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**Ice Cream Social Birthday Bash Aug 17th at Prince George's African American Museum
DMV Black History Museum PGAAMCC Turns 10!**

Celebrate a decade of Black Excellence in Prince George's County with Ice Cream, Cake & Community North Brentwood, MD (July 30, 2019)– Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center (PGAAMCC) Come celebrate with us! Toast the kick off to our 10-year birthday on *Saturday August 17th 2019, from 12 – 5pm with Ice Cream, Cake & Community.* Join us at PGAAMCC 4519 Rhode Island Avenue, North Brentwood MD 20722. We proudly celebrate 10 years of serving Prince George's County and beyond; as a community resource - a place where all can learn, create, and connect! PGAAMCC, Executive Director Monica O. Montgomery, shared *"Our 10th Anniversary kickoff theme 'The Story Continues' means we have many chapters yet to write as we envision the future of our museum. Wish us a happy birthday by donate generously, attend our happenings, and shaping the vision to help author the next chapter of our story at PGAAMCC.*

Birthday Festivities include:

- The debut of our new exhibit opening *Deeply Embedded* by world renowned Prince George's County artist, Tawny Chatmon. Chatmon's work explores themes on the beauty of black childhood, maternal, parental and familial bonds, celebrating natural hair and hairstyles, and the celebration of Black beauty and was recently featured in a photo shoot with Blue Ivy, Beyonce and Jay Z's daughter.
- Cake + Ice Cream, Mural making, Community Treasure Chest oral history collections, PGAAMCC Annual Recap
- Meet and Greet with the new Museum Director of the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Melanie Adams
- Several meet and greet with PGAAMCC's new Artist in Residence, Vanessa R. Williams (gospel vocalist and visual artist); and PGAAMCC's new Cultural Ambassador in Residence, Vance 'Head-Roc' Levy (Mayor of DC Hip Hop and creator of #BlackRockStarSuperHero brand apparel.)

Williams writes, *"PGAAMCC is a light and a jewel in the community. I can only imagine the impact once all Prince Georgians discover it, and recognize how they can contribute to and glean from such a valuable resource."*

Levy says, *"I understand and connect the national significance of local Black History, anchored on our education and development, with so much happening along the Route 1 Corridor, we must teach PGAAMCC's existence was championed by local trailblazers like the late Honorable Gwendolyn Brit and Mayor Lillian Beverly."*

Stay engaged as we embark on a strategic plan, to help spotlight, springboard and support black history, culture, art and heritage initiatives. These are exciting times of transformation coming during our 10th Anniversary kickoff that you won't want to miss. Visit www.pgaamcc.org/10th to witness our milestones, receive campaign updates and RSVP for our Free Ice Cream Social Birthday August 17th 2019 12pm – 5pm.

Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center (PGAAMCC) stands at the intersection of possibilities, realities and transformation as we kick off our 10th anniversary, championing community uplift and conscious raising around the Black experience. Our 10th anniversary theme 'The Story Continues' amplifies our vision to be recognized as a national and international model for innovative documentation, interpretation, presentation, and preservation of Black history, art, social justice and culture across the diaspora. We are on a mission is to celebrate and inspire the community through the cultivation, preservation, and presentation of the cultural and artistic contributions of African Americans in Prince George's County, Maryland and beyond. *'We are A Home for Black Excellence!'* Visit us in person Tuesday - Saturday from 10am - 5pm, and online at www.pgaamcc.org