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QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOSTS ANNUAL GALA, HONORS 2026 TEACHER OF THE YEAR & EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

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CENTREVILLE, MD - On March 30, 2026, Queen Anne's County Public Schools (QACPS) held its annual Gala at Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, announcing the 2026 Teacher of the Year and celebrating Employees of the Year.

The evening featured the announcement of Ms. Alice Tickler of Church Hill Elementary School as the 2026 Teacher of the Year, shared by Superintendent Dr. Matthew Kibler.

QACPS also celebrated and recognized the other Teacher of the Year Finalists, Mr. David Cherry from Matapeake Elementary School, Mr. Thomas Hayman from Centreville Middle School, Ms. Gladys Rosario from Queen Anne's County High School, and Ms. Kimberly Scully from Kent Island High School.

In addition to honoring outstanding educators, several staff members were recognized for their contributions across the district. Mr. Wally Davis was named "Bus Driver of the Year," while Ms. Gina Morris earned recognition as "Educational Support Employee of the Year." Mr. Joe Nickens was honored as "Operations Employee of the Year," and Ms. Megan Palmer was recognized as "Non-Educational Support Employee of the Year." Additionally, Ms. Megan Pinder was celebrated as "Outstanding Student Support Employee of the Year," and Ms. Joeleen Smith was recognized as "Outstanding Leadership Employee of the Year."

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