

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
RECOGNITION**

SPRING 2017 HCPS MPSSAA STATE WINNERS & SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

June 12, 2017

Background Information:

Following the end of each of the fall, winter, and spring interscholastic sports seasons, the Board of Education of Harford County honors those individual Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) student-athletes and teams that have won Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association (MPSSAA) championships by inviting them to attend a subsequent Board meeting to receive a certificate signed by Board Members, the Student Representative to the Board and the Superintendent. In addition, those teams that have been named by the Upper Chesapeake Bay Athletic Conference (UCBAC) as winners of the Sportsmanship Award receive plaques from the UCBAC and a certificate from the Board. Teams are chosen for this honor by vote of opposing coaches and players in each of the two divisions – Chesapeake and Susquehanna – in the conference.

Discussion:

During the 2017 spring interscholastic athletic season, two HCPS team won MPSSAA state titles. The C. Milton Wright High School Softball Team, coached by Rick Kovach, James French, Kevin Miller and Tom Dye, won the Class 3A state championship. Team members include: Lexi Childress, Michelle Cisco, Cassidy Cochran, Madilynn Comeaux, Olivia DeGraw, Becca Folderauer, Meg Godwin, Emily Kim, Sylar Little, Megan Marshall, Lauren Meyers, Alyssa Miller, Breanne Miller, Gabrielle Miller, Katie Murphy, Jillian Petee, Meghan Reed, Emili Rutkowski, and Megan Thomas. Team managers are: Kermit Updegrove, Casey Byrnes and Ben Smith.

The Bel Air High School Girls Lacrosse Team, coached by Kristen Barry, Andi Gwin, Megan Strauch, and Hayley Krause, won the Class 3A/4A state championship. Team members include: Addie Kalama, Sam Stachowiak, Hailey Colt, Lauren Asher, Katie McGrain, Anna McQuay, Megan Dee, Anna Farley, Maggi Hall, Julia Henry, Ava Goeller, Grace Wehland, Bridget Weiss, Julianna Parker, Elizabeth Hillman, Julianna Harden, Taylor Patrick, Caroline Fallace, Karsyn Shek, Lexi Strobel, Kami Holt, Jenna Ranney, Molly Loughlin, Keeley McHugh, and Riley Patrick. Team managers are: Nicole Salib, Kayla Velez, Melissa Woods, and Mackenzie Schaefer.

In addition, there were several individual state winners from HCPS for the sport of track and field. From Patterson Mill High School, Jessica Bujak, Marissa Lapinsky, Ashley Betz, and Kate Eckart won the 1A Girls 4X800 Meter Relay event; Marissa Lapinsky, Chyna Latimer, Ashley Betz, and Kate Eckart won the 1A Girls 4X400 Meter Relay event; Kate Eckart won the 1A Girls 800 Meter event; and Chyna Latimer won the 1A Girls Triple Jump event. From Harford Technical High School, Beyonce Kelly won the 2A Girls High Jump event. From C.

Milton Wright High School, Christina Riggins won the 3A Girls Long Jump event. And from Bel Air High School, Kieran McDermott won the 4A Boys 800 Meter Run and the Boys 1600 Meter Run events.

Harford teams winning 2017 Sportsmanship awards in the Susquehanna Division included the Edgewood High School Baseball Team and the Havre de Grace High School Girls Track Team. Harford teams winning Sportsmanship awards in the Chesapeake Division included the Havre de Grace High School Boys Lacrosse Team, the North Harford High School Softball Team and Girls Lacrosse Team, the Aberdeen High School Boys Track Team and Tennis Team, the Harford Technical High School Girls Track Team, and the Bel Air High School Baseball Team.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education congratulate all the state and MPSSAA student-athletes and teams from Harford County Public Schools on their outstanding accomplishments. The Superintendent also recommends the Board congratulate the HCPS teams that earned Sportsmanship Awards in their divisions.

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DESTINATION IMAGINATION GLOBAL TOURNAMENT PLACERS

June 12, 2017

Background Information:

Each year, Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) students compete in Destination Imagination (DI). DI is a school-sponsored, problem-solving competition where students must use ingenuity, creativity, and teamwork to collectively work through real-world problems. Teams of seven students choose one of six challenges that focus on creative problem-solving and engineering. DI held its State-level competition at University of Maryland, Baltimore County on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Twenty-three teams from Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) competed, and eight teams received a qualifying score to advance to the Global Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee at the end of May.

Discussion:

The eight HCPS teams that competed at the Global Tournament include:

Engineering: In it Together

- Halls Cross Roads Elementary School – *Halls in Need of Water* – placed 14 out of 76
- Hickory Elementary School – *Hickory Yummy Gummy Squirrels* – tied for 34 out of 76
- Bel Air Middle School – *BAMS WE MUST EVACUATE!* – placed 7 out of 74
- Bel Air Middle School – *BAMS The Olympians* – tied for 34 out of 74
- Bel Air High School – *BAHS STRIKETHROUGH* – placed 7 out of 63
- Bel Air High School – *BAHS QQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQ* – tied for 8 out of 63

Improvisational: 3-Peat

- Southampton Middle School – *Magic Mustaches* – tied for 7 out of 80
- Bel Air High School – *Bel Air Satellites* – tied for 38 out of 82

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board commend all of the 2016-17 Harford County Public Schools Destination Imagination teams for their efforts and congratulate those teams who competed and placed at the highest level – the Global Tournament.

