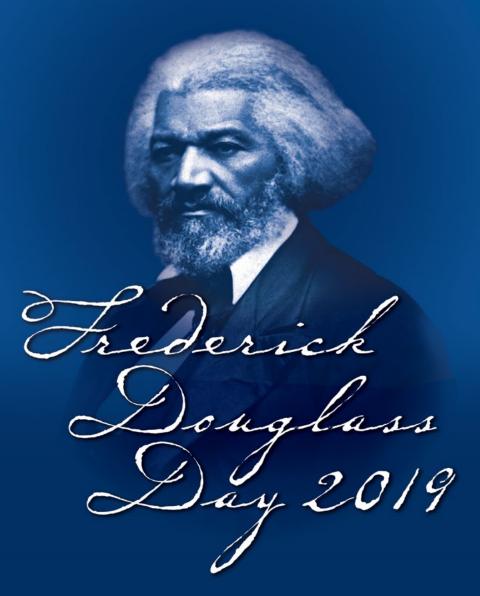
The Frederick Douglass Honor Society, The Talbot County Free Library and the Town of Easton present



Saturday, September 28, 2019

Frederick Douglass Day

On behalf of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society, the Town of Easton, and the Talbot County Free Library, we welcome you to the our annual Frederick Douglass Day. Today, we salute Frederick Douglass who was who born into slavery during the year 1818 and against all odds became one of the most famous men in history. In an obituary notice (1895), the *Easton Gazette* editor, Wilson M. Tyler, wrote that Douglass "has occupied the most exalted position of any member of his race in the world. Talbot reveres his memory."

An orator and astonishing writer, Douglass became a newspaper editor, a political activist, and statesman. He was a champion for women's rights, especially their right to vote, a brilliant strategist, newspaper owner and author. No book has ever had such a powerful impact on the American abolitionist movement as the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*.

His life spanned the Civil War, the end of slavery and the beginning of segregation. Celebrated internationally as the leading black intellectual of his time, his story still resonates today. Douglass's talents and determination helped him leave an enduring mark upon our history and a ranking among such prominent figures as Abraham Lincoln, W. E. B. Du Bois, Susan B. Anthony, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

We hope you enjoy today's celebration of the life and legacy of our native son, Frederick Douglass.

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President, Frederick Director, Tal Douglass Honor Society Free Library

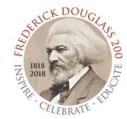
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00am - Street Parade (Glenwood/Washington/Federal Streets)

10:15 am - 10:30 am - Music presented by Easton High School Jazz Band, Talbot County Court House Front Lawn

10:30am - Welcome Ceremony at the Talbot County Courthouse

Mistress of Ceremonies Taylan Wilson,

Invocation by the Reverend William Wallace, Union United Methodist Church Presentation of Colors by Easton High School NJROTC

> Pledge of Allegiance led by BAAM Music provided by Easton Middle School Easton High School Jazz Bands

Speakers include: Eric Lowery, President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society, Terron Quailes, Member 2019 cast of "Jesus" at Sight and Sounds,

Mayor Robert C. Willey, Mayor, Town of Easton,
Corey W. Pack, President, Talbot County Council,
Dana Newman, Director, Talbot County Free Library,

Dr. Kelly L. Griffith, Superintendent of Talbot County Public Schools.

11:30am - Mistress of Ceremonies Cyia Bordley opens the Entertainment Stage (West Street) with the following schedule:

11:30 - Kameryn Carter - Praise dance

11:45 -Torie Gomez - accompanied by Leroy Spanky Potter

12:00 - Lane Morgan- accompanied by Leroy Spanky Potter

12:15 - Emma Bailey - Guitarist

1:00 - Young Violinists - Director- Gale Shehan

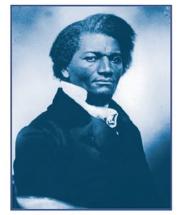
1:30 - Javion Jones - Soloist/Drummer

11:00am - Children's Village, Knowledge Village, and Food and Retail Vendors Open Children's Village is located on the lawn of the Talbot County Free Library; others located at Dover and West Streets, across from the Talbot County Free Library.

