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BCPS program specialist named student council Regional Advisor of the Year

Nora Murray honored by Maryland Association of Student Councils

TOWSON, Md. – The Maryland Association of Student Councils has named Nora Murray, a Baltimore County Public Schools program specialist, as its Regional Advisor of the Year.

In numerous letters of recommendation, Murray was lauded for increasing participation and diversity in student leadership programs, establishing the new Baltimore County Junior Council for middle school students, hosting several statewide events, and implementing implicit bias training for students.

Nicete Moodie, executive director of the Maryland Association of Student Councils, wrote to Murray, “The love and dedication you have given to the students of Baltimore County and students all around the state is why you were chosen to receive the 2021-2022 MASC Regional Advisor of the Year Award. It is said that leaders become great not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others. The potential for this generation of student leaders can truly be fulfilled with the continued support of individuals like you.”

Two school-based student council advisors, Stacy Reynolds of Dulaney High School and Jennifer Rowe of Western School of Technology, wrote of Murray, “She is exceedingly adept at what is perhaps the most challenging aspect of being an advisor: knowing just when to step in and give advice, while also letting students run the organization as independently as possible.”

Samantha Warfel, president of Baltimore County Student Councils, described Murray’s impact on her life and “the lives of hundreds of students during her tenure” as “profound, permanent, and utterly life-changing.”

Murray has led student leadership, service-learning, and volunteer programs in BCPS since 2014. Prior to joining BCPS, Murray served as a health educator, academic facilitator, youth development coordinator, and career connections coordinator for Carroll County Public Schools and as a student leadership specialist for the Maryland State Department of Education.

Each year, in honor of Murray's longstanding dedication to student leadership, MASC awards a Nora Murray Unsung Hero Award.

(Editor's note: A photo of Nora Murray accompanies this release.)

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