

Media Advisory

Comptroller Lierman to Tour Eastern Shore Businesses Thursday

Comptroller to attend JA event, see aquaculture business, cannabis pharmacy, and tour behavioral health and rape crisis center

WHO: Comptroller Brooke Lierman

WHAT: Comptroller Lierman will travel on Thursday, October 26, to the Eastern Shore to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new \$5.5 million Perdue Henson Junior Achievement Center in Salisbury.

Junior Achievement teaches students about business, career opportunities, and finance. In November, the center will welcome students from public and private schools as well as home-schoolers from six counties, ultimately bringing 10,000 students to the 25,000-square-foot facility at Oak Ridge Common to experience simulated streetscapes with 18 businesses and storefronts. At the event, Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore President and CEO Jayme Hayes will be joined by Vice President Kate Bleile and Greater Salisbury Committee Board Member Mike Dunn.

Afterward, Comptroller Lierman will visit Cambridge, where she will stop at The Packing House and join Dorchester County Council members to tour Blue Oyster, an aquaculture business owned by third-generation Hoopers Island waterman John Shockley, who crabbed and oystered on the Chesapeake Bay for 30 years. Blue Oyster brings a revolutionary approach to scaling up the Chesapeake's oyster aquaculture industry and enlisting the watershed's communities and businesses to improve the environment. Touring with the Comptroller will be Dorchester County Council President George "Lenny" Pfeffer Jr., District 4, and Councilmembers Ricky Travers, District 3; Mike

Detmer, District 5: and William Nichols, District 2.

The Comptroller then will stop at Sunburst Pharm, a minority-owned recreational and medical cannabis dispensary operated by Daryl Hill and managed by Michael Dunnaway. Mr. Hill will give an update on the business and what it took to get started after two application rounds as a minority business owner in this new industry.

For her last stop on the Shore, Comptroller Lierman will travel to Easton to meet with Chief Executive Officer Beth Ann Dorman and staff at For All Seasons Inc., which serves a five-county region as a behavioral health and rape crisis center. During a short tour, the Comptroller will learn about the services the non-profit provides including individual and group therapy, general, child and adolescent therapy, marriage and couples' counseling, grief counseling, school-based mental health therapy, urgent care services, rape crisis response, rape crisis counseling and support, 24-Hour English and Spanish Hotlines, and education and outreach programming.

WHEN: **Thursday, October 26, 2023**

WHERE: **10 a.m.**

Perdue Henson Junior Achievement Center
301 Tilghman Road, Suite 101
Salisbury, MD 21804

11:45 a.m.

The Packing House
Blue Oyster
411 A Dorchester Ave.
Cambridge, MD 21613

12:45 p.m.

Sunburst Pharm
603 Meteor Ave.
Cambridge, MD 21613

1:45 p.m.

For All Seasons Inc.
300 Talbot St.
Easton, MD 21601

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