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Dawn Williams of Lutherville Laboratory named 2021 BCPS Paraeducator of the Year

Towson, MD -- Dawn Williams starts each day smiling, “with a positive, ‘how can I help’ attitude,” according to Connee Hart, assistant principal of Lutherville Laboratory. Today, Williams might be smiling even harder.

This morning, Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams and other education leaders visited Lutherville Lab to surprise Williams with the news that she has been named 2021 BCPS Paraeducator of the Year.

“We are so thankful to Ms. Williams for her dedication to Lutherville Laboratory and appreciate the opportunity to congratulate her in person on this well-deserved honor,” said Supt. Williams.

Dawn Williams has been a BCPS employee assigned to Lutherville Lab for more than 20 years. She began as an additional adult assistant and became a paraeducator in 2006. Lutherville Lab administrators describe Williams as a dedicated, committed, and spirited staff member and an advocate for education support professionals.

“Dawn enjoys motivating staff and students by dressing up on Fridays and greeting students as they get off the bus or arrive in the car rider line,” said Hart. “Dawn is always looking to increase her knowledge around instruction to support our kids at Lutherville. She has great organizational skills and can be given a task to complete which she completes in an efficient manner. She also supports our staff and school community by heading up our school social committee. Dawn is famous for making homemade chicken

pot pies and giving them to staff and Lutherville families in times of struggle or just because. The students she works with love meeting and working with her in small groups and will often ask their teachers if they can work with Ms. Williams.”

In addition to Superintendent Williams, others participating in the surprise Paraeducator of the Year announcement were Christina Byers, community superintendent, Central Zone; Dr. Heidi Miller, executive director – elementary, Central Zone; Mildred Charley-Greene, acting chief of staff; Jeannette Young, president, Education Support Professionals of Baltimore County (ESPBC); Joe Coughlin, vice president, ESPBC; Dianna Woodlon, chair, ESPBC Recognition and Retirement Committee; Seleste Harris, director, UniServ; and Molly Bissell, principal, Lutherville Lab.

(Editor’s note: A photo of Dawn Williams accompanies this release.)

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