

Dear EACC Members,
Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, February 9, 2018:

Let's review.....

- ❖ **MSEA Elections** began **January 29th** and will continue **through February 23, 2018**. *Open positions are: MSEA President, MSEA Vice-president, four MSEA Directors, and one NEA Director to three-year terms, as well as MSEA Delegates to the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly and Convention. Your EACC building rep can help you if you have any questions!*

What's New?

1. **The EACC Representative Assemblies have MOVED to the La Plata High School Media Center**

- EACC Rep Assemblies are the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
- RAs begin at 5:00 PM and they take place at the La Plata High School Media Center.
- The next RA is February 14th.
- Any member is welcome at any time to attend our Rep Assemblies. Please see your Building Rep for more information.

2. **Ruth Ann Hall Champion Student Recognition for middle school students**

The Ruth Ann Hall Champion Student Recognition was established by the EACC as a memorial to Ruth Ann Hall. Ms. Hall was a middle school teacher in Charles County for over twenty years, a former EACC President, and a passionate advocate for children and public education. In her memory, EACC established this award for **middle school students** in 2001.

- ❖ ***Nomination forms are due to the EACC office by March 9, 2018***

- ❖ ***The Ruth Ann Hall Champion Scholars will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting on April 17, 2018***

The nomination process is very simple:

- Nominations for the award are now open. **Deadline for recommendations is March 09, 2018**. Nomination forms may be obtained from your EACC building reps or by visiting the EACC website at www.teameacc.org under "EACC Portal".
- A teacher or a team of teachers may nominate a student by completing a brief nominations form.
- Members of the EACC Public Relations Committee will review the nominations forms and decide on the recipients of the recognition. We ask that you recognize a student/s who has shown **improvement** in areas such as attendance, good citizenship, effort or other related academic reasons. This award is not intended for those students who already do well in school and who most likely receive other types of recognition. ***This recognition is intended for those students who have worked hard, despite having some difficulties, and have persevered.***

Please start thinking about deserving middle school students you would like to nominate!

3. **SAVE THE DATE!!!! EACC EDUCATION TOWN HALL 02/21/18**

Please mark your calendars and RSVP for EACC's Education Town Hall on 02/21/18, which is devoted to discussing education concerns with our Charles County Commissioners. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00PM at the La Plata Firehouse Hall at 911 Washington Ave, La Plata, MD. Please RSVP at:

<https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2018-eacc-education-town-hall-february-21st/>

- Every EACC members who attends will get a t-shirt at the event. Shirts are pictured at the registration link.

○ Every EACC member who attends, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a Fire HD 10 tablet OR have me(Linda) sub for you for a day.

4. Are you feeling stressed? Are you always tired (even when you first wake up)? Do you forget things and can't pay attention? Many educators are feeling the stress of our profession.

The Minority Affairs/Human and Civil Rights Committee is hosting the presentation "**Conquering Teacher Burnout**: When the Weekend Isn't Enough Time to Recover Anymore."

Join us on **Feb. 23, 2018**, from **5-7:30PM**, **Mattawoman MS Cafeteria**. Light refreshments provided. Please register on www.teameacc.org under "Register for Events"

5. Maryland's General Assembly began its 2018 Legislative Session on January 10, 2018. **EACC** has already been on 2 successful **Lobby Nights** to Annapolis to lobby our elected officials. Future Lobby Nights will be:

- 02/26/18 (snow date 03/05)
- 03/12/18 (snow date 03/19)
- 03/26/18

Sign up to Lobby with us on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org under "Register for Events" – we carpool from the Mattawoman-Beantown Rd Park&Ride in Waldorf at 4:30PM.

6. **EACC Elections** are also approaching! EACC Elections will be 02/22/18- 03/23/18.

Vacant positions are:

- July 2018 local NEA Delegate (number of delegates to be funded as EACC budget allows)
- Fall 2018 MSEA Convention Delegate (number of delegates to be funded as EACC budget allows),
- EACC President (3-year term)
- EACC Treasurer (3-year term)
- 3 Executive Board members-at-large (3-year term)
- 1 Executive Board member at large, Unit II (3-year term)
- MSEA PAC Representative (1-year term)

See the EACC website, www.teameacc.org for information!

