

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. Seven 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.

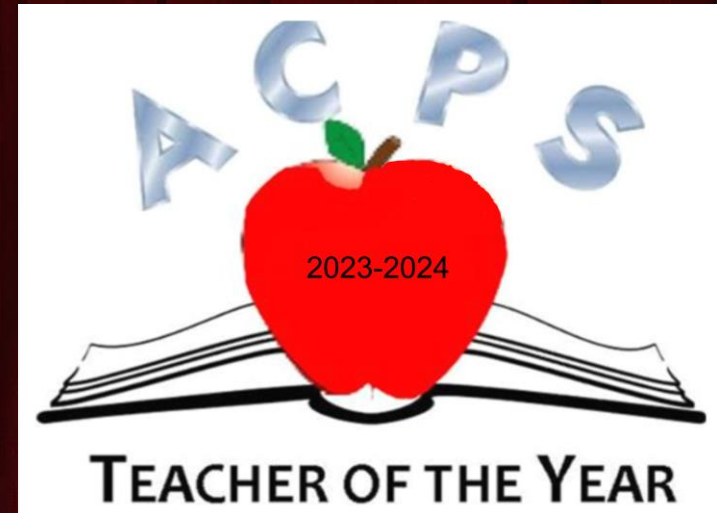
The National Council of Chief State School Officers, Good Housekeeping Magazine, and Encyclopedia Britannica sponsor the National Teacher of the Year Program. The State Department of Education and the Maryland Chamber Foundation sponsor the Maryland Teacher of the Year Program.

The 35th Annual Salute to the

2023-2024

Allegany County Public Schools

Teachers of the Year



Monday, March 13, 2023

ACPS Media Live Stream

7:00 p.m.

The Program

Welcome

ACPS Representative

Comments from the Board of Education

Robert Farrell, President

Recognition of Supporters & Sponsors

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Recognition of Teachers of the Year

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Address from 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year

*Amy Rice,
Cash Valley Elementary School*

Announcement of 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

Comments from the Principal

2023-2024 Teacher of the Year's Principal

Presentations

Frostburg State University

Dr. Boyce Williams, Dean of the College of Education

Allegany County Education Association

Mrs. Kim Sloane, President

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*Dr. Cynthia Bambara,
President Allegany College of Maryland*

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Mrs. Sandhir, Honored Guest

Allegany County Board of Education

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Closing Remarks

*Mrs. Jennifer Ramsey,
Teacher of the Year Coordinator*

Jenna Haberlein

Mount Savage School



Jenna Haberlein is committed to information literacy, learning through making and creating, and STEM education. She has a Master's Degree from Clarion University (2013) and a Bachelor's Degree from Westminster College (2003). Currently a Library Media Specialist at Mount Savage School, she has a unique opportunity to teach and serve students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. Jenna is a member of the school leadership team and mentors ACPS Instructional Media Technicians. She is also a teacher with Upward Bound: Frostburg State University and is committed to inspiring students to continue pursuing an education after high school.

"It's my belief as an educator that all students are capable of success. Individual successes look different across the same class or grade level. I am grateful to be able to help students find success regardless of their background or ability."

~Jenna Haberlein

Sarah Kalbaugh

Braddock Middle School



Sarah Kalbaugh is a passionate and caring sixth grade language arts teacher at Braddock Middle School. She attended Frostburg State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary/Early Childhood Education in 2003. In 2009, Sarah received a Masters of Reading Education degree from Frostburg State University. She spent 17 years teaching third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade Chinese Immersion students at West Side Elementary. For the past 3 years, Sarah has taught 6th grade English Language Arts at Braddock Middle School. She is a mentor for new teachers, team leader for the sixth grade team, a member of the Braddock Leadership Team, and a robotics coach.

"My goals as a language arts teacher are to make sure that students are able to read, write and comprehend what they are reading; however, my main goal as a teacher of any content is for my students to take what they learn and apply it to their everyday lives."

