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PGCPS Express: The Gift of Lifelong Learning

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December 15, 2020

Get the Scoop

Lifelong Learning: CEO Employee Scholarship Program

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to further your education at Walden University!

[Apply now](#) for the [CEO Employee Scholarship Program](#), created in partnership with Walden University. Scholarship opportunities are available to all employees, seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees. Applications are due **Monday, Feb. 15**. Winners may use their scholarship for the start date best for them in a qualifying program from April 2021 through September 2021.

One full-tuition scholarship and one partial-tuition scholarship will be awarded at each level:

- **Bachelor's Degree Program** (runner-up: \$15,000 partial scholarship)
- **Master's Degree Program** (runner-up: \$12,000 partial scholarship)
- **Doctoral Degree Program** (runner-up: \$10,000 partial scholarship)
- **Graduate Certificate Program** (runner-up: \$6,000 partial scholarship)

For more information, call 1-855-628-3427 or visit WaldenU.edu/PGCPS-CEO-Scholars.

FY22 Budget: Bridging Divides with Transformation, Equity and Innovation

CEO Dr. Monica Goldson presented a [\\$2.3 billion proposed budget for fiscal year 2022](#) to the Board of Education with a focus on educational and operational improvement for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) through transformation, equity and innovation. The budget proposal aims to bridge three major divides: statewide funding shortfalls and inequities, resource gaps within schools and an operating budget deficit.

Inclement Weather Codes During Distance Learning

In the event of snow or inclement weather during distance learning, PGCPS will operate according to the following codes:

Code 1: Virtual Instruction Continues; Buildings Closed

During weather events that may have closed school in years past, instruction will continue for students virtually. Meal service will be canceled and all buildings closed. Emergency personnel will operate under Code Yellow, Purple or Red.

Code 2: Early Closing

This option will be implemented when an unexpected weather event occurs while staff may be in school buildings. Buildings will close early, instruction will end two to three hours early for all students, and meal service will end at 11:30 a.m. Emergency personnel will operate under Code Yellow, Purple or Red.

Code 3: No Instruction; Buildings Closed

This decision may be implemented at times of widespread internet or power outages when virtual instruction is not feasible. These days would potentially need to be made up at the end of the school year. Instruction and meal service will be canceled and all buildings will be closed. Emergency personnel will operate under Code Yellow, Purple or Red.

Notes:

- **Code Yellow** — All schools and offices are closed. Emergency personnel only must report to work.
- **Code Purple** — All schools and offices are closed. Emergency personnel only should report with a two-hour delay.
- **Code Red** — The school system is closed for all personnel.

[Learn more](#) about weather protocols during distance learning.

Top photo: [Hear from CEO Dr. Monica Goldson](#) on employee scholarship opportunities with Walden University.

#PGCPS Proud: In the Spotlight

Melwood Elementary Educators Honored with IB Award

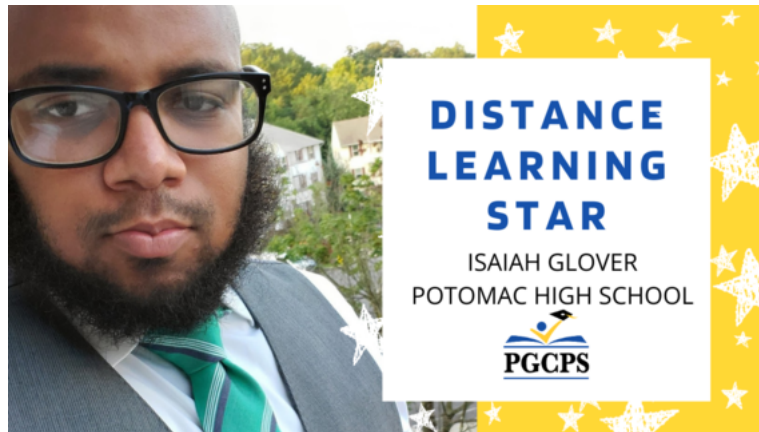
Melwood Elementary educators Menet McCoy and Mariela Werner have received the Faculty Excellence Award for the Primary Years Programme from the International Baccalaureate Mid-Atlantic Association.

Buck Lodge Educator Receives STEM Grant

Buck Lodge Middle School Science Department Chair Deborah Branch was awarded a [Society for Science and the Public STEM Research Grant](#). Branch will receive STEM research kits to help students conduct scientific research outside of the classroom. Each kit is valued at \$1,000.

#TeacherTuesday: Sharing Distance Learning Tips

Potomac High School teacher Isaiah Glover [encourages the use of music and crowdsourcing](#) from students to set the tone and create a collaborative environment.



Looking for Distance Learning Pros!

Do you have advice on making the most of the distance learning experience with students? We are highlighting **distance learning stars** to discuss or demonstrate best practices for teachers and/or families on PGCPs social media for #TeacherTuesday. Videos should be no longer than one minute. Send submissions to communications@pgcps.org.

Nominate a colleague who makes you #PGCPSProud by sending their name, office/school, photo and a brief description (100 words or less) to communications@pgcps.org. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

Stay Healthy During the Holidays



Keep your eyes on Santa and not the scale during the holidays with these [six tips](#) from the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

Physical and Emotional Impact of Stress Webinar on Wednesday

Wellness360 will host a webinar on physical and emotional stress on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. You must [register](#) for this session.

Announcements

Board of Education Chair Announces Resignation

Board Chair Dr. Alvin Thornton has resigned, effective Friday, Jan. 8. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks will appoint his replacement.

Become a Resident Teacher

The [Resident Teacher Program](#) is looking for qualified candidates for the 2021-2022 cohort. The two-year program emphasizes pedagogical training about academic, social and emotional needs. The five phases include: Recruitment, Pre-Employment Training, Supervised Internship, Residency and Certification Requirements. Participants successfully completing all requirements will obtain a Standard Professional Certificate I (SPC I) in the specified content area.

New York Times Subscription for Employees

Employees have access to a **free [New York Times subscription](#)** for a full year. Create a free account using your school email address. For more information, contact edu@nytimes.com.

Nominations Open for LifeChanger of the Year Award

LifeChanger of the Year is an annual program recognizing K-12 educators and school employees across the country. The program celebrates those who are making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. [Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020-2021 Program.](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

PGCPS/ACE Partnership Grant and Holiday Giveaway

American College of Education (ACE) is offering employees the opportunity to take advantage of the [PGCPS Partnership Grant](#). Applications for the January term are due Friday, Jan. 8; the term begins Monday, Jan. 11.



ACE also wants to make the holidays a little brighter by giving employees the chance to win **\$50 Amazon gift cards or a Digital Learning and Teaching micro-credential**.

Now through Wednesday, Dec. 16, employees can [enter the gift card giveaway](#). **There is no purchase necessary.** Winners will be notified on Friday, Dec. 18 – just in time for last-minute shopping!

Earn a Masters in Teaching from Bowie State

[The Bowie State University STAR \(Superb Teachers Achieve Results\) Program](#) is looking for aspiring teachers who wish to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with a focus on STEM education. The program cultivates highly effective 21st century educators, equipped to excel in communities facing distinct challenges, like social emotional learning, equity and poverty.

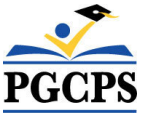
[Applications](#) are now being accepted for the spring semester. For more information, contact BSUStarProgram@bowiestate.edu.

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