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## Award Criteria

### NMTC Visionary Awards for STEM Education and Technology and Innovation Advancement

**VISIONARY Award** — Long-term significant contributions to community well-being displayed as a personal commitment to building the STEM-educated workforce and advancing our innovation and technology base with demonstrated qualities of enlightened leadership.

**LEADER Award** — Consistent contribution to building the STEM-educated workforce and advancing our innovation and technology base in a public way that inspires others to help in accomplishing shared goals. These individuals solve enterprise-wide issues, create practical solutions, and engage others.

**INNOVATOR Award** — Exceptional personal efforts that measurably benefit the development of the STEM-educated workforce and advance our innovation and technology base. These individuals show potential for a broad positive impact in the community to revolutionize an industry, way of life, or organization.

**MENTOR Award** — Consistent track record of going above and beyond to volunteer knowledge, experiences, and wisdom. These individuals inspire students and teachers' greatness or guide a team's resources to implement an innovative technology-based solution with outstanding results for the sponsoring organization.

**MENTOR TEAM Award** (New this year) — Cooperating role models for future generations. Illuminates those consistently volunteering their knowledge, experiences, and wisdom by working together and going above and beyond in using their time and resources simply for the love of stimulating and inspiring greatness in students, teachers, apprentices, interns, or organization proteges.

**RISING STAR Award** — Boldly demonstrates the potential to be a long-term contributor to building the STEM-educated workforce or created a pioneering innovation or application for an existing technology by starting a company or establishing a breakthrough within a larger organization.

## AGENDA

### WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

### DINNER

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Ashley Amundsen  
Priscilla Lee

### NMTC VISIONARY AWARDS PRESENTATION

Mr. John Casner  
Executive Director, NMTC

### VISIONARY HONORS PRESENTATION

Larry Muzzelo Introduced by  
Dr. Theresa Felder, EdD  
Harford Community College

Bruce England Introduced by  
Mr. Larry Muzzelo  
Former Deputy to the  
Commanding General CECOM, APG  
2022 Visionary of the Year

**Mr. Bruce England**  
**Executive Director (Ret.)**  
**Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc.**  
**2023 VISIONARY OF THE YEAR**

### CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Claudine Adams, Chair  
NMTC Board of Directors

## ADJOURN

# WE ARE NMTC



The Northeastern Maryland Technology Council (NMTC) is the technology and innovation advocacy platform of Northeastern Maryland. We help advance technology adoption by expertly defining the rewards and risks of emerging technologies. We provide expert opinions on how these technologies might affect the revenue, talent, and technology pipelines of our council members and our region.

NMTC members build business connections with community leaders from industry, academia, and government, representing billions of dollars in purchasing power, influence, and connections that stretch beyond this region.

NMTC provides the leadership and unifying voice that stimulates technological change, drives innovation, and encourages technically skilled workforce development. We facilitate collaboration on issues that influence regional economic growth and support the security of our country.

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## *Benefits of Membership*

Our members participate in, support, sponsor, and take advantage of the many informative and networking opportunities provided through following programs and special events:

- **iDisruptor Tech Talks** alert you to emerging, tipping-point technologies' many risks and rewards. These in-depth panel discussions are organized, facilitated collaborations between NMTC members, technology leaders, the US Army Research Lab, and other subject matter experts. iDisruptor Tech Talks feature expert speakers updating you on how to harness game-changing, emerging technologies, the people and culture most effective to guide it, and the rewards and risks relative to your current business model. Always informative, always thought-provoking. Followed by a member-sponsored, catered happy hour (When not virtual).
- **Technology Leader Talks** bring together a roundtable ensemble of community leaders, guided by a central moderator, where they discuss and debate the hot topics and concerns of the day about emerging and complex technologies, innovation, workforce, and organization cultures and offer their opinions in an informative, encouraging, and entertaining way.
- **Visionary Awards and Academy of Visionary Awards** honor those who build our STEM-educated workforce and create or advance technology to new economic growth heights. Once celebrated, they are inducted into the Academy of Visionary Awards and invited to further share their valued experience and knowledge with the community, contributing to our STEM-based economy's growth and recommending the following year's Visionary Awards nominees. This evening event, 5:30-8:00 PM, is held in February.
- **GOLF4STEM Tournament** is our collaborative networking event connecting the key influencers in our region on an informal and fun-filled day with always an exciting assortment of contests, foods, and beverages. The first Monday in June.
- **World of Wine.** Its acronym, WOW, aptly describes the experience when hundreds in the community gather to enjoy the dozens of select wines, bourbons and selected Scotch poured by your friends complemented by one of the area's renowned caterers. At La Banque at the Seaplane Base, Havre de Grace.

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Melissa Kuzma, Artist  
David Patrick, DSA, Inc.  
Mary Beth Stapleton, Harford County Public Schools  
Chi-Chin Wu, Aberdeen Proving Ground

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION: CREATIVE PARTNER

Marco Ciavolino and his wife, Susan, were award recipients in 2015. Since then, Marco has contributed many hours to NMTC events and projects, providing logistics support, equipment, photography, multi-media, and design services. He and his creative mind created the event brochures and cleverly engaging ideas. If your organization is looking for practical, well-executed solutions to your communications needs, please visit his site and contact him to discuss your requirements.

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**NMTC: Where members collaborate, key connections thrive, and opportunity expands!**

NMTC is Maryland's fastest-growing technology council. With more than 100 members, advocates, and supporters. NMTC provides access to leaders from technology, industry, academia, and government throughout Harford and Cecil Counties.

Established in 1991 and starting programs in 1992, and for 30+ years, NMTC programming continues to connect companies, organizations, and members to peers and influential decision makers through organized networking events, disruptive technology talks, workforce summits, and idea-inspiring collaborative initiatives. Connections made through NMTC accelerate economic growth, build the STEM-educated workforce, and protect national security.

