



LP '24 Learning Opportunity (LO) Descriptions

Below are details about learning opportunities being offered as Alumni Leadership 2.0 Learning. Registration is required for alumni to participate, with priority given to our current Leadership Premier 2024 program participants. Please register via Sign Up Genius – [click here](#). Please contact [Karen Bryant](#) with any questions.

OCTOBER

October 11: 2 to 4 p.m. - Merriweather Post Pavilion, Merriweather Arts Council & The Downtown Columbia Partnership

10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044 (Meet at the Merriweather stage)

Come to learn how a planned community nestled between Baltimore and DC is reigniting its utopian roots and creating a mixed-use hub for culture and commerce. Join us for a backstage pass to learn the history of Merriweather Post Pavilion and see how master developer, the Howard Hughes Corporation is working with the Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission (owner of Merriweather Post Pavilion), the Downtown Columbia Partnership, and local government to develop an exceptional business, residential, retail, and cultural destination where the nation's top cyber security company sits a few hundred feet from one of the nation's top-rated outdoor music venues in a community that Money Magazine voted the best place to live. Please be sure to dress comfortably - you will be outside for a portion of this visit.

October 25: 2 to 4 p.m. – Heritage Housing Partners

9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, #305, Columbia, MD 21046

Heritage Housing Partners is a non-profit organization with the mission of providing affordable housing for low and moderate-income residents of Howard County. Originally incorporated in 1967 by a tripartite league of religious organizations – learn more about its rich history and how non-profits work together to support our community.

October 26: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – United Way/211 Line (Virtual via Zoom)

211 Maryland is a simple, memorable phone number for Marylanders to connect with essential resources throughout the state. It's a free and confidential service that enables individuals with unmet needs a one-stop access point instead of having to navigate through the sometimes-confusing maze of health and human service agency phone numbers, websites, and community resources. It allows us to track emerging trends in communities. This will be a virtual listening session to give you a bird's eye view on the life of a call from beginning to end. LHC will experience the range of questions and services provided by a United Way of Central Maryland 211 community resource specialist. This Field Experience event will take place virtually via ZOOM – access link will be emailed in advance of this session.

NOVEMBER

November 7: Howard County Autism Society

9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, #308, Columbia, 21046

The Howard County Autism Society provides support, promotes awareness, and advocates for change on behalf of individuals with autism, their families and community. Come join the discussion with a panel of staff and service recipients - about the state of Autism in Maryland, how it's changed, grown, and the evolving needs as they strive to serve more adults.

November 9: 9 to 11 am – Alpha Ridge Landfill

2350 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Alpha Ridge Landfill is Howard County's third public landfill, and the only public landfill open to accept waste. Alpha Ridge landfill opened in 1980, and is located on a 550-acre site, of which 190 acres is permitted for landfilling. Although all household trash collected from Howard County homes is currently being exported to a private landfill located in King George County, Virginia, residential and commercial trash is still being accepted at Alpha Ridge Landfill. A small portion of Howard County trash continues to be buried at the Alpha Ridge Landfill. **NOTE:** The majority of this LO will occur outside/walking – closed toe shoes **required**.

November 21: 9:30 to 11 a.m. – CAC/Howard County Food Bank

9385 Gerwig Lane, Suite J, Columbia, MD 21046

The Howard County Food Bank provides food through a family-choice model to ensure families have adequate and nutritious food and warehouses food for distribution to 14 partner pantries in the County to provide easier access to those who may not be able to access the primary location. The primary source of products for the Howard County Food Bank is donations from groups and individuals who conduct food drives in their community, at their schools or workplaces. Additionally, monetary donations are welcomed and appreciated. These donations allow the Howard County Food Bank to purchase exactly what they need.

A visit to the Howard County Food Bank will include a tour, a 30-minute discussion about the history, operations and needs in the county, as well as an opportunity to help prepare the Howard County Food Bank's Marketplace for shoppers! This will include cleaning, sorting donated foods, stocking shelves, etc. (please dress appropriately - closed-toed shoes are required and attire for bending, standing, and squatting is encouraged.) **NOTE:** Waiver is required and will be emailed in advance of this opportunity to download, complete, print out & bring with you!

DECEMBER

December 7: 9 to 10:30 a.m. – Harriet Tubman Cultural Center

8045 Harriet Tubman Lane – Columbia, MD 21044

The Harriet Tubman School opened in 1949 as Howard County's only all-Black high school until it closed through desegregation in 1965 and then used by the Howard County Public School System for more than 50 years. Visit the newly reopened building and surrounding property, now known as the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center and learn more about the history and significance of the Harriet Tubman High School legacy, and the impact of African Americans in Howard County and beyond.