



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>

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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