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## Dulaney, Owings Mills high schools honored for gender diversity in Advanced Placement computer science principles classes

TOWSON, MD – Dulaney High School and Owings Mills High School have earned the <u>AP Computer</u> <u>Science Female Diversity Award</u> for 2020-2021 from <u>College Board</u>.

The award honors the schools for having 50 percent or more female test takers in the Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles course or a percentage of female test takers equaling or exceeding the percentage of females attending the school.

"We are so proud of Dulaney and Owings Mills high schools for the work they have done to promote their Advanced Placement computer science classes to students of all genders," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. "Our school system is committed to broadening opportunities for all students and encouraging them expand their visions for the future."

According to the College Board website, "Studying computer science can open doors for students, giving them the tools to excel and setting them up for high-paying careers, but girls have been left behind for far too long. That's why College Board is honoring schools for expanding young women's access to AP computer science classes and for the important steps they're taking to reach gender parity."

The computer science principles course is taught by Wanda Brown, Damon George, and Michael Malafarina at Dulaney High and Rochelle Harley at Owings Mills High.

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