**NMTC - Driving technology and innovation in Maryland.**

- NMTC Hosted Events:
- iDisruptor Tech Talks
- Technology Leader Talks
- GOLF4STEM Tournament
- WOW World of Wine
- Visionary Awards Gala

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION: MEDIA PARTNER

I95 BUSINESS began publishing in 2011 to serve the regional business community. I95 BUSINESS includes profiles of successful companies and the people who run them, insight from area business leaders, and connections to companies and professionals in the region. I95 BUSINESS engages readers with well-written, well-designed stories that connect in a meaningful and memorable way. "Words Matter™" – their tagline – is realized as words communicate ideas, educate and connect on multiple levels.

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**Visionary Award**  
**Bruce England**  
**Executive Director (Ret.),**  
**Susquehanna Workforce**  
**Network, Inc.**

Bruce England was, until recently, the Executive Director of the Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc. (SWN), a non-profit corporation dedicated to executing workforce solutions and building a workforce

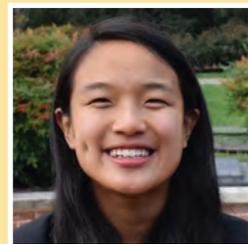
development system meeting the comprehensive needs of local employers and citizens in Harford and Cecil counties, Maryland. Mr. England's over thirty years of experience is highlighted by successfully collaborating with Federal, State, and local officials winning high-funded grants. These grants assisted job seekers in the region's three Workforce Centers, thus ensuring youth have access to employment and training opportunities. An example is Susquehanna Works, a training grant program assisting employees (financially) of a company to acquire new skills (often STEM-related) to retain employment and advance within the company. Another of the many programs initiated under Bruce's tenure was the Traitify assessment, where workers desiring a better occupation discover what would be a good fit based on their personality and preferences. An example was an overnight truck driver wanting to be home with his family, and in taking the assessment, several disciplines in IT came up as high probabilities for success. With SWN's help, he qualified for the highly competitive specialized IT Cyber Security program at Harford Community College, passed the certifications, and is now in a highly-paid day job at APG. Bruce England has served Cecil and Harford County businesses and residents with these novel programs building our STEM Educated workforce from 1985 – 2022 by providing these types of services to meet the ever-changing economic challenges of the area.

**Keynote Speakers**



**Ashley Amundsen** was first introduced to FIRST Robotics in middle school where she quickly became interested in STEM. Through her participation in FIRST Robotics as well as completing PLTW's Biomedical Sciences Program, she realized she would like to expand her passion for STEM by pursuing a B.S. in mechanical engineering. At the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), she not only earned her degree, but became a well-rounded individual through the many communities she engaged

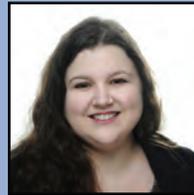
with while on campus. This includes participating as a scholar in the Center for Women in Technology (CWIT), acting as both participant and leader in multiple experiences with the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program, working for the engineering department as a Teaching Fellow and conducting research with the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). Ashley is now working in industry for Cognex Corporation as a field service engineer. She is excited to continue refining the mechanical engineering skills she gained in college and developing new ones in the industrial automation industry.



**Priscilla Lee** was raised in Harford County since she was a young child and was inspired by her parents, both engineers. By participating in multiple STEM outreach programs since elementary school, she was encouraged to attend the Science and Mathematics magnet program at Aberdeen High School. During high school, she participated in research programs through the Army Educational Outreach Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, working in bioengineering, where she decided her career

path. She then earned her Bachelor's in bio-engineering with a minor in global engineering leadership, following it with her Master's in bioengineering at the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park. Priscilla has been working as a biologist at the U.S. Army DEVCOM Chemical Biological Center since November 2021. In addition, she is an adjunct lecturer at Stevenson University.

**2022 Award Recipients**



**Lauren Beward: Rising Star**

Lauren Beward, Business Development Manager at Bravura Information Technology Systems, Inc., is an active and recognized member of multiple professional organizations in the APG community, including NDIA, AOC, WID, AUSA, NMTC, and IRA, guiding STEM education and building the STEM workforce in Harford and Cecil County. Through these organizations, she serves as a mentor to young professionals helping guide them in their careers, increasing membership in professional organizations, and supporting opportunities for scholarships in the STEM arena. She participates in many professional APG organizations, often in a leadership role, developing programs, organizing educational events that further technical discussions between Government and Industry, and providing scholarships and grants to local students and educators in STEM fields. At these events, she mentors and helps the younger generation of the DoD workforce by organizing various soft-skill-focused events such as Virtual Leadership Forums and Effective Use of LinkedIn, where she garnered two Model Chapter Awards for Emerging Leaders. Her efforts helped deliver more than \$30K in scholarships and grants to local students and schools in 2022, receiving a personal Emerging Leadership award from AFCEA International! Additionally, Lauren is an active volunteer in other community areas, working with organizations like SARC and supporting this year's Maryland Center for the Arts "Dancing with the Stars" event as a contestant.



**Jamie Wilson: Rising Star**

As a former educator and Army spouse, Ms. Jaime Wilson is passionate about engaging high mobility, military children, in STEM. Ms. Wilson designed STEM programming as the DEVOM Army Research Laboratory's Video Game Design Camp engaging students in coding and electrical engineering and has reached more than 70 military children in three states, with more to come this year. Locally, she led the 2022 APG GEMS Program, engaging 156 middle and high school students, and county educators, in hands-on STEM activities led by Army researchers on topics ranging from aerodynamics to chemistry. Ms. Wilson also coordinates cadet programs at ARL, which are designed to build STEM literacy among future Army leaders, bringing cadets from universities across the nation to participate in scientific research. She designed the "Walk Through the Army S&T Lifecycle" program, leading representatives from six APG organizations to coordinate senior leader overviews, mentoring sessions, and tours. She coordinated the ARL-USMA Technical Symposium, which attracted over 200 participants, including West Point cadets and faculty, ARL researchers, and Army leadership, and deepened scientific research and mentoring collaborations among participating organizations. Mrs. Wilson has made significant contribution to the STEM community and deserves to be recognized for her efforts.



