



**General Assembly Meeting September 21st, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

(Mark your attendance! QR code to Google Form above or [link here](#))

**7:00-7:10 Officer Team Report**

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**7:10-7:20 Welcome and Introductions**

Students will meet the OT and learn about our commitment to representation

**7:20-7:45 Rotating Discussions**

Students will share successes/challenges from last year, explore best practices, and identify strategic partnerships to help them succeed this year.

**7:45-7:55 Leadership & Volunteer Opportunities**

Explore our agenda for ways to engage at school and in our community

**7:55-8:00 Closing**

Pay it forward- who else needs to know about what you heard tonight?

**8:00-8:30 Networking**

Build connections-speak with the Officer Team, SMOB, and Policy Review Representatives



## Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

**All middle and high school students can serve as engaged and informed citizens**

- Look for weekly updates in your school Canvas Pages, watch Video Announcements, and explore websites.
- Sign up to receive HCPSS News updates direct to your inbox

Click [HCPSS Community News](#) to read more about Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities- highlights include... and many more!

**STEM&Buds** is a by-students, for-students non profit organization that aims to redefine STEM education through one-on-one peer mentorship. They are looking for academically strong and involved high school leaders who have a passion for education and civic sciences to become chapter heads for STEM&Buds in HoCo. Chapter heads are responsible for establishing an official STEM&Buds club at their high schools, and coordinating with a feeder elementary and/or middle school to recruit students.

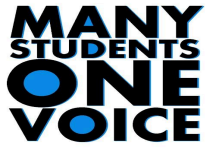
For more information, please visit the website [stemandbuds.org](http://stemandbuds.org), or reach out at [mdstemandbuds@gmail.com](mailto:mdstemandbuds@gmail.com)! You can also see [this flyer](#) for more information.

**Participate in the Climate Change Urgent Action Art Contest due Friday, November 11th:** Calling all artists, writers, and photographers! The Youth Climate Institute is partnering with local organization VolunTeens to host a climate-themed art contest for Howard County students in 8th-12th grade this fall.

Social media polls will be used to judge the best artwork that illustrates the theme: URGENCY and taking action NOW! All mediums, including paint, digital art, photography, and creative writing, are accepted, so begin thinking about creative ideas that fit the theme for a chance to win cash prizes of \$100, \$60, \$40, and \$20!

Please upload your submissions by Friday, November 11th, 2022 by 11:59 PM and complete [this application](#). Please see [this flier](#) for more information. Follow @howardyci on Instagram for more updates!

**HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council is open to all Howard County students in grades 8 through 12.** This is a great opportunity to help prepare younger students for success in high school while allowing older students to develop their leadership and mentoring skills. The registration form is available at <https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council/>. Community service hours available. Email your registration to [admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:admin@hcdrugfree.org)



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**Inside Out Mentoring Program** exists to support students from low income households and minority groups with learning recovery from the pandemic as well as provide mentorship to assist with living in a post pandemic world. We offer academic support in Math and Literacy after school. Additionally, we address social emotional learning by encouraging positive life skills through mentorship. Our program will begin with a PSAT Workshop on October 1st. Our volunteers will be present to offer academic support in preparing for the PSAT on October 12th. [dayob417@gmail.com](mailto:dayob417@gmail.com)  
<https://www.livelifesideinsideout.org>

**The HopeWorks' Youth Leadership Project** is a service-learning program dedicated to empowering teens to challenge systems of oppression and prevent relationship violence. Youth Leadership is open to teens ages 13 – 18 of all genders, backgrounds, and identities. This project provides an affirming and safe space for all students. Youth Leaders will: engage in discussion, raise their social consciousness, participate in several creative projects and activism throughout the year, actively work to raise awareness and change the culture that allows sexual and dating violence to thrive.  
<https://hopeworksofhc.org/youth-leadership-project/>

**Girls on Fire** Registration and Enrollment is now open for the following programs; Girls on Fire Mentoring, Enrichment and Leadership Programs, age 8-13, Leadership Development Academy age, 14-17, Self-Esteem, Mental and Emotional Health Support Group, age 10-16, Reading Proficiency Program for African American and Hispanic Students 10-16, Youth Advocates for Change Project, age 13-17. For registration and program information, please go to [www.girlsonfiremd.com](http://www.girlsonfiremd.com) or call us at 410-312-0738 for a call back. Vision: Preparing Girls to become Today and Tomorrow's Leaders Mission: Creating a space to build the self-esteem and confidence of your girls, support emotional and mental well-being, support leadership and youth development.

**The Howard County Arts Council** is seeking volunteers for Nov 4 & 5! The Celebration of the Arts is HCAC's annual fundraiser that celebrates all things arts! The event features food from local culinary sponsors, a local art auction, and a performance featuring the 20th Rising All-Star Competition and the presentation of the Howie Awards. Volunteers will help with event set-up/break-down, box office, bartending, hospitality, and the art auction. Set up shifts are available both days as well as an event shift the evening of Nov 5. To learn more and sign up, visit [hocoarts.org/support](http://hocoarts.org/support) or email [dce@hocoarts.org](mailto:dce@hocoarts.org).




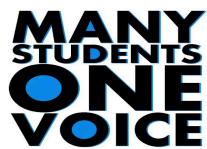
**Howard County Government Volunteers** Are you looking for volunteer opportunities in Howard County? The Howard County Volunteers web portal is an easy-to-use resource for local volunteer activities. From outdoor maintenance projects to virtual programs, we have something for everyone. For a list of upcoming opportunities, visit <https://hocovolunteer.org>.

