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QACPS Celebrates Staff at 13th Annual Awards Gala

Centreville, Maryland (April 12, 2017) – On April 7, 2017, talented staff, teachers, and community members gathered to honor the recipients of the QACPS Awards and Teacher of the Year Finalists.

The event took place at Prospect Bay for the seventh year in a row at 5:30 p.m. The event included a social hour, delicious meal, and awards ceremony. Former QACPS Teachers of the Year Brad Engel and Janet Pauls were the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. County Commissioner Robert Buckey, Jr. joined QACPS to show his support for the school system employees.

Marsha Macneal, Math Teacher from Centreville Middle School, was named the 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. She competed against four other finalists; Maria Sage, Art Teacher from Kent Island Elementary School, John Dewey, Language Art Teacher from Centreville Middle School, Jennifer Burchill, World Language Teacher from Stevensville Middle School, and Rondell Sorrell, Math Teacher from Stevensville Middle School. Macneal will now move on to compete for Maryland State Teacher of the Year, which will be announced at the State Gala in October 2017.

The Annual Outstanding Achievement Award Winners are as follows:

- Outstanding New Teacher, Amanda Shuckhart, Stevensville Middle School
- Outstanding Bus Driver, Sharon Porter
- Sodexo Employee of the Year, Heather Cox, Stevensville Middle School
- Community Volunteer of the Year, Beth and Brian Francis, Centreville Elementary School
- Coach of the Year, Jami Wilt, Kent Island High School
- Outstanding Educational Specialist, Linda Gent, Centreville Elementary School
- Outstanding Operations Employee, Charles Brooks, Centreville Elementary School
- Secretary of the Year, Mary Ballard, Matapeake Elementary School
- Para-Educator of the Year, Tina Martin, Queen Anne's County High School
- Outstanding Student Services, Shannon Berry, Grasonville Elementary School
- Outstanding Leadership Award, Amy Hudock, Queen Anne's County High School
- Outstanding Support Employee, John Winchester, Warehouse

Without the support of our sponsors, this event would not be possible. Their generous donations are awarded to all of our winners. Together, QACPS and its sponsors are proud to honor and recognize the hard working staff that is committed to the success of all students in Queen Anne's County. The Awards Gala sponsors are as follows:

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Interim Superintendent Gregory Pilewski and Board Members Annette DiMaggio (Vice President), Capt. Beverley Kelley and Sharyn Harlow take this time to recognize awards recipients along with showing their gratitude and appreciation for the great staff they have in Queen Anne's County Public Schools.

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