

2026 Assistant Principal and Aspiring Leader Conference Panelists

Kristin Addleman



With over 26 years in elementary education, Mrs. Addleman brings deep experience and a strong commitment to literacy and student success. She began her career as a classroom teacher before becoming a school-based literacy teacher, where she championed evidence-based reading practices. Then, as a Teacher Specialist in the Office of Elementary Reading and Integrated Literacy, she supported district-wide initiatives, mentored educators, and strengthened instructional practices across multiple schools. After 9 years as a Teacher Specialist, Mrs. Addleman served as an Assistant Principal before becoming principal in November of this year. Mrs. Addleman continues to lead with integrity and a focus on positive school culture, instructional excellence, and strong family partnerships.

Robert C. Hathaway



Robert Hathaway is a veteran educator and administrator with nearly 20 years of experience dedicated to driving student success and teacher efficacy in Maryland's most diverse learning environments. Throughout his career, Robert has been a steadfast advocate for inclusive practices, utilizing his deep expertise in Special Education to ensure equitable access for all

learners. He has worked for Baltimore City Schools and is currently an Induction Specialist for Anne Arundel County Public Schools, where he shapes the professional identity of new educators through targeted mentorship and leadership development.

A proud alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh (BA) and the College of Notre Dame of Maryland University (Master's in Teaching and Leadership), Robert combines a strong academic background with the practical, "on-the-ground" experience required of a modern school leader. He is committed to fostering school cultures that prioritize teacher retention, collaborative leadership, and the holistic growth of every student.

Albert T. Lewis



Albert T. Lewis is a 20-year educator who has served in Prince George's County Public Schools, of which he is a proud 2001 graduate, and the District of Columbia Public School System. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications from Morgan State University and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Walden University. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in School System Leadership and Supervision at the University of Maryland, College Park. Mr. Lewis began his career as a substitute teacher in 2006, then taught Language Arts at Walker Mill Middle School and

later English at Charles Herbert Flowers High School. In 2013, he was named Prince George's County Teacher of the Year and received Steve Harvey's Best School Teacher Award. He joined Largo High School as Assistant Principal in 2016, later served at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, and has served as Principal of Largo High School since 2022. He believes deeply that "If service is beyond you, then leadership is beneath you."

Sonia A. Matthew



Dr. Sonia A. Matthew, the 2025 Maryland's National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year and brings 27 years of experience in public education. Her career spans roles as a teacher, reading specialist, Talented and Gifted (TAG) coordinator, and assistant principal at both the middle and elementary levels in Texas and Maryland. She was recently appointed to the MSDE Superintendent's Principal Advisory Council, informing the Maryland State Superintendent on issues in school leadership, and to the PLAC-Professional Learning Advisory Council, guiding national professional learning for NAESP. Dr. Matthew is a Board Member of MAESP, serving as Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. As a National Board-Certified Teacher (NBCT), she trains candidates across Maryland for the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA). Dr. Matthew is married for 25 years to a retired Sergeant Major in the U.S Army and is a proud mother of three children, ages 16 to 21.

Anna Ory



Anna Ory is an accomplished educational leader with over 20 years of experience in teaching and administration. She currently serves as Assistant Principal at Marley Middle School, where she champions equity, fosters positive school culture, and drives student achievement through data-informed practices. Anna holds a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from McDaniel College and a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Norfolk State University. Her career includes roles as Science Department Chair, Lead Administrator, and IB MYP Coordinator, reflecting her expertise in curriculum development, instructional coaching, and school operations. A recognized leader, Anna was named the 2025 MASSP Assistant Principal of the Year and has

presented at NASSP and MASSP conferences. She is committed to empowering educators and creating inclusive learning environments that inspire students to thrive academically and personally.