



## Celebrating the Life Of Ethel Llewellyn Ennis (1932-2019)

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY  
INVITED TO ATTEND A

# Benefit Breakfast

March 30, 2019

8:00am-12:00pm

Leonard E. Hicks  
Center

2718 W North Ave. Baltimore, MD

**Donation: \$40**

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*Delicious  
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*Entertainment  
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Coordinating Council (501C3)

# Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council



Benefit Breakfast  
Saturday, March 30, 2019  
8:00am to 12:00pm  
At the  
Leonard E. Hicks Center  
2718 W. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

## VENDOR REGISTRATION CONTRACT

(Please print)

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Space is limited to 1 table and 2 chairs
- ❖ Set-up requirements (i.e. racks) are the vendors' responsibility
- ❖ Doors open at 7:00am for set-up
- ❖ Remain open until 12:30pm for sales and breakdown
- ❖ Sign-in with Committee Member to receive your name tent for your table

Make money order or check payable and mail to: **Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council**  
2401 Liberty Heights Ave. Suite 1110  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
Office: (410) 523-4500  
Email: office@greatermondawmin.org

\$50 (GMCC) provides table & chair \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Breakfast Included Submittal required: 03/01/2019

Signature of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REISTERSTOWN ROAD CLEAN UP!**

**Beginning at Reisterstown Road and  
Gwynns Falls Parkway**

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**9 AM – 12 PM**

**CLEANING EQUIPMENT WILL BE  
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**COME OUT AND JOIN US!**

**THE MORE THE MERRIER!**

# EUODIAS E. PARKER SCHOLARSHIP



Euodias E. Parker | Educator | Entrepreneur | Philanthropist

## Apply Now!

Application Deadline: April 9, 2019

Apply Now: The [Euodias E. Parker Scholarships](#) will provide **\$3,000 merit-based awards** to two high-performing students in the fall of 2019. Her nieces and nephews created this fund to honor her legacy by providing opportunities for low-income students in Baltimore City to continue their pursuit of higher education.

The [scholarship](#) will create opportunities for high-performing students to tap much-needed funding, so that attending a four-year college can be attainable. These special awards encourage first generation college students, from economically challenged backgrounds, to pursue higher education and help level the playing field for inner city students.

One of the two awards will be earmarked for a Dunbar High School senior.

### Requirements:

- Baltimore City resident; Baltimore City Public School student
- SAT/ACT scores will be considered
- Cumulative 3.0 grade-point average (GPA)
- Essay outlining career goals and aspirations
- Demonstrated involvement in extracurricular activities
- A letter of recommendation is strongly encouraged

The scholarship awards are open to students of all majors.

A selection committee will review all applications and select the finalists. Honorees will be recognized during a special award ceremony.

Application Deadline: April 9 2019

[Apply Now](#)

*The William & Lanaea C. Featherstone Foundation administers the Euodias E. Parker Scholarship program. Questions regarding your application or the review process should be sent to [info@thefeatherstonefoundation.org](mailto:info@thefeatherstonefoundation.org).*

**A heartfelt thank you to our supporters**



# RATTLE & ROLL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**  
**8:30AM-1:00PM**

B'more for Healthy Babies needs volunteers to deliver health materials to providers and clinics across Baltimore City. These materials help Baltimore's families connect to the information and resources they need.

Volunteering is a great way to network with us and learn about our work.

**Breakfast, lunch, and a free t-shirt will be provided.**

**To join us, sign up here: [bit.ly/rattleroll2019](http://bit.ly/rattleroll2019)**

**For more information, contact Amy Secrist at [Amy.Secrist@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Amy.Secrist@baltimorecity.gov).**

**B'more for  
Healthy Babies.**  
every baby counts on you



# Ethel L. Ennis

**Ethel Ennis, Baltimore's "First Lady of Jazz" who during her seven-decade career performed with such musical luminaries as Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Cab Calloway, the Miles Davis-John Coltrane Sextet and Wynton Marsalis, and thrilled audiences at the Newport and Monterey jazz festivals, died Sunday from complications of a stroke at her Greater Mondawmin home.**

Born in a North Calhoun Street rowhouse in Baltimore and raised in Sandtown-Winchester, Ethel Ennis was the daughter of Andrew Ennis Sr., a Harlem Park barber, and Arrabell "Bell" Ennis, a homemaker who played piano at Ames United Methodist Church.

