



Learning for Life

EDUCATIONAL Partnerships

2011-2012 Annual Report



HOWARD COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

*Powerful Partnerships
Amazing Opportunities*

Superintendent's Message



Howard County enjoys a well-earned reputation for excellence in education. Each year our schools and students rank among the best in the nation and beyond. As a community, we should all take pride in our students' achievements. We also share a commitment to ensuring that our schools continue

to excel. Businesses, residents and other stakeholders recognize the importance of school quality to the lasting prosperity of the local economy. We invest in education to secure the future for our community as well as for our children.

Educational partners deserve much of the credit for our students' success. The Howard County Public School System enjoys the support of more than 1,000 local businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies, which donate countless hours, immeasurable resources and invaluable expertise to benefit our schools. We are indebted to each of the partners listed in this Educational Partnerships Annual Report, and we are excited to share highlights of many of the partnership activities that took place throughout the county last year.

Your involvement has helped the HCPSS become a great school system, one that is well positioned to become truly world class. As we begin that transition, we will continue to rely upon your ideas and support. Thank you for joining hands with educators to prepare each student for success and full participation in our global community.

Sincerely,

Renee A. Foose, Ed.D.



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Learning for Life

Twenty-first century students must prepare to navigate an increasingly demanding global environment,

punctuated by rapid advances in technology and communications, complexity and risk in the financial sector, and a growing awareness of the need to nurture both mind and body. Students must acquire sophisticated knowledge in many fields in order to thrive in this environment, and will need to continue learning new skills throughout their lives.

Hundreds of community partners collaborate with Howard County educators to prepare students for success in a changing world. Partnership activities broaden students' experiences, enrich classroom lessons and help children discover hidden strengths and new interests. Some help struggling students gain mastery in basic skills; others may spark a commitment to lifelong wellness, or open a window to an unexpected career path. Partnership activities reflect the diversity of the partnering organizations, but all have the potential to make a huge difference in students' lives.

The following pages highlight some of the many ways that community partners help Howard County students learn for life.

Fullfilment for Life



An Architectural Design Academy student learns while working alongside her mentor at **Waldon Studio Architects**. Internships provide a unique perspective and valuable experience in a career or field of interest for many high school students.

Preparing students for gainful, satisfying careers is central to the HCPSS mission, “to ensure excellence in teaching and learning so that each student will participate responsibly in a diverse and changing world.” At every stage, from preschool through graduation, Howard County public school students develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they will need for success throughout life.

The HCPSS strives to ensure that every high school graduate is ready for success in higher education or the workplace. Escalating changes in technology, global commerce, and social norms demand that today’s students be prepared to continue learning for a lifetime, and to adapt to eventual careers and pursuits that are not yet on the horizon.

Community partnership organizations play an important role in ensuring that each student gets a good start and maintains academic momentum each year.

The HCPSS partners with several organizations to help preschool-aged children and kindergartners build a sound foundation of the academic and social skills needed for success in school. Research shows that the development and learning that take place before a child enters school and in the early grades have a significant effect on long-term academic achievement.

A partnership with **Ready At Five**, a Maryland organization committed to early school readiness, offers learning experiences for preschool-aged and kindergarten children and their parents, teachers and childcare providers. Programs include “Learning Parties,” where parents meet their child’s future school and teachers and receive books and resources to use with their child at home, and Saturday sessions, where childcare providers learn early childhood teaching techniques.

The **Young School at King’s Contrivance** and the HCPSS partner to offer high quality pre-kindergarten services to many children who would otherwise be ineligible or unable to receive them. The Maryland State Department of Education highlights the relationship as a model public-private partnership resulting in positive outcomes for all children.

A close collaboration between the HCPSS and **Head Start**, a program of the **Community Action Council of Howard County, MD, Inc.**, has enhanced educational services for preschool children since 1998. Educators of both organizations share information and resources to ensure a successful transition into kindergarten for children attending Head Start centers, and to actively engage parents in their young children’s learning. Head Start provides professional development courses and resources for HCPSS early childhood teachers.

The partnership also offers learning and service opportunities to students at Atholton and Long Reach high schools. Atholton High students plan and offer story times, crafts and other activities for young children at the **Head Start Tubman Center**. The Black Student Union at Long Reach High has a similar arrangement with the **Head Start Ellicott City Center**, and club members sponsor events such as clothing and book drives to benefit the center's clientele. Both programs give first-hand experience in early child development and education to students interested in related careers.

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc. collaborates with the HCPSS to provide mentoring and tutoring programs to enhance academic skills, social development and personal responsibility among selected elementary students. A-OK volunteer mentors work with individuals or small groups for an hour each week throughout the school year. Mentors offer support and encouragement while assisting with classroom assignments and homework. While reading together, playing board games and other activities, the mentors seek to build a rapport with their protégés and to build upon each child's talents and interests. A-OK screens volunteer candidates and provides orientation and ongoing support.

The program has grown steadily, pairing new mentor-tutors with additional schools and students each year. During the 2011-12 school year, 70 A-OK volunteers worked with 160 students at 10 elementary schools, five middle schools and one high school.

2012 marks the 10th year of A+ Partners in Education, a groundbreaking program initiated by the **Howard County Library System** (HCLS) to expand educational opportunities for every Howard County student. Through the partnership, the HCLS provides access for students and teachers to learning resources, enrichment classes and expertise. The partnership has become a model for public libraries and school districts throughout the country that wish to replicate its success in promoting academic achievement and a love of reading.

"The A-OK mentor-tutor formed a strong, positive relationship with the student. She goes above and beyond to help him succeed."

– Elementary school teacher



Volunteer Shannon Forsyth helps a student with reading skills at Longfellow Elementary. **A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.** matches volunteer mentor-tutors with HCPSS students who can benefit from additional support.



Michael Madison of **92Q Radio** in Baltimore shares information with students about career opportunities in the media industries at the annual Homewood Center Career Fair. Representatives from local businesses and colleges offered information about careers and higher education to middle and high school students at the Fair, part of a program to help Homewood students make the connection between school and work. The Homewood Center provides alternative educational programs designed to meet the needs of students who have had difficulty in traditional classroom settings.



Photo courtesy of Howard County Library System

Teams of readers match wits in the Battle of the Books, a lively annual competition sponsored by the **Howard County Library System** to excite fifth graders about reading. Contestants build reading comprehension and vocabulary and learn teamwork and good sportsmanship.

MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement) is an extracurricular program held at many elementary, middle and high schools where participating students develop their interests and skills in science, technology, engineering and math under the guidance of teachers and STEM professionals from the community. MESA clubs meet after school to build projects – such as load bearing bridges, hovercraft, trebuchets and other devices – in preparation for spring competitions, where teams of up-and-coming technologists match skills in design, engineering, construction and presentation. MESA is sponsored in Maryland by the **Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL)** with support from other organizations.

HCLS offers many classes throughout the year that appeal to every age and interest, as well as special competitions that excite young students about learning. Annual events such as the Howard County Library Spelling Bee and Battle of the Books receive wide attention and have growing appeal. Another contest, the Rube Goldberg Challenge, invites school teams of fourth and fifth graders to incorporate science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills to design an innovative machine to accomplish a simple task. Students discover the excitement of science and technology while they practice teamwork and good sportsmanship. Simple machine classes are taught at library branches during the school year leading up to the contest.

Intern/Mentor programs serve an integral role in the learning experience for high school students in the Career Academies, Career Research and Development, Gifted and Talented (G/T), Work Study and other programs. Internships give high school students direct experience in the work world and in subject areas of their particular interest as they learn from professionals in the field. The collaborative interaction between the student and his or her mentor can be extremely rewarding for both.



The Lake Elkhorn Middle School MESA (Maryland Mathematics Engineering and Science Achievement program) team prepares for the wind tunnel competition in the Maryland MESA Day finals held at the APL. The team won first place in the state contest, and went on to place second in the nation.

Hundreds of community organizations host student interns each year. Information about opportunities for mentors, employers and research advisors can be found on the HCPSS Partnerships website, www.hcpss.org/aboutus/partnership, under “For Career Mentors, Job Coaches and Research Advisors.” Lists of participating partners during the 2011-12 school year are provided on pages 14-24.

Student designers, builders and marketers collaborated to develop an octagonal 7-piece modular deck with stairs for the real world marketplace. High school students in the architectural design, advanced animation, construction management, finance, and visual communications career academies, located at the Applications and Research Laboratory (ARL), took on the cross-curricular, multi-disciplinary project as a fundraiser for the centralized school and to gain real world experience in their fields.



**“The bottom line is,
we all want success for
students.”**

– Christi Dodson
Sylvan Learning Center

Construction Academy students at the Applications and Research Laboratory (ARL) build a modular deck for the real world marketplace. The deck was designed, constructed, and marketed by students in several career academies with support from community partners.

Several community partners including the **John S. Wilson Lumber Company** and the **Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits** offered professional advice, building material discounts and other support for the project. This assistance proved invaluable in helping students achieve their time and cost objectives while complying with industry standards, according to Bob Leiby, an instructor in the Construction Management Academy. “We try to make every class project as realistic and industry-focused as possible,” he said. “I worked in industry for many years. I know the pressures they face, and that their time is very valuable. So we were amazed and gratified that so many industry people responded so readily and positively to our questions and requests.”

A new partnership with **Sylvan Learning Center** helps Oakland Mills High School (OMHS) students develop math and study skills and enhance college readiness. Sylvan’s Columbia/Ellicott City location provides students in selected OMHS mathematics classes with free, anytime access to two valuable online resources: www.fit4algebra.com, an assessment site that targets specific

student needs and identifies problematic skill sets, and www.sylvanmathprep.com, a skill building site that correlates directly with textbooks used in the classroom. Last year, Sylvan offered free study skills sessions that attracted more than 200 students, as well as free diagnostic SAT testing and one-on-one consultations for selected juniors. One participant reported an increase of 120 points in her SAT score after participating in the testing and consultation.

SylvanThink, an innovative iPad-based distance learning program, was offered for the first time at OMHS in a national pilot program for the learning company. Sylvan provided iPads for use during customized afterschool sessions in reading and math that were taught by Sylvan instructors.

The partnership has proven beneficial to Sylvan Learning Center as well as the school, according to Center Director Christi Dodson. “The bottom line is, we all want success for students. Our partnership allows us to reach out into the community and to work with additional kids,” she said. “Our goal is for every student to gain at least one valuable skill, and 100 percent of our

participants reported that they found the experience worthwhile.” Sylvan and OMHS plan to expand the partnership in the new school year, involving additional grades and reaching into feeder schools.

The HCPSS helps unemployed Howard County residents gain work experience and marketable skills through participation in WISH (Working for Independence, Success and Healthy Families), an initiative of the **Howard County Department of Social Services** and the **Howard County Office of Workforce Development**. WISH assists the under- and unemployed in gaining full-time, permanent positions that can lead to economic self-sufficiency. WISH interns work without pay for periods of up to 90 days, providing unpaid support to a school, office or organization while gaining marketable job skills.

