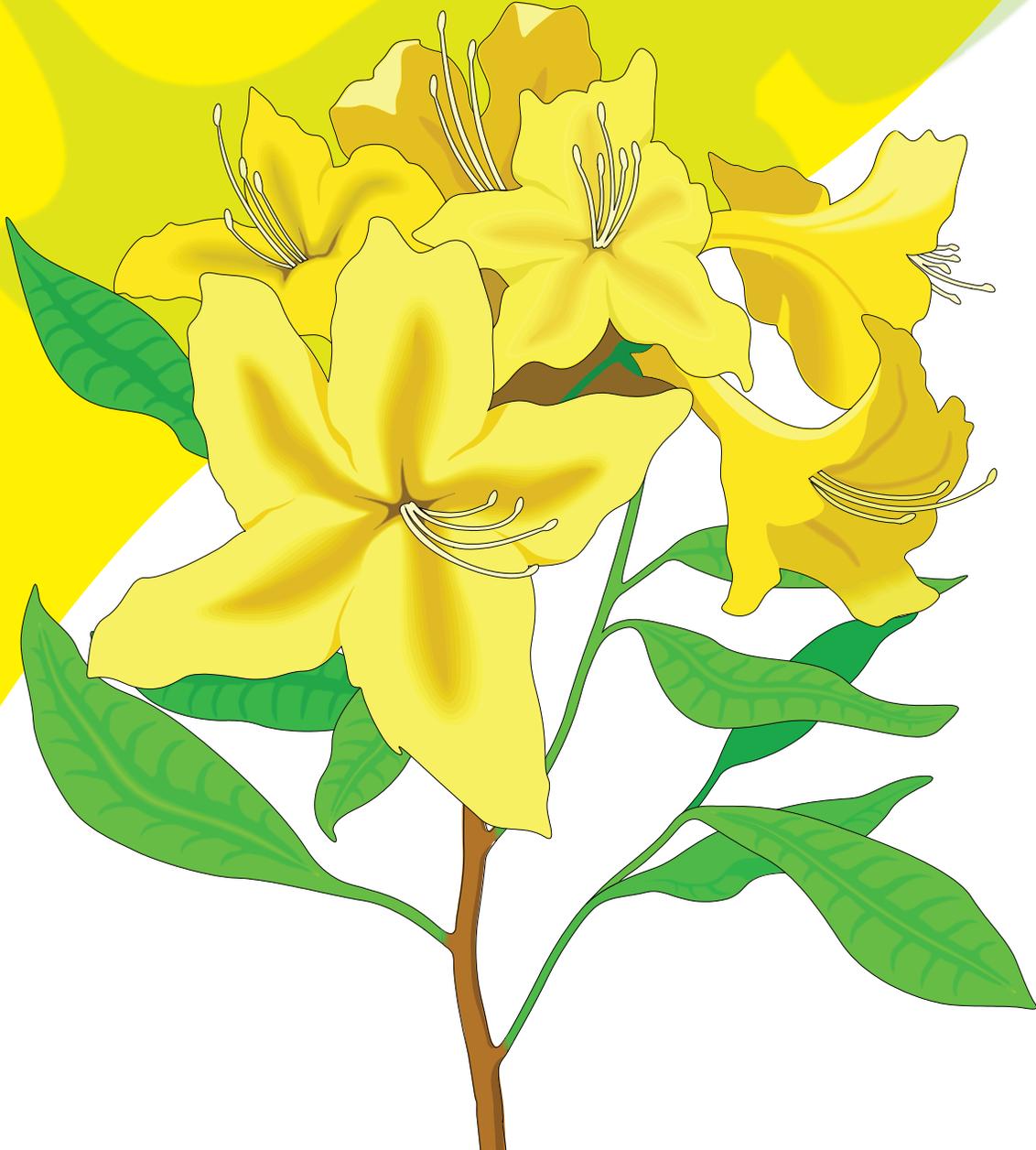
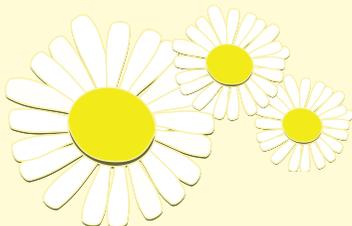