**Andrew (Andy) Adams: Mentor**

Andrew (Andy) Adams, Associate Professor of Biology at Harford Community College, has demonstrated an exceptional ability to promote science and STEM opportunities throughout his career. Andy regularly demonstrates leadership and collaboration with faculty, is focused on educating students and the youth of our community, and continuously engages in mentoring activities at Harford Community College and the greater community. Mr. Adams is a respected scientist known for his enthusiasm and expertise in wildlife ecology. He has engaged many students and youth in research projects in the classroom and beyond, including partnerships with other academic institutions, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Susquehannock Wildlife Society. Andy is involved in several wildlife research and monitoring projects, particularly with reptiles and amphibians, with various non-profit organizations and government agencies, with some leading to peer-reviewed publications. Andy also mentors other scientists by providing training in wildlife identification for the MD Department of Natural Resources and has presented numerous educational presentations to the general public. Andy is passionate about and feels immense joy from experiencing wildlife and the outdoors. His greatest inspiration and motivation is to have his students get these same experiences while building a successful careers in the field.



**Diana Patrick: Mentor**

Diana has been working with the local community for many, many years. You would see she shares her knowledge and mentors others in many and various ways. In the last six years, Diana has worked with the team from DSA and helped run their workshops from TechGirlz, a non-profit whose mission is to inspire middle school girls to explore the possibilities of technology to empower their future careers. In addition, Diana's frequent participation as a teaching assistant at the DSA TechGirlz workshops held at local Harford County Boys and Girls clubs is instrumental in the development and design of these workshops and an inspiration to other mentors and the many young women depending on her watchful tutelage. Diana also supports the Mid Atlantic Developers SharePoint user group, a non-profit dedicated to promoting technical education to anyone at no cost through in-person and virtual meetings. Diana also served years as a volunteer for the Jarrettsville Elementary School, working over one thousand hours with elementary school children. Most recently, Diana worked the 2022 Magic of Science Fair event at Towson University Northeast, taking it upon herself to create the schedule of classes and organize methods that assisted the students in understanding the three technical workshops before registration.



**Dr. Peter Plostins: Mentor**

Dr. Peter Plostins has a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, retiring as Branch Chief from the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) after 32 years of service, where he consistently provided mentorship to his employees, young interns, and colleagues. Today, Peter is very active in the Senior Science Society (SSS) and the formation of the Discovery Center at Waters Edge (DCWE), recently developing plans and materials for their Science Fair held in conjunction with the APG Discovery Festival. He works with both these organizations, providing STEM lectures, hands-on demonstrations, and support for student science and job fairs and other student-oriented STEM events. Before COVID, he guided schoolteachers, teaching students how things fly through his personally developed "Things that Fly" teacher instructions. Mentoring at Career Days at Saint Joan of ARC school, he interacted with K-8 students bringing his years of experience as an Aerospace Engineer to life in his examples of engineering projects and work. Recently, Peter expanded his mentorship reach, becoming a force in the execution of the Discovery Center at Waters Edge, adding a prominent display on Things That Fly. His mentorship philosophy is leading the development of the Discovery Center to become a resource to promote student STEM learning and involvement.



## NEW THIS YEAR - Visionary Awards Mentor Team

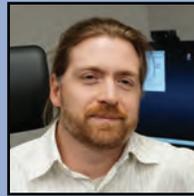
Mentor Team- Cooperating role models for future generations. Illuminates those consistently volunteering their knowledge, experiences, and wisdom by working together and going above and beyond in using their time and resources simply for the love of stimulating and inspiring greatness in students, teachers, apprentices, interns, or organization proteges. Messrs. Aaron Armus, Aaron Wawrzyniak, Jack Doolittle, Liam Janis from SURVICE Engineering, and John Feser from Blue Sky Technology creatively mentor students at Harford Technical High School, their alma mater. Their mentorship of these students is exemplary, especially considering their recent graduations. Aaron W (2017), Aaron A (2020), Jack (2019), Liam (2018), and John (2018)—all recent graduates of Harford Technical High School—enthusiastically mentor the students in Harford Tech's Cyber Patriot competition. Their passion comes from their recent competition as Harford Tech students, combined with their experience in their current positions where they work with real-world IT and cybersecurity solutions. They independently brought to SURVICE management the opportunity and their desire to mentor these students and proposed using SURVICE Engineering's training facility...taking it upon themselves to update the facility to meet the Cyber Patriot IT requirements. These young men dedicate their time after work and on weekends to support the growth of the students in the cyber field, including developing youth programs in their church and leading cyber competitions where they plan and host weekly workshops. They are volunteering and helping students in a small way, passing on their experience from their Careers and Collegiate Level Competitions and events. They continue to find a way to give back.



### Patrick Rogers: Mentor

Starting in April 2016, Pat Rogers helped found the TechGirlz workshops in Harford County, along with a group of six other companies. Pat not only personally led many workshops, but helped design, organize and deliver brand new workshops such as "Introduction to Artificial Intelligence", where participants learned about how computers use past data and Machine Learning to simulate human intelligence. He also delivered other fun workshops such as programming Raspberry Pi mini computers and exploring Data Encryption. Along the way, Pat helped to recruit other teaching assistants, including Ms. Cathy Perkins, a previous NMTC honoree. Pat has contributed to many other

workshops, led by talented local business persons who donated their time and expertise, and has also participated in the Harford County Boys and Girls Clubs "Youth of the Year" judging. Throughout his 20-year career as an IT Program and Project Manager supporting organizations at APG, Pat has also touched the careers of many young professionals and mentored several colleagues into leadership positions. Pat still continues to volunteer his time to youth-centered causes, such as The Discovery Center's 2022 Magic of Science Festival and its associated Classic Car Show this past summer.



