



EXPRESS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

Celebrating the Class of 2023



While navigating unprecedented circumstances, Class of 2023 graduates continued to excel academically, earning nearly \$200 million in college scholarships.

Notable Class of 2023 scholars:



[Laurel High School twins Vladyslav and Yaroslav Vashchuk](#), who escaped war in Ukraine, are headed to Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania on full scholarships.



[Quadruplets Kaila, Kailee, Kailynn and Calvin Ward](#) are graduating from Crossland High School.

Visit our [GRAD SZN portal](#) for [ceremony dates](#), news, live stream links, photo galleries, videos and more celebrating this year's grads.

Schools and Offices Closed on Monday



Schools and offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Spotlight

How to Build a Village – One House at a Time



For the 47th time in as many years, PGCPSS high school students have built a new home, entirely from scratch! The newest home on Lusby's Turn in Brandywine is a two-story, four-bedroom headturner filled with beautiful appointments and the newest appliances. The student masons, plumbers, carpenters and HVAC technicians are rightly proud of the house, which sold for \$625,000 as soon as it was listed!

Announcements & Professional Development

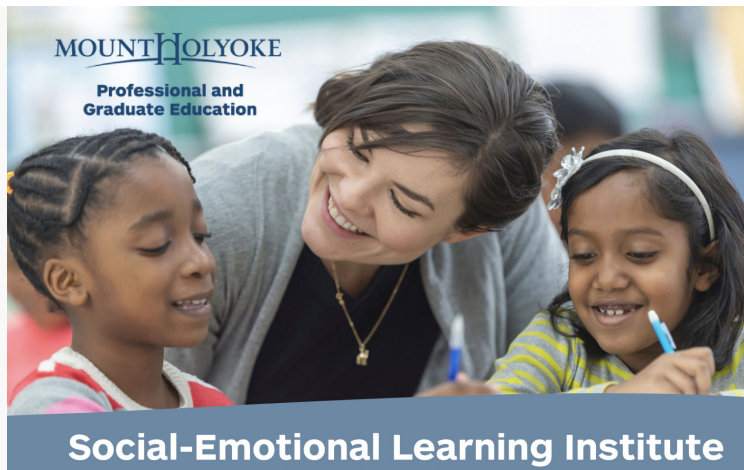
Registration Open: 2023-2024 Aspiring Leaders Program



The Office of Professional Learning and Leadership (OPLL) is pleased to announce the opening of registration for the [2023-2024 Aspiring Leaders Program](#). The Aspiring Leaders Program is an integral component of the school system's comprehensive leadership development pathway. The Aspiring Leaders Program provides leadership development opportunities for qualified teacher leaders who are actively seeking their first assignment as assistant principal. The application deadline is June 16.

[Application](#)

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Institute interest Meeting



Join Mount Holyoke College for an interest meeting to increase your knowledge and leadership on social and emotional wellness by earning graduate-level credits.

[Learn more](#)

Free Early Childhood Conference



The Prince George's County Office of the County Executive and Child Resource Connect, formerly Prince George's Child Resource Center, are partnering to host Greatness Grows Here: An Early Childhood Conference for Parents, Caregivers, and Child Care Professionals. This in-person conference is designed for early childhood professionals, as well as the parents and guardians of infants, toddlers, and young children. The parent/caregiver track of the Greatness Grows Here Conference is designed to provide parents and caregivers with Prince George's County resources, networking, education, advocacy and more.

[Learn more](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Summer Maryland Agriculture in the Classroom Workshop



The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation is hosting a **Summer Maryland Agriculture in the Classroom educator workshop July 17-19** in St. Mary's County. This workshop is geared to K-8 formal and non-formal educators (classroom teachers, librarians, counselors, afterschool, aides, etc.). Over the course of 3 days, we will visit local farms where we will get behind-the-scenes tours and learn from local experts in a workshop setting at the St. Mary's Fairgrounds.

[Learn More](#)

Share Your Feedback on CTE Programs

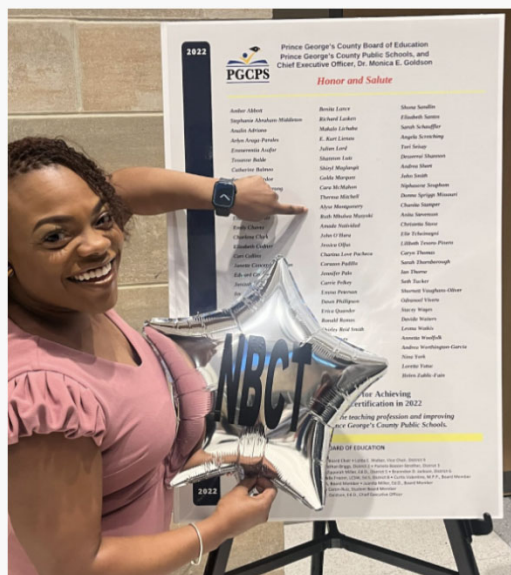
Students, families and staff are encouraged to share feedback on our Career and Technical Education Programs through a brief survey. Results from the survey will be used to develop an action plan around our program and future marketing campaigns.

[Take the Survey](#)

NBCT Staffing Incentive

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future lays the groundwork for a strategic staffing initiative which provides incentives for teachers to become Nationally Board Certified and to teach in low performing schools. MSDE is providing a [list of schools](#) that meet the state definition of low performing or are eligible for local flexibility as part of the Nationally Board Certified Teachers and Low Performing Schools Framework 1.0. This is the second year of identification as part of the Framework 1.0.

Explore National Board Certification



Are you interested in pursuing National Board certification during the 2023-2024 academic year? Don't pass up the opportunity to learn more about this prestigious certification and how it can advance your teaching career.

Register immediately in eDoctrina for one of the final five National Board information sessions.

You will receive valuable insight into the certification process, the benefits of certification, how to prepare for this rigorous process and scholarship opportunities. Applications are due Saturday, June 10.

Win a Mindfulness Zone for Your School!



Enter to win a mindfulness meditation zone in your classroom or school from Walden University through May 31.

[Enter to win](#)

Retirement Celebration & Benefit



The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs will host a retirement celebration and benefit in honor of CEO Dr. Monica Goldson on Friday, June 23. All proceeds from this event will support students through the foundation!

[Tickets](#)

Paparazzi

Staff at Suitland Elementary celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by wearing ceremonial Philippine attire.



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