The Harford County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs. Inquiries related to the policies of the Board of Education of Harford County should be directed to the Manager of Communications, 410-588-5203.

19th Annual Banquet

Wednesday, March 27, 2013
6:00 p.m.

The Bayou Restaurant
Havre de Grace
With EVERY Vehicle from Jones Junction you get...

FREE Oil and Filter Changes
FREE Car Washes
FREE Engine Guaranteed for a Lifetime
FREE Manicures
FREE Battery Test
FREE 24 Hour Roadside Assistance
FREE Jones Rewards for a Lifetime
FREE Service Shuttle for Customers
FREE Parts and Service Guaranteed For A Lifetime
FREE Lost Key Service for New Cars and Trucks
FREE Multi Point Certification on all Pre-Owned Vehicles
FREE Maryland State Inspection with Jones for Lifetime
FREE Vehicle Pickup and Delivery with Service Appt.
FREE Loaner Car with Service or Maintenance

With Any Service Appointment Jones Junction will pick up your vehicle at your home or work, leave a loaner car for your convenience and then return your vehicle to you—serviced and washed—

AT NO EXTRA CHARGE! WE WILL GO UP TO 50 MILES!

www.jonesjunction.com

Proud to be the Premier Sponsor 2013 Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet

BEL AIR • ABINGDON • ABERDEEN
410-838-9090 • 410-879-3762 • www.harcocu.org
Program

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.............................................. HCPS 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 Cakes, Assistant Supervisor of Outdoor Education
Christina O’Neill, Language Arts Teacher, Bel Air Middle School
Alberta Porter, Instructional Facilitator
Christian Slattery, Music Teacher, Half’s Cross Road Elementary School
Ronald Wooden, Assistant Principal, Havre de Grace Elementary School

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE
Nancy Reynolds, Vice President

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES
Deb Merlock, Greater Excellence in Education Foundation (GEEF)
Diane Moore, HAR-CO Federal Credit Union
Terry Troy, Maryland Agency Financial Group

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
Panashe Mutumbo, Student Representative, Board of Education of Harford County

ADMINISTRATORS
Kimberly Banks, Supervisor of World Language
Tammy Josley, Principal, Forest Hill Elementary School
Jonathan Brown, Director of Community Engagement, Equity and Cultural Proficiency
Barbara Canavan, Executive Director of Middle School Performance
Terri Kranefeld, Manager of Communications
Sarah Lumbard, Assistant Principal, Bel Air Middle School
Jean Mantegna, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Angela Morton, Executive Director of Elementary School Performance
Terry Reilly, Coordinator of Teacher Induction
Joseph Schmitz, Executive Director of High School Performance
Ann-Marie Spakowski, Director of Special Education
Brad Stinar, Assistant Principal, William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary School
Lisa Sturnquist, Principal, North Harford Elementary School
Michael Thatcher, Principal, Alternative Education Program
Wayne Thibeault, Principal, Patterson Mill Middle/High School
Eileen Turowski, Assistant Principal, Fallston High School

PARENT
Deborah Dawson, North Harford Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
Freedom Federal is Proud to Support Harford’s Teacher of the Year.

Christina O’Neill, 2012-13  
Christian Slattery+, 2011-12  
Lisa Mullen+, 2010-11  
Kimberly Schmidt+, 2009-10  
Ronald Wooden, 2008-09  
Christine Roland+, 2007-08  
Susan Summerfield, 2006-07  
Lori Frendak, 2005-06  
Joan Hayden, 2004-05  
Donna Clem, 2003-04  
Howard Eakes, 2002-03  
Alberta Porter+, 2001-02  
Donna Zavacky+, 2000-01  
Craig Harvey+, 1999-2000  
Kurt Bittle+, 1998-99  
James Mason+, 1997-98  
Cathy Cerveny*, 1996-97  
James (Pat) Whitehurst+, 1995-96  
Marybeth Ford, 1994-95  
Victor Petrosino, 1993-94  
Martha Banghart, 1992-93  
Gemma Hoskins*, 1991-92  
Donald Osman+, 1990-91  
Anthony Sarcone+, 1989-90  
Robert Handy, 1988-89  
Paul Schatz*, 1987-88  
Laurie Neeper*, 1977

* Maryland Teacher of the Year  
+ Maryland Teacher of the Year Finalist

Former Teachers of the Year

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.
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
Tara N. Buecker
Jarrettsville Elementary School
Physical Education/Health Teacher
8 Years of Service
Nominated by Terry M. Fidge
 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 Khaleed 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.

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.

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