**Ms. Ennis grew up in a home where jazz and the blues, which represented the "fast life," were not played.**

**"I could hear the music coming from an apartment below us,"** she told The Baltimore Sun in a 1998 article.

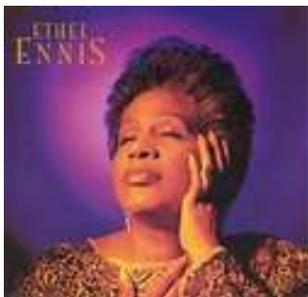
**"So, to get a better earful, the young Ennis got down on the floor, one ear pressed to the concrete,"** the article read. **"I came from a rather conservative background. Jazz and blues were forbidden,"** she said.

Ms. Ennis was urged by her mother to study the piano, which turned into her first paying job as a church pianist. By the time she was in her teens, she had discovered popular rhythm and blues music, which didn't please her family, who thought it was just a passing phase.

**She joined a group of young enthusiastic jazz musicians, Riley's Octet, which was led by Abraham Riley, as a \$2.50 a week pianist. "I was much too young to play in clubs, so we played in places like VFW and fellowship halls where my age was accepted,"** she explained in the Sun interview. **"My grandmother always emphasized 'being a lady.' She kept saying to always be a lady. So, I've been a lady singing the blues in these bars forever."**

The first time Ms. Ennis sang in public was as a 15-year-old when Riley's Octet was playing an Odd Fellows Hall in Randallstown, after an audience member promised her a \$5 tip if she sang "In the Dark." After her performance, her days as the group's pianist came to an end.

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“Her angelic, full-throated singing brought the house down,” wrote John Lewis in Baltimore Magazine in 2011. “The crowd demanded encores, and, from then on, she was a vocalist.”

After she graduated in 1950 from Frederick Douglass High School, she attended business school during the day and performed with Montell Poulson, a bassist, or solo. They played strip clubs on Baltimore’s Block and other joints, including Sherrie’s Bar on Pulaski Highway, a truckers’ bar. “She and Poulson played mostly ballads, jazz tunes, and R&B at Phil’s Lounge, The Zanzibar, and Pennsylvania Avenue’s Club Casino,” Mr. Lewis wrote.

After George Fox, owner The Red Fox, a Pennsylvania Avenue club, heard Ms. Ennis singing at the Club Casino in 1954, he hired her, and she performed at his club for the next nine years.

In 1958, Ms. Ennis learned that Benny Goodman was looking for a vocalist to join his 18-man “all stars” band to perform at the Brussels Worlds Fair and then embark on a European tour organized by the U.S. State Department that was billed as “jazz diplomacy.”

“Everywhere they appeared, Ethel Ennis was a huge success. Baltimoreans were filled with pride at the spectacular rise of one of their own, and fully expected Ethel’s career to continue its path toward the highest peaks of stardom,” wrote Liz Fixsen, whose profile of Ms. Ennis was published in “Music at the Crossroads: Lives & Legacies of Baltimore Jazz.”

With the big time seemingly in her grasp after her agent landed an RCA Victor Recording contract and bookings across the country in the 1960s, it came with two conditions: She’d have to leave Baltimore and RCA would control her appearances.

“You had to belong to a clique. You were supposed to be seen with all of the right people, the movers and the shakers. They tried to mold you into something you were not,” a star. Ms. Ennis explained in the 1998 Sun interview. “The agent said, ‘You don’t want to be a star. You want to be a semi-star.’ I said, ‘OK. I’ll be a semi-star.’ I did have determination, but I don’t think you have to go against your grain.”

Even though she stayed in Baltimore, Ms. Ennis continued to work steadily with the jazz greats of the day while making appearances on such nationally broadcast TV shows as “The Bell Telephone Hour” and “The Arthur Godfrey Show.” She was a show-stopper at the 1964 Newport Jazz Festival,

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“She was such a talent, but I think avoided the national fame grind and was happy to have stayed a ‘Baltimore Lady,’” said Stan Heusler, former editor of Baltimore Magazine and a Roland Park resident.

Ms. Ennis won wide critical acclaim for her a cappella rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner” at Richard M. Nixon’s presidential inauguration in 1973, and after returning to her Baltimore home that afternoon, busied herself cleaning out her refrigerator.

Through the decades, her voice has been compared to those of Sarah Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald and Peggy Lee.

In 1984, she and her husband opened “Ethel’s Place,” an upscale jazz club on Cathedral Street that featured local and national acts such as Joe Williams, Max Roach, George Shearing, Toots Thielmans, Charlie Byrd, the Modern Jazz quartet and Wynton Marsalis, Mr. Giuliano said. “I don’t think Baltimore ever really appreciated it.”

