

News Release: PGCPs Educator Receives \$25,000 and Named 2015-2016 Milken Educator During Surprise Assembly

February 17, 2016

For Immediate Release

CONTACT:

Office of Communications

301-952-6001

communications@pgcps.org (<mailto:communications@pgcps.org>)

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – On Wednesday, February 17, Oxon Hill Middle School teacher Angela Malone received the surprise of a lifetime when she was presented a cash prize of \$25,000 and was named a recipient of the 2015-16 Milken Educator Award. She is the only educator in the state of Maryland to receive the honor this season.

Ms. Malone was presented the award by Dr. Jane Foley, senior vice president of the Milken Educator Awards. Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford, Congresswoman Donna Edwards, Interim Maryland State Superintendent Dr. Jack R. Smith, Prince George's County Board of Education Chair Dr. Segun Eubanks, Board Member Edward Burroughs III and Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell were also present for the presentation.

Surrounded by fellow educators, students and Oxon Hill Middle School Principal Wendell Coleman, Ms. Malone was lauded for her exceptional work that serves as a model for the state and the nation. Ms. Malone is the science department chair at Oxon Hill Middle School and she also teaches seventh and eighth grade Honors Science.

"We've known all along that we have exceptional teachers in PGCPs and it is outstanding to be recognized on a national scale by such a prestigious organization. Congratulations to Angela Malone on this wonderful honor. It is well-deserved and I am very proud of her and all of the hard-working educators in our district," said Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer for PGCPs.

"Angela is a pro at marrying the arts with science," said Dr. Foley. "As a trained actor, singer and dancer, she brings unique talents to her classroom and can relate to all students." Dr. Foley added, "She is also respected as a leader at Oxon Hill in its transition from STEM to STEAM. We are thrilled to welcome her into the Milken Educator family. I anticipate a wonderful future for this charismatic educator."

Ms. Malone is among up to 40 educators who will receive the prestigious national honor during the Milken Family Foundation (MFF) coast-to-coast tour across the country during the 2015-16 Awards season. The Milken Educator Awards, conceived by the MFF to attract, retain and motivate outstanding talent to the teaching profession, is the nation's preeminent teacher recognition program, dubbed the "Oscars of Teaching" by Teacher magazine. Since 1987, the MFF has devoted more than \$137 million in

funding to the Milken Educator Awards, including over \$66 million in individual Awards to more than 2,600 recipients, plus powerful professional development opportunities and networking with leading education stakeholders.

-30-

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.

Login for editors (<http://ektron.pgcps.org/login.aspx>)