



**Prince George's
County Council Member
Ingrid M. Turner
(D) – District 4**

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COUNCIL CHAIR TURNER PRESENTS PROCLAMATION TO MARYLAND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Bowie High School Principal Jane Spence recognized for outstanding achievements

On Tuesday, April 19, 2011, Council Chair Ingrid M. Turner, District 4 (D) presented a proclamation to Mrs. Jane Spence, principal of Bowie High School who was named "Maryland Principal of the Year". Mrs. Spence was chosen for her work in promoting academic excellence and advancing the moral and intellectual standards of Bowie High School students. Council Chair Turner also hosted a special breakfast reception for Mrs. Spence and her family prior to the presentation.

The elected officials in attendance were Senator Douglas J.J. Peters, Delegate Melony Griffith, Delegate Marvin Holmes, Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Bowie Council Members Issac Trouth and Todd Turner. Senator Peters presented a proclamation on behalf of the Maryland State Senate and Delegate Melony Griffith presented a proclamation on behalf of the Maryland House of Delegates.

"I was proud and honored to present a proclamation to Mrs. Spence for her dedication and level of commitment to the students at Bowie High School," said Council Chair Turner. "I felt it was so important to take this opportunity to recognize her as Maryland Principal of the Year and to highlight her work and the impact she has on our students."

Under her leadership, Mrs. Spence has led the school community in raising the S.A.T scores by 10 points; raising the H.S.A. scores by 22-27%; raising the attendance rate; increasing the number of A.P. exams taken from 585-107; and has led the administrative team in a reduction of suspensions by 23 percent.

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Council Chair Ingrid M. Turner (D) – District 4, presents the proclamation to "Maryland Teacher of the Year" Jane Spence. Mrs. Spence's husband Craigton and their two children stand with her.



Council Chair Turner invited many special guests to attend the breakfast reception in honor of Mrs. Spence. Dr. William Hite, Senator Douglas J.J. Peters, Mrs. Spence, Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Council Chair Turner and Delegate Marvin Holmes.



Council Chair Turner with Mrs. Jane Spence, her husband Craigton and their two children.

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