



DISTINGUISH SERVICE AWARD - SECONDARY

**SUSAN E. GARRETT**  
Harford County Public Schools

Ms. Garrett started her career in Harford County in 1974 as a Home Economics teacher at Joppatowne High School. She remained in this position until 1992 when she became the Supervisor of Home Economics. In 2000, Ms. Garrett saw her position shift to the Supervisor of Family and Consumer Science and then as CTE Director for Harford County Public Schools.

Under the leadership of Ms. Garrett, the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) programs expanded to include ProStart certification, the Teacher Academy of Maryland and multiple college articulation opportunities. As CTE Director, Ms. Garrett expanded CTE offerings by adding Pre-Engineering, Biomedical Sciences, Academy of Finance and the development of the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness program. The Homeland Security program was the first program of its kind in the state of Maryland and has served as a national model.

The evolution and development of CTE programs has continued with new programs at Harford Technical High School including Cyber Security, Computer-Aided Machining and High Performance Manufacturing, and the Academy of Health Profession. Ms. Garrett also played a key role in the development and implementation of the Natural Resources and Agricultural Science CTE program at North Harford High School.

The CTE programs in HCPS have received numerous state and national recognition under the direction of Ms. Garrett. The benefits of her leadership and passion for CTE programs will continue to enrich the students of HCPS for many years to come. We cannot think of a more deserving recipient of the Distinguished Service award, then Ms. Susan E. Garrett.