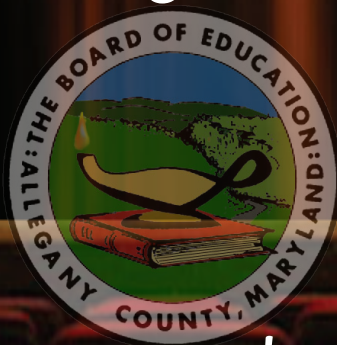


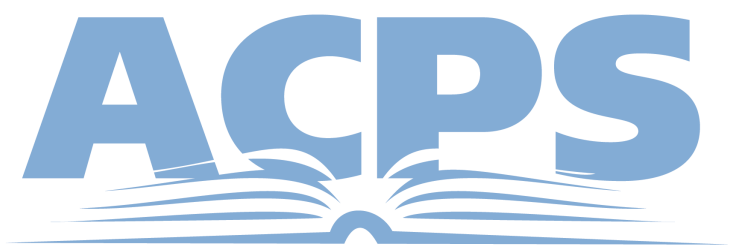
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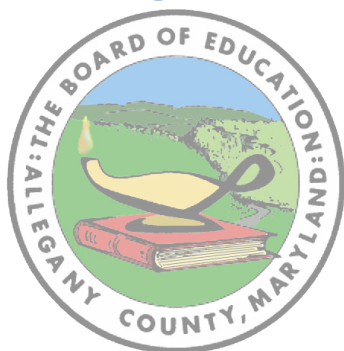
Teacher of the Year



Monday, March 11, 2024
ACPS Media Live Stream
7:00 p.m.



Teacher of the Year



A Message from the Superintendent of Schools

Being an Allegany County Teacher of the Year Finalist is a compliment to your tireless efforts to bring out the best in our students each day.

Teachers deserve the most respect and appreciation for all they do to help us walk on the challenging paths of life. A great teacher inspires everyone and leaves a significant impact on those lives.

Too many people think teaching is an easy profession, because teachers make it look easy!

“Invest in our teachers, and our children will succeed.”
Thank you for creating such a fun and welcoming environment in your classroom. Your patience, kindness, and thoughtfulness make all the children feel seen and cared for.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the employees of Allegany County Public Schools, congratulations on your nomination for this esteemed award.



Jeffrey S. Blank
Superintendent of Schools

The Program

Welcome

ACPS Representative

Comments from the Board of Education

Robert Farrell, President

Recognition of Supporters & Sponsors

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

Recognition of Teachers of the Year

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Address from the 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year

Dr. Joseph Thompson,
Fort Hill High School

Announcement of 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

Comments from the NEW Teacher of the Year

Comments from the 2024-2025 Teacher of the
Year's Principal

Presentations

Frostburg State University

Sara-Beth Bittinger, Associate VP for External Relations
and Fiscal Management

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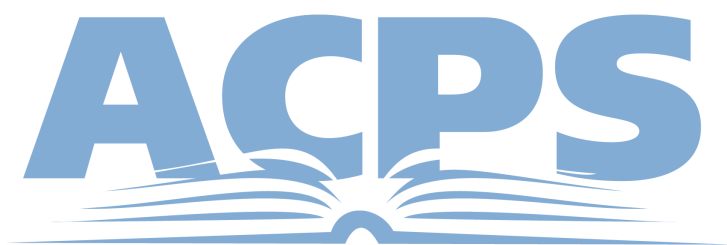
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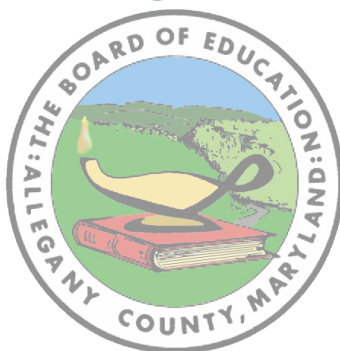
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Teacher of the Year Coordinator


Mrs. Jenny Ramsey



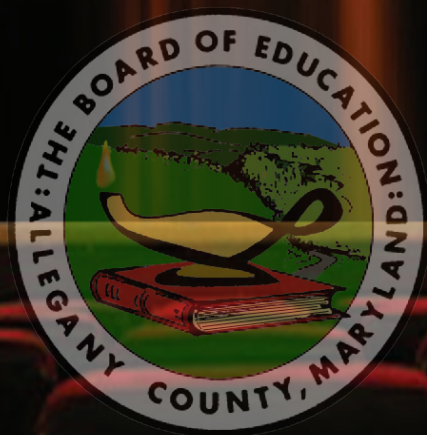
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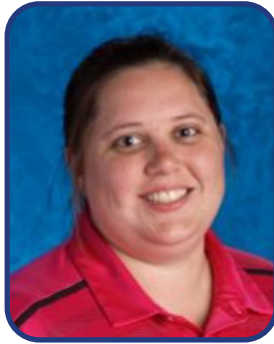


