

John Carroll School teacher, student honored by foundation

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Math teacher Jean Willan and senior Claire Zurkowski of The John Carroll School in Bel Air were recently honored by The William J. Sacco Critical Thinking Foundation. Willan received The William J. Sacco Mathematics Educator Award, “presented to an outstanding high school mathematics educator who demonstrates exceptional mentoring skills, creative teaching methods and success in incorporating real-world applications into the classroom,” according to a news release from John Carroll.

Established in 2012, the award honors Dr. William Sacco by recognizing outstanding mathematics teachers in Harford County. In addition, one student from every Harford County high school received a \$500 scholarship for demonstrating excellence in mathematics.

Zurkowski received that scholarship and the “2013 William J. Sacco Mathematics Student of the Year” award, which included a \$3,000 scholarship to the college of her choice, “in recognition of her mastery of mathematics, demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity in the classroom and dedication to life-long learning,” according to information from John Carroll.

Sacco, a pioneer in trauma registry research, made key contributions to the development of trauma severity scores with applications to patient triage, tracking and outcomes evaluation, from the earliest days of trauma registries, according to information from the foundation.

His accomplishments included being a chief research consultant for the American College of Surgeons Major Trauma Outcome Study and authoring more than 15 books and 200 papers in the fields of trauma analysis, research and applied mathematics.

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