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Dulaney High senior Miriam Talalay named 2022 Baltimore County Young Woman of the Year *Student to be honored for her scholarship and volunteerism*

Towson, MD - Miriam Talalay, a senior at Dulaney High School, has been named [Baltimore County's Young Woman of the Year](#) by the [Baltimore County Commission for Women](#).

Annually, the commission selects a "Woman of the Year," "Young Woman of the Year," and "Woman Making a Difference." Talalay and the other two award recipients will be honored at a ceremony on Monday, June 13.

At Dulaney, Talalay leads the school's Horticulture and Environmental Issues clubs and manages the school's greenhouse. She plays violin and is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as the honor societies for art and science.

An avid volunteer, Talalay leads philanthropic events for Dulaney's Key Club, where she has spent more than 100 hours collecting food and clothing for women's shelters, volunteering at events, planting trees, and collecting supplies for the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She also participated in events where she brought foster puppies to Greater Baltimore Medical Center healthcare worker events to thank them for their service during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has volunteered more than 3,000 hours with the Maryland SPCA, fostering more than 250 animals.

In recognition of her volunteerism, Talalay was recently named one of five national honorees of the Duke of Edinburgh USA Infinite Potential Award. She has also received the President's Volunteer Service Award, U.S. Congressional Gold Medal Award for Voluntary Service and Personal Development, Daily Point of Light Award, Duke of Edinburgh USA's Silver Award, and a Prudential Spirit of the Community Award.

Talalay's interest in animals led her to study Latin at Dulaney High School so she could master binomial nomenclature for flora and fauna. She also took courses with Cornell's Ornithology Lab including "Biology of Birds" and "Sketching in Nature." To gain experience in the cross disciplines of visual arts and environmental studies, Talalay interned with the Blue Hill Heritage Trust in Maine, where she created an educational course on scientific illustration and the connection between the arts and the natural world. Many elementary school students and community members took her course, and it was adopted by educators in Maine and used to enhance elementary art education during the pandemic.

In the fall, Talalay will attend the Honors College at the University of Maine, majoring in zoology.

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

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