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BCPS to name Teacher of the Year, Principal of the Year, and other “Champions for Children” during livestreamed celebration

Event takes place 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19

What: The Baltimore County Teacher of the Year, Principal of the Year, and Assistant Principal of the Year for 2023-24 will be announced during a livestreamed celebration. In addition, a variety of “Champions for Children” will also be announced and recognized for their contributions to BCPS and its students. The BCPS Teacher of the Year will go on to represent the school system and its more than 9,000 professional educators in the Maryland state Teacher of the Year program.

When: **Wednesday, April 19, from 4:45 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

Where: **George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology**

938 York Road, Towson 21204

The event will be [livestreamed](#) on the [BCPS website](#), BCPS TV (Comcast 73 and Verizon 34), and [YouTube](#).

Background: This year’s finalists for Teacher of the Year are:

- **Beverly Folkoff**, Relay Elementary School
- **Talven Pearsell**, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School
- **Abigail Karey**, Maiden Choice School

The BCPS Teacher of the Year finalists were chosen from among a record-setting 169 school teacher of the year nominees by a committee composed of BCPS administrators,

staff, students, TABCO representation, and current BCPS Teacher of the Year Alicia Amaral Freeman.

Principal of the Year finalists this year are:

- **Andrea Derrien**, Chatsworth School
- **Kalisha Miller**, Pikesville Middle School
- **Brian Powell**, Kenwood High School

They were selected after a rigorous process that opened nominations for the first time to all BCPS staff, students, families, and the community. Following reviews, school visits, and interviews with adjudicators from both staff and the Education Foundation of Baltimore County, the three finalists emerged from 1,043 nominations submitted earlier this year.

Assistant Principal finalists are:

- **Anthony Schultz**, Westowne Elementary School
- **Jodi Pasquale**, General John Stricker Middle School
- **Nicole Bridges**, Towson High School

Like the principal candidates, Assistant Principal of the Year finalists were nominated by BCPS staff, students, families, and the public and vetted by the same panel that adjudicated the principal finalist selection. There were 791 nominations for Assistant Principal of the Year.

In addition to these schoolhouse champions for BCPS students, the April 19 gala will also celebrate a variety of other all-star school supporters, including a **“Rising Star” Teacher of the Year, Supervisory Leader of the Year, Supporting Services Employee of the Year, Transportation Champion, AFSCME Employee of the Year, Volunteer Champion, and Business Partner Champion.**

[Baltimore County Public Schools](#), the nation’s 22nd largest school system, is focused on raising the bar and closing gaps to prepare our students for the future. Thanks to innovative and talented leaders, teachers, staff, and students, BCPS celebrates [many honors](#).