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## Woodmoor Elementary teacher Alexander Blue earns Honored National Teaching Award

Towson, Md. – Alexander Blue, a Grade 4 teacher at Woodmoor Elementary School, earned a \$5,000 Honored National Teaching Award and is profiled on the [Honored website](#). He was nominated for the recognition by the [Black Male Educators Talk](#) organization.

Blue has been teaching at Woodmoor since graduating from Morgan State University in 2017. The Honored profile highlights Blue's focus on fostering mutual respect, maintaining an active learning environment, infusing lessons with creativity and humor, and serving as a role model for students. In the article, Woodmoor Principal Franchesca O. Brown said, "He really does bring the learning to life" for his students.

[Honored](#) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing and rewarding extraordinary teachers across the country. With its online platform, Honored empowers students and families across the country to give their teachers the individualized, direct recognition that research shows keeps teachers engaged and in the profession longer. The program is built on two pillars: [Honored National](#), in which any student or family at any school across the country can submit an "Honor Story" about a teacher, which serves as a nomination for the monthly \$5,000 Honored National Teaching Award; and [Honored Schools](#), an in-school teacher recognition program. Honored Schools currently operates in 41 schools in Washington D.C., Indianapolis IN, New Haven CT, and Inglewood CA.

*(Editor's note: [Two photos of Blue and his students](#) can be found in a BCPS Flickr album. Photo credit for both images: Tony Powell for Honored.)*

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