

The March Family Presents

# 2020

## The Rise of the Xennials



Bridging the Cusp between  
Generation X and the Millennial





# Marching Into Their Early Forties

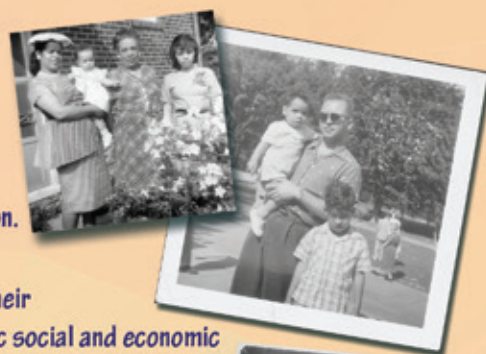
What is the story of the March Family when each member was the age equivalent of an Xennial? First, most have never heard the term Xennial. So, let's begin with an explanation.

Founding members of the March family businesses, William and Roberta March were born into a group termed The Greatest Generation. This generation overcame often-insurmountable struggles as a generation. They were shaped by the Great Depression and were the primary participants in World War II. Growing up in Baltimore, William and Roberta also lived under the strict laws of segregation. Their children would become the Baby Boomers. Named for an uptick in the post-WWII birth rate, Boomers grew up at a time of dramatic social and economic change. Xennials are a small age group born in the cusp between Generation X and The Millennials. Although in the cusp, this group of thirty-something to early forty year-olds, do not identify with either generation. They are the bridge from analog to digital. Xennials did not grow up in the time of technology like a Millennial, but were still young enough to easily adapt when the revolution hit. They passed paper notes in high school and didn't carry cell phones until college—if we they even lucky enough to have one then. While previous generations may consider this generation overly entitled, a reality is, Xennials find themselves sandwiched in-between building their careers, finding love and raising a family, while in some cases also caring for their aging parents. The honorees in this year's calendar will show how many are juggling this stage in life very well.

One hopeful day on January 2, 1957, at the age of 34, William Carrington March and his wife, Julia Roberta March, embarked upon a new business venture that would profoundly change their lives. Motivated by faith, determination, and the desire to provide financial security and educational opportunities for their young family, William and Roberta opened a small funeral parlor on the main floor of their three-story rowhome. Thus began the family and business odyssey of March Funeral Homes.

Success was not immediate. In their first year of business, the funeral home conducted a total of two services. The following year there were four. Even in the face of immediate challenges, the young couple would not be deterred from their dreams. During this time, William and Roberta were also blessed with their fourth child. The goal of providing their children with educational opportunities they never had was the driving force that caused them to work over 100-hours per week. William worked nights in the post office, and he and Roberta worked days in the funeral home. His business mind and her compassionate heart combined to form a funeral establishment that turned no one away. They knew firsthand the plight of the poor. Everyone received a dignified service regardless of his or her financial condition. Thus establishing the beginning of what would become the March Legacy.

William and Roberta never asked that any of their children should work in the funeral business and encouraged each to pursue their own dreams. Needless to say, they have all followed in their parent's footsteps, became licensed Morticians, and can be credited as the visionaries of the March expansions. Today, their funeral business has spread well beyond their family home on North Avenue. With seven funeral homes in three states, the March businesses serve as the only regional family-owned funeral company in the country. The March family also own and operate, a crematory, the largest African-American cemetery in the United States, King Memorial Park, and have been internationally recognized for their philanthropic work.



This success, gave the 65-year-old couple the confidence to retire. When the second generation were in their 30s and 40s, William and Roberta would turn over full operation and ownership of the businesses to their four children, naming Victor, Sr. Senior Executive Vice President and CEO, Erich Vice President, COO and President of King Memorial Park Cemetery, Annette Vice President and Corporate Secretary and Cynthia Vice President.

In her 30s, Cynthia March-Malloy was a Registered Nurse and worked in public health in Baltimore and Richmond. She now serves as Vice President (VP) of the March Funeral Homes Richmond location. Erich March was making historical moves. He is among the founders of The Harbor Bank of Maryland; the state's first minority owned commercial bank. During this time, he also helped expand King Memorial Park Cemetery to 154 acres. Victor C. March, Sr., is a Certified Public Accountant and since his 30s has served as President and CEO of March Funeral Homes and its sister companies. His wife, A. Lola March, would become a licensed Mortician, and manage March East, then March West. Currently, she is the VP and General Manager of the March Life Tribute Center-Randallstown location. Annette March-Grier would transition from a career as a Registered Nurse to caring for the bereaved. She was instrumental in developing the company's grief programs and was honored in 2014 as CNN's Top 10 Hero of the year for being the Visionary and CEO of Roberta's House, A family Grief and Loss Center. Her husband, Arthur "Dino" Grier, is the VP of Maryland Service and Leasing the division of the March businesses that owns and manages their entire fleet of vehicles to include a series of 2019 custom Cadillac hearses and limousines and a Mercedes Family Coach buses. In his 30s, he would retire as one of Baltimore's premier DJs at Gatsbys night club and found the Baltimore Record Pool.

