



Harford County Public Schools
Teacher of the Year
2013

Tara Buecker
Jarrettsville
Elementary School



Kimberly Harner
Southampton
Middle School



Kristin Schaub
Havre de Grace
Elementary School



Laura Childs
Edgewood
High School



Kristine Jurgs
Southampton
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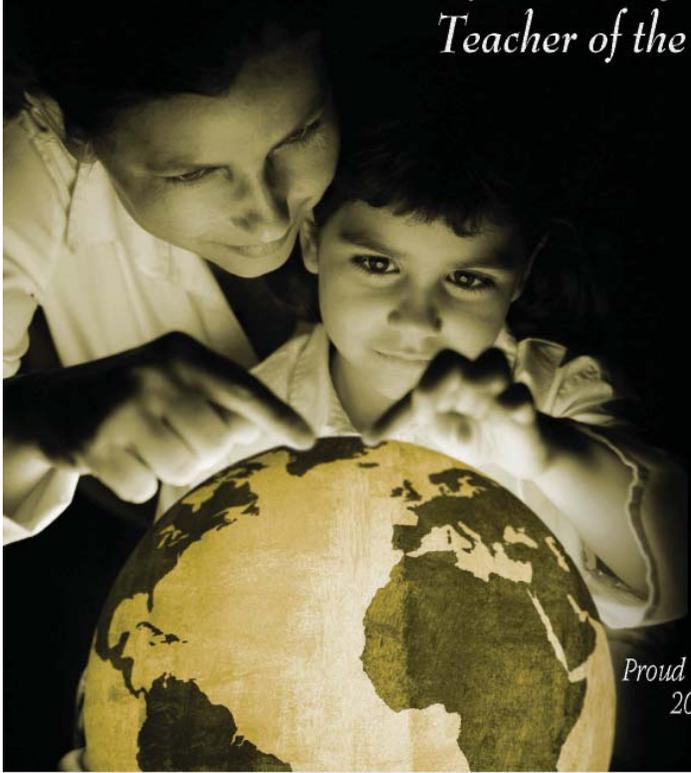
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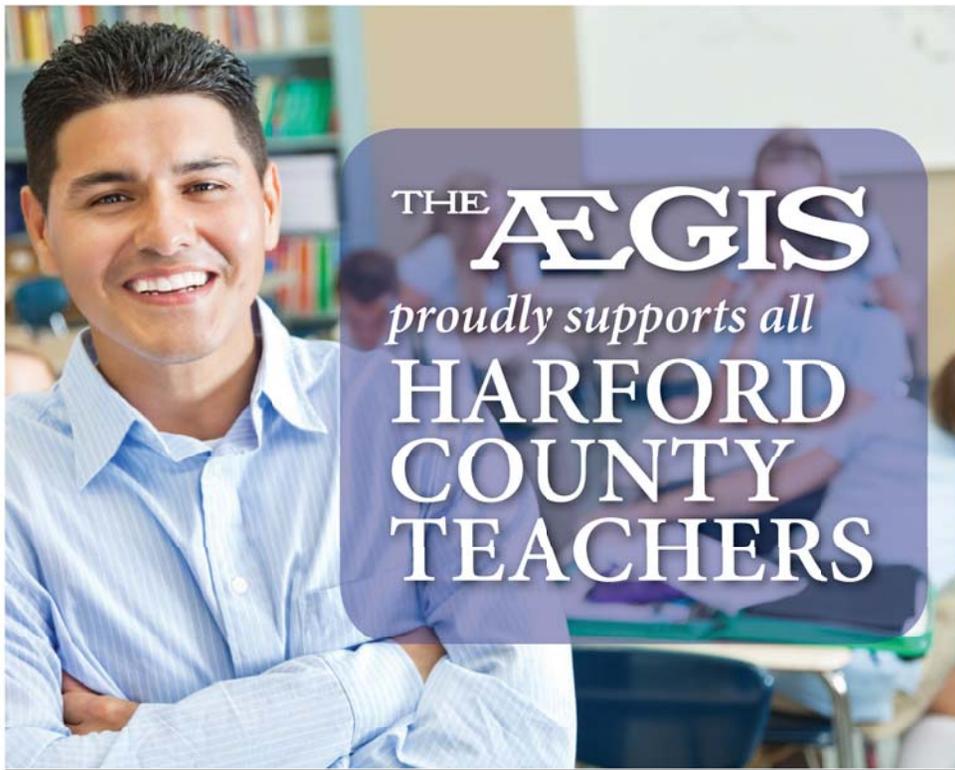
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6:00 – 6:30 p.m.Social Time

Introductions.....Ms. Teri D. Kranefeld
 Manager of Communications

Pledge of Allegiance

“Seasons of Love,” arr. by Deke Sharon.....Bel Air High School Pop Choir
 Ms. Terri Matthews, Director

Moment of Reflection.....Ms. Kranefeld

Dinner.....Courtesy of HARCO Federal Credit Union
 and The Bayou Restaurant

Keynote Address.....Mrs. Christina D. O’Neill
 Language Arts Teacher, Bel Air Middle School
 2012-13 Harford County Teacher of the Year

