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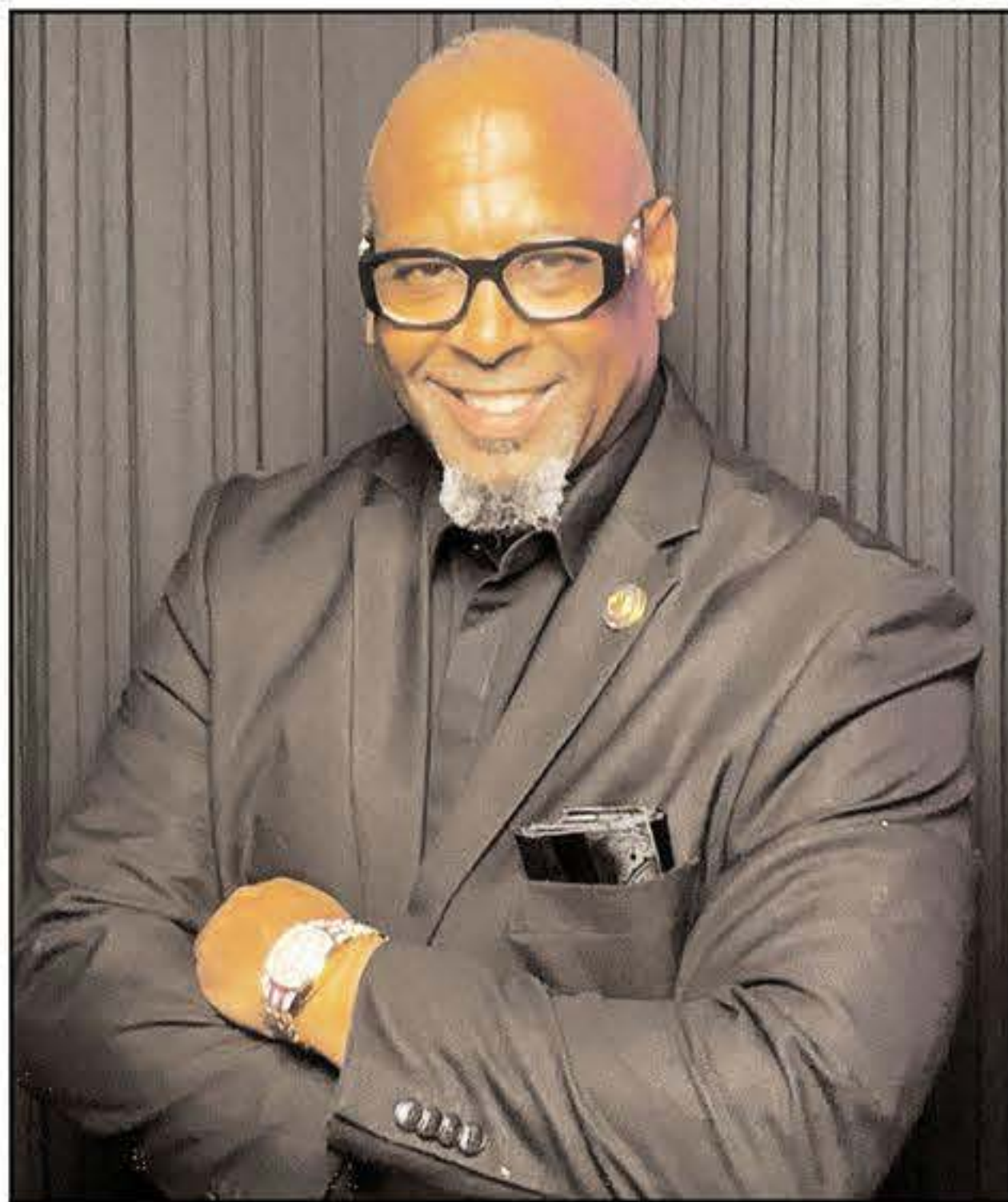


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A Word from the Editor

Celebrating 31 years of providing quality news to our readers

Dear Readers of the nation's premier faith-based and professional newspaper for winners, Anointed News Journal (ANJ). I am taking this time personally to thank each and every individual that has read the Anointed News Journal. I hope you have been inspired by the many positive people interest stories, and stories that have uplifted and empowered our communities.

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About Anointed News Journal

In May 1994 the CEO/Editor-in-Chief, Chris Collins received a vision from the Creator to write a business plan to seek funding for a grass-roots newspaper. For eight months and through Divine intervention, the business plan was rewritten for the ministry of the Anointed News Journal. The Holy Scripture given divinely to Collins was Habakkuk 2:2 (Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry). As a result and with prayer and seeking God's direction, the name "Anointed" was given.

Knowing that English was not his favorite subject while attending school, and that his career goal had nothing to do with journalism, Collins completely trusted in the Creator while developing this business.

The name "Anointed" comes from the hands that God has anointed to master this work and profession. Collins left a career in law enforcement to pursue the vision he received from the Creator.

Using his hands cutting and pasting stories and artwork is how it all began. Typing, proofreading, and making sure things were camera-ready before the layout was the process before technology was included.

Today, 31 years later, ANJ is recognized as a leader in the newspaper industry. ANJ was awarded Best100 Small Businesses consecutively since 2017. In 2021 Chris Collins was recognized by CIO Magazine as a Top 50 Innovators of the Year.

Although it may seem as if newspapers are becoming obsolete, ANJ continues to thrive. As the daily press struggles due to increase rates that have simply priced them out of the market. Weekly newspapers continue to make their mark serving the community and its advertisers. Although many have embraced the digital divide, people still want their physical newspapers. Because of the types of "Peoples Interest Stories" found in ANJ, most readers save their copies for years. Although mainstream media focus on negative press, ANJ has built its legacy on positive stories. "We have written a lot of stories in the past 30 years, and in 30 years we still have not run out of great stories to write about the great people of Camden and surrounding areas," said Collins. "As we look at the rise of Camden, NJ and the great positive image it has today, I believe we helped to increase that image by sharing the positive stories Camden has to offer, and we've been doing that for 30 years now," said Collins.

My Ask!

This is what I am asking from you today. I am asking every reader of ANJ, those of you who believe in positive press and grass-roots press to make a financial contribution to support our mission. Many have been reading ANJ for 30 years and have never made a contribution but would like to. Now is the perfect time as we have entered into our 31st season. For those who are unable to financially contribute, we are thankful for your continued prayers.

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Yours truly,
Chris Collins, CEO/Editor-in-Chief



Breaking Barriers and Building Futures, Dr. Arthur's Bold Stand for At-Risk Youth

Trenton, NJ - Dr. Valerie Arthur, a trailblazing leader from Trenton, New Jersey, has worn many hats—corrections officer, administrator, pastor, international missionary, and social activist. As the first African American administrator at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, her path through the justice system became not only a career but a powerful training ground for ministry. Today, she leads Calvary Pentecostal Church and serves as Chairwoman of the Smith Family Foundation, where her mission focuses on education, empowerment, and preventative outreach to underserved youth.

In an exclusive interview with the nation's premier faith-based and professional newspaper for winners, Anointed News Journal, Dr. Arthur expounds upon all of the work she is doing, such as, the local and international work that uplifts communities, and laying a biblical foundation for young people to build a better future.

Collins:
Who is Dr. Valerie Arthur?

Dr. Arthur:
Oh, wow. Valerie Arthur is... I always like to start by saying I'm the first of eight children, born to Seamon and Pearlie Smith of Trenton, New Jersey. Both of my parents gave me a strong spiritual foundation centered on helping my neighbors and friends. I'm a mother of two, a grandmother of five, and a former Department of Corrections administrator. At the end of my career, I became the first African American in the 100-year history of the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility to hold the position of administrator. I'm also the senior pastor of Calvary Pentecostal Church, and I serve as an apostle. That's me in a nutshell.

Collins:
Okay, Dr. Valerie, let me ask you a question. What was your motivation to pursue a career in corrections?

Dr. Arthur:
My motivation came when I was coming out of college and trying to figure out what I wanted to do with my life. I always wanted to go to law school, but life happened, and I didn't make it there. I still wanted to stay in the legal field, so I took tests to become either a probation officer or a correctional officer. The correctional officer position came first, so I took it. I had no real desire to go into corrections, but once I got into the field, I realized this was exactly where I was supposed to be. It turned out to be great training ground for ministry as well. That's what led me into corrections.

Collins:
And as a result, you worked your way up through the ranks and became an administrator?

Dr. Arthur:
Yes, I did. I went from being a correctional officer all the way through the custody ranks to lieutenant. Then I transitioned to the civilian side, moving from assistant superintendent to associate administrator, and finally becoming an administrator. Each position prepared me for where I am today. It allowed me to use my leadership skills on various levels. Corrections became a passion for me, and I had the opportunity to impact young men and women I wouldn't have otherwise encountered.

Collins:
Let me ask you about your mother, former pastor Pearlie Smith. How important was her influence on you as you pursued your career?

Dr. Arthur:
Very important. My mother was incredibly supportive. She was a schoolteacher in Trenton for almost 40 years, and she worked in the Trenton public school system. She encouraged me to move up the ladder in my career. I could have stayed at the entry level, but she pushed me to aim higher. She helped watch my children while I studied and worked late shifts. She was there for me and prayed for me throughout my entire career in corrections.

Collins:
You've served on both sides of the institution—as an officer and an administrator—but you're also a member of the local clergy. You're deeply involved in the community and fight for social justice. What motivates you to be the activist that you are?