Not only did William and Roberta's children and their spouses extend the legacy, but they were honored to see three of their grandchildren take the reigns. Together they would attend mortuary school, become licensed morticians, and serve as VPs of the family businesses. W. Nathan Malloy, Jr., Esq. is a Lawyer and serves as Legal Counsel for the companies where he oversees the corporate transactional work, litigation, accounts receivable management, and regulatory compliance. Victor March, Jr. was a Software Engineer for Sprint and now serves as the Director of Information Technology (IT) where he develops and manages the computer systems and network infrastructures across all of the companies. Carmalita March-Harris has a background in marketing, is the former Chief of Executive Operations for the Maryland Transit Administration, and now serves as General Manager of the funeral operations in the Washington DC metro area, Marshall-March Funeral Homes and the March Life Tribute Center in Laurel, MD. A fourth grandson, Justin Grier, often serves the company and Roberta's House's IT Departments and is a well known DJ, just like his father.

Having the privilege to stand on the shoulders of their forefathers has strengthened each generation. To God be the Glory!





# HOLISTIC LIFE



Andres Gonzalez

Ali Smith

Atman Smith

Who would have guessed that out of the West Baltimore neighborhoods that were the epicenter of the Freddy Gray uprising and the gritty settings featured in *The Wire*, some of the nation’s foremost leaders in the areas of mindfulness, meditation, and yoga would arise? Brothers, Ali and Atman Smith, were raised as vegans with no meat products, salt or sugar in the home, but their yogi parents had a clear recipe for their success. They would teach them how to balance their lives not based on what was happening around them, but rather, by centering themselves from within. So, as some of their neighborhood friends fell into the traps of their environment, they were unknowingly embodying a state of mindfulness.

The brothers would graduate from Friends School of Baltimore and go on to attend the University of MD at College Park. That’s where fate would have them meet Andres Gonzales. During their last semester there, the trio spent a lot of time reading books on spirituality, philosophy, modern history, religions, ancient history, politics, astronomy, and other related topics. They all saw some things wrong with the world, but it was not until Andres said, “So what are we going to do about it?” that they all knew they had to do something. What that something was, they had no idea.

The three young men were in a stage of life where they had more questions than answers. The group asked these questions to their Godfather and future teacher. His answers were heavily rooted in the mental processes of mindfulness and meditation, and the physical practices of yoga. He had one requirement of them. He would teach them all he knew, but they must teach others in return.

They promised and began an aftercare yoga and meditation program in a local elementary school. The program’s success inspired the young men to establish the Holistic Life Foundation. Since its inception, HLF has facilitated yoga, mindfulness, and environmental based programs for children and adults across the nation and internationally. Their programs are results-based with evidence of minimizing their students suffering by teaching them tools to reduce their own stress and anxiety.

As the reach and power of their influence continues to expand, the men have led TED talks, been featured on most of the major TV networks, and organized training workshops in some of our nation’s most prestigious universities. They have received international praise, including an award from President Obama. As Ali, Atman, and Andres honor their vow and teach diverse groups across the nation in lessons on love, yoga, peace, and meditation, it is clear that the men are more than seekers now. They are promise keepers too.

## JANUARY



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# DALE GREEN

The greatest blueprint that award-winning architect Dale Glenwood Green will ever encounter was not drawn with ink and paper. Instead, the ‘plan’ was lived out before him by his grandparents. They taught Dale how to build a life of purpose by valuing history, preserving Black institutions, and being intentional with his existence. These beliefs were in essence inherited, as Dale is a descendent of some of the most consequential individuals in American history, including Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Bishop Alexander Wayman, and the Reverend Samuel Green.

As a young boy, to help his working mother, Dale’s aunt would allow him to come to her job at the Talbot County Free Library. Full of inquisition, he spent his days navigating the stacks. He happened upon the architecture section and read every word, of every book, in the three-row section. In the process, he uncovered his passion. Unbeknownst to him, people in his Eastern Shore community were observing his gifts. The parents of a friend recruited a young, novice Dale to design their new home. Dale was 12 years old at the time and

the family still lives in that house to this day. He would work for 12 different firms while finishing his studies on a doctoral level. He is also a devoted husband and father of four young children.

