

**Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities**  
**READ ALL 5 PAGES!**

**Opportunities to serve on HCPSS Policy Review Committees and Howard County Government Advisory Groups-** contact [cindy\\_drummond@hcpss.org](mailto:cindy_drummond@hcpss.org) for more information

- **Policy 9020 Student Rights and Responsibilities**
- **The HCPSS Student Services and Communications teams need your help to design student-centered messaging to support student well-being during this challenging time. If you are interested in helping craft ideas, messages or information to support fellow students, please reach out to Lisa Davis and Kami Wagner ([lisa\\_j\\_davis@hcpss.org](mailto:lisa_j_davis@hcpss.org) and [kami\\_wagner@hcpss.org](mailto:kami_wagner@hcpss.org)).**

**Volunteer Center of Howard County – Looking for a way to volunteer?** You're in the right place! Click on "[Find An Opportunity](#)" to view our current volunteer opportunities. From that page you can filter the search results based on location, key word, issue, skills, age range, availability or other criteria. Click on the [Opportunity Calendar](#) link to view date & time specific opportunities in a calendar view.  
<http://www.volunteerhoward.org/>

**Food on the 15<sup>th</sup>** [www.foodonthe15th.org](http://www.foodonthe15th.org) Help collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for senior citizens in Howard County.

**Howard County Recreation and Parks-Students Needed as Tutors and Homework Helpers** Roger Carter Community Center Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays 4:30-6:00. Volunteers will sign up for 4-6 week "shifts". Responsibilities include assisting elementary school students with homework and serving as a positive role model. Sign up <http://tinyurl.com/HWClubTutor> or contact Jennene Blakely, Program Coordinator [jlblakely@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jlblakely@howardcountymd.gov) 410-313-1693

**Special Olympics Howard County**

Interested in volunteering? Want to coach and mentor athletes with intellectual disabilities? Consider volunteering for Special Olympics Howard County! To volunteer you must be at least 14 years old or a freshman in high school. To apply for a volunteer position, visit [www.somdhc.org](http://www.somdhc.org) and complete a Volunteer Application. You must also complete an online Protective Behaviors Course, which can be found on the Volunteer page, and attend a Volunteer Orientation class. Pre-registration for the latter class is required by sending an email to Janet Larrimore, at [JanetandWalter@comcast.net](mailto:JanetandWalter@comcast.net).

**Howard County NAACP Youth Council.** For more than 25 years, the [Howard County NAACP Youth Council](#) has devoted its energy to passionately advocating for the hungry, needy and politically under-represented members of our community. You can contribute to the future of someone in need through donations of money, food, or time. ***Please join us as we continue to make a positive difference in the lives of others.*** We develop young civil rights and community leaders by engaging youth in leadership roles and positive community activism in Howard County, Maryland. We have won numerous awards and recognition from county and state officials for our work. Though we primarily focus on the issues affecting African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities, we strive for equality for all people and do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or

any other protected category. We welcome you to learn more about the Howard County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Youth Council. <http://www.howardcountynaacpyouthcouncil.org/> Anthony Butler.

### **Opportunities with Local Government**

County Executive and County Council want you to intern with them!

County Council Members are looking for interns and volunteers and you can contact your councilmember directly or email them all at [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov)

Please talk to Cindy Drummond for more information and tips on how to apply [cindy\\_drummond@hcpss.org](mailto:cindy_drummond@hcpss.org)

**Howard County Food Bank- Feeding Howard County Residents in Need** The Howard County Food Bank provides food to Howard County residents in need. CAC also sponsors fourteen (14) emergency food pantries that support families in need of emergency food assistance. As a healthy food bank, we are committed to alleviating the effects of hunger by providing adequate and nutritious food items to families. CAC distributes fruit and vegetables grown at its community garden and offers educational programs that support healthy eating habits for families. The Food Bank is supported by donations from individuals, groups, community food drives, as well as partners with grocery stores and supermarkets. <https://www.cac-hc.org/programs-services/food-assistance/>

**Association of Community Services - <https://www.acshoco.org/ACS-is-the-how-in-Howard-County>** The Association of Community Services (ACS) is a dynamic network of 100+ Howard County member organizations and individuals serving more than 100,000 Howard County families and individuals. ACS members come from every area of Howard County's human services community. They include: government agencies; non-profit organizations; for-profit organizations; faith-based organizations; and individuals who are concerned about human services. We are a membership organization supported by volunteers complementing a small staff.

**Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)** Wherever students feel discouraged by apathy, treated unfairly in their schools, want to know more to become greater leaders, MASC has offered a solution. Students are not only the leaders of the future but the leaders of today and defend as well as promote the interests, rights and well-being of all students in the state of Maryland. The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students. To see that this is done efficiently and effectively, the Maryland Association of Student Councils hosts several events throughout the school year. <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>

### **Maryland Leadership Workshops <http://mlw.org/>**

Empowering young people to recognize and realize their potential as leaders has been our core mission since our founding in 1955.

MLW works with middle and high school students in Maryland and throughout the region. Through peer-led facilitation we inspire participants to be engaged and involved and empower them with the skills and confidence to make a difference in their schools and communities.

**Maryland Youth Advisory Council <http://goc.maryland.gov/myac/>** Christina Drushel Williams, Policy Analyst, at [christina.drushel@maryland.gov](mailto:christina.drushel@maryland.gov) or 410.697.9242. As a coalition of diverse young advocates and leaders from across the State, the Maryland Youth Advisory Council addresses relevant issues by influencing legislation, spreading public awareness and serving as a liaison between youth and policymakers.

**\*\*MUSICIANS AND SINGERS NEEDED\*\*** The Winter Growth is a care center for senior citizens and is looking for musicians and singers to perform for their day residents!

<https://www.volunteerhoward.org/opportunity/a0C1N00000ad3xtUAA>

**HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council** provides the youth perspective to the staff and Board of Directors of HC DrugFree to increase the effectiveness of HC DrugFree's programs, newsletters, website and other services. The Teen Advisory Council is **composed of Howard County high school students** (public, private and home school) who meet monthly during the school year to discuss teen use of alcohol and other drugs, and to develop educational messages that promote HC DrugFree's vision of a county where teens are drug-free by choice. Benefits of Joining the Teen Advisory Council: Meet new people from other schools, Gain knowledge of what's happening in Howard County, Feel empowered to make a difference, Community service hours available For more information, please contact Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Executive Director at 443-325-0040 or e-mail [joan@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:joan@hcdrugfree.org). *Meetings are held during the school year and the Howard County Public School System's weather, etc. cancellation policies apply.*

### ***Youth in Conversation~***

#### ***Join us in our County-Wide Student Dialogues***

**What is Youth in Conversation?** *Youth in Conversation* is a group of high school students who want to “talk about the things no one talks about”. Our goal is to build community by having conversations about identities we have in common and issues that separate us, such as race, culture, religion and gender. We believe if we take the time to listen and learn from each other, we can find ways to be a more thriving and innovative community *because* of our diversity.

#### **What Will We Do?**

Share our own experience

Talk about what is helping students feel connected to, and separated from, each other

Learn tools for dialogue

Students will be given the optional opportunity to learn how to plan and lead student dialogues

#### **Who, When and Where?**

HCPSS High school students, with mentors from #OneHoward YouthSpeak

#### **Why Join Youth in Conversation?**

Practice “Being the change you want to see in the world” (*quote from Mahatma Gandhi*)

Learn through dialogues how to live and thrive in a multi-cultural society

Learn communication skills that will help your personal relationships, and develop the leadership and dialogue skills many work places and colleges are looking for

Earn volunteer/student service hours for participation

#### **How do I Sign Up?**

Send sign-up form (and questions) to Rebecca Dietz at: **(443 326-3816)**

Download a form at: [www.onehoward.org/youthspeak](http://www.onehoward.org/youthspeak)

