

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY  
RECOGNITION**

**2015-16 ALL-STATE STUDENT MUSICIANS**

**January 25, 2016**

**Background Information:**

Each year, more than 7,000 secondary school student musicians from public and private schools in all Maryland subdivisions audition for the Maryland All-State Bands, Orchestras and Choruses sponsored by the Maryland Music Educators Association. Students take part in a competitive audition and their musicianship skills are judged by experts in their field. Those selected represent the best among Maryland's middle and high school student musicians. For the 2015-16 school year, a total of 31 (a 52% increase from last year) student musicians were chosen as members of the Maryland All-State Junior Chorus, the All-State Junior Orchestra, the All-State Senior Mixed Chorus, the All-State Senior Women's Chorus, and the Maryland All-State Senior Orchestra.

**Discussion:**

The following student musicians were selected to be All-State musicians for 2015-16:

**Maryland All-State Junior Chorus**

- Kaiya Grayson – Soprano, Harford Technical High School
- Katerina Lomis – Soprano, Patterson Mill Middle School
- Mary Pohlenz – Soprano, Patterson Mill Middle School
- Ryan Dunning, Tenor, Patterson Mill Middle School
- Adam Parks – Tenor, Fallston Middle School
- Richard Rzepka – Tenor, Aberdeen High School
- Matthew Trulli – Tenor, Edgewood High School
- Joshua Burnette – Bass, Edgewood High School
- Cole Chandler – Bass, Edgewood High School
- Ryland Murphy – Bass, Fallston Middle School
- Evan Scarborough – Bass, Aberdeen High School
- Max Schulmeyer – Bass, Edgewood Middle School
- Michael Shock – Bass, Fallston High School
- Kayleigh Gallagher – Soprano Alternate, North Harford Middle School
- Valerie Fuqua – Alto Alternate, Harford Technical High School

**Maryland All-State Junior Orchestra**

- Keiko Myers – Viola, Fallston High School

**Maryland All-State Senior Mixed Chorus**

- Emma Nystrom – Soprano I, North Harford High School
- Elizabeth Daramola – Alto, Harford Technical High School
- Kelly Pysh – Alto, Aberdeen High School
- Kaitlyn Trexler – Alto, Fallston High School
- Ryan Brownfield – Tenor, C. Milton Wright High School
- Reza Etemad-Moghadam – Bass, Fallston High School
- Emma Shibley – Alto Alternate, Bel Air High School

**Maryland All-State Senior Women's Chorus**

- Amber McCafferty – Soprano I, C. Milton Wright High School
- Holly Blondheim – Soprano 2, Edgewood High School
- Jenny Pysh – Soprano II, Aberdeen High School
- Lisa Broadhurst – Alto, Aberdeen High School
- Gillian Chase – Alto, Harford Technical High School
- Elizabeth Doyle – Alto Alternate, Fallston High School

**Maryland All-State Senior Orchestra**

- Catherine Huang – 2<sup>nd</sup> Violin, Aberdeen High School
- Chad Rogers – Bass, North Harford High School

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County congratulate the Harford County Public Schools student musicians whose talent and dedication have earned them recognition in one of the 2016 All-State Music Performance Groups. The Superintendent further recommends the Board commend the music teachers of the students recognized, whose exemplary coaching and professional support helped the student musicians earn this prestigious honor.

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**2015 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS  
COMPETITION – COUNTY WINNER**

**MATTHEW D. PATRICK, SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS ACADEMY**

**January 25, 2016**

**Background Information:**

Every autumn, the University of Maryland organizes a High School Mathematics Competition, open to high school students enrolled in Maryland or the District of Columbia. The competition provides students stimulation, feedback and the opportunity for achievement.

The competition consists of two examinations. Generally, about 2,600 students take the Part I examination. Students who score well on the Part I exam are invited to participate in Part II of the competition (a considerably more challenging exam). The exams require a sound knowledge of high school mathematics up to, but not including, calculus. Both parts require mathematical insight and ingenuity.

