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BCPS educators earn 5 state-level awards from the Maryland Art Education Association

State- and district-level arts awards for BCPS educators to be presented on June 8

Towson, Md. – Five Baltimore County Public Schools educators have earned statewide honors from the [Maryland Art Education Association](#). In addition, the BCPS Office of Visual Arts has selected eight district-level award winners.

State- and district-level awards will be presented during the 2023 MAEA Award Ceremony. The virtual event will take place on Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m. (Those interested in attending must [RSVP online](#) to receive a Zoom link to the event.)

“We are so proud of the dedicated professionals being honored by the Maryland Art Education Association and our own Office of Visual Arts,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. “Our talented visual arts educators inspire and challenge our students and contribute to their academic and personal growth in countless ways.”

The BCPS statewide award winners are:

Maryland Advocate for Inclusivity Through Art

Sara Egorin-Hooper, retired from the Office of Special Education, formerly coordinator of the annual BCPS Very Special Arts Festival

Maryland Elementary Art Educator of the Year

Kristen Filipovich, Sandy Plains Elementary School

Maryland Middle Level Art Educator of the Year

Gina Beto, Northwest Academy of Health Sciences

Maryland Emeritus Art Educator of the Year Award

Edward Maddox, retired from the Office of Visual Arts, now teaching at Chase Elementary School

Maryland Agent of Change Award

Raine Valentine, Ridgely Middle School

The BCPS district-level award winners are:

BCPS Novice Elementary Art Educator of the Year

Alexis Windwer, Martin Boulevard Elementary School

BCPS Novice Middle Level Art Educator of the Year

Anna Sillars, Deer Park Magnet Middle School

BCPS Novice High School Art Educator of the Year

Ingrid Aguilar, Woodlawn High School

BCPS Career Elementary Art Educator of the Year

Dawn Jewell, West Towson Elementary School

BCPS Career Middle Level Art Educator of the Year

Gina Beto, Northwest Academy Middle School

BCPS Career High School Art Educator of the Year

Pam Ehrenreich, Chesapeake High School

BCPS Educator as Practicing Artist Award

Jeffrey Cook, Golden Ring Middle School

BCPS Art Advocacy Administrator of the Year

Lori Hutchinson, Middlesex Elementary School

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[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](#).