Dr. Arthur:
Great question. In the criminal justice field, we often hear about at-risk youth, the underserved, and returning citizens post-incarceration. But what drives me is the need for pre-incarceration work. I want to help young people avoid the prison system entirely. I've spent my adult life in prisons and have seen generations cycle through—father, son, grandson; mother, daughter, grandmother. My goal is to implement preventative measures. Many brilliant individuals don't realize their potential until they're behind bars. I want to reach them before that point. I offer a different perspective because I've worked inside the system. I combine that with a foundation in the Word of God, aiming to raise men and women of integrity grounded in biblical principles. Education is vital. That's why I'm so passionate about this work.

Collins:
You're also the Chairwoman of the Board for the Smith Family Foundation in Trenton. Tell us a bit about the foundation and its mission.

Dr. Arthur:
The Smith Family Foundation is a philanthropic organization. We provide scholarships to first-generation college students and support them throughout their academic careers. We also offer community empowerment classes and help nonprofit organizations with sustainability and capacity-building. Through leadership development programs and partnerships with the City of Trenton, we help small nonprofits become eligible for further grants. We also house nonprofits in our incubation center, offering them office space, training, and access to funding opportunities. Our goal is to undergird them as they build a foundation in the community.

Collins:
You've also done international work in Haiti, Pakistan, and South Africa. Tell us about that.

Dr. Arthur:
Yes, that's part of our urban ministry through my church and Dr. Valerie Arthur Ministries. We built a school in Haiti and established a small business to support it so children can attend for free. In Haiti, education isn't free—it's a business. We wanted to give children the chance to change the trajectory of their lives. In Pakistan, we helped a pastor purchase a building to educate children working in brick mines. They now have a place to be fed and learn basic skills like reading and writing. In South Africa, we support Christ Centered in the City International Ministries. We're building up children spiritually and educationally there as well.

Collins:
Tell me more about the Truth Summit that you host every August.

Dr. Arthur:
We've held the Truth Summit in Trenton for the past three years—this year will be the fourth. It's centered on tough topics. The title of the will probably be Sex, Money, and Miracles. We cover issues the church often avoids, like gender identity, abstinence, financial literacy, career paths, and building generational wealth. We encourage young people to dream again. Last year, we expanded the summit to include adults because many older generations struggle to communicate with youth. We offer age-appropriate content for ages 5 through 18 and provide sessions for adults on topics like mental health and entrepreneurship. This year, we're adding workshops on AI, finance, and social services—again, all built on a biblical foundation.

Collins:
And how can people attend or contribute to the Truth Summit?

Dr. Arthur:
This year, all young people ages 5 to 18 can attend for free by registering at christcentered.itc@gmail.com. We're asking adults to sponsor a child. The individual adult ticket is \$100. We're also seeking sponsors and donors, with our top donation tier being \$10,000. I'll send over the donation form. We're hoping to bring our Christian music group from South Africa for the summit. This year, it will be a full two-day event, including breakfast and lunch for the children.

Collins:
What's next for Dr. Valerie Arthur?

Dr. Arthur:
Next is the Truth Academy. It's a year-round academic program inspired by the Truth Summit. We plan to offer after-school programs and summer camps focused on reading, math, and science. I've worked in corrections my entire adult life and witnessed firsthand how reading levels correlate with incarceration rates. We want to reach kids by third grade to ensure they can read. That's the grade level used to determine future prison construction.

Collins:
Yes, and we know that prisons are built based on third-grade reading levels and dropout rates.

Dr. Arthur:
Exactly.

Collins:
Let me ask you a personal question. How much influence did your grandson have on the development of the Truth Academy?

Dr. Arthur:
He had a huge influence. My grandson has ADHD and dyslexia. I wasn't familiar with either condition until he was diagnosed. We were blessed to have the resources to move him from public school, where he wasn't getting the help he needed, into a private school that could support him. He thrived in a smaller class size with individualized attention. But he was just one of 20. What about the other 19? Public schools often lack the resources and time to address these challenges. That's what the Truth Academy aims to change. We want to discover the genius in each child and bring it out.

Collins:
The Anointed News Journal has over 180,000 readers weekly. In conclusion, what would you like to say to our readers?

Dr. Arthur:
Earlier you asked what motivated me to stay in corrections and become a minister and activist. My biggest motivator is God. He spoke to me with what felt like a rebuke—not just to me, but to the Church as a whole. We've left our children uncovered. God laid it on my heart to be concerned for them. My way of covering them is through education and ministry, especially for those with learning challenges. God is concerned, and because of that, I am too. I want to introduce our children to Christ so they can build a foundation and become who God created them to be.

Cover your children—through prayer, ministry, education, whatever God lays on your heart. Just do it.

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Collins:

Do you have a phone number or contact information you'd like to share?

Dr. Arthur:

Yes, please call me at (609) 989-1289. That's the number to the church—just ask for Dr. Arthur. The church address is 471 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, 08618. The church is Calvary Pentecostal Church.

Collins:

And just for the record, the Truth Summit will be held on August 22nd and 23rd? And they people can contact you for that at christcentered.etc@gmail.com.

Dr. Arthur:

Yes, August 22nd and 23rd. Bring your whole crew! We have programming for every age group. Younger kids enjoy side-walk Sunday school and our God and science project. They love it!

Collins:

Dr. Valerie Arthur's life is a testament to purpose, perseverance, and divine calling. From breaking barriers in the corrections system to launching international ministries and youth programs, she continues to make a generational impact. Through her leadership at Calvary Pentecostal Church, the Smith Family Foundation, and the Truth Summit, Dr. Arthur is equipping communities with the tools, faith, and vision to rise. Her story reminds us that real transformation begins when we choose to serve, uplift, and educate—starting with the children.

About Dr. Valerie Arthur

Dr. Valerie Arthur is a distinguished leader, academic, and philanthropist whose work transcends borders and boundaries, with a focus on community empowerment, education, and social justice. Dr. Arthur, who holds both a Master of Divinity (MDiv) and a Doctorate (PhD) in Prison Policy and Transformative Justice, both from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, has spent her life cultivating a career that blends spiritual leadership with hands-on community transformation. Her academic credentials reflect her dedication to understanding and addressing the complex needs of society, while her extensive practical experience as a senior pastor, educator, and humanitarian reflects her deep passion for service.

Foundational Influences and Ministry:

Dr. Arthur is proud to work alongside her mother, former pastor Pearline Smith, the founder of Calvary Pentecostal Church, where she now serves as its senior pastor. Under the guidance of her mother, Dr. Arthur was raised in an environment that cultivated her passion for social justice, volunteerism, and activism. Her parents instilled in her the values of service and commitment to the community, forming the bedrock of her ongoing work. This upbringing, steeped in activism, has been central to her approach in both her personal and professional life. Dr. Arthur's ministry is a blend of faith and action, offering both spiritual guidance and practical solutions to the pressing needs of her congregation and the wider community.

The Smith Family Foundation in Trenton, New Jersey:

Dr. Arthur is also deeply involved with the Smith Family Foundation, where she serves as the Chair of the Board. The Foundation has been a beacon of hope and transformation, particularly in underserved communities. In Trenton, New Jersey, the Foundation has worked on a variety of initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life, from educational programs to economic development efforts. One of the Foundation's key initiatives is the Community Empowerment Program, which focuses on youth development, mentorship, and leadership training. The Smith Family Foundation has also supported the Trenton Workforce Development Program, helping local residents gain skills and access better job opportunities, contributing to long-term sustainability in the community.

Research articles published by the Foundation highlight its work in youth education, community outreach, and job placement, showcasing the tangible impact of their work in Trenton. The Foundation has worked to bridge gaps in resources for marginalized communities, providing everything from scholarships for local students to advocating for policy changes that support affordable housing and healthcare.

International Work: Katherine Nunnally S.T.E.A.M. Academy (KNA) in Haiti:

Dr. Arthur's international philanthropy is equally impressive, particularly in Haiti, where she has established and supports the KNA School, a key educational initiative aimed at fostering hope and long-term prosperity for Haitian youth. It currently serves a 200-plus student population from PreK – 9th grade. KNA provides quality education, mentorship, and skill-building programs to children and young adults in Haiti, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty and create opportunities for themselves and their communities. Dr. Arthur's leadership in Haiti underscores her commitment to sustainable change and the importance of equipping the next generation with the tools they need to succeed.

Additionally, Dr. Arthur has collaborated on projects in Pakistan and South Africa, focusing on similar educational and empowerment initiatives that promote gender equality, social justice, and community development. These efforts have positioned Dr. Arthur as a leading voice in international philanthropy, bringing much-needed resources and advocacy to underserved populations globally.

The Truth Summit

The Truth Summit, held every August, is more than an annual youth event—it is a launchpad for sustainable change. Rooted in biblical truth and Christ-centered leadership, the Summit is designed to empower young people with actionable tools for personal and community growth, inspiring them to lead lives of impact, integrity, and responsibility.

The Summit confronts the urgent realities shaping urban and underserved communities—identity confusion, cultural pressure, economic disparity, and cycles of violence—by offering a bold, faith-based response. It addresses the whole person: spiritually, socially, economically, and intellectually. Through workshops, mentoring, and open dialogue, youth are equipped to navigate life with clarity and purpose while being challenged to lead in their families, schools, and neighborhoods.

But The Truth Summit doesn't end when the sessions are done. It is part of a broader movement led by educators, ministers, and community builders like Dr. Valerie Arthur—whose ongoing work includes academic initiatives, mentorship programs, and socio-economic development both locally (e.g., Trenton, NJ) and internationally (e.g., Haiti). These efforts ensure that the ideas sparked at the Summit are carried forward through sustained action, creating ripple effects that strengthen communities from the inside out.

The Truth Summit exists to cultivate a generation of leaders whose lives are rooted in truth and whose impact is built to last. This is what sustainable transformation looks like—one life, one family, one community at a time.

