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DJ GARY O INDUCTED INTO BISHOP MCDEVITT ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



On March 4th, 2020 at North Hills Country Club Bishop McDevitt High School Inducted DJ Gary O aka Gary Odom into their Hall of Fame.

Gary graduated from Bishop McDevitt in 1979, and began

establishing himself right away as one of the premier DJ's in Philadelphia. DJ'ing at some of the city top night clubs and social events

By the 1990's his career was in full swing. DJ'ing weddings, birthdays, and parties for celeb-

rities such as; Will Smith, Randall Cunningham, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Boyz 2 Men, Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, New Edition, and Tina Marie.

In 1993, he joined Power 99FM

and WDAS. Working alongside Philadelphia Urban Music Legends such as Lady B and Patti Jackson.

In 1996 he took his talents to TV when he joined "In Planet Groove" a music oriented weekly talk show that premiered on BET.

Gary can also be seen every week in the Summer as part of the City of Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation Concert Series at the Dell Music Center.

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dles, Aisling Meenagh a multi time All Catholic performer in the triple jump, and Emaani Young who is a multi time All Catholic as well.

But as strong as the Lancers senior class is the freshman class is just as talented. Led by hurdlers phenom Taleea Buxton, who spent the entire 2019-2020 Indoor Season ranked #1 in Pennsylvania and #9 Nationally.

Recently, at the Philadelphia Catholic League Championships Taleea broke World Hurdle Champion Nia Ali's decade on Philadelphia Catholic League record.

Taleea is joined by a stellar group of freshman track stars; Paris Talley, Ananda Grisson, Ayanna Moses. The freshman added much needed depth to the Lancers Relays. Which was evident when McDevitt upset Catholic League and State

Champions Neumann Goretti at the Catholic League Championships in the 4x200 relay, running the fastest time recorded PA on a flat track.

When Girls Head Coach Eric Young was asked about his teams performance this season he had this to say;

"Throughout our entire indoor track and field season I challenged the ladies with three important marks: wear these letters (McDevitt) with pride, always be competitive, and make it to states." -Head Coach Eric Young

Coach Young's Lancers responded to his challenge and met all of his expectations.

*By Uptown Standard Staff
Images courtesy of Bishop McDevitt High School*

McDevitt Girls Indoor Track & Field started the season with a strong group of returning All Catholic seniors; Khaliyah Bosman the returning Catholic League 60m Champion, Marie

Sahou at multi time All Catholic in the 60m, Jordan Greer who received All Catholic honors in the long jump and the sprints, Danye McCloud a multi time All Catholic in the sprints and hur-

MCDEVITT'S BASKETBALL PAIR OF 1000 POINTS SCORES



Coach Chavis for putting me in a position to succeed and grow as a player. I've worked hard for the past 3 years here at McDevitt, and would like to thank everyone who supported me."

Jamil Manigo hit his 1000th in a winning effort on Senior Night at home against Southeastern Pa #1 ranked Neumann-Goretti.

Coming into this season McDevitt only had five individual join their 1000point Club, so to add two to the list from the same team and in the same season, is a huge feat for Coach Will Chavis program.

*By Uptown Standard Staff
Images courtesy of Bishop McDevitt High School*

Coach Will Chavis, Lancers started out this season ranked 66th in the National High School Basketball Rankings.

The reason for this is, he returned a stellar group of seniors to Royal Avenue, led by Center Jamil Mango and Shooting

Guard Robert Smith Jr. Both Seniors began the season looking to join McDevitt's 1000 Point Club, and both have achieve that their goal.

Robert Smith hit his 1000 Point in a win at home over West

Catholic on January 13th. The Senior guard had the following to say about this incredible accomplishment;

"Becoming a 1000 point scorer is a blessing, it's been my individual goal since my freshman year. I would like to thank

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DANIELLE OUTLAW PHILADELPHIA'S TOP COP

Outlaw has had many successes in Portland, under her leadership of the police department. And her appointment is a step in the right direction in reforming the PPD.