1pm - Lecture "Frederick Douglass and Family" by Celeste-Marie Bernier, Professor of United States and Atlantic Studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (Talbot County Free Library)

Frederick Douglass

The man we know as Frederick Douglass was born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey in Talbot County, MD, February 1818. His mother, a slave named Harriet Bailey, gave birth to him in the cabin of her mother Betsey Bailey, also a slave but one whose husband, Isaac, was free. The cabin was in a small ravine on Tuckahoe Creek



near what is now the village of Cordova. Frederick's mother soon returned to the farm where she worked, and he only saw her a few times thereafter. She died when he was eight years old. His earliest years were spent with his grandparents Isaac and Betsey Bailey.

In 1824, at the age of six, Frederick and his grandmother walked twelve miles to Wye House, plantation, where she was then forced to leave him to fend for himself. His owner, Aaron Anthony, was employed at Wye as an overseer. Anthony died within two years and Frederick was transferred to the

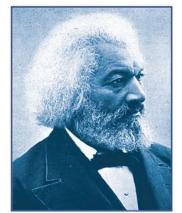
possession of Thomas Auld, Anthony's son-in-law. He was sent by Auld's wife to her sister in-law Sophia Auld in Fells Point, Baltimore, to be a companion to Hugh and Sophia's son. Frederick was recognized as a gifted child, and Sophia began to teach him to read, although doing so was illegal. Her husband stopped the lessons, saying that if a slave was taught to read he would no longer be satisfied to remain a slave, words that Frederick overheard and took to heart. He continued to read in secret. He bought "The Columbian Orator," memorizing the speeches and practicing oratory.

"I had as well be killed running as die standing.

Frederick was returned to the Eastern Shore when his services were no longer needed in Baltimore. By then, Colonel Lloyd, owner of the Wye House plantation, owned Frederick. The young man organized a weekly Sunday school, teaching other slaves to read the New Testament. Within a short time, several slave owners discovered this forbidden activity and broke up the meetings. Frederick tried to escape his master several times and was severely punished. After one such attempt, the escape plot



"Once you learn to read, you will forever be free.



was discovered and Frederick was tied and led behind a team of horses to the county jail in Easton. Ultimately, his master returned him to Baltimore to learn the trade of ship caulking. In 1838, he managed his successful escape with help from friends. To avoid being discovered and returned to slavery, Frederick stopped using the last name Bailey and called himself Frederick Johnson. He later changed his last name again to Douglass, choosing to spell Douglass with a slight difference – a double "s".

Frederick and his wife Anna had five children; three sons and two daughters. He became a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and he began to attend abolitionist meetings. Thus began the career of a great orator, editor, author, suffragist, reformer, statesman and advisor to Presidents. In 1878, in sharp contrast to his beginning in Talbot County, Douglass returned to Easton and spoke at the Courthouse, Asbury U. M. Church and Bethel A.M.E. Church as an accomplished and respected leader.

He died February 20, 1895, both nationally and internationally acclaimed as one of the most influential men of his century.

"I know of no soil better adapted to the growth of reform than American soil. I know of no country where the conditions for affecting great changes in the settled order of things, for the development of right ideas of liberty and humanity, are more favorable than here in these United States."

SPEAKERS



Celeste-Marie Bernier is a Professor of United States and Atlantic Studies at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. She is the author of over 20 published and forthcoming single and co-authored/edited books, essay collections, special issues, and scholarly editions and over 35 essays and book chapters. Her published and forthcoming books include African American Visual Arts, Characters of Blood, Suffering and Sunset, Stick to the Skin, If I Survive, Living Parchments, and Back into the Battleground. Winner of a British Association for American Studies Book Prize and co-winner of a European Association for American Studies Book Prize, she has held visiting appointments and

fellowships at Memphis, Harvard, Yale, Oxford, King's College London, University of California, Santa Barbara, the National Center for the Humanities in Durham, North Carolina, and the Obama Institute in Mainz, Germany. Previously Co-Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of American Studies published by Cambridge University Press, Bernier has been awarded a UK Philip Leverhulme Prize, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council Research and Leadership Fellowships, and US Terra Foundation for American Art Program and Publication Grants. In 2018, she was awarded a Citation by the Governor of Maryland "as an internationally respected scholar, author and world renowned historian of African American Studies."

Bernier has been working on the life and works of the Frederick Douglass family, with an emphasis on Anna Murray's role for over two decades. She is completing a literary biography of Frederick Douglass for Yale University Press, as well as finalizing the 3-volume work, The Anna-Murray-Frederick Douglass Family Biography and Writings.

