

**2020 Outstanding Youth Award Presentation Script**  
**Anna Vargas: Overall Achievement**

Anna Vargas is the 2020 recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for **Overall Achievement**. As a senior at Tabb High School and the Governor's School for Science and Technology, Anna's exemplary **academic** achievements include earning an astounding 4.93 grade point average with numerous Advanced Placement (AP) classes and college level courses. Anna is a member of the National Honor Society, the English, Science, and Math Honor Societies, and is a national AP Scholar with Distinction.

Anna's **research** achievements are also of the highest caliber and include: internships with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) in Water Quality and Hampton University in Microbiology; winning 1<sup>st</sup> place awards at both the York County and Tidewater Regional Science Fairs in **three** different disciplines, taking home the Tidewater Regional 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prize. Anna also received recognition from NOAA, the EPA, and the American Water Works Association's Virginia Merit Section; won top HRSD awards for research in Microbial Fuel Cell biosensors; and 4<sup>th</sup> place at last year's Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Anna's **service** achievements are also significant, including: volunteering at the Virginia Living Museum as a Research Intern and instructor for visiting school groups; co-founding Tabb High's Recycling for Change Campaign; and, serving two years on the York County Youth Commission including Chairman.

Anna's exemplary accomplishments are more than equaled by her **character**, as affirmed by her nominator and Principal, Paul Rice. He lauds her hard work and dedication for environmental causes. Her passion for recycling led to an

environmental grant that was used to purchase recycling bins and could help fund a startup program at Tabb Elementary, hoping those students create a tradition at the elementary level and carry it with them through high school.

**Anna**, the Board of Supervisors publicly recognizes you as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Overall Achievement, and extends you the Board's sincere admiration and appreciation for being a role model to the youth of our community. The Board's best wishes go with you as you continue to use your talents and abilities in making a positive impact on the world through your commitment to helping the environment and our community.