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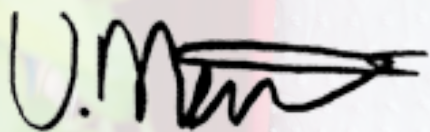
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings!

The 44th year of the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP) has concluded. This summer, District youth as young as nine years old have explored career paths and made steps towards making their dreams come true. Although summer is coming to an end, DOES is proud of the work that all youth program participants have accomplished, and we look forward to their continued success in our upcoming youth programs like the School Year Internship Program (SYIP).

Thank you to our local community partners, employees, District residents, and leaders as we continue to uplift and strive to support our youth beyond the summer and into the school year!

In this issue, you will find important program updates, upcoming events, and a recap of the month of August!



Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes
DOES Director

2023 MBSYEP

Closeout Ceremony Sneaker Ball

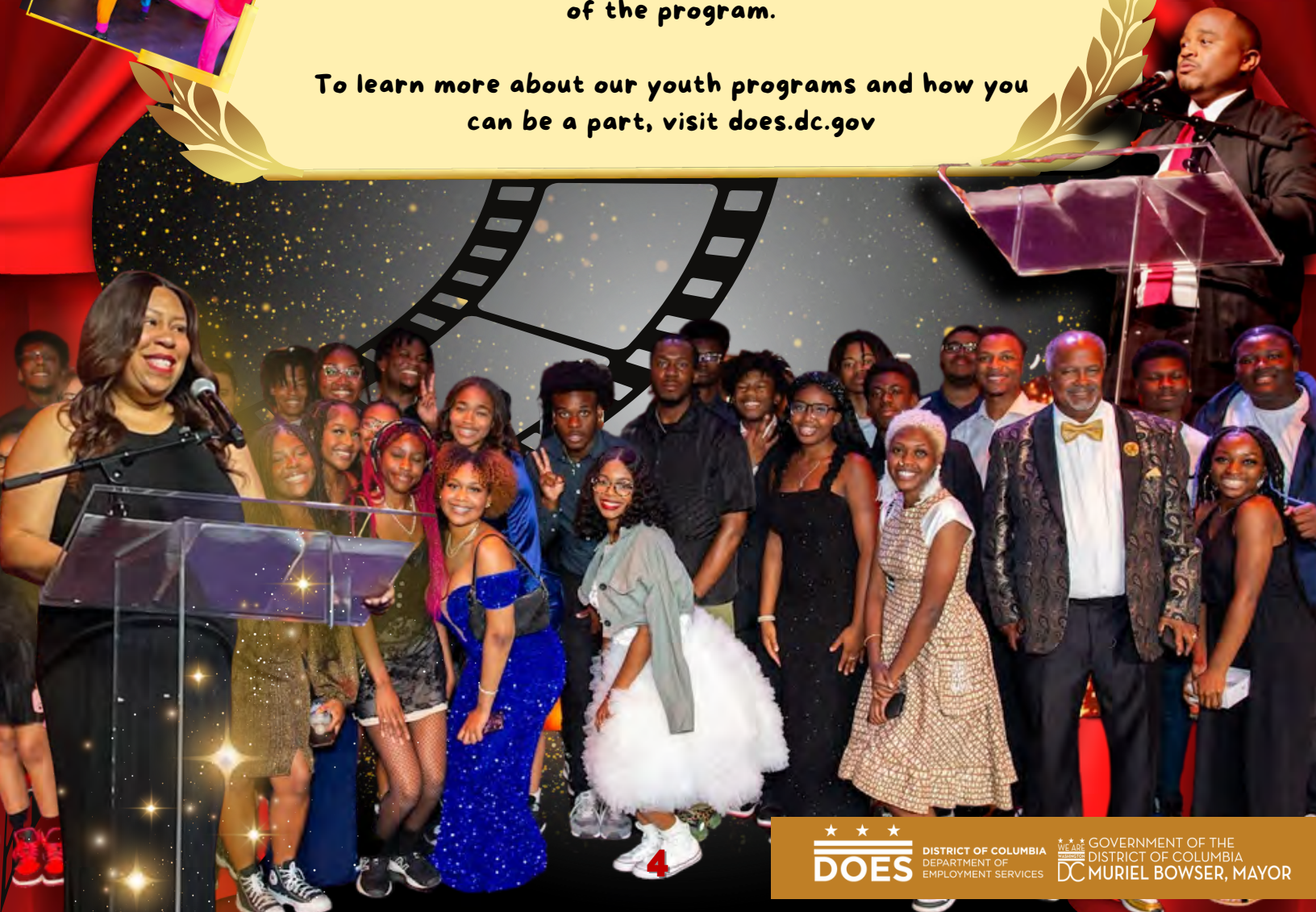


Check out our socials for the recap video [HERE](#) ✨

This summer we went #BacktoBusiness and on August 4, 2023, we honored the closeout of the 44th Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program.

