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## **HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES GET SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The Growing Exceptional Teachers (GET) Program is a scholarship and recruitment program that provides financial assistance in the form of a student scholarship and hiring incentives to Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) high school graduating seniors selected to participate in the program. The purpose of providing this financial assistance is to allow program participants to complete their undergraduate degree in a high-needs area of teacher education, with the ultimate goal of receiving their teacher certification and returning to work as a public school teacher right here in Harford County.

Twenty-five (25) \$6,000 scholarships are awarded to HCPS graduating seniors planning to attend college and attain their teacher certification in one of the following “critical shortage areas” identified by the Maryland State Department of Education and HCPS:

- English
- Mathematics
- Professional and Technical Education
- Science
- Special Education
- Technology Education
- World Language
- School Psychology

Five scholarships are awarded yearly, beginning with the HCPS Class of 2017 and ending with the HCPS Class of 2021. The recipients are selected by a committee and the scholarships are awarded in May each year preceding college entrance.

The 2020 GET Program scholarship recipients are (photos attached):

- Jayna Liebau, of Edgewood High School, attending Harford Community College in the fall and Towson University in 2022 to major in Secondary Education with a minor in English;
- Emma Ryan, of Harford Technical High School, attending Mount St. Mary’s University in the fall to major in Elementary Education/Special Education;
- Kayla Smith, of Havre de Grace High School, attending Towson University in the fall to major in Secondary Education with a minor in Middle School Science;
- Alexa Warren, of Edgewood High School, attending Salisbury University in the fall to major in Secondary Education with a minor in English/Creative Writing; and
- Jenna Zavovna, of Havre de Grace High School, attending Towson University in the fall to major in Elementary Education/Special Education.

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