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EVENT TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR THE
SIXTH ANNUAL PRINCE GEORGE'S CLASSIC

Classic Offers a Fun-Filled Weekend of Sports, Entertainment & Education

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD – Event tickets are currently on sale for the sixth annual Prince George's Classic. Sponsored by Southwest Airlines and hosted by the Prince George's Black Chamber of Commerce (PGBCC), the Classic is an extravaganza celebrating, sports, culture, community, education, and entertainment in "Gorgeous Prince George's."

The sixth annual Prince George's Classic officially begins on Thursday, September 24th with a special welcome reception hosted by the PGBCC. This event will be held at the Gaylord Hotel's Pose Ultra Lounge & Nightclub in the National Harbor from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The welcome reception is the best time to meet and network with prominent political, business and community leaders within Prince George's County and the state of Maryland. Tickets are \$75.

"One of our primary goals for the Prince George's Classic is to provide a variety of entertaining and family friendly events that will appeal to all ages," said Mike Little, president and founder of the Prince George's Classic. "I believe we have accomplished that goal throughout the years," he added.

The festivities continue with an action-packed day of events on Saturday, September 26th. The day begins with the Prince George's Classic College Showcase hosted by the Mall at Prince Georges. Colleges and educational organizations will be in attendance to discuss the admissions process, undergraduate programs, financial aid requirements, and the "college experience." This is a great opportunity for students and residents interested in pursuing higher education. The College Showcase is from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

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This year, Oxon Hill High School's marching band, "The Marching Clippers," will seize the field with style and flair as they perform in a pre-game show at Bowie State's Bulldog Stadium. Well known for their musicianship and choreography, The Marching Clippers performed in five pre-Olympic events in China last year and will serve as the Mid-Atlantic band for Magic Kingdom, a Walt Disney resort under construction at the National Harbor. A ticket to the Classic's football game must be purchased to attend the pre-game show.

"We wanted to showcase a Prince George's County high school marching band at the football game and we immediately thought of Oxon Hill High School," said LeAmber Howell, event manager for the Prince George's Classic. "If they are good enough to perform at the pre-Olympics, they are good enough to perform at the Classic," she quipped.

Then it's game time as the Bulldogs of Bowie State University take on the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's (CIAA) defending champions, the Shaw University Bears. This gridiron match-up will take place at Bowie State's Bulldog Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students with valid school identification. Discounted tickets and group rates are available.

It wouldn't be a classic without an entertaining and competitive halftime show. Affectionately known as the "Fifth Quarter" among historically black colleges and universities, Shaw University's marching band, Platinum Sound, will "battle" against Bowie State's, The Symphony of Soul, for bragging rights.

The day's events will culminate with a Greek Mixer hosted by the Prince George's County Graduate Pan Hellenic Council. The mixer will allow members of Black Greek lettered organizations to socialize, network and party for a good cause. Proceeds from this event will go towards the Council's scholarship fund and community service projects. This event will be held at the Marlborough Country Club in Upper Marlboro, MD. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Doors open at 9 p.m.

Tickets for any of the Classic's events are available through the Web site – www.PrinceGeorgesClassic.com. To participate as a vendor or sponsor, please contact the Prince George's Classic office at 301-567-5747. For more information and the most current updates, follow the Prince George's Classic on Facebook and on Twitter @PGClassic.

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