7. **EACC** has LOTS of great **events** planned for members! See our website www.teameacc.org for details and **sign up!** **Mark your calendars:**

- **EACC Paint Night**, 2/20, Martini's, 5-7PM **SOLD OUT** (and there is a wait list)
- **EACC Education Town Hall**, 2/21/18, La Plata Fire House, 6-8 PM
- **"Conquering Teacher Burnout"**, 2/23, Mattawoman MS, 5 – 7:30 PM
- **EACC Trivia Night**, 03/20, Stone HS media, 6:00 PM, sign up for teams on www.teameacc.org

- **"Saving For Retirement" workshop**, 03/27, Stoddert MS Cafeteria, 5:00-6:30 PM
- **EACC Wellness Day and Vendor Fair**, 05/05, NPHS Cafeteria, 9 AM – 12 noon.

8. **Coffee and Chat with Linda**

Come see Linda at "Coffee and Chat with Linda!" I will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me:

Sunday, February 11, 2018, Panera, Waldorf, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

9. **From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:**

Thinking about retiring? Already turned in your paperwork to retire? Contact the EACC to find out how to continue your membership into retirement, remaining involved and enjoying the camaraderie of your colleagues.

From MSEA

1. **MSEA NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS: MAY 12**

Join us for the fourth annual MSEA Night at Camden Yards on Saturday, May 12 at 7:05 p.m. to see the O's take on the Tampa Bay Rays! The first 25,000 fans get a free Orioles car emblem. MSEA members and their families can purchase discounted seats by visiting <http://www.orioles.com/tix/msea>.

Contact: Adam Mendelson, 443/433-3630

2. **MSEA 2018 SUMMER LEADERSHIP—POWER. OPPORTUNITY. ACTION.**

2018 Summer Leadership is where we can organize and mobilize members around the three critical issues facing public education and educators in Maryland—the general election, Janus, and the education funding formula being developed by the Kirwan Commission. At SLC 2018, we're aligning every program and event with these threats and opportunities so members who attend can lead on these issues at the local level.

Members will learn why elections matter to collective bargaining; how we will retain our power and influence with the loss of agency fee in the Janus Supreme Court case; how an active, dependable association rep system can organize members to build power and influence critical issues; and lots more.

NEW for 2018 SLC: Inspiring and interactive events for all attendees

- **T(ed) Talks**—Featuring inspiring public education and labor leaders
- **Conversation Cafés**—Where members dig deeper into the issues that interest them
- **Power Hours**— Each school hosts special guests who'll make the connection between the education policies that define their jobs, organized people, and organized money

July 17–20 at Salisbury University. Check out the course descriptions on February 16 @marylandeducators.org. Registration opens the week of March 5.

If you are interested in attending, contact your local president.

Questions about SLC? Contact at MSEA: Beth Ramey, 443/433-3658

EACC Committees – *Want to know how YOU can get involved?*

We would love for more members to become active on our committees! Please contact the committee chairs listed below if you are interested in joining.

Membership – Chair: Lisa Terlecki

The Membership Committee helps grow the membership of the Association by planning and running member social activities.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 4:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: March 8, 2018, 4:30 PM, EACC Office

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

The GR Committee is involved in political activities and helps members become strong advocates for public education.

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: March 1, 2018, 5:30 PM, EACC Office

Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee – Chair: Heather Hartman-Jansen

The IPD Committee plans and implements Professional Development and Member Wellness workshops and activities.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: April 12, 2018, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair: Kathy Reamy

The PR Committee promotes and advocates for the education profession in a positive manner in all manners of media outlets in the community.

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: March 15, 2018, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Minority Affairs/Human and Civil Rights Committee – Chair: Margot Savoy

The Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union.

Meetings are the 4th Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: February 22, 2018, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

EACC Organizing Committee Chair: Denise Pratt

This committee is a special committee open to ALL members who are interested in organizing to support our negotiations goals and elections 2018.

Next meeting: February 15, 2018, 5:00 PM, La Plata HS media center

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