The club, which was not profitable, closed in 1988.

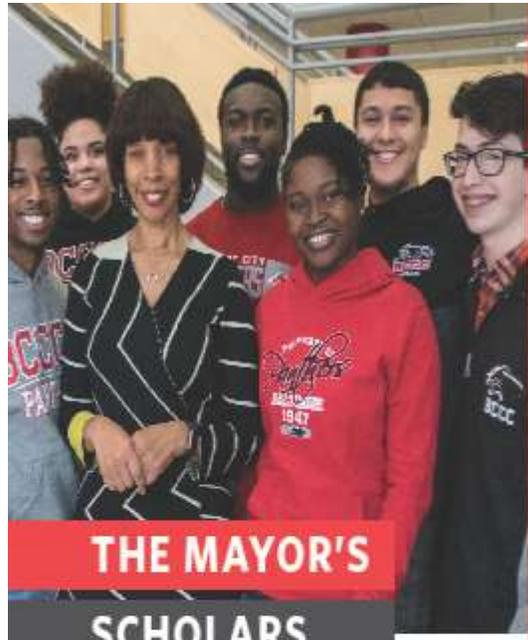
“I have no regrets,” Ms Ennis said in the 1998 interview. “I would do it this all over again. I would not change a thing. Every day for us is a holiday.”

In 2008, she received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the Johns Hopkins University, and last October she was given a star at Maryland Public Television’s Walk of Fame at its Owings Mills headquarters.

Her last CD, “Ennis Anyone?” was released in 2005, and her last performance was in 2016 at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Prince George’s County.

In addition to her husband, Earl Arnett, Mrs. Ennis is survived by a brother, Andrew Ennis of Baltimore, a musician who performed with Ray Charles; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

*This information are snippets from Sun researcher Paul McCardell who contributed to this article.*



# THE MAYOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

allows eligible new high school graduates who are residents of Baltimore City to attend Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) tuition-free through a last-dollar scholarship. This partnership between BCCC, Baltimore City Public Schools and Baltimore City Mayor Catherine E. Pugh is an exciting opportunity that makes college and job training programs affordable and helps students move toward a rewarding career and financial security.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

FAFSA application, if eligible:	March 1
CASA scholarship application, if not eligible for FAFSA:	March 1
YouthWorks:	March 1
BCCC/MSP application:	April 20
High school transcripts to BCCC:	April 20
ACCUPLACER exam, if no qualifying SAT/ACT test scores:	April 20
SAT/ACT test scores to BCCC:	April 20



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### THE MAYOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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FEBRUARY 2019

### ABOUT THE FUTURE

Can students attend a four-year college for free? Coppin State University has offered to provide scholarships covering full tuition to Mayor's Scholars who graduate with an associate degree from BCCC.

### WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES FOR THE MAYOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

- FAFSA ..... March 1, 2019
- YouthWorks ..... March 1, 2019
- CASA Scholarship Application ..... March 1, 2019
- BCCC/MSP application ..... April 20, 2019
- Send high school transcript to BCCC ..... April 20, 2019
- Send SAT/ACT scores to BCCC ..... April 20, 2019
- OR
- Take ACCUPLACER Exam  
If no qualifying SAT/ACT score ..... April 20, 2019

### Get More Information

Visit [bccc.edu](http://bccc.edu), call 410-462-8300 or email [msp@bccc.edu](mailto:msp@bccc.edu) to learn more about free tuition through the Mayor's Scholars Program.



JANUARY 2019

# For All Girls...YES...You Can Have a Life of Promise!



## I Can Only Imagine!

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm



**CELEBRATION SPEAKER MRS. LAQUISHA HALL**  
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*\*Tuesday, April 30, 2019 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.\**

2019 Imagine Me Ministries Spring Celebration Dinner

*Celebration Speaker: Mrs. LaQuisha Hall, 2018 Teacher of the Year, BCPS*

Delta Hotels Marriott, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031

**Our theme this year is “I Can Only Imagine!**

***Plans...Prosperity...Safety...Hope...Future...Yes!”***

Contact 410-523-LOVE(5683) for additional information

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*Imagine Me Ministries, Inc. is a 501(C)3 Non-Profit Mentoring Organization for Girls in Baltimore City  
and an Outreach Arm of Christian Liberty Church*

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Worship Services are held each Sunday at 10:00 am, Auditorium of Frederick Douglass High School  
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April Newsletter submissions are due

March 20, 2019 .

Forward to: [Newsletter@greatermondawmin.org](mailto:Newsletter@greatermondawmin.org)

Thank you.

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