



## 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 through DiSC behavioral preferences
  - 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 law-makers
  - 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 in December with a graduation dinner with all the parents, community leaders and school administrators to showcase the projects
  - 96% 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!” 2017 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 January 1, 2019 and are due on March 14, 2019.** Program begins summer before junior year of high school. **Mandatory 2019 summer week is July 21-July 26.** For more information, check the website: <http://www.leadershiphc.org/leadership-u-2/>

**Learn more at one of our 2019 Information Sessions: 7-8pm**  
**January 31: Miller Library**  
**February 11: Central Library**  
**March 7: Miller Library**

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