



2012  
*Women of Tomorrow*  
*Awards Ceremony*

*Be the Change!*





## *Maryland Commission for Women*

The Maryland Commission for Women (MCW) was created in 1965 and established as an independent agency by an act of the Maryland General Assembly in 1971. It is a 25 member diverse group of citizens appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House from among persons interested in the improvement of the status of women. The Commission's membership represents the geographical regions and diversity of the state. Members are appointed for terms of four years. The Commission is housed in the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

### *Mission*

The Maryland Commission for Women (MCW) advises government, advances solutions, and serves as a statewide resource to expand social, political, and economic opportunities for all women.

### *Vision*

All Maryland women have full social, political, and economic equality.

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*Celebrating the  
2012 Women of Tomorrow Honorees*

**GRADES 7-8 HONOREES**

**First Place**

*Mackenzie Chapman*

Piccowaxen Middle School, Charles County

**Honorable Mention**

*Mackenzie Peperak*

Boonsboro Middle School, Washington County

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City Neighbors High School, Baltimore City

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*Christina McIntyre*

Bel Air High School, Harford County

**Honorable Mention**

*Emily Petersen*

Atholton High School, Howard County

**Honorable Mention**

*Luz Camargo*

Frederick County Career & Technology Center, Frederick County



## *The Women of Tomorrow Awards*

The Women of Tomorrow Awards was established in 1997 to honor and acknowledge extraordinary young women that have demonstrated a commitment to community service and academic excellence.

Maryland will continue to flourish because of our future women leaders and their unceasing commitment to the community. The Women of Tomorrow Awards gives us the opportunity to honor these remarkable young women.

These young women are selected through a process that begins with an annual statewide call for nominations. An independent, all volunteer selection committee reviews the applications and selects eight young women.

Affirmation Shared by:

**Jennifer Jones, Chair**

Prince George's County Commission for Women

### ***Our Deepest Fear***

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.*

*Our deepest fear*

*is that we are powerful beyond measure.*

*It is our light, not our darkness,*

*that most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,  
talented and fabulous?*

*Actually who are we not to be?*

*You are a child of God.*

*Your playing small doesn't serve the world.*

*There is nothing enlightened about shrinking*

*so that other people*

*won't feel insecure around you.*

*We are all meant to shine as children do.*

*We were born to make manifest*

*the glory of God that is within us.*

*It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.*

*And when we let our own light shine,*

*we unconsciously give other people*

*permission to do the same.*

*As we are liberated from our own fear,*

*our presence automatically liberates others.*

*Marianne Williamson A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles"*



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*Women of Tomorrow Awards Ceremony 2012*

*June 22, 2012*

*6 p.m. - 9 p.m.*

*Welcome & Introductions*

*Susan Elgin*, Chair

Maryland Commission for Women

*Greetings*

*Theodore Dallas*, Secretary

Department of Human Resources

Message from U.S. Senators *Barbara Mikulski* and *Ben Cardin*

*Introduction of Selection Committee*

*Tanesha Boldin*, Co-Chair

2012 Women of Tomorrow

*Introduction of Honorees*

Nominator, *William Marchione* for *Mackenzie Chapman*

Nominator, *Laura McDermott* for *Mackenzie Peperak*

Nominator, *Mary Wagner* for *Claudia Alarco*

Nominator, *Kristine Sieloff* for *Sabrina Donnick*

Nominator, *Robert Neumer* for *Christina McIntyre*

Nominator, *Mary Brzezinski* for *Emily Petersen*

Nominator, *Kathy Koops* for *Luz Camargo*

*Introduction of Keynote Speaker*

*Tanesha Boldin*, Co-Chair

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*Keynote Speaker*

*Molly Shattuck*

*Closing Remarks*

*Tanesha Boldin*, Co-Chair

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*Susan Elgin*, Chair

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June 6, 2012

To the 2012 Women of Tomorrow Awardees:

On behalf of the Maryland Commission for Women, we congratulate all of you on your well-deserved award as a Woman of Tomorrow. Many of you have already begun to blaze the trails in which others will follow. As you embark upon your endeavors in and outside of the classroom, we hope that you remember all the women who blazed so many variations of paths for you.

In all of you, as with those women and girls before you, we see strong leaders, active community servants and quiet "Sheroes." We look forward to seeing your name in lights on several fronts and we wish you continued success in all areas of your lives. If we can be of any assistance with issues that advances solutions to expand social, political, and economic equality for women and girls, please do not hesitate to contact the Maryland Commission for Women.

