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# CHINESE AMERICAN PARENT ASSOCIATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## RECENT ACTIVITIES



On Saturday, August 21st, CAPA-HC came together with many elected officials to celebrate the graduation of our students from the Young Leaders Summer Internship program. This program was created in order to encourage civic engagement and to give underrepresented youths the opportunity to participate in public service. We'd like to give special thanks to our mentors Maryland State Senator Katie Fry Hester, Maryland State Delegates Dr. Terri Hill and Jessica Feldmark, and Howard County Board of

Education members Dr. Chao Wu and Dr. Yun Lu for giving our students the chance to engage with the government, public policy, and the legislative process.

The graduation ceremony provided an extraordinary itinerary that included traditional Chinese dance performances, guest speakers, and an opportunity for the interns to reflect on their experiences. We are so proud of all our interns for their hard work and dedication, and we wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors!



On August 28th, more than 60 CAPA-HC volunteers got together at First Fruits Farm in the morning to help to harvest produce for charity donations. They picked 30,000 lbs of corns. All free fresh produce will be delivered to the Maryland food bank, Pennsylvania food bank, and local churches. Thank you to all the volunteers and let's get together again to be sweaty, dirty but incredible and proud in September!

On Sunday, August 29th, CAPA-HC's youth group, CAPA Green, finished their first Adopt-A-Road activity supported by Howard County Department of Public Works. The student volunteers and their parents collected about 50 lbs of trash from Old Annapolis Road in Ellicott City. We credit our volunteers' enthusiasm for the program's rejuvenation and really appreciate their increased publicity efforts and steps to make our community a green place.

Join us if you want to exercise, give back to our community, and make friends.







This Labor Day, CAPA made Assateague State Park Camping a time for people to reconnect with each other. The families gathered together, enjoying the ocean wave, the camping fire, the crabbing and clamming, and the beach volleyball. And most importantly, our mission is to keep our ocean free of trash. After so much time apart, the volunteers made every effort to clean our waterways better together. Another fun and meaningful activity!

## UPCOMING EVENT

**Webinar:** Confronting Walls with Bridges

**Time:** September 17, 2021 8:00 PM ET

**Speaker:** Mike Mitchell and Danielle Duran Baron

*Zoom ID: 919 2484 9263 Passcode: 319498*

Luminus Network for New Americans (formerly, FIRN) has spent 40 years serving the immigrant community with legal and social services. Luminus empowers immigrants, refugees, and asylees to access resources and opportunities so they can thrive and contribute to their communities. It also serves them with legal, social and language services that hasten their welcome and social and economic integration into our community. In the Asian American community, this has been extraordinarily crucial because America has a dark past in that it has made law and policy discriminating against the Asians. Because law follows belief, Luminus is actively working to address beliefs by breaking down stereotypes through services and storytelling. This will help people today and change laws in the future.



Educational Talk Series #40

### Confronting Walls with Bridges

**Friday, September 17, 2021**  
**8 PM - 9 PM**

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Passcode: 319498



Partners:



#### GUEST SPEAKERS

- Mike Mitchell  
CEO of Luminus Network for New Americans, Maryland
- Danielle Baron  
Co-Chair of La Alianza Latina Workgroup, Howard County, Maryland

#### SYNOPSIS

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# COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

## Howard County LHIC

Local Health Improvement Coalition



- [All COVID-19 Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [Get Vaccinated](#)
- [Get Tested](#)

## IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

CAPA received COVID-19 Vaccination grant from Howard County to promote the prevention of COVID-19 and educate about the benefits and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines amongst Asian-American communities.

**If you have a question about COVID-19, please call COVID-19 Hotline, 410-313-6284, available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.**



**CAREAPP** is a great resource that is able to help County residents find resources and services. CAREAPP is a Howard County Health Department web resource that connects people to community programs and services. Find services for food, health, housing, transportation, education, employment assistance, and more.