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BCPS visual arts educators earned 8 state-level awards from the Maryland Art Education Association

Towson, Md. – Eight Baltimore County Public Schools visual arts educators have earned statewide awards from the [Maryland Art Education Association](#).

“This impressive statewide recognition is a reflection of the immense talent of our visual arts team,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. “Our visual arts educators inspire and challenge our students and contribute to their academic and personal growth in countless ways.”

The BCPS statewide award winners are:

Maryland Elementary Art Educator of the Year
Natovian McLeod, Colgate Elementary School

Maryland Middle Level Art Educator of the Year
Michelle Dress, Ridgely Middle School

Maryland Outstanding Art Club Sponsor Award
Nina Arlotta, Norwood Elementary School

Maryland Outstanding National Art Honor Society Sponsor Award
Jess Lord, Sparrows Point High School

Maryland Emeritus Art Educator of the Year Award
Grace Hulse, Towson University, retired BCPS art teacher

Maryland Educator as Practicing Artist Award
Kate Norris, Parkville High School

Maryland Agent of Change Award
Vernon Fains, Pine Grove Middle School

Linda Popp Leadership Award

Tricia Lane-Forster, Ridge Ruxton School

Also honored during the MAEA ceremony on June 2 were the BCPS district-level award winners:

- BCPS Novice Elementary Art Educator of the Year: Julia Stone, Owings Mills Elementary School
- BCPS Novice Middle Level Art Educator of the Year: Skip Chipps, Holabird Middle School
- BCPS Novice High School Art Educator of the Year: Erica Hamilton, Western School of Technology
- BCPS Career Elementary Art Educator of the Year: Lisa Black, Hillcrest Elementary School
- BCPS Career Middle Level Art Educator of the Year: Kat Delgavio, Deep Creek Middle School
- BCPS Career High School Art Educator of the Year: Kelly Schmal, consulting teacher, previously at Patapsco High School
- BCPS Educator as Practicing Artist Award: Christine Strong, Perry Hall High School
- BCPS Emeritus Art Educator of the Year: Deb Rogers
- BCPS Administrative Supporter of the Year: Andrea Derrien, The Chatsworth School

(Editor's note: Photos of the statewide award winners accompany this release.)

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[Baltimore County Public Schools](#), the nation's 25th largest school system, is focused on raising the bar and closing gaps to prepare our students for the future. Thanks to innovative and talented leaders, teachers, staff, and students, BCPS celebrates [many honors](#).