### Dr. David Hairston Phd.: Leader

Dr. W. David Hairston is the Program Coordinator for the mid-size robotics program at Techbrick Education, an all-volunteer 501(c)3 in Harford County providing robotics education opportunities for students from a wide variety of backgrounds. For the last six years Dr. Hairston has worked to expand the impact of Techbrick in the community and increasing partnerships with the DoD STEM community at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He has transformed the program into a heavily "student-led" organization where the students gain real-life leadership and teaming skills alongside technical growth in the areas of CAD, design, programming, tool utilization, and iterative engineering improvement.

As a result, the community has seen dozens of students move on to STEM higher education and even DoD career paths. Dr. Hairston comes from a 20+ year career as a neuroscientist, bridging from academia to work with the DEVCOM Army Research Lab for the last 14. In his position there he has led teams focused on developing and understanding next generation "real world neurotechnologies" for combining the science of brain imaging with usable applications for both soldiers and everyday Americans, some of which have been transformational in the neuroscience community. He has been published over 100 times and cited over 3500 times by other scientists and considered a top investigator at ARL. Dr. Hairston has a strong passion for combining his worlds of neuroscience with STEM outreach and is known across ARL as somebody to help run any kind of demo or student activity.



### Melissa Burke: Innovator

Melissa is an Assistant Professor of Biology at Cecil College where she focuses on Anatomy and Physiology and Nutrition. She is recognized for her great interest in working with students and developing unique teaching methods to engage and help students learn the content. These students enter her classes often with little to no scientific knowledge and few study skills. Professor Burke uses novel scaffolding methods of instruction that meet the students where they are so that by the end of the course not only are they prepared for the next level of classes but they know how to take notes, actively participate in any class and retain the information presented. She does this while main-

taining a very high student retention rate as well. Her innovative approach to teaching science allows her to watch her students have 'lightbulb' moments of understanding when a difficult concept 'clicks'. She readily finds the creativity and ingenuity to come up with unique ways to teach these seemingly abstract concepts to students. Outside the classroom, Melissa actively volunteers her time mentoring middle school students, leading a team of volunteers at her church, and volunteering at her children's homeschool co-op. She recently won the Faculty Recognition Award for Teaching at Cecil College.



### Alvie Johnson: Leader

Alvie Johnson is the DSA Senior Vice President for Business Development. He is an inspirational leader who consistently challenges himself and his staff in the ever-evolving Information Technology industry. Mr. Johnson has personally dedicated his time to supporting Science Fairs and hackathons supporting the advancement of STEM for the future workforce. He is action-oriented and furthers the intent of his volunteering to attract students in underserved communities to join STEM clubs to earn continuing education. Alvie brings over 21 years of former military service as an Army Officer in the Signal Corps. He holds various positions, including Satellite Operations Officer at the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Presidential and Communications Officer at the White House Communications Agency, to help him lead the programs that advance technology and facilitate building our STEM Educated workforce. For over 13 years, Alvie Johnson has served in leadership roles for multiple DoD and commercial support organizations with a significant focus on advancing STEM. For example, as the Executive Vice President for AFCEA National Capital Region, Alvie is responsible for overseeing over 17,000 members and Programs within the National Capital Region that provides over \$350,000 annually to STEM students and STEM programs across the National Capital Region.



### Bill Jones: Innovator

Bill Jones is the Senior Vice President for DSA's Integrated Solutions Group, managing a diverse portfolio of programs providing Information Technology solutions and support to many branches of the DoD. As a strategic thinker and leader, Bill works with DSA customers and inspires them to build innovative solutions that improve performance in all critical mission areas of the Information Technology spectrum. He carries over that creative mindset to advocate for and advance achievements in the STEM fields to benefit the American people. Bill has over 40 years of experience in telecommunications and information technology - half in the US Army, which helped develop his vision for becoming

an avid supporter of STEM in business. He found ways to establish a Science & Technology room in a 1200-student Elementary School and supply it with tablets, 3-D printers, robotic kits, and a variety of educational tools. He helped with the installation of Smart Boards in each classroom for the school. Since 2004 he has supported and overseen the award of over 1.5M dollars in scholarships, teacher grants, and school grants supporting STEM initiatives. Lastly, he helps with other STEM activities, including judging at the annual Regional Science Fairs.



### Rob Limpert: Leader

Rob Limpert is in his 10th year serving in the Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction Office for Harford County Public Schools and is now the Supervisor of the Office of Magnet and Career and Technical Education (CTE) for Harford County Public (HCPS) Schools. He leads the HCPS' Magnet and CTE programs developing the system-wide goals and priorities identified in HCPS' strategic and Master plan. Notably, Rob led the implementation of the highly beneficial student advancement program; Project Lead the Way and its curriculums and programs at five high schools: Aberdeen, Bel Air, C. Milton Wright, Fallston, and Havre de Grace. He also led the Project Lead the Way curriculums at all Harford County middle schools. In addition, he leads the Computer Science and Early Childhood, Foods, Technology Education, and Business programs for all 52 schools in Harford County. Through his leadership, schools now are establishing yearly goals for the College and Career Readiness Coordinators to help carry out the PSAT and AP assessments throughout the school year. And again, Rob led his office to develop apprenticeships and the Harford Investment Program leading to collaboration with Harford Community College to promote local workforce development. Rob's programs now serve over 7,000 students in Harford County Public Schools.

