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# ECBC Wins Governor's Service Award for Excellence in the Community

**Greenbelt, Md.** — The U.S. Army Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) was presented with the Governor's Service Award in recognition of its outstanding dedication in supporting local schools and educators to promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), May 12.

During the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Service Awards ceremony at the Greenbelt Marriott in Prince Georges County, the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) recognized Marylanders for their exceptional volunteer service in the community over the past year. Award categories included the adult group, adult individual, faith based, lifetime achievement, national service, nonprofit, for profit, older adult, youth individual, youth group and special honorees.

"For 28 years, the Governor's Service Awards has recognized outstanding service from individuals and groups," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "I'd like to commend each of this year's recipients for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to Maryland's communities. Together, we can continue to move our State towards that better future that we all prefer."

Harford County Public Schools Coordinator of Partnerships for Special Programs and Student Achievement Michelle Shaivitz nominated the Center as Special Honoree for its significant contributions to the life and education of citizens in Maryland.

"On behalf of the staff and students of Harford County's public school system, it is our privilege to nominate ECBC for the Governor's Service Award for Excellence in the Community," she said.

"We are very grateful for the continuum of educational experiences ECBC has provided our schools and programs to advance students' interest and performance in STEM."

The Center's Technical Director Joseph Wienand accepted the award on behalf of the employees at ECBC that generously volunteered their time and expertise to address community needs. In 2010, they engaged nearly 6000 students and more than 650 local teachers in nearly 80 educational outreach events.

"First and foremost, I would like to thank our neighbor and close partner Harford County Public Schools for acknowledging ECBC's efforts in making a difference in the community," Wienand said. "It is with a great sense of honor and pride that we accept this prestigious award."

Mary Doak, ECBC community and educational outreach program manager, afterwards spoke about the value of the partnership between the Center and Harford County Public Schools.

“We are very fortunate to have a close relationship with our local school administrators and educators,” she said. “Collectively, we will continue to focus on offering local students educational opportunities that inspire them to engage in STEM discovery and innovation.”

For more information about ECBC, visit <http://www.ecbc.army.mil/>.

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