Enjoy your recognition and leverage it to forge ahead.

*Be the change!*

Warmly,

Tanesha Boldin, Co-Chair  
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Kristy Herring, Co-Chair  
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*Advancing Solutions for Maryland Women*



*Keynote Speaker: Molly Shattuck*

*“Empowering the body frees the mind and soothes the spirit. That’s the meaning of vibrant living.”*

Molly Shattuck is a vibrant and healthy living advocate. A visionary whose energy is second only to her generous spirit, Molly has changed the lives of thousands with her proven approach to creating and maintaining a healthy and vibrant lifestyle.

As an accomplished business woman, Molly fully embraces life by setting and achieving extraordinary goals. Can’t is not in her vocabulary.

- Molly was the first member of her family to graduate college.
- At age 38, after having three children, Molly made history by becoming the National Football League’s oldest cheerleader. Molly accomplished the unthinkable.
- Molly completed the Marine Corps Marathon – the ninth largest marathon in the world.
- Molly scaled the Summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania –the highest mountain in Africa and the tallest freestanding mountain on earth.
- Molly developed a highly effective video entitled: The Vibrant Living Workout. This exercise DVD has a 21-minute full body strengthening workout, a cardio dance segment and a piece dedicated to stretching. What makes this DVD most unique

is a segment devoted to exercising with children.

- Molly and her Vibrant Living Philosophy has been the subject of much national media attention. She was featured in People Magazine, the CBS Evening News and The Today Show, as well as 20/20, Sports Illustrated, ESPN and many others. She also appeared in the Fox reality show – The Secret Millionaire

In recognition of her commitment to advocate a healthy lifestyle, she was appointed Ambassador for the United Way of Central Maryland’s Access to Healthy Food Initiative by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. This initiative is an effort to ensure that Marylanders have access to healthy and nutritious food.

Molly’s indomitable spirit extends to her philanthropic strategy and personal commitment to volunteering and supporting the community. Molly serves as a member of both the Board of Overseers for the Baltimore School for the Arts (BSA) and the National Advisory Board for The Johns Hopkins Children’s Center. She is the Chair of the BSA’s Performing Arts Family Series, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Children’s Museum.



Molly is also the Chair of Families Living United, a United Way initiative that creates opportunities for parents and children to volunteer together. She leads this group by example, spending countless hours volunteering with her children at local shelters and other organizations. She is Co-Chair (with her husband, Mayo) of the United Way of Central Maryland's 2011-2012 Annual Campaign this year.

Molly and her family founded and support Shattuck Fellows-- a program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) sponsoring internships for minority students in the field of Entrepreneurship.

Born in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, Molly received a B.S. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Following college, she moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for former Congressman Doug Walgren. After moving to Baltimore in 1989, Molly joined Alex. Brown & Sons and worked in their marketing division until 1995. Later, she served as a Center Director for Sylvan Learning Systems.

#### **Recent Awards & Honors**

- Nina Collier Arts Champion Award - Young Audiences of Maryland. This honor is for her work and commitment to the arts, education and other basic needs of children. - March 26, 2011
- The Mayor's Community Service Recognition Top Honor (Baltimore, MD) - Award for charitable project created in 2005 with children on the annual "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day." (April 22, 2011 marked the 7th anniversary of this event) - December 2009
- Philanthropist of the Year Award - United Way of Central Maryland - September 2008 (Mayo and Molly Shattuck were honored).
- Recipient of the Star Trophy (most dollars raised) and Judge's Choice Trophy (winner of dance contest) - The Alzheimer's Association "Dancing Stars" event - Baltimore, MD - April 2008
- Baltimore Ravens: The Ravens Award-- Cheerleader of the Year; Ambassador Award; Spirit Award-both years; Charity Award-both year - 2006 and 2007



*Last Year's Awardees: 2011*



**Grades 7th - 8th**

*Michelle Horne, Honoree*, Chesapeake Public Charter School  
*Alexandra Comegys*, Honorable Mention, St. Ursula School

**Grade 9th - 10th**

*Josephine Grant*, Honoree, Francis Scott Key High School  
*Tyra Hooper*, Honorable Mention, Bryn Mawr School