**Honoring the 2010
Women of Tomorrow**





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GRADES 7-8 HONOREES

First Place

Emily Brooke Zimmerman
Walkersville Middle School, Frederick County

Honorable Mention

Madeline L. Henwood
Northern Middle School, Calvert County

GRADES 9-10 HONOREES

First Place

Asmi Panigrahi
Atholton High School, Howard County

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Josephine Ann Grant
Francis Scott Key High School, Carroll County

GRADES 11-12 HONOREES

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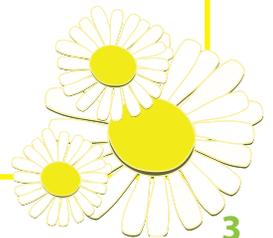
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Maryland Commission for Women

The Maryland Commission for Women (MCW), created in 1965 and established as an independent agency by an act of the Maryland General Assembly in 1971, is a member diverse group of citizens appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. The Commission's membership represents the geographical regions and diversity of the state. Members are appointed for four-year terms. The Commission may have up to 25 members. The current Commission has a roster of 20 members. The Commission is staffed by the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

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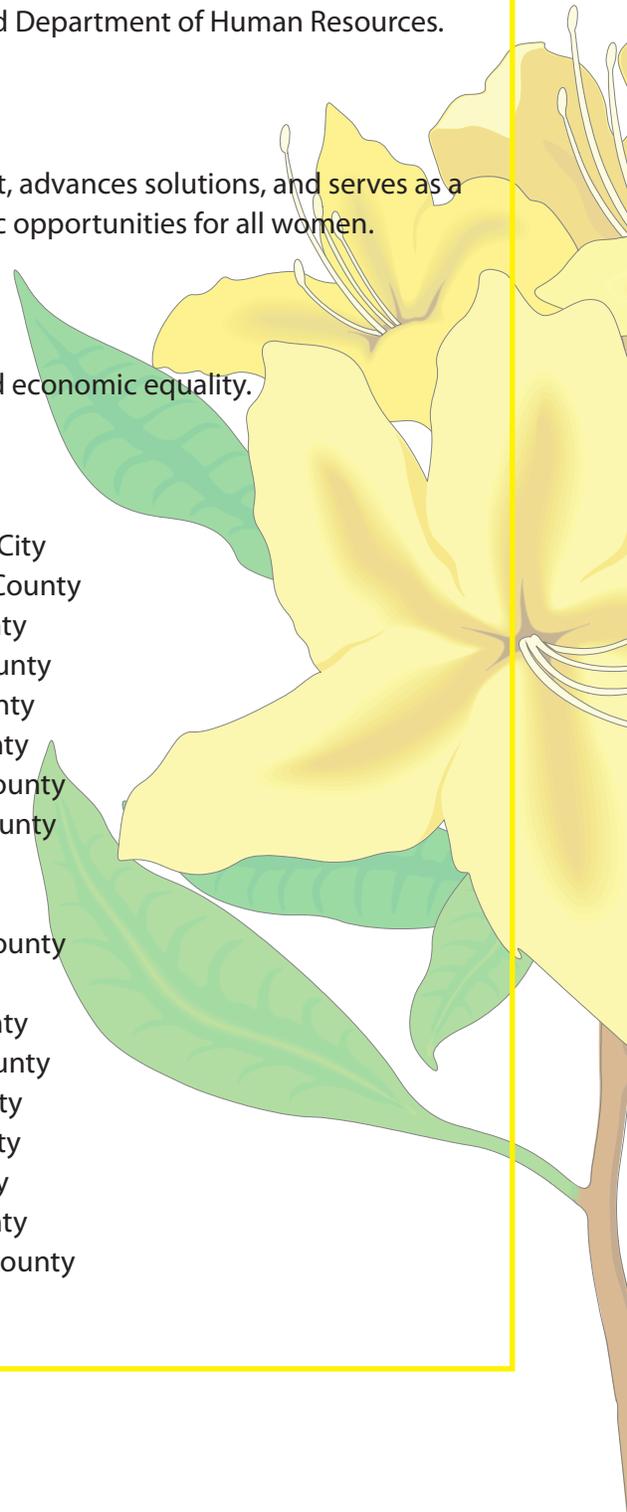
The Maryland Commission for Women (MCW) advises government, advances solutions, and serves as a statewide resource to expand social, political and economic opportunities for all women.

