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Introductions ........................................................................................................Mrs. Jillian V. Lader
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Pledge of Allegiance

“Wind Beneath My Wings,” by Jeff Silbar ................................................ Walter Litzenberger, Jr.
Aberdeen High School
Mr. Charles Braungard, Music Director

Moment of Reflection ............................................................................................ Mrs. Lader

Dinner .......................................................................................................................................Courtesy of HAR-CO Credit Union
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Keynote Address ........................................................................................................ Ms. Kristin Schaub
5th Grade Teacher, Havre de Grace Elementary School
2013-14 Harford County Teacher of the Year

Teacher of the Year Finalist Introductions .......................................................... Dr. Susan Brown
Acting Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Student Testimonials ................................................................................................... HCPS Students

Teacher of the Year Prizes ................................................................................................. Mrs. Lader

Remarks from the Board of Education ................................................................. Ms. Nancy Reynolds
President, Board of Education of Harford County

2014-15 Teacher of the Year Announcement .................................................. Mrs. Barbara P. Canavan
Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Reynolds

Teacher of the Year Remarks ..................................................................................... 2014-15 Teacher of the Year Winner

Closing Remarks ........................................................................................................ Mrs. Lader
A Note from the 2013–14 Teacher of the Year

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

All my life I dreamed of being a teacher. I have said often that I looked to my teachers as heroes for they saw something inside of me that was waiting to be unleashed. But in the same breath, I must say that I too saw something inside my teachers that I wanted to discover. There was something about the profession of teachers that has always drawn me in, and now that I call myself “teacher,” I find this dream to be better than I could have imagined.

This year has been a dream that I never dared to dream. For this moment in time, I was given a voice and a platform to represent those I cherish dearly. Whether it was throwing out the first pitch at a baseball game, walking in a parade to the cheers of a county, speaking in front of hundreds of teachers who have served this county longer than myself, walking the halls of Annapolis, or modeling lessons to new teachers – I have embraced every opportunity this year has afforded me and treasured each within my heart. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for each person who has supported me this year. You put your belief and trust in me, and you allowed me to soar. This county has given me a gift I can never repay.

Congratulations to the finalists here tonight. The accomplishments of these men and women are something so valued and cherished that few have sat in the seats of these five. They are the teachers that we all strive be – full of ingenuity, passion, enthusiasm, skill, and a touch of magic. I am honored to celebrate each of them, and to pass the torch on to another who will surely have a magical year.

Kristin Schaub
5th Grade Teacher
Havre de Grace Elementary School

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Former Teachers of the Year

Kristin Schaub, 2013-14
Christina O’Neill, 2012-13
Christian Slattery+, 2011-12
Lisa Mullen+, 2010-11
Kimberly Schmidt+, 2009-10
Ronald Wooden, 2008-09
Christine Roland+, 2007-08
Susan Summerfield, 2006-07
Lori Frendak, 2005-06
Joan Hayden, 2004-05
Donna Clem, 2003-04
Howard Eakes, 2002-03
Alberta Porter+, 2001-02
Donna Zavacky+, 2000-01
Craig Harvey+, 1999-2000
Kurt Bittle+, 1998-99
James Mason+, 1997-98
Cathy Cerveny*, 1996-97
James (Pat) Whitehurst+, 1995-96
Marybeth Ford, 1994-95
Victor Petrosino, 1993-94
Martha Banghart, 1992-93
Gemma Hoskins*, 1991-92
Donald Osman+, 1990-91
Anthony Sarcone+, 1989-90
Robert Handy, 1988-89
Paul Schatz*, 1987-88
Laurie Neeper*, 1977

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Jeanne Donlick graduated from the New York State University at Cortland in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Secondary Education. Her Master of Science was obtained in 2001 through the New York Institute of Technology focusing on Instructional Technology for Educators. Jeanne continued her education and completed her masters plus degree in Differentiating Teaching and Teacher Leadership through St. Thomas University. Presently, she is the facilitator of the School Improvement Team, a leader for the Faculty Social Committee, a mentor teacher for college students, and is the advisor for the National Honor Society. She has been awarded the National Youth Leadership Most Inspirational Teacher award as well as having been recognized as an exceptional mathematics educator for the William Sacco award.
Nicole Ivey is a 16-year veteran of HCPS. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Washington College in 1993 and her Master of Arts in Political Science from American University in 1995 with certification to teach from the College of Notre Dame in 1997. She is currently pursuing her Administrative I certification. Nicole serves as the Social Studies Department Chair at Edgewood High School. In addition, she serves on the School Improvement Team and Eligibility Committee. She is active in curriculum writing and is the Harford County Coordinator for Mock Trial, working closely with Baltimore County.
Since 2006, Alisa Janiski has positively impacted the students, teachers, and community of Prospect Mill Elementary. She graduated with honors from Villa Julie College in 2006, earning her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Mrs. Janiski earned her master’s degree in reading and math in 2009, her 30 Beyond in 2011, and became a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) in 2012. Mrs. Janiski provides challenging, rigorous instruction, using a variety of technology and hands-on techniques to motivate her students. Additionally, Mrs. Janiski serves as Science Facilitator, STEM Representative, Environmental Literacy Leader, Science Curriculum Developer, team leader, and NBCT mentor.
S. Craig Llewellyn
Edgewood High School
Art Teacher
3 Years of Service with HCPS
Nominated and introduced by Natasha Roland

Samuel Craig Llewellyn is an artist/educator currently serving as Art Department Chair at Edgewood High School. A life-long Marylander, he earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Frostburg University, holds an Advanced Professional Certificate in education, and is currently working towards a Masters of Education in School Improvement Leadership from Goucher College. Throughout Mr. Llewellyn’s 15 years in education, he has been awarded the 2008 Maryland Art Education Association High School Art Teacher of the Year and 2011 National Art Education Association Eastern Region Art Educator of the Year. At Edgewood High School, Mr. Llewellyn has focused on building a vibrant collaborative culture that amplifies the community.

Lawrence M. Jehnert
Edgewood Elementary School
3rd Grade Teacher
12 Years of Service with HCPS
Nominated by Erika Jones
Introduced by Madison Buddenbohn

Mr. Lawrence Jehnert holds a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education and a master’s degree in Elementary Education, both earned at Towson University. Mr. Jehnert began his teaching career at Edgewood Elementary School in 2002. During his tenure, Mr. Jehnert has achieved the Greater Excellence in Education Foundation’s Everyday Hero honor (2012) and Boys and Girls Club Teacher of the Year honor (2004). Mr. Jehnert is the Team Leader of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports team at Edgewood Elementary School. He also volunteers to coach youth sports for Bel Air Recreation Council in baseball, boys and girls basketball, and football.