**Grade 11th - 12th**

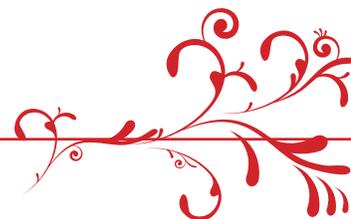
*Ilana Price*, Honoree - 11th Grade, Bethesda-chase High School  
*Megan Toms*, Honorable Mention - 11th Grade, Frederick County Career & Technology Center

*Carson Wigley*, Honoree - 12th Grade, Worcester Preparatory School  
*Meredity Good-Cohn*, Honorable Mention - 12th Grade, Garrison Forest School

*Former Women of Tomorrow Honorees* <http://dhr.maryland.gov/mcw/>

## GRADES 7-8 HONOREES

### First Place



### *Mackenzie Leigh Chapman*

Mackenzie Chapman is an eighth grade student at Piccowaxen Middle School in Charles County Maryland. She maintains a 4.0 GPA while enrolled in the Scholars Course of Studies and was awarded the Dr. Ben Carson Scholarship in April of 2012.

Mackenzie is a member of the Yearbook Staff, Principal's Advisory Committee, National Junior Honor Society, Future Educator's Association, Best Buddies, Farmers Fortune 4H and Relay For Life Team.

Mackenzie has been an active member of the Farmers Fortune 4H Club for eight years, earning awards in Public Speaking, Community Service and Goat Showmanship. Her focus for the past two years has been on animal husbandry. She enjoys training and showing her goats Lucy and Laney. In 2011, she has begun breeding her goats and has recently added four new kids to her project.

As a member of the Charles County Relay For Life Team for the past eight years Mackenzie has raised money for the American Cancer Society by designing and selling bracelets, working car washes and holding online fund raising drives. She has collected pledges and walked the track every year since kindergarten. Mackenzie's passion is working with children with physical and intellectual disabilities.

She has been a volunteer at Coordinated Movements, Inc., a children's therapy clinic for the past four years. She assists in planning and running Friday Friends, a

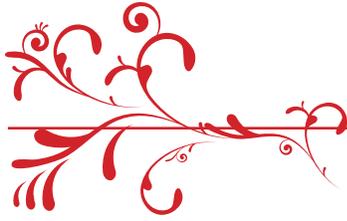


social skills group helping children to learn how to interact and communicate comfortably with their peers, discuss challenges they face at home and school and become confident with who they are. She also volunteers for the clinic's Parents Day Out program. This six hour Saturday program provides childcare for parents of children with special needs. Mackenzie aids in organizing and running the Saturday sessions which include story time, crafts, appropriate physical activities, working on social skills and encouraging the children to interact through play and teamwork.

This year, Mackenzie has taken her passion of helping special needs children into her school and started the Best Buddies Program. As president she has paired nine special needs students with Peer Buddies. She has worked with her peers to organize monthly meetings and activities helping special needs children participate in clubs and build friendships. Mackenzie recently applied for a \$5,000 grant to help the other middle schools in her county start a Best Buddies Program.

A pageant for special needs children is Mackenzie's current project. She wants all young people to be confident with who they are and celebrate the talents they have been given.

Mackenzie's work with children facing intellectual and physical challenges has her planning to pursue an education in Occupational Therapy or Special Education in hopes of continuing to improve the lives of children with special needs.



*Mackenzie Peperak*

Mackenzie Peperak lives in Washington County and is currently an eighth grader at Boonsboro Middle School. She participates in all honor level courses, maintains a 4.0 Grade Point Average, and will enter ninth grade having already earned four high school credits in Math and Foreign Language. Mackenzie is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, where she serves as secretary. As a member of this group, she participates in numerous community service projects including the Antietam National Battlefield illumination and environmental workshops for Greenfest.



MacKenzie is a school WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) leader. As a leader in this anti-bullying group, she mentors a group of incoming sixth graders, helping them transition into middle school. She plays cello for the school orchestra and has participated in the All-County Orchestra and is currently second chair in Merit Orchestra, preparing to attend State Festival in May.

In February of 2012, Mackenzie received recognition by the Washington County Commissioners with a presentation of a Youth Meritorious Award for outstanding academic and community service achievements. The Commissioners only grant this award to a select group of Washington County students each year.

Along with her academic achievements, Mackenzie actively volunteers within the community. For the past three years, she has volunteered in a kindergarten class-

room as an aide; checking papers, reviewing reading and spelling skills, and assisting the teacher as needed. This responsibility has required her to arrive at school every day an hour early. Afterwards, she starts her day at the middle school by helping special educators with "Organization in the Morning." This group helps students with special needs get organized and ready to start their day on a successful note. In addition, MacKenzie creates and leads a weekly morning lesson for Fellowship of Christian Athletes where she serves as vice president.