VISION

All Maryland women have full social, political, and economic equality.

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The Women of Tomorrow Awards

The Women of Tomorrow Awards was established in 1997 to honor and acknowledge extraordinary young women that have demonstrated a commitment to community service and academic excellence.

Maryland will continue to flourish because of our future women leaders and their unceasing commitment to the community. The Women of Tomorrow Awards gives us the opportunity to honor these remarkable young women.

These young women are selected for honor through a process that begins with an annual statewide call for nominations. An independent, all-volunteer selection committee reviews the applications and selects six young women; two per grade grouping.

Poem by:

Ciara M. Coleman

Deer Park Middle Magnet School

*I want to be a leader
One remembered in history
For her accomplishment and victories
For her knowledge and her philosophy*

*I want to be a leader
To make a difference in the world
Doing something revolutionary
Paving yet another way for us girls*

*I need to be a leader
So they can say, "Without her, that wouldn't have been"
So I can change the present day
And be proclaimed fearless, courageous, a heroine*

Women of Tomorrow Awards Ceremony 2010

June 30, 2010
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

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Introduction of Selection Committee

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Introduction of Honorees

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Presentation

Keynote Speaker Pastor Sheryl D. Menendez

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Closing Remarks

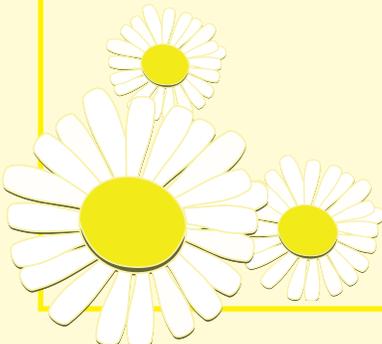
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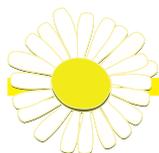
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Reception to Follow



2010 Women of Tomorrow Honorees



7th – 8th Grade Honoree

Emily Brooke Zimmerman



Resides in Walkersville, Maryland and is a student of Walkersville Middle School. In March 2005, Emily was diagnosed with T-Cell ALL Leukemia. She is a patient at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore.

Throughout her experience, many organizations blessed Emily. Her vision is to give back to those that supported her. She is an advocate for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society (LLS) where she has helped raise awareness of blood cancers. In 2007, Emily formed a fundraising team called "Emily's Flying Piggies" which raised approximately \$30,000. Former Washington Redskins Hall of Famer, Bobby Mitchell selected Emily as the 2008 "Patient Hero" for his annual Golf Tournament. During the three

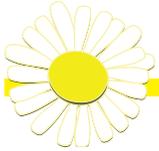
day event, Emily helped over 45 NFL Hall of Famers raise over \$60,000 for LLS.

Although Emily missed most of her elementary schooling, she was determined to keep pace with her classmates. Today, she maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a 7th grade honor student. She aspires to be a Child Life Specialist.

Her positive attitude makes people gravitate toward her. She encourages her friends to join in fundraising events that support the LLS and other local pediatric cancer organizations.

Emily has enjoyed playing the piano for the past five years. Her parents attribute her passion for music as another means of therapy. Now that spring has arrived, you will find Emily on the golf course. Emily loves playing golf, where the highlight has been putting for 2008 Redskins Hall of Famer Art Monk.

Her determination, positive energy and leadership skills have made Emily what she is today!



7th – 8th Grade Honorable Mention

Madeline Henwood



Resides in Calvert County and is an 8th grade student at Northern Middle School. Growing up in an Air Force family, Madeline has learned to adapt and overcome the many challenges she has faced. She spent the first two weeks of her life in the neonatal unit at Thomas Jefferson Hospital.