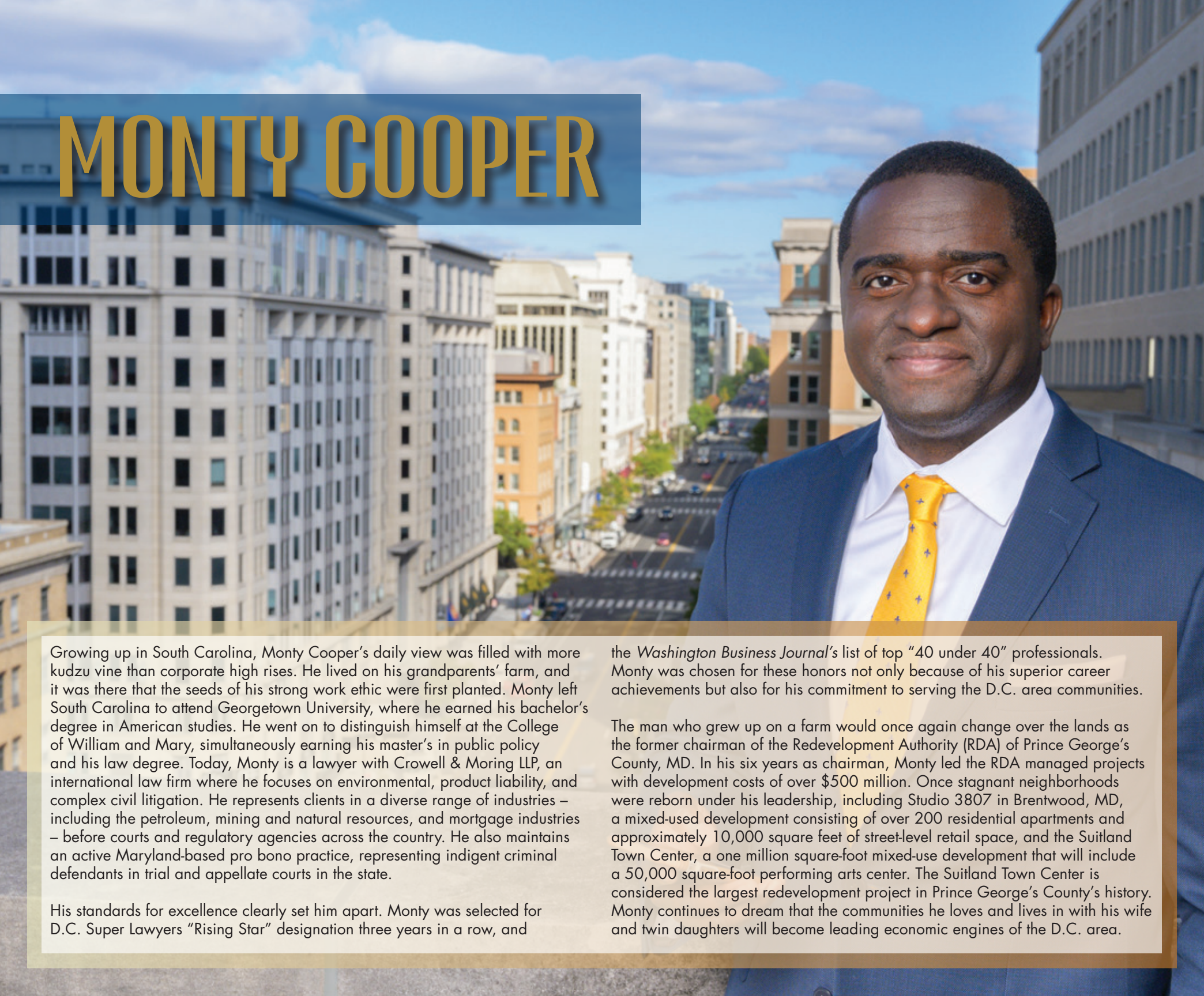
In 2011, Dale Glenwood Green was recruited once again. This time by Sulton Campbell Britt and Associates, P.C., the fifth oldest African American architecture company in the nation, with offices in both D.C. and Baltimore. Today, Dale is a partner and Vice President of the firm where he works to develop new sites and preserve historical ones too. Dale is not only a respected leader in the building industry but also a sought after lecturer and scholar of African American history. He is credited with discovering the oldest, free African American neighborhood in the country, known as The Hill. Amongst his titles, Dale is the Professor of Practice for Architecture and Historic Preservation at Morgan State University. As he teaches his students, he knows he is doing more than building their careers. He is answering the call of his ancestors, shaping young minds and skylines in the process.

# FEBRUARY



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16	17  Presidents Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26  Ash Wednesday	27	28	29





# MONTY COOPER

Growing up in South Carolina, Monty Cooper’s daily view was filled with more kudzu vine than corporate high rises. He lived on his grandparents’ farm, and it was there that the seeds of his strong work ethic were first planted. Monty left South Carolina to attend Georgetown University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in American studies. He went on to distinguish himself at the College of William and Mary, simultaneously earning his master’s in public policy and his law degree. Today, Monty is a lawyer with Crowell & Moring LLP, an international law firm where he focuses on environmental, product liability, and complex civil litigation. He represents clients in a diverse range of industries – including the petroleum, mining and natural resources, and mortgage industries – before courts and regulatory agencies across the country. He also maintains an active Maryland-based pro bono practice, representing indigent criminal defendants in trial and appellate courts in the state.

His standards for excellence clearly set him apart. Monty was selected for D.C. Super Lawyers “Rising Star” designation three years in a row, and

the *Washington Business Journal’s* list of top “40 under 40” professionals. Monty was chosen for these honors not only because of his superior career achievements but also for his commitment to serving the D.C. area communities.

The man who grew up on a farm would once again change over the lands as the former chairman of the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) of Prince George’s County, MD. In his six years as chairman, Monty led the RDA managed projects with development costs of over \$500 million. Once stagnant neighborhoods were reborn under his leadership, including Studio 3807 in Brentwood, MD, a mixed-used development consisting of over 200 residential apartments and approximately 10,000 square feet of street-level retail space, and the Suitland Town Center, a one million square-foot mixed-use development that will include a 50,000 square-foot performing arts center. The Suitland Town Center is considered the largest redevelopment project in Prince George’s County’s history. Monty continues to dream that the communities he loves and lives in with his wife and twin daughters will become leading economic engines of the D.C. area.

## MARCH



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# MAGGIE SMALL

Little girls often dream of becoming ballerinas, twirling in sparkly costumes. But Maggie Small’s dreams were more than childish pretend. They were a force that would drive her to work fourteen-hour days, overcome numerous injuries, and leap her way across international stages.

Born and raised in Richmond, Maggie began dancing at the age of two or three. At the age of four, she enrolled in the School of Richmond Ballet. During high school, the Richmond Ballet invited Maggie to join its pre-professional program. Maggie’s parents supported her but required her to maintain a traditional academic course load. So, Maggie attended high school from 7:30 a.m. until lunch. Then she trained in ballet from 1:30 until 6:30. Finally, she would head to a community college for more classes until 9:30 at night.

