



A Special Line-of-Duty Death Scholarship to Be Presented During the May 7, 2024 Passaic County 200 Club Valor Dinner

Seventeen years ago, on January 7, 2007, tragedy struck the Paterson Police Department, when rookie officer Tyron Franklin was killed during an attempted robbery. Current Passaic County 200 Club President, Christine Schultz was new to her role at the time, and on behalf of the membership of the Club, presented her first \$10,000 line of duty death check to the family of the slain officer.

Among the family in attendance for the check's presentation was his son Tyron Franklin, Jr. (TJ) who had not yet reached his second birthday, as well as Officer Franklin's 15 year old sister, Bavennia.

She made news thirteen years later, in 2020, when she followed in her brother's footsteps, graduated from the police academy and joined the Paterson Police Department. For the first time in the history of the department, Bavennia was given a re-assigned badge number (4637) - her brother's badge number - and she wears it proudly to this day.

It was her, then 15-year-old nephew, TJ who honored her by pinning the badge carrying his father's number on her uniform. It happened during a huge ceremony at Paterson City Hall with Mayor Andre Sayegh, among other noted dignitaries, in attendance.

Now, TJ is 18 years old and enrolled at Montclair State University. So, the 200 Club is offering Bavennia a chance to return the favor and honor her nephew, in a very special way.

During the May 7th Passaic County 200 Club Valor Dinner, which will be held at The Brownstone in Paterson, starting at 5:30pm, Bavennia will come up on stage and present TJ with a significant scholarship - the money raised through donations from our membership.

Beyond this moving moment that you don't want to miss, the Valor Dinner itself is a night dedicated to our first responder heroes. We will be recognizing and celebrating the heroic deeds of first responders in Passaic County, who went above and beyond the line of duty to help others.

The night is emotional, the company is spectacular, and you leave elated and glad to have been there. We would love to have you join us.

We are also selling ads for our program book that range from \$200 for business card sizes to full sponsorship packages for businesses.

Can't wait to see you there and thank you, as always for your generous support for our mission.

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