

# News Release: PGCPs STUDENT NAMED STATE MERIT WINNER IN DISCOVERY EDUCATION 3M YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE

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**UPPER MARLBORO, MD** – Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) student Melissa Jones, was named one of 35 state merit winners in the 2015 **Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge** (<http://www.youngscientistchallenge.com>) by **Discovery Education** (<http://www.discoveryeducation.com>) and **3M** (<http://www.3m.com>).

The Robert Goddard French Immersion student was awarded the honor because of her use of scientific thinking and imagination to develop a solution to solve an everyday problem.

The Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge targets students in the years when research indicates their interest in science begins to wane and encourages them to explore scientific concepts and creatively communicate their findings. Each January, students nationwide are asked to create a short video describing a new invention or solution that could solve or impact an everyday problem.

Jones rose to the top of the competition due to her science acumen, innovative thinking and exceptional communication skills demonstrated in her **entry video** (<http://www.youngscientistchallenge.com/contests/entry/14191>). The budding young scientist was recognized for her project on developing a body heat powered hearing aid. The discovery enables users to recharge their hearing aid devices using their own body heat. Melissa Jones will receive special recognition on the challenge website, [youngscientistchallenge.com](http://www.youngscientistchallenge.com) (<http://www.youngscientistchallenge.com/state-merit-winners>), and a technology prize pack.

Since its inception, the Young Scientist Challenge has awarded more than \$600,000 in student scholarships and prizes, paired students with world-renowned scientists to give them real-world insights and delivered much-needed science resources to millions of students, teachers and families across the country. Winners have gone on to be featured in *Forbes* magazine's annual "30 Under 30" list, speak in front of members of Congress, meet the President of the United States, work with the nation's top scientists and pursue academic careers in science.

For more information on the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge, including photos and bios of the 10 finalists and a list of the state merit winners, please visit [www.youngscientistchallenge.com](http://www.youngscientistchallenge.com) (<http://www.youngscientistchallenge.com/>).