At the beginning of his second term, Mayor Jim Kenney appointed former Portland Oregon top cop, 43 years old Danielle Outlaw. Before arriving in Portland she served as the Deputy

Police Chief in Oakland, Ca. She takes over as the first African American women to set at the helm of the PPD. Many communities activist and leaders, looking for reforms in the PPD, lobbied the Mayor requesting

that his next appoint should be an African American female, and it seems that the Mayor was listening.

The Mayor made the following statement about her historic ap-

pointment:

"But make no mistake: while I have tremendous respect for our officers, the Philadelphia Police Department needs reform. I am appointing Danielle Outlaw because I am convinced she has the conviction, courage, and compassion needed to bring long-overdue reform to the Department. After meeting and speaking with her at length, I came away confident that Danielle Outlaw possesses the strength, integrity, and empathy vital to the tasks ahead."

Outlaw made the following statement about her appointment as Philadelphia's Top Cop: "I am honored by the faith that Mayor Kenney is placing in me to lead the Philadelphia Police Department. While I am new to Philadelphia, I am not new to the challenges of big-city, 21st century policing. I encountered and dealt with the issues of employee health and wellness, equity, contemporary training, crime, fair and just prosecution, community trust, homelessness, substance abuse, police accountability, and innovation and technology — just to name a few — as I worked various assignments and rose through the ranks in Oakland, California. And I directly addressed these issues while leading the police force in Portland, Oregon.

Outlaw takes over a department that has had no shortage of racial issues, sexual assault of female officers by fellow officers, and a lack of public trust, especially withing Philadelphia black communities.

Regarding these issues the Mayor made the following statement regarding her appointment;

“These have been trying times, with fear and anger fueled by decades of injustice and, more recently, abhorrent rhetoric at the national level. I know Philadelphians can rise above it. Whether you are a longtime resident worried about crime on your block, an African American man who fears being unlawfully stopped for a broken taillight, or a patrol officer who feels unappreciated by those you serve, I ask for your help. Put aside your preconceptions and your anger — and support our new Commissioner as she leads the Department through the tremendous challenges ahead. As we approach the new decade, I am optimistic these reforms will usher in a new and better era for our city.”

Outlaw has spent the last two years as Portland Police Chief,

in which she oversaw 1,000 officers, during a time of intense political protest and community distrust. Outlaw was very firm in dealing with the political uprisings that took place in Portland. In a statement that she made to the local press, she stated her position on how she planned to deal with the protesters;

“We will be there in mass to ensure that we can react and ensure there are quick and swift consequences,” and she made it very clear that she was not taking sides, “Don’t come. We don’t want you here. I don’t care what side you’re on.”

Outlaw has had many successes in Portland, under her leadership of the police department. And her appointment is a step in the right direction in reforming the PPD.

Danielle Outlaw has a Bachelors in Sociology from the University of San Francisco and a Masters in Business Administra-

tion from Pepperdine University.

She speaks nationally on issues related to policing, justice, and community relations. She is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute of Police, the FBI National Executive Institute, and the Major Cities Chiefs’ Association Police Executive Leadership Institute.

She is active member of the National Organization of Black Law Executives and also member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Human and Civil Rights Committee..

Danielle Outlaw’s appointment began on February 10, 2020.

*By Uptown Standard Staff
Images courtesy of Wikipedia*

CHELTEN & GREENE GETTING A MAKEOVER

Chelten & Greene is getting a much needed makeover from the City. The plans are to rebuild the Plaza as part of its plan to revitalize Central Germantown, in an effort to support the Chelten Ave business corridor.

“The renovations at the Plaza at Chelten and Greene are not just an investment in the nearby business district,” said Mayor Jim Kenney. “They are a message to all of Germantown: we’re committed to you and your future.”

“This plaza may be small in size, but the renovations will be a big boost for the commercial corridor,” said Eighth District Council Member Cindy Bass. “This is a great example of public investment strengthening the neighborhood.”

The goal of the project is to create a safer and larger space and completely remake the 35 year old plaza. The project will create a new entrance to Vernon Park, upgrade the bus shelters, new crosswalks, and improve the lighting

“The Upper Northwest District Plan identifies the reimagination of the Chelten-Greene Plaza as an important streetscape improvement,” said Eleanor Sharpe, executive director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. “This project, and the companion project at Maplewood Mall, are key steps to implement the City’s Comprehensive Plan.”

