

Chinese American Parent Association of Howard County

**Annual Report
July 2017 - June 2018**



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Leadership (2017-2018)

Board of Directors

Jean Xu, Chao Wu, Lan Deng, Tony Du, Hailing Zhang, Hongling Zhou,
Lily Zhang, Xinning Yang and Steve X. Chen

Executive Officers

President: Jean Xu
Vice President: Hongling Zhou and Chao Wu
Treasurer: Lili Zhang
Secretary: Lan Deng

Committees

Membership: Hongling Zhou
Fund Raising Committee: Tony Du
Educational Seminars: Lan Deng
Civic Engagement Seminars: Hongling Zhou and Xinning Yang
Technical Support: Chao Wu and Lan Deng
Legal Counsel: Steve X. Chen

Chinese American Parent Association of Howard County (CAPA-HC) was officially launched in the fall of 2015. In the past three years, we have provided services to our members and to the broader community through a variety of programs, seminars, forums, and events. We have become one of the major organizations in Howard County and a center of communication within the Chinese community and among the larger Howard County community. Our membership reached almost 500 in the fiscal year of 2017-2018. We have established a partnership and collaboration with the HCPSS central office and schools, Howard County government, private foundations, and multiple local Chinese schools. Independent operations were established in three additional counties: Montgomery County, Maryland; Baltimore County, Maryland; and Fairfax County, VA.

CAPA-HC is a 501(c)3 organization
and enlisted as a CFC charity (Combined Federal Campaign).

Highlights

Provided a variety of internships, job opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and leadership programs to dozens of college, high school, and middle school students

Offered tutoring services in English reading, writing, public speaking, and debate to hundreds of elementary school students

Sponsored three seminars on education and five seminars on civic engagement, serving hundreds of community members

Received a highly competitive County government grant multiple times

Co-sponsored two candidates forums

Organized a Dragon Boat Festival and co-hosted a Lunar New Year Gala

Advocated for five major issues

Sent representatives to over a dozen HCPSS and County committees

Membership

CAPA-HC offers two levels of membership, Senior and General. The members are benefited from its services in many different ways, including but not limited to:

Benefits	Senior Member	General Member
Selected Seminars (e.g. GT program overview, College Admission, Leadership, etc.)	Members only for free	Members only with a minimal fee
AST High School Tutor Opportunity (See "Youth Opportunities " section for details)	Receive the highest priority for consideration when credentials are similar. Application fee is waived	Receive the second to the highest priority for consideration when credentials are similar. Application fee may apply
AST Tutoring Services (See "Youth Opportunities " section for details)	Receive the largest discount	Receive certain level of discount
HS Internship and Volunteer Opportunities (See "Youth Opportunities " section for details)	Be notified first when opportunity arises. Receive high priority for consideration when the opportunity is under CAPA's operation.	
CAPA board member and executive team member candidacy eligibility	Yes	No
Voting Rights	Yes	No
Opinion in Advocacy Opportunities	Receive the highest level of consideration	Take into consideration
Camp site rental at discount price (approximately 1/4 of the regular price)	Yes	Yes
Panda Costume Rental	Yes	Yes
Individual Cases	Yes	Yes

Membership Qualification

Parents, grandparents or guardians of minors who resides in the Howard County, MD or surrounding areas (within approximate 100 miles of Howard County). The CAPA board can waive this requirement for individual member.

Membership Fees

General membership: \$0
Annual Senior membership: \$25
5-year Senior membership: \$110
Life Senior membership: \$200

Membership Registration

<https://www.capa-hc.org/all-membership>

热门讲座将只对会员开放，资深会员(senior member)免费参加，普通会员收取一定费用。

对申请做辅导员的高中生，资深会员的子女优先考虑，普通会员的子女次优。部分辅导员机会为有偿工作。

CAPA 在学期中开办英语阅读写作课以及公共演讲和辩论课。学费对普通会员（general member）和资深会员（senior member）有不同程度的减免。

CAPA 义工和 Internship 的机会将优先对会员子女开放。

资深会员可以参加理事会选举，包括当理事会候选人或投票决定理事会成员。

对于重大问题，CAPA 将征询会员的意见。有些议题是根据对资深会员的意见调查形成决议的。

帮助会员有效地解决孩子在学校遭遇的问题。

Youth Opportunities

Internship and Volunteer Opportunities

CAPA presents internship and volunteer opportunities to the children of its members as well as the larger community. Some programs are uniquely designed for the youth that they cannot access otherwise. Here are a few examples that have tremendously benefited our members:

- County Executive Office internship
- High School and Middle School panelists for panel discussions in a variety of areas
- Candidates Forum volunteers including moderating, guest guiding and signing, time keeping. More importantly, this is a great opportunity to observe the democracy process in real life and apply what they have learned in their AP Government class.
- Tutoring low income and ESOL students through county awarded program



Leadership Program: Achieve Success Together

Student Executive Team: Tess Yu, Judy Zhou, Annabelle Gao

Adult Supervisors: Jean Xu, Steve Chen

This program is designed to achieve two goals

Provide tutorial assistance to help students to reach higher levels of academic achievement in English reading, writing, math, public speaking and debate

Develop and strengthen the leadership skills of the high school tutors and inspire them to apply the knowledge and skills they acquired at school to make positive impact on the larger community

This program began in the summer of 2016 in one tutor's home; since then, it has expanded to host classes at local elementary schools. During the school year 2017-2018, it has achieved the following milestones.

