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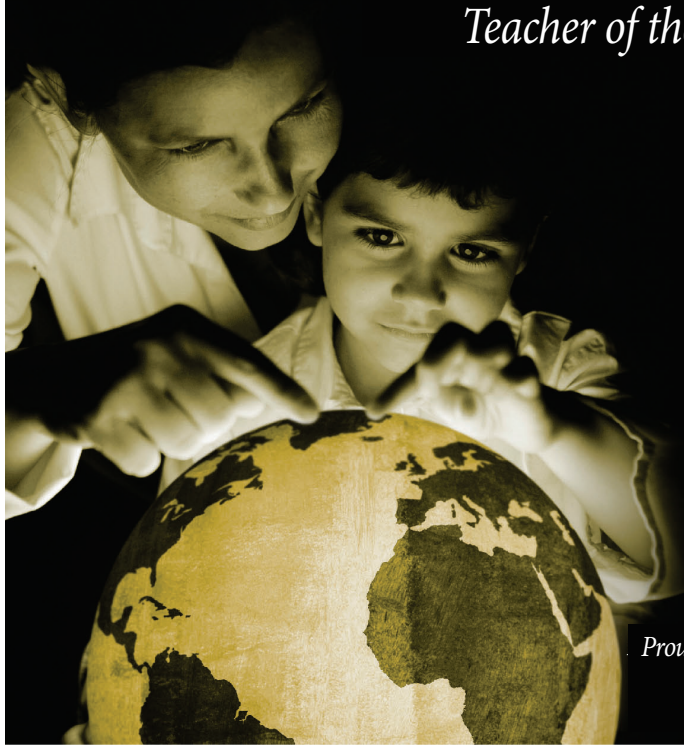
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Moment of Reflection	Mrs. Lader
Dinner	Courtesy of HAR-CO Credit Union and The Bayou Restaurant
Keynote Address	Mr. Lawrence Jehnert Third Grade Teacher, Edgewood Elementary School 2014-15 Harford County Teacher of the Year
Teacher of the Year Finalist Introductions	Dr. Susan Brown Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Student Testimonials	HCPS Students
Teacher of the Year Prizes	Mrs. Lader
Remarks from the Board of Education	Ms. Nancy Reynolds President, Board of Education of Harford County
2015-16 Teacher of the Year Announcement	Mrs. Barbara P. Canavan Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Reynolds
Teacher of the Year Remarks	2015-16 Teacher of the Year Winner
Closing Remarks	Mrs. Lader

*Featuring Josh Starkey, Alaina Reeves, Abby Lilly, Patrick Hauf, Jillian Laakso, Christian Amici, Isaiah Keith, Olivia Joseph, Dallas Walters, Elliot Scott



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Lawrence Jehnert
Third Grade Teacher
Edgewood
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A Note from the 2014-15 Teacher of the Year

*"Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience."
-Mark Twain*

During the past year, I have heard a common theme from a variety of select educators. It goes along the lines of, "I always dreamed of being a teacher." Or perhaps, "I wanted to inspire other students like my teachers inspired me." Even further, I heard comments such as, "I remember playing school from my earliest memory." It is an honor to serve amongst educators that had these past aspirations, however I cannot share the same sentiment. Last year, on March 26, 2014, when I was announced the Harford County

Teacher of the Year, I experienced the most rewarding feeling of my professional career. I never dreamed of that moment and honestly never had any desire to be a teacher when I was younger. However, the moment of the announcement gave validity to my educational career and signified the ultimate turnaround from an uninspired youth to a hard-working, motivated teacher.

The experiences of the past year have been, in a word, gratifying. From the school-wide assembly that Edgewood Elementary School had to celebrate my honor to the Maryland State Teachers Awards Gala, I have never felt so important and appreciated by so many. I have had the opportunity to meet and build professional relationships with administrators from Central Office, as well as members from the Board of Education. Through this entire process, one thought rings true from every last individual. We are ALL in the business of what is best for the students of Harford County Public Schools. I have come to the realization that each and every decision that is made has student interest and well-being as the main focus.

