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Nancy Dolan was elected as President of the *Business Education Teachers Association (BETA) of Fairfax County* for the 2007-08 school year. BETA was formed to give Business & Information Technology teachers a means to better communicate, enhance professional growth, and provide a forum for common business education principles. BETA includes both Middle and High School teachers who are full and part time employees, and retired Business Educators, as well as those on extended leave.

Led by teacher **Marge Craig**, the 2006-2007 editions of H2N just received an All-American rating with 4 marks of distinction from the *National Scholastic Press Association*.

Senior **Mariam Al-Botani** has been named *Education for Employment's Cooperative Education Student of the Month*. Cooperative Education (COOP) combines classroom study with supervised on-the-job training. Mariam is employed in the dining services department at Greensprings Retirement Community. In her four years of employment on the job, she has been promoted to service coach and monitors 20 students daily. Mariam's work ethic and positive attitude have earned her the respect of the elderly residents that she serves. The residents recently nominated her as Outstanding Employee of the entire Greensprings Retirement Community complex for her service.

The **Hayfield Marching Band**, led by Pat Burke, won the *US Scholastic Band Association* Marching Band Competition at Herndon High School. Additionally, the band won "best visual" and won the competition for the best Color Guard.

In October 2006, the American Society of Human Genetics and the Genetics Society of America were awarded a National Science Foundation grant to work with the American Association of Biology Teachers and the National Sciences

Resource Center to establish a collaborative network between educators and geneticists. The Geneticist-Educator Network of Alliances project will ultimately have 92 teacher-scientist partnerships nationwide. Biology teacher **Sue Duncan** has been selected to be a part of the first cadre of partnerships and is currently developing a learning cycle which will introduce students to research methods and tools used in studying patterns of inheritance and epigenetics.