~Sarah Kalbaugh

Megan Mathews

George's Creek Elementary School



Megan Mathews is committed to building relationships and creating a safe and inviting learning environment for her students each day. She has a master's degree in reading education from Frostburg State University (2012) and a bachelor's degree in early childhood/elementary education from Frostburg State University (2004). Currently a 4th grade teacher at George's Creek Elementary School in Allegany County, Mathews is a member of the School Improvement Team, Instructional Consultation Team, and the Leadership Team. She also orchestrates an end of the school year celebration for all the students at her school.

"I feel that learning is fostered in the classroom, but matures when students can take their classroom experiences and apply them within their community."

~Megan Mathews

Shannon Pennington

Cash Valley Elementary School



Shannon Pennington is a graduate of Simmons College where she received her Master's Degree in Science Education (2001) and West Virginia University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology (1998). She is currently an Early Pre K teacher at Cash Valley Elementary where she has taught for 16 years as a Special Educator. Prior to returning to Allegany County, she taught children with special needs in Massachusetts and California. She has served on the school's Leadership, Instructional Consultation and Family Involvement teams. She is currently co-chair of the PBIS team. Shannon is a National Board Certified Teacher.

"I believe that all students can learn and following the early childhood research of development and learning, children learn best through play."

~Shannon Pennington

Joseph Thompson

Fort Hill High School



Dr. Joseph Thompson is a seasoned music educator in Allegany County. He holds a Doctorate (2020), and a Masters of Education (2010), from Frostburg State University. He received his Bachelor's Degree (2001), from Alderson/Broaddus. Dr. Thompson is an advocate for the arts and student leadership in education. He is the Teachers Association school representative, Department Chair, and serves on several committees. Dr. Thompson's dissertation, focused on the homelessness and how performance effects the school communities. Under Dr. Thompson, the Fort Hill instrumental music programs are consistently recognized for their achievements and community support.

"In a time when public education seems under attack, school security is heightened, and teachers are leaving the profession, the message I would share with my profession and the public is simply that teaching, specifically teaching in the public schools, is a great career choice. Teaching offers much more than a summer break."

~ Joseph Thompson

Jill Wyer

West Side Elementary School



Jill Wyer sees education as the door to changing lives for the better. Relationships and a love for learning are the keys to that door. Jill graduated from West Virginia University and Frostburg State University. She holds a Master of Arts in Teaching and a certificate in administration. Jill currently teaches English language arts and social studies to 2nd and 3rd graders in the Chinese Immersion Program at West Side Elementary. She is a member of the School Leadership Team, a mentor teacher, coordinator of the After School Tutoring Program, and leads a weekly prayer group. She has been involved in various committees and initiatives during her 18 year career. Jill lives on a farm where she is a wife, mother and grandmother.

"I want to teach my children in a way that causes each one to be captivated, carried away, and excited about learning. I want them to take responsibility for their own learning- it's a bonus when they are doing such things without even realizing it."

~Jill Wyer

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

A. William Determan

Beall High, 1999-2000

Kenneth Baxter

Beall High, 2000-2001

Gene Paul

Mt. Savage, 2001-2002

Past ACPS Teachers of the Year

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

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

~William Arthur Ward

Past ACPS Teachers of the Year

Vickie Diaz
Bel Air, 2011-2012

LeeAnn Zlomek
Mountain Ridge, 2012-2013

Carol Garner
Career Center, 2013-2014

Dana Reinhardt
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
Mountain Ridge, 2021-2022

Amy Rice
Cash Valley, 2022-2023

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A Message from the Superintendent of Schools

At Allegany County Public Schools, our teachers work hard and persevere. I am pleased to see our students accomplish great things, which is a reflection of our invested teachers. Students care because teachers care.

Being a great teacher is an amazing gift, which shows commitment and dedication. It is truly inspirational to see the influence they have on students.

Congratulations on your nomination for this prestigious award. On behalf of the Board of Education and the employees of Allegany County Public Schools, we commend and thank you for the tremendous work you do.

Honoring you as an Allegany County Teacher of the Year Finalist is a tribute to your investment in our students each day.

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