



AWARDS BANQUET 2014!!!

The 29th Annual Awards Banquet was held Sunday, November 9th at Martin's East. More than 200 athletes from 6 to 18 years of age and 200 coaches, parents and supporters attended the ceremony that recognized their achievements in individual and team sports.

The **Severn Elite's 6th Grade Boys Basketball Team** was recognized for winning the national championship. **Chick Webb's 9th grade Boys Basketball Team** was recognized for winning the national championship in its age group. More than 80 participants in the **Central Maryland Swim League** were recognized for their 2014 achievements as well as their participation in over 150 AAU competitions.

The **Lady Tigers Girls Basketball Team** was recognized for their 8th place finish in national competition. Newly formed Maryland AAU football was represented by the **Shutdown Academy**. Baseball coach **John Pineau** presented **Governor Ben DuBose** with the RBI-AAU 2014 Maryland State Championship award. John's **RBI Team** won the Maryland State Championship in 2014. Track and field athletes were recognized for their many accomplishments, many of them, record breaking. Additionally, Track and Field's **Nyari McNeil** and **Austin Allen** were recipients of the **Melvin Parker Award**, which provides recognition for athletic participation, academic success, and community involvement. Presentations were capped off with the recognition of Jump Rope athletes as well as a presentation by the award winning **Kangaroo Kids Jump Rope Team**. The team wowed the audience with an amazing demonstration of speed, endurance, and precision.

A special award was made to **Morgan State University** for being a staunch supporter of AAU's mission and a long term partner. Accepting the award on behalf of University President Dr. David Wilson was **Ms. Tanya Rush, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs**. Governor Benjamin DuBose presented **First Lieutenant Governor McCarroll Nole**, with the **Volunteer of the Year Award**. During dinner, the audience was privy to a well-documented Year in Review video prepared by **AAU Webmaster Jim Dupree**.

The Banquet Committee, Chaired by **Antoinette DuBose**, began planning the many segments of the banquet in early September. All of the behind the scenes planning culminated in the banquet going off without a hitch, thanks in large part to the expertise of Master of Ceremony, **Mr. Lamont Germany**. A fantastic time was had by all and we took tons of pictures during our celebration. **Check out our online Photo Gallery to see some of these highlights TODAY!** (www.marylandaau.org)



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Second Lieutenant Governor Antoinette DuBose has been selected to lead the Mercy Seat Outreach Church of God as its Pastor. The announcement was made on November 2, 2014, by Bishop Jessie Alston. And on the brisk and sunny Sunday morning of November 9th Reverend DuBose took to the pulpit to preach her first sermon.

Antoinette served for 20 years as Associate Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where she trained under the leadership of Reverend Robert E. Farrow. She earned a Bachelor of Theology Degree from United Baptist College and Seminary.

Reverend DuBose has been involved with the prison ministry with the Baltimore City Penal System for many years. She plans to continue her work in that much needed area while building her congregation by saving one soul at a time.