



Ozanam
basketball
program

Newsletter



We are committed to making a difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

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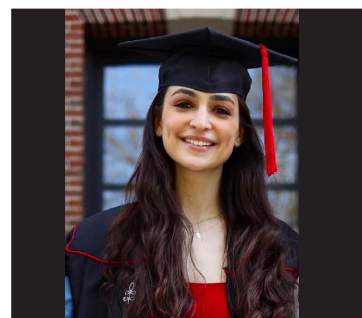
Ozanam Graduates



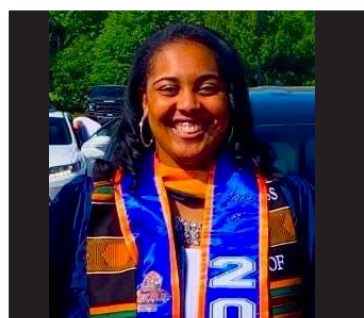
Michaela Porter
Appalachian State University



Taylor Tyler
Seton Hill



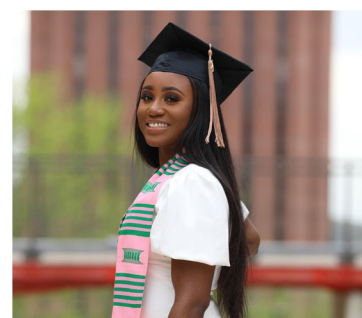
Lainey Newman
Harvard University



Taylor Stewart
Lincoln University



Maia Joiner
Tulane University



Desiree Oliver
University of Massachusetts

DID YOU KNOW.....?

- For first time in history of Ozanam, during COVID-19 pandemic summer 2020, the prestigious Ozanam Summer Basketball League did not occur. Instead Ozanam in collaboration with Pittsburgh Police produced an amazing "Unity in Community Camp," which allowed youth to get to personally spend time with police in a pleasant environment daily. Camp was held on the outside courts of Manchester Elementary School.
- Ozanam beginning Summer 2021 will add another location of operation. Ammon Recreation Center remains primary Ozanam site. Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc Iota Phi Foundation welcomes Ozanam operation into Anderson Manor on northside section in the city of Pittsburgh. This is a new year-round site for Ozanam programming.
- Donations to assist in preparing youth to succeed in the future, donations to the organization can be sent online or checks made out to "Ozanam, Inc" and mailed to the following address: *Ozanam, Inc.*

*P.O. Box 99953
Pittsburgh, PA 15233*

Ozanam is a nonprofit organization as determined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, donations are exempt from federal income tax.
- Three Pittsburgh natives and Ozanam alumni are celebrating 25 Years of the Women's National Basketball Association Anniversary. Colleges represented by the three women include University of Texas, Penn State University, and University of Connecticut.

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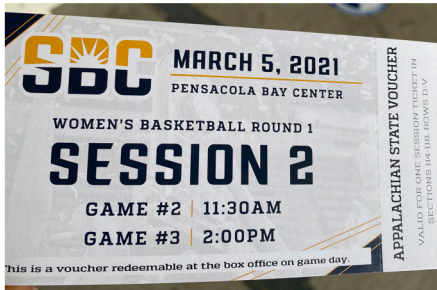
Sitting: Clarence Battle. Back Row: Left: Jack Shannon. Middle: Coach Alvis Rogers. Right: Coach Darelle Porter



Ozanam Founder Carl Kohlman Shoes



NCAA Post-Season



Entry SBC Tournament Ticket bounces in Porter family



Coach Porter with Alumni Torrie Cash, Coastal Carolina Univ. Assistan WBB Coach



Basketball bounces in Porter family



Mr. Clarence celebrates birthday



Smiles of Appreciation



Family, Food, and Fun



Arlington Elementary end of school day

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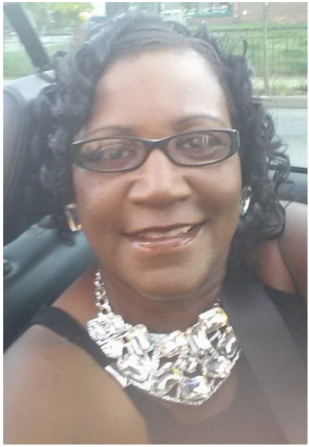
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Superintendent, Warren Preparatory Academy

Dr. Rahmon Hart
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John Morgan

Diane Stotts
Clinical Transformation Consultant
Highmark Inc.