Dr. Arthur's Grandson's Influence & The Truth Academy:

Dr. Valerie Arthur's passion for education and leadership development is deeply personal. Her journey began as a mother advocating for her son, who was diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD. She witnessed how traditional school environments often misunderstood and marginalized children with learning differences—labeling them instead of equipping them. Rather than letting this experience end in frustration, it became the seed for transformation. Dr. Arthur recognized the untapped potential in children like her son and resolved to change the narrative.

Now, as a grandmother, that resolve has only deepened. Her grandson's own challenges and experiences have further impressed upon her the urgent need for learning spaces that are nurturing, inclusive, and affirming. These personal experiences have led to the founding vision of the Truth Academy, a bold initiative designed to respond to the educational and moral gaps facing today's youth.

The Truth Academy will build on the foundation laid by the Truth Summit, expanding its reach by offering specialized training and mentorship programs for youth and young adults. Its focus is clear: to develop ethical, informed, and spiritually grounded leaders who are equipped to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the broader world.

In a time when access to opportunities is uneven and societal pressures are growing, Dr. Arthur envisions the Truth Academy as a place where young people can gain a solid educational foundation, discover their God-given identity, and receive the mentorship needed to pursue careers with integrity. It is a space designed to cultivate confidence, leadership, and resilience—turning today's challenges into tomorrow's victories.

Career with New Jersey Corrections:

Before focusing on full-time ministry and philanthropy, Dr. Arthur made history as the first African American Administrator of the Edna Mahon Correctional Facility for Women in New Jersey. Her leadership in the corrections system was marked by significant reforms aimed at rehabilitating women prisoners through educational programs and vocational training, paving the way for a second chance at life for many incarcerated women. This work further solidified her commitment to justice, equality, and providing opportunities for those who are often overlooked by society.

Conclusion:

Dr. Valerie Arthur's multifaceted career demonstrates her unwavering commitment to community empowerment, education, social justice, and global change. Whether through her leadership at the Smith Family Foundation, her international work in Haiti, Pakistan, and South Africa, or her role as a pastor and mentor, Dr. Arthur has dedicated her life to uplifting others. Her latest initiative, the Truth Academy, is a natural extension of her life's work, and she looks forward to continuing to develop leaders who will make a profound impact on society for years to come.

By Chris Collins

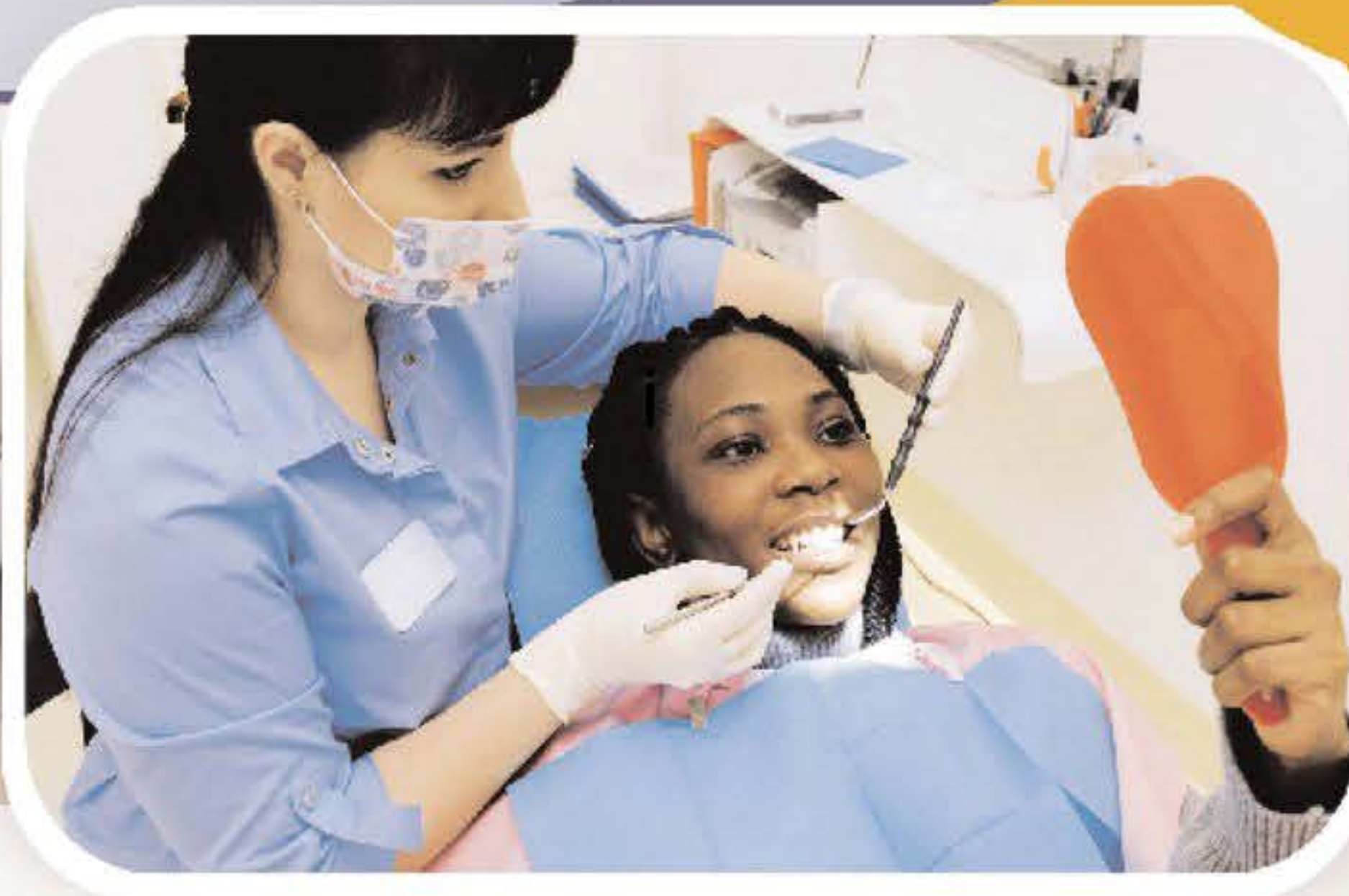
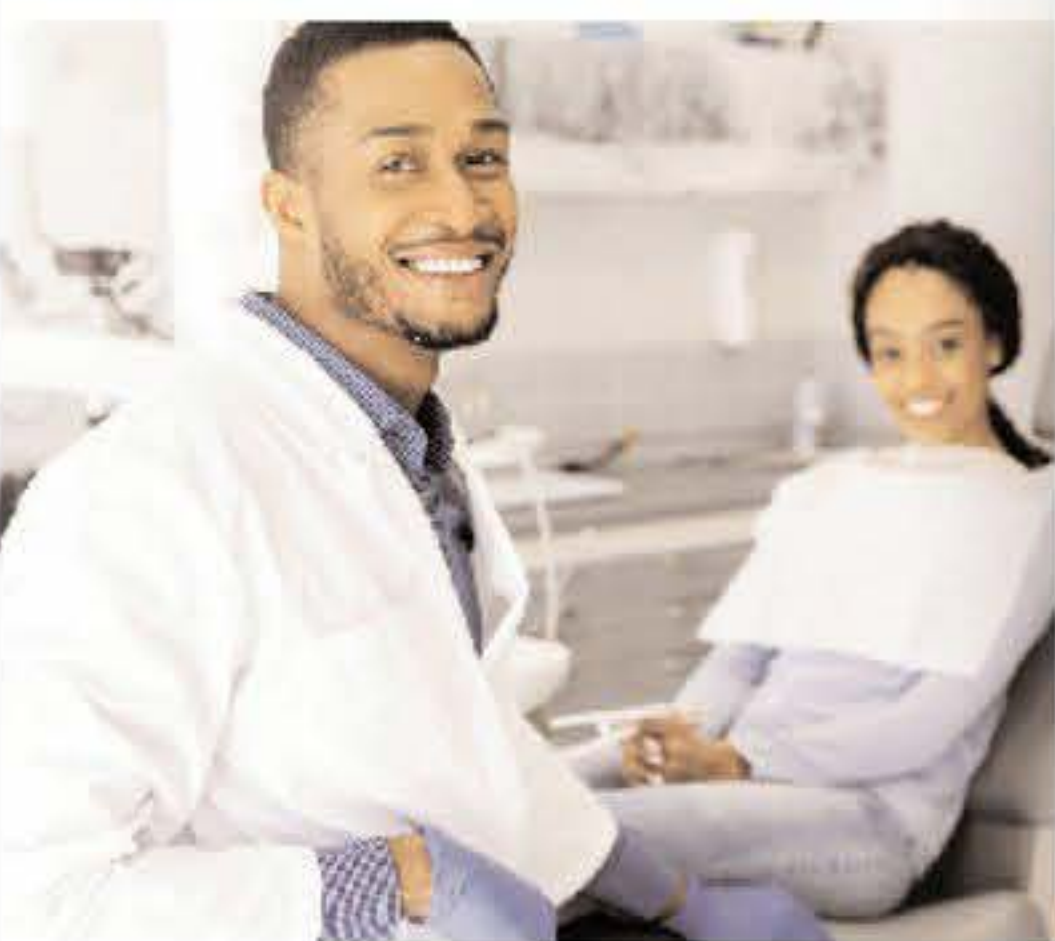