Teacher of the Year Finalists Introductions..... Mr. William A. Lawrence
 Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Student Testimonials.....HCPSS Students

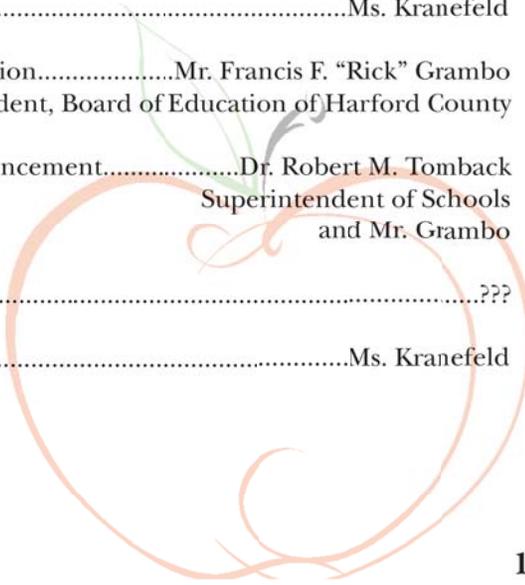
Teacher of the Year Prizes.....Ms. Kranefeld

Remarks from the Board of Education.....Mr. Francis F. “Rick” Grambo
 President, Board of Education of Harford County

2013-14 Teacher of the Year Announcement.....Dr. Robert M. Tomback
 Superintendent of Schools
 and Mr. Grambo

Teacher of the Year Remarks.....???

Closing Remarks.....Ms. Kranefeld



Judging Committee

FORMER TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Howard Eakes, Assistant Supervisor of Outdoor Education
Christina O'Neill, Language Arts Teacher, Bel Air Middle School
Alberta Porter, Instructional Facilitator
Christian Slattery, Music Teacher, Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School
Ronald Wooden, Assistant Principal, Havre de Grace Elementary School

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

HCPS Educator Hall of Fame Inductees 2012-13

Dr. Gerald E. Scarborough, March 2012
Sarah S. S. Spencer, April 2012
Terry L. LaPorta, May 2012
Paul M. Metzger, June 2012
Patricia L. Skebeck, October 2012
James R. Murdza, October 2012
C. Scott Sharnetzka, November 2012
Dr. Dennis L. Kirkwood, February 2013

Former Harford County Public School educators who have provided at least 20 years of extraordinary service to students and staff in the school system are considered for nomination by the Harford County Retired School Personnel Association (HCRSPA). The nominee is prominently featured on the Harford County Public Schools website, www.hcps.org. The nominee (or his/her family, in case the nominee is deceased or unavailable) is also honored at a subsequent Board of Education meeting where he/she is presented with a plaque as well as a Board certificate and citations from County and State government officials. To see the criteria to nominate a teacher, visit www.hcps.org, and click on "About Us" for the nomination form.

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A note from the 2012-13 Teacher of the Year

Theodore Roosevelt wrote, "Far and away, the best prize life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." The rewards of teaching are many, and for me, they begin with the pride I take in doing such worthwhile work. Each day, I get to come alive with the curiosity, the energy, and the potential of my students. They allow me to be not only the teacher, but the learner, constantly reflecting upon and refining my craft. Through this work worth doing, I am gifted with the opportunity to expand my own boundaries and to see the world through new eyes every day. The legacy of my teaching will live on in the successes of the students who use the power of reading, writing, speaking, and thinking to make a mark on the world. There is no better prize than this.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a voice for the outstanding and dedicated teachers of Harford County Public Schools. It has been a blessing to represent all teachers who give their best artfully and skillfully each day. I have a career that enlivens me and it has been a gift to share that beyond my school and classroom walls.

Congratulations to the finalists here this evening who embrace the work that changes the world. Congratulations to the teachers here who prize their ability to create opportunity and hope. I am honored to pass on the title of Harford County Teacher of the Year and to hear the next voice that will carry us forward. For in the heart of every outstanding teacher is a passion that cannot be contained. Please take the time tonight to honor each of these teachers for the voices that they bring to our profession, for their passionate hearts, and for their worthy work.

"It is truly a beautiful thing when a career and a passion come together."

- Author Unknown



Christina D. O'Neill
2012-13 HCPS
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Language Arts Teacher
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Harford County Public Schools Teacher of the Year Finalists



Tara N. Buecker

Jarrettsville Elementary School
Physical Education/Health Teacher

8 Years of Service

Nominated by Terry M. Ridge
Introduced by Frankie Meehan

Harford County native Tara Buecker is an eighth-year teacher at Jarrettsville Elementary School. Ms. Buecker received her bachelor's degree in physical education from Hofstra University in 2005 and her master's degree in health science from Towson University in 2012. She is a member of the Jarrettsville Elementary School Improvement Team and organizes many community events, including family wellness activities. Serving on the district's programming committee, Ms. Buecker contributes to the alignment of physical education standards, curriculum and assessment. Ms. Buecker won a first place Harford County Curriculum Award (2010), the Dr. Gerald E. Scarborough Curriculum Award of Excellence (2010), the Maryland Association for Physical Education's Emerging Leader Award (2011) and the Harford County Green Teacher of the Year (2012).

