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**“The inept Trump becomes; the more people will forget what they didn’t like about Obama. And for those of us who loved Obama, seeing Trump mess up ten times a day really drives our appreciation for 44 home even further,” New York resident Alicia Butler stated. (Photo: President Barack Obama delivers a statement in the East Room of the White House on the mission against Osama bin Laden, May 1, 2011. By Pete Souza, Official White House Photographer, derivative work.)**

Many others expressed similar sentiments.

In Obama’s first four years, he bailed out the auto industry saving several thousands of jobs, and the auto industry repaid the loan.

He tightened up credit requirements to curtail predatory lending practices, which was the main reason the country went into the Great Recession, stated Kevin Darné, an author whose books have included “My Cat Won’t Bark! (A Relationship Epiphany).”

“Obama got the Affordable Care Act passed which brought the number of 46.5 million un-insureds down to 27 million by 2016, and the stock market rebounded, and job growth increased monthly, and he also won the Nobel Peace Prize,” Darné stated, adding that Obama repealed “Don’t ask don’t tell” in the military, supported federal recognition of same-sex marriage, and protected Dreamers from deportation.

“His quick response to Hurricane Sandy drew praise from Republican governors, Chris Christie of New Jersey and Bob McDonnell of Virginia, who killed Osama Bin Laden, the person responsible for the 9-11 attacks in 2001.”

Darné also pointed out that Obama effectively managed the Ebola crisis. At the same time, Trump has only repeated his mantra of building a wall, gutting Obamacare,

and handling the COVID-19 crisis less than stellar, he said.

“He routinely lies and blames the Obama administration for every issue that arises. The main goal of Donald

Trump appears to be to dismantle every

“*He was smart and empathetic, surrounded himself with the best advisors and team members, and always did his absolute best to both bring people together and do the right thing for everyone in the country.*”

signature achievement Barack Obama had,” Darné said of the impeached Trump.

Obama’s popularity led his being named history’s most popular American president.

Presumptive Democratic Presidential Nominee and former Obama Vice President Joe Biden have publicly stated that he would love to have former First Lady Michelle Obama as his running mate.

The “Committee to Draft Michelle Obama for VP” is working to build “substantial grassroots support for a potential Michelle Obama candidacy and help garner media attention for a vice-presidential nominee who has the power to beat Donald Trump,”

according to the group’s press release.

“Ms. Obama, the most admired woman in America, will be a vital asset this November when Vice President Biden will face an uphill battle to combat the lies and deceit emanating from the White House,” said the statement released Monday.

“Her credibility as a trusted leader and a strong symbol of unity within the Democratic Party would certainly help Democrats defeat Republicans up and down the ballot.”

Tina Willis, a personal injury attorney at Tina Willis Law, said she cried when Obama left office. She said she didn’t agree with every decision Obama made while in office, but she never doubted that he held the best of intentions for all Americans.

“He was smart and empathetic, surrounded himself with the best advisors and team members, and always did his absolute best to both bring people together and do the right thing for everyone in the country,” Willis stated.

“I would say that Trump is so awful, on every level, increased my appreciation for Obama. But my feelings toward Trump didn’t increase my admiration of Obama. I always thought he was the best president that I’ve seen during my lifetime. I really wish Michelle Obama would become the vice president, although I definitely don’t blame her for not wanting to face all of the bad that comes with a high political office in this country.”



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# Becoming a Man: Meet Mr. Fordham

By Mariah Hicks  
Brothers United Coach

“I was 16 when I found out I was going to be a dad. My co-parent and I weren’t together last summer when she found out she was pregnant. During part of the pregnancy, we weren’t really talking.”

Before becoming a father, Mr. Fordham was doing things most teenagers were doing: going to school and chilling with his friends. When he found out he had a child on the way, he realized he had to step up as a man.

“I needed to be there for my baby and it taught me that the things my dad did was not what a responsible man would do for his children.”

Mr. Fordham heard about Brothers United from his mother and brother who had gone through the program. He joined in hopes of becoming a good father.

“I’ve still had some ups and downs, but it taught me that I can actually be a good father unlike my dad.”

He says BU helped him be a good father to his daughter. He was able to learn about safe sleep habits and the incentives enabled him to buy items

to prepare for his daughter’s arrival. He also learned how to manage his money and handle responsibility.