“The WISH program is a win-win opportunity for both the interns and the HCPSS,” said Mary Schiller, manager of the HCPSS Partnerships Office. “Our schools and offices receive a boost as the interns help fill short-term gaps and assist with special projects. And the interns come out of the experience with skills and experience that can enhance a resume.”

Financial Skills

Today's economic climate underscores the urgent need for financial literacy, with endless reports of mortgage crises, high unemployment, spiraling health care costs and other economic woes. With a mission to prepare each student for responsible, productive adulthood, the HCPSS considers financial literacy as a critical step to a complete education. Students must master a wide repertoire of skills as they prepare for lifelong prosperity, while learning to avoid crushing student loan and credit card debt, identity theft, bankruptcy and many other financial pitfalls.

Financial lessons begin at an age-appropriate level in the early grades. Elementary students learn basic economic concepts, such as how price affects purchase decisions and how products are created and sold, and practice the steps involved in sound decision-making. In middle and high school, more complex concepts are covered. Students learn about credit, investing, risk management and taxes, and practice effective goal setting and career planning.

Community partners provide invaluable support to financial education. Partners collaborate with educators to offer realistic financial experiences that reinforce classroom lessons. As they practice applying the financial skills that they will need in adulthood, students discover how the quality of their decisions will impact their lives. These examples illustrate a few of the ways that partners help students embark on a lifelong path of fiscal wellness.



Triadelphia Ridge Elementary students prepare to make deposits at the in-school bank sponsored by **PNC Bank**.

Many local banks, including **Baltimore County Savings Bank, The Columbia Bank, Howard Bank, PNC Bank** and **Sandy Spring Bank**, partner with elementary schools to help students learn financial planning, math and economics skills needed for daily life. These dedicated partners offer in-school banking to introduce young savers to money management. Selected fourth and fifth grade students are trained as tellers, and tour a bank to learn how the institution operates.

Bank representatives also collaborate with teachers to provide opportunities for students to practice math skills related to money, decimals and fractions, and by sharing information about careers in the financial industry.

A partnership with **Junior Achievement of Central Maryland (JACMD)** brings a comprehensive economics education program to Grade 8 students throughout the county. JA Finance Park teaches many concepts including credit and debt, investments, taxes, social security, budgeting, money management and career goals. The program culminates in an online personal finance simulation where students apply learned concepts in a life-like "virtual" community.

JACMD developed JA Finance Park to help schools fill a shortage of financial education resources available for the middle school grades. The non-profit organization trains teachers to use the program, provides all curriculum materials, and offers ongoing support.

The HCPSS is among the first school systems to partner with Junior Achievement to implement the financial literacy program. "This partnership showcases the Howard County Public School System's commitment

for Life



Lime Kiln Middle School eighth graders demonstrate JA Finance Park, an online personal finance simulation, to Rene Buckmon, Teen Center manager for the **Columbia Association**, and others at a meeting of the **Howard County Chamber of Commerce**. A partnership with **Junior Achievement of Central Maryland** brings JA Finance Park to all county middle schools to help students develop essential personal finance skills.

to ensuring every student receives financial education,” said Jennifer Bodensiek, president of **Junior Achievement of Central Maryland**. “We applaud their initiative as a leader in this effort.”

JA Finance Park generated many positive outcomes during the school year, according to Lime Kiln Middle School students and teachers.

“The simulation game taught me how to calculate things related to money such as my stock portfolio,” said Richard Do, an eighth grader at Lime Kiln Middle School. “It reinforced concepts to remember later in life.”

His classmates agree. “Since JA Finance Park gives me real-life examples, I have a better understanding of what I have to do when I get older,” Claire Napoli said.

“The program lets you see everything in a ‘real-life’ view,” added Natalie Rivera.

Instructors also praise Finance Park. “This is a great program that teaches how to budget and make wise spending and investing decisions,” said Cynthia Dupski, related arts team leader, family and consumer science teacher. “Ultimately, it gives the students insight into their financial decision making future.”

A partnership with **makingCHANGE** supports HCPSS financial education initiatives by providing an unbiased resource of financial literacy information for staff, students and families. The non-profit organization offers qualified speakers and educational resources for the classroom and professional development opportunities for teachers. **makingCHANGE** also sponsors school activities and community events where students and families can learn smart ways to manage finances.

makingCHANGE and Junior Achievement of Central Maryland partner with the HCPSS and **Howard Community College** to offer the Y-Fi Challenge, a popular annual event where teens discover the lifelong impact of career, education and spending choices. This year, more than 350 participants took part in an hour-long series of interactive simulations representing major and everyday financial decisions. Teens are assigned a career and salary, then make money decisions about housing, utilities, transportation, food, clothing and more. They discover the financial implications of each choice as they try to stretch a tight budget.

Many parents who took part in the activity along with their teens valued the opportunity to communicate and share financial values. “Y-Fi was a terrific experience for my rising middle schooler,” said Kathryn Moran Silberman, who completed the Y-Fi Challenge alongside her daughter. “The program allowed her to experience the discipline of personal financial management, beyond the allowance earned at home! ‘Spending’ a salary on unglamorous essentials such as home, medical, and car insurance was an excellent way to explore and appreciate the concept of discretionary income. The importance and challenge of staying ‘under budget’ became crystal clear.”



Academy of Finance (AOF) students observe real-time stock transactions at the New York Stock Exchange during a class visit to New York City. Students met industry professionals at the NYSE, Bloomberg and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association. The AOF offers specialized classes in accounting, economics, finance, international business and marketing.

The Academy of Finance (AOF) is a centralized high school career academy that educates the next generation of accounting and finance professionals. AOF students, like those in other career academies, are immersed in a career field of interest through specialized, rigorous coursework, hands-on experiences and interaction with industry professionals.

Partners from the local financial community play an integral role in the AOF. Mentors oversee student research and projects in investments, accounting, marketing and other areas. Many industry professionals serve on the AOF Advisory Board to offer input on technology and career trends and review curriculum goals and requirements.

Many partner organizations also sponsor the internships that serve an integral role in the career immersion experience and which are required for AOF participants. Others invite classes to visit a company facility. For example, **Ascend One Corporation** sponsored a shadow day at its Columbia headquarters, giving students a glimpse of the daily operations of a debt management organization.

After-school Millionaire's Clubs help high school students unlock the doors to successful personal finance and avoid the traps that can lead to financial failure. Guest speakers present information on topics such as budgeting, investing, entrepreneurship, credit, and avoiding financial scams. A personal finance challenge, stock market game, and financial competitions help bring the concepts to life. The **HCTA Federal Credit Union** sponsors a Millionaire's Club for Hammond High students. Another club is offered by the Academy of Finance at the Applications and Research Lab (ARL) and sponsored by the **State Employees' Credit Union (SECU)**.



More than 350 Howard County teens and their parents took part in the Y-Fi Challenge, completing activities to simulate the real-world financial decisions that most will make throughout life.

Wellness for Life



A student applies classroom knowledge in a real world environment while learning directly from a medical professional through an internship in the **Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center** laboratory. Local hospitals and other health science organizations serve an integral role in education by mentoring high school students interested in health, bioscience or medical careers. The **Howard County General Hospital**, for example, hosts student interns in several different operational areas each year.

Providing a safe and nurturing school environment for every student is central to the mission of the Howard County Public School System. Learning to adopt a healthy lifestyle and to make positive choices are essential to students' success in academics and in every other arena throughout life.

Many local organizations share a commitment to promoting fitness and health among children, families, the community, and the environment. These partners offer invaluable support to the HCPSS health and physical education programs and to individual schools, as illustrated in the following examples.

Howard County General Hospital (HCGH), a member of **Johns Hopkins Medicine**, has been a dedicated school system partner for 25 years. The hospital regularly sponsors internships for HCPSS students interested in health care fields and provides support for many educational and extracurricular programs. For example, over the years HCGH has sponsored school wellness initiatives, 5-K runs, SAT preparation classes, student scholarships and the annual high school after-prom parties, a popular and safe alternative for teens to continue celebrating without the danger of substance abuse.

Another longstanding HCGH partnership activity brings county senior citizens to Howard High twice each week to use the school's weight room facilities with assistance from students. While fostering physical fitness for both generations, the interactions promote intergenerational understanding and enable students to "give back" to the community. The program has proved so popular that a second weekly session was added this year.

HC DrugFree partners with the HCPSS in a joint effort to keep youth drug, alcohol and tobacco free. The non-profit organization sponsors workshops, guest speakers and other programs for teens and parents throughout the year. Topics include first-person accounts of the personal and legal costs of teen use of alcohol and drugs, college drinking, senior week safety and more.

Elementary, middle and high school students are discovering the experience and lifestyle benefits of triathlon, thanks to a partnership with the **Columbia Triathlon Association, Inc. (TriColumbia)**. This year, TriColumbia collaborated with physical education teachers to pilot Learn2Tri, a triathlon (swim, bike, run) preparation program for fourth graders at Hammond and Talbott Springs elementary schools, sixth graders at Burleigh Manor and Wilde Lake middle schools, and ninth graders at Glenelg and Long Reach high schools. TriColumbia assists with swimming, cycling and running instruction and provides necessary equipment and transportation.

Each Learn2Tri event is developmentally appropriate to the students' ages and fitness levels. Modifications are made as needed to ensure that all students can participate successfully, including those with disabilities. While enjoying the fun and excitement, participants learn that the sport of triathlon is as much about embracing a healthy lifestyle and having a can-do attitude as it is about the finish line.

"Our goal is for students to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to carry on with these activities when they leave Howard County Public Schools," said Jackie French, instructional facilitator of physical education for the HCPSS. "This unique program contributes to that goal by providing a foundation for youth to build an active lifestyle that will last a lifetime."

Cedar Lane School, a special school for students with disabilities, collaborates with partners to help students reach their greatest potential in functioning and independence. A partnership brings staff from **ATG Rehab**, a supplier of rehabilitation equipment, to the school twice each month to make repairs to students' family-owned assistive technology equipment. ATG Rehab collaborates with parents and Cedar Lane physical therapists to help students gain the maximum benefit from each device.

Another partnership with **Fidos for Freedom, Inc.** pairs Cedar Lane students with trained therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers during biweekly visits to the school. The dogs help students develop socialization, communication, sensory and mobility skills during 15 minute sessions.

A partnership with **Healthy Howard, Inc.** helps the school system create an environment of health and wellness that engages the entire school community. Healthy Howard offers a Healthy Schools accreditation program to recognize schools that demonstrate a commitment to improving health and well-being. Healthy Howard also provides wellness-related newsletters, resources and technical assistance to support the HCPSS Employee Wellness program.



