



*The Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee Presents*

14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
UNITY CELEBRATION  
*The Power of Unity*

**Thursday, December 3, 2020**

**7:00 pm to 9:00 pm EDT  
Virtually on Zoom**

*Advanced Registration Required*

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# The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Democratic Party Unity Celebration

***Check in Begins (6:30 pm)***

***Welcome (7:00 pm)***

Dr. Crystal R. Francis, Chair, Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee

***Keynote Address (7:05 pm)***

Dr. Jamal Bryant, Senior Pastor, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

*The Power of Unity*

***Musical Tribute***

Maryland My Maryland, Composed by: Congressman Jamie Raskin

***Moment of Silence***

We take a moment to pause and remember the Democrats and loved ones we lost this year.

***Remarks (7:15 pm)***

Honorable Ben Cardin, United States Senate, Maryland

Honorable John Sarbanes, U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District 3

Honorable Kweisi Mfume, U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District 7

Honorable Dutch Ruppersberger, U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District 2

Honorable Adrienne Jones, Speaker of the House, Maryland General Assembly

Honorable John Olszewski, Jr., Baltimore County Executive

Yvette Lewis, Chair, Maryland Democratic Party

Keenen Geter, Young Democrats of Maryland

## ***Entertainment (7:30 pm)***

### **“The Debate”**

Featuring: Jason Garber, Eva Lewis, Kiki Andersen, Michael Furr, and Anne Akhila

### **Standup Comedic Performance**

Starring: Comedian Larry Lancaster

## ***Greetings & Remarks (7:55 pm)***

Honorable Chris Van Hollen, United States Senate, Maryland

## ***Presentation of the 2020 Democratic Party Service Awards***

***(8:00 pm)***

Dr. Crystal R. Francis, Chair, Baltimore County Democratic Party

### ***2020 Honorees***

Ground-breaking Legislation: Honorable Julian Jones, Baltimore County Council, District 4

Labor Award: Glennard Middleton, Sr., AFSCME Council 67

Leadership Award: Jill Hornstein, Together We Will

Democratic Advocate (Central Committee Member): George White, District 44B

Democratic Advocate (Community Member): Kenny Brown, Northwest Voice Newspaper

### ***Acknowledgements & Closing Remarks (8:50 pm)***

Dr. Crystal R. Francis, Chair, Baltimore County Democratic Party

Linda Dorsey-Walker, Secretary

# *Baltimore County Democratic Party Special Guests*

## *Keynote Speaker*



Dr. Jamal H. Bryant is an American minister and author. In December 2018, Dr. Bryant transitioned from Empowerment Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland, to Atlanta, Georgia, to pastor New Birth Missionary Baptist Church. He was raised in Baltimore, Maryland where, as a child, he attended his father's congregation, Bethel A.M.E. Church. He preached his first sermon when he was 18 years old at Bethel titled "No Pain, No Gain." Dr. Bryant attended Morehouse College where he earned an undergraduate degree in political science and international studies. He obtained a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. He received a Doctor of Ministry from the Graduate Theological

Foundation. He received his Doctor of Theology from the University of Oxford in Great Britain. Dr. Bryant is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

## *The Honorees*



### *Ground-breaking Legislation Award: Honorable Julian E. Jones, Jr.*

**Councilman Julian Jones** was elected to the County Council in 2014. A community leader, former PTA President of Hernwood Elementary School, member of the Caucus of African American Leaders and former member of the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee, Councilman Jones has been determined to bring about change that positively impacts our community as a whole and pass legislation that will undoubtedly move our community in a more prosperous direction. Councilman Jones formally introduced the SMART Policing Act at the Baltimore County Council Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The SMART Policing Act stands for Strengthening, Modernization, Accountability, Reform, and Transparency. The act passed Monday, October 5, 2020 during the council's legislative session by a vote of 6 to 1. As a result of the bill, the Baltimore County

Police Department must document excessive uses of force in a database that includes demographic information, plus take other measures to ensure accountability. The bill bans the use of all neck restraints, including chokeholds, unless a person's life is in immediate jeopardy; requires annual training in de-escalation, implicit bias, and the use of force; and mandates officers stop fellow police from using excessive force, among other measures.