Actively involved in her church youth group, she recently raised awareness in the community for CASA, a shelter for abused women and children. Upon realizing that many women and children escape unsafe environments on a moment's notice, frequently with only the clothes on their backs, she wanted to provide them with clean clothes and stuffed animals to ease the situation. She worked with area churches collecting donations of clothes and toys for this agency. She presented the group with so many donations that they did not have the room for everything and shared some with other non-profit agencies.

MacKenzie is also very involved in sports. She has played on the travel basketball and lacrosse teams since 5th grade and has a real passion for soccer. Mackenzie currently plays on a U-16 travel club high school team. Mackenzie hopes to work with children some day in the field of pediatrics or education.

## GRADES 9-10 HONOREES

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### First Place



### *Claudia Alarco*

Claudia Alarco is a tenth grader at James Hubert Blake High School in Silver Spring, Montgomery County with her parents Flavia and Carlos Alarco. In her first encounter with community service at the age of four, Claudia wanted to donate all her new toys to children in a local orphanage. Seeing joyous and thankful faces made her happy and from that moment on, she knew she wanted to someday make a bigger change.



When Claudia's family moved to the United States from Peru in search of better opportunities for Claudia's education, Claudia had to quickly adapt to a new tongue. In less than two months, Claudia became reader of the month and star student. Claudia was raised in a home filled with affection and she believes that the love that her parents have for each other makes her such a strong, confident, and loving young woman today.

When Claudia turned seven, the Alarco family moved to Puerto Rico. She was able to excel in school, adapt to a new kind of Spanish, and become one of the top students in the most prestigious academy on the island.

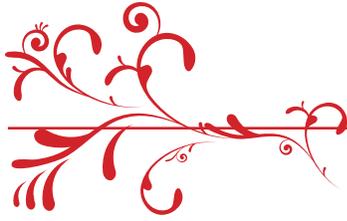
She has accumulated over 900 hours of community service and has brought her leadership skills and charisma to every single volunteer opportunity. Claudia was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award this year, as well as the Superintendent's Volunteer Service Award and the Governor's Volunteer Service Award in 2009. She has served her high school as the President of her Class of 2014 and the President of Project Change Club. During her term as the President of the Project Change Club at Blake, she raised almost \$1,000 for the Japanese citizens who were affected by

the 2011 Tsunami. She has also taken a big role in Student Government. Under her leadership as the Pennies for Patients Coordinator, she was able to raise the most money that her school has ever been able to raise for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, with almost \$13,000 this year. Claudia has been an active member of the County Executive's Youth Advisory Committee for four years. In the committee, she is an advocate for the millions of teenagers in Montgomery County. Throughout

the years, she has been able to bring her leadership onto the court, pool, ice rink, and even the stage! Claudia served as a swimming coach for disabled children at Georgetown Aquatics, and was lead volunteer of an ice skating program for young children. Her efforts on the volleyball court lead her to receive the Sportsmanship Award for her academic excellence and her enthusiasm with her teammates.

Obtaining and maintaining a 4.0 unweighted GPA almost her entire educational career was not and is not an easy task for Claudia. One of the many activities that brings joy to her life is dance. Starting at the age of four with classical ballet, Claudia has been able to expand her horizons in dance with Jazz, Latin Fusion, Belly Dancing and Contemporary dance.

Claudia strongly believes in the importance and vitality of community service. Claudia deems that "if one is contributing to the happiness and stability of others, one has a purpose in life." Claudia hopes to pursue her career while simultaneously serving the community successfully. She is truly a woman of tomorrow, who will bring joy, charisma, and change, to her community in the many years to come!



*Sabrina Donnick*

Sabrina Donnick is a sophomore at City Neighbors High School in Baltimore City, Maryland. As a young child she constantly tried to help others in her family either in the house or out in the yard - wherever help was needed. Sabrina has always been quiet, but has been known among her peers as someone who gives great advice and is always there for others when they need it.



In middle school Sabrina volunteered at soup kitchens, nursing homes, the local library, and was a mentor for a South Korean exchange student for two years. She taught her how to speak English fluently. She remains friends with her to this day, even though she has moved back to South Korea.