Wilde Lake Middle sixth graders practice swimming skills at the **Columbia Swim Center** while Long Reach High freshmen take part in a run-bike duathlon at the school. The events were part of Learn2Tri, a program sponsored by **TriColumbia** to introduce students to the experience and lifestyle benefits of triathlon activities.





Thousands of employees, retirees, and family members attend the first annual HCPSS Employee Wellness Expo to take advantage of free health screenings and wellness resources provided by **Healthy Howard**, **Howard County General Hospital**, the **University of Maryland Extension** and many other local organizations.

The HCPSS received a Healthy Howard "Healthy Workplace" gold award for 2011, and was named Innovation Award winner in the large business category.

We Promote Health organizes an annual Howard County Family Wellness Day in partnership with the HCPSS and many other county organizations. Students of all ages and their families enjoy a day of healthy outdoor physical activity, receive health education, taste healthy food samples and participate in important health screenings. Many schools take an active role in the event, joining the School Mascot Challenge and showcasing student wellness-related projects.

A partnership with the **Green Building Institute, Inc. (GBI)** helped the River Hill High community create a rain garden on school grounds. GBI collaborated with students and school staff to design the garden to improve the school's water management system and reduce storm water from reaching the Chesapeake Bay.

GBI and its subcommittee, Youth Environmental Coalition (Youth Eco), sought grants from private and public sources to fund the project. The organization, in

coordination with the HCPSS Grounds Department, supervised the landscapers, students and community members involved in building the garden and planting native plants. Students from Youth Eco and River Hill High's Environmental club water the new plants and provide ongoing maintenance.

The garden provides a "living laboratory" for student environmental projects, serves as an educational tool for neighboring schools and provides a dry walking path for students from the adjacent community.



Cedar Lane School students enjoy one-on-one sessions with **Fidos for Freedom** therapy dogs. The interactions help students with disabilities build communication, mobility and other skills.



HC DrugFree executive director Joan Webb Scornaienchi joins principal Marcy Leonard and Dr. Matt Bellace at an **HC DrugFree** event held at Hammond High. A renowned speaker and comedian, Bellace delivered a dynamic and humorous presentation to teens and parents on the importance of natural highs and positive social support.

School Partners

Educational partnerships are collaborative initiatives designed to achieve mutually agreed upon goals and objectives to strengthen and enhance the quality of education in Howard County. The businesses and organizations listed below worked one-to-one with a selected school during the 2011-2012 school year.

ATHOLTON ES

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
Awesome Tae Kwon Do
Chick-fil-A, Dobbin Road
Harris Teeter, Inc.

ATHOLTON HS

Council of Elders of the Black
Community of Howard County
Grassroots Crisis Intervention
Center, Inc.
Head Start, Tubman Center
Hickory Ridge Village Association
Howard Community College
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Library,
East Columbia Branch
Sunrise Assisted Living
V.W. Brown Insurance

BELLOWS SPRING ES

Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
McDonald's, Snowden River Parkway
Preston Scheffenacker Properties, Inc.

BOLLMAN BRIDGE ES

Coastal Sunbelt Produce
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
Howard Community College
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Library,
Savage Branch
Loyola University Maryland
Mike's New York Deli
North Laurel-Savage Multiservice
Center

BONNIE BRANCH MS

Eyre Bus, Tour & Travel
The Horace Mann Companies
The Links, Incorporated, Columbia,
Maryland Chapter

BRYANT WOODS ES

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
Dave & Busters, Inc.
FIRN, Inc.
Howard County Library,
Central Branch
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

BURLEIGH MANOR MS

Eyre Bus, Tour & Travel
Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant
Turf Valley Resort

BUSHY PARK ES

Glenwood Lions Club
Howard County Library,
Glenwood Branch
McDonald's, Lisbon Center Drive
Pizza Hut, Lisbon Center Drive
Salazar Catering Services/
Boardroom Café

CEDAR LANE SCHOOL

ATG Rehab
Community Action Council of
Howard County, Prepare for Success
Fidos for Freedom, Inc.
Maple Lawn Business Association
Maple Lawn Homeowners Association
Town Center Community Association

CENTENNIAL HS

AllCare of Maryland
Boy Scouts of America,
Baltimore Area Council
Capitol Debate
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
The Arc of Howard County
The Horizon Foundation
Turf Valley Resort

CENTENNIAL LANE ES

Turf Valley Resort

CLARKSVILLE ES

Kendall Hardware
McDonald's, Daybreak Circle
Washington Suburban Sanitary
Commission (WSSC), Green
School Program

CLARKSVILLE MS

Howard County Library, Central Branch
M&T Bank, Daybreak Circle

CLEMENS CROSSING ES

Howard Bank
Howard County Library, Central Branch
Towson University

CRADLEROCK ES

Continental Societies, Inc.,
Columbia, Maryland Chapter
Cradlerock Children's Center
East Columbia Preschool
Family and Children's Services of
Central Maryland
FIRN, Inc.
Good Life Wellness
Head Start, Dasher Green Center
Helping Hands Enrichment
Leadership Foundation
Howard Community College
Howard County Department of
Recreation and Parks
Howard County Department of
Social Services
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Health Department
Howard County Library,
East Columbia Branch
Howard County Mental Health
Authority

Howard County Office of Children's
Services

Lowe's of Columbia, MD
Owen Brown Community Association
Ready At Five
Shattuck & Associates
Smoothie King, Columbia

DAYTON OAKS ES

National Security Agency
Sandy Spring Bank, Clarksville Branch

DEEP RUN ES

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central
Maryland
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
ezStorage
Grace Community Church
Victory Martial Arts

DUNLOGGIN MS

Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Einstein Bros. Bagels
Outback Steakhouse, Long Gate
Uno Chicago Grill, Long Gate

ELKRIDGE ES

Edible Arrangements, Laurel
Howard County Library,
Elkridge Branch
Preston Scheffenacker Properties, Inc.
Soccer Dome

ELKRIDGE LANDING MS

Dunkin' Donuts, Washington
Boulevard
Elkridge Furnace Inn
Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department
Elkridge Youth Organization
Howard County Library,
Elkridge Branch
Maryland Marvels
McDonald's, Washington Boulevard,
Elkridge
Outback Steakhouse, Long Gate
Pizza Hut, Montgomery Road
Preston Scheffenacker Properties, Inc.
Staples, Inc.
Subway, Washington Boulevard
T-Bonz Grille & Pub
UMBC Athletics

ELLCOTT MILLS MS

Ellicott City Fitness and Karate
Howard County Library, Miller Branch

FOLLY QUARTER MS

Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Coho Grill
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Eoyang Middle School, Korea
Eyre Bus, Tour & Travel
Glenwood Lions Club
Howard County Library,
Glenwood Branch
Western Howard County Soccer, Inc.



A volunteer naturalist leads elementary students on a field investigation at the **Howard County Conservancy**. Trained volunteers, including many retired Howard County teachers, donate countless hours each year guiding student experiences on Conservancy grounds to reinforce the elementary and secondary curriculum. The private non-profit organization collaborates closely with science educators to promote environmental stewardship among students.

FOREST RIDGE ES

Continental Societies, Inc.,
Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chapter
Howard County Library,
Savage Branch
Mother Nature's
North Laurel-Savage Multiservice
Center

FULTON ES

Boarman's Market
Maple Lawn Business Association
Sandy Spring Bank, Fulton Branch
The Pearl Modern Spa and Boutique

GLENELG HS

Capitol Debate
Columbia Center for Theatrical
Arts/Toby's Dinner Theatre
Council of Elders of the Black
Community of Howard County
E.W. Beck's
Egg spectation Bistro-Cafe
Eyre Bus, Tour & Travel
Glenwood Lions Club
Green Spring Health Services Inc.
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Identity Promotions LLC
Jilly's Bar & Grill
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
The Horizon Foundation
Turf Valley Resort

GLENWOOD MS

Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Gailes' Violin Shop, Inc.
Glenwood Lions Club
Howard County Library,
Glenwood Branch
Long and Foster Real Estate, Inc.
The First Tee of Howard County

GORMAN CROSSING ES

Gailes' Violin Shop, Inc.
National Security Agency
North Laurel-Savage Multiservice
Center

GUILFORD ES

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Tau Pi
Chapter

HAMMOND ES

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Audubon Society of Central Maryland
Maryland Association for
Environmental and Outdoor
Education, Green School Program
PNC Bank, Columbia Town Center
Branch
Trout Unlimited, Trout in the
Classroom
Washington Suburban Sanitary
Commission (WSSC), Green
School Program

HAMMOND HS

Council of Elders of the Black
Community of Howard County
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
HCTA Federal Credit Union
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine

HAMMOND MS

Chick-Fil-A, Johns Hopkins Road
National Security Agency
PNC Bank, Maple Lawn Farms Branch
Soccer Dome
The Columbia Bank

HARPER'S CHOICE MS

Bank of America, Harpers Farm Road
Columbia Association, Columbia
Athletic Club
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Grace Community Church
Harper's Choice Village Center
Howard Community College,
Division of Continuing Education
and Workforce Development
Howard County Department of Police,
Harper's Choice Village Center
Howard County Department of
Recreation and Parks
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Library,
Central Branch
Howard County Local Children's Board
Howard County Office on Aging,
Florence Bain Senior Center
McDonald's, Harpers Farm Road
Safeway, Harpers Farm Road

HOLLIFIELD STATION ES

Shoppers Food & Pharmacy,
Ellicott City
Towson University

HOMEWOOD CENTER

Boy Scouts of America, Baltimore
Area Council
Moore Motivation, Inc.
PTA Council of Howard County
R:evolution Rhythm
Salazar Catering Services/
Boardroom Café
The Fudgery

HOWARD HS

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Boy Scouts of America, Baltimore
Area Council
Capitol Debate
Council of Elders of the Black
Community of Howard County
Dance Foundations
Grassroots Crisis Intervention
Center, Inc.
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Mamma Lucia of Columbia Gateway
Overlook
The Horace Mann Companies
The Horizon Foundation

ILCHESTER ES

T-Bonz Grille & Pub
Tip Top Limousine, LLC
Victory Martial Arts

JEFFERS HILL ES

Gailes' Violin Shop, Inc.
New Vision Martial Arts
Schoolhouse Theater Arts, Inc.
Towson University



Visiting South Korean teachers observe a 7th grade science class at Wilde Lake Middle School, part of a two-day classroom shadow experience for 64 elite Korean science teachers hosted by HCPSS elementary, middle and high schools. The visit culminated a four-week immersion in American instructional best practices led by the **National Science Teachers Association** and sponsored by the South Korean Minister of Education.