“You have to put effort in being a dad because anybody can have kids, but you have to put in work to be a father.”

“Fatherhood has been great. I’ve still had some ups and downs, but it taught me that I can actually be a good father unlike my dad.”

Mr. Fordham competed the program in 2019. Him and his co-parent are back together and working well at raising their daughter. He watches the baby while his co-parent works, and he is looking for a job to provide for his family as well.

Mr. Fordham is appreciative of what BU did for him and believes the program helped prepare him for Fatherhood.

“You have to put effort in being a dad because anybody can have kids, but you have to put in work to be a father.”

If you are interested in joining The Brothers United Program or have someone you want to refer : Call us at (419) 279-6297 or [www.pathwaytoledo.org](http://www.pathwaytoledo.org)



Mr. Fordham and his daughter.

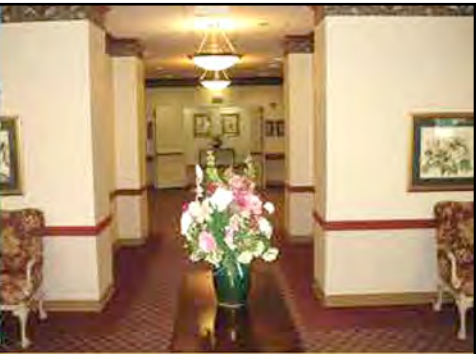
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What type of year has this been for you leading up to and including your graduation?



# Yusuf Gardner

Yusuf Gardner is a 2020 graduate of St. John's Jesuit, and is the son of Lagarius Gardner, and Lladheena Shabazz.

While at St. John's, he played football, ran track, was a member of the Debate Club, led Kairos retreats, and participated in various community service programs.

During the second semester of his senior year, Yusuf, like all other students, had to continue his education online, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Since he was already taking online classes, the challenge of continuing his education at home, wasn't too challenging.

Yusuf will be attending the University of Toledo majoring in psychology. His ultimate goal is to become a therapist.

## Kamara Edwards

Kamara Edwards is a graduate of Waite High School, and is the daughter of Kim Rocker.

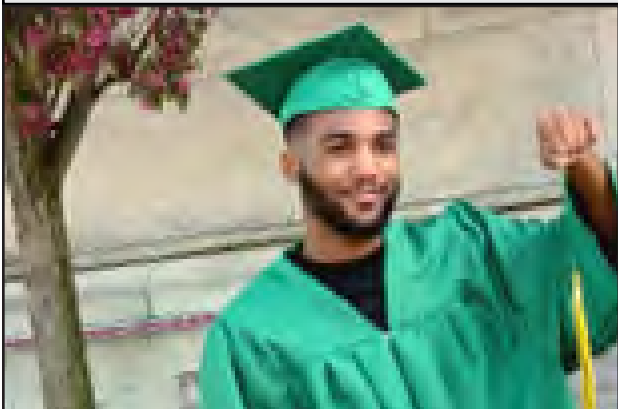
While at Waite, she was active in cheerleading, the Rozas Unidas Club, the H2O Club, and the AVIV Club.

Kamara was on the Principal's List, the Honor Roll, and was nominated as the Most Valuable

Cheerleader.

Unlike many students who said it was challenging continuing their education at home, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Kamara didn't find it difficult at all, due to the fact she had already been taking college prep courses online.

She will be attending Eastern Michigan University in the fall majoring in Dentistry.



## Chrystian Arnett

Chrystian Arnett is a graduate of Start High School and is the son of Crystal Arnett.

While at Start, the honor roll student took up Career Class Manufacturing, and Computer Aided Design, which he earned a certificate in, as well as a Career Safety Certificate.

Chrystian said what made continuing his

education at home challenging during the second semester of school, due to the Coronavirus, was the fact he had to receive his work in paper packets, instead of online.

He'll be attending Terra St. Community College majoring in Computer Aided Design, with future plans of becoming an architect.