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**Leader Award: Alvie Johnson is DSA's Senior Vice President for Business Development.**

He is an inspirational leader who consistently challenges himself and his staff in the ever-evolving Information Technology industry. With over 21 years of former military service as an Army Officer in the Signal Corps, he held positions that include Satellite Operations Officer and in Joint Chiefs of Staff where he managed the allocation of operational satellite communications capacity for all Department of Defense and Government Agencies. He was a Presidential Communications Officer, White House Communications Agency, where he was responsible for the fixed and deployable state of the art telecommunications support to the White House. For over 13 years, Alvie Johnson has served in leadership roles for multiple DoD and commercial support organizations with a large focus on advancing STEM. For example, as the Executive Vice President for AFCEA National Capital Region, Alvie is responsible for overseeing over 17,000 members and Programs across the National Capital Region that provide over \$350,000 annually to STEM students and STEM programs. Alvie dedicates his personal time supporting Science Fairs and Hackathon in the advancement of STEM for the future workforce. He currently serves as Committee Chairman for the Inclusion Diversity, Equity and Access Committee with responsibility to ensure programs and initiatives reflect the fabric of our country and establish a sense of belonging that embraces the uniqueness of individuals regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, and physical abilities. Alvie actively serves as Board member for the "Blacks on Wall Street". He is action-oriented and furthers the intent of the program to attract students in underserved communities to join STEM clubs, earn continuing education credits, and receive mentoring opportunities to ultimately pursue careers in the STEM field.



**Innovator Award: Bill Jones is the Senior Vice President for DSA's Integrated Solutions Group.**

As a strategic thinker and leader, Bill works with DSA customers and inspires his team to build innovative solutions that improve performance in all critical mission areas of the Information Technology spectrum. Bill is continually advocating for and advancing achievements in the STEM fields to benefit the American people. Bill served for 20 years as a US Army Communications and Electronics Officer where he held numerous tactical and strategic positions in the U.S and abroad. Bill commanded the 362nd Signal Company in Korea where he was responsible for directing, managing, leading, and coordinating daily operations for a 350-person organization and equipment valued over \$200M. While assigned to the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Bill served as a Project Officer for more than \$250 million in strategic government-owned and leased communications transmission systems. Bill has more than 40 years of experience in telecommunications, information technology, defense acquisition, and project management. He is an avid supporter of STEM. Since 2004 he has supported the Fort Belvoir Chapter of AFCEA serving as Vice Present and President. Bill has been directly responsible for supporting and overseeing the award of \$1.5M in scholarships, teacher grants, and school grants in support of STEM initiatives. He supported the establishment of a Science & Technology room at Ft. Belvoir Elementary School (~1200 students) supplying tablets, 3-D printers, robotic kits, and a variety of educational tools with an annual STEM grant of \$5K. Bill supported the purchase and helped with the installation of Smart Boards in each school classroom. Bill supported yearly awards of high school and continuing education scholarships in STEM fields with average annual awards of \$150K. Bill supported other STEM activities including judging at annual Regional Science Fairs and supporting local schools with \$2,500 grants.

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# The Academy of Visionary Awards 2012 – 2023

Total of 157 honorees to date

## Visionary – a community role model in building our Workforce for the Future or advancing technology & innovation

A person is making significant contributions to our entire community's well-being displayed as a personal commitment to the advancement of building our Workforce for the Future or advancing Innovation & Technology, with demonstrated qualities of enlightened leadership over a remarkable period.

**2023** Bruce England, Executive Director (ret.) Susquehanna Workforce Network

**2022** Larry Muzzelo, U.S Army CECOM, Deputy to the Commanding General

**2021** Jeff Foulk, SURVICE Engineering, C.E.O.

**2020** Lyle Sheldon F.A.C.H.E., University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, President CEO.

**2019** Claudine Adams, Bravura Information Technology Systems, President and Founder

**2018** Dr. Philip Perconti, U.S. Army Research Lab, Director

**2017** Dr. Mary Way Bolt, Cecil College, President

**2016** Denise Carnaggio, Harford Community College, APG Liaison

**2015** C. Warren Mullins, Battelle Eastern Technology Center, Senior Vice President

**2014** Gary Martin, U.S. Army CECOM, Deputy to the Commanding General

**2013** Dr. Diane Lane, Cecil College, Vice President Student Activities (retired)

**2012** James Foulk, Chesapeake Testing and SURVICE Engineering, President/Founder.

## Leader – Setting the pace for success.

We are acknowledging the individual's steadfast, consistent contribution to building our S.T.E.M. Educated Workforce or advancing our Innovation & Technology base in a public way while inspiring others to help in accomplishing shared goals.

**2023**

Alvie Johnson, Data Systems Analysts, Inc., DSA Senior Vice President for Business Development

Rob Limpert, Harford County Public Schools, Supervisor Office of Magnet and CTE Education

Dr. David Hairston PhD., U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Senior Principal Investigator

**2022**

Adam Bogner, U.S. Army C5ISR Center, ESI Directorate, Chief Signals Intelligence

Dr. Christy Dryer, Cecil College, Vice President of Academic Programs

Jaclyn Madden, Harford Community College, Professor of Biology

**2021**

Kyle Rickansrud, Cecil County Public Schools, Director of Technology Services and Media

Dr. James Morgan, Cecil College, Associate Professor of Computer Science

Tim McNamara, Discovery Center at Water's Edge, Chairman, Facilities Committee

Laura Cianelli Preston, Harford Community College, Dean of Nursing, Allied Health Prof. (ret.)

