



Hanover County Public Schools

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Teacher of the Year Honored

ASHLAND, Va. – Kelly A. Pace, an eleventh grade International Baccalaureate English teacher at Atlee High School, has been selected as the 2016 Hanover County Public Schools Teacher of the Year. The announcement was made during a mock staff meeting where Pace received a surprise visit from Dr. Michael Gill, Superintendent of Schools, who presented her with the award. Pace was joined by her family who also took part in the surprise.



Pace has been employed with Hanover County Public Schools since 2011 and has been a teacher since 1997. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond and Master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Earlier this year, Pace was also one of only three Hanover teachers to receive the prestigious REB Award for Teaching Excellence. She is currently working to achieve national certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which is a rigorous, year-long process that requires multiple standards to be met.

"Kelly is a remarkable teacher and very deserving of this honor. She exemplifies all of the qualities of an outstanding educator, and we are fortunate to have someone of her caliber. I know she will continue to make a profound impact upon our students for many years to come," said Dr. Michael Gill, superintendent.

The school division employs approximately 1,400 teachers. Each year, the division selects one teacher for this distinguished award who exhibits several qualities, such as inspirational, poised, articulate, and knowledgeable; exceptionally skilled and dedicated; respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues; and actively and meaningfully involved in their school and community.

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