Construction for the project will be ongoing until October 2020, there will periodic closings of

the plaza, sidewalks, and the XH and H bus stops will be relocated.

“We are excited about the future of this plaza,” said Streets Commissioner Carlton Williams. “We’re committed to work with businesses and residents throughout the project, and we look forward to a new amenity for all of Germantown.”

The project will be funded by the City’s Capital Budget and a grant from PennDOT.

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THE CITY GOES AFTER TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS

Mayor Signs Laws Restricting E-cigs and Banning Flavored Cigarillos

Flanked by teen activists and members of City Council Mayor Kenney, signed two new laws and an executive order to prevent children from getting access to the e-cigs and cigarillos. These laws will eventually ban flavored cigarillos from being sold in the City of Philadelphia. As well this legislation bans the use of e-cigs on public property, making all city property including parks smoke and vape free. Mayor Kenney had the following to say regarding the new legislation, "I'm proud to sign these two bills into law to help to protect Philadelphia's children from the harmful effects of vaping. While teens are less likely than ever to smoke cigarettes, many teens are now experimenting with cigarillos and e-cigarettes that have

candy flavors. Today, we're taking action against that."

City Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley has the following comments to add as well, "I have been deeply troubled by the unfolding of the youth vaping epidemic and the widespread sale of fruit and candy flavored cigarillos. These products threaten to undermine years of hard-fought progress to reduce adult and youth smoking. These laws are a necessary step in protecting our children."

In addition, to the Mayors recent legislation, the Philadelphia Health Department announced that they will not renew 149 retailers tobacco sales permit due to repeat violations for selling to minors. The majority of these locations are located in North,

West, and Southwest Philadelphia. (See attached map and table.)

Health Commissioner Thomas Farley has this to say about his department recent action "The number one killer in Philadelphia continues to be tobacco. Many people suffering from tobacco addiction got hooked when a store clerk flouted the law and sold a child a pack of cigarettes, cigarillos, or an e-cigarette. Stores that repeatedly sell tobacco products to kids are a clear danger to our neighborhoods."

The Health Department conducts random checks on stores by sending teenagers into stores to buy tobacco.

The Health Department conducts random compliance

checks by sending teenagers into stores to ask to buy tobacco. If the teenager is successful in making a purchase, the store is ticketed and made aware of the risks of violating the law by selling to minors. Under the new legislation stores that sell to minors more than three times would not be eligible to renew their tobacco sales license. Three store in West Oak Lane have lost their tobacco sales licenses;

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3. Brothers Meat Market and Deli Inc 6600 Limekiln Pk Philadelphia PA 19138

WILL CORONAVIRUS AFFECT US MARKETS?

We all know what's going on in China. The Corona virus is affecting the mainland with hundreds of thousands testing positive for the disease. Of course, the public (including me) believe its so much more.

One would think since the Corona virus started in Dec 2019 , in the city of Wuhan, that it would scare investors and drop the market. That is not the case. The US Stock market is a record highs. Its been in the biggest bull market ever, starting in 2009. in 2020, the DOJ been at 29,000 maybe to hit 30,000 soon. That's because manufacturing in the US has been pretty good and the Dollar is strong.

However, the problems in China

will eventually affect the markets. China has the 2nd largest economy in the world and their manufacturing and supply chains have been disrupted. Wuhan has the population of New York city, and the Chinese government has it on lock down; no one can leave and no one can enter. If the virus doesn't stop spreading, then I believe the markets will start declining.

All economies are intertwined with each other. And the Federal Reserve is doing everything they can to keep the economy rising. We are praying for China and that the people around the world who are affected

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*In social science and politics, **power** is the ability to influence or outright control the behavior of people. The term "authority" is often used for power perceived as legitimate by the social structure. Power can be seen as evil or unjust, but the exercise of power is accepted as endemic to humans as social beings. In business, power is often expressed as being "upward" or "downward". With downward power, a company's superior influences subordinates. When a company exerts upward power, it is the subordinates who influence the decisions of their leader or leaders."* - Schein, Larry E. Greiner, Virginia E. (1988). *Power and organization development : mobilizing power to implement change*

"In other words, while government both generates and wields political power, it also responds to political power. By analogy, the engine makes a car move, but it's the driver behind the wheel who decides where it goes. Sometimes government decides for itself where it goes, but most of the time it is steered by political pressure — political power — applied to it from the outside."

