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## BCPS community encouraged to nominate school counselors, school counseling advocate for recognition

Towson, Md. – The Baltimore County Association for Counseling and Development invites Baltimore County Public Schools employees, parents, and students to nominate school counselors and school counseling advocates for recognition through the association's annual awards program.

To qualify for School Counselor of the Year awards, school counseling nominees should demonstrate effective leadership, advocacy, and collaboration to address students' academic and social/emotional development. Counselors will be honored at each school level – elementary, middle, and high school. Winners of the Baltimore County School Counselor of the Year awards will be nominated for consideration for the Maryland School Counselor Association's School Counselor of the Year program.

The school counseling advocate award is for a BCPS administrator, teacher, support staff, parent, or community member who consistently supports the critical work of school counselors.

All nominations are due by Monday, March 11. Nominations can be made in the following categories:

**Rookie School Counselor of the Year** (a BCPS counselor with less than five years' experience) — **Nomination form** 

**School Counselor of the Year** (a BCPS counselor with at least five years' experience) – **Nomination form** 

School Counseling Advocate of the Year - Nomination form

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