Alumni Profile: Lee Grace Jones



Lee Grace Jones



Ozanam Days: Archerettes Dynasty: "Winning is not a sometime thing... It is an all time thing, etc.



Perfect Dribble Pose

I was working my summer job at YBOP on Bedford Ave. I was assigned Shift Supervisor of the Car Wash crew along with Wayman Macklin, Chuck Taylor and Big Stan. Each of us were assigned several workers, my girls crew cleaned the inside of the vehicle. Every day the guys would talk about the basketball games played at Ozanam.

At that time, I was a basketball player at ALLDERDICE, and I met Mary Myers when we played against her and the Schenley team. Everyone thought we looked alike but I did not see it until one day I made plans to meet her at Ozanam. I approached the basketball court, which at that time was outside on a cement court. I looked over and saw some of the Fifth Ave High School players, then I heard Sam Clancy say "Hey Mary, come and pick this game up with us". I said I am not Mary, but I will pick the game up with you. Everyone laughed and it was at that moment I knew I wanted to be in the Ozanam League.

Mary arrived shortly after, and I shared my adventure with her then she told me all about the girls OZ team. The next thing I knew our team consist of four Allderdice players, three Schenley players and one Fifth Ave player. Lineal Stoval was our coach and Sonny Lewis was our assistant coach. We had an incredibly talented team and won many games. Getting to know all my teammates was adventurous, our interaction taught me good communication,

teamwork, and skills. I remember we were hustlers on defense and creative when scoring our offense. We played outside early in the morning on a cement basketball court. Playing with this group of girls-built character and demanded endurance. We challenged each other to play our best, we supported each other when it was needed, I am blessed to have known these players and coaches.

Ozanam has impacted my life in many ways. The diligence I experienced while playing in the Ozanam League sparked my motivation to complete my Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work from Edinboro University. Once employed at the Dept of Human Services, I took those character-building techniques that I learned at OZ to advance my job positions from caseworker to Director of the Southern District Office. Along the way, I practiced every part of teamwork that I learned from playing in the Ozanam League. Whenever my staff accomplished major goals I praised their winning efforts through memos and holiday celebrations.

Every chance I get to give back or support Karen/Darelle and OZANAM I do. I volunteered to coach one of girl's teams in the summer league program and I will always contribute monetarily when I have the opportunity. Ozanam has made a impact on many individual lives and I am grateful to be one of those individuals.