Terron Quailes, a 2006 Easton High School graduate, made his musical theater debut in EHS 2005 "Ragtime", as Coalhouse Walker, Jr. He received his B.A. in Music with a Vocal Performance emphasis from Salisbury University.

Terron traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland in August 2010 for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe where his group, The New Salisbury Players, received three-star reviews. He has co-starred in the Gospel Stage play Janitor Man, written by Elder Treena Ringgold, Once A Church Boy, Always a Church Boy, written by Kevin Bratcher, Church House Monolgues: Stories My Momma Never Told Me, Preach the Word, and a 2014 Production of Church House Monologues



all written and directed by award-winning playwright, Elder Treena Ringgold. He played in The Color Purple, The Gospel of Colonus, Porgy & Bess, The Magic Flute, Dreamgirls, The Little Shop of Horrors, and Miss Saigon.

Terron is currently living and performing in Lancaster, PA where he is a member of the 2019 Cast of "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theaters.



William T. Wallace, Sr. is an Elder and Full Member of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church. He has served on several agencies, boards and commission (at both conference and general church level). William is an advocate for justice, equality and human dignity for all. He has convened several forums, workshops and retreats on this endeavor. William is a member in good standing of NAACP, IBPOE of W; member of the Board of Directors of Mid Shore Mediation and several other community-based organizations. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (Salisbury State College), Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary (Washington, DC).

Presently, he is the pastor of Union United Methodist Church is St. Michaels.

Corey W. Pack is serving his third term on the Talbot County Council, after his appointment in 2007 to fill a vacancy and currently serves as President of the Talbot County Council. He attended Dundalk High School and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware. Council President Pack recently retired from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services where he served as a Field Supervisor in the Mid-Shore area.



Robert C. Willey served the Town of Easton as a council member for six years before becoming Council President for another six years and elected Mayor in May 2003. He is a life-long resident of Talbot County and a graduate of Easton High School. Mayor Willey began working at Wayerly Press and enjoyed his employment with the company for 41

working at Waverly Press and enjoyed his employment with the company for 41 years before retiring in 2002. He has served as member of the Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors; Vice-President of the Eastern Shore Association of Municipalities; Past President of the ESAM; and a member of the Government

Advisory Committee for the Chesapeake Bay Commission. He is a member (over 50 years) of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, serving as a secretary, treasurer, trustee and fire fighter. He is married to the former Betsy Lee Thompson.

Eric Lowery is employed with Chesapeake College as a Technology Analyst. He previously worked for Baltimore City for 35 years as a Land Surveyor, Computer Technician, and a Programmer Analyst. Eric was born and raised in Baltimore and now resides in Unionville with his wife Harriett. He is a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army, 25th Infantry Division and later in the Army Reserves as a Program Analyst. He received the Bronze Star Medal - Vietnam. Eric is a founding member and President of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society, created in 2009. His civic commitment and dedication include membership in NAACP - Talbot County Branch; lifetime member of the Blake-Blackston American Legion Post



77; lifetime member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 648; and lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5118. Eric is also a proud Talbot Mentor.

