

Howard County Public School System

School News

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RE: Scienta Solutions LLC and West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department to Partner with Marriotts Ridge High School

Ellicott City, MD --- Two new partnerships will enhance the computing skills and general wellbeing of Marriotts Ridge High School students and staff. The partnership agreements with Scienta Solutions LLC and the West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department will be formalized with official signings at the school on Tuesday, January 26.

Scienta Solutions LLC has agreed to collaborate with faculty to develop computer and information technology class projects relevant to current business and industry applications. The organization will assist students and staff in understanding and applying leading-edge technology and business concepts to both the product development process and classroom instructional methods.

The West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department has agreed to serve as an informational resource for the MRHS community on effective emergency preparedness practices and to provide educational presentations on topics such as CPR, home safety surveys, and smoking cessation classes. WFVFD members will also mentor motivated, qualified high school students for career exploration and community service projects.

At 8:30 am, Howard Day, Chief, West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department, and Charles Montague, President, Scienta Solutions LLC, will join Sandra French and Patricia Gordon, Members, Howard County Board of Education; Patrick Saunderson, Principal, Marriotts Ridge High School; and Mary Schiller, Manager, HCPSS Partnerships Office to sign the formal partnership agreement.

Scienta Solutions LLC provides creative, customized marketing and communication services to high technology companies designed to strengthen brand recognition and increase customer loyalty.

The West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department (www.wfvfd.org) has been preserving life, property, and the environment since 1944. The department recently moved to its new station on Slack's Corner, built on land purchased from the family of George Slack, a charter member of the organization when it was formed fifty years ago.

The Howard County Public School System's Partnerships Office (www.hcpss.org/aboutus/partnership) unites businesses and community organizations with schools to enhance the educational experience. Partnerships benefit students, businesses, and the entire community by leveraging the resources of all participants. Partners may commit human or financial resources or other support.

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