I wish the Top 5 finalists my most heartfelt congratulations! It is truly an honor bestowed upon the elite. Harford County Public Schools produces an immense amount of talented and highly-educated students year after year from extraordinary schools, and it is a reflection of those who have dedicated themselves to the teaching profession. To be a member of the Top 5 is an astounding and impressive accolade. It is my honor to be a part of your most memorable evening.





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 Christine Roland+, 2007-08
 Susan Summerfield, 2006-07
 Lori Frendak, 2005-06
 Joan Hayden, 2004-05
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 Howard Eakes, 2002-03
 Alberta Porter+, 2001-02
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 James Mason+, 1997-98
 Cathy Cerveny*, 1996-97
 James (Pat) Whitehurst+, 1995-96
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Teacher
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Lisamarie Bermudez

**Edgewood Middle School
Mathematics Teacher**

16 Years of Service with HCPS

*Nominated by Patrice Brown
Introduced by George E. Nickels*



About Lisamarie

Lisamarie Bermudez earned her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies Pre-K—8 in 2008 and Master of Arts in Mathematics Education in 2011 and received an Endorsement in Educational Leadership from Western Governors University in 2014. Ms. Bermudez teaches mathematics at Edgewood Middle School and is a member of the School Improvement Team and is the coordinator of the Annual Family Bazaar where she fosters community relationships through her contact with business partners. She is also the coordinator for the EDMS University afterschool intervention program. She serves her community as a Sunday school teacher, church secretary, and pastor's assistant.



Tonya Chandler

**Youth's Benefit Elementary School
Second Grade Teacher**

Nine Years of Service with HCPS

*Nominated by Heather Johnson
Introduced by William D. Sento*

About Tonya

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Tonya Chandler teaches second grade at Youth's Benefit Elementary School. During her nine years at YBES, she has served in multiple roles that have enhanced teacher professional growth and student achievement. In addition, Ms. Chandler worked for 10 years as a Center Director/Team Leader with early childcare centers achieving National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation. Ms. Chandler holds a Bachelor of Arts from Eastern College, a Master of Arts from Cabrini College, and an Educational Leadership Certificate from Loyola University. She is a member of Fallston United Methodist Church, serving on the Worship Team and actively working with mission programs.

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Laura Potter

**C. Milton Wright High School
Mathematics Teacher**

Two Years of Service with HCPS

*Nominated by Julia O'Mara
Introduced by Nathan R. Ehrhardt*

About Laura

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Laura Potter received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from University of Notre Dame of Maryland in 2001 and her Master of Arts in teaching from Towson University in 2005. Ms. Potter has been teaching for 11 years, currently serving as a mathematics teacher at C. Milton Wright High School. Ms. Potter serves as Acting Mathematics Department Chairperson and member of the School Improvement Team. At the county level, Ms. Potter has facilitated professional development to strengthen mathematics instruction. In the fall of 2014, she was nominated for the William J. Sacco Mathematics Teacher Award.

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Edgewood Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher

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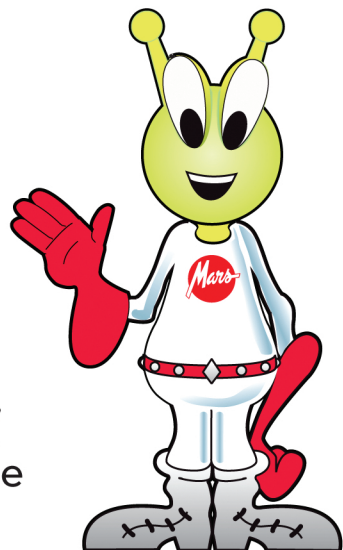
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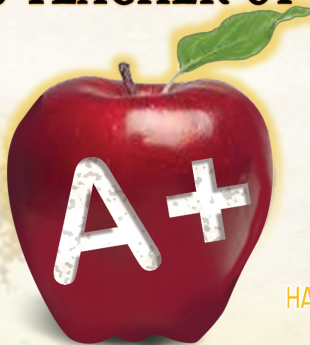
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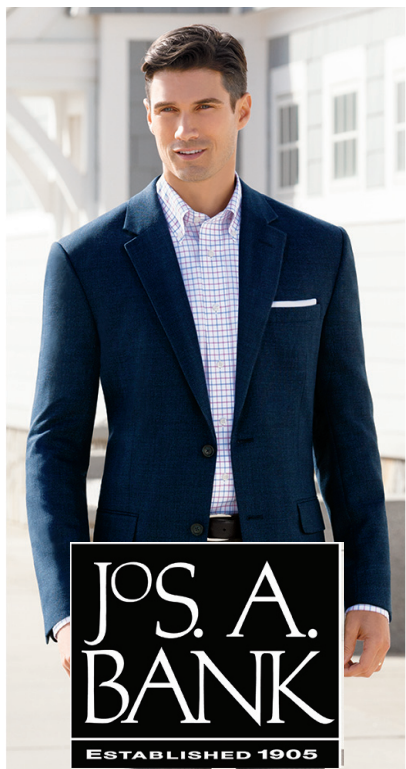
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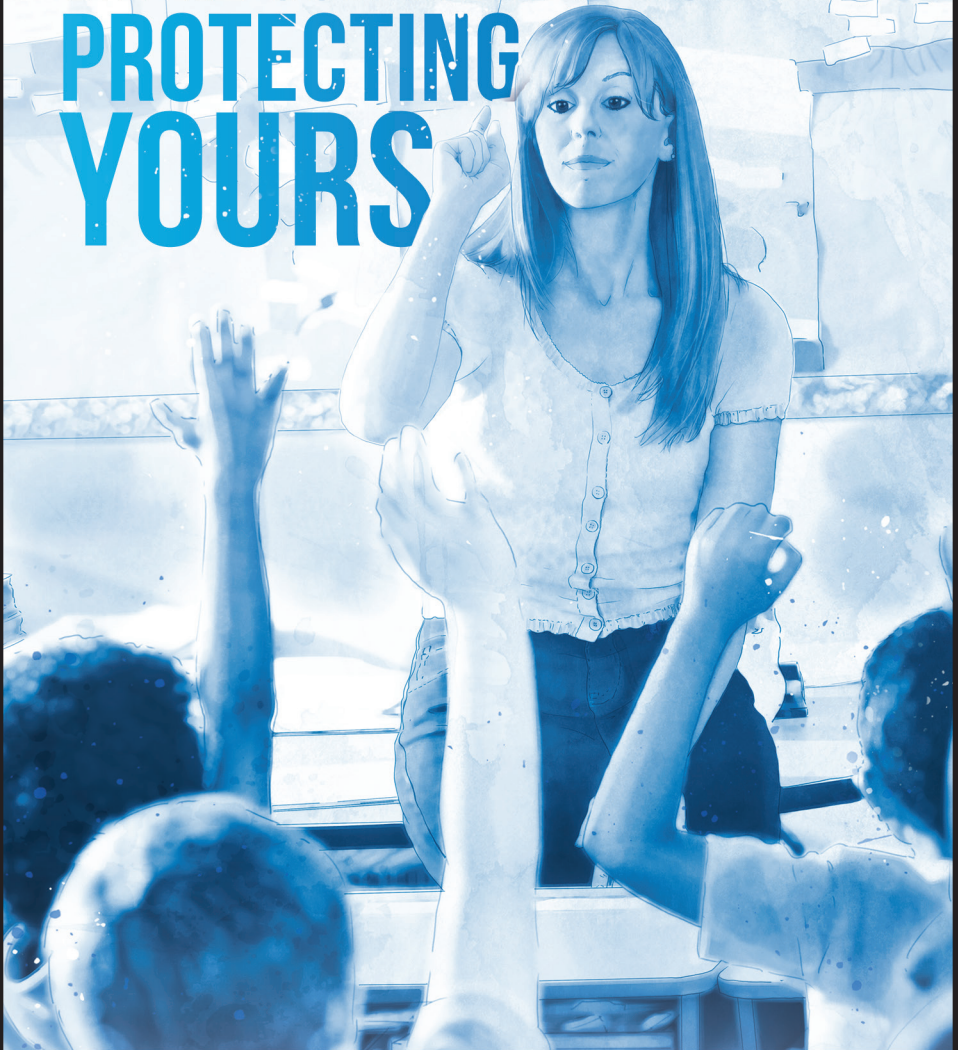
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