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## HCCS AWARDED YEP GRANT

Congratulations to Howard County Chinese School to be one of Youth Engagement Programming (YEP) Grantees in April, 2023.



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### MISSION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHINESE SCHOOL

Established in 1998, Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) is a non-profit organization located in Howard County, Maryland. Its central mission is to advance Chinese language education, foster cultural inheritance, and promote community wellbeing.

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## East Meets West Concert

Howard County Chinese Cultural Center Presents  
2023 Maryland Multicultural Music Festival  
and AAPI Heritage Month Celebration  
**East Meets West Concert**

Featuring...

Saturday, May 13, 2023  
AAPI Culture Exhibition 3:30pm-6:30pm  
Photography Exhibition 3:30pm-6:30pm  
Concert 7:00pm

Smith Theater  
Howard Community College  
Campus Drive, Columbia MD 21044  
Parking: East Parking Garage

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### ABOUT THE GAZETTE

An official publication of Howard County Chinese School, The Gazette encourages school students and staff to submit articles and photographs of general interest. Submissions will be edited to convey the most necessary information.

### GAZETTE DEADLINES

The deadline for editorial copy for the next issue of Gazette is the 15th of every month.

Email editorial copy and writing to [pr@hccs-md.org](mailto:pr@hccs-md.org).

## INCOMING EVENTS

5/13/2023 7pm H4C East Meets West Concert

5/14/2023 10am - 2pm HCCS PTA SGA Flower Sale Fundraising for Mother's Day and Teacher Appreciation Week

5/21/2023 HCCS Graduation Ceremony



## THE ART OF STORYTELLING: INSIGHTS FROM TOP JOURNALISTS

BY Alice Chen

On April 23rd, 2023, Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) Youth Journalist Group and PTA SGA cordially invited the professional journalists John Sullivan and Adrienne Lu and hosted a youth education seminar about Journalism.

Mr. Sullivan is an investigative reporter-in-residence at American University's School of Communication and an associate investigative editor at The Washington Post. Mrs. Lu is a senior reporter for The Chronicle of Higher Education. Both of them shared their stories how they are inspired and motivated toward Journalism. John also shared the investigative story that won the Pulitzer Prize and the impact his team made to the school system structure. At the end of seminar, they provided invaluable advice to HCCS Youth Journalists and Chinese American students in the Howard County Chinese School.

Please join us to thank Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Lu again for sharing their professional insight and helpful advice with us!

Seminar recording is available at HCCS FB:

<https://fb.watch/kqLb9yKrtj/>



哈维中文学校22-23学年讲座论坛系列

Sponsored by HCCS PTA/SGA & HCCS Youth Journalist Group

### The Art of Storytelling: Insights from Top Journalists



**John Sullivan**

Investigative Reporter-in-Residence  
at American University's School of  
Communication &  
an associate investigative editor at  
The Washington Post

Join us to receive insights  
from

**Pulitzer  
Prize  
Winners**

**Where and When**

April 23, Sunday  
10:30am - 11:45am  
**In Person @**  
Howard Hall (HW249)

**Live Stream@**  
<https://www.facebook.com/HowardCountyChineseSchool>  
**Join Zoom@**  
Meeting ID: 534 259 6485  
Passcode: 1234



**Adrienne Lu**

Senior reporter for The Chronicle of  
Higher Education







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## Introduction about Our Guest Speakers



John Sullivan

John Sullivan is an award-winning investigative journalist with extensive experience covering a range of topics, from politics and government to science and health. He is currently an Investigative Reporter-in-Residence at American University's School of Communication, an associate investigative editor at The Washington Post, and the acting Executive Editor at The Investigative Reporting Workshop.

Prior to joining American University in 2013, John served as a faculty member at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. He also spent nearly a decade at The Philadelphia Inquirer, where he was a member of the paper's investigative team and covered the war in Iraq, state government, city hall, science, and health.

Throughout his career, John has been recognized for his exceptional reporting, earning numerous national awards, including the *Pulitzer Prize*, the *Casey Medal*, and the *IRE Award*. His reporting has brought about significant change, forcing officials to address systemic failings and prompting reforms in areas like the city's child welfare system and the criminal courts. He holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri, where he worked for the National Institute of Computer Assisted Reporting and also spent five years reporting at The News & Observer in Raleigh, NC.



