



HONEYCOMB LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Honeycomb Leadership Council (HLC), is open to student leaders ages 14-18. Members of HLC will have an exciting opportunity to work directly with Honeycomb's leadership team to learn what it takes to build a Honeycomb volunteer project from start to finish.

The HLC will collaborate with their peers to develop a deeper understanding of our city's challenges and help shape this exciting new program. The experience will culminate in a new summer service event developed and led by the Honeycomb Leadership Council.

Class of 2017 Members

Mariya Muhahid

Hi, my name is Mariya Mujahid and I'm from the south suburbs of Chicago, Oak Lawn, to be exact. I'm a sophomore at Universal School and even though I live in the suburbs, I love Chicago and the many things it has to offer. I love the deep-dish pizza (all food, really), the beaches, and Navy Pier. An issue in Chicago that I want to fix is racism and ignorance. I know it's hard to achieve, but over time I believe it can be accomplished. I hope to improve my communication skills and outlook on the world through the HLC, and I'm excited to be given the opportunity to meet new people and make a difference in the world.

Enia Gregory

My name is Enia Gregory. I am from the Austin area of Chicago. I am a senior at Chicago High School for the Arts and will be graduating this May. The best things I love about Chicago are the sunrises and sunsets. They're breathtaking and pleasing to watch. After watching my community change over the years, I am passionate about recycling to prevent a high amount of waste that affects the earth and citizens in the area. With HLC, I hope to know more on how to get people involved with their communities and public service.





Ethan Chung

Hi, my name is Ethan Chung. I am a Freshman at Walter Payton College Prep and I live in the Bucktown-Wicker Park area. My favorite part about Chicago is the lakefront. In the summer, I enjoy spending time there with my friends. I am deeply passionate about helping others, especially those who are born into situations that don't allow them an equal chance for success. There are neighborhoods in Chicago that don't offer the same types of opportunity as other neighborhoods, and it isn't fair that the environment in which you are born in can have any influence on your ability to be successful. Through the HLC, I would like the opportunity to explore these areas of the city and hopefully create positive change within them. I would also like to be able to create a program that lasts and will directly influence and change people's lives for the better.

Qixian Ou

My name is Qixian Ou, and I'm a junior at Jones College Prep who resides in the city's Chinatown neighborhood. The thing I love most about Chicago is the diversity in culture of what the city has to offer. I truly believe that there's somewhere and something for everyone in Chicago. Taking into consideration of the challenges the city faces, I am most committed and devoted to addressing social justice matters and values within the city. Throughout my HLC experience, I hope to advance and develop the skills and qualities leaders embody. I am looking forward to developing more proficient communication and collaboration skills with my peers and community members.

Kristen Rigsby

Hi! My name is Kristen Rigsby, and I'm a junior at Northside College Prep. I live in Wildwood, a small neighborhood on the North side of Chicago. My favorite thing about my neighborhood is its convenient access to the Forest Preserves through which I frequently walk my dog or ride my bike. One cool project I completed with the Honeycomb Project was the restoration and expansion of a trail in these Preserves. I'll now be able to enjoy freshly wood-chipped path right next to the Chicago River! As a lifelong Chicago resident, I have had the opportunity to learn about the unique challenges confronting Chicagoans. One such issue that I am particularly passionate about is equality in education. Within my 12 years as a CPS student and 3 years as a CPS elementary school tutor, I have interacted with countless students who have expressed concern about the diminished quality of their education as a result of their native language, neighborhood, race and/or culture. I strongly believe that every child, regardless of background, should have the educational resources they need to succeed and should not have to worry about a compromised future. I'm excited to bring my passion for this issue to the Honeycomb Leadership Council, and I'm looking forward to hearing about the other members' interests as well.

Henry Sowerby

My name is Henry Sowerby and I am from Hyde Park, where I have lived all of my life. I am a sophomore at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, where I have also studied my entire life. One of the many things that I love about this city is the wide range of cultures and diversity of our neighborhoods. There are so many different areas of the city, each with their own unique vibe, culture, and background. Although there are many challenges that Chicago faces, the one I am most passionate about is the lack of gun control and the alarming level of gang violence that plagues the city, particularly in impoverished areas. During my time on the Honeycomb Leadership Council, I am most interested in encouraging social and political actions that would work to reduce the prevalence of gang violence in the city. I would also like the opportunity to improve my leadership, fundraising, writing, communication and research skills, as well as gain a deeper understanding of social-economic and racial issues that affect my city.



Rebecca Reid

My name is Rebecca Reid. I live in the Beverly community located on the Southwest side of Chicago. I am a sophomore at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School. Chicago is an extremely beautiful city. There are multiple reasons why I love living here. I love Chicago for its vast diversity in multiple ways. I also find Chicago to be a very vibrant city with many things to see, to do, and to experience. The skyline is so captivating and never gets any less beautiful after seeing it everyday. Although Chicago has many challenges, I am dedicated to helping children in need and helping to foster substantial positive change in and outside of my community. Knowing that I have contributed in making someone else's life better, makes me so happy and inspires me to continue to work on the behalf of others. By being involved in HLC, I believe that I can develop better leadership skills, while I learn what it takes to efficiently and effectively manage service projects. I would also like to make new friends among others who share similar interests and passions. I'm also very excited to be exposed to other ideas on how we can help Chicago communities.

Ethan Tyler

My name is Ethan Tyler and I live just north of downtown Chicago in Lincoln Park. I am currently a junior in high school at the Lab Schools in Hyde Park. My favorite thing about Chicago is the people. I often take public transportation, but during the summer I enjoy biking and jogging along Lake Michigan. I love passing by the thousands of people and appreciating the diversity of Chicago. I am most passionate about helping those who are underprivileged in the Chicagoland area. The new organization, Chicago CRED, coordinated by Arne Duncan, hopes to help young people, specifically young black males in Chicago find a purpose in life and guide them down an intriguing path. I have spent hours closely researching their work and appreciating their cause. In HLC, I hope to finally become active in the Chicago community and do something to give back to the wonderful city.