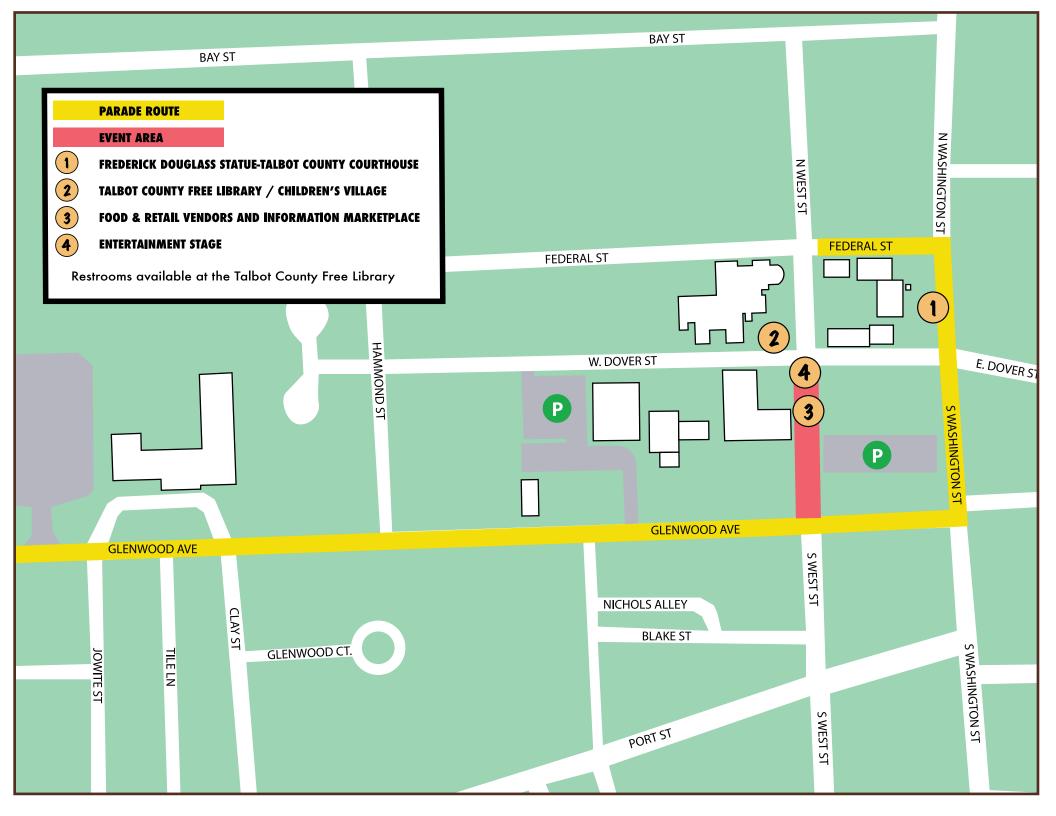


Dana Newman is the Director of the Talbot County Free Library. She holds a Master's degree in Library Science and a B.S. in Secondary Education-English. She is a graduate of the Maryland Library Leadership Institute, and a longtime member of the Maryland Library Association, the Public Library Association of Public Library Administrators, among other professional affiliations. Before coming to Talbot County, Dana served as the Chief of Public Services and Branch Management for the Anne Arundel County Library system. In that capacity, she supervised the operations of 15 branch libraries as the library's public service departments.

Dr. Kelly L. Griffith currently serves as Superintendent of Talbot County Public Schools. She hold a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and Innovation from Wilmington University, and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Salisbury University. She has been an educator for 35 years, with 30 of those years spent in the Talbot County Public School system.



Ms. Taylan Wilson is a 17-year old student in her final year at Easton High School. Taylan is a very outgoing, kind-hearted, and loveable young lady! Her number one priority is to worship Jesus Christ, as she is a member of the International House of Worship. Academically, Taylan has maintained honor roll throughout her school years. She is a member of the Varsity Football cheerleading team. She loves to sing and hopes one day to become a famous gospel artist. Taylan is the daughter of Mr. Tabius Wilson, Sr., and Mrs. LaToya Cornish.



PERFORMERS



Cyia Bordley is a 16 year old rising Junior at Easton High School. She is the youngest of three children and resides in Easton with her parents Clint and Angela Bordley. She has a passion for music, writing/poetry, doing makeovers and her biggest passion is activism for people of color and people treated unjustly.

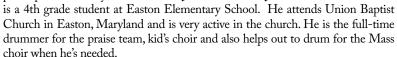
For the last three years she has been under the mentorship of Mr. Leroy Potter playing the piano and can be heard worshipping part-time on Sundays at St. Matthew United Methodist Church and playing the piano whenever he needs her to.

Cyia's post graduation plans include attending a HBCU to study law and to become a civil rights attorney to one day put an end to police brutality and racial profiling and discrimination.

Kameryn Carter is a student at EHS in 9th grade. She is an author, praise dancer, praise dance assistant teacher, student and a leader. She has won the A.K.A College Recognition award for her academics and was a winner at the Regional Church Talent Competition.



Javion Jones AKA "Jay" or "Bishop" is a 9 year old boy who loves to sing, play the drums and preach. He was born to the proud parents of Taryn Bell and Paul Jones of Easton. Javion



Lane Morgan, is a very talented and gifted singer, actor, and dancer who has amassed many accomplishments for being only 10 years old. Lane, a 5th grader at Saints Peter and Paul Schools lives with her parents and brother in St. Michaels. She has been intensively training this summer in New York City at Destination Broadway and the past two summers at Long Lake Camp for the Arts, most recently portraying "Jane" in Mary Poppins.. Lane has been active in many local theatrical events such as the Avalon's Annie the Musical as "Duffy" and "Belinda Cratchit" in A Christmas Carol, and brought "Junie B. Jones" to life in the Avalon's



production of Junie B. Jones, Jr. Lane also rocked the house as "Little Elvis" for the Tred Avon Player's Four Weddings and an Elvis singing, dancing, and entertaining the audience.

