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Calvert County Named One of Country's 100 Best Communities for Young People *Commissioners to Highlight Recognition at Nov. 13 Meeting*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Oct. 18, 2012 – For the third consecutive year, Calvert County has been named one of the country's 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance and ING U.S. The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners will recognize the agencies involved in the award at its Nov. 13 meeting.

The 100 Best Communities award celebrates America's young people and the communities most dedicated to helping local youth graduate from high school. The competition honors cities, counties and towns working to decrease high school dropout rates and create brighter futures for young people. This year's award highlighted the efforts of the Calvert Career & Technology Academy for preparing students for post-secondary education and employment in more than 20 careers. At the academy, students choose a goal such as career development or preparing for college, then customize their courses based on that goal.



America's Promise Alliance lauded Calvert County for its commitment to education and collaboration among the agencies, nonprofits, businesses and community organizations that provide services to youth. A wide variety of Calvert County citizens were involved in the award application as part of the Interagency Council for Children and Youth, with the Calvert Collaborative for Children & Youth (CCCY) serving as the lead organization. The application process comprised four months of research, drafting and coordination.

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In 2012 more than 320 communities in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., were nominated for the 100 Best competition. The winners come from 42 states. The award includes two signs designating the county as one of the 100 best places for children and young people. To learn more about the award, visit the America's Promise Alliance Web site at <http://www.americaspromise.org>.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.