J. Laura Childs

Edgewood High School
English Teacher

7 Years of Service

Nominated and introduced by Marisa Russell

Laura Childs received her Bachelor of Science in English and Secondary Education from Towson University in 2006 and a Master of Arts in Humanities in 2010. Ms. Childs has been with Edgewood High School since she began her teaching career. She facilitates the Faculty Committee and, as the Junior Class Advisor, organizes the prom. Ms. Childs also works with the Literacy Magazine and coaches both Poetry Slams and Speech and Debate. In 2011, Ms. Childs and her students were awarded a United Way Youth Champion Grant for their work with the Khaled Hosseini Foundation building shelters in Afghanistan.





Kimberly A. Harner

*Southampton Middle School
Special Educator*

16 Years of Service

Nominated by Glenn A. Jensen
Introduced by Mark Abbey

Teaching in Harford County for 16 years, Kimberly Harner has put her heart and soul into educating students in developing critical life skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Ms. Harner has participated in Alt-MSA curriculum writing workshops and

has modified elementary science curriculum. She has served on the School Improvement Team and has facilitated school professional development and mentored student teachers. She was a pioneer for Inclusion at Fallston High School and coached swimming. She earned her bachelor's degree in special education in 1997 from the University of Maryland College Park and obtained her master's degree in reading from Loyola University in 2002.

Kristine E.M. Jurgs

*Southampton Middle School
Special Educator*

14 Years of Service

Nominated by Kimberly R.P. Marchman
Introduced by Kaitlyn Marchman

Kristine Jurgs graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education and a minor in Elementary Education from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 1999. She earned her master's degree in administration and supervision from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in 2009. Ms. Jurgs is an active member of the School Improvement Team at Southampton Middle School. She has organized and led the Kids Inclusion Club, assisted in coordinating community-based instruction trips and organized service learning projects. At the county level, Ms. Jurgs has facilitated professional development for teachers. She has also served as teacher mentor.

Please see Ms. Jurgs' student introduction transcript from Kaitlyn March on the next page.



Introduction Transcript:

"Hi! My name is Kaitlyn Marchman. I would like to tell you a little bit about my teacher of the year - Ms. Jurgs. In our classroom, my friend Hannah started calling all of the teachers just by their last name. We aren't being disrespectful, it's just how we talk. Actually, it is really important to me to be treated with respect. A friend of mine at school kept talking to me like I was a baby. I was getting mad, but I couldn't tell him because I can't talk like you do. Jurgs knows me. She went and explained that I needed to be treated like the cool 15-year-old I am. Well.. ok... I added the "cool" part. I felt so much better and was able to be better behaved and learn while this friend was around.

My classmates and I are smart and have many talents. We just need extra help to learn. This is not done in your regular classroom-type setting. I want to explain it to you by comparing it to my favorite football team, the Ravens! Jurgs is the head coach. Our principal, Mr. Jensen, is the owner. When we needed more classroom space and a sensory room, Jurgs went to Mr. Jensen to get it done. All of the inclusion helpers are like the assistant coaches. They take direction from Jurgs and learn how to help each of us differently. Just like you would help a kicker differently from a punt returner, even though they are both on special teams. We go to general education classes for things like science, social studies, PE, and UA. General educators are like the offensive, defensive, and special team coordinators. They know the curriculum best, but Jurgs needs to modify the material for us. Jurgs will make a science test so my friends and I can show what we learned. Just like any player, I love when I do awesome on a test.

As our head coach, Jurgs does many things but most importantly, she makes sure we are learning. Like coach Harbaugh, she has extremely high expectations. Some days I will give her a special look and she knows what I mean... "Come on Jurgs! It's Friday afternoon! Don't set the bar so high." Does she listen to me? Nope! We still have to do our best.

I hope this helps you understand all of us a little better. The funny thing is, until this year, Jurgs never watched a football game. The only reason she did is because she knew how important the Ravens are to me. I laughed really hard when she had to go to Mr. Andreen to ask him what I was talking about. He had to translate.

Just like I taught Jurgs about football... My mom wants me to tell you that Jurgs taught me to read after many people said it couldn't be done. Just like the Ravens would have never gone and won the Super Bowl without an outstanding head coach, well, my classmates and I would not have grown so much without Jurgs."

Kristin M. Schaub

*Havre de Grace Elementary School
Fifth Grade Teacher*

9 Years of Service

Nominated by Renee L. Villareal
Introduced by Sidra Wheeler

Over the last nine years, Kristin Schaub has made numerous contributions to the school and community of Havre de Grace Elementary. She began her journey by attending Towson University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and graduated summa cum laude in 2004. Ms. Schaub later received her master's degree in instructional technology from Towson University in 2012. She consistently implements cutting-edge approaches to education in order to meet the needs of her Title I students. Ms. Schaub also shares her passion for education by serving as a classroom model, a School Improvement Team facilitator and a team leader.

