

Outstanding Achiever

Frederick Douglass

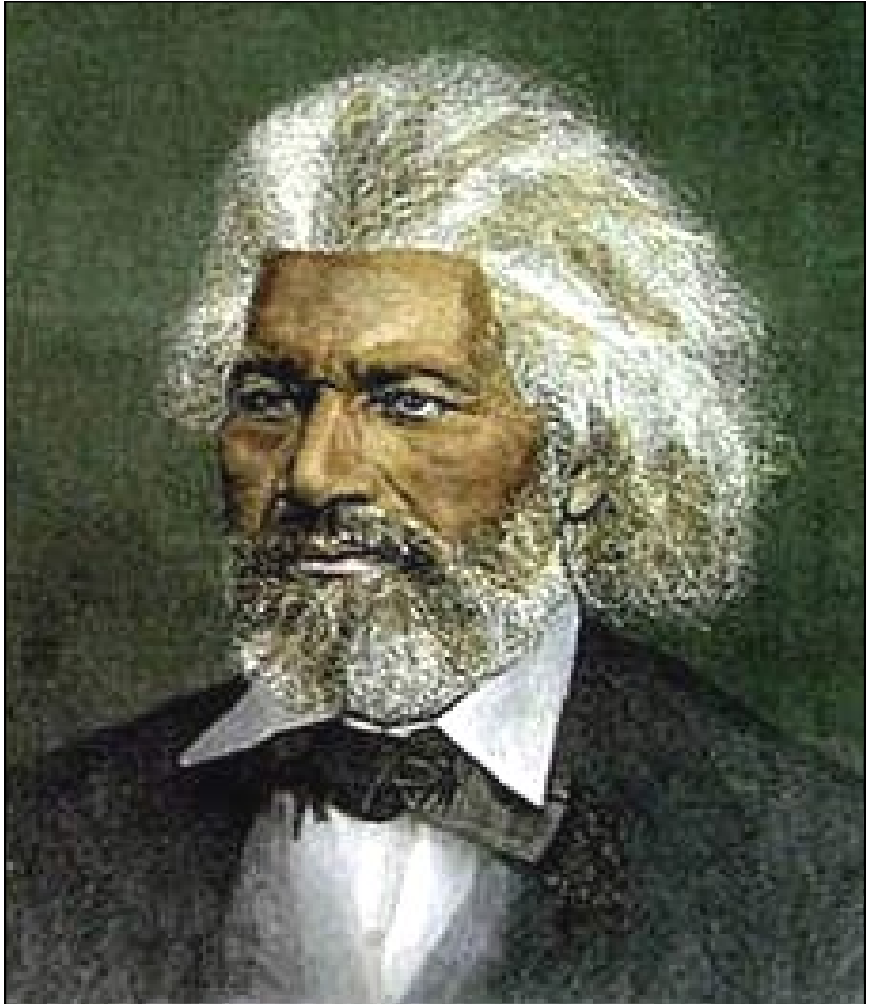
Historic Talbot County native, Abolitionist, & Orator to be celebrated in Easton & Chestertown

Our Outstanding Achiever for this issue of the *Delmarva African American Pride Magazine* is **Frederick Douglass**, a native of the Eastern Shore and one of the best known Black historic figures in the Nation.

A celebration of Douglass' life is planned in Easton and in Chestertown this February, Black History Month, around the 200th anniversary of his birth, February 10, 1818.

Efforts to preserve the history of Frederick Douglass include the 2011 erection of a statute in his honor on the grounds of the Talbot County Courthouse in Easton and a State historic marker commemorating him located near the site where he was born at Trappers Corner, near Matthews, on Rt. 328 near Easton, in Talbot County. Historians found that he was actually born some four miles away.

Frederick Douglas was born a slave in Talbot County,



Voice Your Choice

Who do you think is an Outstanding Achiever or Unsung Hero/Heroine from Delaware or one of our eight Maryland Eastern Shore counties? He/She should be someone who has made significant contributions to our community and had an impact on The Shore. We want to recognize them.

Drop us a line or call and tell us who it is, why you nominated him/her, and their contact information. Send the information to: AfricanAmericanPride.net

MD named Frederick Augustus Bailey Washington Douglas. He escaped slavery in Baltimore and fled to Massachusetts. He became an orator, preacher, abolitionist, journalist, and public servant. He also became hunted as an escaped slave and fled to England for two years until some white benefactors bought his freedom. He returned to the US and published *The North Star* newspaper, a voice for

freedom.

Once slavery ended, Douglass continued to speak out against racism and racial discrimination, and advocated full civil rights for African Americans. He served in four US Federal government posts including Ambassador to Haiti and Marshall & Recorder of Deeds of Washington, DC.

Douglass died of a stroke in 1895.