



Harford County Public Schools

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HCPS ANNOUNCES TOP TEN CONTENDERS FOR COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Expert educators vie for prestigious title

The top ten finalists for the 2011 Harford County Teacher of the Year award have been released and are listed below. The judging panel had a difficult and unenviable task again this year with many outstanding teachers nominated for the award. Just to have been deemed worthy by a student, parent, administrator or someone else to be Harford's Teacher of the Year from among the more than 3,200 teachers in the system is noteworthy.

Teacher	School	Subject/Grade
Colleen W. Burghardt	Edgewood High School	Social Studies
Jennifer A. Chandler	North Harford High School	English/Journalism
Kristien S. Foss	Bel Air Middle School	Language Arts/Social Studies
Glen G. Hedelson	Bel Air High School	Environmental Science
Alyssa D. King	C. Milton Wright High School	Media Specialist
Karen C. McNeely	Ring Factory Elementary School	Grade 5
Tracie A. Moots	Patterson Mill Middle School	Science
Susan P. Petty	Forest Hill Elementary School	Special Education
Christian S. Slattery	Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School	Vocal Music
Mary Claire Ward	Fountain Green Elementary School	Grade 2

After this year's Teacher of the Year Judging Committee reviewed and scored all nomination packets, the points were tallied resulting in this top ten group of dedicated educators, one of which will be crowned the 2011 Harford County Teacher of the Year. Each finalist will participate in an interview round with a panel of eight judges on Thursday, March 31st and Friday, April 1st.

A surprise announcement of the winner will take place at the annual Harford County Teacher of the Year banquet held on Thursday, April 28th at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace. The Bayou Restaurant has graciously provided this event complimentary to Harford County Public Schools for nearly 20 years.

Biographical information and photos of each finalist will be available on the HCPS website, www.hcps.org, in the coming weeks.

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