**The Millionaire's Club** is a complete financial skills program designed for delivery in a club-like setting at high schools and middle schools. The Millionaire's Club was developed by professionals from non-profit banking, education, and financial literacy disciplines. The focus is on delivering a meaningful learning experience to Club members that will provide lifelong personal finance skills so participants avoid financial missteps, and prosper in our ever-challenging financial world. Club members enjoy engaging competitions like the Stock Market Game™, The Personal Finance Challenge™, and the National Economics Challenge™. Club members have earned local and national recognition for their acquired personal finance skills. <https://www.millionairesclub.org/>

**Luminus** supports immigrants, refugees, asylees, asylum seekers, and *all* new and first-generation Americans access community resources and opportunities. Our volunteers help make that happen. Our volunteers assist our beneficiaries in many ways: tutoring for citizenships tests, teaching English classes, providing administrative support, driving fundraising efforts, offering translation and interpretation services, coordinate and carry out food distribution, perform legal research, and so much more. <https://www.beluminus.org/getinvolved/>

#### **Apply to work with our HCASC Appointed Staff Team**

- Open to all students from 6th-12th grade
- Lead with your peers across HCPSS and throughout Howard County
- Build your resume
- We welcome everyone and help you find a place to lead and serve!
- Application QR code: 
- Don't see a committee you are interested in? We invite you to work on a project of your choice within HCASC, either as part of an existing committee or a committee of your design. Please talk to the OT if you are interested.



## **Appointed Staff Committees and Descriptions**

### **School Representation Committee \*NEW\***

Composed of liaisons from all 12 high schools, Homewood, and 20 middle schools, the School Representation Committee seeks to connect high schoolers with similar interests to HCASC. As representatives of each school, the School Liaisons provide direct feedback to the Student Member of the Board (SMOB). The School Representation Committee also aids in the coordination between existing student organizations. Members of this committee will be required to report to the HCASC OT on local school events and how they have promoted HCASC in their home schools. **Per policy 2010, School Representatives to HCASC and the Board of Education are automatically considered school liaisons.**

In addition to these responsibilities, school liaisons *must attend any HCASC events at their home school or feeder high school* and assist the Officer Team with technology, including but not limited to hosting virtual sessions in hybrid meetings, facilitating breakout room conversions, etc.

### **Accessibility Committee \*NEW\***

The Accessibility Committee seeks to ensure that all aspects of HCASC and HCPSS are accessible. Part of the role of this committee is to translate HCASC materials, posts, and content into other languages. This committee also seeks to ensure that middle and high schools have access to menstrual products and other necessary resources for students to succeed.

### **Mentorship Committee \*NEW\***

The Mentorship Committee connects middle and high school students through a mentorship program so they can share advice, tips, and next steps. This committee also seeks to ensure that students in Howard County have the necessary skills, such as resume-building and effective email drafting, to succeed and pursue their passions.

### **Arts Committee**

The Arts Committee promotes arts-related activities and opportunities, reaches out to school clubs and community groups, and brings ideas and concerns from county-wide groups back to HCASC and the Student Member. This committee often works in conjunction with other committees to add an artistic perspective to their committee projects.



### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI) operates within HCASC to provide a safe and secure environment for students of all ethnicities, races, genders, and backgrounds. It creates platforms for Howard County students to voice their opinions against injustice, working with the Legislative Affairs Committee to uplift the importance of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within HCASC and HCPSS. This could include conducting research, writing legislative stances, and helping promote & support legislative stances on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

### **Election Coordinating Committee**

The Election Coordinating Committee (ECC) coordinates the general and special elections for HCASC. ECC takes the lead in planning for Delegate Training and the SMOB Convention, with the chairperson serving as Convention Director. They work in conjunction with the Officer Team and Mrs. Drummond in planning and promoting the process of electing the Student Member of the Board for the next school year.

### **Environmental Affairs Committee**

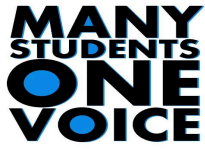
The Environmental Affairs Committee (EAC) engages with environmental issues and builds relationships with school clubs and community groups to promote environmental-related activities and opportunities for HCASC. They also maintain a monthly newsletter to spread environmental awareness and provide service opportunities for students. This committee also collects feedback from HCPSS students and community organizations to pursue environmental related projects.

### **Health and Social Issues Committee**

The Health and Social Issues Committee promotes health and social issues awareness, providing leadership for HCASC initiatives. This committee researches and shares state and county regulations and statutes regarding Safe Schools Initiatives, Mental Health, Discrimination, and Bullying/ Harassment policies. The committee also builds relationships with school clubs and community groups to promote health and social issue-related activities and opportunities for HCASC.

### **Legislative Affairs Committee**

The Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) seeks to empower HCASC and all Howard County students to understand the advocacy process at all levels of government. The LAC



assists in developing official HCASC committee stances relating to policies and legislation pertinent to youth and education. The Legislative Affairs Committee will also be responsible for creating “policy summaries” that explain to students what the policy means and its impacts on the school system. Finally, the Legislative Affairs Committee will be responsible for coaching policy review students and giving them an overview of the process.

### **Public Relations Committee**

The Public Relations (PR) Committee manages the HCASC web page and social media presence in partnership with the HCASC advisor and Corresponding Secretary and continually works to improve the communications between HCASC and HCPSS schools through newsletters, social media, and web publications.

### **STEM Committee**

The STEM Committee fosters a system to promote STEM-related activities and opportunities, reaches out to school clubs and community groups to promote STEM-related activities and opportunities, bringing ideas and concerns from county-wide groups back to HCASC and the Student Member.

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

Start with relationships in your school

- Student Services
- Administrators
- Teachers
- Coaches
- Advisors/ Club Sponsors
- Support Staff

Use your interests to make meaningful connections

- ☐ Clubs
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Arts
- ☐ Community groups