# Olivia Bass

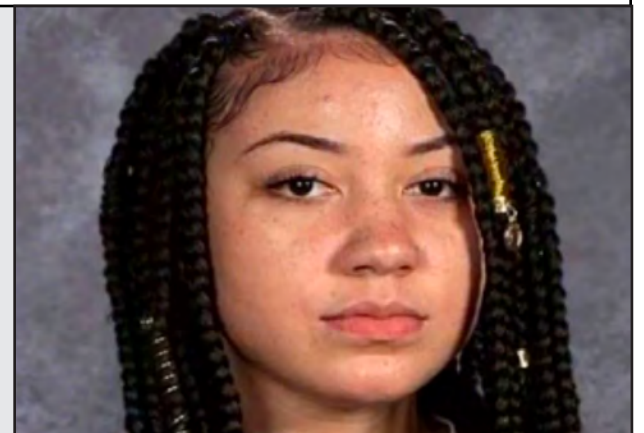
Olivia Bass is the daughter of Mark Bass and Katie Herman. A graduate of Start High School, Olivia was on the honor roll, a member of the cheer team, and a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America, DECA.

During her last year of high school, Olivia faced the challenge of having to complete her senior

year of high school, at home, and online, due to school closures caused by the Coronavirus.

"I really like being in school and interacting with the teachers. It was somewhat difficult because I didn't have my teachers around me when I needed help," she said.

After graduation, Olivia plans on keeping the family tradition going, by becoming an RN. Her long time goal is to become a traveling nurse.



# Schools, Parents And COVID-19

## Submitted

(NAPSI)—K-12 education has gone through a seismic shift in the wake of COVID-19. Parents are finding themselves thrust into homeschooling, and educators, into virtual schooling. EdChoice, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, teamed up with Morning Consult to release results of a recent poll to find out how it has affected families and teachers.

They found that parents are clearly anxious about sending their kids back to school; 66 percent said they were concerned their children will be exposed to the virus in school. The majority (68%) are also concerned their child is missing important instruction time.

The silver lining to so many states having closed down brick and mortar schools: A

solid majority of parents said they felt at least somewhat prepared for the transition to e-learning and distance learning. Parents are slightly more likely to say they felt very or somewhat prepared (70%) than were teachers (67 percent).

There is only one type of school choice program that allows families to receive funds into a flexible spending account to customize an education for their child. They are called education savings accounts, or ESAs. And according to EdChoice's Public Opinion Tracker, 67 percent of

Americans support them.

These results are part of a new, larger polling project, the EdChoice Public

Opinion Tracker. is new dashboard updates every month with results of public survey questions not only on

COVID-19 but also on K-12 education topics such as schooling, testing, spending and school choice.

