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Dr. Williams, BCPS honor four educators as newest Superintendent Fellows

Award follows state recognition for excellence in school counseling, administration

TOWSON, MD — Four Baltimore County Public Schools leaders – including Maryland’s Assistant Principal of the Year and Maryland’s School Counselor of the Year – have been named as the newest BCPS Superintendent Fellows, an awards program for exceptional educators created by BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams.

During a special reception and ceremony for the four on Thursday, Mar. 10, at the Greenwood administrative headquarters of BCPS, Williams was joined by Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski and Board of Education Vice Chair Rod McMillion in honoring the four leaders:

- **Lori Counsell** of Mays Chapel Elementary School, who was recently named Maryland Elementary School Counselor of the Year by the Maryland School Counselor Association (MSCA).
- **Kimberly Culbertson**, assistant principal at Towson High School, who in December was named Maryland’s Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals.
- **Kimberly Ferguson**, director of Student Support Services for BCPS, was named Maryland Advocate of the Year by the MSCA.
- **Brian Stewart** of Catonsville High School, who was named both Maryland School Counselor of the Year and High School Counselor of the Year by the MSCA.

“We are blessed in Baltimore County Public Schools to have a wealth of both talent and dedication for our students,” said Dr. Williams in his remarks. “These superlative counselors and administrators are

daily proof of that as they serve students, their schools, and their communities with creativity, devotion, and skill.”

Added Board Vice Chair McMillion, “At a time when our students and schools have needed them the most during these past few years, these staff members met the challenge and provided service and care that not only has been recognized as the best in our state but is the best anywhere in our nation.”

County Executive Olszewski also applauded the honorees, presenting a special citation for each and congratulating them for their work in BCPS schools.

As Superintendent Fellows, each of the four will provide a variety of educational opportunities to help support their ongoing work within BCPS, ranging from participation in a leadership conference and a publication platform for Fellows to serve as guest columnists to participating in ongoing networking venues and support for a “passion project” designed to the needs of BCPS.

The Fellows program, Williams said when he named the first two Scholars last year – BCPS and Maryland Teacher of the Year Brianna Ross and Maryland State Education Association’s Education Support Professional of the Year Brad Fisher, supports educational excellence at the systemic level. “Our mission,” Williams said, “is to support and cultivate innovative leaders who have an understanding – gained first-hand – of the challenges and successes that school systems face.”

(Editor’s note: A photograph of Dr. Williams and the new Superintendent Fellows accompanies this release.)

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