The schedule was grueling, but Maggie was in love. To her, ballet was much more than movement. It was “telling a story with your soul.” By the end of high school, Maggie had earned a solid academic transcript and an apprenticeship with the Richmond Ballet. Maggie left Richmond for a year to study dance at New York University. But Maggie already knew exactly what and where she truly wanted to be, so she returned home, rejoined the Richmond Ballet, and finished her degree at St. Mary’s College. Maggie danced through sixteen seasons with the Richmond Ballet rising to the level of principal dancer. Her talent graced stages across the world, from London to China. She earned international recognition and a spot on the cover of the global publication Dance Magazine.

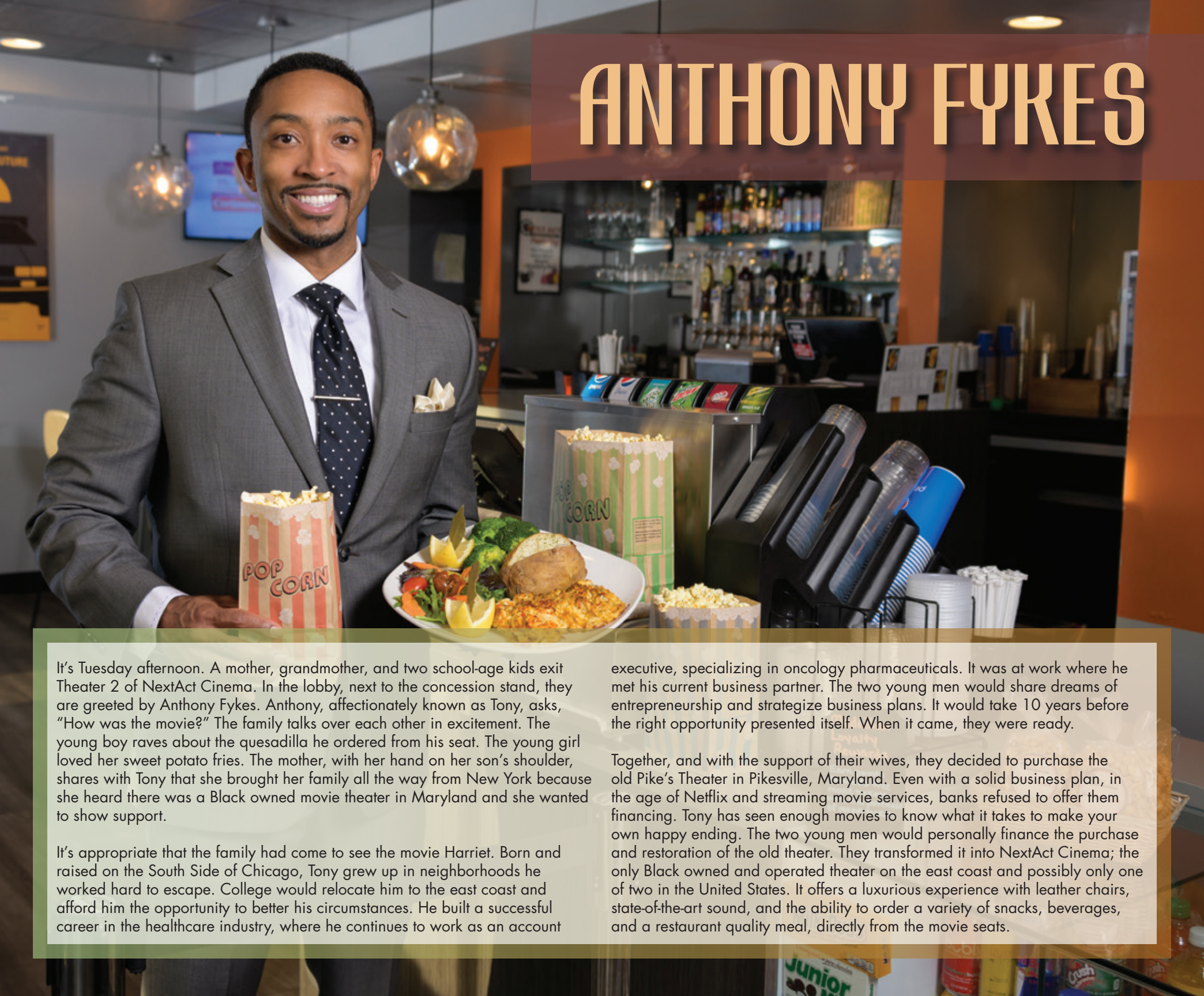
In September 2019, after much soul searching, Maggie retired from her life onstage. As fate would have it, her final dance was in *Carmina Burana*, which was also her debut ballet as an apprentice. She now works behind the scenes as the grant writer for the Richmond Ballet and teaches several master classes at studios across the region. The mission of the Richmond Ballet is to “awaken the human spirit.” Maggie Small embodies this mission. She elevates her art with lifts and leaps, and now with her words too.

# APRIL



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# ANTHONY FYKES

It's Tuesday afternoon. A mother, grandmother, and two school-age kids exit Theater 2 of NextAct Cinema. In the lobby, next to the concession stand, they are greeted by Anthony Fykes. Anthony, affectionately known as Tony, asks, "How was the movie?" The family talks over each other in excitement. The young boy raves about the quesadilla he ordered from his seat. The young girl loved her sweet potato fries. The mother, with her hand on her son's shoulder, shares with Tony that she brought her family all the way from New York because she heard there was a Black owned movie theater in Maryland and she wanted to show support.