LAKE ELKHORN MS

Continental Societies, Inc.,
Columbia, Maryland Chapter
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
FIRN, Inc.
Good Life Wellness
Smoothie King, Columbia

LAUREL WOODS ES

Continental Societies, Inc.,
Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chapter
Dollar Plus
FIRN, Inc.
Grace Community Church
Howard Community College
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Library,
Savage Branch
Johns Hopkins University Applied
Physics Laboratory
McDonald's, All Saints Road
North Laurel-Savage Multiservice
Center
University of Maryland, Home and
Garden Information Center
Wilhide's Unique Flowers & Gifts

LIME KILN MS

American Cichlid Association
Chesapeake Ecology Center
Earth Treks Climbing Center
Maple Lawn Business Association
National Aquarium in Baltimore
Salvere Health and Fitness

LISBON ES

Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Howard County Library,
Glenwood Branch
McDonald's, Lisbon Center Drive
Pizza Hut, Corporate Office
Pizza Hut, Lisbon Center Drive
Sandy Spring Bank, Lisbon Branch

LONG REACH HS

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Council of Elders of the Black
Community of Howard County
HCTA Federal Credit Union
Head Start, Ellicott City Center
Honeywell Technology Solutions Inc.
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Hunan Legend
Naval Surface Warfare Center,
Carderock Division
Rotary Club of Ellicott City Sunrise
Society of American Military
Engineers, Baltimore Post
The Horace Mann Companies
The Horizon Foundation
UMBC Department of Mechanical
Engineering

LONGFELLOW ES

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
McDonald's, Harpers Farm Road
Sandy Spring Bank, Clarksville Branch
The Horace Mann Companies
Towson University

MANOR WOODS ES

The Pink Cabbage
Turf Valley Resort

MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HS

ABC Equipment Rental
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Council of Elders of the Black
Community of Howard County
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
SAIC
Sofiac
West Friendship Volunteer Fire
Department

MAYFIELD WOODS MS

Continental Societies, Inc.,
Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chapter
Howard County Library,
Elkridge Branch
Preston Scheffenacker Properties, Inc.

MOUNT VIEW MS

Turf Valley Resort

MT. HEBRON HS

Capitol Debate
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Howard Community College,
Division of Continuing Education
and Workforce Development
Howard County Conservancy
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Summer Theatre
McDonald's of Howard County
Salazar Catering Services/
Boardroom Café
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive
Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
The Horizon Foundation
Wilhide's Unique Flowers & Gifts
Y of Central Maryland, Dancel
Family Center

MURRAY HILL MS

Continental Societies, Inc.,
Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chapter
Five Below, Inc.
Howard County Library, Savage
Branch
Limo, Limo
North Laurel-Savage Multiservice
Center
Silver Diner

NORTHFIELD ES

Baltimore County Savings Bank,
Ellicott City Branch
Chick-fil-A, Executive Park Drive
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Subway, Baltimore National Pike
Uno Chicago Grill, Long Gate

OAKLAND MILLS HS

2HB Software Designs, Inc.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
BITHGROUP Technologies
British American Auto Care, Inc.
Capitol Debate
Conexiones, Inc.
Council of Elders of the Black
Community of Howard County
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,
Columbia, Maryland Alumnae Chapter
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
LG-TEK
Matt Fein & The Fein Properties Team
Sylvan Learning Center
The Horace Mann Companies

OAKLAND MILLS MS

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
Conexiones, Inc.
Howard County Library,
East Columbia Branch
Oakland Mills Community Association
Preston Scheffenacker Properties, Inc.

PATAPSCO MS

Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Carrabba's Italian Grill
Heartlands Senior Living Village
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
The Horizon Foundation
The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young
Adults

PATUXENT VALLEY MS

Continental Societies, Inc.,
Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chapter
North Laurel-Savage Multiservice
Center
Salazar Catering Services/
Boardroom Café
The Floral Gallery

PHELPS LUCK ES

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
Helping Hands Enrichment
Leadership Foundation
Howard County Department of
Recreation and Parks
Howard County Library,
East Columbia Branch
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Ready At Five
Sandy Spring Bank, Fulton Branch
Towson University

POINTERS RUN ES

Giant Food, Daybreak Circle

RESERVOIR HS

Alliance Benefits & Compensations,
LLC
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
APL Federal Credit Union
BB&T, Maple Lawn
Bra-La-La
Columbia Center for Theatrical
Arts/Toby's Dinner Theatre
Conexiones, Inc.
Core Works Fitness Studio
Enjoy Flowers
Greenebaum & Rose Associates
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Hyatt & Company
i.m.Wine
Looney's Pub
Maple Lawn Business Association
North Laurel-Savage Multiservice
Center
Offit Kurman, Attorneys at Law
Pangia Technologies, LLC
PNC Bank, Maple Lawn Farms Branch
Raytheon Solipsys
ReMax Advantage Realty
Sidamo's Coffee & Tea
Simply Divine Boutique
Synergy Physical Therapy
Tai Sophia Institute
Techlab Photo & Digital Imaging
The Pearl Modern Spa and Boutique
Zenyon, Inc.



Patuxent Valley Middle School students, families and staff plant 200 trees near Forest Ridge Elementary. PVMS sponsored the project with support from the **Howard County Department of Natural Resources** to fulfill the community outreach component of its Green School application.

RIVER HILL HS

Ascend One Corporation
Creig Northrop & The Northrop Team
GEICO
Green Building Institute, Inc.
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Library, Central Branch
Princeton Sports
River Hill Garden Center
Svec Conway Printing
The Cleaning Authority
Turf Valley Resort

ROCKBURN ES

Columbia Center for Theatrical
Arts/Toby's Dinner Theatre
Howard County Department of
Recreation and Parks
Howard County Department of
Recreation and Parks, Rockburn Park
Howard County Library,
Elkridge Branch
National Security Agency
PNC Bank, Elkridge Branch
Victory Martial Arts

RUNNING BROOK ES

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
Howard County Department of Police
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Library,
Central Branch
Magellan Health Services, Inc.
The Horace Mann Companies
Volunteer, Vivian Bailey

ST. JOHN'S LANE ES

Brunswick Zone - Normandy
Howard County Library, Miller Branch
Jump!Zone Columbia
Salazar Catering Services/
Boardroom Café
The Columbia Bank
Vocelli Pizza

STEVENS FOREST ES

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
FIRN, Inc.
Good Life Wellness
The Horace Mann Companies

SWANSFIELD ES

Grace Community Church
Safeway, Harpers Farm Road

TALBOTT SPRINGS ES

Oakland Mills Community Association
Parents as Teachers
Preston Scheffenacker Properties, Inc.

THUNDER HILL ES

Edible Arrangements, Catonsville
The Columbia Bank

TRIADELPHIA RIDGE ES

American Fitness Express
Howard County Library,
Glenwood Branch
PNC Bank, Ten Oaks Plaza Branch
Western Howard County Soccer, Inc.

VETERANS ES

Ellicott City Fitness and Karate
Howard County Library, Miller Branch
Howard County Republican Women
Shoppers Food & Pharmacy,
Ellicott City
T-Bonz Grille & Pub
Y of Central Maryland, Dancel
Family Center

WATERLOO ES

Chick-fil-A, Executive Park Drive
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Howard Bank
Victory Martial Arts

WAVERLY ES

Towson University
We Promote Health
Wilhide's Unique Flowers & Gifts

WEST FRIENDSHIP ES

Howard County Library,
Glenwood Branch
Turf Valley Resort

WILDE LAKE HS

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Bagel Bin, Wilde Lake
Boy Scouts of America, Baltimore
Area Council
Capitol Debate
Howard Community College
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Library, Central Branch
McDonald's, Harpers Farm Road
Safeway, Harpers Farm Road
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.,
Eta Zeta Sigma Chapter
St. John Baptist Church
Vantage House

WILDE LAKE MS

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Howard County Library, Central Branch
National Aquarium in Baltimore
Northrop Grumman Corporation

WORTHINGTON ES

Chick-fil-A, Executive Park Drive
Cooks 'N Cakes
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Ellicott City Fitness and Karate
Glenelg Country School
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Library, Miller Branch
J.M. Gaske, Inc.
The Columbia Bank
The Horace Mann Companies

Health and Wellness

HCPSS launched a comprehensive employee wellness program, Commit To Be Fit, in January 2012. Employees have the opportunity to participate in a prevention-focused program designed to reduce the demand for health care services through long-term behavior change. HCPSS Benefits staff and the Employee Wellness Council work with community partners and others to offer monthly health and financial educational sessions, online health assessments and wellness programs, fitness classes, and a systemwide wellness program. Partners for 2011-12 included:

39 Minute Workout
Body Shapers, LTD
BodyWise Physical Therapy and
Wellness
Brick Bodies and Lynne Brick's
Health and Fitness Facilities
Columbia Association
Columbia Jazzercise Fitness Center
Curves, Howard County
Feet First Sports
Fitness Together

Healthy Howard, Inc.
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Jump!Zone Columbia
Krav Maga Maryland
Let's Dance Fitness
makingCHANGE: A Financial
Wellness Center
Marriottsville Acupuncture
Maximum Fitness
Medifast

My Gym Children's Fitness Center
Physicians Weight Loss Centers
Pump It Up of Elkridge
Quest Fitness
Salvere Health and Fitness
Tai Sophia Institute
The Body Image Therapy Center
The Boot Camp Girl
We Promote Health
Weight Watchers International, Inc.



Ellicott Mills Middle students sponsored a Walk-a-Thon to benefit **Grassroot Crisis Intervention Center**. The event was part of Change Matters, a Howard County student community service and philanthropy that supports the homeless shelter. Many elementary, middle and high schools took part in the 2012 campaign, sponsoring soup suppers, a Zumba-thon and other creative fundraisers, while increasing awareness about the existence of hunger and poverty in our midst.