2024-2025
NOMINEES



Jaclyn Boor

Braddock Middle School



Jaclyn Boor received her Masters in Education Leadership (2019) and her Bachelors in Social Sciences/Secondary Education (2012) from Frostburg State University. Currently, she is an 8th grade History teacher helping students understand the complexity of our history. Jaclyn serves as the 8th grade team leader, PBIS representative, Afterschool Coordinator and Co-advisor for the National Junior Honor Society. In addition, she has led multiple Professional Developments on curriculum and co-teaching for teachers and has represented ACPS at MSDE in curriculum writing. For the last 4 years, Jaclyn has been actively involved in writing the summer school compensatory curriculum.



David Buskirk

Beall Elementary School



David Buskirk is a kindergarten teacher at Beall Elementary School with 15 years of teaching experience. He is a graduate of Frostburg State University, where he received his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision (2012) and his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education (2009).

Mr. Buskirk serves as the co-chair for the school's ELA team, is a member of the school improvement team, and the attendance team. He also serves as a mentor for student interns and is currently seeking his National Board Certification. Mr. Buskirk has served his community as a coach and volunteer for Allegany County Special Olympics.



BEALL ELEMENTARY

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Tina Kimmell

Flintstone Elementary School

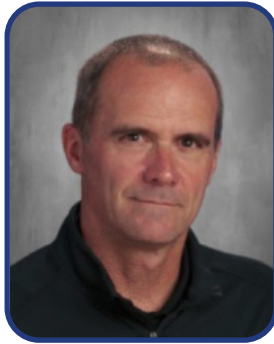


Tina Kimmell is a third-grade teacher at Flintstone Elementary School. She is committed to building a positive relationship with her students to meet her students' academic, emotional, and social needs. Tina received a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Development from Frostburg State University (2000), a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Frostburg State University (1990), and an Associate's Degree from Allegany College of Maryland (1988). Tina is a member of the school's Leadership Team, a mentor teacher, and the 504 Coordinator. It has been an honor for Tina to teach the students and serve the community of Flintstone.



Matthew Kline

Mount Savage School



Matthew Kline received his Master's of Teaching degree from Frostburg State University (2007) and a Bachelor's of Science degree from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania (1993). Mr. Kline is in his 17th year of teaching middle school science in Allegany County, MD. He currently teaches 7th grade science at Mount Savage School where he is a member of the Leadership team, is the 7th grade team leader, and is responsible for starting an Agriculture Science/Science enrichment program. The program has rapidly grown to include an apiary, chickens, aquaculture, aquaponics, and a large vegetable garden.



Anne Stark

Allegany High School



Anne Stark received her Masters of Arts in Teaching degree (2007) and her bachelor's degrees in psychology and biology (2005) from Frostburg State University. Currently, as a science and agriculture teacher at Allegany High School, she teaches students in general/honors/AP environmental science, intro to agriculture and natural resources, animal science, and plant/soil science and greenhouse operations. Anne is the school FFA advisor, envirothon coach, and is the Green School coordinator. Anne is a National Board Certified teacher and was the recipient of the 2023 "Richard Johnson Environmental Education Award" from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory.

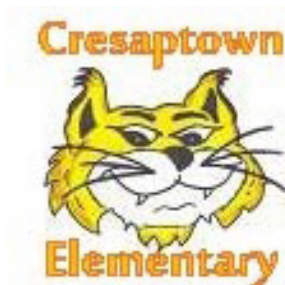


Jodie Sweeney

Cresaptown Elementary School



Jodie Sweeney has been a teacher for 11 years. She currently teaches Pre-K 4 at Cresaptown Elementary School. Jodie is an active member of the school leadership team and social committee. She received her Bachelor's Degree at Frostburg State University in Early Childhood/Elementary Education (2011) and her Master's Degree at Frostburg State University in Reading (2013). Jodie continues to grow as a professional through taking classes and professional development. Jodie has a true passion for working with our youngest learners! Helping each child learn and grow is a challenge that she is honored to accept daily!



