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Philanthropy Fellow, Jahlove Shakur, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation rowing team, take 3rd Place in the Dragon Boat Race sponsored by Baltimore Catholic Charities

One of the most rewarding experiences of my fellowship has been joining the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Dragon Boat Racing Team for the Maryland Catholic Charities event. For eight weeks, our team trained together in the late afternoons, long paddles, synchronized strokes, and a lot of teamwork. What made it truly special was how the same passion and collaboration that drives the work at the Foundation came to life on the water. On race day, we competed against sixteen teams from major organizations such as T. Rowe Price, PwC, and Johns Hopkins, and the energy was electric.

All that effort paid off, we proudly finished third overall. Beyond the competition, the event raised funds for education and youth programs, directly supporting the Foundation's mission. It was a powerful reminder that community engagement isn't just something we talk about, it's something we live. The teamwork and purpose that define the Annie E. Casey Foundation extend far beyond the office and into the heart of the community we serve.



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