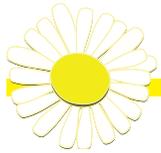
As the youngest of four daughters, Madeline learned early on to push herself to exceed expectations and to speak up for herself. Despite missing school regularly due to her medical condition, Madeline has managed to maintain a 3.75 GPA this year while taking all honors courses. She received high honors for her academic performance in 6th and 7th grades. She assumes a leadership role both within the classroom and in her extracurricular activities. She displays exceptional character and is a positive role model in her school. She has been a Student Government

Association delegate throughout middle school and is a peer mediator and peer tutor. She has also been on the Poms squad, serving as co-captain in the 7th grade and captain this year. Her Poms squad won first place in their county competition this year and last year.

She is involved in ballet, jazz, lyrical, musical theater, and pointe, and dances every day during the week. In addition, she spends many weekends at her dance studio rehearsing for upcoming dance competitions. She also volunteers time instructing younger dancers.

Madeline was born with a congenital birth defect that affected her bladder, kidneys, digestive system, and spinal column. She has had almost a dozen surgeries thus far. Despite this, she has always been driven to do the best she can in all endeavors and she demonstrates an exceptional inner strength. While she has frequent doctor's visits and has endured a countless number of procedures and surgeries as a result of her disability, no one would even know that she experiences sickness and pain on a daily basis because her spirit and commitment remain steady and strong.

In recognition of her dedication, determination, and leadership Madeline received Northern Middle School's "Iron Will" award last year. When she grows up, she hopes to become a pediatric surgeon so she can help improve the lives of children who face some of the same medical hurdles that she has had to clear.



9th – 10th Grade Honoree

Asmi Panigrahi

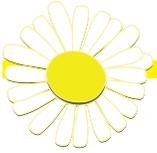


Resides in Howard County and is a sophomore at Atholton High School in Columbia, MD. She is actively involved in her community as well as at her school. She is a Red Cross Volunteer. She has been serving as a Teen Representative on The River Hill Village Board, Columbia and has helped organize various events sponsored by the River Hill Community Association. Through the entirely teen-produced “Rockfest” event, a community concert featuring local youth bands and musicians over \$1100 was raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Asmi has been the 2012 Class President in both the freshman and sophomore year. She participated as a delegate of Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) and a staffer at the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) Annual Convention. As a member of the selective Atholton Student Leadership Cadre, Asmi is a Mentor at Clemens Crossing Elementary School, where she tutors students on a bi-weekly basis and emphasizes the components of character building through group activities and teamwork.

Asmi has consistently maintained a position on the Principal’s Honor Roll throughout her middle and high school years. She secured first place in Theoretical Chemistry Division at the Howard County Math, Science, and Technology Fair 2008. She was awarded first place prize at the Baltimore Science Fair 2009 Division I and received first place in Excellence in Science from Towson University Fisher College of Science and Mathematics. She is also a recipient of the Women’s Society of Engineer’s Award of Excellence. She is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and National Spanish Honor Society. She received the 2009 English Department Award, 2009 Social Studies Department Award, and the 2009 Emerging Leader Award at Atholton.

Through her passion for Indian Classical and folk dance, which Asmi has been learning since age 9, she seeks opportunities to give back to the community. She has performed at various fund-raising programs for local as well as global causes, including Haiti Relief, Celiac Research, and Operation Military Kids. Asmi is a recipient of the Atholton High School Music Award, and is a 1st violinist in the top ranking AHS Orchestra, which has received the high ratings at Howard County Adjudication and the North Carolina Spring Festival. Asmi is an involved and enthusiastic member of her Sunday school organization, Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional Center (CMWRC), and is an active participant for CMWRC Service Projects. Asmi is a year-round senior swimmer on the Columbia Aquatics Association.

9th – 10th Grade Honorable Mention



Josephine Grant



Resides in Taneytown Maryland and is a fifteen year old freshman at Francis Scott Key High School. In 2008, at age 13, Josie started her own foundation, Josie's Smiles for Pediatrics, in hopes of making pediatric patients smile. She began by using her own money to purchase items for patients and continues to contact individuals, local and national companies to encourage them to make donations of toys, books, candy, baby items, and more to her foundation. Through this endeavor, she has provided items valued over \$16,800 to the hospital. Josie continues to plan for future projects and hopes to someday involve other students and hospitals.

