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## GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Monday, February 25th, Gloucester Township held their Annual Black History Month Celebration. Mayor David Mayer and Council honored ten outstanding African American individuals who were nominated by their co-workers, teachers, principals, and peers, for their significant contributions in the area of community service, personal or professional achievements, or general good deeds that they have done for their community.

"It is with great honor that we present awards to the ten recipients here tonight. Each and every one of these individuals goes above and beyond to make Gloucester Township such a great place to live," said Mayor Mayer. "I am proud to be Mayor of a community made up of so many amazing leaders and go-getters!"

*Keep reading to learn more about our 2019 award recipients!*



# 2019 BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES

## EMORY MOORE



Emory Moore, a student at Timber Creek High School, is described as someone who was “born to lead.” He was selected as a junior for the Men’s Leadership Program, a program that recognizes students who demonstrate dignity, honor and character. Emory also volunteers for various school programs, is a member of the football team, and carries a 3.45 GPA. He once found \$500 in the school hallway and turned it in to the front office without hesitation “because it was the right thing to do,” he said.

## EDWARD FERGUSON



Edward Ferguson is the Vice Principal at Union Valley Elementary School. Mr. Ferguson is a strong role model that the students look up to. He started a student council organization at Union Valley that does various service projects and school fundraisers throughout the year. Through his efforts, students at Union Valley have been able to make important contributions to their community and their elementary school memories go way beyond just their favorite teacher or book—they are learning that there are many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others.

## LAMOIRE WHITE



Lamoire is a well-loved student at Timber Creek High School where she is known for her engaging smile. Her extracurricular activities include the Art Club, One Act Plays, Bible Club, and World Language Club. In addition to being a part of various clubs, Lamoire never hesitates to volunteer her time. She was a counselor at the Crosswords Worship center before becoming a Teachers Aid. She has also volunteered at the Einstein Medical Center “just because she wanted to help.”

## JORDANA SIMMONS



Jordana’s inherent need to help others was at the root of her decision to become a teacher. She is a teacher at Timber Creek High School that students go to for guidance, support and comfort. Jordana pioneered both the African American Literature course and the African American Culture Club at her school. Her classroom door does not shut at the end of the school day or even on graduation day because Jordana’s students know that she will go to bat for them when they need educational support and guidance in their future.

## ALLYSIA EDWARDS



Allysia is ranked #7 of 321 in the senior class at Highland High School with a GPA of 4.53. Over her high school career, she has taken 18 Honors and AP courses and has excelled in all of them. In addition to her stellar academic record, Allysia is involved in various extracurricular activities including: Student Council, Renaissance Club, Green Team, History Club, Interact, and World of Difference Club. She is also a peer mentor to freshman at her school and participated in the 4th Legislative District Student Enrichment Program. Allysia epitomizes what it means to be a well-rounded student and shows maturity and character well beyond her age.

## ROBERT “BOBBY” HARRIS



Mr. Bobby Harris is recognized for his tremendous dedication to his nonprofit organization called DOT (Dreams of Tomorrow), as well as to the youth in our community. Bobby’s organization has partnered with the Police Department to send an individual interested in law enforcement that needs assistance to a law enforcement prep class so that they can be prepared for the Police Civil Service Test. He has also worked as a partner with the Gloucester Township Police Department for the last five years assisting with Juvenile Diversion Programs at the GTPD Family Resource Center.

## ZOE GLOVER



Zoe is a senior at Timber Creek High School who has made quite an impression on the faculty at her school. She has been on the Principal’s List since 9th grade and carries a GPA of 4.4278. In addition to her excellent grades, Zoe is involved in a plethora of activities at her school including: Peer to Peer, S.T.E.M., World Language Club, Art Club, Interact Club, Science Club, Transition, Concert Band, National Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society. Zoe’s Vice Principal jokes that he wouldn’t be surprised if she is the 1st Female President of the United States!



# 2019 BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES

## CHRISTOPHER STILL



Christopher is a 10th grade student who transferred to Triton this year. Christopher is described as being extremely driven, goal oriented and hard working in all areas of his life. Christopher has been involved in many activities in both his school and his community including: Student Council, Key Club, One Act Plays, Fall Production, MLK Day of Service, Math Tutoring, Camden County 4H Summer of Service, and the Triton and Gloucester Township Lacrosse teams. In addition to the many activities he partakes in, Christopher is also an all honors student!

## ASA CROSS



Asa, a student at Triton High School, is described as a young man who never shy's away from hard work. In addition to maintaining all A's and B's throughout his high school career, Asa is extremely involved in making his community a better place. Whenever there is a community service event, Asa is among the first to volunteer. In addition to volunteering in his community, he is a kind person who will always go out of his way to help others. His school counselor says that in working with teenagers her entire career, she finds it unusual to find a young person quite like Asa.

