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Some of the residents of Bayleigh Chase gather in the Taylor Auditorium Wednesday for the ceremony.



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Del. Johnny Mautz, R-37B-Talbot, prepares to take a selfie with the gathering at the celebration of the Bayleigh Chase anniversary Wednesday.

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Gardens at William Hill Manor to also accommodate residents who required the additional support of assisted living services.

The organization converted to a not-for-profit model in 2007 when it was purchased by Integrace (then known as Episcopal Minis-

tries to the Aging Inc.). The community opened the Samuel and Alexia Bratton Neurocognitive Clinic the same year, providing diagnosis, treatment and caregiver support resources for families living with cognitive disorders on both an outpatient and residential basis.

In December 2014, Integrace announced the rebranding of William Hill Manor to Bayleigh Chase, "a name that points to

the distinctive qualities of the community's warmth, tradition, elegance and connection to the Chesapeake Bay," a flyer on the community said.

Now, Integrace Bayleigh Chase is home to independent living residents in its villas, cottages and apartment homes, and serves people in the greater Talbot community through its rehabilitative services and assisted living. [rpolk@chespub.com](mailto:rpolk@chespub.com)



PHOTO BY JOHNNY MAUTZ

Del. Johnny Mautz posted his selfie with the gathering at Bayleigh Chase on his Facebook page.

# Benedictine employee receives governor's citation

**RIDGELY** — Every day, direct support professionals touch the lives of those for whom they care. The more than 200 DSPs who work for Benedictine Programs and Services are no exception.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, in honor of Direct Support Professional Week in Maryland, Carol A. Beatty, secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities, visited Benedictine to recognize DSP Colleen Voss. Voss was presented with a governor's citation for her work to support Benedictine's mission to help children and adults with developmental disabilities achieve their greatest potential.

Beth Mathis, Benedictine's director of Adult Services, explained the role of DSPs who work for the non-profit.

"I have the utmost respect for the complexity of the work that they do," Mathis

said. "DSPs must be able to think on their feet and plan ahead. They need to be able to know when to offer advice and guidance, and when to step back and not interfere. They have to balance adhering to regulations with advocating with people for changes or exceptions to the rules. They listen to families. They manage and mediate conflict, and they help people realize dreams. They are counselors, teachers, companions, and cheerleaders."

During her visit, Beatty said she began her career as a DSP.

"We are traveling around the state to recognize people who are doing really exceptional work on behalf of Marylanders with disabilities," Beatty said. "Gov. Hogan also recognizes the importance of this workforce and sends his thanks and his gratitude."

Gaffney Shepherd, Division of Rehabilitation Services team lead for Benedictine Programs and Services, introduced Voss before she received her citation.

"She makes an effort in every way to connect with the people around her," Shepherd said of Voss. "She is a teacher, a friend and fiercely takes any avenue that she can to help people with disabilities accomplish integrated, competitive employment of choice."

Voss worked for years in special education in Illinois before moving to Maryland with her family in 2015 and joining Benedictine. She said she was speechless when she heard she would soon receive the governor's citation.

"I really feel like I found a home here. I really feel like I'm a part of the family," Voss said. "Every day, I have a great time working



From left are Casey Townsend, Benedictine Blossoms Garden Center manager; Carol A. Beatty, secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities; Brandy Bedo, Benedictine direct support professional recognized by the governor's office; and Adedapo Laditan, director of Quality Enhancement for Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration Salisbury office.

with the adults, supporting them. They're so capable of so much, and I really am honored that I get to work with them, and help them to go out into the commu-

nity and do the best that they can. I just hope that I can do the best that I can to support them. ... I'm very grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Benedictine family."

Benedictine Executive Director Scott Evans explained just what DSPs mean to the organization.

"DSPs are the backbone of this organization," Evans said. "Having that personal touch is what it's all about. That's where everything starts and ends with our programs."

Adedapo Laditan, director of Quality Enhancement for Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration Salisbury office, thanked Benedictine's DSPs for their quality of care.

"Benedictine is a leader in terms of providing the supports that our folks with disabilities need and deserve," Laditan said, "For so many years, we've had a good relationship. We hope to continue that, and support you in whatever way we can. ... Thank you for what you do."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

From left are Adedapo Laditan, director of Quality Enhancement for Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration Salisbury office; Gaffney Shepherd, Division of Rehabilitation Services team lead for Benedictine Programs and Services; Scott Evans, Benedictine executive director; Carol A. Beatty, secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities; Colleen Voss, Benedictine's direct service provider receiving the governor's citation; Jason Young, a member of Benedictine's Adult Services program; and Beth Mathis, Benedictine Adult Services director.

## Jordan joins medical group

**BALTIMORE** — University of Maryland Community Medical Group, announces the addition of Centreville-based Family Nurse Practitioner Family Nurse Practitioner Family Nurse Practitioner, DNP, CNM, FNP-BC.

Jordan's specialties include women's health, obstetrics and family practice. Jordan is seeing patients at UM CMG - Primary Care at 2540 Centreville Road. Patients may make an appointment with Michell by calling 410-758-4432.

UM CMG is a University of Maryland Medical System-owned network of more than 300 primary care physicians, specialists- and advanced practice clinicians. As part of this UM CMG, Jordan is affiliated with UM Shore Re-

gional Health. Jordan is a graduate of Frontier Nursing University, where she received her master's degree in nursing, and George Washington University, where she received her Doctor of Nursing Practice. She is a board certified family Nurse Practitioner and a Certified nurse midwife.

"We are very excited to have Michell join our team at the University of Maryland Community Medical Group in our primary care practice," said Michele Wilson, vice president of operations for UM CMG. "Michell has many years of experience providing compassionate care while keeping the patient's needs at the top of mind."

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