She has accumulated approximately 800 service hours since the summer of 2006. During middle school, she spent two years volunteering at Lorien Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, helping with the elderly, as well as helping with young children at a nearby daycare. Additionally, she has walked for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

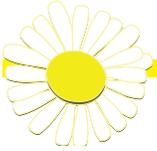
in Indiana and Maryland, helped at the Brain Injury Association's Eat-A-Peach bike-a-thon, volunteered at SERVV International, and other community events. Josie devotes her free time trying to make a difference.

Josie has maintained honor roll status since elementary school, even while taking accelerated and honor level classes. She currently is a member of her high school's Key Club and was one of the members to represent her club at the 2010 Capital District Key Club Convention. Josie was an active participant in her middle school's S.H.O.U.T (Students Helping Others while Understanding Themselves) Club and its Culture Club, attending the 10th Annual Middle School Leadership Conference. In addition, she was a member of her high school's freshman basketball team.

Josie's efforts and determination have led to the receipt of several awards. Along with being an Honorable Mention Honoree for the Maryland Commission for Women's 2010 Women of Tomorrow Award, she is a Bronze Distinguished Finalist as sixth runner-up in Maryland's Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Josie is also the recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award, the Greer Foundation's Tarlavsky-Price Youth Leadership Award, and in middle school, the Community Service Award and President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Following high school, she plans to attend college, working toward a nursing degree, with the ultimate goal of working as a neonatal nurse in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

11th – 12th Grade Honoree



Allegra Hawkins



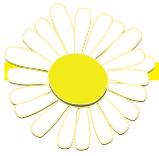
Resides in Easton, Maryland where she is a 12th grade student at Easton High School and is ranked in the top 1% of her class. Her goals include studying mathematics and earning her PhD so she can go on to teach at a college in hopes of educating students of the next generation.

She has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her high school career, challenging herself by taking Advanced Placement classes. As an honor student, Allegra received recognition as an AP Scholar with Distinction and Maryland Distinguished Scholar.

Allegra has been actively involved in student government throughout high school, serving as Vice

President of the sophomore class and Secretary of the junior class. This year, she is also treasurer of the Talbot County chapter of Junior Statesmen of America and President of Easton High School's chapter of the National Honor Society. Additionally, Allegra is a mentor for a youth group of middle school girls at her church.

Figure skating since the age of 3, Allegra has been a member of the Metroliners Synchronized Skating Team in Bowie, Maryland for 10 years. As a member of the team, she has represented the state of Maryland at competitions locally and throughout the East Coast Region. For the past 4 years, Allegra has served as team captain. She is also an assistant coach for a beginner's synchronized skating team in the Learn-to-Skate program at the Bowie ice arena. She has volunteered her time in the group lesson programs at both the Bowie Ice Arena and the Ice Warehouse in Easton. Allegra additionally pursues ice dance and "moves in the field" and is working toward completing her gold level U.S. Figure Skating Tests in both disciplines. She plans on continuing figure skating and synchronized skating in college where she hopes to skate on a nationally qualifying synchronized skating team.



11th – 12th Grade 1st Honorable Mention

Bianca Datta

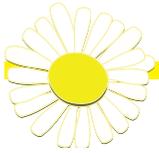


Resides in Montgomery County Maryland and is currently a senior at Thomas S. Wootton High School. Bianca has earned over 530 volunteer hours by working in her area. She currently serves as the Captain of the Debate Team, the Editor-in-Chief of the Literary Magazine, an officer of the National Spanish Honor Society, and a lawyer on the Mock Trial Team. She plans to pursue environmental engineering in college before becoming a lawyer.

Bianca is an active member of the Wootton community. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA while taking a rigorous course load with eleven Advanced Placement courses and numerous other advanced classes. She is enrolled in Wootton's Humanities and Arts Signature program, as well as the Laboratory for Experiential Education and Design (LEED) program. The LEED program is centered on student leadership and student-designed curriculum, drawing from engineering and design principles. She has been recognized as a Maryland Distinguished

Scholar Finalist, a National Commended Scholar, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. Bianca has earned a Degree of Merit from the National Forensics League for her work with the Debate Team, a Gold Medal from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese for her performance on the National Spanish Exam, and an Award of Excellence from the Maryland Bar Association for Citizenship Law Related Education Program for participation in the Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition.