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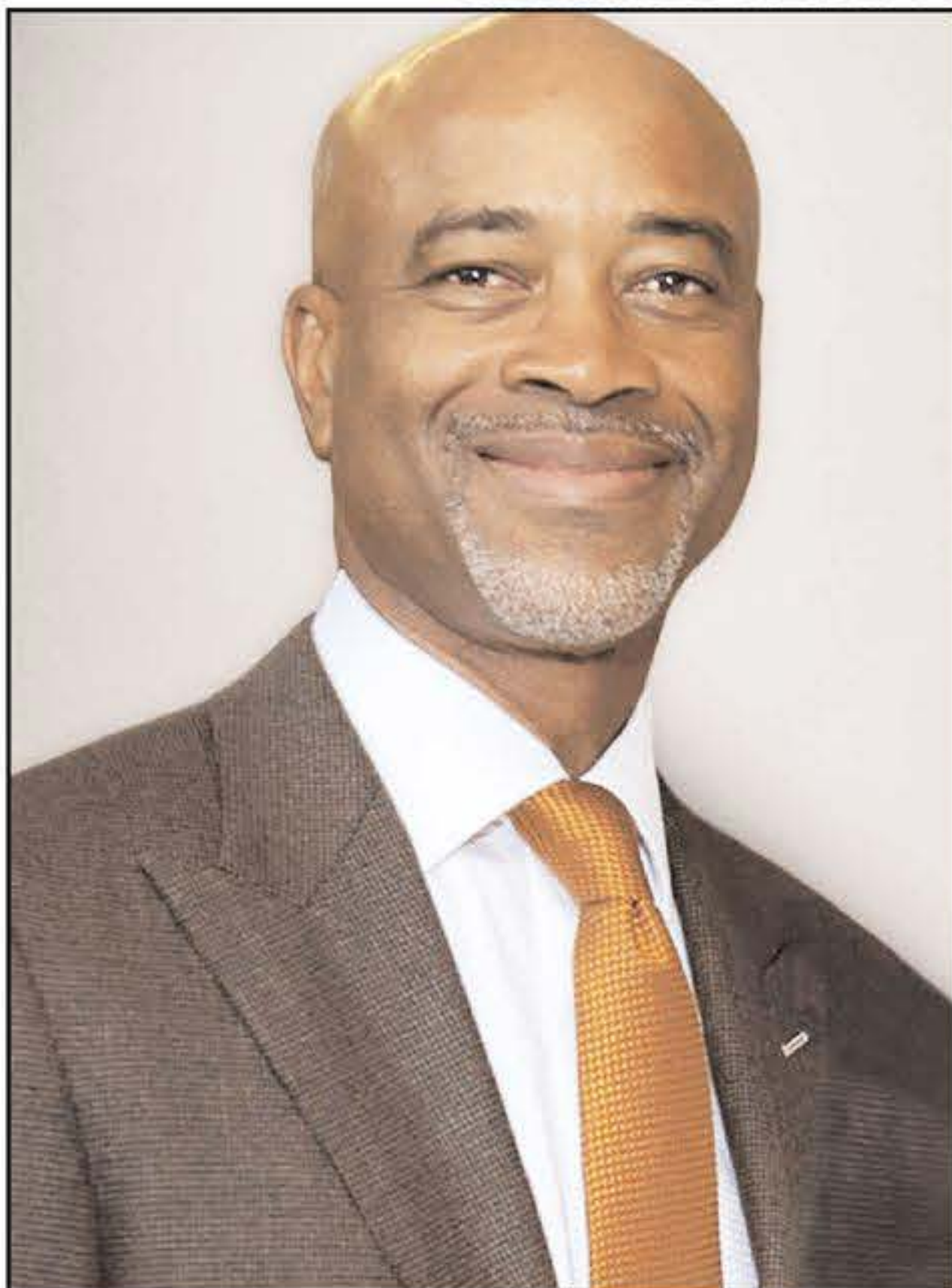
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Dennis Pullin Publishes Book Exploring the Essence of Leadership

New Book from Virtua Health President & CEO Raises Funds for Food Access Programs

MARLTON, N.J., April 9, 2025 - Dennis W. Pullin, President and CEO of Virtua Health and a nationally recognized healthcare leader, has written a new book for emerging and established leaders across industries. Titled “Suited for Leadership: How to Show Up with Purpose to Have Lasting Impact” and published by Brave Healer Publishing, the book contains invaluable guidance based on Pullin’s extensive experience.

“Suited for Leadership” is available in hardcover, paperback, and digital format; all proceeds from book sales will directly support Virtua Health’s umbrella of food access programs, including the Eat Well Mobile Grocery Store and Eat Well Mobile Farmers Market. In the 24 hours following its April 8 release, “Suited for Leadership” topped Amazon’s Hot New Releases lists for the Leadership Training and Workplace Culture categories.

In the 24-chapter book, Pullin examines how true leadership, much like a well-fitted suit, is about embodying essential traits, customizing your personal style, noticing the details, and projecting confidence and trust. Each chapter is a call to action backed by curated stories from Pullin’s accomplished career. Highlights include, “Be Fearlessly Authentic,” “Surround Yourself with Impactful People,” and “Build Your Emotional Intelligence.”

Pullin also explores how impactful leaders can emerge from a variety of backgrounds and circumstances. His personal journey, from his Texas roots to the helm of southern New Jersey’s largest health system, provides a compelling backdrop to his insights and helps illuminate his passionate advocacy for health equity.

Adam Schechter, chairman and CEO of Labcorp, wrote the foreword, stating: “In this book, Dennis draws you in with his humanity and insights.” “Suited for Leadership” is dedicated to Pullin’s late parents.

Early Praise for “Suited for Leadership”

“Suited for Leadership is a book that leaders at all organizational levels should read. It provides a lens into why purpose, responsibility, and impact are the drivers for world-class leadership but does so in a personal way through Dennis’s experiences. It does not prescribe the steps for you. Rather, it makes you reflect on your own leadership journey.” – Ken Samet, President and CEO, MedStar Health

“Leadership isn’t about titles; it’s about authenticity, resilience, and the courage to lift others as you climb. Dennis Pullin offers invaluable insights for leaders at every stage, helping them navigate doubt and lead with purpose. An inspiring read for any leader looking to make a difference.” – Geoff Martha, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Medtronic

“Suited for leadership is a phrase often thrown around, but here it’s dissected with candid precision of a life lived with balance, offering readers a nuanced understanding of what it takes to be impactful and make a difference. Whether you’re a seasoned leader or an emerging one, this book provides a rich tapestry of lessons learned and experienced. Dennis Pullin has penned a must-read for anyone looking to enhance their influence and understand the delicate interplay of nature versus nurture in leadership. It’s a testament to the power of informed and inclusive leadership.” – Stacy Robinson, SLRobinson Consulting, L.L.C.

About Dennis Pullin:

Dennis W. Pullin is president and CEO of Virtua Health, an academic health system in New Jersey offering a full continuum of preventative, primary, ambulatory, acute and tertiary care across more than 400 locations.

A recognized thought leader and advocate for health equity, Mr. Pullin was named one of the Top 10 Healthcare Leaders in the U.S. by Healthcare Digital in 2024. The year before, Modern Healthcare selected him as one of the 25 Top Innovators in Healthcare and one of the 100 Most Influential People in the industry nationwide. Prior to that, Modern Healthcare recognized him as one of the nation’s Top 25 Diversity Leaders in Healthcare on three occasions.

Mr. Pullin came to Virtua in 2017 from the Washington, D.C./Baltimore, MD area where he had been president of MedStar Harbor Hospital and senior vice president of MedStar Health. Prior to leading MedStar Harbor, he was senior vice president and chief operating officer at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Pullin’s extensive background includes many executive leadership positions in hospitals, academic medical centers, physician group practices, and private industry. He was vice president of Operations and Business Development at St. Luke’s Episcopal Health System in Houston and vice president of Acquisitions and Development at Symbion Healthcare, Inc.

About Virtua Health:

Marlton, N.J.-based Virtua Health is an academic health system committed to helping the people of South Jersey be well, get well, and stay well by providing the complete spectrum of advanced, accessible, and trusted healthcare services. Virtua’s 15,000 colleagues provide tertiary care, including renowned cardiology and transplant programs, complemented by a community-based care portfolio. In addition to five hospitals, two satellite emergency departments, 42 ambulatory surgery centers, and more than 400 other locations, Virtua brings health services directly into communities through Hospital at Home, physical therapy and rehabilitation, mobile screenings, and its paramedic program.

Virtua has 3,000 affiliated doctors and other clinicians, and its specialties include cardiovascular and gastrointestinal health, orthopedics, advanced surgery, and maternity. Virtua is academically affiliated with Rowan University, leading research, innovation, and immersive education at the Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences of Rowan University. Virtua is also affiliated with Penn Medicine for cancer care and neurosciences, and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia for pediatrics.

As a not-for-profit health system, Virtua is committed to the well-being of the community and provides innovative outreach programs that address social challenges affecting health, most notably the “Eat Well” food access initiative, which includes the unparalleled Eat Well Mobile Grocery Store. Discover more at virtua.org.



Six Virtua-Affiliated ASCs Earn Spot on 2025 U.S. News & World Report List

Second-Annual Ratings Recognize High-Performing Care Locations

Marlton, NJ - U.S. News & World Report recently released its second annual list of “Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) 2025.” These outpatient health care facilities specialize in providing same-day streamlined surgical and diagnostic procedures, focusing on efficiency and patient comfort while reducing costs to patients. Virtua Health proudly congratulates the staff of six Virtua joint-venture ASCs rated as high-performing.

U.S. News & World Report evaluated nearly 5,000 ASCs for treatment in four specialty areas: Colonoscopy and Endoscopy, Orthopedics and Spine, Ophthalmology, and Urology. The national news outlet used three years of Medicare data to evaluate the surgical centers, applying criteria that included how successfully they avoided complications, ER visits, unplanned hospitalizations, and other undesirable outcomes.

“ASCs play an integral role in our health care system,” explained Barry Graf, senior vice president of partnerships and business development at Virtua Health. “Receiving high-performing ratings on the U.S. News & World Report list is well-deserved recognition of our extremely talented ASC health care teams who are committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for all of our patients.”