DOES Director awarded outstanding youth with the Mayor's Opportunity Scholarship, District leaders empowered youth with farewell wishes, Joy of Motion youth inspired the room with their performance, and DC came together to celebrate a successful 44th year of the program.

To learn more about our youth programs and how you can be a part, visit does.dc.gov





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2023 Middle School Exploration Program

The Department of Employment Services' Middle School Exploration program launched in 2019 as an exceptional opportunity open to all middle school students who reside in the District to engage in comprehensive career exploration. This program provides a diverse hands-on experience for all participants in the areas of:

- Athletics
- Culinary Arts
- Language Arts
- Business
- Engineering and Design
- Public Speaking
- STEM
- Law and World/Global Affairs and more!



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AUGUST 2023

LOCATION OF THE MONTH



Penn Social

"Congratulations to Penn Social! We applaud Penn Social's dedication to creating a vibrant and unforgettable experience for all visitors. Penn Social's creativity and commitment truly bring the spirit of DC to life, inspiring all who enter to rediscover DC," says Director LaToya Foster.



There are many hidden gems throughout DC that await residents and visitors to rediscover. Mayor Muriel Bowser and the DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) are pleased to recognize the August 2023 Location of the Month, Penn Social. This staple hidden gem was newly renovated into a state-of-the-art venue. One of the advantages Penn Social has by being a premier music venue is the in-house production capabilities are second-to-none.

The "Location of the Month" initiative is part of the OCTFME's mission to market and support District locales as media production locations and bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations available to film and television productions.

To learn more about Penn Social visit pennsocialdc.com. To view previous recognitions, [click here](#).



2023

AFTERSCHOOL IN THE CITY

Saturday, Sept. 9
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Turkey Thicket Recreation Center

1100 Michigan Ave NE,
Washington, DC 20017

Convening government agencies
and community-based organizations
that provide programming across all
wards for school-aged youth during
the school year.



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District families can expect
to gather resources about:

- Afterschool
Programming
- Afterschool Jobs and
Internships
- Learning experiences
- Fun activities to
participate in during the
school year
- and more

**LEARN MORE
HERE**



BACK 2 SCHOOL

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT

DCPS Mental Health Website: With a goal of decreasing barriers to school success by providing students, school staff, and families with tools that promote academic and psychosocial growth and progress, DC Public Schools has launched a new website dedicated to student mental health. For mental health resources including a provider directory, events calendar, and articles on mental health, special education, and parenting strategies, visit dcpmentalhealth.org.

DBH School Based Behavioral Health Program: The Department of Behavioral Health operates a school based program in public and public charter schools that offers prevention, early intervention and clinical services to youth, their families, school teachers, and staff. Visit dbh.dc.gov/node/121802 to learn more about who your school's mental health clinician is or contact Meghan Sullivan by phone at (202) 673-4307 or by email at meghan.sullivan@dc.gov.

PASS: The Parent and Adolescent Support Services Program (PASS) assists youth up to 17 years old who are skipping school, leaving home, violating curfew, and/ or experiencing extreme family conflict. Intensive case management, Functional Family Therapy, and community-based services are used to address these behaviors and improve family relationships.

ChAMPS: Children and Adolescent Mobile Psychiatric Service a mobile team will come to a family's home to support and stabilize children and youth ages 6-18 facing a behavioral health crisis. Call ChAMPS at (202) 481-1440.

24/7 Mental Health Hotline: Residents are encouraged to contact the Mental Health Hotline at (888) 793-4357.

Mayor Bowser's 2023 Back to School Guide

USE THIS GUIDE AS A STARTING POINT, BUT ALSO KNOW THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED, SOMEONE AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND GET YOU CONNECTED TO THE RIGHT RESOURCES.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT
BACKTOSCHOOL.DC.GOV/GUIDE





August is.

NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH

National Black Business Month is an opportunity to recognize the achievements of Black entrepreneurs, and to promote the growth of Black-owned businesses. It is also a time to educate the public about the importance of supporting Black businesses.

- This month raises awareness of the contributions of Black entrepreneurs to the American economy. Black-owned businesses employ millions of people and contribute billions of dollars to the economy each year.
- This month breaks down barriers that Black businesses face, such as access to capital and resources.
- This month increases the visibility of Black businesses, which can lead to increased sales and profits.

By engaging with and supporting Black businesses, we can help break down barriers, increase visibility, and promote diversity and inclusion in the business world. We can also help create jobs and economic opportunities in Black communities, build wealth and financial security for Black families, and empower Black entrepreneurs, creating role models for future generations.



For information on how the District is supporting small businesses, visit the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) [here](#).

THE BULLETIN BOARD



List of American Job Center Locations in DC

- AJC Headquarters
- AJC Bertie Backus
- AJC Reeves Center

BUILDING A SAFER, STRONGER DC WHAT'S NEXT:

- 1 JUVENILE CURFEW ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM
- 2 MORE CCTV CAMERAS
- 3 INCREASE FOR MPD REFERRAL BONUS PROGRAM

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



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CELEBRATES 65 YEARS!**

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