



Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces its 2010 Environmental Educator and Student of the Year Award Winners

Two Maryland residents receive \$5,000 for outstanding contributions to the Bay.

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Annapolis, MD (February 9, 2010) The Chesapeake Bay Trust announced the winners of its 2010 Environmental Educator of the Year and Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship Awards at recent events. Both awards honor outstanding environmental stewards who have made exceptional contributions to improve the health of the environment and the Chesapeake Bay.

“Our work is supported by over 400,000 Marylanders, who contribute annually to the Trust’s work as a grant-maker either by making donations through the *Treasure the Chesapeake* license plate program and the State’s income tax check off program for the Bay, or by participating in a funded project,” said Allen Hance, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. “We are proud to recognize the efforts of two remarkable Maryland residents whose outstanding contributions epitomize our work.”

Each year the Trust recognizes an educator and a student for their work to support the environment and the Chesapeake Bay. Students and teachers from across the state submit applications for the \$5,000 awards.

Environmental Educator of the Year

The Chesapeake Bay Trust was joined by Lt. Governor Anthony Brown earlier this month to announce the winner of its 2010 Environmental Educator of the Year Award. Selected from a talented pool of nominees, this educator teaches about the Bay and the broader watershed through science classes and other parts of the curriculum; uses school grounds and local natural areas to enrich classroom experiences; and motivates and inspires students by promoting environmental awareness throughout the school and the broader community.

The \$5,000 Award was presented to **Rebecca Sanders** of Crellin Elementary School in Oakland, Maryland at an awards ceremony earlier this month attended by members of the Maryland General Assembly, superintendents, educators, bay leaders, and members of MSDE.

Mrs. Sanders work at Crellin Elementary demonstrates a core principal of the Chesapeake Bay Trust, developing students into life-long environmental stewards and extending their stewardship outside the classroom to their homes and communities. She is a dedicated, innovative educator, committed to environmental stewardship.

Promoting behavior change through instruction, Mrs. Sanders has created a culture where the natural environment is a catalyst for learning. Students realize their responsibility for the environment because they are involved in positive environmental practices as part of their daily routines.

Student of the Year

The Chesapeake Bay Trust was pleased to announce the recipient of its 2010 Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship at last month's MLK Dinner in Glen Burnie, Maryland. The award recognizes a Maryland student who demonstrates a commitment to improving the health of the environment and the Chesapeake Bay and, as a student of color, exhibits leadership in promoting diversity and inclusion in his/her school and broader community.

The award was created in honor of former Maryland state senator Arthur Dorman, a long-time Trust supporter, with the goal of advancing academic achievement and increasing the engagement of minority students in environmental issues. The \$5,000 scholarship has been awarded to **Adrianna Glover**, a senior at Clarksburg High School.

Adrianna is an active environmentalist and leader in her school and community. She is a recent scholarship recipient from the STAR (Stand Tall and Reach) Scholarship Foundation. Adrianna was one of three hundred and thirty-five outstanding African-American and black students from Montgomery County Public Schools to receive the award. She has an outstanding academic record, is the Associate Editor of her school newspaper, and active in several school sponsored activities.

Marylanders participate in the Trust's grant making mission by purchasing the popular *Treasure the Chesapeake* license plate (www.bayplate.org), contributing to the *Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund* on the Maryland State income tax form, and making individual donations to the Trust. The Trust brings in additional funds for its grant programs through partnerships with private foundations, corporations, and state and federal agencies. In 2009 alone, the Trust's grants helped to **educate** over 86,000 students on Bay related issues, **plant** over 220,000 trees and native plants, **remove** 429 tons of trash and **engage** over 36,000 volunteers.

About the Chesapeake Bay Trust:

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is an independent, nonprofit, foundation. Funding provided by the Trust sparks on-the-ground change in communities throughout Maryland and works to cultivate a new generation of Bay stewards. Since its inception in 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$30 million and engaged hundreds of thousands of Marylanders in projects that have a measurable impact on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The Trust is supported by the sale of the Maryland *Treasure the Chesapeake* license plate, donations to the *Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund* on the Maryland State income tax form, donations from individuals and corporations, and partnerships with private foundations and federal and state agencies. Fully 90 percent of the Trust's expenditures are directed to its Chesapeake Bay restoration and education programs.

For more information on the Chesapeake Bay Trust, visit www.cbtrust.org.

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