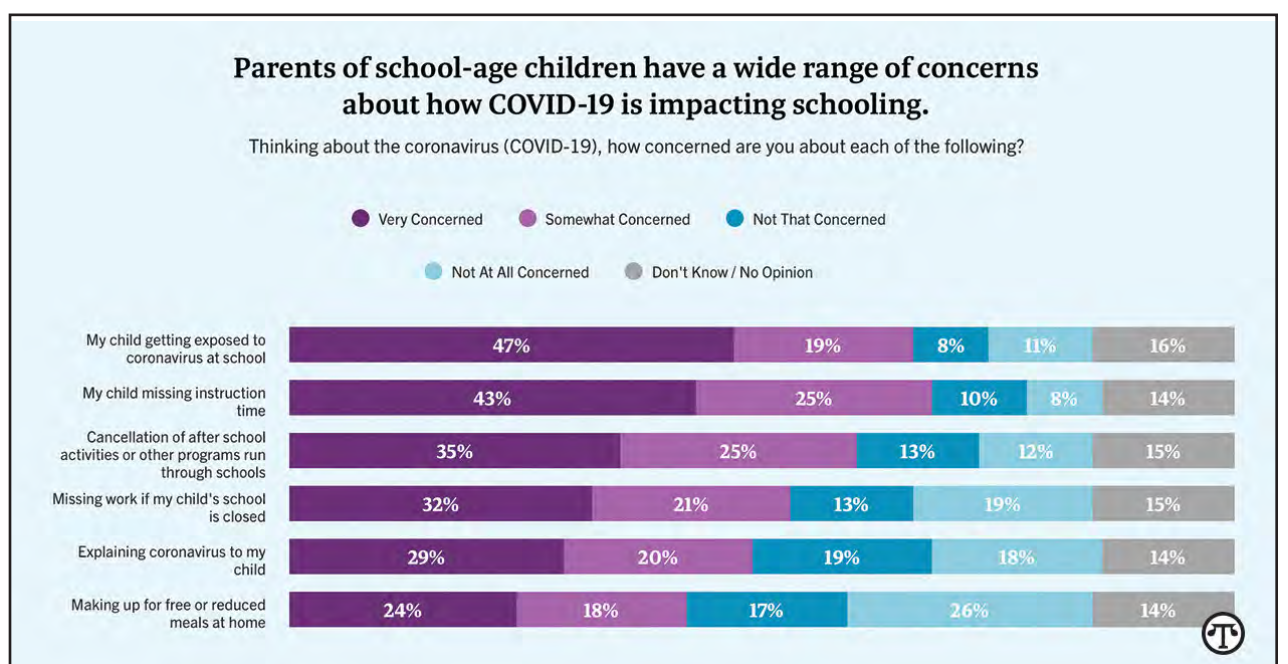


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**The current health crisis is encouraging many families to take another look at how their kids are educated.**



# Center of Hope Family Services Hands of Hope Program

By Brigette Burnett  
Choice Productions LLC

In 30 days, the unemployment rate in Toledo, OH went from a little more than 5% in March of 2020 to 22% the next month, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That means nearly 60,000 people are unemployed right now in the Glass City. If we break that down, one could fill every single seat at Fifth Third Field with an unemployed adult for six home games. The extreme spike is primarily due to COVID-19.

When the community is in dire need of a helping hand, Center of Hope Family Services knew assistance was needed. Center of Hope's Hands of Hope program has provided meals to the community since 2005. Today Hands of Hope is providing 12,000 pounds of food to 300 families every week.

"Even before COVID-19 hit our world or kind of changed our world there were food disparities throughout the country and particularly in our central city communities, and so I think being able to provide especially at a time like this when unemployment is high and families are just trying to figure out how

they make it day to day, this is one less thing that they have to think about or worry about," said Cynthia Savage, the Project Coordinator for Hands of Hope.

Churches and various organizations have partnered with Center of Hope Family Services to provide fresh produce and meat to families in the Hands of Hope program.

Rev. Robert Lyons, the Adult Program Coordinator at Center of Hope Family Services said, "we're trying to make a difference for real in real time; Not just go through the motions but make a difference in people's lives with their children and with their families."

Since May and until the end of June, every Friday a family in the Toledo community will receive food thanks to a USDA food disparity grant. However, it is more than receiving free food for these individuals.

"We find that the informal, warm interactions and discussions around the meals are the most important feature for parents and family members," said Dr. Tracee Perryman, Center of Hope Family Services CEO. "From providing meals to everything we do we emphasize serving our families



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Members from a local church pick up boxes to distribute to church members.

and our communities with dignity and respect. For we know when families and communities are at the center of what we do and when we truly provide services that close gaps in opportunity and access our families and our

communities will rise to the occasion and they will thrive."

The Hands of Hope program runs until June 26, 2020. For more information about Center of Hope Family Services, visit [www.cohfs.org](http://www.cohfs.org).



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Verdell Turner, volunteer, assists with food distribution.



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You're welcome! The individual with the UT mask on is Marcus Sneed. He served as a volunteer.



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Elijah Johnson, prepares to pick up food items to distribute in the community.



# Spiritually Speaking... Wear Your Armor



By James Washington Jr  
Co-Publisher, Dallas Weekly News

With everything going on in our world today, my question to you is how does one put on the full armor of God in the midst of pandemic, the continuation of overt racism, state sanctioned discrimination and even murder? The bible says, "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:11. This passage may not tell you how to put on the armor, but it certainly lets you know why you need it. That's kind of why I pose the question.

I wish I could say most of this is original but it's not. I'm paraphrasing most of it, but I think it's important to understand when people talk about warfare, Satan's power in the physical world or, just plain battling against sin, this is what they're talking about.

Spiritual warfare, as my bible

says (for believers), is fought in the mind, in the emotions and in the will.

It is in these areas that we do battle and most times we think we're struggling with ourselves, our own weaknesses of flesh and blood, and discipline and integrity, pride and envy. When in actuality, we're really struggling against "the devil's schemes." Let's not overlook or be complacent about where a lot of this is coming from.