Aside from her coursework, Bianca is a socially conscious individual. She has spent the last few summers challenging herself on the swim team, teaching herself to play guitar, or volunteering at a local organization. She puts her full effort into everything she does—class work, friendships, and extracurricular activities. She has pursued the highest available courses, but her motivation stretches beyond the classroom. She is motivated to overcome the problems she encounters in day-to-day activities, but also the more far-reaching problems. She is not just prompted to act by her own issues, but rather by the issues of those around her and she finds the most satisfaction from helping her peers succeed. For this reason she is the National Publications Director of the student-run nonprofit organization, Operation Fly, which is dedicated to combating poverty and promoting the general welfare of society. She is also an active member of the Sierra Student Coalition after working as an intern and student leader for the Rockville Chapter of the Sierra Club.



11th – 12th Grade 2nd Honorable Mention

Thuy-Vy Duong



Resides in Montgomery County and is a 12th grader at Rockville High School. Thuy-Vy, an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme candidate, aspires to become a neurologist. She is a gifted writer, a reflective and critical thinker, and a classroom leader. She is a rare student who thrives on challenges of academic rigor and demonstrates her passion and commitment in everything that she does.

Over the course of Thuy-Vy's high school experience, she has been recognized as an exceptional student. She has consistently maintained a 4.0 unweighted GPA and has been on the honor roll for the past four years. She has received the prestigious Wellesley Book Award and was recognized as a Maryland Distinguished Scholar Honorable Mention in Academics and Talents-in-the-Arts. She was selected as an intern at the National Institutes of Health after participating in a very competitive

selection process. During her internship, she was given the opportunity to explore neurobiological science in her research project on migraine and presented her results at the NIH Summer Poster Presentation Program, 2009.

She is the president of the National Honor Society, where she coordinates tutoring programs and service projects required of all members. She has implemented tutoring programs within Rockville, at local middle and elementary schools and a nearby program to help Native American students. She also is the 1st violin section leader in the Symphonic Orchestra at Rockville's Music Department, which has been recently selected as a 2010 Grammy Finalist.

Thuy-Vy is a role model and leader for other students. She has made a commitment to service and has implemented several service projects to help her community including Bear-A-Smile, a project in which she and three classmates collected gently used toys and books to donate to a local hospital and children's center. She has volunteered at the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and regularly tutors various students in the community. Thuy-Vy is an active member at her church, Our Lady of Vietnam Parish, where she is the principal violinist in the choir. Twice she has participated in the Montgomery County and Maryland State Solo and Ensemble Festival, where she played a violin duet and received ratings of superior.

Past Women of Tomorrow Honorees

2000

Grades 6th – 8th

Lisa Cunningham, Honoree, Catonsville Middle School
Kelly Perl Klein, Honorable Mention, Clarksville Middle School

Grades 9th – 10th

Pamela Hampton, Honoree, Aberdeen High School
Connie Taylor, Honorable Mention, Atholton High School

Grades 11th – 12th

Catherine Hoang, Honoree, Leonardtown High School
Julie Hocker, Honorable Mention, C. Milton Wright High School
Ashley Wiggins, Honorable Mention, Great Mills High School

2001

Grades 6th – 8th

Amanda Bory, Honoree, Pine Grove Middle School
Rashaunda Dickens, Honorable Mention, Drew-Freeman Middle School

Grade 9th – 10th

Whytne Brooks, Honoree, North Hagerstown High School
Kimberlie Sage, Honorable Mention, McDonogh High School

Grade 11th – 12th

Angela Brooks, Honoree, Forest Park Senior High School
Ellen Slattery, Honorable Mention, Arundel High School

2002

Grades 6th – 8th

Nicole Turner, Honoree, Kettering Middle School
Michelle McVey, Honorable Mention, Aberdeen Middle School

Grades 9th – 10th

Ouqi Jian Richard, Honoree, Montgomery High School
Ebony Ellison, Honorable Mention, Charles H. Flowers High School