Adrienne Lu

Adrienne Lu is a highly respected senior reporter for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, she has established herself as a leading voice on college students and politics in higher education. Her insightful reporting has covered a range of topics, from students' sense of belonging, state legislation to restrict colleges' efforts to improve diversity, and student debt.

Adrienne previously wrote about education and state and local governments for *Stateline*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The (Bergen County) Record*, *The (Raleigh) News & Observer*, and the *Chicago News Cooperative*. She also studied state and local government fiscal health as a researcher at The Pew Charitable Trusts. She is a graduate of Williams College and holds a master's degree in public administration from Columbia University.



# YAP SHARES GROUP DONATED ENERGY SAVING LIGHT BULBS TO HOWARD COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

BY Kenneth Wang

On April 3rd, the Howard County Chinese School AAPI YAP Shares Group delivered over 3200 energy-saving light bulbs to the Howard County Fire Department headquarters at Marriottsville. The light bulbs were promptly put to use, and distributed amongst those in need throughout the community. We're incredibly glad to have had the opportunity to partner with the Howard County Fire Department in helping out the community, making this donation of over 3200 light bulbs a huge success!





## YAP VISITED WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

BY Alexander Zhu

On April 5th, members of the AAPI Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) Environment Group of the Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) recently visited the Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plant.

This highly anticipated trip to the plant, which provides water for over half of the population in Howard County, was a truly enlightening in-person experience for all of the participants.

After arriving at the location, the tour guide gave the group an introduction about the functions and overall history of Howard County community's sewage treatment plant. The group then put on their vests and headed out for a tour of the entire plant.

With the tour guide's introduction giving the tour members a decent grasp of the inner workings, the student members and parents were able to learn the entire water treatment process.

After a fruitful 3 hours, the members of the AAPI YAP Environment Group were able to learn about, discuss, and see various interesting parts of the reclamation Plant, such as the machinery that processes the everyday water the community uses.

"It was a great learning experience on a sunny Wednesday that we all were grateful to be a part of!" -A quote about his experiences by a member of the tour.



# YAP ENVIRONMENT GROUP TEST WELL WATER

BY Alice Chen

On Sunday, March 26, members of the Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) AAPI YAP Environment Group participated in different shifts from morning to afternoon, collected the contact information and reached out to many people in and around HCC offering to test the quality of their personal well water. They collected over 15 samples of well water to test and provide results for. The next week members of the group conducted the water quality tests using specific kits for those people with well water while recording the data into a table. The results will be sent out to the owners/users of the wells whose water was tested.





# YAP ATTENDED SMOB CONVENTION

BY Grace Chen

The 21st of March, 2023, may seem like a regular school day to some students, but for the other 138, it was something special: the SMOB Convention.

To know about the SMOB Convention, it is important to understand what the SMOB is. The SMOB, or Student Member of the Board, is a position on the HCPSS Board of Education (BOE) that voices the concerns of the student body. They “can vote on all issues except issues pertaining to budget, personnel, or other restricted matters” (Student Member of the Board (SMOB) | HCASC). The SMOB is chosen by the SMOB Convention, which includes three delegates from each middle school and six from each high school. The delegates are expected to be representatives of their school and choose the candidate that would best represent the student body. The process normally takes a whole school day and this year, the delegates had 16 wonderful and diverse applicants to choose from.

Three members of the Howard County Chinese School AAPI Youth Ambassadors Program were present at the SMOB Convention, representing voices of the AAPI youth community. These members include: Grace Chen, a sophomore at Marriotts Ridge High School; Mabelle Liu, an 8th grader at Mount View Middle School; and Mark Li, an 8th grader at Folly Quarter Middle School.

During the convention, the delegates were first introduced to the process

of the convention as well as a history of the SMOB. Once split into four groups, the delegates had the chance to meet all of the applicants and learn about their experiences, platforms, and personalities. Then, there was a round robin, where the delegates had the opportunity to ask the candidates questions. After that, they were given time to discuss and think about who they wanted to vote for. During this time, other activities such as interviews and makeshift photo booths were held while delegates were called to vote.

After a day of consideration and anxiousness, the two HCPSS students competing for the SMOB position were decided: Howard High School junior Lamia Ayaz and Wilde Lake High School sophomore Antonio Clay-Hardy!