At these rather intense times, we sometimes lose sight of the fact that Satan and his forces have already been defeated and to a large extent disarmed. We give him power when we forget this simple little fact. Our emotions take over and, in a state of complete exasperation, judgment gets clouded and actions happen in the spur of a moment.

I've said on many occasions that the fight is fixed in our favor but we do have to go through the mental reality of this in order maintain control and think ourselves into the solutions we so desperately need to navigate what some believers term a temporary existence called 'life.'

Here is something that sums it up pretty well straight out of my bible: How do we put on spiritual armor?

We do so by daily absorbing scripture as truth, living in obedience to God, sharing the gospel and trusting Christ. That's how to put armor on, study the Word, live according to biblical principles and believe that we

live in a place infused with Jesus' protection. That knowledge will protect us as we come under spiritual attack. It doesn't protect us from spiritual attack. But it does it makes us less vulnerable, less susceptible to the 'devil's schemes' i.e. better able to handle what comes at us.

You see, in this world Satan is free to tempt, deceive and entice, but he has no authority over you. My bible says when we overcome temptation in the spiritual sense; we play out the victory in the physical world.

We win emotionally. We win physically. Pure and simple we win. The point here is you've got to recognize that a lot of what you're going through is the direct result of coming under attack and not because of some great flaw within you. Success or better yet victory, necessitates controlling the mind game.

When you put on the armor of which I speak you know this. It's like knowing that it's going to rain and taking an umbrella. But you have to pay attention to the signs of bad weather in order to be prepared. You can't be prepared for the devil properly unless you know Jesus Christ personally. He is your and my umbrella so to speak. And please don't take my word for it. Just read the bible. The streets are dangerous. Please be safe and aware of who you are and who's coming at you. Protect yourself.

May God bless and keep you always.



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**George Floyd, a resident of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, died Monday, May 25, 2020 at the age of 46 while in the custody of Minneapolis police officers, which sparked nationwide protests against police brutality.**

## Toledoans Paused to Honor George Floyd

The city of Toledo supports the Farm Labor Organizing Committee locally and others nationally to recognize the life of George Floyd and took a moment to be silent at 12 p.m. EST for 8 minutes and 45 seconds on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Noon is the time Mr. Floyd's funeral began in Houston.

"We encouraged our employees, and all residents, to pause at noon and observe 8 minutes and 45 seconds of silence," Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz said. "The George Floyd murder has forced Americans to once again look at the challenging history of police-community relations in our country. The frustration that we see on the streets of America is rooted in government policies that inhibited the economic advancements of African Americans, Hispanics, and other people of color by preventing them from living in certain communities, working at certain places, and enjoying the fulfillment of the American dream. In order to improve police-community relations, we must remove barriers and address the root causes of poverty to include housing, education, workforce development, health, and civic engagement."

## Pastors and community march

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week," he said. "So what you're seeing today is only a glimpse into the overall plan at attempting to solve the problems we face."

Pastor Allen pointed out one of those plans calls for 1000 women to unite on the lawn of the Municipal Court Building, in downtown Toledo on Sunday, June 14, at 2 p.m. Each one of the women will serve as a voice to those people, who have been unjustly dealt with by the police, or legal system.

Amongst those who participated in the march was Lori Olender, prosecutor for Lucas County Juvenile Court.

She told The Toledo Journal that she was there because she believed in the cause, and that all voices, on this issue, need to be heard.

"I think the approach Chief George Kral, of The Toledo Police Department, has been taking is a good start; meaning the numerous outreach programs within the community he has been hosting," Ms. Olender said. "These interactions with the community serve as a type of preventive measure."

"I'm tired of racial injustices; that's why I'm here," Tina Wozniack, Lucas County Commissioner, told The Toledo Journal.

She said that she and the other Commissioners recently passed a resolution declaring racism a public health issue.

Further, Ms. Wozniack said that, a Diversity, and Inclusion Board is being formed to make sure African Americans have a seat at the table when it comes to having their voices heard, being able to receive contracts when doing business with the county, being justly dealt with when applying to the police, and fire departments, and other ventures that may have been an obstacle to African Americans in the past.