At-Large Partners

At-Large partnerships are systemwide relationships that support the Howard County Public School System's curricular and strategic goals. Many At-Large partners also have individual partnerships with schools of their choice. At-Large partners for the 2011-12 school year were:

<p>African Art Museum of Maryland Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) American Heart Association American Institute of Wine and Food, Baltimore Chapter A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc. Association of Community Services of Howard County Baltimore Sun Media Group Baltimore/Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce Bright Minds Foundation Brunswick Columbia Lanes Capitol Debate Cattail Creek Country Club Center for Civic Education Chesapeake Bay Foundation Chesapeake Bay Trust Chesapeake Shakespeare Company Children's National Medical Center China - Education Committee of Beijing, Chao Yang District China - Education Committee of Beijing, Dong Cheng District China - Education Committee of Beijing, Shanghai Minhang District Chinese Language School of Columbia College of Notre Dame Columbia Art Center Columbia Association Columbia Association, Columbia Archives Columbia Triathlon Association Community Action Council of Howard County, MD, Inc. Conexiones, Inc. Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County Counselors Helping (South) Asians/Indians, Inc. (CHAI) Courtesy on the Road Digi-Block, Inc. Edible Arrangements, Columbia Edible Arrangements, Ellicott City Edible Arrangements, Laurel Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe Fairway Hills Golf Club Feet First Sports FIRN, Inc. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Grace Community Church Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. Great State Publishing LLC Growth Adventures HC DrugFree Head Start of Howard County, Community Action Council Healthy Howard, Inc. Hobbit's Glen Golf Club HoCoPoLitSo (Howard County Poetry and Literature Society) Howard Community College Howard Community College, Arts and Humanities Division</p>	<p>Howard Community College, Center for Service Learning Howard Community College, Children's Learning Center Howard Community College, Early Childhood Education Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club Howard County Arts Council/ Howard County Center for the Arts Howard County Board of Elections Howard County Bureau of Environmental Services, Recycling Division Howard County Center of African American Culture, Inc. Howard County Chamber of Commerce Howard County Chinese School Howard County Conservancy Howard County Council Howard County Department of Citizen Services Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Howard County Department of Police Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, Office of Environmental Education Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, Robinson Nature Center Howard County Economic Development Authority Howard County General Hospital, A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine Howard County Government Howard County Health Department Howard County Historical Society Howard County Lacrosse Program Howard County Legacy Leadership Institute for the Environment Howard County Library System Howard County Local Children's Board Howard County Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition Howard County Office of Children's Services Howard County Office of Children's Services, Child Care Resource Center Howard County Office of Public Information Howard County Office of the State's Attorney Howard County Office of Workforce Development Howard County Summer Theatre Howard County Tourism, Inc. Howard Soil Conservation District Huaxing Language and Culture Center Jewish Museum of Maryland</p>	<p>Johns Hopkins University Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Johns Hopkins University School of Engineering Johns Hopkins University, Elementary and Secondary Education Graduate Program (FlexMAT) Johns Hopkins University, Peabody Institute Johns Hopkins University, Secondary Education Graduate Program (SIMAT) Judy Center at Cradlerock School Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Inc. Kaplan University Kaur Foundation Korea - The Iksan District Office of Education Lazarus Foundation Leadership Howard County League of Women Voters of Howard County Lifetouch National School Studios, Baltimore Loyola University Maryland makingCHANGE: A Financial Wellness Center Maryland Business Roundtable for Education Maryland Council on Economic Education Maryland General Assembly Maryland Historical Society Maryland Humanities Council Maryland Piano Service Maryland Science Center Maryland SportsCare & Rehab, LLC McDaniel College McDonald's of Howard County McDonald's, Baltimore National Pike McDonald's, Benson Drive McDonald's, Columbia Mall McDonald's, Daybreak Circle McDonald's, Dobbin Road McDonald's, Guilford Road McDonald's, Montgomery Road McDonald's, North Ridge Road McDonald's, Pocomoke Avenue McDonald's, Snowden River Parkway McDonald's, Washington Boulevard MdBio Foundation and MdBioLab Mediation & Conflict Resolution Center (MCRC) at Howard Community College Mid-Atlantic Turtle & Tortoise Society, Inc. Morgan State University Music & Arts Center NAACP, Howard County Branch National Archives and Records Administration National Center for Earth and Space Science Education</p>	<p>National Commission on Teaching and America's Future National Security Agency National University Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division North Laurel-Savage Multiservice Center Northrop Grumman Corporation Olney Theatre Center Patuxent Publishing Company Preston Scheffenacker Properties, Inc. PTA Council of Howard County Ready At Five Road Runner Sports Retail Inc. Rotary Club of Clarksville Rotary Club of Columbia Rotary Club of Columbia Town Center Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent Rotary Club of Elkridge Rotary Club of Ellicott City Rotary Club of Ellicott City Sunrise Rotary International, Howard County Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel Shimadzu Scientific Instruments Smithsonian American Art Museum Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery Tai Sophia Institute The Business Monthly The Columbia Foundation The Columbia Orchestra The First Tee of Howard County The Horace Mann Companies The Horizon Foundation The James and Anne Robinson Foundation The Timbers at Troy The United States Army Field Band The Young School, Kings Contrivance Towson University Turf Valley Resort UMBC Center for History Education UMBC Martha Ross Center for Oral History UMBC, Education Department University of Maryland College of Education University of Maryland Orthopaedics Associates University of Maryland, Extension, Howard County University of Maryland, Extension, Howard County Master Gardeners Volunteer Center Serving Howard County W. R. Grace & Co. Walden University Waverly Woods Golf Club Western Howard County Soccer, Inc. Western Howard County Youth Baseball Softball League Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP Wilhelm Commercial Builders, Inc. Willow Springs Golf Course</p>
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Student Services

The Office of Student Services coordinates prevention and intervention programs and services to support students, parents, and schools by addressing the cognitive, behavioral, social, and emotional health and safety needs of all students to maximize student achievement. The range of programs offered includes School Counseling, Pupil Personnel, Psychological Services, Health Services, Home Schooling, and Home & Hospital Teaching. The Office of Student Services also coordinates the Connection Center, which links families with community agencies for needed support, and Prepare for Success, a community-wide campaign to provide school supplies for children in need. Partners for 2011-12 included:

Association of Community Services of Howard County	Howard County Mental Health Authority
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland	Howard County Office of Children's Services
Christ Church Link	Howard County School Health Council
Community Action Council of Howard County, MD, Inc.	Integrative Counseling
Community Action Council of Howard County, Prepare for Success	Judy Center at Cradlerock School
Counselors Helping (South) Asians/Indians, Inc. (CHAI)	Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland	Mediation & Conflict Resolution Center (MCRC) at Howard Community College
Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.	MSA-The Child & Adolescent Center
Head Start of Howard County, Community Action Council	National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Howard County Department of Police, Youth Division	PTA Council of Howard County
Howard County Department of Social Services	Salazar Catering Services/Boardroom Café
Howard County Health Department	Volunteer Center Serving Howard County
	Way Station, Inc. - Howard County



River Hill High students and staff join **Green Building Institute** and other community representatives to celebrate the opening of the school's new rain garden.

Student, Family and Community Services

Dedicated community organizations, governmental agencies, and faith-based groups work with the Howard County Public School System's Office of Student, Family, and Community Services to support student achievement. Services provided include tutoring, mentoring, career exploration, and social and cultural experiences. Organizations that partnered with the Office of Student, Family, and Community Services during 2011-12 included:



An Elkridge Elementary student demonstrates his S.M.A.R.T. ("Shopping for More Appropriate Rations-of-food for the Table") Cart at the Howard County Family Wellness Day. He designed the cart to assist grocery shoppers in choosing the recommended amounts of each food group.

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.	Education and Career Empowerment Center
African American Coalition of Howard County	FIRN, Inc.
AFRO	Forest Ridge Apartments
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	Howard Community College
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	Howard County Department of Police
Black Student, Family, and Community Network	Monarch Mills Community
Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts/Toby's Dinner Theatre	Morgan State University
Columbia Housing Corporation	NAACP, Howard County Branch
Conexiones, Inc.	National Network of Partnership Schools, Johns Hopkins University
Continental Societies, Inc., Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chapter	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Tau Pi Chapter
Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County	The Links, Incorporated, Columbia, Maryland Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Columbia, Maryland Alumnae Chapter	University of Maryland, Extension, Howard County

Work Study - Transition Program

Work Study provides students with structured, hands-on work experience (paid or unpaid) in a community-based setting that is directly related to students' needs as reflected in their Individualized Education Plans. The program provides an opportunity for special education students to engage in activities that transition to areas of employment. Partners for the 2011-12 school year included:

7 Delta, Inc.
Abercrombie & Fitch
Animal Welfare Society
Arthritis Care Specialists of Maryland
Athelas Institute Inc., Community Resource Center
Athelas Institute, Inc.
Athelas Institute, Inc. Hanover
Bet Yeladim Preschool and Kindergarten
Bra-La-La
Bright Stars Learning Academy
Brookfield Christian School
Brunswick Columbia Lanes
Brunswick Zone - Normandy
Burger King, Minstrel Way
Charley's Grilled Subs
Cinnabon
Clark's Elioak Farm
Coastal Sunbelt Produce
Coho Grill
Columbia Academy at Maple Lawn
Columbia Association, Columbia Athletic Club
Columbia Association, Columbia Gym
Columbia Association, Supreme Sports Club
Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts/Toby's Dinner Theatre
Columbia Montessori School
Core Works Fitness Studio
Cornerstone Church
Coventry School For Dogs
Cradlerock Children's Center
Daedalus Books Warehouse Outlet
David's Natural Market
Dolly's Car Wash
E-Structors, Inc.
Ed-U-Care Learning Center
Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe
Ellicott City Health & Rehabilitation Center
Ellicott City Senior Center
Enjoy Flowers
Exxon, Steven's Forest
Fairway Hills Golf Club
Feet First Sports
Finish Line, Inc.
Footaction
Giant Food, Daybreak Circle
Giant Food, Dorsey Hall Drive
Giant Food, Fairlawn Street
Great Harvest Bread Co.
Happy Dog Care, Inc.
Head Start, Dasher Green Center
Head Start, Ellicott City Center
Head Start, Tubman Center
Heartlands Senior Living Village
Hilltop Child Care Center
Hobbit's Glen Golf Club
Home Depot, Baltimore National Pike
Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks

Howard County Food Bank,
Community Action Council
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Health Department
Howard County Historical Society
Howard County Library, Central Branch
Howard County Library, East
Columbia Branch
Howard County Library, Glenwood Branch
Howard County Library, Miller Branch
Howard County Library, Savage Branch
Howard County Office on Aging,
Florence Bain Senior Center
Howard County Tourism, Inc.

Ledo Pizza, Route 216
Lighthouse Senior Living
Linwood Center Boutique
Little Lighthouse Daycare
Looney's Pub
Lorien Harmony Hall Assisted Living
Lornwood Day Care & Gifted Center
Lowe's of Columbia, MD
Maple Lawn Community Center
Marilyn J. Praisner Library
Marshalls
MarTar Swim School
Maryland Department of Labor,
Licensing and Regulation,
Columbia Workforce Center
McDonald's, Dobbin Road

Safeway, Baltimore National Pike
Safeway, Harpers Farm Road
Safeway, Long Gate
Salazar Catering Services/
Boardroom Café
Serafino's Italian Restaurant
Shangri-La Assisted Living
Small Miracles Cat Rescue
St. John Baptist Church
Subway, Minstrel Way
Sunrise Assisted Living
Symmetry Hair Studio
Tasty Shirt Factory
Techlab Photo & Digital Imaging
The B & O Railroad Museum
The Dog Wash



"A Broadway Revue" plays to a packed house at Glenelg High School. Half of the 22 student cast members were from the school's academic life skills class for those with special needs. These students engaged in drama and language therapy-based activities throughout the year, building communication skills and preparing for the spring musical. The production was made possible by Expanding Horizons: Broadway Kids, a collaboration between **Loyola Clinical Centers**, the **Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts** and the HCPSS, and funded in part by **The Horizon Foundation**.

