



# Footprints In History

UCAC Newsletter - June 2026



## FEATURED ORAL HISTORY IRVIN EUGENE BEVERLY

We are shining a spotlight on Reverend Irvin Beverly Sr. this month. He grew up in Lusby, Maryland and attended segregated schools. A graduate of Skidmore Vocational School of Tailoring, Dressmaking, and Design, Beverly worked full time for the National Security Agency while running a tailor shop. Officially retiring as of June 14, 2026, he is most known in St. Mary's County as the former Pastor at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Valley Lee. **Hear Rev. Beverly tell his story.**

Visit our website for a list of all of our [oral history interviews](#). Our website interview recordings stream from our [YouTube Channel @UCAC1995](#).



**Drayden School open 1st and 3rd Saturdays - April through October from 11 am to 2 pm - Free Admission**

[Learn More](#)



UCAC partners with the St. Mary's County Museum Division providing docents at the Drayden School. Pictured above, UCAC volunteer Janice Walthour addresses a group of students. Many did not realize that there was no running water, no toilets, and just a wood stove for heat in the winter.



**FREE ADMISSION**

**Saturday, June 20, Noon to 6 PM  
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds**

It's not too late -->**SPONSORS - VENDORS**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS DAY OF EVENT**

Want to help?

Email Us at [admin@ucaconline.org](mailto:admin@ucaconline.org)

*Featuring*

**Ni Dembaya African Drums & Dancing**

**Stone Pleasure Band**

**Ms. Story Living History**

**Games, Face Painting, Horseback Riding, Moon Bounce,  
and lots more children's activities!**

**Looking Backward Exhibit**

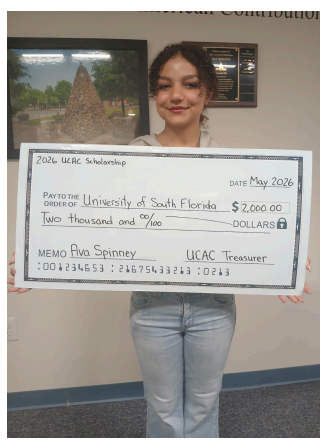
**An extensive collection of Black history artifacts from 18th, 19th, and  
20th centuries curated by Jay D. Johnson.**



**2026 ELMER BROWN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**



**Zaniyah Bush** is a 2026 Chopticon High School graduate and the recipient of the \$1000 Academic Scholarship. She will be attending East Carolina University in the Fall where she will pursue a degree in Music Education.



**Ava Spinney** is a 2026 Leonardtown High School graduate and the recipient of the \$2000 Teacher Education Scholarship. She will be attending the University of South Florida in the Fall where she will pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



**Tatiana Williams** is a 2026 Chopticon High School graduate and the recipient of the \$1000 Voc-Tech Scholarship. She will be attending Pennsylvania State University in the Fall in pursuit of a certificate/degree as a Radiology Technician.

## CONGRATULATIONS

## UCAC Membership



### JOIN or RENEW AT JUNETEENTH

UCAC is dependent on our generous members in order to implement our mission. We have no paid staff. Therefore, 100% of your membership dues goes directly to funding our programs. Membership is by calendar year. So **renew today** for 2026.

**WE NEED YOU !**

### JUNETEENTH SPECIAL

**One Day Only**

Every new membership or renewal Processed on June 20 is entered into a drawing for **TWO CHANCES** to **WIN TWO TICKETS** to a Jazz Concert

*See Details at Juneteenth*

All Online or In-Person Renewals **MUST BE** processed on June 20 to be eligible for the drawing.  
(Valued up to \$150)



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