For more information about the board, call 419.213.4817.



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# Black Doctor Who Delayed Retirement to Help COVID-19 Patients, Dies From the Virus

*Submitted*

(Black News) - Dr. James A. Mahoney, a 62-year old doctor who spent 40 years serving hospitals in underserved communities and even helped treat coronavirus patients despite his retirement age, has sadly died from the virus himself.

Throughout Mahoney's 40-year service, he had been on the medical frontlines at the time of the AIDS crisis, crack epidemic, and 9/11 terrorist attacks. He felt it is his obligation to also see through the COVID-19 pandemic even though it poses a higher health risk for his age.

Other elderly people in the medical field, including Mahoney's older brother, already stopped seeing patients in order to prevent contracting the deadly virus. However, Mahoney, who could have already retired, delayed his retirement to continue helping his colleague in caring for COVID-19 patients.

In April, he started having fever but insisted on still treating patients remotely from home. When his condition worsened and wasn't able to walk, he was hospitalized as 5 of his colleagues were with him until his death.

Mahoney is remembered by the community, his colleagues, and other Black young professionals who look up to him and refer to him as their Jay-Z in the medical field.

"As a young Black man, I looked at this guy and said to myself, 'Twenty years from now I want to be like him,'" Dr. Latif A. Salam told Blavity. "When a Black medical student, a Black resident sees him, he sees a hero. Someone that you can be one day."




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**Dr. James A. Mahoney practiced medicine until he passed away in April.**

# Red Cross issues heat safety tips before temperatures climb

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It's going to get hot out there and the soaring temperatures can be dangerous. The American Red Cross has steps people can follow to help stay safe when it's hot outside.

**NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS IN YOUR VEHICLE.**

The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees. Other heat safety steps include:

- Stay hydrated, drink plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors as they absorb the sun's rays.
- Slow down, stay indoors. Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.

•Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

**HEAT EXHAUSTION**

Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing heat cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with a half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.

If someone is exhibiting signs of heat exhaustion (cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness exhaustion), move them to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin. Fan the person. If they are conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Watch for changes in condition. If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1.


**HEAT STROKE IS LIFE-THREATENING.**

Signs include hot, red skin which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting and high body temperature. Call 9-1-1 immediately if someone shows signs of heat stroke. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the person's body by immersing them up to their neck in cold water if possible. Otherwise, douse or spray the person with cold water, or cover the person with cold, wet towels or bags of ice.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS**

Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of shade and cool water.

- Animals can suffer heat stroke, a common problem for pets in the warmer weather. Some of the signs of heat stroke in your pet are:
- Heavy panting and unable to calm down, even when lying down.
- Brick red gum color
- Fast pulse rate
- Unable to get up.
- If you suspect your pet has heat stroke, take their temperature rectally.
- If the temperature is above 105 degrees, cool the animal down. The easiest way to do this is by using the water hose. Stop cooling the animal when the temperature reaches 103 degrees.
- Bring your pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible as heat stroke can lead to severe organ dysfunction and damage.



# How to Prepare for Natural Disasters

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(StatePoint) - Natural disasters are increasing in severity and frequency. However, studies show that advance planning can keep individuals healthier and safer and support faster recovery for communities.

Building Safety Month, an international campaign to raise awareness about building safety celebrated every May, is a great reminder that one of the most effective ways to prepare is by enforcing up-to-date building codes.

Studies show that adopting the International Residential and Building Codes generates a national benefit of \$11 for every \$1 invested, while proper code enforcement decreases losses following disasters by up to 25 percent. When states and local jurisdictions apply the latest codes and they're diligently enforced, they're also more likely to qualify for federal pre-disaster mitigation funding and additional post-disaster recovery assistance.

However, only 31 percent of hazard-prone jurisdictions in the U.S. have adopted the latest two editions of hazard-resistant building codes. Fortunately, newly expanded Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Department of Housing and



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**House raised for flood safety.**

Urban Development grants will fund code adoption, administration and enforcement pre- and post-disaster, providing new resources for American communities.

