



HOC Academy Newsletter | April 2019

HOC Youth Academy

Recognizing Academic Excellence



HOC presents the 2019 Leaders of Tomorrow Academic Achievement Awards!

HOC students, grades 5-12, with a minimum 3.2 GPA will be recognized with a certificate and dinner in honor of their academic excellence.

Students with a 3.5 or higher GPA can also participate in the Leaders of Tomorrow Essay Contest for a chance to win great prizes!

[View Entry Guidelines and Apply Online Today](#) | [View Flyer](#)

Registration for awards and essay contest ends Tuesday, April 30, 2019

For more information, email kristy.duke@hocmc.org

Pop-Up Wednesdays Offer STEAM Fun for HOC Youth



Join HOC Academy and Mad Science for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Pop-Up Wednesdays for just \$5 per student, per session!

Grades 1-5 Session | 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Grades 6-8 Session | 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

April 10, 2019

[Click Here to View Flyer and See Registration Information](#)

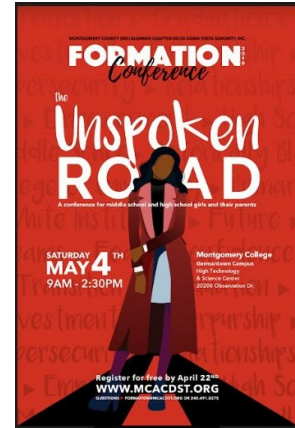
Youth Empowerment Conference for Students and Parents

Join more than 200 female middle and high school students and their parents for an action-packed youth empowerment conference presented by the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta!

FORMATION 2019: The Unspoken Road
Saturday, May 4, 2019 | 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
FREE!

Montgomery College Germantown Campus
20200 Observation Drive | Germantown, Maryland 20876

[Learn More About the Conference](#) | [Get Your FREE Tickets Today!](#)



Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Sports Day in Bethesda

Even, Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Varsity Athlete wants to share how he manages sports & his blood sugar

Sunday, May 19, 2019
2-4 p.m.
Boys & Girls Ages 9-13
Landon School
6101 Wilson Lane
Bethesda, MD
Prindle Field

Come join Evan and his team of friends for food, sports, arts & crafts and giveaways!
JDRF & Childrens Hospital representatives will be here too!

Host Family: Lisa Anderson, Mark Case, Ryan Giles, Joey Graham, Mark Kilar/Wins, Tommy Kenney, Connor McLaughlin, Steven Samir, Gavin Sealander.

Rain or Shine
RSVP: <https://t1d-sports-day.eventbrite.com>

Please be aware that we will not have medical professionals present during this event. Participants and their families will be responsible for any medical management that the child may need.

Youth ages 9-13 can enjoy food, sports, arts, crafts and giveaways at T1D Sports Day! Also, learn how athletes manage sports and their blood sugar.

Sunday, May 19, 2019
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Landon School Prindle Field
6101 Wilson Lane
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

[Register to Attend](#)

Team of Stars Five-Week Day Camp



Students interested in learning the basics of theater, production and performance while tackling issues like bullying, peer pressure and discrimination are invited to join the Team of Stars!

June 24 - July 26, 2019
Monday through Thursday

Gaithersburg Middle School
2 Teachers Way
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Students from HOC households and MCPS FARMs program participants enjoy a reduced camp registration fee of \$60 for the full five weeks! Campers must attend all sessions.

[Learn More and Register Online](#)



Scholarship & Internship Opportunities

Tony S. Davis Scholarship Applications



Attention high school seniors headed to college this fall – you could be the next recipient of the Tony S. Davis Memorial Scholarship!

RECEIVE UP TO \$3,000 TOWARD YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION!

New Deadline
Applications due **Monday, April 22, 2019.**

[View Flyer Here](#) | [Click Here to Apply](#)

HOC Scholars Program Offering Paid Internships



Incoming college freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors looking for hands-on professional work experience this summer are invited to become an HOC Scholar!

The HOC Scholar Program offers paid summer internships starting at \$15 per hour.

Internships are available in various fields to provide intensive learning experiences and résumé building and networking opportunities.

BECOME AN HOC SCHOLAR

[More Information and Application Available Online](#)

Visit www.hocmc.org and apply by Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Adult Education and Workforce Development

Educational Opportunity Center Information Session

Get an overview of free services available through the Educational Opportunity Center at the upcoming information session

Thursday, April 11, 2019
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Seneca Ridge Club Room
19568 Scenery Drive
Germantown, Maryland 20876

[Register for the EOC Information Session Here](#)



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, April 11, 2019
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Seneca Ridge Club Room
19568 Scenery Drive
Germantown, Maryland 20876

Get an overview of free EOC services, including academic advising and guidance, financial aid counseling, GED practice testing and more!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Free GED Practice Testing Opportunities

The Trio-Educational Opportunity Center is offering free GED practice test opportunities!

NEXT TESTING OPPORTUNITY

Friday, April 19, 2019, from 12:30 - 5:00 pm in Rockville

(Participants must arrive by 12:15 pm)

To reserve a space, call (240) 567-5644.