Hyatt & Company
Integrity Martial Arts
JC Penney
Jiffy Lube, Clarksville Square Drive
Jilly's Bar & Grill
Johns Hopkins University, Financial Aid Office
Joseph's Refinishing, Reupholstering & Touch-up
Kahler Hall
Ken's Krew
Kendall Hardware
KinderCare Learning Center
Lady Foot Locker
Laurel Regional Hospital

Mitchell and Best
Modern Lighting
Morningside House of Ellicott City
Neighbor Ride, Inc.
Nightmare Graphics, Inc.
Nora's Cafe & Bakery
Oh, What a Cake!
Owen Brown Interfaith Center
Owen Brown Senior Center Plus
Pangia Technologies, LLC
Performance Private Training
Petco
Picture Perfect Auto Salon
Raytheon Solipsys
River Hill Garden Center
Romano's Macaroni Grill

The Salvation Army
The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults
The Young School, Kendall Ridge
The Young School, Kings Contrivance
Tiki's Playhouse
Uno Chicago Grill, Long Gate
Vantage House
Walmart, North Ridge Road
Weis Markets, All Saints Road
Weis Markets, Birmingham Way
Winter Growth, Ruth Keeton House
Y of Central Maryland, Dancel Family Center
Zenyon, Inc.

Gifted & Talented Program

The Gifted and Talented Program provides accelerated and enriched learning opportunities to students showing exceptional ability or interest in advanced-level studies. Gifted and Talented resource teachers at the elementary and middle school level enhance the standard curriculum and provide specialized services to develop students' unique talents and aptitudes. At the high school level, intern/mentor opportunities provide a formal, site-based, academic relationship between a high school student and a professional. In this structured relationship, mentors guide students in the pursuit of knowledge and scholarly research. Program partners for the 2011-12 school year included:

Accelerate Your Game
Advanced Technology & Research, Inc.
AFS International
American Film Institute
Aquatic Rehabilitation Center
Athelas Institute, Inc.
Axis Sport Performance Training
B. Funk Dance Company
Baltimore Jewish Times
Baltimore Orioles
Baltimore Sun Media Group
Banta-Campbell Architects
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Baywood Design/Build Group, Inc.
Bear Creek Dental
Brasher Design
Brookville Animal Hospital
Bryant Woods Montessori
Capitol Debate
Cat & Dog Hospital of Columbia
CENTERSTAGE
Central Maryland Oncology Center
Columbia Animal Hospital
Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts/Toby's Dinner Theatre
Comcast Cablevision of Howard County
Comfort Suites
Coover & Barr LLC
Crafton Dental Suite
Days End Farm Horse Rescue
Dermatology & Advanced Skin Care
Dr. Fred Lewis
Dunloggin Veterinary Hospital
E-City Corporation
Earth Treks Climbing Center
Ellicott City Eye Care
Enterprise Foundation
Feldman's Pharmacies
Ft. Meade Flying Club
Grace Community Church
Habitat for Humanity of Howard County
Harbor Hospital
Head Start of Howard County, Community Action Council
Heart to Heart, LLC
Hospitality Healthcare LLC
Howard Community College
Howard County Circuit Court, 5th Judicial Circuit
Howard County Council
Howard County General Hospital, A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Health Department
Howard County Office of the State's Attorney
Howard County Office on Aging, Florence Bain Senior Center

Image Perfect
Integrated Recruiting Consultants (IRC)
Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System
Johns Hopkins University
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Johns Hopkins University, Chemical Propulsion Information Agency
Katkow Dentistry, LLC
Kennedy Krieger Institute

Kernan Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation
Lady Di Interiors
Law Office of Cecilia B. Paizs P.A.
Law Office of Michael Silverman
Legg Mason
Lloyd, Kane, Wieder, & Willis, PA
Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development
Maryland State Board of Education
Maryland Transit Authority
MBC Precision Imaging
McFarland and Associates, Inc.
MGA Pension Consultants

Montgomery County General Hospital
Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital
Mt. Airy Gazette
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
National Institutes of Health
Norris Acura West
North Western Mutual
Nurturing Nest Montessori
Orthosport Physical Therapy
Paradise Animal Hospital
Parkinson's & Movement Disorders Center of Maryland LLC
Parnes, May, and Associates, MD
Patuxent Publishing Company
Paul Duncan & The Duncan Group
Peabody Conservatory
Pimlico Race Track
Pixel Workshop, Inc.
Potomac Valley Orthopedic Associates
Saint Agnes Hospital
Sears Pediatrics
Sheppard Pratt Hospital
Sinai Hospital
Smile Savers Dentistry
Special Olympics of Maryland
Spurlock Equine Associates
Stevenson University
Stewart/McCready Architects, PA
Symmetry First Architects, LLC
Tai Sophia Institute
Target
Ted Annenberg, L.Ac. P.C.
Teen Life Portraits
Terri L. Hill, M.D., P.A.
The Business Monthly
The Horizon Foundation
The Redhead Companies
The Silver Heron
The Walters Art Museum
UMBC, Education Department
United States Congress
United States Department of Agriculture
United Therapeutics Corporation
University of Maryland College of Education
University of Maryland Medical Center
University of Maryland, Baltimore
W. R. Grace & Co.
Waredaca



Young leaders join in a teamwork exercise during Leadership U, sponsored by **Leadership Howard County (LHC)**. The four-month program empowers high school juniors to take a leadership role in solving community problems. Students may also take part in LHC's Youth on Board program, an opportunity to gain leadership skills as board members for local nonprofit organizations.

Career Research & Development and Passport to the Future

Career Research & Development empowers students to create a vision for their future through quality academic coursework, progressive career development, and appropriate work opportunities. After a series of interest, aptitude, and personality assessments, students identify their assets and strengths and apply that knowledge as they investigate careers and college options.

Passport to the Future is a joint initiative between the Howard County Chamber of Commerce and the Howard County Public School System. A Passport business employs students who have earned a Passport certificate by demonstrating a mastery of workplace skills. Career Research & Development and Passport to the Future partners for 2011-12 included:

Advisory Council

Ascend One Corporation
British American Auto Care, Inc.
Carrollton Bank, Downtown
Baltimore City Branch
Eleve Group, Inc.
Howard Community College,
Division of Continuing Education
and Workforce Development
Howard Community College,
Human Resources Office
Howard County Chamber of Commerce
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
M&T Bank, Daybreak Circle
Maryland Department of Labor,
Licensing and Regulation,
Columbia Workforce Center
Spectrum HR Solutions
Volunteer, Jane Schuchardt
Wilhelm Commercial Builders, Inc.
Yolanda Voss Studio, International

Partners

A Tradition of Excellence Auto
Abercrombie & Fitch
Aerotek
All Wrapped Up
AMC Theatres
Animal Welfare Society
Antwerpen Toyota
Arrowwood Shepherds, Inc.
Arthritis Care Specialists of Maryland
As You Like It Salon and Spa
Athelas Institute
Atholton Adventist Academy
Azul 17 Mexican Cuisine and
Tequila Lounge
Berkshire Associates Inc.
BJ's Wholesale Club
Bob Evans Restaurant
Bra-La-La
Bridgeway Community Church
Brook Grove Foundation
Brookfield Christian School
Build-A-Bear Workshop
Carrollton Bank, Corporate Office
Cartoon Cuts
CGC Builders, LLC
Cheeburger Cheeburger
Chick-fil-A
Chicken Out Rotisserie
Children's Manor Montessori
Chuck E. Cheese, Fairlawn Avenue
CimaTalent Management Inc.
Coldstone Creamery
Columbia Association
Columbia Association, Before and
After School Care
Columbia Montessori School
Columbia Teen Center

Cosi
Creative Construction
CVS Pharmacy, Guilford Road
Cylex, Inc.
Daedalus Books Warehouse Outlet
Data Computer Corporation of
America
David J. Drywall
Domino's Pizza
Dorsey Hall Medical Center
Downtown Locker Room
Engine Parts Warehouse Inc.
Facci Restaurant
Fairway Hills Golf Club
Fatburger Inc.
Five Below, Inc.
Five Guys, Inc.
Food Lion
Footaction
Fresh Pizzeria
GameStop
Genesis Bridal and Formal
Giant Food, Baltimore National Pike
Giant Food, Center Park Drive
Giant Food, Cradlerock Way
Giant Food, Daybreak Circle
Giant Food, Laurel Bowie Road
Griggs University
Gymboree
Happy Dog Care, Inc.
Harris Teeter, Westside Boulevard
Head Start, Tubman Center
Heartlands Senior Living Village
Heyser's Cycles
Home Depot
Howard County Economic
Development Authority
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Department of
Recreation and Parks
Howard County Library
Integrity Martial Arts
J & K Hair Techniques
JC Penney
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft
John Scalley Agency - Nationwide
Insurance
Justice
KatzAbosch
Kelsey's Restaurant
Kendall Hardware
KFC
Laurel Roller Skating Center
Ledo Pizza, Daybreak Circle
Ledo Pizza, Route 216
LifeSpan Network
Lincoln Technical Institute
Looney's Pub
Lorien Harmony Hall Assisted Living
Lornwood Day Care & Gifted Center

Majesty Cleaning Service
Marshalls
Mason & Friends
Massage Envy
McDonald's of Howard County
McDonald's, Liberty Road
McLean, Koehler, Sparks and
Hammond
Mediterranean Kabob House
Merriweather Post Pavillion
Michaels
Mobil 1 Lube Center
NeighborCare Pharmacy
New York J & P Pizza
Nightmare Graphics, Inc.
Objects Found
Offit Kurman, Attorneys at Law
Oh, What a Cake!
On the Border, LLC
Ourisman Hyundai
Party City
Pasta Plus Restaurant & Market
Pepperjacks Deli
Petco
Physicians Eye Care and Laser Center
Pink Beauty Supplies
Pizza Hut
Quest Fitness
Raj Real Estate Consultant
Regal Movie Theaters, Snowden
Square
River Hill Apothecary

Road Runner Sports
Royal Farms, Ten Oaks Road
Safeway, Harpers Farm Road
Safeway, Long Gate
SAIC
Side Pockets Bar & Grill
Sourcefire
Spirit of Faith Christian Center
St. Alphonsus Preschool
Star Learning Center
State Employees Credit Union of
Maryland Inc. (SECU)
Strands II Hair Studio
SunTrust Bank, Ellicott City Branch
Surfing Turtles
T.G.I. Friday's
Terri L. Hill, M.D., P.A.
The BWI Business Partnership, Inc.
The Gathering Place
The Jim Rouse Theatre
The Salvation Army
THRIVE Center
Union Jack's British Pub
United States Army Recruiting
UPS Customer Center
US Marine Corps Recruiting
Vantage House
Vocus
Weis Markets, Birmingham Way
Weis Markets, Washington Boulevard
West Lanham Hills Fire Department
Zips Dry Cleaners

Nationally recognized motivational speaker and 2001 Oakland Mills High graduate Rayna DuBose shared a powerful message of overcoming adversity at the Passport to the Future Celebration at Howard Community College. The event recognized students earning a Passport to the Future, a program offered in partnership with the Howard County Chamber of Commerce to prepare high school students with the skills and attitudes needed for successful careers.