Sabrina has been raising money since 2006 for a cure for Multiple Sclerosis with her family the "Myelin Makers" and walking in the 5k. Also, for the past two years she has been participating in the 50k two day MS Walk held in Chestertown, MD with other members in her family. She walks for her uncle who was diagnosed ten years ago with MS.

She has been trained at the Maryland School for the Blind on how to guide the blind and interact with the children at the school. This fall, she volunteered to hand out gatorade and water at the Baltimore Marathon where people referred to her as "The Motivator."

She has maintained over a 4.0 GPA since high school and started attending college classes at BCCC (Baltimore City Community College.) During her time at CNHS she has participated in the school's first ever girls' basketball team and volleyball team. She has been on the School Board since her freshman year at City Neighbors as a student representative. For the

past two years she has been elected as Co-Vice President among her peers. She has been with her high school since the very beginning, she contributed to the design of the school and has spent many hours renovating the school itself. During the summer, she volunteers her time there doing office work and answering phones. She is a co-founder of her school's poetry club, treasurer of the Dance/Event Committee, and is a part of her school's Advocacy Club.

As a part of the Advocacy Club, she has spoken during multiple conventions about her school and the importance of proper funding for public schools in Maryland. While speaking at these conventions, she has met Dr. Alonso the CEO of Baltimore City Schools, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and Governor Martin O'Malley.

During the second half of her sophomore year she spent her Wednesday's interning at Hamilton Elementary/Middle with an organization called PlayWorks where they provide safe, inclusive play for low income urban schools. While she was there, she got to work with the elementary students and learned how children interact with one another and had grown to care for them calling them "My kids." She helped them with problems that they faced - on and off the court.

While doing all of this, she has been working two jobs. One as a dog walker and the other as a cashier at a seafood carry-out in Parkville, MD.

After high school Sabrina has plans of going to a university and is leaning towards a degree in social work. She believes in the rights of youth and that all children should have equal opportunities and a healthy lifestyle.

## GRADES 11-12 HONOREES

### First Place



### *Christina McIntyre*

Christina McIntyre is a senior at Bel Air High School in Harford County. She is a compassionate young woman who is committed to serving and empowering others. Christina excels academically and is ranked in the top 1% of her class. She is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. President Obama awarded Christina the President's Volunteer Service Award this year. She is a Maryland State Scholar and was given the Outstanding Youth Leadership Award by the Maryland Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation. She has also received the Leadership for Service Award and been recognized locally with the Town of Bel Air Student Achievement Award.



Christina as a president of the Bel Air High School Student Government, brought students together to serve members of the Bel Air and Harford County community in need. The students did everything from cleaning up the local public library to supporting anti-bullying initiatives. In honor of the tenth anniversary of September 11, she organized students to create a 9/11 flag memorial of 2,977 flags, a 9/11 tribute display around a World Trade Center steel beam, and held a 9/11 Open House for the community. Christina served on the Bel Air's Veterans Day Committee, helped conduct an oral history project for the Harford County Historical Society.

Christina serves as the student member on the School Improvement Team at Bel Air High School and is the founder and President of the Bel Air High School Junior State of America chapter, a nonpartisan political awareness organization. She has been a Peer Helper, H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everywhere) Club member, and Speech and Debate Team member. She has been first chair flute in the Harford County All-County Band, Harford County All-County Orchestra, and the Bel Air High School Concert Band.

Christina served as a page for the Maryland General Assembly during the 2012 legislative session, and she has worked for the Harford County Board of Elections as an Election Judge. Christina is an active member of the Maryland Association of Student Councils and the Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils. She teaches workshops on leadership to high school students, served as a Senator in the Maryland Youth General Assembly and also

organizes voter registration drives in her school and community.

As a student member of the Harford County League of Women Voters, she worked on a study examining and evaluating services available to at-risk youth. Her research and advocacy have helped community and local government leaders re-evaluate the effectiveness of current resources and programs for at-risk youth. Christina has also volunteered in the Children's Center of Anna's House, a shelter for homeless and abused women and their children. Christina serves as an appointed member on the Harford County Youth Commission. As a juror in the Harford County Teen Court program, Christina develops constructive dispositions to help Harford County juveniles who have committed non-violent misdemeanor offenses.

This year, Christina testified on legislation to grant the student member of the Harford County Board of Education partial voting rights. Working with the Board of Education, County Council, County Executive, the Harford Delegation in Annapolis, and the Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils, the bill was signed into law by Governor O'Malley in April.

Christina will be attending Messiah College and plans to double major in Political Science and Economics. She hopes to pursue her Master's in Public Policy and use the legislative process, particularly policy analysis and advocacy, to serve communities.



