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**2017 Women of Tomorrow Awards Celebrate Harford County Young Women Dedicated to
Community Service, Academic Achievement**

BEL AIR, Md., (April 11, 2017) – Celebrating the next generation of women leaders, County Executive Barry Glassman and the Harford County Commission for Women hosted the seventh annual Women of Tomorrow Awards on March 30 at Bel Air High School. The awards recognize young women who are dedicated to compassionate community service and superior academic achievement. This year’s ceremony also honored the late Virginia Dresher as the 2017 Woman of the Past; Carolyn W. Evans, Esq., was recognized as the Woman of the Present.

Award nominees for 2017 are Anastasia Andrews of Bel Air Middle School; Julia Angkeow of Deerfield Academy; Amari Barnes of Harford Technical High School; Emma Bowditch of Aberdeen High School’s Science and Math Academy; Abigail Brosh of North Harford High School; Elizabeth “Ellie” Cachiaras of Edgewood High School’s International Baccalaureate Program; Kylah Cain of Magnolia Middle School; Jordyn Carll of Edgewood High School’s International Baccalaureate Program; Johannah Cooper of North Harford High School; Amanda Dorsey of Edgewood High School’s International Baccalaureate Program; Jamie Erkoboni of Patterson Mill High School; Kaylee Fillers of Harford Technical High School; Allison Frick of Havre de Grace High School; Tomozia Graves of Joppatowne High School; Catherine Huang of Aberdeen High School’s Science and Math Academy; Kasia Kane of Patterson Mill High School; Kari Lagan of Fallston High School; Jennifer “Jenn” Little of Patterson Mill High School; Emma Marchiano of Bel Air High School; Sarah Meyerl of The John Carroll School; Naveena Murugan of Aberdeen High School’s Science and Math Academy; Jessica Okocha of Edgewood High School; Nkechinyelum “Nkechi” Okoye of Joppatowne High School; Nia Dana Robinson of North Harford Middle School; Nasiba Sabirova of C. Milton Wright High School; Saron Shara of the Academy of Health Professions at Harford Technical High School; Allison Smith, who is dual-

enrolled in Edgewood High School's International Baccalaureate Program and Harford Community College; Amelia Svoboda of Bel Air Middle School; Kaitlyn Trexler of Fallston High School; and Eden Wiggins of Bryn Mawr School.

The 2017 Women of Tomorrow Award winners are Anastasia Andrews for grades 7 – 8 and Amanda Dorsey for grades 11 – 12. The Commission did not receive any nominations for students in grades 9 – 10.

Anastasia Andrews is a seventh-grade student at Bel Air Middle School. She received both a Harford County Champion's for Children Award and the Governor's Service Award for starting the nonprofit Out of the Box Coupon Kids to benefit the Grove Presbyterian Church food bank to end hunger in the community. Through her philanthropic actions she has donated over 12,000 food items and 15,000 personal care items to the church in her first three years alone. Anastasia is also a member of the Math Olympiad and the Lego League and has participated in eight Destination Imagination global competitions, receiving numerous high place rankings including first place in the world overall in 2016.

Amanda Dorsey is a senior in Edgewood High School's International Baccalaureate Program, where she will graduate first in her class out of 268 students. She is a Commended National Merit Scholar; participates in numerous academic activities including the Maryland Page Program and Science Olympiad; and she serves as the elected student member of the Harford County Board of Education and as an executive board member on the Maryland Association of Student Councils. Amanda developed a leadership program at Deerfield Elementary School, teaching leadership development skills to fifth grade students and started a scholarship fund as the treasurer of Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils (HCRASC) that provided funds to two students.

In addition to their gifts as nominees, Anastasia received a \$250 check and Amanda received a \$500 check from Harford County Public Library. Both winners also received a check from Stephanie Hau, president and CEO of Chesapeake Environmental Management, in the amount of \$250 and \$500 respectively, to help defray their educational expenses.

At the ceremony, County Executive Barry Glassman expressed appreciation on behalf of Harford County to all of the award nominees.

"These outstanding young women are changing the world. They have achieved academic excellence in their own lives, and they have volunteered countless hours to improve the lives of others," County Executive Glassman said. He also thanked the members of the Harford County Commission for Women for their service.

Emcee Jill Charlton, secretary of the Commission, provided inspirational guidance and encouragement to the nominees. Mary Chance, a fellow member of the Commission, recounted the life story of the late Virginia Dresher, this year's Woman of the Past who created and served as the first president of the Dresher Foundation to support local nonprofits and

educational institutions. The keynote speaker and this year's Woman of the Present was Carolyn W. Evans, Esq. of the law firm Sengstacke & Evans. In addition to co-founding the firm in 2000, Ms. Evans has served in a number of local organizations. She is a charter member and the immediate past president of the Chesapeake Professional Women's Network; she is also a past chair of the Harford County Commission for Women, and a former member of the Maryland Transportation Authority and the Board of Elections.

The Harford County Commission for Women congratulates all of the nominees on their successes and commends them for their outstanding demonstration of volunteerism, leadership, community involvement, and commitment to academic excellence. The Commission also thanks Christine M. Sullivan for sharing her talents as photographer, Bel Air High School for hosting the event, Ms. Stephanie Hau for her generous gift to each winner, and the event sponsors Harford County Public Library; Chesapeake Environmental Management; Women in Defense, Mid-Atlantic; Chesapeake Professional Women's Network; Klein's Shoprite; Jones Junction; Beacon Staffing Alternatives; Freedom Federal, and Harford Cable Network.

The Harford County Women's Commission consists of 14 volunteer members appointed by the county executive and approved by the County Council. Their mission is to support the economic, social and political equality of women. For more information about the Commission for Women, please visit www.harfordcountymd.gov or contact 410-638-4739.

Applications for the 2018 Harford County Women of Tomorrow Awards will be available in the fall of 2017.



This year's nominees join County Executive Barry Glassman, Harford County Commission for Women Chair Mary Hastler (center, back row) and Community Services Director Amber Shrodes (center left, front row) for Harford County's seventh annual Women of Tomorrow Awards.

Additional photos available upon request.

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