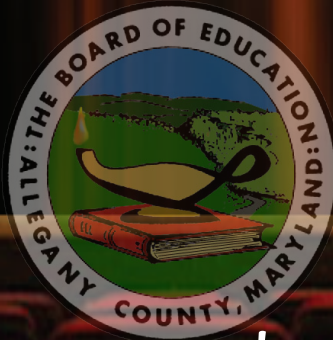


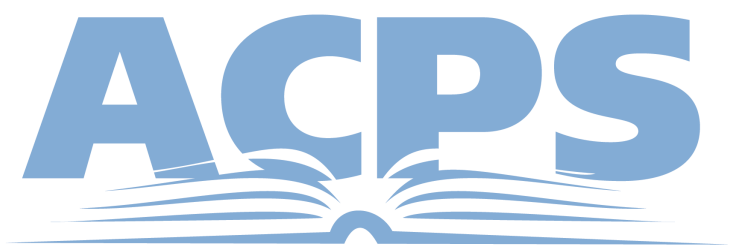
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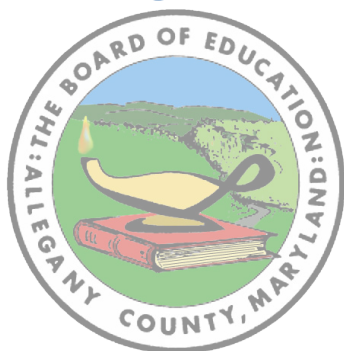
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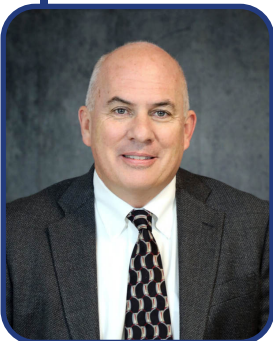
# A Message from the Superintendent of Schools

The Teacher of the Year award is an impressive achievement, which reflects a true testimony of a teacher's passion for learning. To be an effective teacher means you have to make learning a journey.

“Great teachers empathize with kids, respect them, and believe that each one has something special that can be built upon.” A positive influence will extend beyond the classroom and have a lasting impact in the lives of students.

Thank you for shaping young minds and creating safe environments for students to thrive. Going above and beyond is an admirable example of one's excellence in teaching and learning.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the employees of Allegany County Public Schools, congratulations on earning this respected award.



Jeffrey S. Blank  
Superintendent of Schools

# The Program

## Welcome

Mr. Jeffrey S. Blank, Superintendent of Schools

## Recognition of Supporters & Sponsors

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

## Recognition of Teachers of the Year

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

## Address from the 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year

Mr. David Buskirk

Beall Elementary School

## Announcement of 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year

Mr. Jason Huber, Master of Ceremonies

## Comments from the NEW Teacher of the Year

## Comments from the 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year's Principal

# Presentations

*Allegany County Education Association*

Mrs. Kim Sloane, President

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Mr. David Jones, President

*Allegany County Chamber of Commerce*

Mrs. Autumn Becker, Chairwoman of the  
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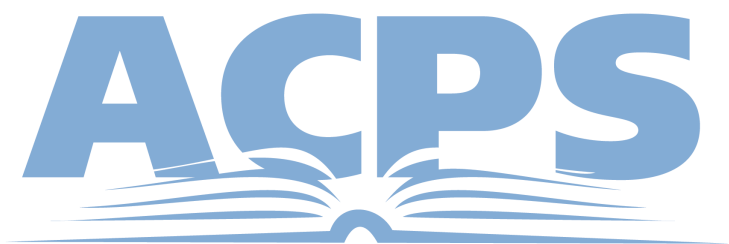
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Crystal Bender, ACPS BOE President

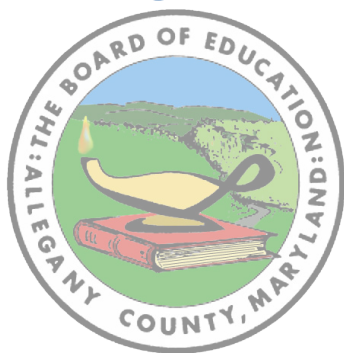
## Closing Remarks

*Teacher of the Year Coordinator*

Mrs. Jenny Ramsey



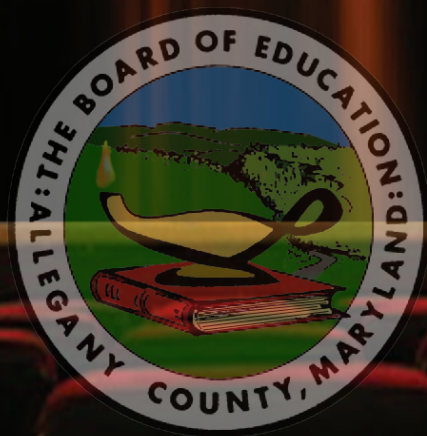
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## 2025-2026 NOMINEES



# Brenda Bauer

## Cresaptown Elementary School



Brenda L. Bauer is a National Board Certified third-grade teacher at Cresaptown Elementary with 25 years of experience. She obtained two master's degrees from Frostburg State University: a Master of Arts in Teaching (2001) and a Master's in Educational Leadership (2016). As a strong leader, Brenda has led and continues to serve on the School Improvement Team, leads professional development, and mentors interns and fellow educators. Beyond the classroom, she values time with family and friends and is devoted to continuous professional growth. Her passion lies in crafting engaging lessons that nurture students' academic and emotional development.





