



LEADERSHIP HOWARD COUNTY ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year Leadership Howard County honors individuals for outstanding dedication and commitment to serving our community. These honorees exemplify the goals of Leadership at the highest level: using their skills and resources to make a positive impact on the community, and providing a lasting legacy for others to follow.

2014 Leadership Awards



The Youth Advocate Award

Valerie Gross (LP 2003) - President and CEO, Howard County Library System

As her transformational leadership continues to reposition public libraries as educational institutions, Valerie Gross has provided a vision for unique and interactive initiatives that enable children of all backgrounds to increase their academic achievement. Competitions such as the BumbleBee, HCLS Spelling Bee, Battle of the Books, HiTech (HCLS' STEM education initiative) and Rube Goldberg Challenge, as well as an ongoing line-up of engaging preschool classes, encourage students to have fun while incorporating critical thinking and showcasing their creativity. Valerie's vision to create wide-ranging partnerships with community organizations has provided a foundation for HCLS to thrive as a place of instructive and enlightening experiences far into the future.