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Three Finalists for MCPS Teacher of the Year Announced



Four MCPS teachers are being honored with 2013 Excellence in Teaching Awards from the Marian Greenblatt Education Fund.

Three are recipients of the Veteran Teacher Award and are now finalists to become the 2013–2014 MCPS Teacher of the Year. The recipients are:

- Cristina Ulrich, kindergarten teacher at Brookhaven Elementary School
- Steven Katz, math teacher at Westland Middle School
- Dawn Charles, English teacher at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

The Greenblatt Education Fund is also honoring Adam Stephens, an instrumental music teacher at Montgomery Blair High School, as the 2013 Rising Star Teacher of the Year. This award honors a first- or second-year teacher whose creativity and enthusiasm encourages students to stretch themselves and achieve more.

“Congratulations to these outstanding teachers on being recognized for their excellence by the Marian Greenblatt Education Fund,” said Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools. “They represent the dedication and commitment of our staff, which is the foundation of our district’s continued success.”

Finalists for the Teacher of the Year Award are interviewed by a panel of educators, Board of Education members, MCPS staff, and representatives from the Montgomery County Council of PTAs, as well as a member of the Greenblatt family.

The teachers, along with other MCPS employees and partners, will be honored for their exceptional work as part of the annual Champions for Children Awards Celebration hosted by the Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education (MCBRE). The MCPS Teacher of the Year will be named

during the event, which will take place on Thursday, April 25, at MedImmune's headquarters in Gaithersburg.

The Marian Greenblatt Fund, named for a former Board of Education member, recognizes teachers that inspire their students to achieve, encourage younger teachers to be the best they can be, and help their school and community. Recipients of the Veteran Teacher Award must have five years or more of teaching experience in Montgomery County and receive a prize of \$1,000. The recipient of the Rising Star Teaching Award receives \$500.

[More information on the Marian Greenblatt Excellence in Teaching Awards](#)

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