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## **MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION HONORS JOSHUA PARKER AS 2012 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**BALTIMORE, MD. (October 14, 2011)** – The Maryland Automobile Dealers Association is honoring Joshua Parker, Maryland’s 2012 Teacher of the Year, with the gift of a new car. Mr. Parker of Windsor Mill Middle School of Baltimore County was announced the statewide winner of the prestigious competition from among 24 finalists selected from each county and the city of Baltimore. The car, a 2012 Honda Civic is provided by MADA on behalf of all Maryland’s franchised new car and truck dealers.

“MADA wants to congratulate Mr. Parker for his achievements,” said Marisa Shockley, Chairperson of MADA and vice president of Shockley Honda in Frederick. “On behalf of all new car and truck dealers, it is our honor to present this car in appreciation for his commitment to Maryland’s children.”

Joshua Parker is a graduate of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Communication, a minor in English from Towson University, and a Master of Arts degree in Leadership in Teaching. He is zealous when it comes to teaching to prepare world-class students, and he has proven his abilities while serving as English/Reading/World Language Department Chair at Windsor Mill Middle School, as well as an English Language Arts teacher at both New Town High and Dundalk Middle Schools. Having an uncommon drive to see students succeed, Mr. Parker states that he believes in their potential and works tirelessly to not only open, but to also fill their minds with instructional tools for learning. In addition to this prestigious recognition at the state level, Mr. Parker will also compete for the National Teacher of the Year award to be announced in May 2012 at the White House.

This year marks MADA’s 11<sup>th</sup> year as a presenting sponsor of the Maryland State Teacher of the Year program. MADA annually presents the winning teacher with a free vehicle and an invitation to speak at the association’s annual meeting and legislative reception. The Association also sponsors the Teacher of the Year Day in Annapolis, an event during which the 24 teachers are presented during the General Session and have the opportunity to meet with their local legislators.

### **About the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association**

Maryland Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) is a statewide association of new car and truck dealers managed by a Board of Directors, which consists of members representing districts throughout the State. MADA was founded in 1910 as a non-profit trade association for the purpose of: "facilitating the exchange of ideas among its members; to encourage

sound business policies; to foster constructive motor vehicle legislation; to discourage destructive motor vehicle legislation, and to promote confidence, respect and good fellowship among all who are directly or indirectly engaged in the motor vehicle industry." For more information visit MADA online at [www.mdauto.org](http://www.mdauto.org).

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