# Kathryn Everly

## Beall Elementary School



Kathryn Everly received her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Frostburg State University (2012) and a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Mathematics from Frostburg State University (2006). Currently a second grade teacher she participates on the School Improvement Team. Kathryn inspires future educators through mentoring student teachers.

She helps coach the Lego Robotics teams at her school. Outside the classroom, Kathryn helps coach for the youth recreational softball league and is very active in her church. She is committed to making a lasting impact on students' lives and shaping the next generation of leaders.



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# Bryan Hansel

## Allegany High School



Bryan Hansel received his Masters of Arts in Teaching Degree (2014) from Frostburg State University, after he received his Bachelor's Degree in Science for Applied Mathematics (2011) from Shepherd University. Currently, as a mathematics teacher at Allegany High School, he teaches students in general/honors math in Algebra II, Geometry, and Applied Probability and Statistics. Bryan is the Head Football coach and assists with the unified football program. Bryan has worked with the region winning Braddock Mathcounts program during his time (2013-2015) as a student teacher and employee at Braddock Middle School.



# Jeannette Milburn

Braddock Middle School



Jeannette Milburn is a dedicated educator with 12 years of experience fostering student success in Allegany County. She earned her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a STEM specialization from Frostburg State University in 2021, following her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the same institution in 2011. She has primarily taught elementary students and, for the past three years, has been a 6th-grade Mathematics teacher at Braddock Middle School. Beyond teaching, Jeannette serves on the Braddock Leadership Team, leads the sixth-grade team, and mentors fellow educators. Passionate about leadership and mentorship, she strives to create a supportive learning environment for students and colleagues alike.



# Kelly Miller


## Flintstone Elementary School



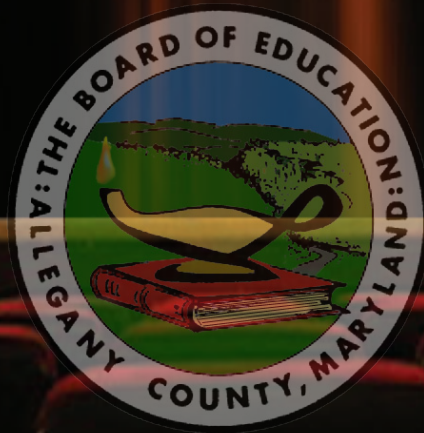
Kelly Miller is a second grade teacher at Flintstone Elementary School. She values forming connections with her students and community. Kelly received her Master's Degree in Learning and Technology from Western Governors University (2016) and a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Frostburg State University (2014). This year she earned her National Board Certification in Literacy: Reading- Language Arts-Early and Middle Childhood. Kelly is a chairperson for the PBIS team. Kelly fosters a classroom environment that is engaging and positive while keeping her teaching data-driven and rigorous.



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Congratulations!



# 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

# Past ACPS Teachers of the Year

Dave Buskirk  
Beall Elementary School  
2024-2025



# Thank You for Your Support!

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Mr. Ryan Brenneman

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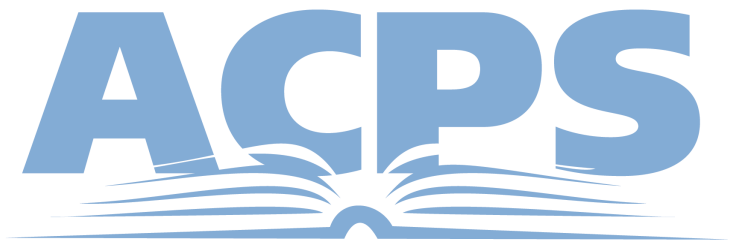
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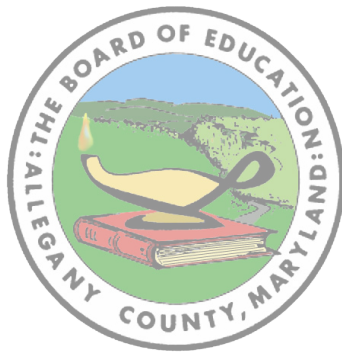
Allegany County Chamber

Kate Tummino

Allegany College of Maryland



*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, and Northrop Grumman. 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.