

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
RECOGNITION**

WINTER 2015/16 HCPS MPSSAA STATE WINNERS & SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

April 11, 2016

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 2015-2016 interscholastic athletic season, one HCPS team won a MPSSAA state title. The C. Milton Wright boys basketball team, coached by Jon Stefanides, Adam Farley and Sean Foley, earned the Class 3A state championship. Team members include: Imran Hussain, Quincy Haughton, Corey Bays, Kyle Harkins, Chris Lorenzo, Ian Fink, Will Bailey, Jamario Sampson, Falan Laguerre, Brett Lindsey, Dante Brown, Ryan Lepp, Ryan Miller, Malik Jackson, and Jack Van Syckle. Zachary Ewing and Noah Jagdam are the team managers.

In addition, there was one individual dual state winner for swimming and two state winners for wrestling from HCPS: Megan Cowan (100-yard Free-style and 200- yard Free-style) from C. Milton Wright High for Class 3A/2A/1A; Brent Lorin (106 weight class) from Bel Air High School for Class 3A-4A; and Ethan Smith (170 weight class) from Aberdeen High School for Class 3A-4A.

UCBAC Sportsmanship winners from Harford County were the Fallston girls basketball team, the Bel Air boys basketball team, and the North Harford wrestling team for the Chesapeake Division; and the Joppatowne wrestling team for the Susquehanna Division. In addition, the Joppatowne High School boys and girls swim teams were sportsmanship winners.

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.