Grades 11th – 12th

Catherine Denny, Honoree, Leonardtown High School
Kimberly Hung, Honorable Mention, Richard Montgomery High School

2003

Grades 6th – 8th

Ladonna A. Brown, Honoree, Lombard Middle School
Falasha R. Culpepper, Honorable Mention, Gaithersburg Middle School

Grades 9th – 10th

Donielle Avery Simmons, Honoree, Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Jackelyn Raquel Lopez, Honorable Mention, Bishop McNamara High School

Grades 11th – 12th

Catarina Rivera, Honoree, Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Ashley Michelle Nathanson, Honorable Mention, Arundel Senior High School

2004

Grades 6th – 8th

Erica Jackson, Honoree, Ernest Everett Just Middle School
Rachel Harbarger, Honorable Mention, Trinity School
Claire Baldi, Honorable Mention, Trinity School

Grades 9th – 10th

Victoria Moore, Honoree, Salisbury School
Michelle Bernard, Honorable Mention, Easton High School

Grades 11th – 12th

Ashley Howeth Gunter, Honoree, Worcester Preparatory School
Shawtair Thompson, Honorable Mention, Dundalk High School

2005

Grades 7th – 8th

Lindsay Marie Smith, Honoree, Southhampton Middle School
Hannah Leigh Stone, Honorable Mention, Plum Point Middle School

Grades 9th – 10th

Allison Michell Lewis, Honoree, Thomas S. Wootton High School
Alyssa Rebecca Vain-Callahan, Honorable Mention, Severn School

Grades 11th – 12th

Alyson Taylor Blum, Honoree, Glenelg High School
Jessica Kathleen Riley, Honorable Mention, Archbishop Spalding High School

2006

Grades 7th – 8th

Walesia Robinson Cates, Honoree, Sligo Adventist School
Erin Taylor Spencer, Honorable Mention, Hereford Middle School

Grades 9th – 10th

Yelena Waldmann Dewald, Honoree, Allegany High School
Karly Marie Logsdon, Honorable Mention, Hancock Mid-Senior High School

Grades 11th – 12th

Heather Ann Stone, Honoree, Allegany High School
Alison Leigh Menke, Honorable Mention, River

2007

Grades 7th – 8th

Jonece Marguerite Layne, Honoree, Kenmoore Middle School
Kelly Ann Gallager, Honorable Mention, Trinity School

Grades 9th – 10th

Tanzina Iman, Honoree, Springbrook High School
Georgette Anwi Ndamukong, Honorable Mention, Glen Burnie High School

Grades 11th – 12th

Jennifer Danielle Oswald, Honoree, Carver Center for Arts and Technology
Kierstin Dawn Stevenson, Honorable Mention, Beall High School

2008

Grades 7th – 8th

Namrata Mohanty, Honoree, John Poole Middle School
Kierra McBeth, Honorable Mention, Lindale Middle School

Grades 9th – 10th

Aubrey Rose, Honoree, St. John's Preparatory School
Adejire Bademosi, Honorable Mention, Marriott's Ridge High School

Grades 11th – 12th

Stephanie Onuoha, Honoree, Largo High School
Gabriella Biondo, Honorable Mention, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology

2009

Grades 7th – 8th

Kiauna Nickole Freeman, Honoree, Matthew Henson Middle School
Natalie Brosh, Honorable Mention, Patterson Mill Middle School

Grades 9th – 10th

D'ymond Shantyl Dantzler, Honoree, Randallstown High School
Kelly Ann Marx, Honorable Mention, Stephen Decatur High School

Grades 11th – 12th

Jasmine Adams, Honoree, Northern High School
Valerie Caplan, Honorable Mention, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology Hill High School

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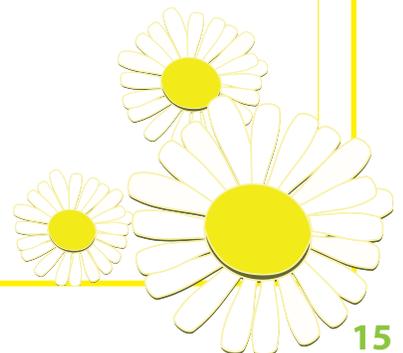
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