July and August 2017: Provided about 20 tutors to two camps over the summer, Peiying Chinese School and New West Learning Center, tutoring English Reading and Writing, Math, Public Speaking and Debate.

September 2017: AST services was expanded beyond academic areas to sports clubs with the same theme: creating a win-win situation by fully and effectively utilizing volunteers and high school students of the community to help elementary school students in need.

October 2017: AST started the first session in Ducketts Lane Elementary School. This service was awarded by the Howard County government.

February 2018: Bellows Spring Elementary School invited AST to provide service to its ESOL students.

April 2018: Established partnership with New West Learning Center.



Education

Panel Discussion: HCPSS GT Programs

Coordinator: Hongling Zhou

Panel Discussion: Middle to High School

Transition Coordinator: Lan Deng

Career Path Seminar for Youth

Coordinator: Steve Chen

Civic Engagement

#1 Local Community Involvement

Guest Speakers:

President of Howard County Citizens Association, Stu Kohn

President of The People's Voice, Lisa Markovitz

President of Howard County PTA Council, Vicky Cutroneo

Coordinator: Hongling Zhou

#2 State Legislation

Guest Speaker: Maryland State Senator

Gail Bates (District 9)

Coordinator: Xinning Yang

#3 Mid-term Election 101 Part I

Guest Speaker: Chao Wu and John Liao

#4 Community Safety

Guest Speaker: Kim Oldham (Howard County Deputy State's Attorney)

#5 Mid-term Election 101 Part II

Guest Speaker: Chao Wu

Seminars

CAPA-HC Panel Discussion

GT and Enrichment Programs in HCPSS

小学三四年级和五六年级进行的 GT Placement 考试 (CogAT) 需要准备吗? 小学和初中有哪些 Enrichment programs and Instructional seminars? 您知道高中有 GT Independent Research or Internship/Mentor Program 吗? 如果您对这方面感兴趣, 请来参加我们的讨论。CAPA 特邀了几位有经验的家长, 就就各年级的问题与大家进行探讨, 希望对大家有所帮助。

Saturday, November 11, 2017 4:00-5:45pm
Warfield room, Central Library
10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy
Columbia, MD 21044

欢迎您事先将问题发送到 honglingz.jie@gmail.com 以便我们的 Panelists 可以充分准备, 也欢迎您带着问题会上提问。

CAPA-HC Panel Discussion

Here I come... High School:
A Successful Transition from Middle to High School

如果您的孩子现在是初中生, 很快就要进入高中, 您是否感到紧张? 高中和初中的孩子将面对一个全新的挑战, 四年的课程如何安排, 繁重的课业与课外活动如何平衡, 学习和社交上会面对怎样的压力... 充分的准备将帮助您的孩子顺利地进入高中生活。我们邀请了几位高中老师和他们的家长通过 Panel Discussion 的方式来分享一下他们的心得。本次讨论会特别为八年级的学生与家长留出时间讨论即将面临的高中选课问题, 欢迎参加。

Panelists
Ethan Fan, AHS, Sophomore Edward Du, CHS, Junior
Judy Zhou, CHS, Sophomore Annabelle Gao, MRHS, Junior
Tess Yu, HHS, Sophomore Karen Hao, MRHS, Junior
Megan Li, MRHS, Sophomore Cindy Tian, RHHS, Junior

Sunday, December 17, 2017 12:00-2:00pm
Howard Community College
Duncan Hall, Room DH100

CAPA-HC Panel Discussion

Career Path Seminar for Youth

作为 teenager, 不知道如何选择职业? 或者心中有 dream job 但不知道是否适合自己? 想知道这些工作中有哪些挑战与欢乐? 如果您的孩子对这类问题感兴趣, 或者您自己有兴趣了解, 请来参加我们的讨论。CAPA 特邀了几位从事金融、医学、法律、科技、创业等职业的家长, 就就职业发展的问题与大家进行探讨, 希望对大家有所帮助。

Sunday, February 4th, 2018 3:00-5:00pm
Potapsc room, Miller Library
9421 Frederick Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Civic Engagement Series #1

