

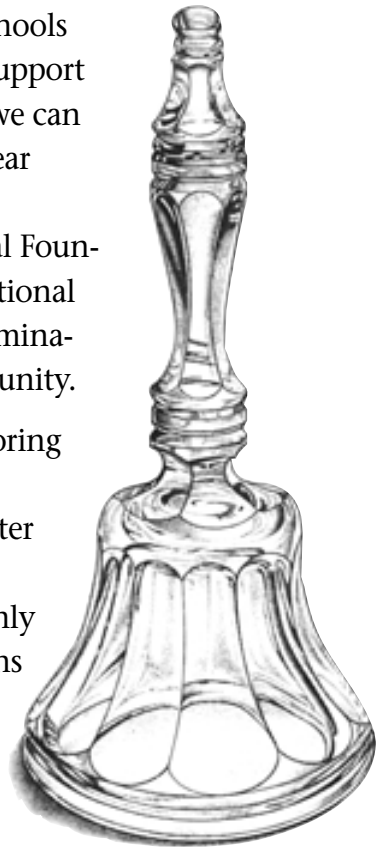
# PRINCIPALS OF EXCELLENCE

## Announcing the Winners of The Washington Post 2008-2009 Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards

It takes a great many people to make a school great—fine teachers, fine staff, fine students, caring parents who take the time and trouble to participate in school affairs. Above all, it takes a great principal.

Because we believe good leadership is an essential ingredient of good schools and deserves all the support and encouragement we can give it, each school year The Washington Post Company Educational Foundation calls for educational leadership awards nominations from the community.

Please join us in honoring this year's winners—19 people who day after day go beyond the demands of their highly demanding professions to create exceptional educational environments for our children.



**Marshall Cartland**  
Webb Wheatley  
Educational Center  
District of Columbia  
Public Schools



**Terry DeCarbo**  
Independent Hill  
School – PACE East  
Program  
Prince William County  
Public Schools, Va.



**Cynthia H. Hankin**  
Deep Run  
Elementary School  
Howard County Public  
Schools, Md.



**Sarah Hayes**  
KIPP DC: Key Academy  
Public Charter School  
District of Columbia  
Public Charter Schools,  
DC



**Joan G. Ogilvy Holden**  
St. Stephens &  
St. Agnes School  
Alexandria, Va.  
Private School



**Deirdre M. Lavery**  
Glasgow Middle School  
Fairfax County Public  
Schools, Va.



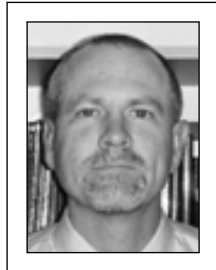
**Donald Lilley**  
Annapolis High School  
Anne Arundel County  
Public Schools, Md.



**Virginia R. McGraw**  
J.P. Ryon  
Elementary School  
Charles County Public  
Schools, Md.



**Maureen Montgomery**  
Spring Ridge  
Middle School  
St. Mary's County  
Public Schools, Md.



**Eric Neff**  
Manassas Park Middle  
School  
Manassas Park City  
Schools, Va.



**Carol Pica**  
Marlton Elementary  
School  
Prince George's County  
Public Schools, Md.



**Mark Pritts**  
Middletown  
Primary School  
Frederick County  
Public Schools, Md.



**Cheryl D. Pulliam**  
Oakland Terrace  
Elementary School  
Montgomery County  
Public Schools, Md.



**Gregory Robertson**  
Washington-Lee High  
School  
Arlington Public  
Schools, Va.



**Michael C. Shisler**  
Beach Elementary  
School  
Calvert County Public  
Schools, Md.



**Gayle J. Thyrring**  
Falmouth Elementary  
School  
Stafford County Public  
Schools, Va.



**Paul Vickers**  
Mill Run Elementary  
School  
Loudoun County  
Public Schools, Va.



**Marypat Warter**  
Claude Thompson  
Elementary School  
Fauquier County  
Public Schools, Va.



**Patricia Zissios**  
Lyle-Crouch  
Traditional Academy  
Alexandria City Public  
Schools, Va.

We would also like to congratulate the many other area principals whose exceptional leadership was recognized by their nominations for this year's awards.

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