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Catonsville, Parkville high school students honored with Mildred Murray All-Academic Scholar-Athlete Awards and Scholarships

Seniors Hallie Shepard and Carter Sparwasser recognized in ceremony

Towson, Md. – Hallie Shepard of Catonsville High School and Carter Sparwasser of Parkville High School have been named winners of the 36th annual Mildred Murray All-Academic Scholar-Athlete Award and Scholarship prizes. Presented by the Baltimore County Public Schools' Office of Athletics, the prestigious honors were awarded during a ceremony on May 24 at BCPS administrative offices.

"Throughout high school, Hallie and Carter have excelled in the classroom and on the playing field," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. "It is an honor to celebrate their achievements and by extension to celebrate all the BCPS students who are enriched by participating in athletics. By honoring student-athletes, we shed light on the many ways that athletic activities bring us together and teach us important life skills like perseverance, communication, strategy, physical fitness, and teamwork."

The Mildred Murray scholarships are given to senior male and female student-athletes who have maintained a minimum 3.5 unweighted grade point average for each quarter and have participated in at least two varsity sports. Each BCPS high school nominates seniors for this honor.

Shepard is graduating from Catonsville High with a 3.91 unweighted grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will attend the University of Arizona in the fall. At Catonsville, she played soccer and ran cross country for two years and participated in indoor and outdoor track for four years.

Sparwasser, with a 4.00 unweighted grade point average, is graduating from Parkville High ranked first in his class and is also a member of the National Honor Society. He will be attending Wilmington University in the fall. At Parkville, Sparwasser participated in cross country, indoor track, and lacrosse.

The annual countywide scholar-athlete award is named in honor of the late Mildred H. Murray, former BCPS coordinator of physical education and athletics. She dedicated 43 years to promoting excellence in athletics and academic throughout the county, region, and state, and she helped establish the annual scholar-athlete award. Elaine Lindsey represented the Mildred Murray Foundation at the awards ceremony on Wednesday.

(Editor's note: Photos of [Shepard](#) and [Sparwasser](#) and other photos from the [awards ceremony](#) can be found on Flickr.)

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