



## Marian Greenblatt Education Fund

The Marian Greenblatt Education Fund recognizes outstanding educators and students in Montgomery County, Maryland. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded more than \$178,000 to exceptional teachers and students.

The centerpiece of the Fund is its annual Master Teacher Awards. Awardees must have at least five years of teaching experience in Montgomery County, and are selected based on their ability to inspire students and to encourage younger teachers. In February each year, the Fund honors three Master Teachers, each of whom receives a \$2000 prize. Master Teacher awardees are recognized at the Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education's (MCBRE) "Champions for Children Awards Celebration," where the MCBRE and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) select one of the three to be Montgomery County Teacher of the Year. That individual is then entered in the Maryland Teacher of the Year competition. In 2006, a Marian Greenblatt Education Fund awardee went on to become not only Maryland Teacher of the Year, but also National Teacher of the Year.

The Fund also recognizes Rising Star teachers, who have fewer than five years teaching experience, as well as Aspiring Teachers studying education at the University of Maryland.

At the high school level, the Fund presents annual Awards for Excellence in High School Social Studies at each of the public high schools in Montgomery County. Jointly with Dr. Walter & Ms. Perlita Jones and The Plasma Fellows, the Fund honors one MCPD junior School with its annual Award for Excellence in Foreign Language Studies. The Fund also helped to found the Montgomery County Students Information Technology Foundation in 2004.

The Marian Greenblatt Education Fund is a 501c(3) non-profit organization established in 1988 to honor the memory of Dr. Marian Greenblatt. Dr. Greenblatt was an accomplished educator and policymaker. She taught social studies and history, and trained other educators in advanced teaching techniques. From 1976-1984, Dr. Greenblatt served on the Montgomery County Board of Education, where she made a tremendous impact in raising academic standards, eliminating frivolous courses, reducing trancies, and decreasing class sizes. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan appointed her Director of the Presidential Academic Fitness Award Program, a role she held until she passed away in 1988.

For more information, visit: <http://www.greenblatteducationfund.org>