Andrew Renzulli, Harford County Public Schools, Supervisor of Science

**2020**

Tamalene Imbierowicz, Professor of Biology & Environmental Science, Harford Comm College

Mark Mortenson, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, Clene Nanomedicine

**2019**

Kathleen Kirk, Data Systems Analyst, Inc., Senior Vice President, Strategic Solutions Group

Susan Manning, Freedom Federal Credit Union, Community Liaison

Jamie Gurganus Ph.D., U.M.B.C., Associate Director Mechanical Engineering

**2018**

Timothy Dominick, Orbital/A.T.K. (now Northrup Grumman)

Jim McNeely, SURVICE Engineering (formerly with Battelle)

Al Horst, Harford Community College/Senior Science Society

**2017**

Joan Michel, Profile Partners, President, and Founder

Dr. Patrick McNutt, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense

Dr. John Suárez, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Dev. & Eng. Center

**2016**

Christine Zatalava, Cecil County Public Schools, Acting Assistant Principal

John Mayhorne, Harford Community College, Dean (now retired)

**2015**

Marco Ciavolino, Techbrick Robotics, and enktesis, President and Founder  
Erica Fineman-Bertoli, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development, Engineering Center.

Louie Lopez, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command.

**2014**

Suzanne Milchling, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

Frank Mezzanotte, Harford County Public Schools (retired).

**2013**

Joseph Wienand, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Director (retired)

**2012**

Kathleen Kunda, Business Ed. Partnership Advisory Council, Cecil County. (Now Board of Directors, Cecil College)

Dr. John Ferriter, ScD, SAIC - Senior VP.(retired)

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Melissa Burke, Cecil College, Assistant Professor of Biology

Bill Jones, Data Systems Analysts, Inc, Senior Vice President, DSA's Integrated Solutions Group,

**2022**

Mark Butkiewicz, SURVICE Engineering, VP Applied Eng, Applied Technology Operation

Dr. Eoin O'Driscoll, Data Systems Analysts, Inc., Director of Critical Infrastructure Protection

Dr. Vishnu Marla, W.L. Gore, Material Scientist, multiple patent holder.

**2021**

Kim Sheppard, Cecil College, Chair Math Department

Todd Miller, Data Systems Analysts, Inc., Product Manager

Dawn Grissom, Harford Com. College, Project Director, Comm Ed, Business. & Applied Tech.

JP Lapps, NextGen Federal Systems, Senior Vice President

Mark Mears, Christiana Care, Union Hospital, Director, Facilities Mgmt. & Emergency Prep.

**2020**

Jill Orsini, Project Lead the Way instructor, Bel Air Middle School

Cyrus Etemad-Moghadam, Founder & President, RPM Tech

**2019**

Martha Barwick Ed. D, Harford County Public Schools, Coordinator of Instructional Technology,

Charles Nietubicz, U.S. Army Research Lab (Ret.), Director Supercomputing Resource Center

**2018**

Catherine (Katie) Hall, U.S. Army Research Lab

Alena Calm, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

**2017**

Dr. Veronica Dougherty, Cecil College

Scott English, U.S. Army, Directorate of Public Works at APG

Marlene Lieb, Harford Community College (retired)

**2016**

Sarah Ashley, Science & Math Academy, Harford County Public Schools

Susan Kipp, Youths Benefit Elementary, Harford County Public Schools

**2015**

Andy Borzok, Cecil County Public Schools.

Kimberly Nikitas, Battelle Eastern Technology Center

Joseph A. Domanico, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

**2014**

Dr. Pamela Lottero-Perdue, Towson University

Jeannine Finton, Harford County Public Library. (Now American Soc. Chemical Engineers)

**2013**

Mary Doak, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (retired)

Dr. Nina Lamba, CCL Biomedical (Initiator of NMTC's Science Café).

Marty Healy, W.L. Gore. (retired)

**2012**

Deborah Wrobel, Harford Community College, Dean (retired)

Frank Cardo, Cecil County Public Schools

## Mentor – Role models for future generations.

**One who consistently goes above and beyond in volunteering their knowledge, experiences, and wisdom to stimulate and inspire greatness in students, teachers, or emerging technology businesses.**

### 2023

Andrew Adams, Harford Community College, Associate Professor of Biology  
Diana Patrick, Mid Atlantic Developers SharePoint user group  
Dr. Peter Plostins, U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ret.),  
Patrick Rogers, Caelum Research Corporation, Program Manager  
MENTOR TEAM (Operating collaboratively as single mentor)  
Aaron Armus, SURVICE Engineering, Splunk Enterprise Engineer  
Jack Doolittle, SURVICE Engineering, Information Systems and Technology Group  
Liam Janis, SURVICE Engineering, Server/Network Administrator and IT Specialist  
Aaron Wawrzyniak, SURVICE Engineering, Network Security Engineer  
John Feser, Blue Eye Technology,

### 2022

Brandie Bidy, Cecil College, Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Dr. Edward Schmidt, Senior Science Society, U.S. ARMY Research Laboratory (Ret.).  
Dr. Chi-Chin Wu, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Materials Scientist.

### 2021

Dr. Art Lee, Retired  
Sarah Wheat, Army Research Lab, Chief of the Employee Development & Engagement Branch  
Erin Poole, Data Systems Analysts, Inc., Customer Service Rep. and SharePoint Developer  
Amy Fares, Data Systems Analysts, Inc., Project Manager

### 2020

Cathy Perkins, Technical Project Manager / Site Lead, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center  
Davlyn Williams, Technical Project Manager, Data Systems Analysts, Inc  
Dr. Timothy Kluchinsky, Chief, Health Hazard Assessment Div., U.S. Army Public Health  
Dr. Richard Becker, Research Engineer, U.S. Army Research Lab

### 2019

Tracey Schreiner, Data Systems Analysts, Inc., Training Lead  
Frank Mayer, Harford Community College, Adjunct Faculty Cybersecurity  
Wilbert Moultrie, U.S. Army Public Health Center, S.T.E.M. Coordinator  
Carrie Kauffman, Battelle, Principal Research Scientist  
Matthew Kiefert, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Outreach Office Coordinator

### 2018

William (Bill) Chambers, NASA Goddard  
Stan Childs, STEM International  
Dr. Michael Simini, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center  
Virginia (Ginny) To, Parsons Corp, contract support to U.S. Army Research Lab  
Dr. Drew Wilkerson, York College/U.S. ARMY Research Lab (ret.)

