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# Press Release

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## **THE CALVERTON SCHOOL REDEDICATES TURF FIELD**

**HUNTINGTOWN, MD (April 4, 2022)** – Maryland State Senator Michael A. Jackson will attend the rededication of The Calverton School newly resurfaced Memorial Turf field on Friday, April 14 at 4:00 pm preceding the Calverton Girls Varsity Lacrosse game.

Initially installed in 2013, The Memorial Field remains the only turf field in Calvert County. The turf field was procured from a high school in Washington, D.C. Only three years old, the field was scheduled for demolition to make way for a newly constructed high school. The Calverton School Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of the field, taking advantage of a savings of \$700,000. In addition to the turf, a 300-seat bleacher stadium, field lights, and a scoreboard were also salvaged.

In 2018, over \$130,000 was raised for maintenance and relining of the turf field. Thanks to a generous donation from Chaney Enterprises, the field was renamed in memory of former Calverton Teacher, Monica Pegeen Miller Chaney and 2009 Calverton Graduate, William Chaney Bunn.

As the only artificial turf field in Calvert County, it receives extensive use by other organizations, including other schools. The previous turf was beyond end of life, making continued use unwise. The cost for a new turf field, including old surface removal, can range between \$700,000 and \$1,500,000 depending on the size, the sport played on it and the quality of the artificial turf.

In 2021, Michelle Goodwin, Calverton Alumni Parent and associate with G.S. Proctor & Associates, successfully lobbied State Representative Michael A.

Jackson to secure a Legislative Bond Initiative to cover most of the cost of the new turf field. Additional monies were donated by the Calverton community.

“We are so proud of our new turf field! This, along with Veterans and Alumni fields, gives Calverton the best field complex in Southern Maryland. We appreciate the assistance Senator Jackson and the State of Maryland provided.” says Phil Weiner, Calverton Athletic Coordinator. “We are so thankful to the Chaney/Bunn family for their generous support over the years! And we fondly remember beloved former Calverton teacher Monica Chaney and Calverton graduate and soccer player Will Bunn!”

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**About The Calverton School:**

*The Calverton School, founded in 1967 is located in Huntingtown, MD. The Calverton School is a top-notch academic, art, athletic, and service community where values and respect are reinforced. The school offers a challenging college-preparatory program in an environment that encourages honesty, tolerance, respect, and responsibility. Small class size and low student/teacher ratios support a student-centered curriculum and individualized attention. Students are prepared not only for college, but to be lifelong learners, responsible members of the community, stewards of the environment, and informed citizens of the world.*