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MODERATOR PASTOR WILLARD G. MAXWELL JR., Ed.D

Welcome *Ms. Ebony N. Thomas, Esq.*

Invocation/Greetings From City of Newport News *Mayor McKinley Price*

Dance Tribute *Beauty For Ashes
Contemporary School of Dance*

Meet the Panelist *Panelist*

Questions and Answers *Panelist*

INTERMISSION

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Special Performance *Rap-Unzel*

Scholarship Awards *Ms. Ebony N. Thomas, Esq.
& Pastor Willard G. Maxwell, JR., Ed.D*

Closing Remarks *Ms. Ebony N. Thomas, Esq.
& Pastor Willard G. Maxwell, JR., Ed.D*

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EBONY NICOLE THOMAS, Esq.

Ebony Nicole Thomas is a Captain in the United States Army and currently serves as both a Legal Assistance and Operational Law Attorney in the 82nd Airborne Division Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Prior to her current position, she served as an Administrative Law Attorney in the 82nd Airborne Division Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Ms. Thomas is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her grandmother and mother who were both teachers taught her at an early age the importance of education. She received her primary and secondary education through both public and private schools. After high school, she went on to attend the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, which at that time was located in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. After successfully completing the preparatory school, she was accepted to the United States Military Academy located in West Point, New York. In 2010, she graduated from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management with a focus in Civil Engineering and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant to the Adjutant General Corps. In 2011, she deployed to Iraq for 11 months in support of Operation New Dawn. In 2013, she applied and was accepted into the Army's Funded Legal Education program. In 2017, she earned her Juris Doctor from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law School at the College of William and Mary located in Williamsburg, Virginia. That same year, she received her license to practice law in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Thomas mission in life is to serve not only her country, but also her community.



THIS YEAR'S ITCD IS DEDICATED TO MR. ROGER DANIEL DAVID, JR. 1989-2019

PANELIST

KELLIE WELLS BRINKLEY

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY OLYMPIAN & BRONZE MEDALIST



Kellie Wells-Brinkley won an Olympic Bronze medal in the 2012 London games to add a fairytale ending to her heartbreaking injury at the 2008 Olympic Trials where she was unable to compete in the finals due to a severe hamstring tear. Wells-Brinkley made an impressive comeback in 2011 by winning her first indoor and outdoor national titles and dominating the top marks lists. Wells-Brinkley's winning time of 7.79 at the US trials was the world leading time and at that time gave her the nine fastest times in the world. Over her 10-year career, she was ranked within the top 10 in the world each year.

In the summer of 2011 Wells-Brinkley also went public with another heartbreaking struggle she faced, something much deeper than physical injuries on the track. She was sexually abused by her mother's boyfriend. Wells-Brinkley escaped this abusive environment in the 10th grade by moving in with her estranged father and only a few weeks later her mother was tragically killed in a car accident.

Astonishingly Wells-Brinkley flourished in life despite all of these setbacks and excelled on the track, in the classroom and in her personal life. She has been a brand ambassador for companies such as Nike, The US Army, Coca-Cola, Revolution Racing, Isagenix, Pretty Girls Sweat, exfuzé, and Harbor House just to name a few. She takes pride in using her celebrity to spread the message and create awareness about domestic violence and sexual abuse. Kellie wants all young girls to know they are more than their bodies and wants them to strive for greatness and have self confidence in all they do. She is an alumna of Hampton University.

Kellie is a loving wife to NFL superstar Jasper Brinkley and mom to their son Jasper Jr.

LACEY O'NEAL

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ALUMNI & 2X OLYMPIAN (1964 & 1972)



O'Neal is a 1964 and 1972 Olympian hurdler. Born in Chicago, she was a member of the Mayor Daley's Youth Foundation Girl's track team at age 14 and tied the 200m world record at age 16. She attended the University of Hawaii on an academic scholarship receiving a bachelor of education and later earned her masters from the University of Florida while coaching the women's track and field team.

O'Neal helped to pioneer Title IX for women in sports. Outside of sports, she was the U.S. Peace Corps Country Director in Gambia and served as an U.S. Diplomat to the Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso. She currently lives in Washington, DC where she is a mediator and a Mary Kay Consultant.

PANELIST

CONGRESSMAN ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA



Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott has represented Virginia's third congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1993. Prior to his service in Congress, he served 15 years in the Virginia General Assembly.

Congressman Scott currently serves as the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor. In this capacity, he is advancing an agenda that improves equity in education, frees students from the burdens of crippling debt, protects and expands access to affordable health care, ensures workers

have a safe workplace where they can earn a living wage free from discrimination, and guarantees seniors have a secure and dignified retirement. In 2015, he was one of the four primary authors of the Every Student Succeeds Act, which reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act for the first time in 13 years and replaced the No Child Left Behind Act.

