Johnny Means is an avid chess player who turned his passion into a way to help his community. Johnny founded the Wilmington Urban Chess Initiative to introduce his peers to the game and reinforce the skills that go along with it. Chess teaches the power of patience and tactical thinking while giving the students a safe and productive after-school activity. Making his vision come to life was no small task. Johnny sought the help of investors, and reached out to several elected officials for resources and support, including former Delaware Governor Jack Markell, U.S. Senator Chris Coons and former Wilmington Mayor Dennis P. Williams. The Initiative has grown citywide and has gathered hundreds of players.