WHY Leadership U?

❖ **Build relationships with other young leaders around Howard County**
- Meet 50 students from public, private, home-school
- Participate in teambuilding at Terrapin Adventures
- Work closely with 6-8 students with shared community service interests to implement a community service project
- Develop life-long friendships

❖ **Discover your strengths, and unique contributions**
- Assess personality style profile
- Understand your own style preferences and working in groups
- Accept, understand, and appreciate other’s differences to create strong and dynamic teams
- Conduct self and team assessments
- Collaborate in “Shark Tank” entrepreneurial exercise

❖ **Develop your awareness of issues and challenges in Howard County**
- Tour hospital and gain awareness of county healthcare concerns
- Understand racial diversity, inclusion, and bridge building
- Tour the Howard County Detention Center
- Meet local government leaders and lawmakers
- Tour 911 Call Center
- Speak with Judge and Police Officer about youth engagement
- Visit seniors at the Elkridge 50+ Center
- Experience the challenges of poverty in Howard County
- Explore teen health issues
- Participate in Health and Human Services Fair – meet non-profit organizations

❖ **Strengthen your leadership skills through LU Toolkit**
- Communication, Active Listening, Feedback, and Networking skills
- Setting Goals
- Conflict Resolution and Problem Solving
- Decision Making
- Public Speaking
- Business Etiquette
- Team Building, Trust, and Adaptability
- Project Planning
❖ **Build your professional network and resume**
  - Meet leaders from all over the county
  - Explore internships, service projects now and future
  - Expand your knowledge of issues outside your own school and neighborhood
  - Tap into county student leadership opportunities after LU graduation

❖ **Make a difference in your community by implementing a project that you selected**
  - Student driven!! No grades or judgement!!
  - Students select, plan, implement and report on their project
  - Adult mentors help with networking and facilitation
  - Success is about what you learned from the process and how you developed your leadership skills

❖ **Have tons of fun!**
  - Program ends with a graduation dinner with all the parents, community leaders and school administrators to showcase the projects
  - 98% of our graduates highly recommend LU to other students and reported their LU experience had a high impact on them.
  - “LU was an incredible experience and so much fun!” 2020 Graduate

Leadership U is a four-month leadership development and community service program available to [current sophomores](#) who either live or attend school in Howard County. **Online applications are available mid-January and are due on March 31, 2022.** Program begins summer before junior year of high school. **Mandatory 2023 summer week is July 30-August 4.** For more information, check the website: [http://www.leadershiphc.org](http://www.leadershiphc.org)

**Leadership U 2023 Information Sessions-Parents and students are encouraged to attend to find out more!**

Dates: February 23 - March 9 – March 21 (all from 7 to 8 pm); more details and information about registration will be announced soon!

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