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First Baptist Church of Guilford Near Completion



First Baptist Church of Guilford nearly complete after being under construction prior to 2008.

First Baptist Church of Guilford, a staple in the community since the turn of the 20th century, broke ground for the expansion of its facility at the corner of Guilford Road and Oakland Mills Road several years ago. Construction, originally scheduled for completion by March 2008, suffered a dizzying number of setbacks. The building is presently at 95% completion.

Recently, the Baltimore Sun's web edition reported a victory for the

historically black church. First Baptist won nearly \$1.65 million in a lawsuit that Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland filed at Howard County Circuit Court in 2010. First Baptist retains about \$1.2 million because jury awarded \$484,000 to Fidelity.

According to the article, the church and its lender, First Mariner Bank, took out a \$13 million performance bond from Fidelity to cover the construction, but when Harbor View

Contractors Inc., the general contractor, became insolvent in 2009 before completion of the project difficulty followed. At the time of Harbor View's insolvency, the church was behind in payments to the contractor. The performance bond was not paid out and a lawsuit was initiated.

With the construction near completion and the recent monetary award, there is hope that the facility will be ready soon.

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Hammond Student Competes for Business Title

Charlie Frekot, a sophomore at Hammond High School, was one of ten students to take the business exams in hopes of qualifying to represent his school in the Regionals.

The Future Business Leaders of America is in the midst of its annual competition to discover and showcase tomorrow's business talent today. Charlie Frekot, a Guilford resident and sophomore at Hammond High School, and nine other Hammond students qualified to participate in the Region 9 (Howard County) event.

The students who

qualified will either take an online exam or perform before local, industry-based judges in an upcoming event at River Hill High School. The regional finalists will have an opportunity to compete at the state level in April.

William Nottage, the Maryland state director of FBLA explained that students work with their high school advisors to prepare to compete in one of several business disciplines. Depending on the discipline chosen, the student may compete by taking an online exam or by demonstrating their business skills in a

public forum before judges.

The topics range from accounting, business math and sports marketing. The number of Hammond participants is the highest ever.

The FBLA national finals will be held in San Antonio June 29th through July 2nd.

There are different topics such as accounting, business math and sports marketing.

This is the highest number of students to participate from the Hammond Future Business Leaders of America organization.

The Publisher's Notes

Strengthening community is a difficult task at best in our electronic age where cable television, internet, social media, video games, and the like rule supreme in our society. Nearly gone are the days when adults were out in the neighborhood simply taking walks or sitting on the porch. Civic organizations are slipping by the wayside and personal schedules seem out of control.

So often we see a broadcast event on the daily TV news where we watch neighbors struggle to explain their acquaintance with a tragic figure. The most many of them can say is that the person *seemed nice* or *never caused any trouble*. The reality is that not many of us know our neighbors. We do not know what is happening around the corner.

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By injecting media into our local culture, Guilford Gazette hopes to introduce neighbor to neighbor. We want to produce the type of stories that bring about a curiosity that will cause you to step outside, investigate, and perhaps meet a neighbor or two along the way.

This is a publishing endeavor where we hope to play a small part in building a safe and cohesive environment in which we all can thrive for many years to come.

Hammond Announces Scholarship Opportunities

February Due Dates

Amanda Wins Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

This \$5000 scholarship is available to Howard County residents who are currently in their senior year at either a Howard County public high school or a Maryland private high school and have played on a SAC/HC travel or recreational team during one or more of their high school years. Applicants must have achieved an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 through Grade 11 and maintain an unweighted GPA of 3.5 through the first semester of Grade 12. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

Ascend One Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

The intent of this scholarship is to facilitate the education of a student who has financial need and an interest in pursuing a career in computer science, finance, or a related field. The winner will receive a two-year scholarship of \$2000 annually. Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through Grade 11 and an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through the first semester of Grade 12. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

NEW: Mike Chang Sunshine Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

This \$500 scholarship will be offered to a student who responds with care and concern towards the needs of others and has the ability to bring humor to the serious business of life. Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through Grade 11 and an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through the first semester of Grade 12. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

Karen and Howard Carolan Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

This \$1000 scholarship is offered to students who have participated in the Howard County Youth Program. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

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Doug Parker Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

This \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound Howard County student showing commitment to community involvement, academics, and sportsmanship. Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through Grade 11 and an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through the first semester of Grade 12. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

Robert J. Gaw Memorial Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

This \$1000 scholarship will be provided towards the cost of attending a two- or four-year college/university or trade school. Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through Grade 11 and an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through the first semester of Grade 12. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

Freeman K. Hill Teen Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

The purpose of this \$1500 scholarship is to provide an annual scholarship to a Howard County student who demonstrates his or her religious faith through good citizenship, service to others and the community, and academic achievement. Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through Grade 11 and an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through the first semester of Grade 12. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

Candidates for this \$1000 scholarship must plan to attend a four-year college or university to pursue an education in agriculture, animal husbandry, and/or a field related to farming. Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through Grade 11 and an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through the first semester of Grade 12. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

Stephanie Russel Scholarship (administered by the Columbia Foundation):

Candidates for this \$1000 scholarship must plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school. Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through Grade 11 and an unweighted GPA of 3.0 through the first semester of Grade 12. This application is by nomination only. Please see your counselor if you are interested by February 17, 2012.

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program:

This scholarship is for high school seniors and for current undergraduate students. Those who plan to major in a field of study that focuses on engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive technology should apply. For more information: www.buickachievers.com.