Career and Technology Education

The Office of Career and Technology Education (CTE) is responsible for the development of courses and curriculum in the areas of business education, career academies, career research and development, computer science, family and consumer science, and technology education. CTE programs integrate the strengths of an academic education with the practical benefits of career and technology education. With the guidance of advisors and industry mentors, students have the unique opportunity to explore a career interest in-depth during high school. CTE partners for the 2011-12 school year included:

Partners

ACS Transportation Services
Active Day Adult Daycare
Advanced BioNutrition Corp.
Aida Bistro
Allan Homes, Inc.
Allen & Shariff Corporation
Apple Ford
Applied Information Technologies, Inc. (AIT)
Associated General Contractors
Baltimore Gas and Electric Company
Baltimore Metro Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors
Baywood Design/Build Group, Inc.
BITHGROUP Technologies
Blue River Construction
British American Auto Care, Inc.
Capital Women's Care Howard County
Center of Marine Biotechnology
Central Maryland Rehabilitation Center
Cherry Hill Construction, Inc.
Chesapeake Physical and Aquatic Therapy
CyberWatch Center, PGCC
Disorders Center of Maryland
dw taylor associates, inc.
Eastern Stair Builders
ECS Mid Atlantic LLC
Ed-U-Care Learning Center
Elkridge Furnace Inn
Encore Homes, Inc.
Essential Family Chiropractic
Expert Trading Limited
Federal Communications Commission
Hamel Builders, Inc.
Health South
Hillis-Carnes Engineering Associates, Inc.
Hillmuth Certified Automotive
Hilltop Electric
Hobbit's Glen Golf Club
Honeywell Technology Solutions Inc. (HTSI)
Howard Community College
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
Howard County Office on Aging
J. Vinton Schafer & Sons, Inc.
Jim Coleman Honda
Joel Goodman, D.D.S.
John D. Miller Builders, Inc.
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
Kennedy Krieger Institute
Line of Sight Engineering
Longwood Senior Center
Maritime Applied Physics Corporation
Martek Biosciences Corporation

Maryland Automobile Dealers Association
Maryland Orthodontic Specialists
Mays and Associates
Meridian Anesthesia
MTH Electric Trains
NeighborCare Pharmacy
Orthosport Physical Therapy
Owen Brown Senior Center Plus
Patuxent Publishing Company
Reedy Electric
Restaurant Association of Maryland
Education Foundation
Sagentia, Inc.
Saini Orthodontics
Saint Agnes Hospital
Science & Technology Corp.
Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
Sourcefire
Technology Assessment & Transfer, Inc.
The Arc of Howard County
The Columbia Bank
The Troutman Co.
The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults
The Women's Ob-Gyn Group/
Capital Women's Care
UMBC Department of Mechanical Engineering
United States Department of Agriculture
University of Maryland Medical Center
University of Maryland School of Medicine
University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Medical and Research Technology
University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Neurology
Watermont Pharmacy
Wilhelm Commercial Builders, Inc.
Win Kelly Chevrolet
Xerox Corporation

Academy of Finance Advisory Council

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Ascend One Corporation
Davis, Agnor, Rapaport & Skalny, LLC
Eagles View Consulting, LLC
HCTA Federal Credit Union
Howard Bank, Headquarters
Howard Community College, Business and Computer Systems Division
ING Financial Partners
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
JPB Partners

Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Inc.
M&T Bank, Maple Lawn Boulevard
makingCHANGE: A Financial Wellness Center
Maryland Council on Economic Education
Merrill Lynch
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
National Academy Foundation
National Institutes of Health
Northwest Savings Bank, Waverly Park Branch
PNC Bank, Baltimore National Pike Branch
RW Investment Strategies
Sandy Spring Bank, Fulton Branch
Star Hotels
Thompson Financial Group
University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business
Wagener-Lee, LLC Wealth Advisors

Academy of Information Technology Advisory Council

Cisco Systems, Inc., Cisco Networking Academy Program
CyberWatch, Educational Technology Policy Research and Outreach, Inc.
Data Networks
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
SAIC

Architectural Design Advisory Council

Arbaugh Architecture Studio
Banta-Campbell Architects
Barwick Interiors
CW Architects, Inc.
Dean Robert Camlin & Associates, Inc.
dw taylor associates, inc.
Morgan State University
OLBN, Inc.
Pro-Built Construction, Inc.
Symmetry First Architects, LLC
Transforming Architecture
University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation
Waldon Studio Architects & Planners, P.C.

Automotive Technology Advisory Council

Apple Ford
British American Auto Care, Inc.
Community College of Baltimore County
Ed's Columbia Automotive & Transmissions
Hillmuth Certified Automotive

Howard County Government, Fleet Maintenance
Lisbon Citgo Auto Center
Maryland State Department of Education
Neubauer's Auto Repair
Snap-On Industrial
Town & Country Auto Repair

Biotechnology Advisory Council

Howard Community College, Science and Technology Division
National Science Foundation
UMBC Department of Biological Sciences
United States Department of Agriculture
University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Neurology

Child Development/Teacher Advisory Council

Howard Community College, Social Sciences/Teacher Education Division
Howard County Library
Howard County Office of Children's Services
Towson University

Construction Advisory Council

Allen & Shariff Corporation
Associated Builders and Contractors, Baltimore Metropolitan Chapter
Baywood Design/Build Group, Inc.
Brasher Design
Community College of Baltimore County
dw taylor associates, inc.
Eastern Stair Builders
Encore Homes, Inc.
J. Vinton Schafer & Sons, Inc.
The Troutman Co.
Wilhelm Commercial Builders, Inc.

Energy, Power and Transportation Advisory Council

ACS Transportation Services
Baltimore Gas and Electric Company
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
The TIME Center, CCBC

Health and Emergency Technicians Advisory Council

Howard Community College, Health Science Division
Howard County General Hospital
NeighborCare Pharmacy

Hospitality Advisory Council

Anne Arundel Community College
Anne Arundel Community College,
Hospitality, Culinary Arts and
Tourism Institute
Belmont Conference Center
Best Western, BWI
Bistro Blanc
Comfort Suites, Columbia Gateway
Elkridge Furnace Inn
Hampton Inn, Columbia
Hilton Garden Inn
Hilton, Columbia
Howard Community College,
Hospitality & Culinary Management
JPB Partners
La Quinta Inn & Suites, Columbia/
Jessup
Marriott Courtyard
Marriott Inn & Conference Center,
UMUC
Maryland Hotel & Lodging
Association
Maryland Office of Tourism
Development
Maryland State Department of
Education
Restaurant Association of Maryland
Education Foundation
Saval Foodservice
Sheraton Columbia Town Center
Hotel
Sleep Inn & Suites, Laurel
Springhill Suites, Columbia
Star Hotels
The Rumor Mill
Turf Valley Resort
Volunteer, Ronald Meliker

Project Lead the Way Advisory Council

Johns Hopkins University Applied
Physics Laboratory
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Naval Surface Warfare Center,
Carderock Division
Northrop Grumman Corporation
SCS Engineers

Visual Communications and Animation Advisory Council

Canton Group
Classic Photography & Imaging
Corridor Printing
Frank Strategic Marketing
Honeywell Technology Solutions
Inc. (HTSI)
Howard Community College, Arts
and Humanities Division
Howard Community College,
Science and Technology Division
Howard County Library
Howard County Office on Aging
Illume Communications
Printing & Graphics Association,
MidAtlantic (PGAMA)
The Athletic Group
Traders' Library
United States Department of
Agriculture

Employee Incentive Program

The Employee Incentive Program is a benefit provided by local businesses to recognize the commitment and dedication of all HCPSS employees by providing discounts or other special offers for their products or services. This program helps the Howard County Public Schools' Human Resources office attract and retain the best educational staff available. Businesses that participated in 2011-12 included:

39 Minute Workout
A Plus Carpet and Flooring
Abby's Creations
Ace Relocation Systems, Inc.
Adventure Park USA
Alarm Services of Maryland
Alliance Capital Management, LLC
Antares Musicians
Apple Inc.
AT&T Mobility
Azul 17 Mexican Cuisine and
Tequila Lounge
BB&T
Body Shapers, LTD
BodyWise Physical Therapy and
Wellness
Brick Bodies and Lynne Brick's
Health and Fitness Facilities
Cafe De Paris
Camp Bow Wow
Christopher's Barber Studio
Club Pooche
Clyde's of Columbia
Columbia Association
Columbia Jazzercise Fitness Center
Columbia Memorial Park
CQI Associates, LLC - MD
Residential Energy Co-op
Crafton Dental Suite
CruiseOne
Curves, Howard County
Cutie Patooties
Daedalus Books Warehouse Outlet
Dell
Edible Arrangements, Columbia
Edible Arrangements, Ellicott City
Edible Arrangements, Laurel

Electra Entertainment
Envy Mobile Detailing and
Restoration
Equity Mortgage Lending
Erie Insurance Group
Fairway Hills Golf Club
Feet First Sports
First Financial Group
Fitness Together
Gift Tree
Great Oak Lending
Greenberries Company
greeNEWit
Greystone Grill
Ground Control
GSF Mortgage Group
Hartford Computer Group, Inc.
Integrated Financial Solutions
Island Club Apartments
JAMAR Personalized Services
Jiffy Drop
Jilly's Bar & Grill
Jim Coleman Honda
JK Moving & Storage
Jump!Zone Columbia
KG Title, Inc.
Krav Maga Maryland
Landscaping by Alfredo
Let's Dance Fitness
Level Zin
Liberty Tax Service
Linda's Bakery
Little Hands Cookie Co.
Longaberger
Longevity Medical Spa
LV Creative Designs
M&T Bank, Daybreak Circle

