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Deanna Burch, Harford County Public Schools, named as the Carl Perkins Community Service Award recipient by the Maryland Career and Technical Administrators chapter of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE.)

Deanna Burch is a teacher at Havre de Grace High School in Harford County Public School System where she demonstrated leadership in furthering community service by working with community stakeholders at local and county levels. Her students have planned, prepared, and served community member groups. For example, students served the Twinning Society from the school system’s sister-city in Mumbles, Wales when they visited the school. Also, her Hospitality Management and Practicum students served cookies, charcuterie cups, and crackers/hummus plates, tea/beverages to guests and students in an AP World History course.



Last school year 2021-2022, Ms. Burch applied for and was awarded a Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) grant for the class’s greenhouse. Purchasing supplies and plants allowed the students to grow food for a plant to table program benefiting the school and community. Students in her courses also used things grown in their recipes. Ms. Burch facilitated the many middle and high school students who helped in the success of this initiative.

Finally, in furthering community service in her school and within her community, she embraced tradition. She began teaching at Havre de Grace HS in 2018. In her very first Open House, she met the Chairman of the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, a part of the Community Projects of Havre de Grace inc, who discussed the tradition of the high school students for almost 30 years preparing the stuffing for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. In continuing with this tradition, she chose a recipe, scaled it up, and the chairman provided all the ingredients. Ms. Burch has continued in this partnership each year. Members of the community, 350 volunteers help scoop, portion, and package to-go containers for locals in retirement homes and anyone else who wants a plate. Other members of the community pull-up to pick up 20-30 plates and deliver throughout the morning of Thanksgiving.

Deanna Burch will move on to compete in the Northeast, United States [ACTE Region I](#) competition during the spring of 2023.

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