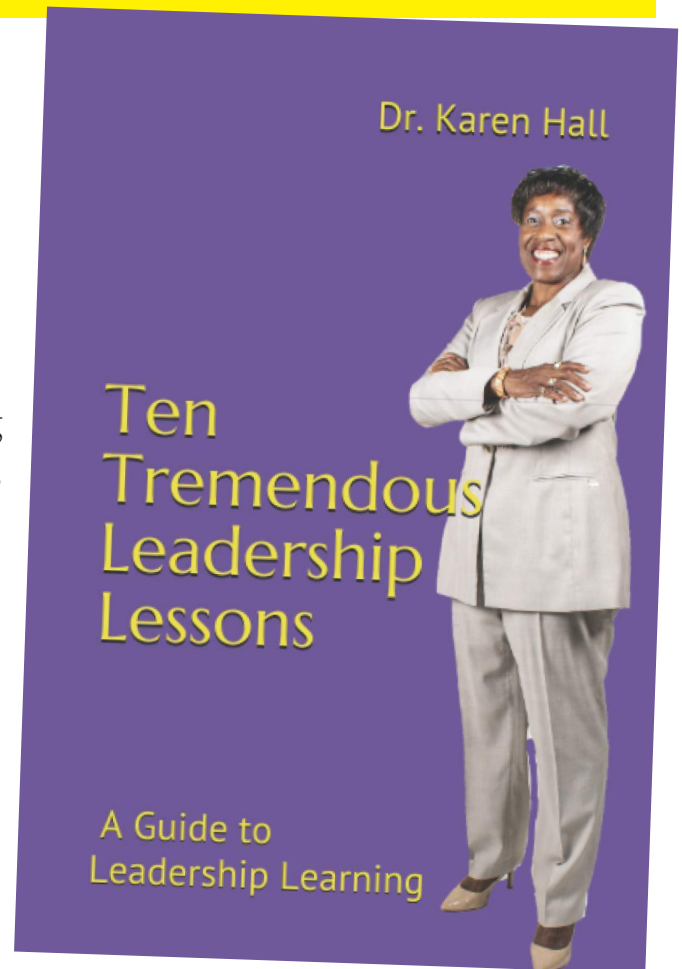
Assistant Executive Director becomes Author

Alumni and Assistant Executive Director, Dr. Karen Hall, penned her way into authorship as her first book was published February 24, 2021. The book *Ten Tremendous Leadership Lessons: A Guide to Leadership Learning*, (10TLL), is available on amazon.com.

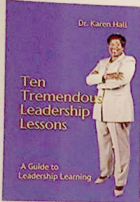
This book is a fundamental guide to learning and reinforcing ten key leadership principals that can be used in daily living.

To successfully benefit from the book, the reader will measure their leadership growth and sustainability of high-performance level.

This book reiterates the reason and importance of elevating leadership.



Book Signing



Book is available at Amazon.com or copies can be purchased at event.

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BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE

535 Smithfield Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

- Located at the corner of Smithfield & Oliver
- Complimentary parking available at the 350 Oliver Avenue Garage with validation (closest to Smithfield Street)

You are cordially invited
to a book signing for
Ten Tremendous Leadership Lessons
by Dr. Karen Hall!

Location: Fogo-De Chão-Private Room #1

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

- Appetizers
- Raffle
- Parking validated
- Cash bar
- And more!

This book reiterates the importance of elevating leadership.



For the last fifteen years, Dr. Karen Hall has specialized in leadership, particularly growing and elevating leaders to sustain high performance levels.

WORDS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

In the year of COVID-19 Pandemic, Ozanam continued programming outdoors following the Center for Disease (CDC) Control guidelines as mandated by Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Wolf. Through creative measures of adhering to wearing masks, limited participation, and social distancing, Summer camp 2020 proved to be one of Ozanam best despite the absence of the illustrious Ozanam Summer Basketball League.

We are excited about working with kids face-to-face this summer. In addition, the prestigious Ozanam Summer Basketball League will be B-A-C-K! Teams representing five age groups, officials, and bouncing balls will dominate the courts and sounds inside Ozanam's new summer league location, Manchester Academic Charter School. Come watch some sizzling and thrilling basketball action.

Ammon Recreation Center, once again will serve as the hub of Summer Camp Challenge 2021. Should inclement weather dawn upon the city, summer programming will move downstairs in the building. Kids can prepare for pool action as Ammon's favorite, Uncle Charlie, will lead in supervising kids experience at Ammon pool. Not only will adults be pleased to work with kids in-person, kids will be happy to see their besties and meet new friends.

It's been an amazing Spring as the original group of Ozanam girls (see page one) who began as nine-year olds, have now graduated from college. We know Ozanam programming, as it has done for numerous generations, continues producing future leaders. We are looking forward to developing the next young group of girls through sport.

Ozanam's radar is pointing toward collaboration with Pittsburgh's Iota Phi Chapter, alumni chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Collaboration brings Ozanam to Anderson Manor, a Pittsburgh Historic Landmark. This location will allow Ozanam to reach the youth of Manchester to provide an opportunity to engage in Ozanam's summer programs.