The six Virtua-affiliated ASCs listed below received a high-performing ranking:

- Limestone Medical Center in Wilmington, DE (Colonoscopy & Endoscopy, and Ophthalmology)
- Morris County Surgical Center in Parsippany, NJ (Colonoscopy & Endoscopy)
- Surgical Center of South Jersey in Mount Laurel, NJ (Colonoscopy & Endoscopy)
- Vantage Surgery Center in Moorestown, NJ (Orthopedics & Spine)
- Advanced Surgical Center in Sewell, NJ (Orthopedics & Spine)
- Ramapo Valley Surgical Center in Ramsey, NJ (Ophthalmology)

Last fall, 18 of Virtua’s joint-venture ASCs were also listed among Newsweek’s list of the best ASCs in the nation for 2025. Overall, Virtua is affiliated with 42 ambulatory surgery centers.





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SHREWSBURY TOWNSHIP MAYOR LESTER J. JENNINGS (LEFT) AND NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, BEN MORRIS AT THE FINANCIAL CLOSING OF THE COMPANY'S ACQUISITION OF SHREWSBURY TOWNSHIP'S ALFRED VAIL MUTUAL ASSOCIATION WATER SYSTEM.

New Jersey American Water Completes Acquisition of Shrewsbury Twp Alfred Vail Mutual Association Water System

Second Acquisition Completed via the Water Infrastructure Protection Act Adds 265 New Customers and Will Provide Critical Infrastructure Improvements for Residents

CAMDEN, N.J. – APRIL 8, 2025 – New Jersey American Water announced today it has completed its acquisition of the water system of Shrewsbury Township's Alfred Vail Mutual Association community. The purchase of this system, which serves 265 customer connections, follows the approval of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and is the second in the State of New Jersey to be completed through the Water Infrastructure Protection Act (WIPA).

The state's WIPA legislation was signed into law in 2015. It permits the sale of municipally owned water or wastewater systems that meet certain criteria. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection certified the township's request to pursue the sale through the WIPA path in July 2023.

"This agreement is a win for our community," said Shrewsbury Township Mayor Lester Jennings. "By selling the Alfred Vail Mutual Association water system to New Jersey American Water, we are securing much-needed infrastructure improvements, high-quality service, and affordable rates for our residents. With their expertise and investment, our residents will benefit from a modernized system and reliable service for years to come."

Under the agreement, New Jersey American Water will make several critical infrastructure investments in the community's water system while keeping rates affordable for customers. These projects include identifying and replacing all lead and galvanized steel service lines in addition to upgrading all water meters. All aging water mains within the system will also be replaced. Additionally, New Jersey American Water will take ownership of all service laterals from the main to the meter, removing this responsibility and risk from homeowners in this community.

"We are committed to delivering safe, reliable, and affordable water service to the residents of Shrewsbury Township's Alfred Vail Mutual Association, just as we do for the 2.9 million people we serve across the state," said Ben Morris, Vice President of Operations, New Jersey American Water. "Our plan includes upgrading and strengthening the community's water infrastructure to enhance quality and increase reliability—all while delivering excellent customer service."



Residents will receive additional information in the mail from New Jersey American Water within the next week to facilitate a smooth transition. Shrewsbury Township's Alfred Vail Mutual Association residents will be able to take advantage of the company's customer service benefits, including its online account management portal, MyWater, as well as its H2O Help to Others program for qualifying customers needing help paying their bills. Additional information is also available on a dedicated webpage, Shrewsbury Township Water, on the company's website at www.newjerseyamwater.com, under Customer Service and Billing.

This is New Jersey American Water's seventh acquisition in the last five years, adding more than 17,000 new water and/or wastewater customers. Additionally, it is the state of New Jersey's and New Jersey American Water's second WIPA sale following the company's acquisition of Egg Harbor City's water and wastewater system in June 2023, which added more than 1,500 water and wastewater customers.

About American Water

American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,700 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

As one of the fastest growing utilities in the U.S., American Water expects to invest \$40 to \$42 billion in infrastructure repairs and replacement, system resiliency and regulated acquisitions over the next 10 years. The company has a long-standing history of executing its core operations, aligned with sustainable best practices, through its commitments to safety, affordability, customer service, protecting the environment, an inclusive workforce and strengthening communities.

American Water has been recognized as one of Forbes 2025 Most Trusted Companies in America, in addition to being ranked first in the utilities industry category on Forbes America's Best Large Employers List for 2024; recognized on Newsweek's America's Most Responsible Companies 2025 List; ranked on Barron's 100 Most Sustainable U.S. Companies 2024 List; and named one of America's Most JUST companies by JUST Capital and CNBC for its continued commitment to employees, customers, communities and shareholders.

For more information, visit amwater.com and join American Water on LinkedIn, Facebook, X and Instagram.

About New Jersey American Water

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.9 million people. For more information, visit www.newjerseyamwater.com and follow New Jersey American Water on LinkedIn, Facebook, X, and Instagram.

Reworld™ Invites the Community to Join in Celebrating Eve Burdett

Employee Spotlight: Eve Burdett

CAMDEN, NJ - Eve Burdett, a lifelong resident of Camden, New Jersey, has dedicated her life to empowering and uplifting her community. Joining the Reworld™ team in November 2023 as a Utility Operator, Eve oversees waste truck unloading operations and operates the overhead crane with precision and care. Her role at Reworld™ complements her deep-rooted passion for community engagement, enabling her to further her impactful work within Camden.

Eve's commitment to community service stems from her personal experiences and a profound dedication to advocacy and service. "My journey through health challenges, homelessness, and addiction has profoundly shaped my dedication to supporting and empowering others," Eve explains. Her transformative journey has motivated her to assume numerous leadership roles, including Chair of the Camden Coalition's Community Advisory Committee, volunteer with Wholesome Riches distributing food to local families, and serving as an Expert Coach for the Rutgers/Rowan Certified Medical Assistant Pathways Program. Additionally, Eve actively contributes to the Camden Food Security Collective, amplifying her influence on local food sustainability initiatives. Her unwavering dedication and volunteer efforts recently earned her well-deserved recognition from the City of Camden during International Women's Month, highlighting her as an influential figure within her community.

Working at Reworld™ has significantly broadened Eve's perspective on sustainability and waste management, equipping her with deeper knowledge and practical insights she brings back to her community work. "Being at Reworld™ has taught me invaluable lessons about sustainable practices, waste reduction, and environmental stewardship, and I'm eager to share this knowledge with my community," says Eve. The supportive environment at Reworld™ allows her to seamlessly blend her professional responsibilities with her extensive community activities, enhancing her impact across both areas. "I owe a great deal of gratitude to organizations like Reworld™, which play a vital role in my personal growth and my commitment to making a meaningful difference," Eve emphasizes. Her dual roles within Reworld™ and the Camden community exemplify the company's core values of service, sustainability, and community engagement, underscoring the essential role corporate support plays in advancing community-driven initiatives and fostering sustainable development.

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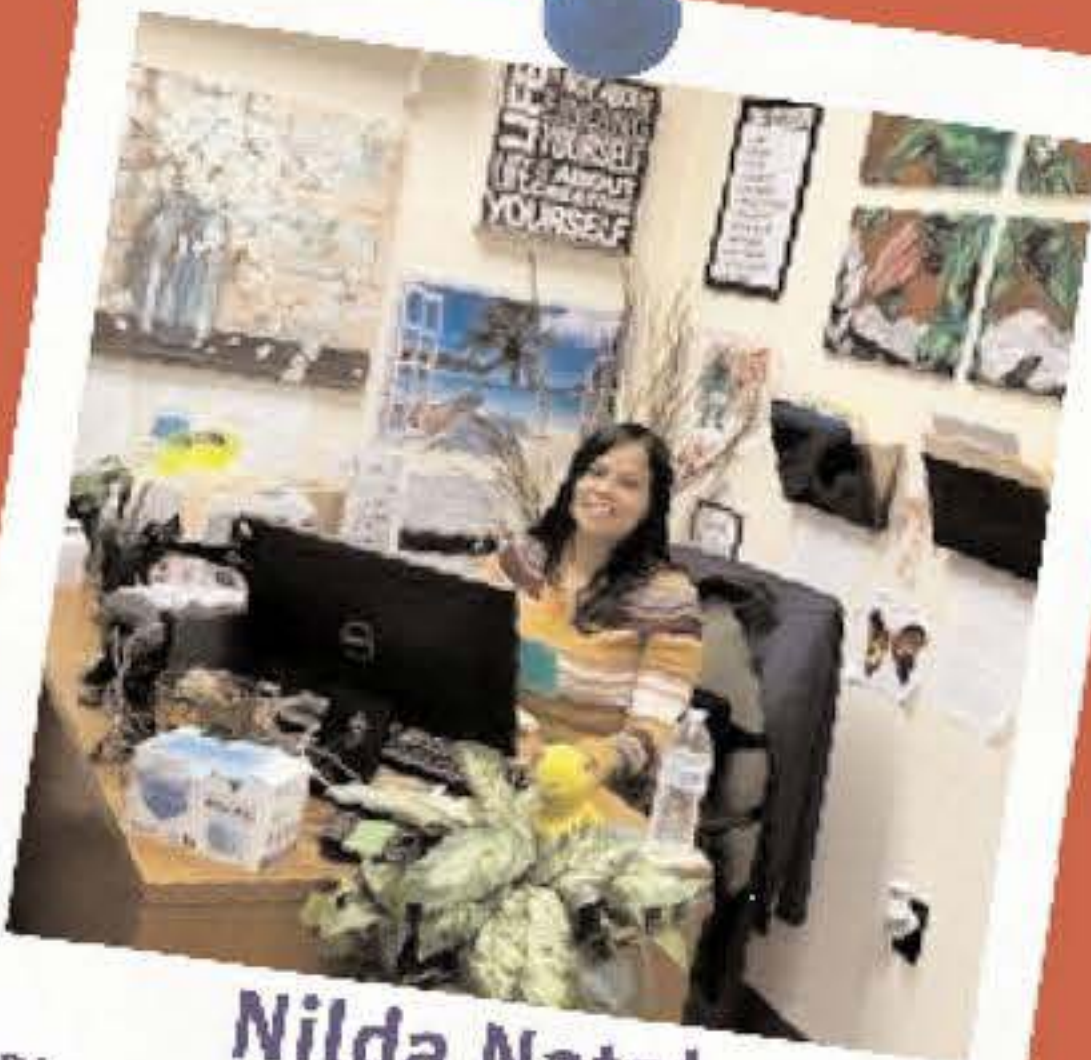
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Pastor Jermaine T. Heath Brings New Vision and Urban Ministry Focus to Antioch Baptist Church

