



# The Clinton Family YMCA

## 44th Annual Youth/Community Prayer Breakfast



March 7th-9th, 2023 - 7:00 am  
BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Tuesday, March 7th

Elton Pollock, a 1995 graduate of Presbyterian College, completed his 18th season as head coach of the Blue Hose baseball program in the spring of 2022. Pollock follows Tim Corbin and Doug Kovash as the third head coach to lead the program since its reinstatement in 1988.

The Blue Hose tallied their first win over South Carolina since 2018 with a 9-6 result in Columbia on March 29.

The 2021 season set a pair of program firsts as Pollock led the Blue Hose to their first Big South Championship in program history with two wins over Campbell and a victory over Gardner-Webb. PC earned a spot in the Nashville regional that saw them face host Vanderbilt and Indiana State.

In 2016, Pollock led the Blue Hose to its second straight 27-win season, tying the program's Division I era single-season record for wins. PC made the biggest gains in conference play in 2016, winning a school record (at the time) 12 Big South games, a six-game improvement from 2015. The team went on to make its first appearance in the Big South Tournament in just its fourth year of being eligible for the event.

In 2015, Pollock helped the program to a PC Division I-record 27 wins that included victories over South Carolina, Clemson, UCF (No. 7 at the time) and Indiana (No. 22 at the time). PC ended the season by winning its final seven midweek games and won 21 non-conference games, another program Division I record.

The 2013 campaign saw numerous high points under Coach Pollock, including developing junior pitcher Bud Jeter into a Major League Baseball First-Year Players Draft choice by the Arizona Diamondbacks. Jeter became the first Blue Hose in the Division I era to go in the MLB Draft and incoming freshman Brad Keller went in the ninth round of the draft as well.

PC went on a nine-game win streak in 2011 that saw the squad take down No. 16 Clemson for the first time since 1949. The campaign also saw the Blue Hose knock off Tennessee and set the lowest earned run average (5.36) and tie for the best batting average (.294) since moving to Division I.

PC won three of its final four games of the season behind strong pitching and dominant hitting, resulting in its second series victory over a Big South team.

The 2008 season was the initial NCAA Division I campaign for the Blue Hose. Under Pollock, the team completed the year with 13 wins, which included the programs first DI series win over Marist. The Clemson game was played at the Greenville Drive Stadium and featured more than 5,000 fans. Off the field, Pollock was named the 2007-08 Presbyterian College Advocate of the Year for demonstrating evidence of successful student advocacy and performance above and beyond the call of duty while serving multiple roles within the campus community.

Pollock, a former two-sport standout at Presbyterian College from 1992-1995, returned to his alma mater in 2002 after spending seven years in the business world. While attending PC, Pollock earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology with a minor in Computer Science. He was a three-year letter winner with the football team and a four-year letter winner with the baseball team. Pollock finished an impressive baseball career at PC and is still in the top five in many career offensive categories, including home runs (34), slugging percentage (.616), triples (11), runs scored (169), and total bases (382).

Following his graduation, Pollock was drafted in the 15th round of the 1995 Major League Baseball Draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He spent three years in their minor league system before retiring in 1997. During his time with Pittsburgh, Pollock was mentored by the late Major League Hall of Famer Willie Stargell. He finished his professional career with a .250 batting average, 25 doubles, seven home runs, and 49 stolen bases. Pollock was named "Player of the Month" for the entire organization for his play in August of 1995. That same year he helped lead the Augusta Greenjackets to the South Atlantic League Championship.

Pollock is married to the former Karen Prioleau of Greenville, SC, and the couple has four children, Madison, Lauren, Jordan and Trey. The family lives in Irmo, S.C.

### Elton Pollock





## ***Daniel Bryant***

**Wednesday, March 8th**



Daniel Bryant is a South Carolina native, working as an elementary art teacher with Dorchester County School District 2. Bryant graduated from Charleston Southern University receiving his undergraduate degree in Youth Ministry while minoring in Art. He later attended The College of Charleston where he majored in Studio Art and received departmental honors in recognition of his distinguished work in the field.

Creating a copious array of art animation projects in his spare time, Bryant came up with the idea of the mini series, “The Boys of Valor” as well as “Karate Dawgs” that centered around building children’s self esteem.

Bryant’s love for children is also evident in his after school mentoring program where he sacrifices his personal time after work to mentor at risk boys in the areas of science, technology, and sports. He instills in them character and integrity as well as the value of respecting themselves and others.

Birthing out of the pains and frustrations of the pandemic, specifically in the world of education, Bryant found a new passion in encouraging his fellow colleagues all over the world to “Choose Joy”.

Bryant has been guest to multiple art education podcasts as well as been requested to host a national podcast for the National Art Organization. Bryant also travels to educational conferences around the U.S. in which he has had the honor of being the Keynote speaker.

## **Thursday, March 9th**

***David Shelton***

My name is David Shelton, and I speak to youth groups as a tribute to my son Justin, who died on January 11, 2022 at the age of 26 due to a heroin overdose and to my son Ryan who I also lost to overdose in February of 2014...I have been a sportswriter since 1988 and have spent most of time covering high school sports. I also serve as a volunteer baseball coach at Cane Bay High School in Summerville SC....my mission in life is to speak to our youth and hopefully help them avoid the pitfalls of opioid drug use. I have spent 35 years covering high school sports in the low country of South Carolina. I am now spreading a message of heartbreak and hope to young people across South Carolina. This is a message you don’t want to miss.....