Contact your elected officials, building department, or permitting office to learn how you can support adoption and enforcement of modern building codes and standards in your community. Additionally, you can help protect your family with these disaster safety and mitigation tips from the International Code Council, a nonprofit association that provides a wide range of solutions in support of safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures, especially as hurricane season is fast approaching:

- Install tested and code-approved shutters for protection from windborne debris if you live in a high wind or hurricane prone area. If this isn't possible, consider temporarily protecting doors and windows by mounting exterior grade, 7/16-inch minimum thickness plywood and fastening it into place.
- Consider building or retrofitting a storm safe room in your home. During the planning stages with the contractor, be sure to confirm they are building to the most recent codes and standards, such as the ICC/NSSA 500 Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters, to provide the highest level of protection for your family.
- In flood-prone areas, consider raising your home up to 10 feet above the base flood elevation. According to the National Institute of Building Sciences, an elevation retrofit yields a benefit of \$6 for every \$1 spent.
- In wildfire-prone areas, remove dead grass, leaves, twigs and branches within 30 feet of a building. Be sure to remove dry leaf and pine litter from roofs, rain gutters, decks and walkways. See the Code Council's International Wildland-Urban Interface Code for detailed requirements.
- When designing, remodeling or constructing a home, keep dangers posed by natural disasters local to your region top-of-mind. For instance, those in hurricane or flooding-prone areas can construct break-away walls and flood openings to prevent pressure buildup. Those in wildfire-prone areas should be sure to use fire-resistant materials for landscaping and construction.
- Purchase property insurance customized to cover threats specific to your region, including flooding. Just one inch of water can cause \$25,000 of damage to your home and standard homeowners and renters insurance policies don't typically cover flood damage.

More tips as well as information about the Code Council's work to assist devastated communities with post-disaster building plan reviews, inspections and permit operations can be found at BuildingSafetyMonth.org.

While natural disasters are beyond our control, building to modern codes can mitigate their impact, supporting safer, more resilient communities.







# Ice Cube to Black Press of America: 'You're All We've Got'

## Hip-Hop Legend Talks New Movie, Black Life in Exclusive Interview



The only actor to have at least five highly-successful movie franchises (Friday, Barbershop, Are We There Yet?, Ride Along, and 21 Jump Street), Ice Cube said he's merely taking advantage of the opportunities he's been blessed with.

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Thirty years ago, Ice Cube debuted his seminal "AmeriKKKa's Most Wanted" album, which many at the time said was the apex of hip hop's existence. Today, Cube is not only one of the world's biggest music stars, but he's also at the top of Hollywood's A-list. In an exclusive livestream interview with the Black Press of America, the legend said he takes nothing for granted. "I'm not going to take a day off," stated Cube, whose real name is O'Shea Jackson. "It's good that people enjoy the work that I do, and I'm going to keep it coming," he stated. Following a long list of blockbusters like Boyz 'N the Hood, Three Kings, and The Players Club, Cube's new film, The High Note, debuted on Friday, May 29 on various streaming services. The only actor to have at least five highly-successful movie franchises (Friday, Barbershop, Are We There Yet?, Ride Along, and 21 Jump Street), Cube said he's merely taking advantage of the opportunities he's been blessed with. Born in predominantly Black South-Central, Los Angeles, Cube said the Black Press remains as vital today as when he was a baby in 1969. "You [The Black Press] is all we've got, to be honest," Cube stated. "You're our last line of defense when it comes to the truth, and when it comes to things that are of interest for our people and that's something we must keep intact, nurture, fund, and do everything we can to keep the Black Press going." He continued: "You've been a lifeline to the community, letting the world know what's going

on. We're underreported and underappreciated. [Public Enemy leader] Chuck D told us a long time ago to 'Don't believe the hype.' You've got to listen to the people that love you. So, thank God for the Black Press." Cube's message also extended to millennials. "Do your thing," Cube said when asked what his message was for young people. "Stay determined and creative. Technology today is perfect for artists to be themselves and do what they feel and not conform to anyone," he stated, noting that hip hop artist Soulja Boy turned himself into a superstar by creating music from his home. "You have to fall in love with the act of creating something new," Cube continued. "If you do something you really love and are satisfied with finishing a great project, you never know what you'll get out of it." Cube's new film, The High Note, stars Tracee Ellis Ross and Dakota Johnson. "It's a great movie about the music industry. I play the manager of superstar Grace Davis. This story is of this assistant of this superstar and her journey," Cube stated. "Tracee Ellis Ross had a front-row seat to one of the biggest superstars in the world (her mother, Diana Ross), was going to work all the way around." Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr, NNPA President and CEO, saluted Ice Cube for his outstanding achievements and ongoing commitment to the empowerment of Black America. Chavis stated, "Ice Cube continues to represent the best of the genius of hip hop that transforms the world into a better place for who cry out for freedom and justice."