CAMDEN, NJ - Antioch Baptist Church in Camden has welcomed a new spiritual leader, Pastor Jermaine T. Heath, who brings with him a passion for urban ministry, community engagement, and multigenerational outreach. A Philadelphia native and longtime advocate for neighborhood revitalization, Pastor Heath describes his approach as a “bifocal ministry”—one that strengthens individuals spiritually while also addressing real-life needs in the community. With deep respect for the legacy of his predecessor, Pastor John Parker, Heath is committed to building on that foundation through prayer, outreach, and partnerships that uplift the city of Camden.

In an exclusive interview with the nation’s faith-based and professional newspaper for winners, Anointed News Journal, Pastor Heath shares his heart for people, the youth, and his vision to create inclusive, impactful, and service-driven ministry.

Collins:

Who is Pastor Jermaine T. Heath?

Heath:

Okay. So, I am a father of four boys—all grown. My oldest is 31, then I have a 22-year-old, a 21-year-old, and an 18-year-old. I also have a granddaughter now, so I’m a grandfather as well. I’m a father and a husband. My wife is Sherica Heath. We just got married last year in June, so we have a nice family going.

I like to say I’m a people’s person—a community man who loves people. Even before getting saved and going to church, I was always out in the streets connecting with people. That carried over into the church and ministry, and I’m still like that today. I love helping and talking to people, learning who they are, where they come from, and how I can help them. I’m all about that. So, I’m a father, a husband, and a community man who happens to be a pastor.

Collins:

You are the new pastor at Antioch Baptist Church here in the city of Camden. Antioch has a rich tradition, especially under the leadership of the legendary Pastor John Parker. Tell us, what is your outlook for Antioch now that you are its new pastor?

Heath:

My vision for ministry—or my philosophy for ministry—that I would like to see carried over at Antioch is what I call a “bifocal ministry.” It’s a ministry that not only builds people up spiritually but also addresses how we build people up on the outside.

I believe in what Jesus said in Luke chapter 4, when He gave His inaugural speech. He said the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him—not only to preach but to heal, to release, and to set people free. That has always been a part of me. I’m always thinking about community—how do we take what we learn

in here and translate it into our city, to build people up so they can see what God looks like?

Growing up, my mother and her side of the family were always in church, but I never saw their churches doing anything in the community. I used to say, “If you’re a church in a residential neighborhood, you should be doing something in that community.” I never wanted to pastor a church that simply took up parking space without building up the neighborhood. We should always be engaged.

So, my philosophy has always been bifocal: build people up inwardly so we can take ministry outwardly. That applies collectively and personally. What is God doing in your life? Are you a single mother? A father struggling to find work? Whatever disadvantages someone may have, the church should meet that need.

We need to model what Jesus said: “When I was hungry, did you feed me? When I was naked, did you clothe me?” I don’t believe we should have a one-dimensional relationship with God. Our faith should reach upward, inward, and outward. That’s what I want to bring to Antioch Baptist Church. But in the tradition of my predecessor, it must be rooted in prayer.

I understand Pastor Parker did a wonderful job here in Camden. I spoke to him recently, and he said, “I wasn’t just the pastor of a church. I wanted to be the pastor of a city.” I said, right on. That’s what I want to bring—revive that and take it to a new level.

Collins:

You’re originally from Philadelphia. You’ve lived in South Jersey, in Sicklerville, for a while, and now you’re pastoring in Camden. Why Camden?

Heath:

Because I’ve always believed that God called me to urban ministry. I applied to some suburban churches—good churches—but they didn’t fit the type of ministry God called me to.

When I came to Camden to preach for the first time, I didn’t even know they were looking for a pastor. I just came to preach. But I felt so comfortable here, meeting people for the first time. It felt natural.

Then, when I looked at the community and saw the needs, I thought, “Wow, I wonder if they have a pastor.” Because this is an urban ministry right here. When I came back a second time to preach, that’s when they told me they were looking for a pastor. So I started praying, asking God, “If this is You, let it happen.”

I love urban ministry. I love getting to know people. I previously pastored for 12 years—from 2004 to 2015—at St. Paul Chapel Baptist Church in South Philadelphia. One of the first things I did there was put on plain clothes and walk around the community, just talking to people, asking how things were, and what they thought of the church down the street. Was it doing anything in the community? They gave me so much history and information. That’s the kind of thing I want to do here—walk through the community, figure out who’s who, and shape a vision for outreach from that.

Collins:

You strike me as a very non-traditional pastor who deeply understands the importance of community. As we introduce you to the Camden community, you’ve expressed a desire to build community partnerships and collaborations. Why is that so important to you?

Heath:

Because God didn’t just create the church—He created everything. All types of institutions that help meet the needs of people, the church should be a part of. We can’t do it alone. We need to connect with leaders—the mayor, city council members, block captains—whoever. They know things the church may not.

When we’re informed and working together, everyone contributes to shaping the future of the city. I also do this for our young people. They are the ones we need to reach. My prayer is that young people see the unity and the pride in community—that they see people coming together to build, and they want to be a part of that.

We shouldn’t leave them out; we should include them in what we’re doing. So yes, I think it’s important to connect with all institutions that God has placed for the common goal of rebuilding and building up.

Collins:

It’s been some time since Antioch had a full-time pastor.

Although there have been interim leaders, it’s been about three years since Pastor Parker. In that time, morale may have dipped, and some members may have left. But now, with your arrival, morale is on the rise again. What can people expect when they come to Antioch today?

Heath:

A place that worships God. A place rooted and grounded in prayer. A place built on the Word of God.

As I told the church last week, I don’t have any gimmicks. Gimmicks don’t last. What I bring is the Word. I have to be prepared every Sunday to give God my best and to reach His people. I expect the same from the ministries here.

When people come in, I don’t want them thinking, “They don’t know what they’re doing.” No. You’re going to experience worship that lifts up God. We’re trying to reach people with the Word, wherever they are.

Our church will be multi-generational. We’re not just ministering to older saints—we’re also reaching youth, young adults, two-parent households, and single-parent households. Our ministry must meet everyone’s needs.

That includes everything—from music to preaching. When people walk in, they’ll say, “They’ve got a little bit of everything.” I think it was T.D. Jakes who said we live in a consumer church culture—people are shopping for churches. They’re asking, “Does this meet my needs?” My prayer is that Antioch becomes a church that meets those needs—where you can bring your baby and your kids and know there’s a ministry here for them.

Collins:

In the past, Antioch has had tremendous partnerships—the Malcolm Jenkins Foundation, Feed the Children, and others. Centerville is known for Centerville Day, where alumni and former residents return. There’s the Elks Parade, too. This area has great Camden traditions. What are some outreach initiatives you’d like to see Antioch participate in or launch?

Heath:

Since I just started, I’m still getting a feel for things. But we definitely want to be a part of all the community events. It’s about being good neighbors. Whatever is happening here, we want to support it.

Some things I’d love to see—maybe a fun day just for our youth. We could involve the police to ensure safety and have outdoor activities for the kids.

Also, when they asked me what I wanted to do for my pastoral anniversary, they expected me to say a banquet. I said I don’t need that. If you want to give me something, fine—but I’d love to do an outreach ministry instead. Whatever it is, let’s figure it out and make that part of the anniversary celebration. I can’t say exactly what we’ll do yet, but we definitely want to support everyone however we can.

Collins:

Tell us about your service schedule so the public knows when your doors are open.

Heath:

Sure. The church is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. On Sundays, we have Sunday School at 9:00 AM and Sunday service at 10:30 AM, usually ending around 11:45 or 12:00. Bible Study is on Wednesdays. Prayer begins at 6:00 PM, followed by Bible Study at 7:00 PM.

Collins:

And for those on social media?

Heath:

We’re on YouTube at “Antioch Baptist Church” (handle: @yojobproduction), and on Facebook at “Antioch Baptist Church Page 2.” They can call us at 856-966-1765. The address is 690 Ferry Avenue, Camden, New Jersey 08104. Our website is Antioch700.org.

Collins:

The Anointed News Journal has over 180,000 weekly readers. In conclusion, what would you like to say to our readers?

Heath:

We are here, and we are open. You are welcome to come worship with us. But more than that, we are also seeking God on how we can come to you—to add value to our community and help build it. All are welcome.

Collins:

As Antioch enters this new chapter, Pastor Heath invites all to join in a shared vision of faith, unity, and transformation.