Introduction of the Howard County Citizens Association and The People's Voice

CAPA Seminar

FEATURED SPEAKERS

大家最近有没有为大选区重划规则和忧虑? 大家有没有考虑过如何都是怎样发展到今天的, 将来还会如何发展? CAPA 邀请了 Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) 的主席 Stu Kohn 和副主席 Lisa Markovitz 跟大家一起观看纪录片 "Columbia at 50 - A Bridge to the Future", 讨论哥伦比亚市近五十年的发展历史和今天所面临的挑战, 以及共同探讨如何参与哈维郡的公共事务。

Sunday October 29, 2017 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Howard Community College
Room DH100 (Duncan Hall)

Civic Engagement Series #2

How Can We Make a Difference?
Introduction of MD State Legislative Process

CAPA Seminar

再过一个月马里兰州议会开始审议 2018 年各州法案, 您是否知道马里兰州的投票率不少都和我们的生活息息相关, 比如大麻合法化, 影响出租房房东的出租条款, 扩大 Section 8 program 等。我们对很多法案都想知道, 怎样才能及早了解这些法案, 如何才能有效地向议员们表达我们的关切进而影响立法机构的决策? CAPA 邀请到代表哈维郡的马州资深参议员之一 Gail Bates 女士来为我们做详细的介绍, 并和大家进行互动交流。

Saturday, December 2, 2017 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Miller Branch Library
Room Potapsc
9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City

FEATURED SPEAKER
Gail Bates
Maryland State Senator
District 9, Carroll & Howard Counties

Civic Engagement Series #3

选举年里话选举

2018 对马里兰州居民来说是个很重要的选举年, 您准备好了吗? 您是否知道:

- 2018 都有哪些选举?
- 州、郡、市、县、学区? 如何知道自己所在的选区?
- BOE (教委会) 有哪些人组成?
- 在各级几十个候选人中, 哪些方面值得特别关注?
- 各级民选官员如何影响您的生活, 社区环境, 学校的发展和品质?

哈维郡今年有两位优秀的华人参与角逐这些职位, 教委会候选人伍超和郡议员候选人廖俊成 (John Liao), 他们俩将在这次演讲为大家介绍今年选举的基本知识和流程, 回答上面的问题, 请大家积极参与!

Saturday, January 27, 2018 3:45-5:15pm
培培中文 River Hill High School, Room 148
12101 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, MD 21029

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Civic Engagement Series #4

哈维郡副检察长谈娱乐用大麻合法化及其他社区安全话题

CAPA Seminar

大麻合法化对社区的影响是很多人关心的话题, 马里兰州娱乐用大麻已经合法, 目前有多项推动娱乐用大麻合法化的提案在立法院审议, 我们请来了现任哈维郡检察官 (Prosecutor) 长达二十年的 Kim Oldham 女士为我们介绍当下的情况, 为大家提供一个全面了解哈维郡副检察长 (State's Attorney) 一职的功能。

Saturday, March 10, 2018 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Miller Branch Library
Room Ellicott
9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City

FEATURED SPEAKER
Kim Oldham
Howard County Deputy State's Attorney

Civic Engagement Series #5

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- 各级民选官员如何影响您的生活, 社区环境, 学校的发展和品质?

哈维郡教委会候选人伍超

Sunday April 15, 2018 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Howard Community College
Room DH217 (Duncan Hall)

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Candidates Forums

CAPA-HC co-sponsored a Board of Education candidates forum and a County Council candidates forum with local prominent organizations. The format of both forums are the same, consisting of an opening remark, general questions from the organizers, questions from the audience, and a closing statement. The events were well attended, each attracts 70-80 community members. The questions from the audience were all well thought and relevant. In addition, more than 10 high school students were involved by volunteering at both forums.



BOE Candidates Forum

CAPA-HC co-sponsored the Board of Education candidates forum with local prominent organizations. Eleven out of thirteen candidates participated.

County Council Candidates Forum

CAPA-HC co-sponsored County Council candidates forum with Howard County Chinese School. Fifteen out of sixteen candidates participated. This forum was divided in two sessions by district.



2018 Howard County Council Candidates Forum

**走近候选人，
让我们看得更清楚！**

您的出席 代表着社区的力量！

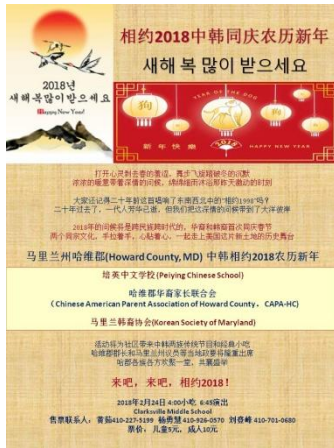
Time: Sunday, May 20th, 2018
11:30am—1:00pm (Districts 1, 2 & 4)
1:00pm—2:30pm (Districts 3 & 5)

Location: Howard Community College
Duncan Hall, DH100 (Near Parking Lot A)
10901 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia 21044

This event is jointly sponsored by
Chinese American Parent Association
and
CAPA-HC Howard County Chinese School



Culture Celebration



Lunar New Year Gala

CAPA-HC along with Peiying Chinese School and Korean Society of Maryland (KSM) the largest local Korean organization hosted a traditional style Lunar New Year Gala featured with keynote speaker County Executive Allan Kittleman.

