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## **MPT-nominated Baltimore County library media specialist selected for inaugural PBS Digital Innovator All-Star Program**

*Joquetta Johnson recognized as leader in Maryland education community*

**OWINGS MILLS, MD** – Maryland Public Television (MPT) has announced Library Media Specialist Joquetta Johnson, from Randallstown High School in Baltimore County, as one of 30 United States educators selected to the inaugural [PBS Digital Innovator All-Star Program](#). Johnson, nominated for the program by [MPT's Education Division](#), is being recognized for her work toward integrating technology and digital media into the classroom and supporting student learning through increasingly important media literacy skills.

The PBS Digital Innovator All-Stars were chosen using various criteria, including their passion for teaching, outcomes from their time serving as PBS Digital Innovators, connections to their communities, and service to under-resourced families. The full list of the 2018 PBS Digital Innovator All-Stars can be found [here](#).

“Joquetta is a passionate educator who is an inspiration to students and educators alike,” said Betsy Peisach, MPT vice president, Education. “We look forward to collaborating with her to strengthen student learning and leverage educational media and technologies to empower students to succeed.”



MPT's Betsy Peisach (left) with Baltimore County educator Joquetta Johnson

During the last 15 years, Johnson has been involved with MPT through professional development activities that inspire fellow educators to effectively integrate digital media, such as PBS LearningMedia, into engaging and innovative lessons. Johnson is known for her enthusiastic teaching style, encouraging both teachers and students to view education through a new lens.

In partnership with MPT, Johnson will continue to use her experience to support students, families, educators, and schools in Maryland. As an exclusive part of the All-Stars program, she will have opportunities to connect with and learn from peers across the nation and participate in the PBS Digital Innovator All-Star Summit in Chicago on June 23 and 24.

Lifelong learning and teaching is a true mission for Johnson. She is a [Google Certified Innovator](#) and an adjunct instructor at Morgan State University in the School of Education and Urban Studies. In addition, she is pursuing a doctoral degree in curriculum and teaching at Nova Southeastern University.

## **About MPT**

Launched in 1969 and headquartered in Owings Mills, MD, Maryland Public Television is a nonprofit, state-licensed public television network and member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). MPT's six transmitters cover Maryland plus portions of contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards, MPT creates local, regional, and national television shows. Beyond broadcast, MPT's commitment to professional educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through year-round instructional events and the super-website *Thinkport*, which garners in excess of 14 million page views annually. MPT's community engagement connects viewers with local resources on significant health, education, and public interest topics through year-round outreach events, viewer forums, program screenings, and phone bank call-in opportunities. For more information visit [mpt.org](http://mpt.org).

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