Lane is a local favorite and much sought after vocalist for numerous community events. Lane's vocal training is under the direction of Mr. Leroy Potter, who is also her piano accompaniment. Lane was the soloist for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, as well as the Aspen Institute, St. Michael's Running Festival, and various other local events.



Emma Bailey is 16 years old and lives in Cambridge. She goes to CSD and started taking lessons at Mike Elzey's Guitar Studio when she was 8. Emma has performed at numerous venues, including First Night Talbot and Taste of Cambridge. Aside from playing music, she enjoys reading, babysitting, and baking.

DJ Allen Butler, a Talbot County native, is surrounded by the sounds. His love for music paved the way to his entertainment career. Butler is a DJ for all occasions - from the Oldies but Goodies and Music of Today, Butler always finds the perfect sounds to please his audiences across the region. In addition to spinning music, Allen's

company, T an T Productions, provide sound for meetings, weddings, and special events.

EHS NJROTC's mission is to instill in our students the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment. The program was established in 1996 and has been a stable part of our community.



Robin Hertez 14 years old playing 4 months

rtez Annie Sanford ld playing 2.5 years

Parker Kleinert 8.75 years old playing 3.5 years

Young Violinists While traveling in Ireland, Frederick Douglass fell in love with Irish music, purchased a violin, and taught himself to play. When his grandson, Joseph Henry, became interested in the violin, Douglass trained him to become an accomplished concert violinist. Joseph Henry performed for two presidents and was the first Black violinist to make recordings for the Victor Talking Machine Company. Under direction of Helen Gale Shehan, these young violinists are mastering the art of music with their beloved violins. Not Pictured: Jaasiel Molock - 9 years old; playing 1.5 years Richard Molock - 4 years old; soon to have his own violin

Building African American Minds, BAAM, is a non-profit, after-school program designed to strengthen opportunities for school-aged African American boys in Talbot County to become productive, successful, and confident citizens through positive academic, social, emotional, and spiritual experiences. This program partners with local community and faith-based organizations to assist parents in creating a home environment conducive to learning and to accomplishing goals. For more information: www.baamsite.com.





Karli Abbott is a Junior at Easton High School. Karli is an active EHS Warrior, involved in Band, Cross Country, FFA, National Honor Society and the NJROTC, where she currently serves as the Operations Officer. She has currently earned the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. Outside of school she's a very active member of 4H which led her to find a passion for Public Speaking and Leadership. Karli is also a member of the Trappe Volunteer Fire Department and currently represents them as Miss Trappe Fire Prevention Queen and Miss Talbot County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Harriette Lowery Childlene Brooks Walter Johnson
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FREDERICK DOUGLASS ARTIFACTS

Frederick Douglass often wore this hat when he attended operas and formal events such as the World's Columbian Exposition when he was Co-Commissioner for the Republic of Haiti.

The top hat is on loan by the National Park Service. Since 1916, the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of our national parks. With the help of volunteers and partners, they safeguard these special places and share their stories to more than 330 million visitors every year.

Each year the National Park Service collaborates with the Frederick Douglass Honor



Society providing artifacts from Frederick Douglass's home, Cedar Hill, in Washington, D.C. Past artifacts have included Frederick Douglass's Bible, a cane gifted to Douglass from John Brown, letters to Douglass signed by President Abraham Lincoln, and croquet mallets and balls used by him and his family at Cedar Hill.