It's appropriate that the family had come to see the movie Harriet. Born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, Tony grew up in neighborhoods he worked hard to escape. College would relocate him to the east coast and afford him the opportunity to better his circumstances. He built a successful career in the healthcare industry, where he continues to work as an account

executive, specializing in oncology pharmaceuticals. It was at work where he met his current business partner. The two young men would share dreams of entrepreneurship and strategize business plans. It would take 10 years before the right opportunity presented itself. When it came, they were ready.

Together, and with the support of their wives, they decided to purchase the old Pike's Theater in Pikesville, Maryland. Even with a solid business plan, in the age of Netflix and streaming movie services, banks refused to offer them financing. Tony has seen enough movies to know what it takes to make your own happy ending. The two young men would personally finance the purchase and restoration of the old theater. They transformed it into NextAct Cinema; the only Black owned and operated theater on the east coast and possibly only one of two in the United States. It offers a luxurious experience with leather chairs, state-of-the-art sound, and the ability to order a variety of snacks, beverages, and a restaurant quality meal, directly from the movie seats.

## MAY



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# JAY ELL ALEXANDER



In the days leading up to the 2019 New York Marathon, Michael Strahan interviews an energy filled group of ladies on Good Morning America. The theme of the segment is women who are redefining what it means to be a marathon runner. The women featured are part of the New York branch of a movement known as Black Girls RUN! Watching from home, cradling her six-week-old newborn, sits the 32-year-old powerhouse behind the Black Girls RUN! movement, Jay Ell Alexander.

When Jay Ell started running in 2010, it was a solo venture. After graduating from George Mason University and then earning her master’s degree in public relations from Virginia Commonwealth University, Jay Ell decided to focus on her fitness. While she refined her runs, her career zoomed ahead. As a young millennial, Jay Ell founded a successful public relations consulting firm, The Vaughn Strategy. Her accomplishments were recognized when she was named one of Richmond’s Top 30 under 30 professionals.

Jay Ell’s love for running and her talent for communications merged in 2012 when she joined the force that is Black Girls RUN! She would become the public relations manager of the growing company that started as a blog in 2009 with the mission of motivating women to be active and tackling the obesity epidemic in the African American community. She poured her all into Black Girls Run! and in December of 2017 was ready to seize the opportunity to acquire the company. Today, nearly a decade after she started running, Jay Ell is the owner and CEO of Black Girls RUN!, a training community of more than 200,000 women in 73 groups across 30 states, that also organizes running events and gatherings across the nation.

The goal of Black Girls RUN! is always health, not record setting race times. Step after step, Jay Ell runs and empowers others to join her. She is a young pace setter who promises to never leave any runner behind, setting a standard for her generation as she leads women in the race toward a healthier life.

## JUNE



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# KARYN RILEY

In her work as an attorney, Karyn A. Riley, Esq. does not pace in front of a jury or argue motions before a judge. Yet she still defends and promotes the public interest on a daily basis. As the Intergovernmental Relations Director at WSSC Water, Karyn helps safeguard affordable clean water for nearly two million citizens across Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties.

Karyn did not always envision herself in this role. As a child growing up in Prince George’s County, it was clear that she had a gift for communicating. She could chat with anyone as she sought to understand and connect with others. This passion for connecting led her to seek a dual degree in public relations and law from Syracuse University. During her time in school, Karyn dreamed of becoming a corporate lawyer and thought she knew exactly how her career would unfold.

But after a few years as a trial lawyer, it was clear to Karyn that corporate litigation was not her calling. She returned to her first love of communicating and connecting with others by accepting a position as a teacher in the Prince

George’s County Public School System. An educator at heart, Karyn found the work deeply fulfilling and has taught every grade from middle school to college.

Today, Karyn utilizes both her legal training and her gifting as an educator in her position at WSSC Water. Karyn works with over 200 elected officials to implement effective water policy and also designs advocacy campaigns to educate the public about the critical need for clean and affordable water. While proud of her professional accomplishments, Karyn is just as committed to community service. She regularly offers pro bono estate planning services and educational workshops to make the topic of legacy planning more accessible. In addition, Karyn sits on the board of her alma matter, Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, MD and serves the community as a member of The Links, Inc. and The Junior League.

She no longer paces a courtroom or teaches in the public school system, but she still defends, educates, and serves the public in a powerful way. The fruit of her efforts sparkles inside every glass of clean, cool, affordable water.

