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Harford Glen Environmental Center Hosts 9th Annual Environmental Scholarship and Green Awards Event

Harford Glen Environmental Center (Harford Glen) recently hosted its 9th Annual Environmental Scholarship and Green Awards event. The Green Awards are presented to committed volunteers, local businesses, and educators who are dedicated to the support of Harford Glen and environmental education in Harford County Public Schools.

This year's Green Teachers of the Year were announced and celebrated for their dedication to consistently integrate environmental themes into their teaching. Mr. Jim Pritchard, science instructor at Southampton Middle School, was named the Secondary Green Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Glenn Jensen, principal of Southampton Middle School, said, "Mr. Pritchard teaches life lessons, lessons grounded in his passion for the environment. These lessons are not just for his students, but for all students attending Southampton Middle School, across all three grade levels, and for our teachers and staff as well."

Mrs. Jessica Keller, 4th grade teacher at Norrisville Elementary School, was named the Elementary Green Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Keller was described by her principal, Mrs. Jennifer Drumgoole, as "a leader in the Green School process who is passionate about all things green." She added, "Mrs. Keller has coordinated with Harford Glen to provide Professional Development to the Norrisville staff."

The 2017 Environmental Scholarship winners were also announced at the event. They were: Emma Bowditch, Aberdeen High School; Nicholas Sulzbach, Bel Air High School; Natalie Clawson, C. Milton Wright High School; Kari Lagen, Fallston High School; Alex Beam, Havre de Grace High School; Maddy Clark, North Harford High School; and Orman Morton, Patterson Mill High School.

The Environmental Scholarship program began in 1972 and has provided graduating students with more than \$227,000 in funding for college study in the field of environmental science or related areas.

This year's Community Connections Award was received by the boys 2 Men mentoring program from Magnolia Middle School. Boys 2 Men participated in a summer work program at Harford Glen during the summer of 2016. They performed extensive trail work, painting, and gardening on the Harford Glen campus. Their efforts benefitted students, staff, and community members who utilize Harford Glen year round.

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This annual awards event is made possible thanks to the Harford Glen Foundation and the many community sponsors who donate to the scholarship fund, including:

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Photo 1: 2017 Green Teachers of the Year Mrs. Jessica Keller and Mr. Jim Pritchard

Photo 2: 2017 Environmental Scholarship recipients from left to right: Kari Lagen, Maddy Clark, Natalie Clawson, Orman Morton, Nicholas Sulzbach, Alex Beam. Not pictured: Emma Bowditch.

Photo 3: Community connections award recipients boys 2 Men left to right: Alex Mack, Kyree Bates, Elijah Steepe, Mr. Michael Reeves, Magnolia Middle Principal Mrs. Melissa Mickey, Pastor Al Reeves, Enoch Wireidou, Desmond Steppe.

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