### *Labor Award: Glennard Middleton, Sr.*

**Mr. Glennard Middleton, Sr.** is the Executive Director of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, Council 67 in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the President of Maryland Public Employees, Local 44 and was elected International Vice President in 1986 for the Capital District (covering Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia). He has been active in workers' rights, community, and political organizations and has served Maryland for over 28 years. His work supports the vital services that make America happen. Advocating for America's working families, he has fought for policies that improve the quality of life for laborers who maintain our roads, frontline workers who care for the sick and elderly and make our schools good places to learn, and first responders who keep our communities safe. From teachers, nurses, corrections officers,

local and state government employees, to childcare providers and sanitation workers – Mr. Middleton leads hundreds of advocates across the nation fighting for fairness in the workplace and excellence in public service. He has been at the vanguard of politics, elected as Super Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, educating and informing American about the importance of voting and electing leaders with plans to create economic prosperity and opportunity for all, and support for working families.



### *Leadership Award: Jill Hornstein*

**Ms. Jill Hornstein** is a local community activist who heads two very robust activist groups. She shares administration duties for Together We Will-Baltimore, which was founded November 10, 2016. TWW has grown to over 4000 members. Its goal is to provide education on the issues that promote & protect the rights of all marginalized people, affordable healthcare for everyone, environmental and social justice within local government up to the federal level. TWW works to keep its members educated on state and national politics and provides avenues for participation.

Jill founded Postcards4 Maryland-Promoting Democracy through hand-written postcards. Initiated in September 2018, the group of 555 members is dedicated to writing postcards with the national group, Postcards to Voters, to help get out the vote and to get more Democrats elected.

Maryland writers participated in over 100 writing campaigns to elect Democrats in down ballot elections in 29 different states. She was recently asked to be a member of the Postcards to Voters Rapid Response Team that welcomes new members to the group from all across the country. Jill has also co-chaired the Baltimore Women's March in January 2018, the MD Legislative Coalition's Summit for 2017 & 2018, and the Lights for Liberty Vigil for Immigrant Rights in Towson in July 2019.



### *Democratic Advocate Award, Central Committee: George E. White*

**Mr. George White** is a member of Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee representing district 44B. Before being appointed as a voting member in 2019, George attended regular meetings as a guest to assist where needed and volunteer his expertise in photography, videography, and social media. George currently serves as the Sergeant at Arms, Co-Chair of the Communications Subcommittee, and member of the By-laws Subcommittee. George is well known in the local community and political circles as a dependable, committed volunteer. George is very enthusiastic, always has a positive attitude and really enjoys serving others. He has been present at every political event across Baltimore County. George served our

country 8 years in the Air Forces and then 16 years in the US Army, retiring as an E7 Sgt. First Class. George and his wife (Berdetta) are committed volunteers; 5 days a week for the last 4 years they pick up end-of-day bread from the Owings Mills Panera Bread and deliver the bread along with desserts to homeless shelters, such as the Westside Shelter in Catonsville for men, food pantries, and Churches in Baltimore County and the City. As you can see George is truly a worker-bee for the community and the Democratic Party. One of George's favorites quotes: "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go out and do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive" - Howard Thurman.



### *Democratic Advocate Award, Community Member: Kenny C. Brown*

**Mr. Kenny Brown** believes that an informed community is a stronger, empowered community. He is a marketing, media, and political consultant with more than 30 years in the communications, PR, direct mail, and publishing industry. Pursuing a lifelong dream, in 2005 Kenny launched the *Northwest Voice*, a monthly newspaper covering news, politics and community life in northwest Baltimore. With the economic downturn, the newspaper ceased publication in 2009, then relaunched in 2015.

A political science graduate of Morgan State University, Kenny regularly participates in community, political and business events, and activities. With a strong belief that communities will thrive when they are politically engaged and informed, Kenny organizes political forums to educate the community on the issues, as well as state, local and federal candidates, and their views. He is frequently sought after for advice on political strategy, which he is often glad to do for new and young candidates looking to launch their first campaign for elected office. Kenny has also mentored several young people looking to run for office or be involved in the Democratic Party. He has successfully managed several political campaigns in Baltimore County, served on a number of boards, and is a charter member of the 10<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Club.

## *Tonight's Master of Ceremony*



**Dr. Crystal R. Francis** is a Senior Public Policy expert for U.S. Government. She also serves as Criminologist on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform and Community Representative for Baltimore County's Equitable Policing Advisory Workgroup. The daughter of two U.S. Army Veterans, Dr. Francis has a heart for the community.

On July 21, 2020, Dr. Francis was elected Chair of the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee and is the youngest person to hold the office. She has been an active member of the Democratic Party for over 15 years and has served the local Central Committee since 2014. Her leadership efforts have kindled new energy and excitement for local politics. In just a few short months she has helped lead the party with success in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, with record level engagement and involvement from volunteers and community members this past election cycle. Dr. Francis is committed to building the bench of future leaders, diversifying the party's membership, and ensuring that everyone not only has a voice but also a seat at the table. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy & Administration from Walden University, a Master of Science degree in Homeland Security Management from Towson University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Fulbright Association.