*Emily Petersen*

Emily, a rising senior at Atholton High School in Howard County, is an active member in her school, church and community. Having participated in Girl Scouts for 11 years, Emily has been awarded all three levels of scouting achievement - the Bronze Award, the Silver Award and most recently the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouts. For her Gold Award she created a library at The Samaritan Women (Catonsville, MD), an organization that provides a residential environment for individual women who are ready to make positive changes in their lives. Emily serves on the fundraising committee of the Young Women's Giving Circle of Howard County (YWGC), an organization whose mission is to create a permanent legacy that addresses the needs of women and girls in Howard County. Currently this group of young philanthropists is raising funds to support the Domestic Violence Center.

Emily is most proud of her role as co-founder and president of Cupcakes for Compassion, an organization that "spreads compassion one cupcake at a time." She leads a group of five girls in their efforts to raise money for charity through online cupcake sales. Since its beginning in May 2011, Cupcakes for Compassion has raised over \$3,000; this includes \$575 for Michael's House, an organization that serves the elderly in Ethiopia, \$1,325 for Action for Empowerment, an organization striving to educate and provide for AIDS orphans in Uganda and most recently \$1,150 for Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center in Howard County. Her commitment to making a difference is also evident in her passion for leadership. After participating in the Maryland Leadership Workshops Senior High Program and the Advanced Leadership Seminar over the past two years, Emily will serve on staff for Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc. (MLW) this summer.



Emily is an engaged student at Atholton High School in and out of the classroom. She is a strong student achieving the Honor Roll every quarter and currently ranks in the top 5% of her class. She has been recognized as Student of the Month twice since her freshman year and was the recipient of the 2011 Gifted and Talented Research Program Departmental Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society and the Future Educators Association National Honor Society. In addition, she is a four-time recipient of the Carson Scholars Award. Emily also contributes to her school community outside of the classroom. Her strengths as a leader and as a student were recognized freshman year when she was awarded the Class of 2013 Emerging Leader Award for Atholton High School. For the past two years she has served as co-president of the Future Educators Association and is a member of the highly selective Atholton Student Leadership Cadre. Through her involvement in these organizations, she coordinates activities for Atholton students to work with the students in the Harriet Tubman Head Start Preschool and serves as a mentor at Clemens Crossing Elementary School where she tutors students on a bi-weekly basis and emphasizes the components of character building through group activities and teamwork.

By combining her passion for education with her love for children, whether it be while volunteering at church, teaching swim lessons or tutoring in the Head Start program and at the elementary school, Emily strives to achieve the goals she has set for herself as she pursues a career in teaching. Most importantly, Emily lives out her faith and recognizes that she can make a difference by using everything she has been given and all of the talents she possesses to serve others and give back to her community.

GRADES 11-12 HONOREES  
Honorable Mention

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*Luz Camargo*

Luz Angela Camargo is a senior at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick County. This is also her last year at the Career and Technology Center in the Biomedical Science Program. She is involved in the National Honor Society, the student government association, and the National Technical Honor Society at the Career and Technology Center.



She has volunteered at the Frederick Memorial Hospital, at St. Johns Catholic Church and has participated in various activities through the National Honor Society TJ chapter. Luz enjoys giving back to the community, and intends on doing some volunteer work through the organization at Stevenson University.

Luz has an internship at United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Ft. Detrick. The project produces yeast cells, a specific protein found in the Lassa virus. With this protein a vaccine could be produced. She has been invited back every summer during her time in college to continue working on her project and helping out in the lab.

She was accepted into five colleges, and plans to attend Stevenson University, in Owing Mills and has declared a major in Medical Technology.

The big goal in her life would be to become an OB/GYN, to do so she would need to go to medical school. Medical technology would allow her to have the requirements for medical school.

Luz has taken classes and programs to ensure that becoming a doctor is what she wanted. She took advanced placement biology, the Biomedical Science program, and her internship at USAMRIID have all guided her down the same path that she has been preparing for mentally since she was a little child.

She has been accepted into the Perry Outreach Program, this is a program for young women who would like to pursue a career in medicine. It is a daylong program held at different locations nationwide throughout the year. The curriculum increases self-confidence in young women's abilities in science and medicine.

A combination of the programs, classes, and internships have reinforced the career path the Luz wants to pursue, medicine.



*The Maryland Commission for Women congratulates each exceptional young woman nominated for this award.*

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