### 2017

Anne Marie Baumann, Cecil County Public Schools.  
John Nierwinski, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity  
Dr. Ebony Roper, Cecil College  
Dick Schwanke, Senior Science Society at Harford Community College

### 2016

Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez, U.S. Army Research Laboratory  
Greg Fox, Northrup Grumman (ret)  
Kelly Mangum, Harford County Public Schools  
Omar Savory, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Dev. and Engineering Center

### 2015

Dr. Bruce Burns, Harford Community College, Senior Science Society  
Deidre DeRoia, U.S. Natural Resources Branch, Aberdeen Proving Ground  
Dr. John McDonough, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense  
Susan Ciavolino, Harford County Boys & Girls Club  
Rick Moore, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Ctr. Rapid Tech & Inspection Branch.  
Brad Ruprecht, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Ctr. Rapid Tech & Inspection Branch  
Lester Hitch, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Ctr. Rapid Tech & Inspection Branch

### 2014

Suzanne Procell, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center  
Anne Shade, Leidos. (moved)  
Dr. Robert Lieb, U.S. Army Research Lab (now retired)  
Dr. William Prins, A.T.K. Missile Products Division. (now retired)

### 2013

Dr. Dave Brown, MITRE, and Johns Hopkins University. (Pentagon)  
Dr. Sandra Young, U.S. Army Research Lab, Harford Community College  
Ted Welsh, SURVICE Engineering

### 2012

Tim Jahnigen, SAIC (now T2S Solutions)  
Dennis Hiebert, Senior Science Society at Harford Community College  
Ken Collins, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center  
Dr. Douglas Cerasoli, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.  
Shawn Bowen, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

## Rising Star – People to watch.

**Boldly, one who demonstrated the potential to be an excellent, long-term contributor to building the S.T.E.M. Educated workforce or advancing our Innovation & Technology base.**

### 2023

Lauren Beward, Bravura Information Technology Systems, Inc.  
Jaime Wilson, U.S. Army Research Laboratory

### 2022

Sarah Patrick, Information Science Student at the University of Maryland.  
Olivia Webster, U.S. Army Public Health Center, Biomedical Engineer,

### 2021

Kayla Ross, Cecil College, Science, and Engineering Lab Coordinator  
Jeremy Ruroede, S.E.R.R.I Technologies, Founder & CEO

### 2020

Brian Leftridge, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Dev Command, S.T.E.M. Program Specialist,  
Mikale Brutus, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Dev Com, C5ISR, S.T.E.M. Outreach Specialist.

### 2019

Caitlyn Byrne, MITRE Corp, Lead Information Systems Engineer  
Gina Fugate, MD School for the Blind, Lead Technology Teacher

### 2018

Kim McCarthy, U.S. Army Contracting Command  
David Patrick, D.S.A., Inc.  
Barbara Morton, Cecil College  
Jack Underwood, System Source Learning Centers

### 2017

Alison Baranowski, Harford County Public Schools  
Jerry Crabb, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command  
Jacqueline Wilson, Cecil College

### 2016

Kim Bowers, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.  
Nicole McKew, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center  
Jan Stewart, Harford County Public Schools, Hickory Elementary School.  
Christina Bryant, U.S. Army Test, and Evaluation Command

### 2015

Katie McHenry, Youths Benefit Elementary School S.T.E.M. Club.  
Breanne Sutton, A.T.K. Missile Products Division. (now Northrup Grumman)

### 2014

Carmen Kifer, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency.  
Ann Bizzano, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland.

### 2013

Kimberly Williams, Cecil County Public Schools.

### 2012

Jason Parks, Harford County Public Schools, Youths Benefit Elementary School..

