

MARYLAND STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Sean McComb,
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Sean believes that every child needs a champion and that it is the role of public education to champion every child. As a child facing his own challenging adolescence, it was the effort of exceptional educators in his life that offered him a path to success. As an English teacher and AVID Coordinator at Patapsco, Sean looks to do the same for his students. Sean focuses on moving his English students from "knowledgeable" to "knowledge-able" through collaboration, connection, critical thinking and creativity.

As a teacher and coordinator in the AVID college-preparatory program, Sean stays with many of his students from 9th grade through graduation. Coming alongside these students to support their achievement and growth, for many students he becomes not only a teacher, but a mentor who facilitates developing in students the soft skills of perseverance, problem-solving and positivity while working to ensure students graduate college and career-ready. During his eight years in Baltimore County, Sean has worked to create stronger English curriculum guides to support instruction, chaperoned the Chinese Cultural Exchange Program to Xi'an China, coached track and tennis and involved many of his students in community service efforts. Sean graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in English Literature before returning to complete a Masters of Education in English Education.

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