



FAME is a harmony of music and education. We prepare middle and high school youth for college and career through a four-pronged approach: Music Instruction, Educational Support, College Preparation, and Work Readiness.

FAME challenges students to set high expectations for their academic and life achievements by expanding students' experiences to demonstrate that they are not defined by their current conditions or surroundings.

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MUSICIANS
PLAY MAJOR
ROLES...**



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SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Applications are
open!



AUDITIONS ARE OPEN

FAME Jazz Band
Program

CALLING ALL FAME ALUMNI –

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Moving Forward with Enthusiasm!



Reflecting on 2018, I am pleased to share that FAME continued providing its robust and nationally recognized programs, and I am in awe of the community's generosity.

Last year, FAME ended with strong and healthy programs and operating budget. We began the year with a three-year capacity building grant from Venture Philanthropy Partners (VPP), funded by the Prince George's County Government, to enhance the capacity of our nonprofit through a variety of organizational management support. Our FAME Jazz Band Program Students increased their GPAs by one (and in some cases two) full grades, increased SAT scores by an average of 250 points, and we added high school and college & career advisory positions. Our signature summer programs, Summer Music Technology and Beats Books & Hooks, attracted rising 7th thru 12th grade students from around the Greater Washington Region and as far as Illinois and Texas. We launched a pilot Vocal Music Workshop at the University of Maryland that will continue in 2019, partnered with Elizabeth Seton High School & Joe's Movement Emporium in four one-week summer camp for elementary students, and we partnered with Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria's two-week Summer Camp "Wings of Excellence" for middle school students. Our innovative summer programs were very successful and supported 160 youth. Additionally, we continued our year-round partnerships with Stedwick Elementary School in the original creation and performance of its annual opera, and Hyattsville Middle School's Creative & Visual Performing Arts programming.

Our popular Race 4 FAME scavenger hunt, sponsored by United Parcel Service (UPS) and supported by the Prince George's County Council Members Todd Turner, Derrick Leon Davis and Obie Patterson was held in National Harbor on May 12th and resulted in regional recognition of FAME and additional program funds. This year the Race will be co-sponsored by UPS & PEPCO. Community participation in two longstanding senior citizens and intergenerational events: Motown Revue and Tis the Season, increased 200 percent. Our 14th anniversary celebration recognized the outstanding achievements of 10 community leaders, friends and peers, and two educators whose work has contributed tremendously to the growth of FAME and the advancement of the arts for youth in Prince George's County and the Region.

The support of our community increased exposure of our programs and strengthen our finances, allowing FAME to bolster academic standings and provide quality music experiences, and invest in our staff and programs; thereby maintaining FAME's level of excellence and commitment to our students.

Looking forward to 2019, we are excited about continuing our capacity building work with VPP and providing high quality music and academic centered enrichment activities and programs to all youth. 🎵

With Gratitude,
A. Toni Lewis
President/CEO

“
Making music involves more than the voice or fingers playing an instrument; a child learning about music has to tap into multiple skill sets, often simultaneously.”

FAME Musicians Play Major Roles in Prince George's County (PGC) Honors Band and All State Concert Band



PGC Honors Band

Cyndni Brown, 1st chair clarinetist; and Concert Master

Langston Hughes – 1st Chair saxophone

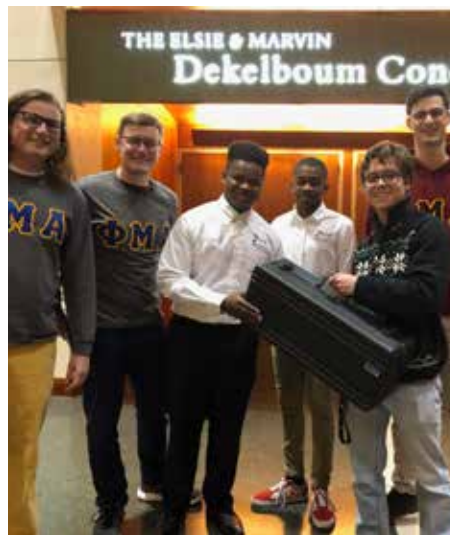
Brandon Seaforth – 1st chair trombone

Lante' Evans – 2nd Chair trombone

Immanuel Cooper – Drummer for Elementary School Chorus

In February, Brandon Seaforth will serve as first chair trombonist and Cydni Brown as first chair clarinetist representing Prince George's County in the All State Concert Band.

FAME was selected to present its **FAME Jazz Band Program Concert**, composed of Prince George's County musicians, to perform at the **Berklee High School Jazz Festival** on January 26, 2019. This Berklee College of Music event is the largest of its kind in the United States and



Many thanks to the Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity at the University of Maryland who donated five instruments (2 flute, clarinet, trumpet, and alto sax) in December 2018.

will be held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts. This will be our second visit. 🎵



On December 15th, violinist, violist and Billboard charting recording artist Chelsey Green, welcomed FAME students and board members to Blues Alley. Her performance was captivating and inspirational to the students.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FAME Jazz Band Program Concert, May 11th, Special Guests, the Stedwick Elementary School Ukulele Players, University of Maryland School of Music.

FAME's 15th Anniversary & Awards Celebration, Saturday, July 13, 2019, 6pm, Samuel Riggs IV, Alumni Center University of Maryland College Park.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

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This unique and fun-filled summer program is designed for students, grades 7 through 12, who are interested in careers or learning more about music composition, recording or production, and singing. The program is conducted at the beautiful, state-of-the-art and friendly atmosphere of the University of Maryland College Park School of Music. The program includes:

Music Technology Workshop

Monday through Friday, from 9:00am - 4:00pm:
July 8 -12, 2019, 7th – 9th grade students
July 15 -19, 2019, 10th – 12th grade students

Vocal Music Workshop

Monday through Friday, from 9:00am - 4:00pm:
July 8 -12, 2019, 7th – 9th grade students
July 15 -19, 2019, 10th – 12th grade students

Music Technology Participants will:

- Explore cutting-edge recording software
- Experiment with music composition
- Learn about music production
- Produce finished MP3 files to share digitally and publish online
- Learn about and prepare for education and career opportunities in music
- Meet and Collaborate with new music friends
- Receive a one-year subscription to MusicFirst Software and **MORE!**

Vocal Music Participants will:

- Learn many vocal techniques
- Strengthen and build vocal capacity
- Perform sight-reading/sight-singing exercises
- Collaborate with program participants to create an archival recording of an original composition
- Learn to be intentional in their interpretation of lyrics and musical phrasing,
- Improve their execution of performance repertoire in the areas of classical arias/Italian art songs, jazz standards, pop, and theatre and **MORE!**

All workshops culminate with a public showcase of students' creative projects; and students receive a certificate of completion.

This program is made possible in part by funding and support from:

Prince George's County Council Chair, Todd M. Turner (District 4),
Prince George's County Council Member, Derrick Leon Davis (District 6); and
the United Parcel Service (UPS).

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Blossom Ojukwu, Vocal Instructor
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FAME Jazz Band Program Auditions Open!

FAME is accepting applications for its year-round FAME Jazz Band Program (FJBP). FJBP was established in 2015 to provide year-round high caliber music and academic support and instruction to talented middle and high school youth who are serious about music and want to take their skills to a higher level. Home-schooled students are also invited to apply.

This program is ideal for youth who want to enjoy a unique opportunity to grow musically and academically while having fun with other youth musicians. Applicants must live or attend school in Prince George's County, MD. Read more at www.FAMEmusic.org

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