## STACY GAY



Stacy works with English Language Learners (ELL) at Triton High School to help them with their academic pursuits and their English acquisition. Every day her contributions and advocacy for her students enhances the learning environment and strengthens the teach-student rapport. In addition to the meaningful work she does at Triton, Miss Gay is also the head coach of Deptford High School's Varsity Cheerleading Squad. For these young women, she is more than a coach—she is also an exceptional role model. Once she earns her Master's degree in education, Miss Gay will certainly go on to be a highly effective educator.

# Congratulations!

## Royal Farms Opened its Doors to GT Residents!



A famous convenience store, Royal Farms, and a gas station opened its new location last week on Blackwood-Clementon Road in Gloucester Township.

"Since 1959, we've been satisfying the mid-Atlantic area's hunger for real fresh food served real fast! The Royal Farms Kitchen proudly serves our World-Famous Royal Farms Chicken - Always Fresh, Never Frozen! And, our Royal Farms 100% Colombian Coffee... always brewed fresh! The Royal Farms Good-To-Go case features freshly prepared Subs, Wraps, Salads, Fruit and Veggie cups, all natural juices, and much more!

Our Vision is to be the "Quick & Friendly" Restaurant of choice by offering quality, freshly prepared foods, convenience products, and value priced fuel.

We guarantee a culture that promotes employee growth and retention. We accomplish this in clean and innovative stores that result in exceeding customer expectations."

And they are hiring! Check them out at:

**8-pc Mixed or 10-pc Dark World-Famous Chicken** **\$10**  
Limited Time Only.



## R-Dog visits GT Employees!

A friendly Republic Bank mascot, R-Dog, came to visit with Gloucester Township employees on Wednesday to discuss the Bank@Work Program.

Republic Bank was founded in 1988 and, for the first 20 years, its primary offering was commercial banking services.

In 2008, it changed its model and redirected its strategic efforts toward retail banking.

Today, Republic Bank is moving towards creating a major commercial and retail bank with a distinct brand. Their focus now is on innovation, customer satisfaction, brand building, and shareholder value creation.

"WE OFFER "BIG BANK" BENEFITS WITH A SMALL TOWN FEEL. We pride ourselves on our retail-based model focused on convenience and fanatic customer service. *We make banking easy for our customers and we get to know our customers so we can better serve their needs.*"



*Local Business Spotlight is a section in GTWorks that highlights local businesses throughout Gloucester Township. Its primary purpose is to promote local small businesses by giving the readers opportunity to get to know more about local eateries and services available to them in our beautiful Gloucester Township!*

## Help When You Need It The Most.

Jim Lanahan is a resident of Gloucester Township who suffered his first partial amputation 12 years ago.

He spent the last 18 years as a Director of Development with Diocese of Camden, and 35 years as an adjunct faculty member at La Salle University, and is currently retired.

Over last 10 years he fought continuing infections in his right foot; and 3 years ago he made a decision to have a below-knee amputation.

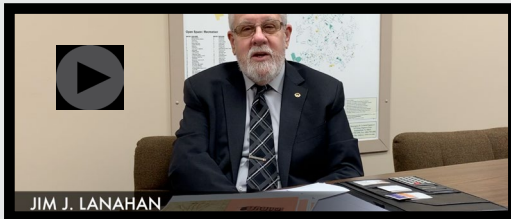
Since that time Jim has been trying to pay forward in terms of helping people who are facing an amputation or have just had one by providing support and resources available for them during such hard times.

He joined Amputee Coalition of America, a donor-supported non-profit organization, that empowers people affected by limb loss.

Jim got certified as a Peer Volunteer which provided him with an opportunity to meet with patients and hear their concerns, address their needs for information, and help them along with the process.

Jim prides himself on being a volunteer and being available as a resource to others. He encourages everyone to take advantage of this extensive service. "It's there. There's no cost to it. And it really does make a difference in helping people go through this process," said Jim. Please visit [Amputee-coalition.org](http://Amputee-coalition.org) (888-267-5669) and feel free to contact Jim directly at [jim.lanahan1@gmail.com](mailto:jim.lanahan1@gmail.com).

Get to know Jim's story at the video link below:



## Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at [dmayer@glotwp.com](mailto:dmayer@glotwp.com)

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,



## Summer Stage 2019 Registration

Now Open Online!

Mainstage Center for the Arts' award-winning Summer Stage program for children entering K through 12th grade is open for registration with the BEST early-bird savings available now! The earlier families register, the bigger the discount! No codes are necessary. Register and pay in full by April 1 for the largest discount! Register by May 1 for the next level discount.



For more information and the registration forms, visit

<https://mainstage.org/summer-stage/>

or call (856) 227-3091

