

# DISTRICT 5 NEWS

MARVIN ARRINGTON, JR., DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER

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Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

Whether attending special events or hosting town halls, when visiting HJC Bowden Senior Multipurpose Center, the seniors always give me valuable feedback about our facility, services, and staff. Fulton County has had many challenges concerning its facilities and their need for repairs, upgrades, and maintenance. Over the past year, the Board of Commissioners dedicated \$209M+ to go toward maintenance and upgrades of Fulton County's facilities, which include libraries. Of that projected amount, \$1.1M+ is being invested in the Bowden Center. Another \$200k is dedicated toward the construction of a space in the John C. Birdine Neighborhood Center, where the Bethlehem Center seniors will be relocated. This new District 5 senior location is projected to open in October of this year.

In March, Fulton County announced its new Director of Aging, Dr. Pamela Roshell. Dr. Roshell brings over 20 years of experience in public administration, health policy, and gerontology. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Roshell served as the Regional Director for the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and in a variety of leadership roles at AARP, including State Director for AARP Georgia where she provided management, leadership, and consumer advocacy to AARP's 1 million+ members in Georgia. With new leadership and increased resources, we hope to improve the quality of services and seniors' overall experience at our centers.

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Warm Regards,  
*Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.*  
Commissioner, District 5





**2017 Fulton Scholars Reception @ Zoo Atlanta**

## Youth Scholars: Our Future Looks Bright

Our future looks bright due to our youth who exceed all standards. Thanks to District 1 Commissioner Liz Hausmann, former Fulton County Schools Board Member, we host an annual reception honoring Fulton County student scholars. For the second year, we hosted this event at Zoo Atlanta, which is located in District 5. We were joined by both Fulton County Schools' and Atlanta Public Schools' Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and their families representing all districts. The following are the recognition recipients for District 5 and the schools they will attend in the fall ().

**V: Valedictorian S: Salutatorian \*Special Mention/ Not in District 5**

- ◆ Carver High School: V: Jhakenda Frazier, S: Tonnay Tucker
- ◆ Carver High School Early College: V: Jenny Nguyen (GA Tech), S: Francis-Baraka Fataki (GA Tech)
- ◆ Carver High School of Technology: V: Brittany Byner, S: Demario White, Jr.
- ◆ Charles Drew Charter: V: Gloria Kitchens (Tufts) S: Zoe Andrews (University of GA)
- ◆ Maynard Jackson High School: V: Rebecca Schmitt, S: Daniel Hamm (Emory)
- ◆ Therrell High School: V: Asha Redhead (Morgan State), S: Jannell Tanner
- ◆ Tri-Cities: V: Rachel Trundle (Georgia State), S: Michael Dinh (Georgia State)
- ◆ South Atlanta High School: V: Asha Crews, S: Dexter Davis, Jr. (GA Tech)
- ◆ \*Westlake: V: Festus Ojo (Harvard); S: Jonathan Johnson (Stanford)



**Youth Film, TV, Media Expo @AmericasMart**



**APS Wolf Pack Basketball Champions**





Fulton Triple Crown Basketball Reception @ Fulton County Government Center

## Youth Champions: Our Youth Are Achievers

Our youth are both scholars and achievers in their classrooms and in their extracurricular activities. Commissioner Emma I. Darnell and I were honored to host the [Fulton County Basketball champions](#) from both Districts 5 and 6. The basketball champions for District 6 were the Benjamin E. Mays Lady Raiders and the Langston Hughes Panthers. The basketball champions from District 5 were the South Atlanta Hornets and the Atlanta Wolfpack. The [Atlanta Wolfpack](#) is the Atlanta Public Schools' wheelchair basketball team, with players from Carver, Douglass, and South Atlanta high schools, Long Middle School, and Perkerson Elementary School.

My office hosts annual initiatives to engage youth that live in District 5 and beyond. During Spring Break, my office, in collaboration with WorkSource Fulton, hosted an [expo for youth interested in television, film, and interactive media careers](#) at AmericasMart. Over 500 youth attended the event and engaged over 50 employers from both technical and entertainment industries. With current spikes in juvenile crime, I realize that Fulton County must share in the onus of filling our youth's voids of idle time with enriching activities and opportunities. The United Negro College Fund states it best, "a mind is a terrible thing to waste, but a wonderful thing to invest in." Therefore, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is investing \$1M in crime prevention for both youth programming and employment through a [comprehensive plan](#) I co-sponsored. #Achievement



2017 Family Fun Day @ Oak Hill Ps





WTR is hosting a platform for young aspiring writers to spread their wings by offering them the opportunity to showcase their literacy skills and passion for writing.

