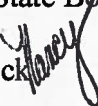




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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick 
DATE: October 26, 2010
SUBJECT: **RECOGNITION:** Maryland Summer Centers for Gifted and Talented Students
2010 Sponsors

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to recognize the organizations, corporations, and foundations who donated funds for the 2010 Maryland Summer Centers.

- Honeywell Maryland Summer Center for Ecosystems Education – Thomas L. Buckmaster, President of Honeywell Hometown Solutions
- Center for Future Engineers: Robot Design at Frostburg State University - Steve Smalley, Northrop Grumman and Harold Stinger, Maryland Space Business Roundtable
- Center for Space Science at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory – Michael Simms, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and John Casner, Northeastern Maryland Technology Council
- Center for Conservation Research – Robert M. Tomback, Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools
- Center for the Arts at the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center – John Clark Mayden, President of the Board of Directors of the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center; Lynwood Ivy, Baltimore City Foundation; Donna Kiser, Kiser Foundation; Camay Murphy, John H. Murphy Scholarship Fund; Cash Hester, Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts; Lawrence Allen, Friends of the Eubie Blake Center

BACKGROUND:

In 2010, the Maryland State Legislature eliminated all funding for the Maryland Summer Centers for Gifted and Talented Students program. In an effort to maintain the 43-year tradition of the Maryland Summer Centers program, MSDE sought funding from a variety of outside sources. Corporations, organizations, and foundations donated funds for the Centers for Ecosystems Education, Future Engineers, Space Science, Conservation Research, and the Arts at the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute. A federal STARTALK grant provided funding for the Center for Global Languages. Funding could not be found for the remaining nine Centers: Fine and Performing Arts at Salisbury University, Paleontology, Environmental Conservation and Historical Preservation, Aquatic Research, History and Science Aboard *Sultana*, Environmental and Historical Research, Mathematics at Frostburg State University, Law and Government, and Physics of Solar and Wind Power at Frostburg State University. A grant from the National

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Endowment for the Arts will partially fund the Center for the Fine and Performing Arts at Salisbury University in 2011 and there is partial funding for a new Center for Computer Science located in northern Harford County for 2011. MSDE will continue to seek funding to maintain the Maryland Summer Centers for Gifted and Talented Students program for summer 2011.

ACTION:

Recognize organizations, corporations, and foundations who donated funds to operate five Maryland Summer Centers for Gifted and Talented Students in summer 2010.

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