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Ohio State Senate votes to extend the Kentucky Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor to honor the Buffalo Soldier

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In a February 2023 Black History Month speech given to the Kentucky State Legislative body, we called for the establishment of the Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor. The legislative request was carried forward by State Senators Gerald Neal and Stephen West. Governor Andy Beshear

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National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations members stood for this historic photo taken on June 1, 2023 after formally announcing the first installment of the Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor which is presently being expanded in Ohio. Young was a legendary Buffalo Soldier. Left to right: Reverend L. Rodney Bennett, former Kentucky State Representative Mike Denham, former Judge/Executive of Mason County James Gallenstein, NCOBV Chairman Charles Blatcher, III, Chief of Staff Michael Theard, Secretary of Tourism Lindy Casebier, and Judge/Executive Mason County Fiscal Court, Owen McNeill. (Photo credit: Kentucky dedication ceremony June 1, 2023.)

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We requested the State of Ohio expand the corridor from Ripley, Ohio where Charles Young was raised to Wilberforce, the location of the National Monument and a host of other Black History sites. Representatives Terrence Upchurch and Adam Holmes

carried the request forward in co-sponsoring House Resolution #253. Pending Governor Mike DeWine's signature, the corridor extension will add another eighty-six miles and six additional historic Black locations

to the route. Beginning with the abolitionist John Parker home in Ripley to Payne Theological Seminar in Wilberforce the route traces the life of Charles Young. The route encompasses the

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Memphians can nominate a ‘Hometown Hero’ to get VIP experience at FedEx St. Jude Championship ... from sports page 1

“At the FedEx St. Jude Championship, honoring our military and first responders is a top priority. We’re excited to kick off the Independence Day festivities early with a special tribute to the brave men and women who make our freedom possible,” said Joe Tomek, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship.

perience offers nominees the extraordinary opportunity to witness the PGA TOUR's top golfers battling it out at TPC Southwind as the thrilling play-offs kick off. Each ticket also includes access to premium food and beverage options. “At the FedEx St. Jude Championship, honoring our military and first responders is a top priority. We’re excited to kick off the Independence Day festivities early with a special tribute to the

brave men and women who make our freedom possible,” said Joe Tomek, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship. Nominations can be submitted through the championship’s official website starting now.

The deadline for submissions is August 1, 2024. For more information on the Hometown Heroes program and the FedEx St. Jude Championship military ticket program, visit: <https://www.fedexchampionship.com/community> or contact fedexstjudecommunity@pgatourhq.com. Fans seeking their own VIP experience at the championship can visit [fedexchamp.com/hospitality](https://www.fedexchampionship.com/hospitality) for more information.



About the FedEx St. Jude Championship

The FedEx St. Jude Championship is the first of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs, the culmination of the season-long competition that is the centerpiece of the PGA TOUR Season. Played August 14-18 at TPC Southwind, the FedEx St. Jude Championship features the top 70 players in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List at the conclusion of the regular season. The City of Memphis has held a PGA TOUR event every year since 1958, and 2024 will mark Memphis’ third year hosting a Playoffs event. Since 1970, Memphis’ PGA TOUR stop has raised more than \$72 million for the tournament’s primary charitable beneficiary, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, helping to ensure patients’ families never receive a bill and can focus solely on helping their child.

David Jones agrees to a two-way deal with the Philadelphia 76ers

MEMPHIS, Tenn. June 27, 2024 – David Jones has agreed to sign a two-way contract with the Philadelphia 76ers, according to league sources.

Two-way contracts allow for a player to play for both the NBA and the G League while being under the control of an NBA franchise for the duration of the season. These contracts are limited to two per team and can only be given to players with less than four years of NBA experience. Players on a two-way contract do not count against an NBA team's 15-man roster.

Jones, a First Team All-AAC and NABC All-District 24 selection this past season, finished sixth in the nation in scoring (21.8) and averaged a team-high 7.6 rebounds per game while scoring 20-plus points 19 times. He shot 45.9 percent from the floor (223-of-486) and led the Tigers with 79 made three-pointers, which were the fifth most in a single season in school history.

The 6-foot-6 wing became the first player in Division I since Duke’s Zion Williamson in 2018-19 to average at least 21.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 2.0 steals in a season.

The Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic native paced The American in scoring and field-goal makes and ranked second in steals (70), steals per game (2.2), free throws made (173) and double-doubles (10).

Against No. 20 Arkansas at the Battle 4 Atlantis, Jones cooked the Razorbacks en route to being only the second Division I player in the last 25 years to record 35 points and five steals in a road or neutral-site victory over an AP Top 25 team.

Jones was one of the five finalists for the 2024 Julius Erving Small Forward of the Year.

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