#### PARTICIPATION

The competition is open to Fulton County high school students.

Three winners will be selected—1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The winners will receive cash scholarships and other prizes, and have their work published in Opus Cultural Lifestyle Magazine.

The writing submissions will be accepted from June 30th 2017 - July 31, 2017. The Awards event will be held in August 2017.

#### ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY GUIDELINES

Each entry must include the official WTR Registration Form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian, consenting to allowing their child/ward to enter the competition, confirming that the submission is original, and granting certain rights to the entry materials.

Submit a fiction/non-fiction, original, non-published work in the following categories (one submission per entrant):

- Short Stories (6-10 pages)
- Poetry (up to 30 lines)
- Essays (6-10 pages)
- Academic/Research Reports (6-10 pages)
- Scripts/Personal Narratives (6-10 pages)
- Any Other Original Student Writing

Submission must have a cover sheet as follows:

- "Title"
- By Author's Name
- School/Grade Level
- Student's and parent's contact information: name, number, email

#### WTR ORGANIZERS:

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- Writing Category, Fiction/Non-Fiction,
- Word Count, number of lines or number of pages.

Submission must be a Word or PDF document, in English, typed (no hand-written entries), DS (double spaced) with a 12 pt Arial, Courier or Times Roman font. Use a one-inch margin on all pages. Number all pages in a header, including the first page, and include title of story next to page number. Do not include your name in header. Your cover sheet will be removed during the judging phase, to insure fair and impartial review of all submissions.

Submissions must be received by July 31, 2017 via online as attachment, late entries will not be accepted.

Send submissions to: [info@write2rise.com](mailto:info@write2rise.com)

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to follow competition guidelines may result in disqualification of entrant.

Winners will be announced on WTF website August 2017. Non-winners will not be notified.

**Special Notice:** Submission of the Registration Form constitutes permission from the participant's parent/legal guardian for WTR to use the participants' name, likeness, biographical information, information and materials contained in the Registration Form, photographs, and any statements or remarks made about the competition in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law.



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Commissioner Arrington and WorkSource Fulton Kick off Intensive Youth Employment Initiative

#### Mandatory Intensive Preparation Workshops will cover:

- Resume Writing
- Interview Preparation
- Time Management

Job seekers must attend and complete one six-hour workshop

Monday, June 5 - 9, 2017  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wolf Creek Library  
3100 Enon Road

To register, visit

<http://youthemploymentreadiness.eventbrite.com?s=76211558>  
or for more information, call (404) 613-6381



Youth training initiative offered with the support of Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington Jr., District 5, the Board of Commissioners and the Housing and Community Development Department.



## Training Workshops to Prepare High School Students for Employment Success

Employer Interviews are for Workshop Participants Only

Monday  
June 12-16, 2017  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wolf Creek Library  
3100 Enon Road  
Atlanta, GA 30331

# Youth Opportunities: Empowering Our Youth

Our youth, although educated and talented, still need opportunities to apply their knowledge, gifts and abilities. My office is dedicated to providing them opportunities. However, to be successful in anything, it takes collaboration. My office is collaborating with the Friends of Wolf Creek, Opus Cultural Lifestyle Magazine, and WorkSource Fulton to offer summer enrichment and employment opportunities for Fulton County youth. These initiatives are for all high school students who live in Fulton County, Georgia.

**Write To Rise** is a 6-week young writer's workshop that takes place Saturdays only at Wolf Creek Library beginning June 10 through July 22, 2017. The workshop is aimed at enhancing students' imagination and writing skills. The workshop includes authors, writers, and industry professionals who will guide participants through a comprehensive preparation that focuses on both personal and professional development as a writer. For more information, please visit: [www.Write2Rise.com](http://www.Write2Rise.com). (In collaboration with Opus Cultural Lifestyle Magazine and Friends of Wolf Creek)

**Intensive Youth Employment Initiative** is a 2-week initiative that consists of a week of mandatory job readiness and training workshops and a week of employer interviews. Teenagers seeking summer employment or job preparation training will get the opportunity for assistance beginning June 5 through June 16, 2017 at Wolf Creek Library. Youth will gain experience in resume writing, interview preparation, and time management. Job seekers must attend and complete one six-hour workshop to receive an interview for the next week. Employers include: Chipotle (Camp Creek), Waffle House, Wendy's, Bojangles, Cracker Barrel, ABM (airport-related hiring), and Murray Security. To obtain summer employment, youth must register by visiting Eventbrite at <http://youthemploymentreadiness.eventbrite.com?s=76211558>, or for more information, call WorkSource Fulton at 404-613-6381.

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