The top three scorers each year are awarded a scholarship for full tuition and expenses at the University of Maryland. There are also cash prizes and Edgar Krahn Scholar opportunities, which vary from year to year. There is a highest scorer named from each participating county.

The competition began in 1979 under the leadership of Brit Kirwan, then chair of the Mathematics Department. The first competition was organized by Professor Gertrude Ehrlich. Over the years, the competition has been graced by many fine students.

**Discussion:**

Matthew D. Patrick, a senior in the Science & Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, was named the Harford County Champion in the 2015 University of Maryland High School Mathematics Competition. This is the second year in a row he has achieved this honor.

In addition to this achievement, Matthew has earned a perfect score on the mathematics portion of the SAT twice. His top three college choices are Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Maryland, and Carnegie Mellon University.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County congratulate Matthew D. Patrick on his achievement and wish him continued success in his educational and personal endeavors.

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**DEBORAH L. BROWN, TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**January 25, 2016**

**Background Information:**

School bus attendant Deborah L. Brown, new to Harford County Public Schools at the time, recognized that one of the students on her bus route had to use a wheelchair unnecessarily because of an ill-fitted prosthetic leg that would fall off and cause the student pain. Ms. Brown knew of the work that Shriners Children's Hospital does with prosthetics, and, after some research and her supervisor's blessing, she contacted the hospital's Orthopedics Department on the student's behalf.

**Discussion:**

Due to her close and caring attention, and by making the effort to help make a significant difference in a student's life, Ms. Brown worked with the student's family, her school and the hospital and was able to help solve a painful condition for Sylva Green, junior at Edgewood High School. Sylva received from Shriners a brand new, all-expense-paid prosthetic piece, with a Hello Kitty theme, as well as transportation to and from the hospital. Now Sylva has a renewed sense of excitement and confidence and is able to walk with no pain and dance in school and at church.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County commend HCPS Bus Attendant Deborah L. Brown on going above and beyond the call of duty to help a student and wish her continued success in all her personal and career endeavors.

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**2016 MARYLAND ART TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**S. CRAIG LLEWELLYN**

**January 25, 2016**

**Background Information:**

The Maryland Art Education Association (MAEA) is an organization to encourage, strengthen and promote the role of the visual arts in education by promoting quality instruction in visual arts education conducted by certified art teachers; encouraging study of art teaching; improving the conditions of art teaching; and encouraging and conducting research in art education. The association holds public discussions; sponsors institutes, conferences and programs; publishes articles, reports and surveys; works with other related organizations to provide advocacy for arts education; and recognizes association members with annual awards. The awards shine a light on art educators who shows exemplary devotion and innovation within the field of art education and who advocate for advancements of all students within all fields of visual and performing arts.

**Discussion:**

S. Craig Llewellyn, former art educator at Edgewood High School and current instructional technology teacher specialist for the Office of Technology, was named by MAEA the 2016 Maryland Art Teacher of the Year. Mr. Llewellyn was nominated by members of the MAEA Executive Council and accepted his award November 8, 2015, at the Walter's Art Museum in Baltimore City during the statewide Walters Exhibit.

A life-long Marylander, Mr. Llewellyn 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. During the course of Llewellyn's 17 years in education, he has been awarded 2008 MAEA High School Art Teacher of the Year, and 2011 NAEA Eastern Region Art Educator of the Year. Throughout Llewellyn's career, he has focused on building vibrant collaborative cultures that amplify school communities. He is primarily recognized for facilitating professional development sessions focusing on visual journaling, collaboration and program articulation.

Mr. Llewellyn will now attend the National Art Education Association Convention March 17-19, 2016, in Chicago, Illinois where he will be formally recognized at the national level.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County congratulate Mr. S. Craig Llewellyn on his state award and wish him continued success in his career and personal endeavors.