By Chris Collins



Jotaka Eaddy, “the Olivia Pope of Silicon Valley,” to keynote Undergraduate Ceremony

C-Suite Power Broker, Delaware’s Chief Military Leader to headline University Commencement Ceremonies

Major General James Benson, Adjutant General of Delaware National Guard, to keynote Graduate Celebration

University now graduating nearly 1,000 students per year

Early College High School graduates earn first associate degrees along with their high school diplomas

Dover, Del. — On Friday, May 9, the University will celebrate its 133rd commencement at which just under 1,000 students will be conferred their undergraduate and graduate degrees. This year's celebration marks the fifth consecutive year the University has awarded more than 900 degrees, 57% of which will be awarded to Delawareans.

The undergraduate ceremony will begin at 8 a.m. in Alumni Stadium and include a commencement address by Ms. Jotaka Eaddy, the Chief Executive Officer of Full Circle Strategies. Commonly referred to as the “Olivia Pope of Silicon Valley,” Ms. Eaddy is a passionate advocate for increased diversity and impact metrics in the tech sector and serves as a board advisor to several tech start-up companies, including Maker's Row, Inc., Gauge, Inc., Tech Dojo, and Hustle, Inc.

In 2021, Ms. Eaddy advised Goldman Sachs on their historic \$10B dollar investment in Black women. She is also the founder of #WinWithBlackWomen, a collective of intergenerational, intersectional Black women leaders throughout the nation with nearly 100,000 women in its network and 250 billion social media impressions. In April 2025, Eaddy joined the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Delaware Chapter for their “Strength of a Woman Conference” held at Delaware State University.

Graduating Senior Ms. Jadah Forbes was thrilled about Eaddy's return to the University.

“What is most important to me is becoming a woman that my peers and the younger generation can appreciate for my compassion, integrity, and unrelenting service and excellence on behalf of others. That is what Ms. Eaddy represents for me and millions of women and young people across our country. It will be an outstanding moment for us all. I cannot wait to hear from her again,” said Forbes, president of the Student Government Association, who will be graduating with her degree in psychology.

Both Ms. Forbes and Ms. Eaddy are members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.



Major General James Benson, Adjutant General of the Delaware National Guard, will keynote the graduate students' ceremony at 1 p.m. in the DeLauder Theatre. Appointed by Governor Meyer in January 2025, Major General Benson is the first African American to serve as the leader of the Delaware National Guard in its 122-year history. He leads more than 1,500 Soldiers and 1,100 Airmen on both federal and state missions.

Major General Benson started his military career in 1987 in the Navy Reserves and then transferred to the Delaware Army National Guard to earn his commission in 1990. He completed two tours of duty, deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. A member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., General Benson graduated from Delaware's William Penn High School, c/o 1985, Wilmington University, and the University of Delaware, as well as the resident Army War College. Five generations of the Benson family have attended Delaware State University.

Major General Benson is grateful for the opportunity to provide words of encouragement to the candidates for the University's doctoral and master's program. “There are no easy roads or shortcuts to your dreams. They are realized because you get up every day, put both feet on the floor, know exactly what you want to do, and believe those dreams still matter. When that happens—and God happens—anything is possible,” said Major General Benson.

The University will also award its first-ever associate degree to Early College School graduates, enabled by the Wesley Acquisition of 2021—the first time a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) has ever acquired another institution of higher learning. Celebrating its tenth year as a subsidiary of the University, the Early College School serves 600 seventh through twelfth graders throughout the State of Delaware, all of whom can earn up to 60 college credits before they are ever admitted to a college or University. More than 67% of our Early College students enroll at the University upon graduation.

Noting both the University's recent R2 Carnegie classification as a “very high research activity” institution and its expanded growth trajectory, President Allen remarked upon the importance of graduation for this year's class: “Having bolstered our academic offering by consolidating our STEM and Agriculture Colleges, taking on best-in-class health care offerings through the Wesley acquisition, and,—aided by significant help from the legislature—creating a full-tuition scholarship for incoming Delaware residents, we are helping change students' life trajectories for themselves, their families, and their communities.” Dr. Allen continued, “Not only will they graduate, but nearly 90% will find themselves in their chosen field of study or graduate school right after they walk off stage. That's what makes this place so special.”



President Allen Joins Amicus Brief on Immigration Policies at Colleges and Universities

DOVER, Del. — Delaware State University President Tony Allen has joined an amicus brief filed by the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration in U.S. District Court, opposing the policy of targeting non-citizen students and faculty with legal standing to teach and learn at institutions of higher education throughout the country, based on their political views.

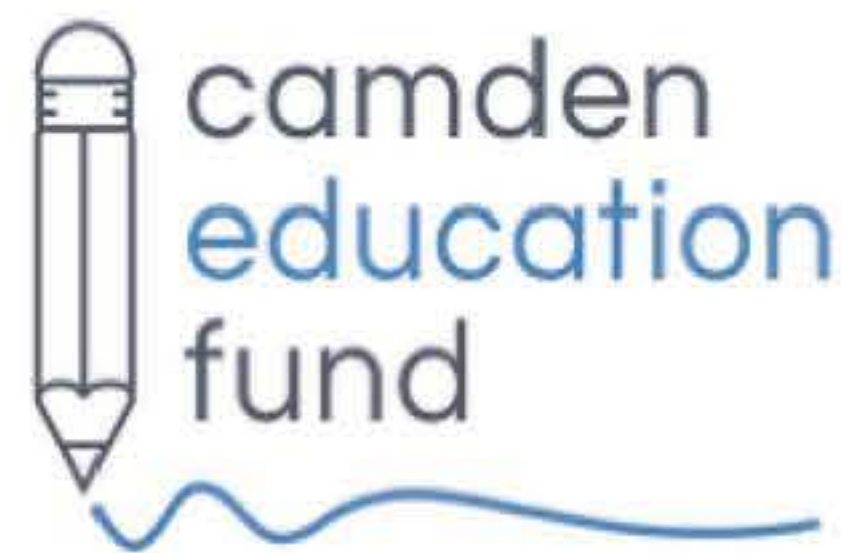
The Alliance's brief was filed in AAUP v. Rubio, a case challenging the administration's revocation of visas and detentions of noncitizen students and scholars — and was joined by eighty-six institutions.

The following are a few points from the brief filed by the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration:

- There have been high-profile arrests of non-citizens based on their political views, revocation of the visas of hundreds of international students, and the termination foreign students' records in the Student Visitor and Exchange System.
- Reducing non-citizen enrollment in American schools will harm American students, who will be denied the educational benefits of learning with and from citizens of other countries.
- Such actions will also harm the American economy, limiting the economic contributions made by hundreds of thousands of non-citizens. This is of particular note in the scientific and technological fields, which has a direct tie to American research and innovation, handing a competitive advantage to other countries.

About the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

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What We Do

The Camden Education Fund (CEF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating progress in Camden's public school system. CEF works with families, school partners, and community leaders to identify citywide needs in education. CEF then provides grants and develops strategic partnerships to address these citywide needs. Grantees may include schools, non-profits, and universities.

Our Vision

Camden will be home to a vibrant public school system that inspires all students and prepares them for success after high school.

Our Mission

To sustain and accelerate progress in Camden's public school system.

Our Focus Areas



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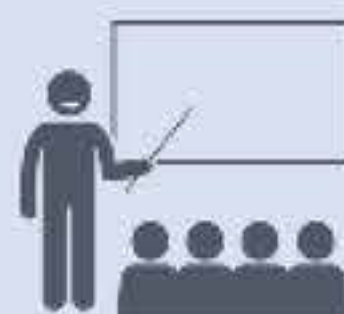
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Engagement

