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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 p.m. on Thursday, April 18

What: The Baltimore County Teacher of the Year, Principal of the Year, and Assistant Principal of the Year for 2024-25 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: **Thursday, April 18, from 4:00 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:

- **Kim Brackeen**, Padonia International Elementary School
- **Stephanie Gerhold**, Woodlawn Middle School
- **Kate Clemmens**, Woodlawn High School

The BCPS Teacher of the Year finalists were chosen from among a [record-setting 171 teacher of the year nominees](#) by a committee composed of BCPS administrators, staff, students, TABCO representation, and current BCPS Teacher of the Year Beverly Folkoff.

Principal of the Year finalists this year are:

- **Melissa Lingenfelder**, Sandalwood Elementary School
- **Adam Carney**, Cockeysville Middle School
- **Dr. Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs**, Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts

They were selected after a rigorous process that garnered 1,068 nominations from 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 were selected.

Assistant Principal finalists are:

- **Erica Lundy**, Lyons Mill Elementary School
- **Dorian Barnes**, Deer Park Middle Magnet School
- **Kevin Whitley**, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology

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 847 nominations for Assistant Principal of the Year.

In addition to these schoolhouse champions for BCPS students, the April 18 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, Community School Facilitator of the Year, Transportation Champion, AFSCME Employee of the Year, Volunteer Champion, and Business Partner Champion.**

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