*Youth in Conversation is a collaborative program of #One Howard Youth Speak and the HCPSS Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Howard County Office of the Local Children's Board, the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center and the Columbia Association are also program partners.*

**Inspire Young Voters** is a new, non-partisan organization, focused on inspiring young people to be life long voters, with the goal to increase the active participation of all citizens in our democracy. Did you know that voters age 18-25 are least likely to vote? It's YOUR future that's being discussed and decided by elected officials; YOU should help choose them! We are currently seeking student volunteers to participate in our in-school voter registration and "get out the vote" campaigns, starting second semester. We are especially in need of students to write, act in, and produce informational and motivational videos for use in schools, on Howard GTV, and online platforms. This is a great community service opportunity for NHS, Alpha Achievers, Delta Scholars, and Rho Kappa. Representatives will be at the December meeting to sign you up. If you just can't wait, contact Laura Mettle at [ldmettle@yahoo.com](mailto:ldmettle@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Howard Eco-Works-** [hcecoworks@gmail.com](mailto:hcecoworks@gmail.com) , [www.howardecoworks.org](http://www.howardecoworks.org) Employs Howard County Residents ages 16-26 to build rain gardens and conservation landscapes.

**CA Teen Advisory Committee-** [www.columbiaassociation.org/board-committee/ten-middle-school-advisory-committee](http://www.columbiaassociation.org/board-committee/ten-middle-school-advisory-committee) Middle and High school students invited to plan, organize, and implement activities and events for their peers.

**Youth Leadership Project-** Hope Works Community Engagement Department 410-997-0304  
<https://wearehopeworks.org/ylp> A service learning program dedicated to empowering teens ages 14-18 to engage with social justice issues. Apply now for 2020-21!

### **APPLICATION for the 2021-2022 STATE Student Member on the Board of Education (SMOB)**

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/student-member-on-the-board-of-education/> Education Article §2-202 of the Maryland General Assembly Statute authorizes the appointment by the Governor of a student member of the Maryland State Board of Education. Approved in 1985 and amended in 2007, this legislation specifies that the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) shall have the opportunity to nominate two students for the Governor's consideration. One of these nominees will be appointed by the Governor to serve a one-year term as the Student Member of the Maryland State Board of Education. The responsibilities of this position are extensive, so students should read, research, talk to the current and former state SMOBs, and consider carefully.

Each public high school in Maryland is invited to nominate one student for this position. The student nominee must be regularly enrolled in a public high school, in good standing, and a junior or senior as of July 1, 2020.

*Please carefully read the packet, observing the different deadlines and parts of the application.*



**AND READ THIS!** *Some of these links are openly shared Google documents. Often you cannot access linked documents in Google drives through a school system account. Please consider using a personal or different email whenever you try to access these documents.*

If you are using a school email, try these files:

pdf document: [SMOBAApplicationPacket2020](#)

Word document: [SMOBAApplicationPacket2020](#)

[2021 information Packet](#)

[\(pdf file: link to file in a Google folder\)](#)

[\(Word file: link to file in a Google folder\)](#)

- November 16, 2020 – School nomination forms uploaded (5:00 p.m.)
- December 14, 2020 – Completed application packets must be uploaded (5:00 p.m.)
- December 14, 2020 – Required recommendations emailed (5:00 p.m.)

- December 28, 2020 – Nominees contacted about interviews
- January 9, 2021 – Nominee interviews
- February 20, 2021 – Up to Five Finalists present at the MASC Legislative Session

**Other Opportunities/ Ideas I Heard Tonight**

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**Who Else Needs To Know About This?**

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**How Can You Find Out About More Opportunities?**

- Start with relationships in your school
  - Student Services
  - Administrators
  - Teachers
  - Coaches
  - Advisors/ Club Sponsors
  - Support Staff
- Go with your interests to make meaningful connections
  - Faith based community
  - Sports
  - Arts
  - Clubs