[View flyer for testing dates, locations and eligibility details.](#)

FREE Financial Literacy and Wellness Workshops



FINANCIAL LITERACY AND WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Presented by Emmanuel Brinklow Seventh Day Adventist Church

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Food and Mood

The foods we eat can affect how we feel and think. Learn how your diet can impact your mood and productivity.

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

HOC Headquarters
10400 Detrick Avenue
Kensington, Maryland 20895

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Credit Reports

Gain a better understanding of how credit works, and how credit reporting can impact you.

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

HOC Headquarters
10400 Detrick Avenue
Kensington, Maryland 20895

Vacationing On A Budget

Research and plan for a vacation without breaking the bank.

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Gaithersburg Customer Service Center
101 Lakeforest Boulevard, Suite 200
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

To RSVP, email FSSRSVP@hocmc.org or call (240) 627-9781



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[Click Here More Information](#)

Email FSSRSVP@hocmc.org or call (240) 627-9781 to reserve your space at one or more of the above-listed Financial Literacy and Wellness Workshops.

Credit Improvement Workshops

If you're ready to achieve better credit, attend one of these **FREE** workshops to learn how! Choose from sessions located in Germantown or Silver Spring.



Improve Your Credit Score!

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the Housing Opportunities Commission
in partnership with WorkSource Montgomery

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

3300 Briggs Chaney Road (Side Entrance)
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

Poor credit can stop you from obtaining employment or housing — take charge of your credit!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

For more information, email ELCoach@hocmc.org

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2:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 18, 2019

12900 Middlebrook Road (First Floor)
Germantown, Maryland 20874

Poor credit can stop you from obtaining employment or housing — take charge of your credit!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

For more information, email FLCoach@hocmc.org

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 18, 2019

12900 Middlebrook Road (First Floor)
Germantown, Maryland 20874

[Click Here to Register](#)

WorkSource Montgomery Program Calendar

- Looking for employment? Need assistance

with your resume and interviewing skills?
WorkSource Montgomery is here to help!

- [Click here to view upcoming opportunities](#), including job fairs, resume writing/ interviewing workshops and other programs hosted by WorkSource Montgomery.
- Please email AEWD@hocmc.org using the subject line "WorkSource" to receive a referral.



Additional Resources

Special Opportunity for Fathers

- Fathers or legal guardians interested in participating in free activities with their children, improving relationship-building skills or attending job-readiness workshops should join the Fatherhood Initiative Program TODAY!
- We provide a safe and supportive environment for fathers to grow and become the best role models they can be.
- The Fatherhood Initiative is open to any father that has children living in HOC housing, participating in HOC housing programs, or on the HOC waitlist, regardless of age.
- To sign up for the next Fatherhood Initiative information session, [click here to complete an interest form and we'll reach out to you!](#)



CALLING ALL FATHERS!

DADS PROGRAM

Are You Looking for a Better Job?

Are You Interested in Attending School but Can't Afford It?

Are Looking to Enhance Your Skills as a Father?

Come and be part of what many fathers are calling "An Amazing Program". Learn how to become your child's hero while enhancing your educational, and employment skills at the same time. All this can be done with the Housing Opportunities Commission's Fatherhood Initiative.

For more information:
240-627-9400 & 240-527-9749
Fathersmatter@hocmc.org

Funding for this project was provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Grant #50F05108-02-00. These services are available to all eligible persons, regardless of race, gender, age, disability, or religion.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program?

FSS is a 5-year VOLUNTARY program that assists Housing Choice Voucher residents in achieving economic independence and self-sufficiency in over a five to seven year period.

GOALS:

- To help you identify your employment and educational goals
- Increase your job skills and educational level
- Assist with linking you to supportive service programs to help you achieve your long term career with livable wages

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)

FSS Program Benefits:

- Education, training, scholarship information
- Employment preparation and information
- Asset building which includes but not limited to Financial Literacy Counseling, budgeting, credit repair, how to balance your check book, information on 401K, IRA, etc.
- Case management/coordination, coaching and advocacy
- Empowerment, self esteem building/awareness
- Homeownership

To learn more about the program, come to the FSS "Informational Session"!

Gaithersburg	Kensington
April 3 rd 6pm - 8pm	April 9 th 6pm - 8pm
April 24 th 1pm - 3pm	April 30 th 6pm - 8pm
May 1 st 6pm - 8pm	

HCV customers who want to begin their journey toward economic independence and self-sufficiency – the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is for you!

FSS empowers participants with education/ training opportunities, financial literacy counseling, credit repair assistance, and more!

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

- Tuesday, April 9, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Kensington)
- Wednesday, April 24, 2019 1:00 - 3:00 pm (Gaithersburg)
- Tuesday, April 30, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Kensington)
- Wednesday, May 1, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Gaithersburg)

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email FSSRSVP@hocmc.org or call (240) 627-9781



(240) 627-9781 - FSSRSVP@hocmc.org
Please let us know if you need special accommodations

March in Review at HOC

For highlights of the people and places that shape our community, click on the photo below to view the "Month in Review at HOC" on YouTube!

Month in Review at HOC March 2019

Highlights of the people and places that shape this community

[Watch the latest episode](#)



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