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**2010 Mentoring Awards**

Mentoring Awards were presented at the Fifth Annual Mentoring Awards Celebration at the Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center in Annapolis on January 28, 2010. The awards are sponsored by the Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County and the Anne Arundel Mentoring Roundtable. These awards honor Mentors and Mentoring Projects that have had the most impact in Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis.

A special “Lifetime Mentor” award was presented to **Mr. George J. Trotter**, an educator who served in the Anne Arundel County Public School system for more than 40 years, inspiring 3 generations of children to succeed. Mr. Trotter continues to work with youth needing his guidance at the Middle College Program at Sojourner Douglass College.

“Mentor of the Year” awards were presented to two individuals: **Mr. Robert Wilson**, a retired engineer and former Director of the Navy’s Innovation Center. Mr. Wilson is responsible for the Engineering Club at Central Elementary School. **Dr. Clark “Corky” Graham**, former Navy Captain, professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and retired from Northrop Grumman, excites children to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) at the Wiley H. Bates Middle School and the Annapolis and Anne Arundel Boys and Girls Clubs.

The “AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Volunteer of the Year” award went to **Mr. Michael Phennicie**, who was nominated by the AVID Program at Glen Burnie High School for bringing positive attention to the school’s hard-working students. “Mr. Mike’s” energy and eagerness to learn from his AVID students proves to them that in life and in their careers, the sky is the limit.

“Peer Mentor of the Year” awards were presented to two individuals: **Ms. Heidi Landmann**, a Senior at South River High School, a dedicated volunteer at the high school and at Central Middle school where she is currently tutoring and participating in a co-taught science class. **Mr. Brandon Stanley** is a Chesapeake High School Senior who volunteers in three classes daily and has become a reliable, committed partner to the teachers at Jacobsville Elementary.

“Innovative Mentor of the Year” awards went to two individuals: **Elder Maurice R. Cornwell, Sr.**, Pastor of Uplift Through the Word Ministries in Glen Burnie, MD. Elder Cornwell is responsible for bringing Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) to schools throughout Anne Arundel County. This program works to involve men in the daily lives and education of their children. **Mr. Rob Cradle** was nominated for his Gifts for Grooming Program. Mr. Cradle mentors foster parents and their foster children to help the children regain their loss of self image by providing and overseeing licensed barbers or stylists to teach foster parents both the theory and practice of good grooming for their children.

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The Program Award Winners included **Force 3 Mentoring** which won the Business-Based Mentoring Program award. Force 3, an innovative technology solutions firm in Crofton, has set a standard for participation in the community, involving employees as mentors at Crofton Meadows Elementary school which is near their offices. Through Force 3, students in the community learn the ins and outs of technology and more choices for their future.

The **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Eta Eta Lambda Chapter** was awarded the Community-Based Mentoring Program award. The Eta Eta Lambda Chapter, which began mentoring 16 years ago, supports their mentors in school programs throughout the County to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to attend. From discussions on maximizing their academic potential to applying to college, the Alpha men provide young men with life, social and academic skills.

The Faith-Based Mentoring Program award was presented to **Leaders of Tomorrow (L.O.T.) Boys Mentoring Program** at Walter Mills Parole Elementary School. Leaders of Tomorrow is an after school mentoring program of IYN (In Your Name Services, Inc.) a faith-based organization whose primary mission is to support children in Annapolis communities in the areas of academic performance, morals and values and physical fitness through summer day camps and a mentoring program.

**Arundel High School - Young Men of Character Mentoring Club** won the School-Based Mentoring Program award. This mentoring club supports and trains young men at Arundel High School who then mentor 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Odenton Elementary school weekly, focusing on making improvements in both behavior and academics.

To learn more about nominating Mentors and Mentoring programs for 2011 awards or for information about the Anne Arundel Mentoring Roundtable please contact Janice Hayes-Williams, AmeriCorps\*VISTA member at the Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County at 410-897-9207 or [janice@volunteerannearundel.org](mailto:janice@volunteerannearundel.org). Learn more about the Volunteer Center at [www.VolunteerAnneArundel.org](http://www.VolunteerAnneArundel.org)

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