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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *L. Lowery*
DATE: September 23, 2014
SUBJECT: MAESP National Distinguished Principal for 2014
MAESP Assistant Principal of the Year for 2013

PURPOSE:

To provide State Board recognition of the individual selected by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals to represent them as the National Distinguished Principal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP) in collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) selects a National Distinguished Principal (NDP) who represents Maryland in Washington, D.C. at the national NDP awards ceremony. MAESP's 2014 National Distinguished Principal is Ms. Susan Myers, Principal of Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School in Anne Arundel County.

MAESP's Assistant Principal of the Year for 2013 was also honored at our annual conference in Ocean City, Maryland. Ronald Wooden, Jr. was the assistant principal at Havre De Grace Elementary School in Harford County at the time and has since been named the principal of that school.

Recipient profiles attached.

ACTION:

Public recognition. No other action required.

Attachments



Susan M. Myers

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Education

ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION | 2002 | GOUCHER COLLEGE

· *Major: Administration*

MASTER'S DEGREE | 2001 | LOYOLA COLLEGE

· *Major: Reading Specialist*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE | 1994 | UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK

· *Major: Elementary Education*

Experience

PRINCIPAL | WALTER S. MILLS PAROLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 2013 - CURRENT

PRINCIPAL | ANNAPOLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 2006 - 2013

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL | PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 2004 - 2006

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL | CROFTON WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 2002- 2004

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST | BROOKLYN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 2000- 2002

CLASSROOM TEACHER | RIVIERA BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 1995 - 2000

Professional Organizations

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

· Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals, MAESP

MEMBERSHIPS

· SOMIRAC, IRA, ASCD

Community Involvement

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

· Annapolis Maritime Education Commission

Awards

NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL FOR MARYLAND 2014

· Anne Arundel County Representative

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I. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Education

1. College of Notre Dame of Maryland: Baltimore, MD, M.Ed.

(Leadership in Teaching, 2004-2007)

2. Lincoln University; Lincoln University, PA, B.S.

(Elementary Education, 1995-1999)

B. Employment

1. Harford County Public Schools, Havre de Grace, MD (July 2014-Present)

Principal, Havre de Grace Elementary School

2. Harford County Public Schools, Havre de Grace, MD (January 2014-June 2014)

Interim Principal, Havre de Grace Elementary School

3. Harford County Public Schools, Havre de Grace, MD (2011-Present)

Assistant Principal, Havre de Grace Elementary School

4. Harford County Public Schools, Aberdeen, MD (2008-2011)

Assistant Principal, George D. Elementary School at Hillsdale

5. Harford County Public Schools, Aberdeen, MD (1999-2008)

Fifth Grade Teacher, George D. Lisby Elementary School at Hillsdale

C. Professional Association Memberships

1. National Association of Elementary School Principals
2. Harford County Elementary School Administrators' Association
3. Association of Public School Administrators and Supervisors of Harford County Public Schools
4. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Delta Lambda Chapter

D. Leadership Activities

- Instructor, Educational that is Multicultural, 2007-2008
- Member, Middle School Ad Hoc Committee, 2007-2008
- Supervisor for Student Teachers, College of Notre Dame, 2003-2008
- Site Coordinator, 21st Century Community Learning Center and School Program, 2001-2008
- Member, School Improvement Team, 2002-Present
- Invited Presenter: Havre de Grace and Hall's Crossroads Elementary Schools: Professional Learning Communities, 2007-2008
- Invited Presenter: National Title I Conference, Nashville, TN, January 2008
- Invited Presenter: County-Wide In-Service, Four Core, Guided Reading, January, 2008
- Administration Intern, Administration Internship, Spring, 2007, Fall, 2007
- Demonstration Teacher, Integrated Language Arts, 2006-2007
- Mentored new teachers at William Paca Elementary School, 2004-2007
- Recruiter, New Teacher Recruitment: Harford County Public Schools, 2001-2007, 2012-2013
- Invited Presenter: Boys in Crisis, Saturday Institute, April 2006
- Member, Integrated Language Arts Alignment Team, Summer, 2006
- Member, Social Studies Curriculum Writing Team, 2001-2004
- Invited Presenter: Classroom Management at Abundant Life Healing Fellowship Church, 2003
- Invited Presenter: County-Wide In-Service, Social Studies, August, 2002, January, 2003 and June, 2003
- Social Studies Steering Committee, 2001-2003
- Invited Presenter: Character Education to Educational Leadership, June, 2002
- Invited Presenter: County-Wide In-service, Writing in the Content Area (Science), June, 2002
- Invited Presenter: HCPS, New Teacher Celebration, 2000
- Superintendent Search Committee, HCPS, 2009

- Invited Presenter: Cultural Proficiency, February 2013
- Associate Area Director, Area 5, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Fall 2011 – Present
- Recording Secretary, Delta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
June 2012 – Present
- Interview Panelist, HCPS, Spring 2012, Fall 2013
- Invited Guest, Instructional Administrative Leadership Academy, November 2013

