

The 34th Annual Salute to the
2022 - 2023
Teachers of the Year



MONDAY
March 14, 2022
Virtual Celebration begins at 7:00 p.m.
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A Message from the Superintendent of Schools

At Allegany County Public Schools, we strive to have the best educational experience for our students. This takes hard work, understanding, commitment, and drive. Our teachers have remarkable talents and skills. I am proud of their accomplishments, and I know they take pride in the success of their students. Although this year continued to have its challenges, I am honored to recognize fellow colleagues for their unwavering support and encouragement.

Being a great teacher is a special gift, and those that possess that gift make a positive, lasting impression on the lives of their students. Your commitment to eliminate learning barriers to be able to reach and influence each of your students is true motivation, and one befitting of this recognition.

Celebrating you as an Allegany County Teacher of the Year Finalist is an honor, so on behalf of the Board of Education and the employees of Allegany County Public Schools, congratulations on your nomination for this prestigious award. We applaud and thank you for the tremendous work you do, investing in our students each day with the gift of great teaching and great learning.



Mr. Jeffrey Blank

*"Great Teaching. Great Learning.
Every Student. Every Day."*

The Program

Welcome

Mr. Jeffrey Blank, Superintendent of Schools

Recognition of Sponsors, Supporters, & Judges

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

Recognition of 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year Finalists

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

Address from 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year

*Mr. Nicholas Amick
Allegany High School*

Announcement of 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

Comments from the Principal

2022-2023 Teacher of the Year's Principal

Presentations

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Closing Remarks

Mrs. Jennifer Ramsey, TOY Coordinator

Presentations

Frostburg State University

Dr. Kim Rotruck, Acting Associate Dean, College of Education

Allegany County Education Association

Mrs. Kim Sloane, President

Allegany College of Maryland

Dr. Cynthia Bambara, President

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Mrs. Sandhir, Honored Guest

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*“The best teachers are those who show you where
to look but don’t tell you what to see.”*

~ Alexandra K. Trenfor

2021-2022 Allegany County Teacher of the Year



Nicholas Amick

Allegany High School

2021-2022 Finalists

Sarah Cessna, *George's Creek Elementary*

Dr. Carley McGann, *Beall Elementary*

Brittany McMahon, *Westernport Elementary*

Celeste Middle, *South Penn Elementary*

Amanda Nash, *Braddock Middle*

Tracy Robinette, *John Humbird Elementary*



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NOMINEES



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Karissa Brandenburg

Braddock Middle School



Karissa Brandenburg is a devoted, student-driven teacher aspiring to mold empathetic, confident individuals prepared for success in and out of the classroom. She is a 2015 graduate of Frostburg State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary/Middle Education with a concentration in English language arts. She went on to earn a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Frostburg State University in 2018. Karissa has instructed 6th and 7th grade English language arts for the past seven years at Braddock Middle School. She is an active member of the school's PBIS team, leadership team, school improvement team, curricula development teas, a team leader, and the yearbook club advisor. In addition, Karissa has taught English as a second language to children in China online, instructed System 44, a reading intervention program, and has led professional development presentations for ACPS.

"I ensure that education transcends the classroom by safeguarding my students' ability to use what they learn in the classroom to benefit their community and subsequent goals."

~Karissa Brandenburg

Jeannette Milburn

John Humbird Elementary School



Jeannette Milburn was destined to become a teacher. Her passion for this profession has only grown throughout her career. She received her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in STEM from Frostburg State University in 2021. Jeannette also holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from FSU (2011). She is currently a 5th grade teacher in an Active Learning Lab at John Humbird. Jeannette has served on numerous committees at her school including the school improvement team, PBIS team, and the instructional consultation team. Her passion for integrating technology led her to initiate the first ELL Robotics team at John Humbird where students in grades four and five can begin to build on their 21st century skills. Jeannette's excitement for her profession is so evident that students and colleagues alike are excited to learn!

"I believe that each child is a unique individual who needs a caring and stimulating atmosphere in which to grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, and socially. It is my desire as an educator to help students meet their fullest potential in these areas."

~Jeannette Milburn

Amy Rice

Cash Valley Elementary School



Amy Rice is a graduate of Frostburg State University, where she received her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction (2002) and her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education (1996). She is currently a second-grade teacher at Cash Valley Elementary School, where she has taught for 25 years. Mrs. Rice serves as a chairperson for the school's leadership team and is a member of the STEM/technology action team to encourage family engagement and community partnerships. She also serves as a mentor for student interns from Frostburg State University. Mrs. Rice has served her community as a coach for youth soccer and the school's LEGO League, and she has been nominated for the Sallie Mae First Class Teacher Award.

"Students require stable, well-organized learning environments facilitated by groups of adults sharing a common vision – that all students can learn, and that they will do whatever is necessary to help each child succeed."

~Amy Rice

Angela Walbert

Flintstone Elementary School



Angela Walbert received her Master's Degree in Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in Educational Technology from Frostburg State University in 2019 and her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education, also from Frostburg State University in 2010. Currently a fifth-grade teacher, Angela is a member of her school's PBIS team and takes part in planning PBIS booster activities.

"Parents and students need to work as partners in education. Communities should be involved in decision-making and policy changes. We can do so much better if we use our differences to bring us together rather than tear us apart."

~Angela Walbert

Past ACPS Teachers of the Year

Beverly Shaffer

South Penn, 1989-1990

Carolyn Paxton

Westmar Middle, 1990-1991

Dr. Gary Hendrickson

Allegany, 1991-1992

Paula Swayne

Braddock, 1992-1993

Frances Ann Shaw

Westmar Middle, 1993-1994

Larry Smith

Braddock, 1994-1995

Marsha Carr-Lambert

South Penn, 1995-1996

James Stevenson

Beall Elementary, 1996-1997

James Berry

Braddock, 1997-1998

Victoria Thornton

Cash Valley, 1998-1999

William Determan

Beall High, 1999-2000

Kenneth Baxter

Beall High, 2000-2001

Gene Paul

Mt. Savage, 2001-2002

Heather Morgan

Parkside, 2002-2003

Paul Adams

Beall High, 2003-2004

Tina Mowery

Cresaptown, 2004-2005

Annie Trenum

West Side, 2005-2006

Alan Hammond

Allegany, 2006-2007

Deborah Pappas

Cresaptown, 2007-2008

Michaela Linn

Mountain Ridge, 2008-2009

Mary Lough

Parkside, 2009-2010

Joshua Cook

John Humbird, 2010-2011

Vickie Diaz

Bel Air, 2011-2012

LeeAnn Zlomek

Mountain Ridge, 2012-2013

Carol Garner

Career Center, 2013-2014

Dana (Reinhardt) MaBee

George's Creek, 2014-2015

Dr. Stephanie Marchbank

Mountain Ridge, 2015-2016

Tania Pressman

Cresaptown, 2016-2017

Dr. Matthew Ravenscroft

Mountain Ridge, 2017-2018

Tiffany Moran

Westernport, 2018-2019

Sarah Llewellyn

Westernport, 2019-2020

Stacey Bradley

South Penn, 2020-2021

Nicholas Amick

Allegany, 2021-2022

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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 State's 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. Five state semifinalists will be invited to a reception in the fall, at which time the Maryland Teacher of the Year will be announced. This individual will receive a personal cash award of \$4,000.

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.

The National Council of Chief State School Officers, Good Housekeeping Magazine, and Encyclopedia Britannica sponsor the National Teacher of the Year Program. The State Department of Education and the Maryland Chamber Foundation sponsor the Maryland Teacher of the Year program.