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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
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**DATE:** May 20, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Maryland's 2014-2015 Teachers of the Year

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**PURPOSE:**

To recognize Maryland's newly named 2014-2015 local Teachers of the Year who will represent their school systems in the state and national Teacher of the Year competitions.

**BACKGROUND:**

Maryland's Teacher of the Year, while not fully removed from the classroom, generally has a partner teacher assigned by the local school system in order to spend many days speaking at state conferences, college graduations, ceremonies, and other events. He or she is also invited to be part of prestigious panels and education committees.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The objective of both national and state programs is to draw public attention to the teaching profession and the contributions of our outstanding teachers. The Maryland Teacher of the Year represents the thousands of teachers in the public schools of our State and enters the National Teacher of the Year competition.

**ACTION:**

The State Superintendent and State Board President will present each Teacher of the Year with a State Board of Education Citation. An inscribed portfolio will also be presented and commemorative pictures will be taken.

# Teachers of the Year

2014–2015

County	Teacher's Name	Teacher's School Information
Allegany	<b>Dana Jo Reinhardt</b>	George's Creek Elementary <b>Grade 3</b>
Anne Arundel	<b>Christina Houstian</b>	Broadneck High School <b>Social Studies 9-12</b>
Baltimore City	<b>Elizabeth K. Barletta</b>	Barclay Elementary/Middle School <b>Math/Science Grade 5</b>
Baltimore County	<b>Anne Cross</b>	Gunpowder Elementary School <b>Grade 3</b>
Calvert	<b>Laura Anne Collins</b>	Plum Point Middle School <b>Science Grade 6-8</b>
Caroline	<b>Chad J. Shelly</b>	Colonel Richardson High School <b>Biology 9-12</b>
Carroll	<b>Nicole D. Heinlein</b>	Carrolltowne Elementary School <b>STEM Grade 3</b>
Cecil	<b>Kelly O'Hara</b>	Elkton High School <b>Social Studies 9-12</b>
Charles	<b>Kimberly King</b>	Milton Somers Middle School <b>Mathematics Grade 6</b>
Dorchester	<b>Thomas H. Mills III</b>	Cambridge- South Dorchester High School <b>Chemistry 10-12</b>
Frederick	<b>Erin Doolittle</b>	Hillcrest Elementary School <b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>
Garrett	<b>Ryan Wolf</b>	Southern Garrett High School <b>Mathematics 9-12</b>
Harford	<b>Lawrence M. Jehnert</b>	Edgewood Elementary School <b>Grade 3</b>
Howard	<b>Jody Zepp</b>	Hammond High School <b>Psychology and Government 10-12</b>
Kent	<b>Florence Terrill</b>	Henry Highland Garnett <b>Grade 3</b>
Montgomery	<b>Jane Marie Lindsay</b>	John Poole Middle School <b>Grade 6-8</b>
Prince George's	<b>Laura Shelton</b>	Benjamin D. Foulois Academy <b>Science 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>

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Queen Anne's	<b>April Pinder</b>	Church Hill Elementary School <b>Physical Education K-4</b>
St. Mary's	<b>Kathleen Reineke</b>	Oakville Elementary School <b>Pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
Somerset	<b>Anna L. Breland</b>	Crisfield Academy & High School <b>World Languages 8-12</b>
Talbot County	<b>Bridget Whited</b>	St. Michaels Middle High School <b>Art 9-12</b>
Washington	<b>Courtney M. Leard</b>	Fountaindale School for the Arts and Academic Excellence <b>Second Grade</b>
Wicomico	<b>Lauren Nichole Monroe</b>	Wicomico Early Learning Center <b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>
Worcester	<b>Brenna C. Johnson</b>	Stephen Decatur Middle School <b>Music 7-8</b>