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GO TEAM!

The start of school usually corresponds with the start of several sports seasons. Here at ACEA we favor the Nationals, the Vikings, the Steelers, and of course, the ACEA team! Last month, I shared the powerful words of Vince Lombardi with you: "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." This month I would like to introduce you to a few of the new representatives who have recently stepped up and joined the ACEA team to represent the members in their work location. From left to right are Mike Whitehead (Frost Elementary), Whitney Stoner (South Penn), Mark Malone (Fort Hill) and Tammy Twigg (Allegany). Please thank these volunteers for their time and service to you and other ACEA members. We would love to have representatives from Cash Valley, Cresaptown, Flintstone, Northeast and Westside join us at our monthly Representative Assembly to help facilitate the exchange of important information to and from the membership, some of which cannot be printed or distributed due to the sensitive nature of it. If you would like to join the team, please don't hesitate to call or email the ACEA office.





2019-2020 ACEA Scholarship Recipient

On February 4, 1992, the Allegany County Teachers Association fully endowed a scholarship at Frostburg State with the purpose of assisting and encouraging future educators with their studies. Since that time, we have provided scholarships to 27 future educators. Please meet the 2019-2020 recipient of the Allegany County Education Association Scholarship, **Benjamin R. Benson** of Midland, Maryland. Ben was a graduate of ACPS, graduated from ACM, and is in his senior year as an Early Childhood/Elementary Education major at FSU. In his letter of thanks, Ben said "I am so thrilled...this financial support makes completing my degree possible. Thank you so much!"

As most of you are aware, our colleague and friend, Yvonne McKenzie Imes, was severely injured in a tragic vehicle accident. Several faculties have already organized school based fundraisers to help offset the financial difficulties associated with such an event. If you would like to contribute, you can send your contributions directly to Fort Hill High School, which are then forwarded to the family each week. Additionally, a Spaghetti Dinner and Raffles will be held at the Midland Fireman's Tavern on Saturday, October 12, beginning at 1 p.m.. Let's help keep...



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Many are accustomed to seeking thrills at seasonal venues throughout October, where expectations are often superceded by experience. However, experiencing angst due to the implementation of a new law is unusual. But that is what has happened with the passage of §6-113.2 of the Education Article by the 2019 General Assembly, and which went into effect on July 1, 2019. This law makes it more difficult to have **allegations** relating to child sexual abuse or sexual misconduct removed from employee personnel records.

Any time this type of an allegation surfaces, it is absolutely critical for members to contact ACEA – individuals should not attempt to resolve this type of situation alone.

ACEA Calendar >>>

- October 3 – MSEA Blueprint Community Forum
- October 5 - MSEA Membership Organizing Workshop
- October 7 - West COBC 5 p.m.
- October 8 – BOE Meeting 6 p.m.
- October 14 – ACEA Representative Assembly 4 p.m.
- October 18-19 – MSEA RA and Convention
- October 22 - BOE Meeting 6 p.m.

FYI...

Dawn Tyler is the Benefits Analyst for ACPS and works on healthcare insurance and retirement. Dawn can be reached via email at dawn.tyler@acpsmd.org, or by phone at 301-759-2035.

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Did you get a "Hustle" from Kim or Evan? Hustle is an American company that provides a peer-to-peer text messaging platform using a third party number. So, when we send you a Hustle, we can only respond for a small window of time before it closes, usually within a few hours. After that, we cannot communicate through the app. If you need to contact us, please call the office or email us.

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Our website, aceamsea.org has been updated and is back in commission. In addition to general information and important documents, you can now explore Professional Development opportunities and NEA Member Benefits tabs.

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It is with sad hearts that we report that another great advocate for educators has died. Steve was the UniServ Director for ACTA from 1994-2011, and was a hero to many. Additional information and details can be found at spearfuneralhome.net.