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## Tina Wachter of Hereford High School named BCPS School Psychologist of the Year

Towson, Md. – Tina Wachter, a Nationally Certified School Psychologist, has been named Baltimore County Public Schools' 2023 School Psychologist of the Year.

Wachter joined BCPS in 2018 after 16 years in a neighboring school district. With BCPS, Wachter primarily has served the students, staff, and families of Hereford High School, while also providing coverage for psychological services for students throughout the county.

"Ms. Wachter is being honored with the School Psychologist of the Year Award due to her exemplary performance in her school, across the system, and across the state in supporting students, educators, and families," said Aaron Wheeler, coordinator of the BCPS Office of Psychological Services. "Ms. Wachter's many contributions include sponsorship of the Active Minds chapter, Student Council, Wellness Fair, and supporting the professional development of school psychologists both within BCPS and across the state."

Through her advisory positions with Hereford High's Active Minds chapter and Student Council, Wachter has helped plan spirit week and homecoming activities, field trips to county and state-level events, and a schoolwide Wellness Fair.

Throughout her 21 years in education, Wachter has participated in or led several committees at the school and district level related to schoolwide behavior, supports for students, procedure and document revision, communications, and technology management, including development of the <a href="BCPS Virtual">BCPS Virtual</a> <a href="BCPS Virtual">Calming Room</a> during the 2020-2021 school year.

Wachter has been co-chair of the BCPS Office of Psychological Services Professional Learning Committee since 2019, supporting the supervisor and coordinator of Psychological Services in planning professional learning and new employee orientation. She also has chaired the Maryland School Psychologists' Association Program Committee since 2021, planning and managing at least three professional conference events per year.

Wachter earned bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology, as well as a Certificate of Advanced Study in school psychology from Towson University. She has been nationally certified since 2002. In 2017, she earned an additional master's degree in leadership from the University of Maryland Global Campus.

(Editor's note: A photo of Wachter can be found on Flickr.)

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