# From the Desk of Felicia

## How to Manage Monetary Equality with Your Partner

Not being fiscally responsible is one of the main things that definitely dissolves relationships. Couples find it hard to talk about money until it's too late and they're sitting across the table from one another in a divorce hearing. No matter what your income is, you can establish and manage monetary equality with your partner sooner rather than later. If managing your money is a struggle for you, be open about it and find the resources out there that will help you, get back on track. Bread winner (woman/man) should pay 60/40 of the bills so that the split of managing the household bills is as close to being equal as possible. Just because the bread winner brings in the most money doesn't mean that he/she is expected to pay all of the bills or even most of the bills such as in a 80/20 agreement. Just because you're in a relationship, the bread winner should still feel loved and appreciated and not feel used or abused financially by their partner. On date nights, the person who identifies as male or uses male pronouns in the relationship, should pay for every two out of three dates. For example, he pays for two dates and the she will pay for the third. To ensure that there's monetary equality, the couple should establish a minimum amount to spend on date nights. Meaning that, the bread winner shouldn't be held responsible for paying for "expensive dates" either.



Establish a goal to match each other's contribution to the joint savings account. The amount should not be a large number that either person is not comfortable with contributing to, let's say monthly or is not possible to contribute to due to lack of a person's finances. For example, if your partner is unemployed or works part-time you can't expect them to contribute \$180 per pay period when they have zero income coming in or can't afford to pay their bills working part-time.

# Social Security & protecting elders from scams

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June is World Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Throughout the month, government agencies, businesses, and organizations sponsor events to unite communities, seniors, caregivers, governments, and the private sector to prevent the mistreatment of and violence against older people. Scammers often target older people. They use fear to pressure people into providing personal information or money. In times like the current pandemic when people are particularly vulnerable, scammers will pretend to be government employees, often from Social Security, to gain people's trust to steal their money and personal information. The most effective way to defeat scammers is by knowing how to identify scams then hanging up or ignoring the calls. What you can do If you get a Social Se-

curity scam phone call, hang up, report it to our law enforcement office at [oig.ssa.gov](https://oig.ssa.gov), and tell your family and friends about it! We're telling as many people as we can that government agencies will never: o Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended. o Tell you about crimes committed in your name, or offer to resolve identity theft or a benefit problem in exchange for payment. o Request a specific means of debt repayment, like a retail gift card, prepaid debit card, wire transfer, internet currency, or cash. o Insist on secrecy about a legal problem, or tell you to make up stories to tell family, friends, or store employees. Scammers continue to develop new ways to mislead you. They might use the names of Social Security officials and tell you to look them up on our public websites

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# The First Black Woman Soccer Player to Be Inducted into the Hall of Fame

Black News

Briana Scurry is widely recognized as one of the world’s most talented and influential goalkeepers. Her 173 international appearances as one of the first African-American professional female soccer players helped significantly diversify the sport. Named starting goalkeeper for the United States Women’s National Team in 1994, she led the team on



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Briana Scurry.

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Named starting goalkeeper for the United States Women’s National Team in 1994, she led the team on an illustrious run that included two Olympic gold medals. In the 1999 FIFA World Cup Championship – which represented one of the most seminal events in American athletic history – Briana made the iconic shootout save that carried the United States to victory.”

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a founding player in 2001. As captain of the Atlanta Beat, she competed in two WUSA Championships. In 2010, Briana suffered a debilitating concussion that led to her retirement. Since then, Briana has repurposed her visibility to become one of the nation’s foremost thought leaders on traumatic brain injuries. Through her immeasurable impact

on the landscape of women’s soccer and American sports culture, Briana received the National Association of Black Journalists’ Sam Lacy Award, inclusion in the United States Women’s National Team’s All-Time Best XI, and a permanent feature as the Title IX exhibit in the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

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