

Howard County Youth, continued...

► **Amirah Shabazz**, 8th grade, Lime Kiln Middle School — Aside from acting, I am very passionate about writing, film, and track and field. When I grow up, I'd love to be a writer and director for movies and TV shows.



► **Emma Tabor**, 9th grade, Catonsville High School — I enjoy performing, as well as crocheting, knitting, reading, and playing with my pet rabbit. I hope to become a neuroscientist, with a focus on finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease.



► **Theatre Morgan**, Morgan State University — TM is dedicated to nurturing diverse talent and producing impactful works. Under the leadership of Professor Janice Short, it is renowned for fostering creativity, critical thinking, and a deep appreciation for the performing arts for students and community alike.



► **Ian Wright-Williams**, 12th grade, Oakland Mills High School — I currently serve as an Intern with the Local Children's Board Youth Engagement team. I am a team captain with OMHS Varsity Baseball, where I have learned about leadership, teamwork and commitment. I am passionate about sharing ideas and representing youth voices. My future plans are to attend Virginia State University and major in digital media or cybersecurity.



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Voices of Change Embracing the POWER of WE!

Addressing the impact of lived experiences, Embracing the Power of WE brings a voice to often unheard communities and a shared vision to support fairness and justice for all humanity.

We welcome you to a compelling collection of visual arts, multimedia storytelling, a keynote speaker, refreshments, and networking opportunities. May we all strive to be the Voices of Change!

October 30, 2025
Howard Community College
Horowitz Center Smith Theatre



Voices Of Change: Embracing The Power Of We!

AGENDA 2025

5:15 p.m.	Networking and Food Resource Tables	• Music and Artwork • Photos
5:45 p.m.	Doors Opens to Smith Theatre for attendees to be seated	
6:00 p.m.	Land Acknowledgement	Ani Blackhorse Begay
	Welcome/Introduction of Spoken Word	Joanne Lee
	Spoken Word	Dr. Rhoda Núñez-Donnelly HCPSS Assistant Principal
	Introduction of Howard County Executive Calvin Ball	Ian Wright-Williams
	Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Calvin Ball
	Introduction of the DCRS Director	Lily Farnham
	DCRS Director Greeting and Remarks	Jacqueline Scott
6:30 p.m.	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker	Maia Hanes
	2025 Keynote Presenter	
	Karsonya “Kaye” Wise Whitehead, PhD, is founder and executive director of the Karson Institute for Race, Peace & Social Justice, and a professor of Communication and African and African American Studies at Loyola University Maryland. She also hosts the award-winning radio show “Today with Dr. Kaye” on WEAA, 88.9 FM.	
		
7:00 p.m.	Introduction of the Spoken Word Play	Ian Wright-Williams
	Spoken Word Play	Theatre Morgan of Morgan State University
	Thank You from the Howard County Office of the Local Children’s Board	Kim Eisenreich
	Spoken Word Closing	Dr. Rhoda Núñez-Donnelly HCPSS Assistant Principal

Event Producer

GRANT EMERSON HARVEY, BA, MFA, is a graduate of Morgan State University and The Actors Studio at Pace University, and has taught at various institutions, including Towson University, New York University, and Morgan State University. Grant is also on faculty at the Cate School in California as the Director of Theatre, where he continues to inspire and mentor emerging artists. He is committed to fostering creativity and collaboration in the arts. Grant s a graduate of Oakland Mills High School and was active in its theater department.



Howard County Youth Participating in the Spoken Word Play



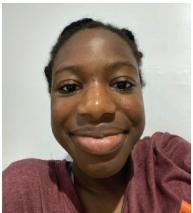
◀ **Lily Farnham**, 11th grade, River Hill High School — My passions are dancing, singing and performing. I love to spend time with friends and family, build LEGOs™ and explore new places. I enjoy learning about different fields and the many possibilities for my future.

▶ **Maia Hanes**, 11th grade, Glenelg High School — I am a youth member of the Local Children’s Board, and a student in the Finance Academy at the Applications and Research Laboratory. At Glenelg, I hold leadership roles in Future Business Leaders of America and the Black Student Union. I am interested in studying economics, political science, and business to continue making a difference in the world.



▶ **Joanne Lee**, 11th grade, Guilford Park High School — I enjoy reading, listening to music, and doing anything creative. Specifically, I crochet, paint, and dabble in photography. In the future, I envision myself going into medicine, yet I also hope to stay true to my creative side.

▶ **Faith Myers**, 10th grade, Wilde Lake High School — I'm a captain of the cross country team and also love to perform during the spring musical and do tech crew for the fall show. I love to draw, read and write. In the future I hope to go into hospitality.



▶ **Miji Ojifinni**, 10th grade, Wilde Lake High School — My greatest interest and hobbies are clarinet and drawing. In the future, I hope to major in business (economics or finance) or delve into law and history.

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