For Chinese news report, please review:

[马州哈维郡中韩裔共庆春节](#)



Fundraising for Ellicott City Flood Victims at the Dragon Boat Festival



CAPA-HC hosted the 2nd Dragon Boat Festival to celebrate a traditional Chinese holiday, Duanwu Jie. We invited the Baltimore Dragon Boat Club to demonstrate dragon boat racing at the Centennial Park. This event attracted more than 200 residents.

At the event, we raised \$1,000 to help the Ellicott City flood victims and donated through the Community Foundation of Howard County. CAPA plans to establish a tradition to donate to local charitable causes each year through annual Duanwu Jie celebration.

For Chinese news report, please review:

[哈維郡龍舟秀 華人捐款賑災](#)



Advocacy

School Redistricting Committee

CAPA-HC formed a committee to collect information, inform parents on the important events associated with school redistricting and encourage participation.

Co-chairs: Hongling Zhou, Chao Wu

Committee Members: Xinning Yang, Bing Zhou, Lingyu Cheng

Superintendent Search Testimony

CAPA members discussed the traits that we hope BOE to consider when conduct search for the HCPSS Superintendent. Based on the discussion, CAPA submitted an official written [testimony](#) to BOE.

APFO (Adequate Public Facility Ordinance) Testimony

CAPA representative testified in front of the County Council and advocated for a tighter APFO legislation in order to resolve the root cause of school overcrowding.

Petition: Inappropriate Comments of FBI Director Christopher Wray

CAPA co-signed a [letter](#) to US Senators and Representatives from Maryland to express our concerns regarding Director Wray's comments that fanned the hatred and distrust felt towards Chinese Americans.

Petition: Ask Secretary Ross for Department of Commerce to Reinstate Sherry Chen's Employment

CAPA co-signed a [petition](#) to urge the Department of Commerce to reinstate Sherry Chen's employment. Mrs. Chen was wrongly accused of spying and had been the victim of a gross injustice.



Community Involvement

Over a dozen CAPA members are serving or have served on a variety of HCPSS and county committees

Newly Added Committee Representatives for the School Year 2017-2018

2019-2020 School Academic Calendar Committee: Nigel Tseng

2019-2020 Operating Budget Review Committee: Jean Xu

Committee Representatives Continued from Past Years

PTAC (PTA Council) - Xuhui Zhao, Emily Yuan, Rang Wang, Hongling Zhou

CAC (Community Advisory Council) - Tony Du, Donald Mu

GTAC (GT Advisory Committee) - Jean Xu, Hailing Zhang

CPAEC (Culture Proficiency and Equity Committee) - Jean Xu

School Academic Calendar Committee - Linfeng Chen, Hongling Zhou, Jian Ni, Xueqing Wang

#OneHoward - Chao Wu

County Design Advisory Panel - Weiwei Jia

County Ethics Commission - Jean Xu

County Human Rights Commission - Kui Zhao

County Commission for Women - Lanlan Xu

Assist HCPSS to Identify Significant Asian Holidays

HCPSS invited CAPA to help identify significant holidays observed by the Asian community. CAPA members reached general consensus on the following holidays: Chun Jie (Lunar New Year), Zhong Qiu Jie (Mid-Autumn Day), and Duan Wu Jie (Dragon Boat Festival). We reached out to the Korean community and asked them to incorporate Korean holidays in the list. After we consulted the Korean community, a compiled list was submitted to the school system.



Additional Services

Member Assistance

CAPA has assisted its members to solve several individual cases. This is one of the them: *A CAPA member sought assistance in advocating for her child. The student was mis-treated by his teacher and school administration. With help from CAPA, the issue was solved. Upon agreement by the parent, we presented the [case](#) to our members.*

Panda Costume Rental

Contact: Jingshan Wang

Community members can rent a panda costume for cultural events with a minimal fee.



MD State Parks Youth Pass

Contact: Linfeng Chen

CAPA members have the privilege to reserve a camp site using the MD State Parks Youth Group Pass. This pass was purchased by CAPA to benefit its members. The rental fee, when reserve a camp site using this pass, is approximately 1/4 of the regular price. In the past, over 100 members have enjoyed this benefit. Labor Day Assateague trip becomes a CAPA annual event.



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