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**AVID Congratulates Sean McComb –
2014 National Teacher of the Year**

SAN DIEGO – Sean McComb, an AVID teacher and coordinator at Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts in Baltimore County, was named 2014 National Teacher of the Year today. He, along with all 2014 State Teachers of the Year, will be recognized by President Barack Obama in a [ceremony at the White House](#) on May 1, 2014.

In a recent blog posting, “[AVID: A Game Changer](#),” McComb, an AVID educator for seven years, wrote, “The AVID program's grounding in best practices has provided a strong foundation for my classroom and career. It is the underlying tenets of a student-centered philosophy that recognizes academic and emotional supports working in concert with one another that speaks to my heart.”

We are so proud of Sean and his dedicated work with AVID,” said AVID CEO Sandy Husk. “Sean is an outstanding educator who, because of his desire, the right professional learning, support, and tools to do the work, has had an incredible impact in the lives of his students and colleagues.”

The National Teacher of the Year is chosen from among the State Teachers of the Year. A committee that represents major national education organizations, convened by the Council of Chief State School Officers, makes the selection.

AVID was well-represented in the 2014 contest. Florida Teacher of the Year Dorina Sackman, an AVID teacher at Westridge Middle School in Orlando, was named a finalist in this year’s National Teacher of the Year competition.

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