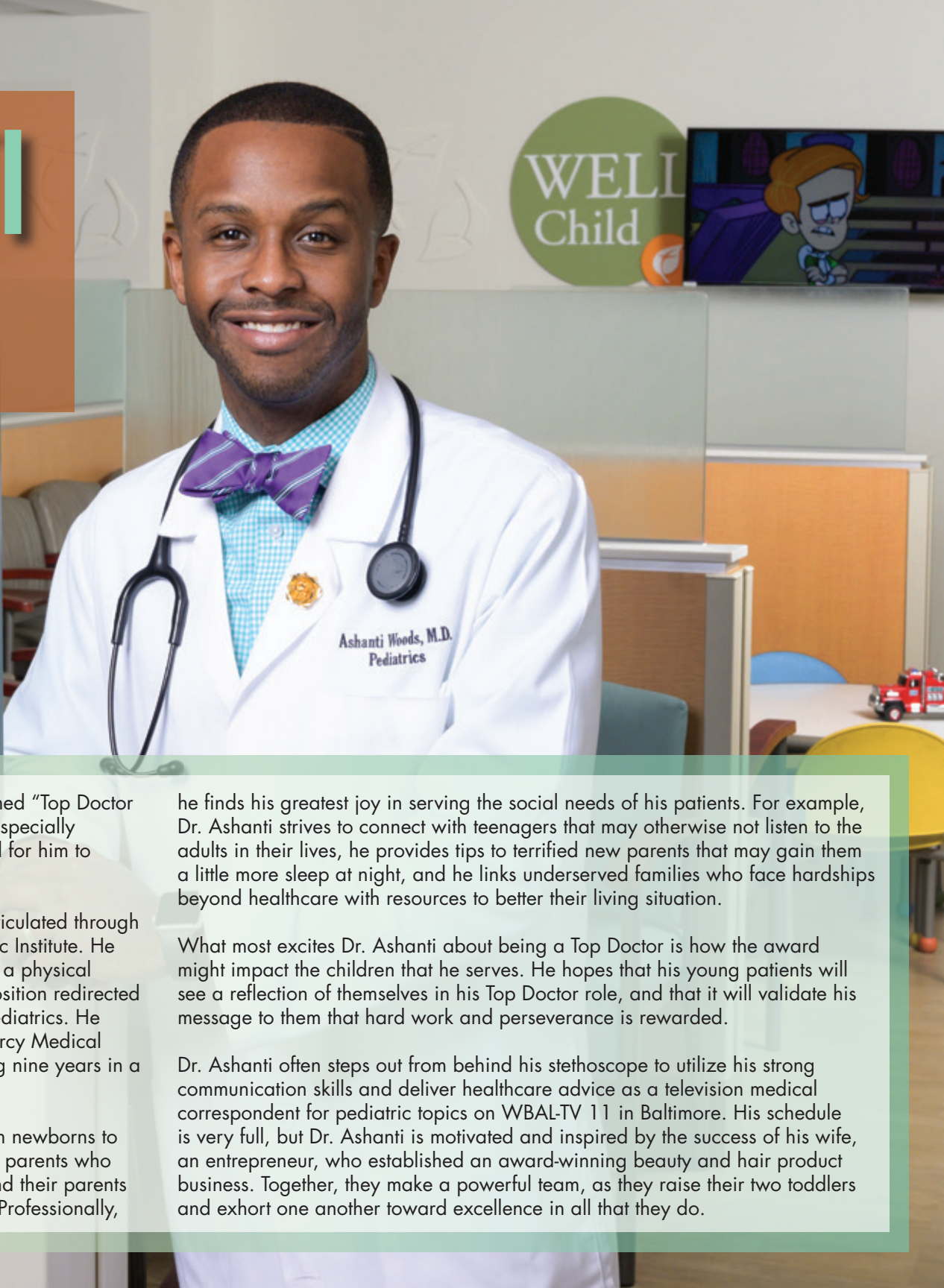
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# DR. ASHANTI WOODS



For the second year in a row, Dr. Ashanti Woods has been named “Top Doctor in General Pediatrics,” by *Baltimore Magazine*. This award is especially meaningful to Dr. Ashanti because his medical colleagues voted for him to receive the honor.

A product of the Baltimore City School System, Dr. Ashanti matriculated through Roland Park Elementary and Middle Schools and the Polytechnic Institute. He would go on to attend Howard University with dreams of being a physical therapist, just like his older sister. His joyful and fun-loving disposition redirected him along his own path to a medical degree with a focus on pediatrics. He launched his career as an attending general pediatrician at Mercy Medical Center, where he has served for the past eleven years, including nine years in a supervisory role.

On a daily basis, Dr. Ashanti cares for a range of patients, from newborns to teenagers, from kids of surgeons to the children of hardworking parents who struggle to adequately feed their family. Many of his patients and their parents find his bedside manner as important as his medical expertise. Professionally,

he finds his greatest joy in serving the social needs of his patients. For example, Dr. Ashanti strives to connect with teenagers that may otherwise not listen to the adults in their lives, he provides tips to terrified new parents that may gain them a little more sleep at night, and he links underserved families who face hardships beyond healthcare with resources to better their living situation.

What most excites Dr. Ashanti about being a Top Doctor is how the award might impact the children that he serves. He hopes that his young patients will see a reflection of themselves in his Top Doctor role, and that it will validate his message to them that hard work and perseverance is rewarded.

Dr. Ashanti often steps out from behind his stethoscope to utilize his strong communication skills and deliver healthcare advice as a television medical correspondent for pediatric topics on WBAL-TV 11 in Baltimore. His schedule is very full, but Dr. Ashanti is motivated and inspired by the success of his wife, an entrepreneur, who established an award-winning beauty and hair product business. Together, they make a powerful team, as they raise their two toddlers and exhort one another toward excellence in all that they do.

## AUGUST



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# MR. AND MRS. COREY AND COURTNEY HOLEMAN

On Courtney’s first day of college at James Madison University, she caught Corey Holeman’s eye. He asked her to dance, and she accepted. At the time, neither of them realized their dance together would never really end. The college sweethearts married and started a life of entrepreneurial pursuits.