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Instructional Quality

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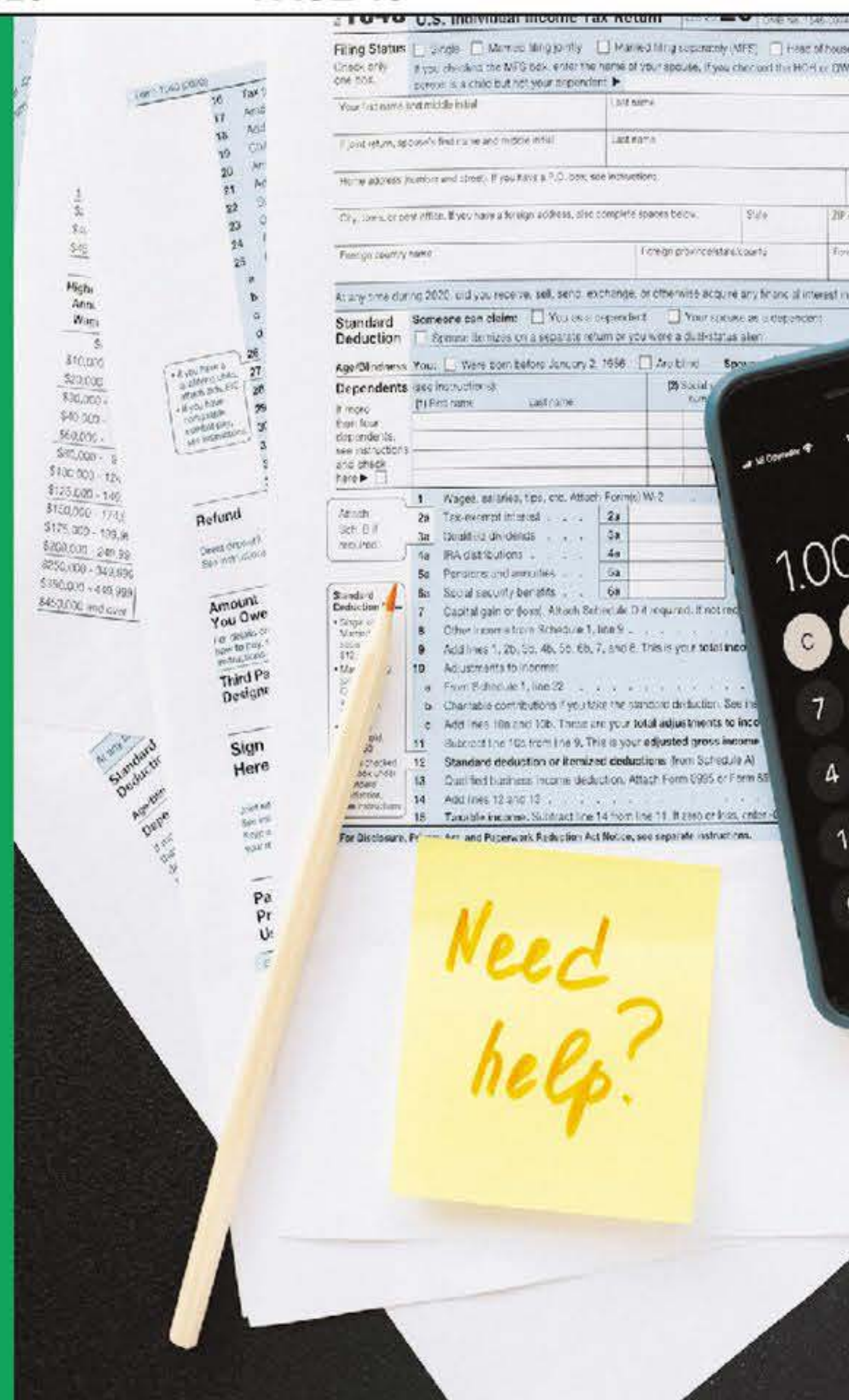
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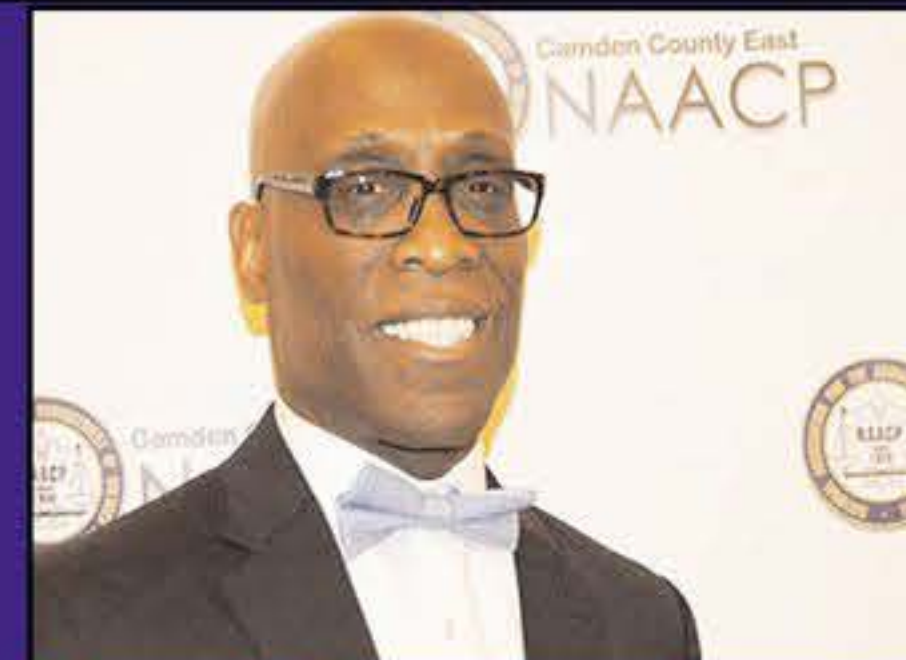
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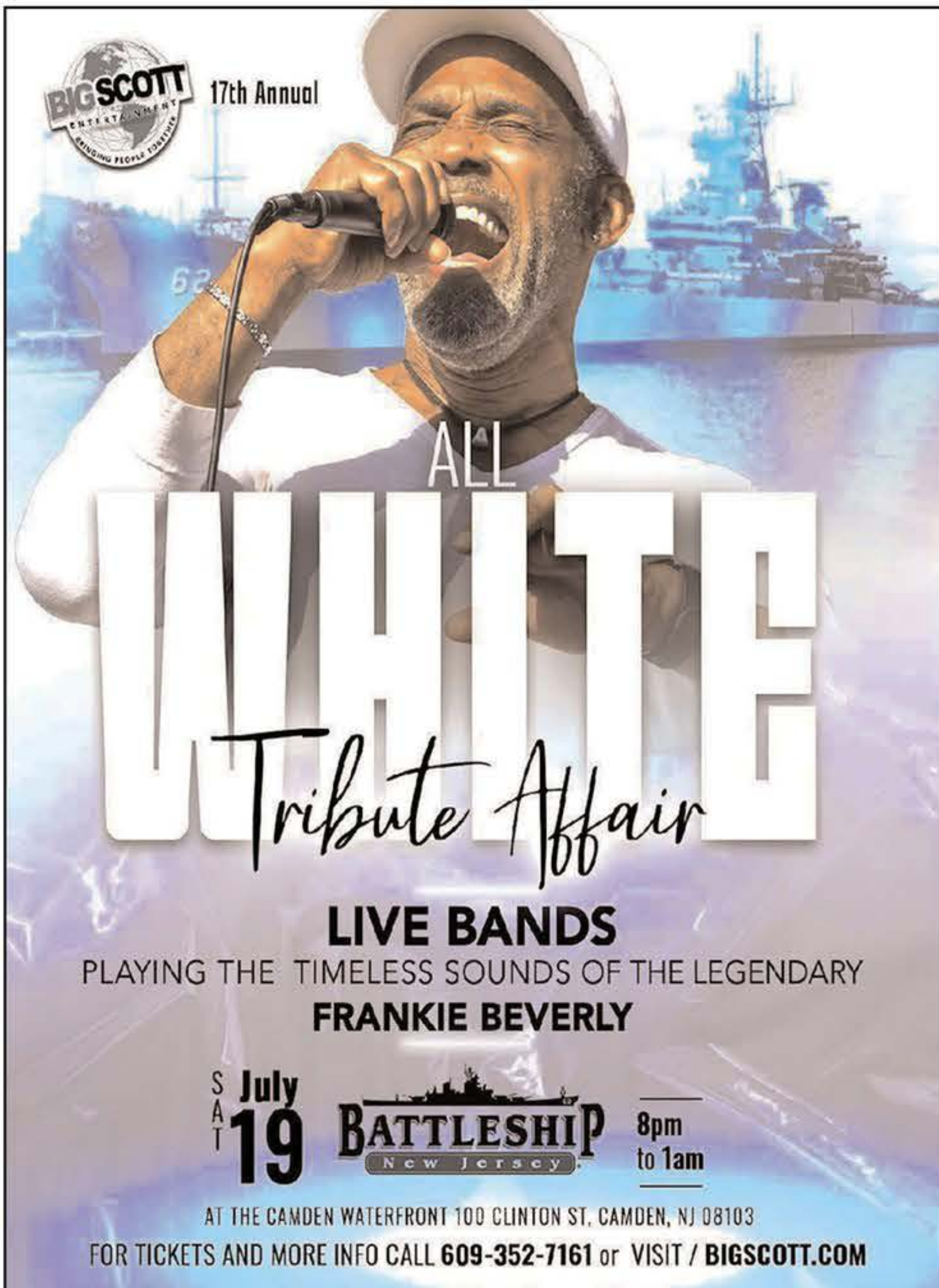
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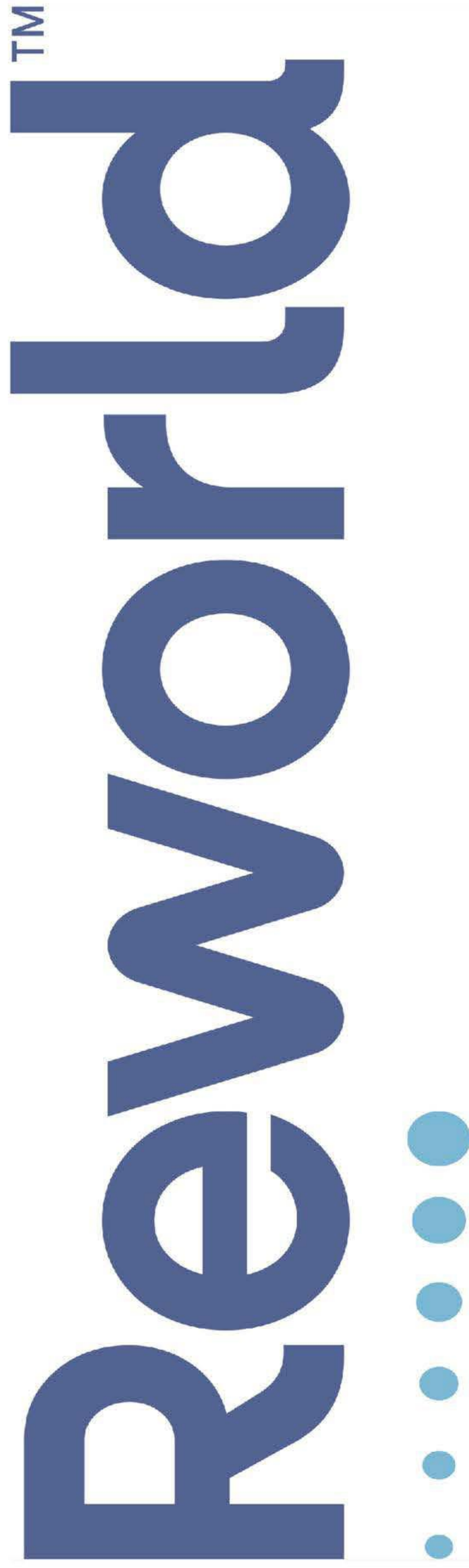
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