E. Awards and Recognition

1. National Assistant Principal of the Year, May 2014
2. Harford County Public Schools Teacher of the Year 2008-2009
3. Harford County Maryland Proclamation, Teacher of the Year, April 2008
4. Harford County Public Schools Citation, Teacher of the Year, April 2008
5. Maryland State Department of Education Citation, Teacher of the Year, May 2008
6. Maryland State Department of Education Teacher of the Year Award, May 2008
7. Maryland School Performance Recognition Program Award, 2007
8. Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, May 2000 and May 2003

F. Reference

Available Upon Request



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FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *lm lowery*
DATE: September 23, 2014
SUBJECT: MASSP Middle and High School Principals of the Year for 2014
MASSP Assistant Principal of the Year for 2014

PURPOSE:

To provide State Board recognition of the individuals selected by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals to represent Maryland as Principal of the Year at the middle and high school level, and the Assistant Principal of the Year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) in collaboration with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) selects a Principal of the Year who represent Maryland in Washington D.C. at the national awards ceremonies.

MASSP's 2014 Middle School Principal of the Year is Susan Evans. Susan is the principal of Ridgely Middle School in Baltimore County. She has also been named one of six finalists for the NASSP National Principal of the Year and the winner will be announced in several weeks as part of National Principals Month.

MASSP's 2014 High School Principal of the Year is Larissa Santos. Larissa is the principal of Edgewood High School in Harford County.

The 2014-15 MASSP Assistant Principal of the Year will be selected on Thursday, September 18. Therefore, it was not possible to include a name in time for this Board Report. However, the individual selected will also take part in the recognition ceremony with the State Board of Education today.

Recipients profiles attached.

ACTION:

Public recognition. No other action required.

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**2014 High School Principal of the Year Larissa Santos of
Edgewood High School**



Larissa Santos

Ms. Larissa Santos has served as the Principal of Edgewood High School since 2007. She graduated from The University of Texas in San Antonio with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Texas A&M International University with a Master's degree in Science Education.

Ms. Santos began her educational career in Texas first as a classroom teacher before becoming an Assistant Principal at Uvalde High School in the Uvalde Consolidated I.S.D. In 2001, Ms. Santos moved to Maryland where she became a Assistant Principal at Edgewood High School prior to her promotion to Principal.

During her time at Edgewood High school Ms. Santos has served as a board member for the Greater Excellence in Education Foundation, graduated from the Harford Leadership Academy, was the Recipient of the 2007 Educator Excellence for Minority Achievement Award representing Harford County and oversaw the construction of Edgewood High School.

Ms. Santos is a 3rd Degree Black Belt in Goshin Jutsu Karate. She currently resides with her family in Harford County.

**Susan Evans of Ridgely Middle School
2014 Middle School Principal of the Year**



Susan Evans

Susan Evans began her tenure as principal of Ridgely Middle School (RMS) in the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) on July 1, 2003, with a focus on creating a middle school with a culture of excellence, where all students succeed in a caring and supportive environment.

Ridgely Middle School was observed to be a good school. However, Mrs. Evans knew and shared that RMS had incredible potential to be a great school. Through positive relationship building with all stake-holders, focused professional development, increased before and after-school activities for students, and setting high expectations that all students will succeed, just three years later, Ridgely Middle School was recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education as a 2006 Maryland Blue Ribbon School, and by the United States Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Under Mrs. Evans' leadership, for each of the past 11 years, RMS has met state achievement standards in reading, math and science in each tested sub-group. The school has since continued its journey of educational excellence to offer students coursework opportunities in gifted and talented classes, where special education students are included in the total school program, where students are encouraged to keep trying until they 'get it', where students have a myriad of choices of before and after school activities, and are taught and encouraged to take leadership roles.

Mrs. Evans has worked 39 years in secondary education, all in the BCPS. Prior to her appointment at Ridgely Middle School, she served as assistant principal of Stemmers Run, Deep Creek and Old Court Middle Schools. In Mrs. Evans previous school, she was part of an administrative team whose school was recognized as the Most Improved School in the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) network (2002). Additionally, she worked as science department chair, grade level leader, team leader and science teacher in three additional

Baltimore County middle schools. Mrs. Evans has held various leadership roles in each of her schools for the past 33 years.

Mrs. Evans holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Education from Towson State College (Towson University) and a Master of Science degree in Technologies for Educators from The Johns Hopkins University. She is a resident of Baltimore County and enjoys spending time with family, traveling, photography, and reading.

She and her husband, Thomas, have a blended family; one that 'specializes' in education. Sue is extremely proud of each one of her family members. Tom is the principal of Eastern Technical High School. Sue and her husband are each recognized for leading schools to Maryland and National Blue Ribbon status as well as being recognized as a MASSP Principal of the Year.

Sue's son, Justin Nash, is athletic director and special educator at Dundalk High School. Daughter-in-law, Erika Nash, is an English teacher at Towson High School. And, step-daughter, Kristen Evans, is a para-educator at Battle Grove Elementary School. Additional family members include step-son, Thomas Evans and family, step-daughter, Sarah White and family, and four grandsons and one granddaughter. Sue shares, "All the work that we do with and for students is with the intention of making our world a better place for future generations."