Past ACPS Teachers of the Year

Beverly Shaffer

South Penn Elementary School

1989-1990

James Berry

Braddock Middle School

1997-1998

Carolyn Paxton

Westmar Middle School

1990-1991

Victoria Thornton

Cash Valley Elementary School

1998-1999

Dr. Gary Hendrickson

Allegany High School

1991-1992

A. William Determan

Beall High School

1999-2000

Paula Swayne

Braddock Middle School

1992-1993

Kenneth Baxter

Beall High School

2000-2001

Frances Ann Shaw

Westmar Middle School

1993-1994

Gene Paul

Mount Savage School

2001-2002

Larry Smith

Braddock Middle School

1994-1995

Heather Morgan

Parkside Elementary School

2002-2003

Marsha Carr-Lambert

South Penn Elementary School

1995-1996

Tina Mowery

Cresaptown Elementary School

2004-2005

James Stevenson

Beall Elementary School

1996-1997

Annie Trenum

West Side Elementary School

2005-2006

Past ACPS Teachers of the Year

Alan Hammond
Allegany High School
2006-2007

Dr. Stephanie Marchbank
Mountain Ridge High School
2015-2016

Deborah Pappas
Cresaptown Elementary School
2007-2008

Tania Pressman
Cresaptown Elementary School
2016-2017

Michaela Linn
Mountain Ridge High School
2008-2009

Dr. Matthew Ravenscroft
Mountain Ridge High School
2017-2018

Mary Lough
Parkside Elementary School
2009-2010

Tiffany Moran
Westernport Elementary
2018-2019

Joshua Cook
John Humbird Elementary
2010-2011

Sarah Llewellyn
Westernport Elementary
2019-2020

Vickie Diaz
Bel Air Elementary School
2011-2012

Stacey Bradley
South Penn Elementary School
2020-2021

LeeAnn Zlomek
Mountain Ridge High School
2012-2013

Nicholas Amick
Mountain Ridge High School
2021-2022

Carol Garner
Center for Career & Technical
2013-2014

Amy Rice
Cash Valley Elementary School
2022-2023

Dana Reinhardt
George's Creek Elementary
2014-2015

Dr. Joseph Thompson
Fort Hill High School
2023-2024

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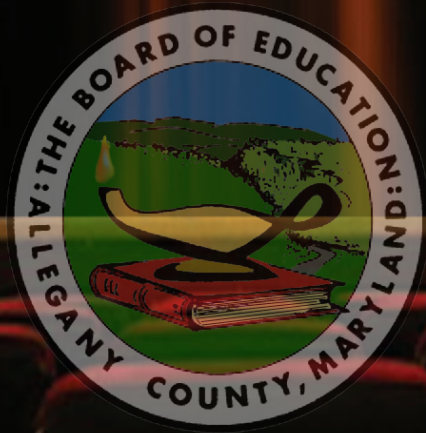
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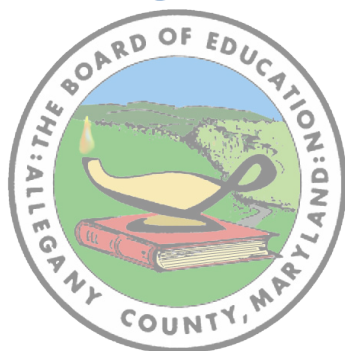
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Teacher of the Year



About the TOY Program

The Maryland Teacher of the Year program has a single objective: to draw public attention to the work being done by the states' many fine teachers.

The Maryland Teacher of the Year will represent thousands of excellent teachers in the public school system. Anyone can nominate a teacher for this honor: students, parents, colleagues, supervisors.

Local Teachers of the Year will become candidates for Maryland Teacher of the Year. All will be honored at a meeting of the State Board of Education. The county finalists will receive a personal cash award of \$4,000. County finalists will travel together with experiences to network throughout experiences at the Chesapeake Bay, The White House, the state capital building, Northrop Grumman and dinner with the Governor. Seven state semi-finalists will be honored at a reception in the fall, at which time the Maryland Teacher of the Year will be announced.

Maryland's choice will be a candidate for National Teacher of the Year. In the past, the national winner has been feted in a round of press and network television interviews, meetings with members of Congress, and a ceremony at the Oval Office with the President. Google for Education, Pearson, American Institutes for Research, Cambium Assessment, Curriculum Associates, Data Recognition Corporation, Equitable, ETS, Maxwell Leadership, MetaMetrics, NWEA, Smarter Balanced, Voya, College Football Playoff Foundation, Smithsonian, Space Camp and TEDED sponsor the National Teacher of the Year Program.