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Harford Glen Names 2016 Green Teachers of the Year

Harford Glen recently hosted the 7th Annual Environmental Scholarship and Green Awards event. Awards were presented to educators, students, committed volunteers, and local businesses who are dedicated to the support of Harford Glen and environmental education in Harford County Public Schools (HCPS).

This year's Green Teachers of the Year were announced and celebrated for their dedication to consistently integrate environmental themes into their teaching. Steve Hillyer, science instructor at Havre De Grace High School, was named the Secondary Green Teacher of the Year.

"Mr. Hillyer inspires our Environmental Science students by planning and implementing relevant and engaging lessons," said Jim Reynolds, principal of Havre De Grace High School. "In addition, he works closely with local government and community partners to provide additional environmental related experiences for our students."

Melissa Stout, 3rd grade teacher at Magnolia Elementary, was named the Elementary Green Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Stout was described by her principal, Patty Mason, as "a leader in the Magnolia Elementary Green School process, who consistently promotes environmental stewardship not only within the classroom, but within her whole school."

The 2016 Environmental Scholarship winners were also announced at the event. They were: Patrick Hertitier-Robbins, Aberdeen High School; Cassidy Titus, Bel Air High School; Daniel Wesdock, C. Milton Wright High School; Mason Boeren, Fallston High School; Catherine Butz, Havre De Grace High School; Megan Greene, North Harford High School; and Jarred Kinlein, Joppatowne High School.

The Environmental Scholarship program began in 1972 and has provided graduating students with more than \$200,000 in funding for college study in the field of environmental science or related areas.

This year's Community Connections Award was received by Ruth Bergstrom. Ms. Bergstrom serves on the Harford Glen Foundation and is a member of the Harford Bird Club. Her service to students includes leading 5th grade birding experiences and serving as a mentor in the Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Magnet Program at North Harford High School. Ms. Bergstrom has several ongoing, student-lead projects at Harford Glen, including a Bluebird nest trail and a Peninsular Restoration project.

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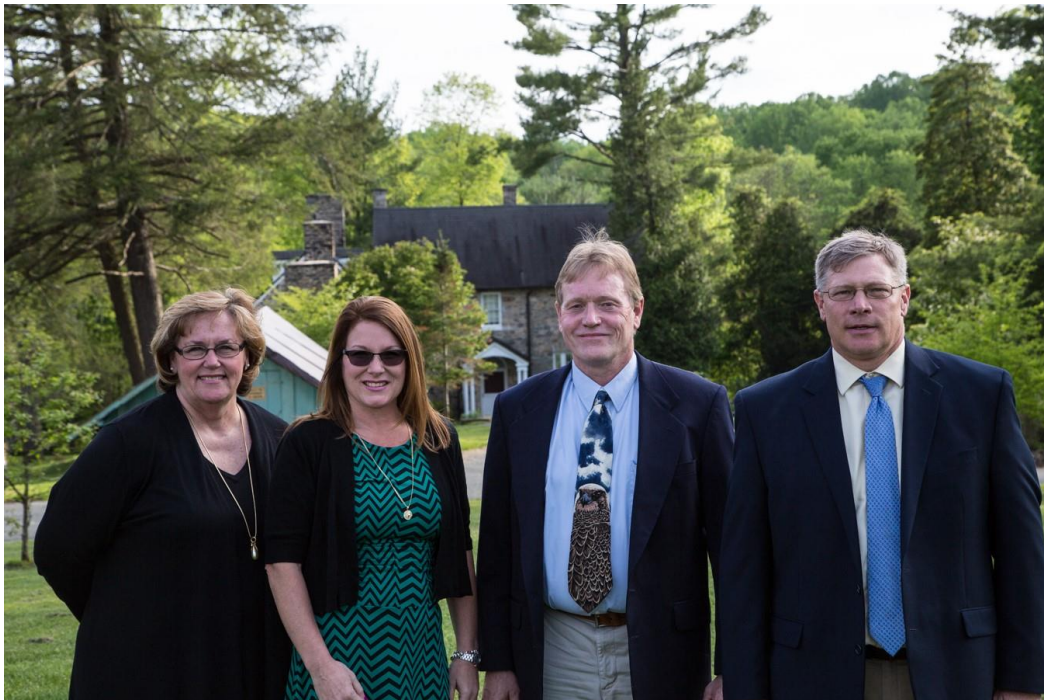


Photo 1: Pictured left to right: Patty Mason, principal of Magnolia Elementary; Melissa Stout, Elementary Green Teacher of the Year; Steve Hillyer, Secondary Green Teacher of the Year; Jim Reynolds, principal of Havre De Grace High School.

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Photo 2: 2016 Environmental Scholarship recipients from left to right: Jarred Kinlein, Daniel Wesdock, Catherine Butz, Megan Greene, Cassidy Titus, Patrick Hertitier-Robbins, Mason Boeren.



Photo 3: Community Connections Award recipient Ruth Bergstrom and Howard Eakes, assistant supervisor of science.