



EXPRESS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

GRAD SZN — Celebrating the Class of 2023



Graduation ceremonies began today for more than 6,700 high school seniors!

“The Class of 2023 embodies resilience. Not even one full year into high school, their lives were abruptly changed by a global crisis,” said CEO Dr. Monica Goldson. “From the classroom to virtual learning and back, they adapted and demonstrated resilience and an extraordinary commitment to their success.”

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

See photos from the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions [White Coat Ceremony](#) and a celebration honoring [valedictorians and salutatorians!](#)

Seniors Surprised with CEO’s Scholarships



Dr. Monica Goldson presented eight seniors with the Chief Executive Officer’s scholarship this week for their academic excellence and community service. Scholarships are made possible each year through the Excellence In Education Foundation for PGCPS.

Spotlight

Marlton Elementary Recognized by State



Kudos to Marlton Elementary School for being recognized as one of the 2023 National Handwriting State Winners and only public school honored in the state of Maryland.

Announcements & Professional Development

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

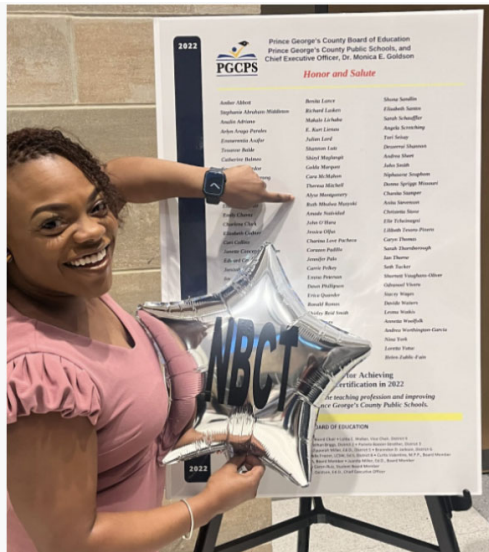
Students, families and staff are encouraged to share feedback on our Career and Technical Education Programs through a brief survey. Results from the survey will be used to develop an action plan around our program and future marketing campaigns.

[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.

Bowie State University Informational Session

Bowie State University will host a virtual informational session on Monday, May 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to learn about earning a master's degree in Reading/Literacy and a graduate pathway for ESOL certification.

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](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Wellness Resources

Your wellness is a priority! Learn about wellness resources offered through the Department of Benefits Services. Principals can also offer school-level wellness events for staff. Explore individual and group wellness resources through [Wellness 360](#), [WellSet](#), and [more](#).

For questions about wellness resources or to schedule school-level activities, email wellness.benefits@pgcps.org.

Mental Health Awareness Month



May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Check out our recent [Wellness Wednesday session](#) on the connection between social media and student mental health.

For Teacher Appreciation Week, Walden University is giving away a mindfulness meditation zone for a classroom or school. [Enter to win](#) through May 31.

Update: Maryland Strategic Planning Survey

The final phase of the Strategic Plan will launch in June. Share your input with the State Board of Education and Maryland State Department of Education.

[Survey](#)

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

Suitland Elementary School celebrated Mother's Day with a "pink party" to promote health and wellness!



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