Marriottsville Acupuncture
Maximum Fitness
Medifast
Mercer Carpet One Floor and Home
Microsoft via Bell Techlogix
Move and Change
My Gym Children's Fitness Center
National Fidelity Mortgage
Nationwide Insurance Company
New Penn Financial
New York Life Insurance Company
Noonan Construction
One For All Dance Academy
Peer2Peer Tutors
Physicians Weight Loss Centers
Plancorr Wealth Management
Presidential Bank, Columbia
Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc.
Pump It Up of Elkridge
Pura Vida Med Spa
Quest Fitness
R.E. Shilow Realty Investors, Inc.
Reda's Mobile Detailing
Reisman Video Productions
RetirementQuest Wealth
Management
Rocky Mountain High Financial
Service
Royal Air Flight Training Inc.
Salazar Catering Services/
Boardroom Café
Salon Marielle
Salon Tusey
Salvere Health and Fitness
Sandy Spring Bank, Fulton Branch
Save On Real Estate.Net
Sears Home Appliance Showroom
Shell Car Care Center, Columbia
Shell Car Care Center, Dorsey Hall
Sherwood Crossing Apartments
Six Flags America
Soloman System's Technologies
Sprint
T-Bonz Grille & Pub
Tai Sophia Institute
The Body Image Therapy Center
The Boot Camp Girl
The Hair Loft
The Law Office of Brett M. Dieck, LLC
The Pampered Chef
The Scholar Athlete Academy
The Tomato Palace
The Vertical Connection Carpet One
Total Image Services
Two Eagles Lodge
Union Jack's British Pub
United Dominion Realty Trust -
Ellicott Grove Apartments
Verizon - Employee Value Program
Vince's Tasty Creations
Wachovia Bank, Catonsville Branch
Weichert Realtors - New Colony
Wellington Interiors
Wessel's Florist and Weddings
Zapata's Restaurant & Bar



Members of the Long Reach High School Project Lead the Way™ (PLTW) Engineering Team celebrate a first place finish in the Howard County Engineering Design and Development Fair. The team developed an innovative crosswalk sign designed to reduce accidents involving pedestrians, with support from the **Howard County Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Division.**

Equity, Innovation and Lifelong Learning:

BRIGHT MINDS FOUNDATION



Wilde Lake High School biology students evaluate stream conditions in real time, using calorimetric probes acquired with help from a **Bright Minds** grant.

“We’re working to ‘raise the floor’ of technology so all students and families can fully participate in every aspect of the educational process.”

– Brian Hubbard,
Bright Minds Board Chair

students and their families who do not have a computer at home. Since 2008, Bright Minds has given Internet-ready computers, printers, software and accessories to the families of more than 400 middle school students.

Families are introduced to their new computers at a workshop covering the basics of hardware and software use and Internet access. This year’s workshop, offered in partnership with **GANTECH, Inc.**, included a financial literacy training session taught by **Capital One** bank managers.

The program addresses a fundamental equity issue, according to Brian Hubbard, chairman of Bright Minds’ Board of Directors. “We’re working to ‘raise the floor’ of technology so all students and families can fully participate in every aspect of the educational process. They’ll be able to use the software applications and the Internet, take part in the daily online interactions with teachers and classmates, and do all of the other things that are part of learning today.”

TEACHER GRANTS

Bright Minds offers grants to help educators put innovative teaching and learning strategies quickly into practice. Twenty-three Teacher Grants have been awarded to teachers in elementary, middle and high schools.

This year, young scientists at Long Reach and Wilde Lake high schools began conducting field scientific investigations with new LabQuest calorimetric probes purchased with mini-grants from Bright Minds. The devices instantaneously collect a wide variety of data on water, soil or air samples that can be uploaded directly to a computer for analysis.

Wilde Lake High School biology students use the probes as part of an extensive research project on the environmental quality of a stream located near the school. Working in small groups, students collected temperature, light, pH levels and other data to find answers to their research questions. “It’s a great teamwork exercise,” according to teacher Jamie Proctor. “They need to work together to quickly collect the data, and adapt when the experiments don’t go as planned.”

Long Reach High analytical chemistry students use the probes to detect a wide variety of materials. “Most colleges have moved to instrument-based laboratory work with online interfaces, so the probes helps our advanced chemistry students prepare for college-level coursework,” teacher Erin Radebe said.



Families learn basic computer and financial skills at a workshop sponsored by the **Bright Minds Foundation** in partnership with **GANTECH, Inc.** and **Capital One Bank**. Bright Minds donates laptop computers, printers and accessories to selected HCPSS students and families, narrowing the digital divide for those lacking technology access at home.

Bright Minds is an independent non-profit foundation that funds programs, services and ideas to enhance equity, educational innovation and lifelong learning for Howard County public school students.

Although Howard County is among the wealthiest communities in the country, a significant – and rapidly growing – percentage of HCPSS families struggles to provide even the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing. Their children are academically disadvantaged because they lack access to many resources that most Howard County families take for granted.

Bright Minds’ “Bridging the Digital Divide” initiative provides technology access to

Superintendent's Advisory Council for Business/Education Partnerships

The Superintendent's Advisory Council for Business / Education Partnerships (SACBEP) is a forum for dialogue between the Superintendent and key members of the Howard County business and service community. Members of the Council share best practices and experiences on a variety of existing and emerging business issues. SACBEP members in 2011-12 included:

Cathy Bell

Owner
McDonald's of Howard County

Jay Blackman

Executive VP & COO
Howard County General Hospital,
A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine

David Bower

President & CEO
Data Computer Corporation of America

Dorothy Doub

President
Custom Media Options, LLC

Daniel Gaffney

Owner
Techlab Photo & Digital Imaging

Michael Galeone

Executive Vice President
The Columbia Bank

Steve Girard

Community Impact Ministry
Grace Community Church

Brian S. Hubbard

Principal
Booz Allen Hamilton

Lois Mikkila

Director
Howard County Department of
Citizen Services

Cole Schnorf

Senior Vice President, Manekin, LLC

Maurice Simpkins

Vice President, Public Affairs
The Ryland Group

Wayne Wilhelm

Chairman & CEO
Wilhelm Commercial Builders, Inc.

Volunteer Opportunities with the HCPSS

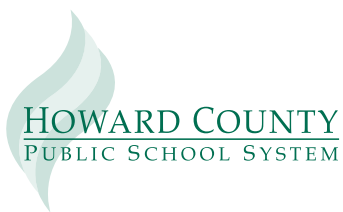
Multiple Day Commitment

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:	HCPSS CONTACT:
BRIDGES OVER HOWARD COUNTY Community learning centers at 18 schools (Title I, or schools with many low income families) provide students with academic enrichment opportunities and additional services to both students and families.	Marty Cifrese Program Manager 410-313-7185 marty_cifrese@hcpss.org
MARYLAND MESA (MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT) PROGRAM MESA clubs prepare students for academic and professional careers in mathematics, engineering, science and technology. Special emphasis: to attract minority and female students who are traditionally underrepresented in MESA fields. Volunteers guide student projects during after-school sessions.	Harold Williams MESA Program Coordinator 410-313-5691 harold_williams@hcpss.org
ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PROGRAMS Programs offered before, during, and after school hours, and on Saturdays include direct instruction and homework assistance to accelerate student achievement in mathematics, reading, and other core subject areas. Enrichment activities expand students' experiences and perceptions.	Academic Intervention Office 410-313-6762
BLACK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM Provides academic assistance and/or social support for students in mathematics and/or reading, while encouraging and motivating them toward higher levels of academic achievement. Adult volunteers assist students with school assignments, tests, organization and study skills, graphing calculator applications, chess, and much more.	Patricia Branner-Pierce Elementary BSAP Specialist 410-313-6771 patricia_branner-pierce@hcpss.org Vera Wilkins, Secondary BSAP Specialist 410-313-6804 vera_wilkins@hcpss.org

Volunteer Opportunities with the HCPSS

Single Day Commitment, 2012-13

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:	WHEN:	WHERE:	HCPSS CONTACT:
JUNIOR INTERVIEWERS Every HCPSS junior develops a resume and participates in a 20-30 minute interview to fulfill World of Work graduation requirements. Throughout the year, guidance counselors and English teachers assist students with career preparation skills, including resume writing, professional dress and manners, as well as interviewing strategies. Each high school guidance office coordinates many community volunteers to conduct the interviews.	January through March 3 hours; scheduled per school	High schools throughout county; schedule to be determined	High School Guidance Office http://www.hcpss.org/schools/schools_high.shtml
Countywide STEM FAIR - JUDGES The HCPSS STEM Fair increases the awareness of, exposure to, and participation in inquiry-based learning through science, technology, engineering, and math projects. Approximately 400 students from the county's middle and high schools participate. The HCPSS needs more than 150 qualified community volunteers to judge 8-10 exhibits and spend 5-10 minutes interviewing each student about his/her project. Judges are invited to provide suggestions and offer encouragement to the students. Judges are briefed at the start of each day to review the evaluation criteria.	Saturday, February 23 Middle School Fair - morning High School Fair - afternoon snow date: Saturday, March 2	Long Reach HS	Secondary Science Mary Drew 410-313-6615 mary_drew@hcpss.org
MESA DAY - JUDGES Small teams of judges assess student competitions in bridge building, trebuchet, communications, and other events against a set of defined parameters. The Maryland MESA (mathematics, engineering and science achievement) program prepares students for academic and professional careers in mathematics, engineering, science and technology. (For MESA after-school activities, see Multiple Day Commitments.)	Regional Competition Friday, March 8 State Competition Thursday, May 9	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab	Harold L. Williams MESA Program Manager 410-313-5691 harold_williams@hcpss.org
Countywide HISTORY DAY - JUDGES The HCPSS annual History Day competition promotes the study of history while providing students a forum to compete for excellence in one of several categories: documentary, performance, exhibit, web page, and historical paper. Business and community members judge the competition by reviewing and evaluating student work based on criteria set by the national History Day Commission. Judging assignments will be mailed to participants with instructions and other details approximately one week prior to the competition.	Saturday, March 16 8 a.m.-3 p.m. snow date Saturday, March 23	Reservoir HS	Secondary Social Studies Kelly Reichardt 410-313-6622 kelly_reichardt@hcpss.org
PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE - INTERVIEWERS Through the Passport to the Future partnership, the Howard County Chamber of Commerce and HCPSS share the commitment and responsibility for developing workforce-ready students who plan to pursue a career immediately after high school. Students earning Passport to the Future certification have mastered the skills necessary to be successful in work and career related experiences. One of the final requirements of the Passport program is successfully completing an "employment-like" interview. The HCPSS seeks local professionals to interview Passport students.	Friday, March 15 8 a.m.-noon	Howard Community College	Career Research and Development Stephanie Discepolo 410-313-7493 stephanie_discepolo@hcpss.org
SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS - COACHES and JUDGES The Simulated Congressional Hearing is the culminating activity of a HCPSS 5th grade curricular program - "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution." Students play the role of constitutional experts and demonstrate their new-found knowledge and understanding of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights by presenting prepared oral statements before a panel of judges. Coaches help students locate resources, synthesize information, develop a speech and prepare for follow-up questions. Judges are community leaders who listen to the students testify, ask follow-up questions and provide valuable feedback.	Coaching March and April 1-2 hours during school day; scheduled by school Judging May and June 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Elementary schools throughout county	Elementary Social Studies Kim Eggborn 410-313-5678 kimberly_eggborn@hcpss.org



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