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Outstanding Service-Learning Educators Rewarded

Baltimore, Maryland – Thirteen outstanding educators were recently selected to be inducted into Maryland's statewide Service-Learning Fellows Program. Each of these educators has succeeded in providing K-12 public school students interesting, inspiring, and academically challenging service-learning experiences. These experiences include protecting the Chesapeake Bay by engaging in tree plantings to create buffer zones, working with senior citizens, developing Veterans and Memorial Day programs to honor local heroes, and supporting Special Olympics. These teachers will be inducted as the 11th Class of Maryland Student Service Alliance (MSSA), Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Fellows at a ceremony on March 21st, 2003 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Pikesville Hilton Hotel. They will receive a \$300 award, a commemorative plaque, and personal recognition by the state superintendent of schools, as well as on-going leadership training and development opportunities.

There are now 144 Fellows in all of Maryland's 24 school districts who are willing and able to share their expertise and enthusiasm by training other teachers in service-learning, mentoring their peers, working with their local service-learning teams, and writing curriculum. Information about the new Fellows is found below:

<u>Fellow</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>LEA</u>
Debbie Batzer	Elkridge Landing Middle School	Science	Howard
Colleen L. Bernard	Windsor Knolls Middle School	Social Studies	Frederick
Nicole Joslyn Bolton	Northwestern High School	Government	Prince George's
Vic Dibella	Benjamin Stoddert Middle School	Social Studies	Charles
Donna L. DiGiacomo	Lockerman Middle School	Language Arts	Caroline
Amy Field	Snow Hill High School	Government & Theatre	Worcester
Charles Griener	James M. Bennett High School	AP/Psychology	Wicomico
Jeanette L. Hall	Dr. Nathan A. Pitts Ashburton Elem - MS	Guidance	Baltimore City
Stan Hanley	Sherwood High School	Spanish & SSL	Montgomery
Alyce O. Luck	Frederick High School	Social Studies & Sociology	Frederick
Angela Patras	Thurmont Middle School	Math	Frederick
Kathryn Raley	Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School	Math & Reading	St. Mary's
Rhonda Tasker	Southern Garrett High School	World & American History	Garrett

For more information on the program, or to obtain specific information regarding the types of projects in which Fellows engage their students, contact Julie Ayers at 410-767-0357 or jayers@msde.state.md.us or visit the MSSA website at www.mssa.sailorsite.net.