According to dictionary.com, power is defined as the capacity or ability to direct or influence the behavior of others or the course of events. Anyone

who competes would be the first to understand the rules of engagement and its importance. In learning those rules, one comes to know the power variables of a given space or system.

In America, our entire lives are governed by politics, yet for whatever reason every American is not afforded the right of knowing its rules. We all do not clearly understand the system of politics. We know to vote for our mayor and president. We know there are people on TV and in the media who talk about law and politics and who use language that may occasionally go over our heads. Combo that with the idea that people find politics boring and ask yourself why anyone would want to know about politics? From personal experience, it is boring, it is tiring and most of the time it feels like a dead end job. However, increasing the understanding of politics is important in ensuring everyday people are not being taken advantage of by fancy wording and unfamiliarity.

My academic career was not filled with a push for political voice or importance. From elementary school through grad school, I cannot recall too many experience with politics. I only knew of politics because it came to light when discussing the civil rights movement in the classroom. In those conversations, politics was basically Jim Crow, the right to education, employment and job opportunities. I had no idea what a law was. I just knew it was something im-

portant to focus on. Now well into my late 20's, I feel the effects of neglect in my education. I am not as politically sound as I would like to be to make decisions that will affect my future in many different ways, many I may not know of. If I feel like this, I can only imagine how my peers and the generation following me feel. What am I actually doing? Do I know politics? Do I want to know politics? Should I care to know politics? What happens if I just ignore politics? — See, these are those questions we can't ignore.

I remember when I was out and about voting for the first time. This was the time of Obama. The first African American man I knew of (politically) making waves in politics. He's one of the main reasons I paid attention, besides the fact that everyone I knew told me I better go vote for him. And so I did. As ignorantly as I was, I pressed his name and then bam, we made history. Fast forward to 2017, the Era of Trump and I ask myself what did Obama do for me? Ask me, besides the language of Trump, why everyone is up in arms about him? Ask me what I actually know about politics. Ask me about why I really voted and what I voted for. You don't have to. These are questions I am already tackling and I am not enjoying the answers. I'm not having fun admitting there's not too much I know about politics. Sure enough, if I feel like this, I know *some of my peers do to*.

My first time voting for a president that did not look like me took place in 2016. On one side you're hearing don't vote for Hillary, while citing her past mistakes, interactions with BLM and current conflict in the Middle East. On the same table, you're hearing don't vote for Trump, citing his language, business practices and past interactions with various cultures in America. This year was different solely because the candidates didn't look like me. I couldn't cite a pol-

icy or political reason, a sound one, that could convince me to vote for either party. Why vote if I don't know who or what I'm voting for? Was I convinced not to participate in a system that was too corrupt, yet needed my engagement (to some extent) to operate. I can't tell you right now if my vote or participation matters. All I know is that things are going on, laws are being passed and I'm trying to figure out how to enact, how to influence change I want to see and I cannot figure out where to go because I simply do not know politics. We cannot rely on pop culture facts, emotions and opinions to prevent us from thoroughly investigating what we need to know as contributing citizens.

Peers, young and old, I challenge you to admit your own ignorance in politics. I challenge you to focus on politics not so much for yourself, but for the generation coming after us. The children of each generation rely on those well-seasoned in living to make better decisions on their behalf. If we lack something, we go fill that void. Like going to work, getting groceries or any other activity one may not like to do, it must be done. We, the people, have the power to enact change on all levels of the political spectrum: local, state and federal. We, the people, cannot leave someone else up to the job. We must take control with our own hands. No one is coming to save us and make decisions for us. We have to make them. We have to know what we are doing when we elect officials into this space. Know everything about them, or as much as you can. Do not allow emotion and unwelcoming stories to deter you from participating. Our political climate is not another person's problem. This is our problem and we must be a part of the process.



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