The Frederick Douglass Room exhibit is open today from 11 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Talbot County Free Library.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HONOR SOCIETY



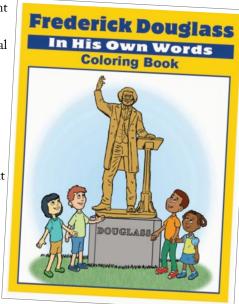
Pictured from left: Walter Black (Emeritus Board Member), Annie Mewborn (Education Director), Lois McCoy, Clairdean Black, Harriette Lowery, Eric Lowery (President), Childlene Brooks (Vice President), Vickie Wilson (Recording Secretary), J. Kirk Howie, Brenda Wooden (Financial Secretary) Not Pictured: Walter Johnson & Doreen Getsinger (Emeritus Board Members)

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CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

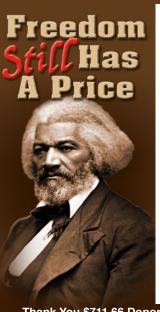
The Children's Village, located on the front lawn of the Talbot County Free Library, features a variety of hands-on fun and visual experiences. Children and family members will be inspired to explore history, activate their creativity, and reap rewards (prizes) for learning about Frederick Douglass. The Village experience includes free games, balloons, bubbles, coloring, face painting, stickers, and a photograph opportunity next to Frederick Douglass. Children always learn with ease when they are having fun!

Frederick Douglass Children's Village Sticker Challenge The Sticker Challenger is designed to raise community awareness about the Frederick Douglass Honor



Society's Scholarship Program by engaging families in fundraising for the program. Children select and color a large sticker portraying the life and words of Frederick Douglass, then place their sticker on the "Sticker Wall," a panel of unfilled circles that are the same size as the stickers. For each circle they fill, a donor makes a gift to the Scholarship Program. Last year, children and their parents had great fun raising funds while learning about Frederick Douglass.





In late 1846, abolitionist and Quaker Mary Richardson of England wrote to slave owner Hugh Auld in Baltimore asking if Frederick Bailey's freedom had a price. Auld replied that he would manumit Frederick for £150, or \$711.66.

Richardson and other abolitionists on both sides of the Atlantic raised the money, and on Dec. 5, 1846, Auld filed Douglass's deed of manumission – literally, "releasing the hand of authority" - in Baltimore Co.

Join the **\$711.66** Endowment

The Price of Frederick Douglass' Freedom

Pay in installments or one sum. Send your "deed of freedom" made payable to: Frederick Douglass Honor Society and mail to the Mid-Shore Community Foundation 102 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601

www.frederickdouglasshonorsociety.org

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The following committee members, Harriett Lowery, Kirk Howie and Vickie Wilson, met on Friday, 3/22/19 to review 7 scholarship applications. Out of the 7 applicants, 5 met the requirements of 2.5 GPA. One application was received late and one did not meet the grade point average.

The following students will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00

Taylan Brooks - EHS

3.22 GPA

Morgan State University

Major - Computer Science

Randie Collins- STMHS 4.0 GPA

Washington College

Graphic Design

Tabius Wilson- EHS 3.60 Hampton University

Katelyn Cherry - EHS

3.05 GPA

The Peabody Conservatory

Major - Music

Sean Cornish- EHS

3.10

Bowie State University

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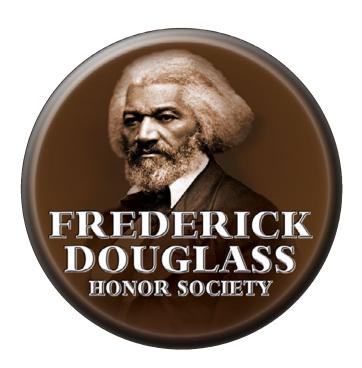
Lee and Mary Salin, Teddy Bear Fresh Produce

Carolyn Jaffee, Talbot First Night

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The Frederick Douglass Honor Society Mission Statement:

"The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is dedicated to developing programs that continue the Douglass legacy of human rights, education, personal growth, and involvement of citizens."

Our goal is to honor Frederick Douglass here in his birthplace, Talbot County, Maryland, where his experiences in his youth – both positive and negative – helped form his character, intellect and determination. It became Frederick Douglass's life goal to bring black people, and America, away from the ancient institution of slavery.

It is our hope that Frederick Douglass will be seen as a true leader by all Americans. His brilliant oratory and his influence both here and abroad helped black people and our country through one of the most difficult and painful struggles in our history. He is known, honored and respected around the world; we believe he should be considered among the foremost of our many American heroes. The statue of him in his birthplace was our beginning. We continue to educate our community and increase the awareness of Frederick Douglass throughout the year during special events, lectures, and collaboration with organizations, government, and educational institutions. Our annual scholarship program provides financial support to our local youth.

For more info: http://www.frederickdouglasshonorsociety.org