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Finalists named for 2015-16 Baltimore County Teacher of the Year

Winner to be announced during May 6 ceremony

TOWSON, MD. – Seven Baltimore County Public Schools educators have been named finalists for the school system’s annual Teacher of the Year award for 2015-2016.

“Our Teacher of the Year program each year shines a spotlight on some of the many talented and dedicated educators we have in abundance in Baltimore County Public Schools,” said Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance. “These seven finalists bring a professionalism and passion to each of their classrooms, and their students benefit from the daily. They are great examples of the kind of teachers we would want for our own children. We are delighted to honor them as representatives of the wonderful educators we have across Baltimore County.”

The finalists are:

- Ellen Beckstrom, an English Language Learners teacher at Reisterstown Elementary School in Reisterstown
- Kathryn Brave, an advanced academics resource teacher at Hemwood Elementary School in Randallstown
- Jessica Cybulski, a Grade 2 classroom teacher at Woodholme Elementary School in Pikesville
- Kathleen Davis, a Grade 6 mathematics teacher at Dundalk Middle School in Dundalk
- Samuel Georgieff, a visual arts teacher at Cockeysville Middle School in Cockeysville
- Orly Mondell, a social studies and government teacher at New Town High School in Owings Mills
- R. Christopher Rose, a performing arts teacher and director at Hereford High School in Parkton

From among the seven finalists, one outstanding educator will be named Baltimore County’s Teacher of the Year during a 4 p.m. ceremony on May 6, 2015, at George Washington Carver Center for Art and Technology, 938 York Road, Towson 21204.

The ceremony, which will feature student performances and remarks from 2014-2015 Baltimore County Teacher of the Year Anne Cross, will honor all 154 nominees and their schools. Baltimore County Public Schools will also announce a Principal of the Year during the ceremony.

The Teacher of the Year finalists were selected by a panel of judges from across Baltimore County representing teachers, students, administrators and the teacher’s union. The Teacher of the Year will go on to participate in the state Teacher of the Year program, including recognition from the State Board of Education.

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