Coach Porter, a leader in assist on and off the court.



It's "Dedication and Motivation" for these young ballers.



Results of Ozanam basketball experience brings smiles!



Girls locking down team with defensive pressure.

Men of Ozanam

From Players - To Professionals



Michael Keyes
Towson University



Harold Hamlin
Waynesburg University



Alvis Rogers
Wake Forest University



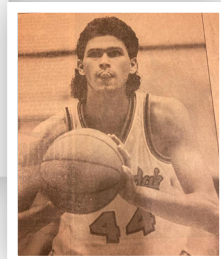
Clarence "Mr. C." Battle
Gatekeeper
Ammon Recreation Center



Maurice Freeman
Point Park University



Greg Martucci
Holy Cross



Don Johnson
University of Dayton



Rich Alsberry
North Carolina Wesleyan College

Men of Ozanam

From Players - To Professionals



Jim McCoy
University of Massachusetts



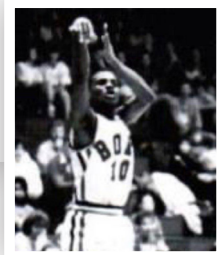
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Interesting Black Facts



The female player who currently has the most medal wins in the Olympics is Venus Williams (USA). She has five medals in total, 4 gold and 1 silver. Her last medal win was silver in the Mixed Doubles at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro games. www.tennisconnected.com



The long overdue Basketball Hall of Fame finally had a chance to hold its 2020 induction in Springfield, Massachusetts. Included in the great 2020 class to be cherished is former Los Angeles Laker star Kobe Bryant. His January 2020 unexpected death is bound to make the ceremony one of its most emotional. While Bryant isn't the only player being inducted — Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan, Kim Mulkey, and Tamika Catchings are among the other notables set to be enshrined — the event will likely center around Bryant and speeches given in his honor by his wife Vanessa and all-time NBA great Michael Jordan. <http://www.sportingnews.com>



Jennifer King was named assistant running backs coach for the Washington Football Team in January. The assignment made her the first Black female full-time coach in the NFL. [King](http://www.espn.com), 36, previously served as a full-year coaching intern with the team. In her own words, King details her journey to the NFL and how she intends to inspire the next generation of female coaches. www.espn.com

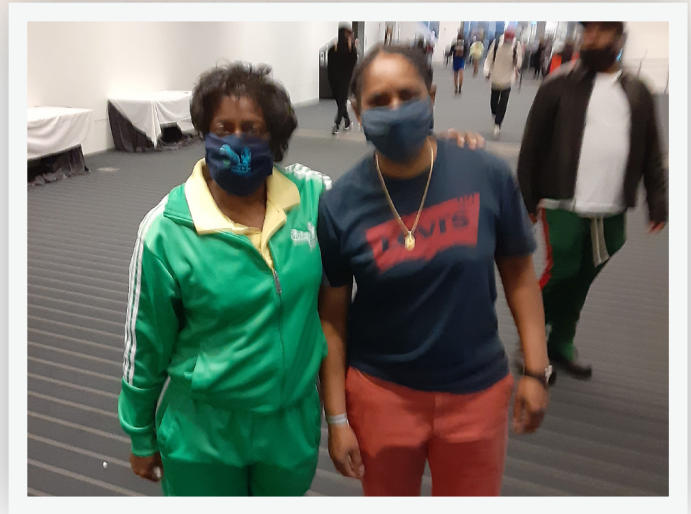


Naismith Memorial
Basketball Hall of Fame

Ozanam and Hoop Group

Gymnasiums were black-outs for a year due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Thanks to “Hoop Group Jam Fest” returning to Pittsburgh in April, over 100 teams found their way to the David Lawrence Convention Center for a weekend of high-level basketball competitions.

