

PRINCE FREDERICK, MD – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) hosted a luncheon today to honor outstanding teachers and principals in the Fifth District. Honorees included recipients of the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, County Teacher of the Year Award, and the Kennedy Center Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award.

"I'd like to thank these extraordinary teachers and principals for their hard work and dedication to our students," stated Congressman Hoyer. "Maryland is home to the best schools in the nation, and we have exemplary educators like these teachers and principals honored today to thank. I urge all Marylanders to join me in recognizing their contributions to our community, and helping to ensure they have the tools and resources they deserve."

Honorees at today's luncheon included:

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

- Frances "Fran" Nussle, Principal, Linthicum Elementary, Principal of Excellence
- Joan Mele-McCarthy, Principal, The Summit School (Private), Principal of Excellence
- Martha Gardner, 5th Grade Teacher, Belvedere Elementary, County Teacher of the Year

CALVERT COUNTY

- Amy Gibson, English Teacher, Huntingtown High, Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher
- Dawn Caine, Math Teacher, Windy Hill Middle, County Teacher of the Year
- Sylvia Lawson, Principal, Northern High, Principal of Excellence

CHARLES COUNTY

- David Bradshaw, Physical Education Teacher, Maurice J. McDonough High School,

Agnes Meyer

- Kerrie Seberg, 3rd Grade Teacher, William Diggs Elementary School, County Teacher of the Year
- Thomas Weirich, Principal, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center, Principal of Excellence

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

- Dierdra Tramel, Principal, Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center, Principal of Excellence
- Sharelle Stagg, Special Education Teacher, Valley View Elementary, County Teacher of the Year
- Walter Harley, Music Teacher, Oxon Hill High, Agnes Meyer

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

- Bernadette Scheetz, Math Teacher, Esperanza Middle, County Teacher of the Year
- Elizabeth "Beth" Dyson, Biology Teacher, Great Mills High, Agnes Meyer
- Lisa Bachner, Principal, Leonardtown Middle, Principal of Excellence