

News Release: WISE HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AS 'BEST HIGH SCHOOL' BY NATIONAL RADIO TALENT

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School received the Best High School Award from the Steve Harvey Neighborhood Awards Show this month at the Philips Arena in Atlanta, Georgia.

The award was received by former principal Carletta Marrow and William Blake, assistant principal of Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School. Carletta Marrow was recently promoted to Instructional Director for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). The award was presented by actors David Mann, Michael Jai White, and Tracey Ellis Ross.

"The Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School Community is humbled to receive the 2014 Best High School Award," said William Blake, Assistant Principal. "We could not have accomplished this without the support of our phenomenal students, teachers, faculty, and staff who make us award-winning."

Award recipients are chosen by popular vote. Wise High School was nominated for this award by William Blake, and competed against other school finalists from Atlanta, Detroit, and Virginia.

Wise High School has reduced the number of ninth-graders retained by 15% over the past three years, as well as implemented the Academy of Biomedical Sciences & Business Academy to prepare students for college and careers. Wise High School has also earned the Maryland 4A State Champions title for Varsity Football and Boys Indoor Track (2012) and Varsity Basketball and Girls Outdoor Track (2014).

In addition to welcoming new students on the first day of school, Wise High School will also welcome new principal Charoscar Coleman. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 26.

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Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.