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MARSHA MACNEAL NAMED 2017-2018 QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Centreville Middle School Math Teacher Moves on to Compete as Maryland State Teacher of the Year.

Centreville, Maryland (April 12, 2017) –Interim Superintendent of Schools Mr. Gregory Pilewski announced Marsha MacNeal as the 2017-2018 Queen Anne's County Teacher of the Year at the 13th Annual QACPS Awards Gala.

“Marsha Macneal will be an excellent representative of our school system. Marsha is a tremendous mathematics educator and she has inspired many students for many years at Centreville Middle School making her a great candidate for State Teacher of the Year” states Brad Engel, Supervisor of Student Support Services, 2005 Queen Anne's County Teacher of the Year and 2006 Maryland State Teacher of the Year.

The finalists were selected by a panel of judges from Queen Anne's County and Queen Anne's County Public Schools representing instructional supervisors, teacher specialists, QAC Chamber of the Commerce members, parents, community members, volunteers, business leaders, and teacher union members. Finalists were measured against a rigorous set of criteria that included teaching philosophy, community involvement, knowledge of general education issues, and suggestions for improvement.

The Queen Anne's County Teacher of the Year receives cash awards from community sponsors, a new car from Easton Hertrich Ford, and a full year of events and professional development with the State Teacher of the Year Program. The winner will spend the next year as a spokesman and advocate for Queen Anne's County Public Schools.

Macneal will go on to compete for the Maryland State Teacher of the Year Award that is to be announced at the State Gala in October 2017.

Marsha Macneal graduated from West Virginia University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. In 2005, she earned her Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Loyola College. In 2015, she completed a rigorous, performance-based, two-year process to earn National Board Certification in Mathematics. Marsha began her teaching career in Baltimore County and has been sharing her love of math with students for 20 years. Numerous visits to family living on the Eastern Shore and the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay prompted a move to Queen Anne's County. In the 11 years Marsha has been at Centreville Middle School, she served as Math Specialist and has taught 8th grade math, algebra, algebra 2 and geometry. She is a member of the School Improvement Team, has mentored Washington College PDS interns, was active on the Teacher Evaluation Task Force, has participated in Summer Math Curriculum Workshops, and was a 2016 QACPS Teacher of the Year Finalist. Marsha enjoys extending students' mathematics learning beyond the classroom by having all of her students annually participate in the Bowie Baysox Pi Day Competition, as well as leading a group of students in helping patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by participating in a Math-a-Thon. Marsha believes that a classroom atmosphere of

encouragement, positivity, and respect fosters student motivation and engagement, and leads to the ultimate obtainable goal of achievement in math for ALL students. Marsha thanks her family for their continual love and support in all of life's adventures. She is grateful for her school family who makes CMS a fun and wonderful place to work. Marsha is married to Sean Macneal. Together, with their energetic chocolate labs, Hunter and Fisher, they enjoy boating, fishing, and relaxing at the beach.

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