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## *Tonight's Entertainers*



**Comedian Larry Lancaster** is an American entertainer, actor, and model. He is described as one of the most dynamic personalities in the Baltimore, Washington, and Virginia Metropolitan areas! Larry provides a thought-provoking, unique blend of humor that appeals to a diverse audience. Larry Lancaster is the Host of Throwback Saturdays Radio Show on WEAA 88.9 FM or WEAA.ORG every Saturday morning 10am -12pm. His accomplishments include appearances on The Apollo, BET Comicview, national television commercials, clubs, theaters, colleges, and churches throughout the East, West, and Southeast Coasts. He is the host of Comedy Night at The Place Lounge.

He has opened for: Mike Epps, Paul Mooney, Bruce, Rodney Perry, Cedric The Entertainer, Eddie Griffin, Tony Rock, Sommore, Tracey Morgan, Musiq Soulchild, Chrisette Michelle, The Manhattan's and The Temptations to name a few.



**Anne Akhila** is a Maryland lawyer turned actress who now lives in Los Angeles, California with her family. Anne studied and performed improv with Baltimore Improv Group, UCB, and The Groundlings. You can follow her on all socials @anneakhila. An actress and producer, she is known for My Best Friend's Famous (2019), All Hallow's Skeeve (2017) and 100 Girls Breakup with Us (2018). She is also a writer and Indian dancer.



**Kiki Andersen** is a comedian, writer, and actor based in Los Angeles. She started comedy in the Baltimore-D.C. area, where she created two popular monthly shows, “When Improv Met Standup” and “Lipsync Kikioke,” both of which still run today. She has done standup all over the U.S., at various comedy festivals, and overseas. Before committing to comedy full-time, Kiki used to be an award-winning local news reporter under her legal name, “Kelly Andersen,” but after enough people confused her for Kellyanne Conway on Twitter, she decided to change her name, her career, and also get bangs.





**Michael Furr** is a Baltimore based stand-up & improvisational comedian, director, and producer. Michael is the premiere LGBT comic on the Mid-Atlantic comedy scene today (according to his mom). His special "Straight Acting" is on Amazon Prime Video, Spotify and iTunes, and his new special "I Didn't Die" will be released on Amazon Prime Video (open to everyone) later this year. Michael is also the Booking Manager for the Lou Costello Room Comedy Club in Baltimore.



**Jason Garber** is the First Vice Chair of the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee and Member of District 42A. Jason works in Maryland and Washington, DC as an attorney. He is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association and served as the Chairperson of the Baltimore County Bar Association's Professionalism Committee, Pro Bono Committee, and CLE Committee. He is also a former member of the Baltimore County Board of Appeals, including service as its chairperson for two years (2018, 2019). Included among his many talents, Jason performed improv, sketch and standup in the Baltimore-Washington, DC area for seven years



**Eva Lewis** is the Executive Director for the Maryland Democratic Party. She served as the Northeast Regional Director for the Association of Democratic State Committees (ASDC) at the Democratic National Committee (DNC), advising and building the groundwork for Democratic State Parties to win up and down the ballot. Prior to the DNC, Eva served as the Political Director for the Maryland Democratic Party, building and implementing statewide political programs and managing the Party's political relationships with local committees, candidates, and organizations. She has worked many years as an attorney, grassroots organizer, and political operative, building coalitions and increasing political engagement.

Eva is a proud resident of Prince George's County. She graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA and Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, IL. When not engaging the community, Eva enjoys performing improv comedy in the Washington, DC area.

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

*The Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee (BCDSCC) will cherish the memory of these Democratic Party members and Community Activists who have passed since the October 17, 2019 Unity Dinner.*

**THE HONORABLE CONGRESSMEN ELIJAH CUMMINGS**

(MEMBER OF U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES)

**MICHAEL BAKER**

(BALT. PARKS CHIEF AND OUTREACH DIRECTOR FOR  
CONGRESSMAN DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER)

**ADELAIDE BENTLEY**

(KNOWN AS "MAYOR OF EAST TOWSON", COMMUNITY  
ACTIVIST WHO GAVE BCDSCC A HOME)

**JOSEPH KITCHENS**

(PRESIDENT OF THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF MARYLAND)

**ALLISON SMITH**

(INDIVISIBLE TOWSON MEMBER AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST)

**JACK STURGILL**

(LONGTIME BCDSCC MEMBER AND TREASURER)

**DAVID WHITTAKER**

(SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEMBER)

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WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS IMPACTED BCDSCC,  
AND ALL VICTIMS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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