



Maryland Educators of Gifted Students, Inc.

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MARYLAND EDUCATORS RECEIVE MEGGY AWARDS FROM THE MARYLAND EDUCATORS OF GIFTED STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION

Columbia, Maryland – Nine Maryland educators receive 2021 MEGGY Awards! This annual award recognizes educators who demonstrate exemplary commitment and contribution to the field of gifted and talented education and to highly able students in the state of Maryland. Administrators were delighted that their teachers were honored with this award! Several administrators shared comments about how their teachers excelled at engaging their students in both virtual/hybrid and in-person learning environments.

This year's MEGGY Award recipients represent Baltimore City Public Schools, Prince George's Public Schools, and Wicomico County Public Schools. The recipients in the category of "Outstanding Educator in the Field of Gifted and Talented Education" are as follows in alphabetical order by school district:

- Jessica Baker, Francis, Scott Key Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Tamaria Crossdale, Kipp Harmony Academy, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Lauren Kellaher, Kenmoor Middle School, Prince George's County Public Schools
- Joyce Park, Walker Mill Middle School, Prince George's County Public Schools
- Lynn Parsons, Accokeek Academy, Prince George's County Public Schools
- Evelyn Policarpio, Benjamin Tasker Middle School, Prince George's County Public Schools
- Craig TerBeek, Kipp Harmony Academy, Baltimore City Public Schools
- April Todd, Salisbury Middle School, Wicomico County Public Schools

The MEGGY Award recipient in the category of "Providing Learning Environments that includes Opportunities for Students to Demonstrate Academic and/or Creative Talent" is as follows:

- Jennifer Pierson, Heather Hills Elementary School, Prince George's County Public Schools

The Maryland Educators of Gifted Students recognized MEGGY Award recipients with a certificate, monetary award, photograph on the organization's website (www.megs.org), and recognition at the annual Maryland State Conference on Gifted and Talented Education Conference, which held its virtual "kick-off" on October 15, 2021.

Educators who receive this award must be nominated by a colleague or administrator and must work in public or private educational settings in Maryland. Maryland Educators of Gifted Students is an affiliate organization of the National Association for Gifted Children.