Congressman Scott also serves on Committee on the Budget where he is a leading voice on fiscal policy and reducing the deficit.

As a former member of the Committee on the Judiciary, he is a leading advocate for reforming our nation's broken criminal justice system. He has successfully worked to pass bipartisan legislation to reduce mandatory minimum sentences, reform the juvenile justice system, and require reporting and federal data collection of deaths that occur in police custody, jails, and prisons.

Congressman Scott resides in Newport News, Virginia. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Boston College Law School. He also served in the Massachusetts National Guard and the United States Army Reserve.

DAVID RIDDICK

EXECUTIVE/ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER



David Riddick, (Artistic Director/Choreographer) a native of Newport News, Virginia, is the founder and Artistic Director of Beauty for Ashes Contemporary School of Dance. He has trained extensively under Valeria Sinyavskya from Russia who was the pupil of Agrippina Vaganova.

David is a teacher in the following areas of dance techniques: Vaganova (Ballet), Graham, Horton, African, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Liturgical. His passion is to

train, instruct and inspire those with aspirations to become professional dancers and choreographers. While working at Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center of Newport News, Virginia. Mr. Riddick was an Assistant Program Director managing the departments dance, theater, music, and arts.

PANELIST

STEVE HANDY

NETWORK SYSTEMS ENGINEER



Steve Handy is currently a network systems engineer and section supervisor at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. He has worked on dozens of sponsor projects, notably as a member of the engineering team responsible for developing the U.S. Army's Remote Monitor Control Equipment (RMCE) system and as a co-inventor of a Deception for Cyber Defense capability.

The RMCE system is part of the command and control system of the Wideband Global (WGS) SATCOM satellite constellation. The WGS provides worldwide communications for the U.S. military, senior leaders and international partners. Handy's network security engineering efforts have impacted critical U.S. communication capabilities and their ability to resist cyber attacks.

In addition to contributions to the team, Handy received the JHU/APL 2015 Government Purpose Invention Award for the "Deception of Defense: Applying Traditional Camouflage Techniques Adapted to Cyber Network Defense" project. This technology strengthens network defenses by utilizing virtualized, sensor decoy assets that increase the scope, scale, and complexity of a defended area. His subject area work has expanded to include developing defensive network architectures that utilize software defined networking (SDN), network function virtualization (NFV), automation and cloud service providers to protect against evolving cyber threats.

PASTOR WILLARD G. MAXWELL, JR., Ed.D

NEW BEECH GROVE CHURCH



When it comes to servant leadership, Dr. Willard Maxwell, Jr. has a simple philosophy: "when you stop struggling, you stop relating."

Dr. Maxwell diligently partners with those whose mission is to serve, protect and strengthen the local community. In addition to pastoring New Beech Grove Church, Dr. Maxwell serves as the President of the Newport News Branch of the NAACP; a volunteer Police Chaplain for the City of Newport News; is the City Planning Commissioner; serves on the board of the Newport News Police Foundation. Dr. Maxwell is a serial entrepreneur with an extensive background in real estate. He holds an active broker's license in both the state of Virginia and the state of Georgia. Dr. Maxwell offers workshops for churches and communities on topics such as real estate investing, financial management and community and economic development.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia where he served as an educator, administrator, and principal in the Atlanta Public School system. Dr. Maxwell holds a Master of Divinity degree from Morehouse School of Religion, a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Argosy University, a Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Education from Georgia Southern University and a Pastor Counseling Certification from Emory University.

DR. DANIEL FAGBUYI, M.D

EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN



Dr. Daniel Fagbuyi, M.D., \‘Fah-boo-ee\, is an Emergency Physician and well-known disaster medicine subject matter expert providing strategic leadership in disaster preparedness, emergency response, and business continuity both nationally and internationally. Recently, he served as Medical Director for Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management at Children’s National Health System. He is Assistant Professor

of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine at The George Washington University