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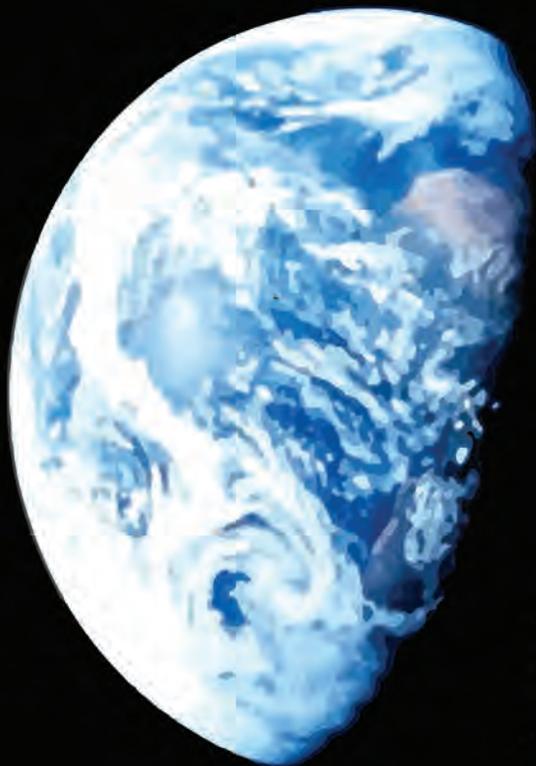
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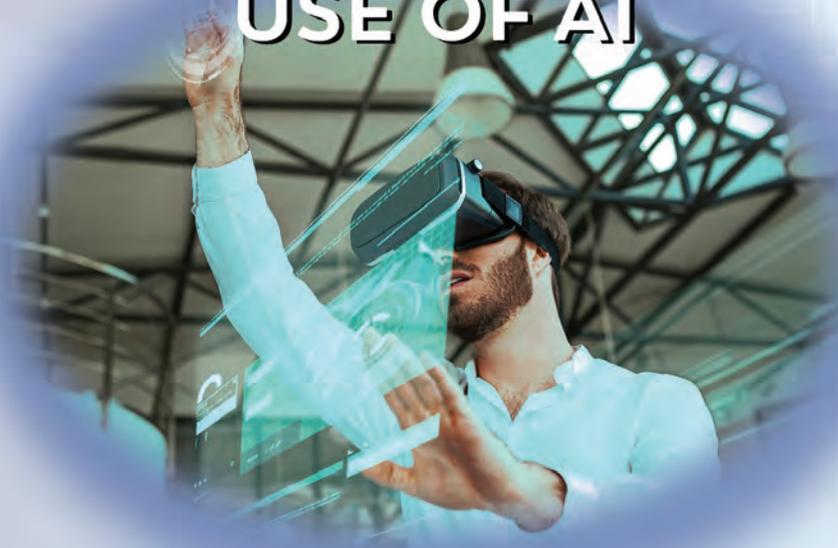
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**Mentor - Patrick Rogers, Caelum Research Corporation**

**Mentor Team - Aaron Armus, Jack Doolittle, Aaron Wawrzyniak, and Liam Janis from SURVICE Engineering.  
John Feser from Blue Sky Technology**

**Rising Star - Lauren Beward, Bravura Information Technology Systems**

**Rising Star - Jaime Wilson, US Army Research Lab**

**Leader - Alvie Johnson, Data Systems Analysts, Inc. (DSA)**

**Leader - Rob Limpert, Harford County Public Schools**

**Leader - Dr. David Hairston, HR, and Eng. Directorate, US Army Research Lab**

**Innovator - Melissa Burke, Cecil College**

**Innovator - Bill Jones, Data Systems Analysts, Inc. (DSA)**

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Liam (2018), and John (2018) came to SURVICE through a partnership that has provided our company with some of the best and brightest. These young men were dedicated to passing along their passion and expertise to current students at HTHS in the Cybersecurity Program that competed in the Cyber

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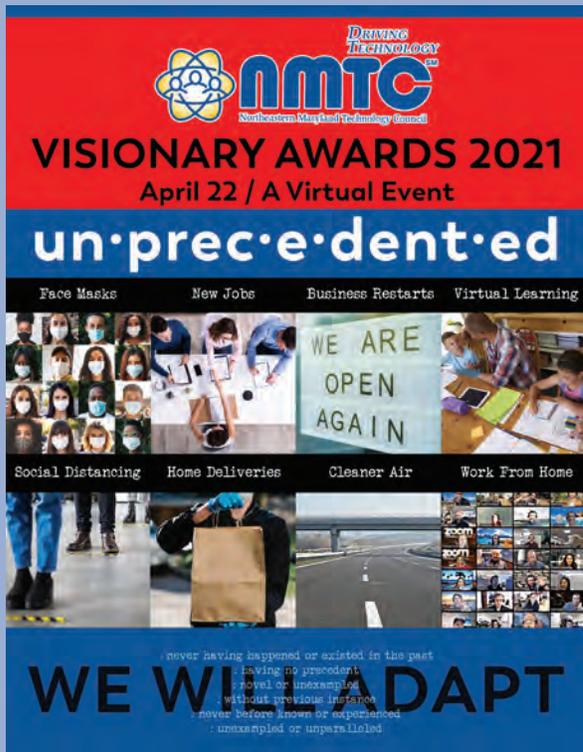
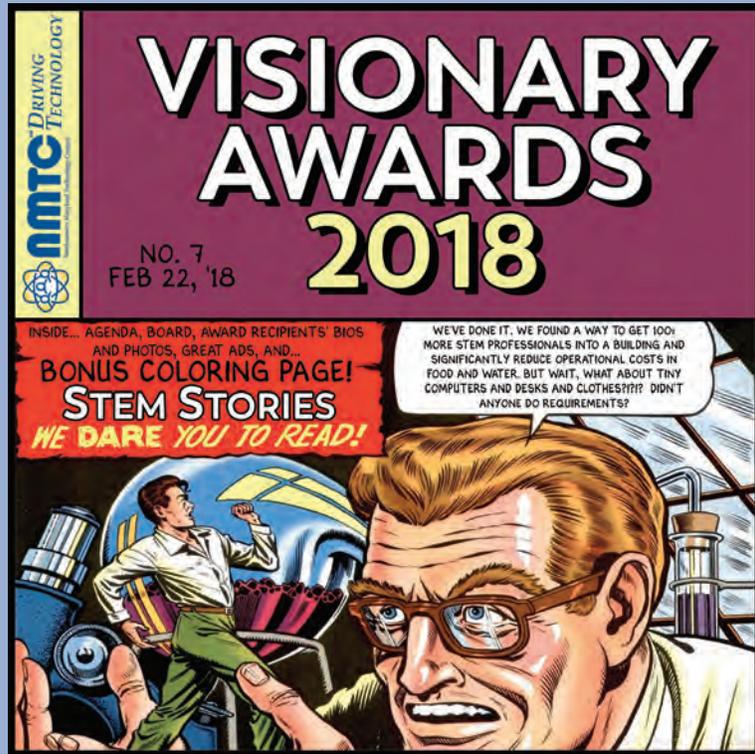
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