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## **Emmorton Elementary School's Ann Garner Named Maryland School Nutrition Association Employee of the Year**

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) proudly announces that Ann Garner, the Cafeteria Lead at Emmorton Elementary School, has been named the 2024 Maryland School Nutrition Association Employee of the Year. This prestigious recognition honors Ms. Garner's dedication to her students and her exceptional contributions to the school meal program, which has made her a beloved and indispensable member of the Emmorton Elementary School community.

The Maryland School Nutrition Association Employee of the Year Award is given to school nutrition employees who demonstrate excellence in customer service, a passion for supporting young people, commitment to teamwork, and a creative approach to meal planning. Ms. Garner has spent nearly a decade at Emmorton Café, where her enthusiasm for creating memorable, fun, and nutritious dining experiences is evident in every meal she serves. Beyond her technical skills, Ms. Garner's kindness and approachability have fostered a warm and welcoming environment for her students, helping to make the cafeteria a place where students feel valued and cared for.

Initially selected as the 2024 Harford County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Employee of the Year, Ms. Garner's dedication will now be celebrated on a broader stage, as she moves on to represent Maryland in the regional judging round of the award in early 2025. Should she advance further, Ms. Garner could become a contender for the National School Nutrition Association Employee of the Year award.

"Ann Garner is a shining example of the commitment, care, and creativity we strive to bring to every area of our schools," said Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson. "Her dedication not only to the students but to the quality and enjoyment of the school meal experience is inspiring, and we are thrilled to see her recognized for her invaluable contributions."

Please join HCPS in congratulating Ms. Ann Garner on her outstanding achievement and in wishing her the best as she continues to make a difference in the lives of students and staff at Emmorton Elementary School and beyond.

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