School of Medicine where he earned his M.D. at the age of 25. He is board certified and one of the first and youngest African Americans appointed by the US Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, to the National Biodefense Science Board to provide expert advice and guidance on complex issues of preventing, preparing for, and responding to adverse health effects of public health emergencies. Dr. Fagbuyi also served as Special Medical Advisor to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of the Commissioner and Pediatric therapeutics working on medical countermeasures and drug approvals. Under the leadership of Gen. David Petraeus, Dr. Fagbuyi was involved in combat and civil military operations serving as an infantry man/battalion surgeon on the front lines caring for more than 800 soldiers while deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 101st Airborne Division. He was Liaison to the Iraqi Ministry Health, various non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and numerous local medical treatment facilities. Furthermore, Dr. Fagbuyi has authored and co-authored various medical literatures and delivers expert testimony to the Bi-Partisan committees and congressional leaders on the Hill as needed. As spokesperson/medical expert, Dr. Fagbuyi seeks empower the public by providing timely, tangible, and easy to digest public health information and education. He has made appearances in both lay and professional media (radio, TV, and print) to include the Washington Post, NPR, FOX, ABC, Associated Press, CNBC, Science, CBS and the Today Show. In his quest to broaden global health security, Dr. Fagbuyi provides expert advice and consultation in the United States, Japan, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Qatar. His global footprint continues to expand with his role as VP & Chief Medical Officer with Response Systems, Inc. and as CEO of Erudition, LLC.



PANELIST

THE HONORABLE S. BERNARD GOODWYN

JUSTICE ON THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA



Justice Samuel Bernard Goodwyn currently serves as a justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia. In 1995, Justice Goodwyn was appointed to serve as a judge for Chesapeake General District Court. In 1997, he was appointed to the Chesapeake Circuit Court. Prior to taking the bench, Justice Goodwyn worked as a member of the law firm Willcox & Savage, P.C. in Norfolk, Virginia.

Prior to his work as a jurist, Justice Goodwyn was a Research Associate Professor at the University of Virginia School of Law. He was a member of the Virginia Code Commission and the Judicial Council of Virginia, and served as a subcommittee chair of the Virginia Supreme Court Judicial Performance Evaluation Task Force. Justice Goodwyn has also held several positions that allow him to contribute substantially to the community, namely as a member of the Working Group for Establishment of Guidelines for Compensation of Court-Appointed Counsel, and as Judge of the Chesapeake Drug Treatment Court Program.

Justice Goodwyn serves as Co-Chair of the Virginia Access to Justice Commission. He has lectured and participated as a panelist on various programs including those sponsored by the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Virginia State Bar. He has lectured at the University of Virginia School of Law and served as faculty for the Virginia State Bar Professionalism Course.



JENNIFER S. SMITH-BROWN

McDONALD'S FRANCHISE OWNER



Jennifer St. John Smith-Brown is the owner of three McDonald's restaurants in Newport News and Hampton, Virginia. Additionally, she is the Managing Partner of her family's business of nine McDonald's restaurants, focusing on driving the overall profitability and sustainability of the organization. Together, their companies (dba J. Smith Enterprises) operate twelve restaurants, employ approximately one thousand staff members and serve over 6.7 million guests a year.

Jennifer was introduced to McDonald's by her father John, who became an Owner/Operator in 1997. As a second generation Owner/Operator, Jennifer is loyal to the McDonald's brand, and determined to build upon her family's legacy. Equipped with a rich inheritance of business knowledge, a top-rated educational background and professional experience in finance and business efficiency, she is an emerging business leader and entrepreneur of the Hampton Roads area.

Jennifer is passionate about serving the community, and believes that proper stewardship of her family business is integral to giving back. She serves on the Newport News Economic and Industrial Development Board (Vice Chair) and the Norfolk State University School of Business Advisory Board. In keeping with the McDonald's tradition of corporate citizenship, J. Smith Enterprises partners with a host of local elementary and high schools and non-profit organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Peninsula Red Cross, the Girl Scouts of America, the Salvation Army and many, many more.

Jennifer received an Economics degree at Wellesley College, as well as a Masters of Business Administration from Harvard University.





Rap-Unzel

RAP ARTIST

Rap-Unzel, hails from Richmond, VA. She is a 17-year-old high school senior who was motivated to pursue rapping when, at the age of 11 she was the winner of a creative writing contest for her middle school. She then began to focus on her developing her craft by performing at talent shows and also posting videos on social media, to broaden her experience and to gain a following. All of her hard work paid off and gained the attention of Jermaine Dupri, an American rapper, record producer and executive. Rap-Unzel was then hand picked by Jermaine Dupri to be featured on LifeTime Network's hit television show "The RapGame" (Season Four).

Rap-Unzel is reaching for the stars and never looking back. The show also has provided a platform for Rap-Unzel to serve as an inspiration to many young children and adults that have been bullied around the world. Her stance against body shaming has touched hundreds of thousands of lives and helped people feel more confident about themselves. On her steady rise to fame, Rap-Unzel still makes time for public service a priority and devotes her free time to volunteer and work with charitable organizations, all while maintaining life as a high school student.



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