

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
RECOGNITION**

SUPERINTENDENT'S 2016 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 23, 2016

Background Information:

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council meets four times during the school year with Superintendent of Schools Barbara Canavan to discuss how decisions affect students throughout Harford County Public Schools. The students in this program are selected for demonstrating outstanding leadership, academic excellence and uncommon maturity within their schools and communities. All students in grades six through twelve are eligible to apply, and applicants are selected to serve on the council after a thorough review of their applications, including three essay questions.

Discussion:

The following students served on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council for the 2015-16 school year:

Ezinna Adiele, 11th grade, Edgewood High School
Justus Baker-Postell, 7th grade, Aberdeen Middle School
Ava Bonacci, 6th grade, Patterson Mill Middle School
Rebecca Bracken, 9th grade, Havre de Grace High School
Madison Buddenbohn, 8th grade, Edgewood Middle School
Amanda Dorsey, 11th grade, Edgewood High School
Josh Ford, 10th grade, Fallston High School
Henry Johnson, 12th grade, C. Milton Wright High School
Alex Mathoniere, 12th grade, Aberdeen High School
Emily McClaskey, 10th grade, Harford Technical High School
Sarah Nelson, 7th grade, Fallston Middle School
George Nickels, 8th grade, Edgewood Middle School
Christian Snodgrass, 10th grade, Bel Air High School
Brianna Stevens, 12th grade, Harford Technical High School
A.J. Surgeon, 11th grade, Harford Technical High School
Qe Sean Tittle, 11th grade, Harford Technical High School
Gracyn Van Bommel, 6th grade, Southampton Middle School
Christian Walker, 8th grade, Southampton Middle School
Chris Wehberg, 8th grade, Edgewood Middle School
Harley Wilson, 11th grade, Bel Air High School
Kate Wolferman, 8th grade, Fallston Middle School

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County commend these students on their accomplishments and wish them continued success in their educational careers.

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ABINGDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF

May 23, 2016

Background Information:

Ryan joined the Abingdon Elementary School community this school year. Ryan was born with a condition call Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and has had to endure four open heart surgeries since birth. On March 10, 2016, emergency responders were called to Abingdon Elementary School because Ryan had stopped breathing. He was taken from the school via helicopter to Shock Trauma.

Discussion:

Due to a blood clot in one of the shunts he received during open heart surgery, Ryan had a heart attack and went into cardiac arrest in the Abingdon Elementary School gym on March 10. Mr. Shank, a physical education teacher at Abingdon Elementary School, witnessed Ryan's collapse and immediately called for help. Mr. Frickmann, a physical education teacher, and Mrs. Munley, the school nurse, immediately started CPR and rescue breathing. Mr. Shank retrieved the AED and placed the AED pads on Ryan, but the AED did not advise a shock so Mr. Frickmann and Mrs. Munley continued CPR and rescue breathing for approximately two minutes until Ryan started to breathe on his own and they could identify a rapid and irregular heartbeat. The paramedics arrived at that time and determined that it was necessary to fly Ryan to Johns Hopkins Medical Center.

Harford County Public Schools is extremely proud of the students and staff at Abingdon Elementary School; the staff could not have responded any better to the situation. The school system applauds Mr. Shank for jumping into action when he saw Ryan collapse and Mr. Frickmann and Mrs. Munley for their direct impact on assisting in resuscitation efforts. In addition to the direct impact those staff members had on saving Ryan's life, there are several others from the school who should be recognized for their efforts during the emergency situation: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Geppi, who ensured the building continued to function while relaying emergency messages inside and out of the school; Ms. Youngbar, for remaining on the phone with the 911 call center; and Mrs. Cartelli, for sharing key information with staff and central office. All members of the Abingdon staff are commended on their efforts to ensure students remained safe in the cafeteria and throughout the building. These efforts combined ensured the success of the efforts in the gymnasium that day.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County commend and express their heartfelt gratitude to Abingdon Elementary School staff for their quick actions and efforts to save the life of a Harford County Public Schools student.

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**2016 CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (CTE) OUTSTANDING
SECONDARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

SUSAN GARRETT

May 23, 2016

Background Information:

Career and Technology Education (CTE) prepares both youth and adults for a wide range of careers. These careers require varying levels of education, from high school and postsecondary certificates, to apprenticeships, or two- and four-year college degrees. Students add value to their overall education by completing CTE programs of study that provide opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials and college credit while still in high school.

Annually, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Division of Career and College Readiness honors exemplary business partnerships, career and technology education programs, and career technology student organizations and individuals, recognizing their exemplary performance in the field of CTE.

Discussion:

Susan Garrett, Harford County Public Schools supervisor of Career and Technology Education, has been selected by MSDE to receive the 2016 Career and Technology Education Outstanding Secondary Distinguished Service Award of Excellence. The distinguished service award honors individuals who have demonstrated a high level of leadership, vision, and achievement in career and technology education. Ms. Garrett is being recognized for her work in preparing students for careers and further education.

Her award presentation will take place Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Inner Harbor Hotel.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County commend Ms. Susan Garrett for this honor and wish her much happiness in her upcoming retirement.