Darelle Porter, Ozanam Executive Director, was instrumental in keeping Ozanam in the mix. Ozanam provided “Hoop Group” staff to operate scorer tables during weekend tournament from tip-off Friday to hoisting of championship trophy Sunday afternoon. Staff included high school standout Natalie Jaspers, headed to Georgetown University, Westinghouse High School Head Coach, Phyllis Jones, and her city league championship team, and Obama Academy Girls Basketball team. The intense weekend of big-time basketball tournament gave high school student-athletes practical job experience while earning compensation for their work.



Ozanam alumnae, UNLV's Dr.Karen Hall and Penn State star Tonya Gardner making it happen at Hoop Group Jamfest. Tonya's boy's team won “Hoop Group” Gold championship trophy..

In the midst of many highlights, Ozanam alumni, Tonya Gardner, Penn State University Basketball All-American, coached her boys' team to a Hoop Group Jam Fest Championship.

NUTRITIONAL FOOD FOR THOUGHTS

Top 10 High-Fiber Foods

- ☐ Beans.
- ☐ Broccoli.
- ☐ Berries.

- ☐ Avocados.
- ☐ Popcorn.
- ☐ Whole Grains.
- ☐ Apples.
- ☐ Dried Fruits.
- ☐ Potatoes.
- ☐ Nuts.



AFRICAN AMERICAN FACTS:

MELBOURNE, Australia 2021-- Once again, Serena Williams came within reach of a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title, playing well enough Thursday to get to the closing days of a major tournament. And once again, Williams couldn't quite get it done, as she was defeated 6-3, 6-4 by Naomi Osaka in the Australian Open semifinals. Osaka, who also beat Williams in the chaotic 2018 US Open final, reached her fourth major title match and stretched her winning streak to 20 matches by claiming the last eight points. www.espn.com



Famed actor Phylicia Rashad is returning to her alma mater as the new dean of the Howard University College of Fine Arts. The longtime performer, who rose to cultural prominence as Clair Huxtable on "The Cosby Show," graduated magna cum laude from Howard with a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 1970. Rashad is a five-time Emmy nominee and Tony Award winner, and holds honorary doctorates from Brown University and Spelman College, among others. Rashad's return to campus represents a reemergence of the fine arts college; the College of Fine Arts

was merged into the College of Arts and Sciences in the late 90s. Rashad, in a statement, said it was a "privilege" to play a role in "reestablishing the College of Fine Arts." www.usatoday.com

May 10, 2021 - All-Black Female Broadcast Team to Call Dream Home Game

ATLANTA – Every Atlanta Dream home game will be called by an all-female broadcast team this season, as LaChina Robinson, Tabitha Turner and Angel Gray all return to the organization. They comprise the first all-Black, all-female broadcast group in the Dream's history. "As the Atlanta Dream experiences new beginnings we are extremely excited to announce our new broadcast team for the 2021 season," said Renee Montgomery, Dream co-owner and vice president. "This broadcast team of all women is another positive step in our goal of providing empowerment to the diverse Atlanta community. It's exciting knowing that moments such as these will create momentum, and we plan to keep that same level of energy moving forward." LaChina Robinson returns to the Dream for her 12th season after serving as the primary color analyst for the franchise's first 11 seasons. Her work spans a wide range of collegiate and WNBA events as she enters her 14th season of basketball coverage. www.dream.wnba.com



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Darelle Porter, Executive Director
Program Director

Ozanam Facts:

- For the first time in 50-plus years due to COVID-19, the infamous Ozanam Summer Boys and Girls Basketball League was not played.
- The 2020 Summer Program beside basketball activities, included visits from alumni to share motivational and wisdom-filled conversation with Ozanam participants on topics from managing money, recognizing and acknowledging supportive people, broadcast media training, and navigating safety during COVID-19.
- Pittsburgh ABC, NBC, and CBS television affiliates, Lynne Hayes-Freeland Show radio show, and Pittsburgh Tribune Newspaper covered Ozanam's collaboration with Pittsburgh Police and historic unveiling sneakers in name of original Ozanam founder Carl Kohlman. Ozanam spans 50-plus years.