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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.  
**DATE:** May 21, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Maryland's 2019-2020 Teachers of the Year

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**PURPOSE:**

To recognize Maryland's newly named 2019-2020 District Teachers of the Year who will represent their school systems in Maryland's Teacher of the Year Program and competition for Maryland and National Teacher of the Year.

**BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM, SPONSORS, AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Maryland has fully participated in the National Teacher of the Year Program for twenty-nine years. The National Program is sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers. The Maryland program is sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education along with its Presenting Sponsors: Comcast, Maryland Automobile Dealers Association, McDonald's Family Restaurants, Northrop Grumman and SMART Technologies, along with Platinum Sponsors: NTA Life and Whiting Turning Contracting.

In the past twelve years, Maryland has had three who were selected National Teachers of the Year and an additional two candidates selected as one of four National Finalists.

The objective of both national and state programs is to draw public attention to the teaching profession and the contributions of our outstanding teachers. The Maryland Teacher of the Year represents thousands of teachers in the public schools of our State; when selected for the State Award, he or she also enters the National Teacher of the Year competition. National Teachers are accorded celebrity status and spend one year out of the classroom, traveling across the country and the world bringing an education message to hundreds of thousands of people.

Maryland's Teacher of the Year, while not fully removed from the classroom, has a partner teacher assigned by the local school system. He or she is asked to keynote at numerous professional development programs, award ceremonies, state conferences, college graduations, and other programs and events. Maryland's Teacher also participates in the National Teacher of the Year Program which includes 4-5 national meetings or conferences across the country as well as National Space Camp in Huntsville Alabama. Maryland's Teacher joins fellow State Teachers of the Year in a Presidential Recognition at the White House.

All 24 local Teachers of the Year are honored at a prestigious State Gala and participate each month in leadership and honors programs throughout Maryland.

**State Board Ceremony**

Approximately 100 guests of the teachers are expected to attend the Board Ceremony, including the Teachers and 1 guest each, local superintendents, local board presidents, principals, and district Teacher of the Year Coordinators.

**ACTION:**

Each District Teacher of the Year will be introduced by the State Superintendent. Each Teacher will be presented with a State Board of Education Citation. An inscribed portfolio will also be presented and commemorative photos will be taken.

**An Honors Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza (across the street from MSDE) immediately follows the State Board Recognition (at approximately 12 noon.)**

# TEACHERS OF THE YEAR 2019 – 2020

Allegany	Sarah Llewellyn – Grade 3
Anne Arundel	Teresa Beilstein – Grade 3
Baltimore City	Kyair Butts – ELA, Grade 6
Baltimore County	Kristen Nielsen – ELA, Grades 9 & 12
Calvert	Dr. Nathan Kimbro – Spec Ed, Grades 9-12
Caroline	Shawn Elisa Parks – ELA, Grade 8
Carroll	Brandi Jason – Instrumental Music, Gr 9 – 12
Cecil	Jossie Perry – Social Studies, Grades 9-12
Charles	Melinda Wright, Grade 2
Dorchester	Charlene Zinnel – Culinary Arts, Grades 11&12
Frederick	Michael Franklin – Health & Phys Ed, Gr 9-12
Garrett	Amy Rowan – Spec Ed/ELA, Grades 6-8
Harford	Paige Milanoski – English, Grade 10
Howard	Gregory Murach – Math, Grades 9-12
Kent	Kristen Krauss – Social Studies, Grades 9-12
Montgomery	Madeline Hanington – English, Grades 6-8
Prince George’s	Angelica Brooks – Choral Music
Queen Anne’s	Heather Efland – Music, Grades K-2
St. Mary’s	Jennifer Cord – Grade 5
Somerset	Christina South – Grade 4
Talbot	Kevin Carroll – Spec. Ed, Grades 9-12
Washington	Joshua Edwards – Fine Arts, Grades 9-12
Wicomico	Shane Morton – Pre-Kindergarten
Worcester	Gina Russell – PreK & Grades 3-4