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All HCPS High Schools Launch Educators Rising Career and Technical Student Organizations

Fallston High School Students Advance to National Competition

For the first time, every Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) high school now has an Educators Rising Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) — a milestone that highlights the school system’s commitment to developing the next generation of teachers.

Educators Rising is a national CTSO designed for students interested in education-related careers. The program aligns directly with the teaching profession, offering students hands-on experiences, professional development, and competitions that mirror the real-world work of educators. Events challenge students to apply classroom learning to authentic teaching tasks, such as creating engaging bulletin boards or delivering speeches about their personal motivation to become educators.

The first statewide Educators Rising competition for HCPS students took place on September 23, with results released three weeks later. During the two-night event, students from across Maryland demonstrated their knowledge, creativity, and passion for teaching through multiple performance-based assessments judged using a detailed, six-page rubric.

Fallston High School made history in Harford County’s first year of participation, with two students earning top honors in the Educators Rising Moment competition. Kennedy Karcher placed second and Adeline Bogert placed fourth in the state of Maryland. These outstanding achievements qualify both students to advance to the National Educators Rising competition in Oregon! We want to thank Mrs. Alyssa King their teacher leader for supporting these students and her dedication to her Educators Rising chapter.

“These students are paving the way for future educators in Harford County,” said Alyssa King, Fallston High School’s teacher representative for Educators Rising. “Their success reflects not only their hard work and commitment but also the strength of our growing program and the opportunities it creates for students interested in teaching as a career.”

The HCPS Educators Rising program is supported in part by a Maryland Department of Labor grant, which helps expand access to career and technical education pathways and promote workforce development in education.

Students advancing to the national level will receive additional coaching and will be recognized at the upcoming Maryland Educators Rising State Conference before heading to Oregon to

compete against peers from across the country.

This inaugural year marks an exciting beginning for HCPS's systemwide participation in Educators Rising, as students from every high school now have the chance to explore, compete, and grow as future educators.

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