The experience of the SMOB Convention was very educational and it is always inspiring to see youth get involved in their community. It is very important to engage and participate in such activities, and becoming a SMOB Delegate is one of many ways to start!





## 六年级李楠老师班学生优秀作文选集

### 尼亚加拉大瀑布的旅行

作者 卓一，马立平 6 年级 3 班，指导老师 李楠

去年夏天，我和我的家人去尼亚加拉瀑布度假。这个形状像马蹄的大瀑布坐落于两个国家之间。一座高高长长的彩虹桥连接了加拿大和美国。尼加拉瀑布大约存在于 1200 年前。瀑布宽 670 米，长度为 792 米。大量和凶猛的水从"马蹄瀑布"上喷出来。多么令人震惊！我从来没有见过这么美丽的景色。持续不断的流水声充斥着我的耳朵。景象看起来像一个壮观的仙境一样，配和着沸腾和热情流水的"交响乐"音乐。

尼亚加拉大瀑布的乘船游览是我最喜欢的旅游景点之一。它是一个有惊险的和刺激的活动。我们穿着蓝色雨衣和人群一起上了船。一声尖锐的汽笛声响起，游船就开始慢慢的移动。我紧张的抓住了湿漉漉的栏杆，保证我的身体不会因为船的晃动而摔倒。当我们离瀑布越来越近时，船速度变得越来越快，我的心情也变得越来越紧张。这是空气开始变得雾蒙蒙的，船开始像疯了一样的摇晃。在这时我一往上看，我看到了像巨大白色窗帘的大瀑布。水像从淋浴里喷出来的，撒向船上，把我们都浸湿了，我的脸也湿透了，水摸在我的皮肤上很凉爽。从这个角度看瀑布很美，更精彩。声音震耳欲聋，就像听了一首震撼的交响乐。当船离开时，我转身看到瀑布中间有一道大彩虹。丰富多彩的彩虹给这壮观的景色加上了更多的奇迹和色彩。

我在尼亚加拉大瀑布的假期真是一场难忘的旅游。我的纪念品之一是一个精美的相框。那相框上镶嵌着有马蹄瀑布的照片。每次我看着这相框，我都会想起我在尼亚加拉大瀑布度过的美好时光。

# 蒲公英的愿望

作者 卓一， 马立平 6 年级 3 班， 指导老师 李楠

在离我家不远的一大片草地上，有成百种像小小高尔夫球一样的小植物。远远看去，那大片草地就像被白雪覆盖。它们就是可爱的小蒲公英。它们一个一个的像雪球一样！每个雪球上都有着数百把小白雨伞。

我蹲下来摘了一只蒲公英。我轻轻地抚摸着蒲公英，好像它是一只柔软的小兔子一样，有着毛茸茸的毛。我把蒲公英举到唇边，吹了一口大气。多么神奇！每个小白雨伞都爆发出来了，轻轻的在空中飘荡。

它们就这样飞，那样飞，很快就用白色的绒毛填满我的周围，像一群美丽的小天使围着我转。风一吹，小天使就开始在空中跳舞。过一会儿，小天使累了，就落到草地上休息。每一只小蒲公英的小天使都有一颗小小的种子。这种子一落到地上，就会长成另一个蒲公英。每一个小天使，就代表着一个个美好的祝愿。

我摘下了一只蒲公英，我闭上眼睛许了三个愿望。我的第一个希望是我能取得好的学习成绩。第二个希望是我长大想有一个好的工作。第三个希望是祝愿我家里人都身体健康。我就吹了一口大气。小天使们又一次散开围着我转，好像在祝我好运似的。



# Call for Student Submissions

HCCS Students,

We want to hear from you! If you would like to submit your writing for the next issue of our gazette newspaper, please email your work to [pr@hccs-md.org](mailto:pr@hccs-md.org).

The deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing your work in the HCCS Gazette,

HCCS PR Youth Journalist Group

## JOKES AND RIDDLES

What's the difference between  
spring rolls and summer rolls?

Seasoning.

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The greatest achievement for a  
journalist is not some award or  
accolade, but being terminated  
by the FBI for knowing too  
much.

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A wise man once said "The  
secret to being a wise man is to  
never reveal your secrets"

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SUBMIT JOKES AND RIDDLES AT  
[pr@hccs-md.org](mailto:pr@hccs-md.org)

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