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BART Hosts MIT Science Writer Marcia Bartusiak

ADAMS, Massachusetts (October 15, 2018) – The Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School (BART), a tuition-free public school serving students in grades 6 through 12, is sponsoring a visit and public lecture by noted MIT science writer Marcia Bartusiak.

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Ms. Bartusiak, a writer known internationally for numerous books and articles on astronomy, cosmology, and the nature of the Universe, is Professor of the Practice of the Graduate Program in Science Writing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Among her books are award winners *The Day We Found the Universe*, *Einstein's Unfinished Symphony*, and *Black Hole: How an Idea Abandoned by Newtonians, Hated by Einstein, and Gambled on by Hawking Became Loved*. Her latest book is *Dispatches from Planet 3*, a volume of collected essays. In addition to books, Ms. Bartusiak writes a column, titled "Cosmic Background," for *Natural History* magazine and continues to write for such national publications as *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *Science*, *Popular Science*, and *Technology Review*.

Ms. Bartusiak started her career after receiving an undergraduate degree in communications from American University in Washington, DC. She followed that several years later with a Master's degree in physics from Old Dominion University. She has since received numerous awards and recognitions, among them she: is twice recipient of the American Institute of Physics Science Writing Award; received the History of Science Society's Davis Prize; and has two books designated by the *New York Times* as Notable Books. She was elected in 2008 as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"A marvelous thinker and writer, Marcia Bartusiak has a clear voice as an interpreter and communicator of contemporary science," states Dr. Jay White, Executive Director of BART. "Her own questions place her with scientist colleagues at the very edge of humans' thought about the nature of the Universe and where we are within it. That Ms. Bartusiak will spend two days in classes talking with our students about science, writing, and creativity is a natural consequence of what we do at BART to help open our students' minds."

In addition to her time with BART students, Ms. Bartusiak will deliver a **public lecture at 4:00pm on Friday, November 2, 2018**. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is entitled "Dispatches from Planet 3." Co-sponsored by BART, the Williams College Department of Astronomy, and Williams College's Hopkins Observatory, the lecture will take place on the Williams campus in Room 205 of the Thompson Physics and Astronomy Laboratory. Seating is limited. There will be a book-signing after the lecture. Those with questions about the lecture should contact Williams's Michele Rech (413.597.2482 or mcr4@williams.edu).

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