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## **Stoneleigh Elementary School teacher recognized by honor society for women educators**

Towson, Md. – Kelli Hickey, a classroom teacher at Stoneleigh Elementary School, was honored with a Mildred Murray Memorial Recruitment Grant from the Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honor society for women educators. The regional honor society chapter awarded only four grants this year.

The Mildred Murray Memorial Recruitment Grant is awarded to women who are studying to become teachers or who are working toward recertification or an advanced degree.

Hickey, a graduate of Morgan State University and a Baltimore County Public Schools educator since 2005, is working toward a doctorate in Instructional Leadership for Changing Populations from Notre Dame of Maryland University. Her dissertation title is “Is A for Assimilation or Advocacy? An Analysis of Teachers’ Perceptions of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and their Implementation of Sociopolitical Consciousness.”

Currently a Grade 3 teacher at Stoneleigh, Hickey will teach Grade 4 in the upcoming school year. As a member of the school’s leadership team, Hickey has collaborated with colleagues and administrators to organize back-to-school team-building events and develop the school’s progress plan. She was instrumental in helping Stoneleigh become a professional development school for Morgan State University students. In addition, she has mentored aspiring teachers from Towson University and first-year teachers with BCPS.

As an active union member, Hickey serves as Stoneleigh’s TABCO (Teachers Association of Baltimore County) representative. She has also served as the chairperson of TABCO’s Minority Affairs Committee.

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

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