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**GROWING EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS PROGRAM 2017 SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

June 12, 2017

Background Information:

The Growing Exceptional Teachers (GET) Program is a scholarship and recruitment program that provides financial assistance in the form of a student scholarship and hiring incentives to Harford County Public Schools high school graduating seniors selected to participate in the program. The purpose of providing this financial assistance is to allow program participants to complete their undergraduate degree in a high-needs area of teacher education, with the ultimate goal of receiving their teacher certification and returning to work as a public school teacher right here in Harford County.

Twenty-five (25) \$6,000 scholarships are awarded to HCPS graduating seniors planning to attend college and attain their teacher certification in one of the following “critical shortage areas” identified by the Maryland State Department of Education and HCPS:

- Career and Technology
- Mathematics
- Science
- Special Education
- Technology
- World Language

Five scholarships are awarded yearly, beginning with the HCPS Class of 2017 and ending with the HCPS Class of 2021. The recipients are selected by a committee and the scholarships are awarded in May each year preceding college entrance.

Discussion:

The 2017 GET Program scholarship recipients are:

- Caroline Collins, of C. Milton Wright High School, attending Kutztown University in the fall to major in Secondary Special Education
- Aidan Riordon, of North Harford High School, attending Stevenson University in the fall to major in middle school education (math/science)
- Alexandra Robey, of North Harford High School, attending Lebanon Valley College in the fall to major in Chemistry
- Gabriela Santiago Alvarez, of Joppatowne High School, attending Towson University in the fall to major in elementary education (Spanish/world languages)

- Kaitlyn Trexler, of Fallston High School, attending Millersville University in the fall to major in special education

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County congratulate the 2017 HCPS GET Program scholarship recipients and wish them success in their continued education and teaching careers.

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**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION: WORKING TOGETHER TO ENHANCE THE
TEACHING OF LATIN AMERICA – PERU, 2017**

MAURA VIEHL, SOUTHAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

June 12, 2017

Background Information:

Through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program, Towson University will provide an immersion experience in Cusco, Peru from June 24 to August 5, 2017, for 15 in-service educators. The goal of the project is to enhance educators' Spanish language competence and to develop intercultural competence and knowledge of Latin American culture. They will learn firsthand about the history, language, culture, geography, education, art and architecture, indigenous peoples, and modern Peru's economy and society. The project will help teachers create curriculum units for use in their classrooms and schools. Participants will also create and participate in teacher learning communities. Two faculty from Towson University's College of Liberal Arts and selected teachers from across the nation will work together to achieve these goals.

Discussion:

Maura Viehl, Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) social studies teacher at Southampton Middle School, is one of 15 educators selected from Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Washington, and Washington D.C. to participate in a six-week immersion experience in Cusco, Peru. Although several HCPS teachers have applied for this opportunity in years past, Ms. Viehl is the first from HCPS to be selected to participate in this program. Ms. Viehl was chosen based on her letters of reference, previous study experiences, and responses to application and interview questions. She was tapped by HCPS Supervisor of Social Studies George Toepfer to apply for the opportunity. Ms. Viehl gained travel experience while earning her undergraduate degree and in her early years of teaching at a private school. As an undergraduate at Concordia University in Nebraska, she went to London, Edinburgh, and Dublin on a two-week literary/history tour in 2004. She was also part of another Concordia study trip that took a three-week geography tour through the southwest United States and Hawaii in 2005. After her first year teaching, she took students to Costa Rica for two weeks in 2007. A year later, she and her students joined a service trip to Saltillo, Mexico. During her upcoming time in Peru, Ms. Viehl will be living with host families.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County congratulate Ms. Maura Viehl on having been selected to participate in the Partners in Education: Working

Together to Enhance the Teaching of Latin America - Peru, 2017 program and wish her a safe and successful trip.

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**CENTRAL MARYLAND HOMELAND SECURITY EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE'S
BEST IN HOMELAND SECURITY EDUCATION AWARD**

ZACHARY LOVELACE, JOPPATOWNE HIGH SCHOOL

June 12, 2017

Background Information:

The Baltimore region is facing a critical shortage of skilled homeland security and emergency preparedness professionals. In 2008, six Maryland counties joined forces to address this regional problem and to implement a Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness program at high schools around the region. Operating as Central Maryland Homeland Security Educational Alliance (CMHSEA), the counties – Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll, Harford and Howard – regularly collaborate on curriculum development, lesson planning, teacher training and other activities.

Discussion:

Mr. Zachary Lovelace has been a member of the CMHSEA for the past five years while serving in the role of co-coordinator of the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (HSEP) Program and science department chair at Joppatowne High School. Mr. Lovelace has been a teacher in the HSEP Program since the planning stages and is one of its initial teachers and curriculum developers. He uses his love of science to engage his students in many ways, such as organizing the USMC Leadership Day at Joppatowne. He is a firm believer in the motto, *Integrity, Commitment, and Service*. His leadership abilities and his dedication are two of the most important reasons why the program has continued to grow each year. Mr. Lovelace has played an important role in mentoring teachers and administrators in other counties in how to implement the program, generously sharing his experience and best practices.

Mr. Lovelace was recently honored with the Best of Homeland Security Education Award presented by MHSEA. He was presented with a small trophy and a certificate from Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education of Harford County congratulate Mr. Zachary Lovelace on having earned the Best in Homeland Security Education Award and wish him continued success in his career.