The couple graduated with degrees aimed at launching them into the business world. Courtney majored in small and family business, while Corey earned his degree in finance and his master’s in business administration. Today, the Holemans own several businesses. Their franchise company, Holeman Enterprises, has five McDonald’s restaurants located in Virginia from Fredericksburg to Richmond. These restaurants employ 225 people and serve over two million customers each year. Besides their McDonald’s franchises, Courtney also founded Your Stylish Affair, an event management company that specializes in planning upscale corporate, social, and wedding events. While Courtney tackled event management, Corey developed CCJJ Logistics Company, a package delivery business that serves thirty-nine zip codes in Virginia. He is also part owner of Federal Conferencing, Inc., a federal contracting company, where he helped steer the business to earn the second place ranking of Inc. Magazine’s “Fastest Growing Companies in America.”

The Holemans are passionate about serving their community. Courtney is “all about the kids.” She serves as the current Board Chair of the Prince William County Boys & Girls Club where she diligently works to create new educational and after school care opportunities for the area’s children. Recently, Courtney received the National Silver Medallion, the highest possible honor for a Boys and Girls Club volunteer. She is also an active member of The Links and Jack & Jill. Corey is “all about Black business”. As the Chairman of the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce and is committed to helping minorities experience entrepreneurial success. Two Virginia governors have also appointed Corey to serve as a board member on the Virginia Small Business Finance Authority. He is also an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

At home, the Holemans enjoy spending time with each other and their children, Jordan and Jalen. Look closely, and you can still see the dance that they began years ago.

# SEPTEMBER



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# LAQUISHA HALL



Almost from the moment she walks into a room, the joyful radiance of LaQuisha Hall illuminates in a way that is masterfully contagious. She understands the powers of the energy people exude. Her painful beginnings serve as an unfortunate reminder of what it is to live in darkness. For this very reason, LaQuisha has purposed her life to be a source of light and love.

This passion for uplifting others shines through in all LaQuisha’s endeavors as an entrepreneur, educator, artist, and dreamer. She has taught English in the Baltimore City Public School System for going on eighteen years. Inside the classroom, LaQuisha’s lessons go beyond the rules of grammar. Her background gives her the compassion, strength, and credibility to reach the myriad of students she teaches, including those who live in neighborhoods filled with deterioration, tragedy, and trauma. For LaQuisha, “no child left behind” is more than a political catchphrase. It is a calling that she is devoted to personally answering by equipping her students academically and also teaching them the value of a life brimming with confidence. LaQuisha has authored several books, and under her leadership many of her students have become authors too, as she helps them publish books relating to social justice. Her passion for her students’ success earned LaQuisha the 2018 Teacher of the Year Award. This honor is not

LaQuisha’s first title. She is a former beauty queen of numerous pageants, and her favorite winning title is Mrs. Essence.

LaQuisha’s passion for the empowerment of young people motivated her to found Queendom T.E.A. Since 2008 this nonprofit program has mentored more than 1,000 young women, teaching them to hold a high view of their self-worth and to contribute to their communities. LaQuisha also uses her talents to champion those who have suffered violence or abuse. As a survivor herself, LaQuisha founded the SheRose Awards, a platform where victims can share their stories.

While LaQuisha pours her life into empowering others, she credits her husband with uplifting her. She also nurtures herself by channeling her creativity into artwork that “makes her soul leap.” In 2016, she established her online art store Confident Canvas, which features Bible art journaling, hand lettering, and original drawings. Behind all of LaQuisha’s roles as a teacher, mentor, author, beauty queen, and artist, there is an inner creative fire that brightens everything she does. Rising out of a background of shadows and pain, LaQuisha’s colorful spirit now radiates, like a rainbow through the clouds.

## OCTOBER



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# DR. MARUIN NGWAFON

Born in Cameroon, West Africa, Marvin was five years old when he and his family moved to Washington D.C. As he grew up, his mother, a registered nurse, inspired him to consider a career in healthcare. After graduating from Archbishop Carroll High School, Marvin received a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Howard University. Unsure if he wanted to attend medical school, he went on to obtain a master’s degree in forensic chemistry from George Washington University. He was first inspired to consider dentistry as he lived with a good friend and dental student. He was in that stage of his life where he contemplated what he felt called to do in his career. Confirmation came in the wake of this nation’s tragedy of 9/11. He was a graduate student at the time and had an instructor who was a forensic odontologist with the heavy responsibility of identifying human remains through dental records alone. Marvin’s path became clear, he would return to Howard for his doctorate degree in dental surgery and his residency in orthodontics. Another influence on

Marvin’s career would come from an unlikely source. While reading a medical journal, Marvin saw the statistics behind what he already knew in his heart. Minorities are far more likely to receive inferior dental services no matter their economic status.

Marvin would move to Atlanta, Georgia for a short stint and eventually return to work in Baltimore as an associate in the private practice of Dr. Gwendolyn Dunn. She would soon retire and Marvin would purchase her practice and expand to open a second location in his hometown of Washington, D.C. Today, Marvin is the owner of Premiere Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry. Through his practices, Marvin remains determined to offer excellent care to his patients, with a focus on helping underserved communities. His work is about much more than creating beautiful smiles. Ultimately, his calling is to increase the confidence and overall health of all his patients.

# NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
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# ANIKA HOBBS

With dreams of becoming an architect, Anika Hobbs earned a degree in environmental design (interiors) from Syracuse University. After graduation, with bills that needed to be paid, Anika accepted a job at H&M. Although H&M is now a retail giant, when she was first hired, there were only five stores in the United States. As the company grew, so did her position. Over the next 11 years, Anika would elevate from a sales associate to traveling throughout the United States, Canada, and China opening new stores. Every two weeks she was in a new place. She was able to see how the company grew, learning so much in the process. Throughout her travels she would meet so many artists of color but felt a disconnection when it came to seeing their products in most brick and mortar stores.

Anika dreamed of building a very different kind of business. She imagined a store that emphasized Black art and culture over trends, a business that prioritized individual artists of color above mass-market footprints.

Bringing her dream to fruition, in 2013, Anika opened Nubian Huelman, located in the Anacostia Arts Center of Washington, DC. Her store partners with nearly 400 artists from over 25 countries to offer an array of apparel, beauty, and home goods. Her passion for building community also inspired Anika to found the Black Love Experience, an annual event, held in D.C., designed to embrace Blackness and promote togetherness within the Black community by celebrating Black excellence in music, art, and business. Her success and impact showed her it was time to expand. In August of 2019, Anika opened a second location in the Mt. Vernon district of Baltimore. Her success would earn her a small business award from President Barack Obama presented by D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Anika does not design buildings out of brick, like she once dreamed about during college. Instead, she builds businesses. She builds platforms to showcase artists of color. She is building a thriving community where Black excellence is celebrated, one individual artist, one spellbinding event, and one customer at a time.

# DECEMBER



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27	28	29	30	31	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins
				New Year's Eve		





King Memorial Park, the most often selected cemetery by families in the Baltimore Metropolitan area, is known for its well-kept, landscaped burial gardens and exceptional value pricing.

That same value pricing is offered to the families that choose King Memorial Park to memorialize the cremated remains of their loved ones and are given the peace of mind that those who decide cremation are never forgotten.

Aside from traditional ground burial and mausoleum entombment, those families whose members choose to be cremated are honored with the same care and respect with a variety of options that best suit their wishes.

Your loved ones' ashes can be placed and preserved in memory forever within the walls of the Grand Heritage Mausoleum, with its granite exterior and bronze memorial plaque bearing their name and their dates of birth and death.

Inside the Grand Heritage Mausoleum, many families have chosen to honor their beloved in glass front, bronze niches where single or companion cubicles can hold photos and memorabilia to add context to the life to be remembered.

The "Shepherd in the Storm" columbarium with its elegant sculpture of Jesus as shepherd protecting his lamb, provides a serene setting for housing and memorializing cremated loved ones.

Our "community niche" is offered as a low-cost solution for families that have limited resources and would prefer the simplest maintenance. The ashes of multiple individuals are placed within the mausoleum wall and their names are listed in bronze on "The Wall of Remembrance" to ensure that they too will never be forgotten.

And lastly, we offer our families the opportunity to scatter their loved ones' ashes and memorialize them in our "natural waterfall". Many families are unaware it is unlawful to scatter human remains on private or public property. And this presents a tremendous obstacle for families that desire the long-standing tradition of scattering ashes in water.

So we are pleased to offer what no other cemetery in the united states has to offer-- at King Memorial Park, you can scatter your loved ones' ashes in the pools of the waterfall directly on cemetery property.

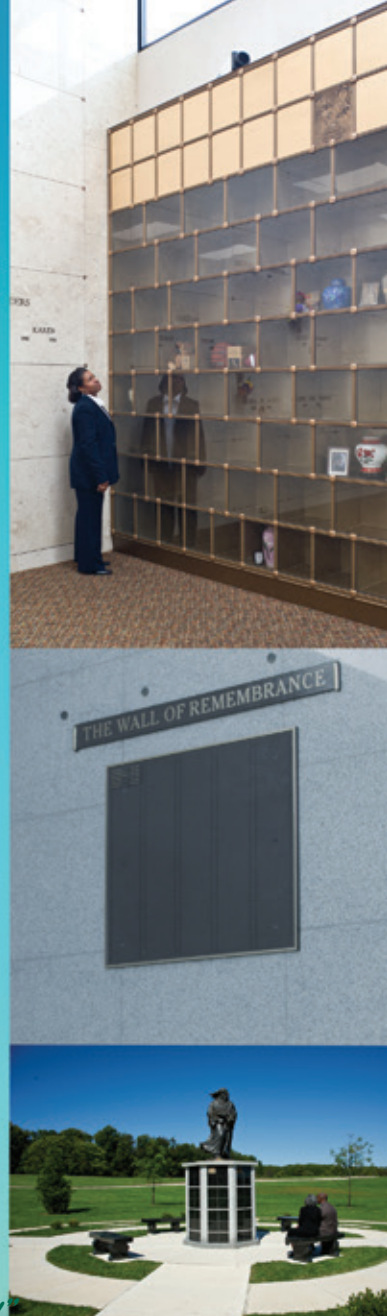
You and your family can share in this ceremony of individually scattering your loved one's ashes one by one. The groundwater will serve as a natural resting place, eventually circulating throughout the grounds and back into the earth. Memorializing by scattering ashes can be a unique and thoughtful way to reflect on the life of your loved one.

Memorial flowers are distributed for scattering petals into the water as a beautiful way to personalize the ceremony. We can customize according to your wishes.

At the close of the ceremony, we honor your loved one whose name is added to our granite memorial book in remembrance. You can gather and remember here for years to come.

Memorializing those who choose to be cremated are an important part of King Memorial Park's commitment and solemn and sacred tradition.

*"King Memorial Park, where memories are preserved"*



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