



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A BCP STUDENT?

April 30, 2026

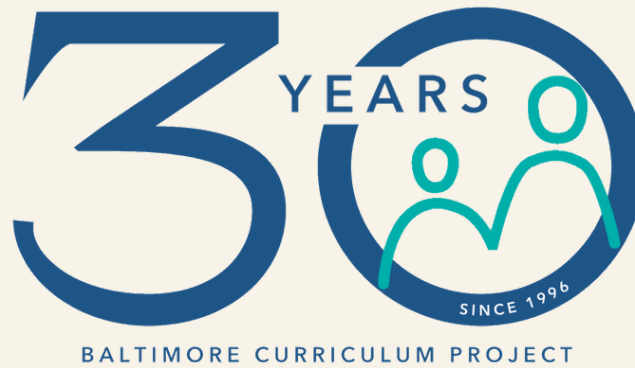
ABOUT BCP

Founded in 1996, the Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) is the largest operator of local neighborhood public charter schools in Maryland. The BCP mission is to develop, implement, and advocate for an equitable, sustainable, and replicable education model that improves student outcomes and opportunities and raises educational standards for all youth in Baltimore City schools.

BCP established the “Are You Smarter than a BCP Student” Gala in 2012 as a fundraising event that would encourage our community to come together and celebrate our students’ accomplishments as well as support important programs and initiatives across BCP schools.

ABOUT THE EVENT

BCP celebrated its 30th anniversary at the annual Are You Smarter Than a BCP Student? Gala on April 30, 2026, at the Maryland Science Center. The event welcomed the largest crowd in its 14-year history, including more than 110 BCP teachers and staff. Guests enjoyed an exciting game-show competition featuring fifth- and eighth-grade student teams against a celebrity panel, with both rounds ending in a tie. WYPR’s Tom Hall returned as emcee, and attendees had the opportunity to participate in a live trivia game of their own.



The evening also marked several important milestones, including the unveiling of BCP's first Impact Report, a premiere screening of the 30th-anniversary documentary, and the presentation of the first-ever BCP Awards recognizing board members for their longstanding service. Honorees included Ryan Galloway (2010), Board Treasurer; Mike Niccolini (2008), Board Co-Chair; Heather Mitchell (2005), Board member and Academic All-Star Sponsor; Anne Perkins (2005), Board member serving on the Education and Marketing Committees; and George Hess (2005), BCP Founding Board Chair and current Co-Chair. Maryland Senate President Bill Ferguson also presented BCP President and CEO Laura Doherty with citations from Governor Wes Moore and the Maryland Senate in recognition of BCP's impact.



Thank you to our wonderful emcee,
Tom Hall, host of WYPR's Midday!

OUR CELEBRITY TEAM



Jessy DeSantis

Artist/Muralist & Wolfe Street Academy Parent



Mark Parker

Pastor, Breath of God Lutheran Church,
& District 1 City Council Member



Darren Meredith

Electrical Engineer at Northrop Grumman, & City Springs Alum, Class of 2015



Darren Meredith
Alumnus/Northrop Grumman

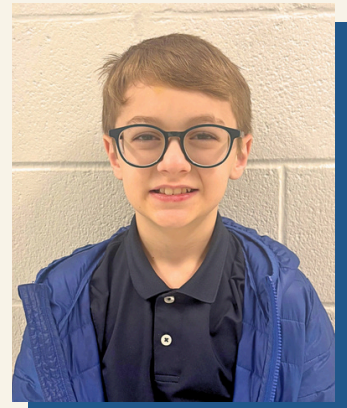
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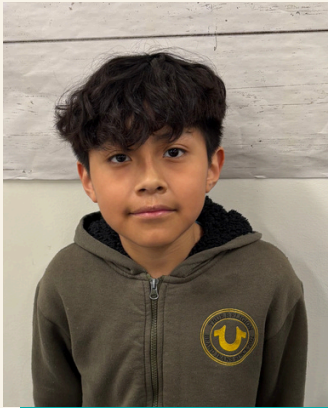
OUR 5TH GRADE TEAM



Evynesence Zeno
Frederick Elementary School



Henry Wilson
Govans Elementary School



Kevin Aguilar
Wolfe Street Academy



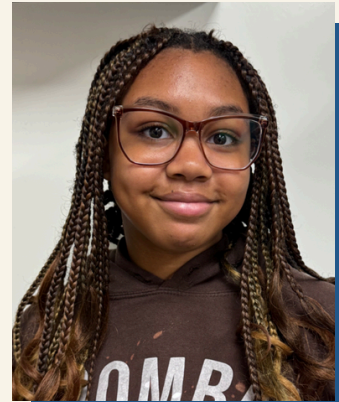
OUR 8TH GRADE TEAM



Kortni Wragg

City Springs Elementary/Middle School

Grace Gorham
Hampstead Hill Academy



Charles Puckett

Pimlico Elementary/Middle School





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