



华府青年牵头开创多族裔青少年组织协作新常态 ——共建跨族裔青年平台, 打造大华府协作新范式



2026年1月19日,华府青年(Capital Youth Outreach Club, CYOC)成功主办2026华府青年节暨首届国际华府杰出青年颁奖典礼(Youth Spotlight and Award Ceremony)。活动开始前, CYOC与首批7家在大华府地区具有广泛社会影响力的多族裔非营利组织及主流媒体机构签署合作备忘录(Memorandum of Understanding, MOU),以首都大华府地区为起点,共同启动面向国际青年的跨族裔青年公共服务与协作平台。

作为大华府地区最具国际化视野的青年组织之一,华府青年(CYOC)近年来持续推动区域青年组织由各族裔分散式发展,逐步走向国际化、多元协作的新阶段。此次签约标志着大华府地区在多族裔青少年组织之间建立长期、制度化合作机制方面迈出关键一步,也彰显了CYOC作为青年组织在跨社区协同、资源整合与公共服务共建中的引领作用。

华府青年率先走向多族裔与国际的青年公共平台

CYOC成立8年以来,从华裔与亚裔社区中持续发展壮大,围绕青年服务、社区参与和领导力培养开展了大量实践项目。随着组织影响力不断扩大, CYOC主动突破族裔发展边界,持续拓展跨族裔合作网络,将合作与服务对象逐步延伸至多元族裔青年群体,并积极对接主流社会资源。

此次与首批7家机构集中签署合作备忘录,标志着CYOC正式发展成为具有国际视野的青年公共服务平台,在大华府著名青年组织生态中形成了较为清晰的枢纽型定位。

首批签约的7家机构,涵盖多族裔与主流领域的重要代表

本次与CYOC完成首批MOU签署的合作伙伴,均是在各自族裔社区或专业领域内具有较高知名度和社会影响力的机构,包括:

华裔社区健康服务中心,长期服务大华府华人社区,在社区健康教育与公共健康服务领域具有重要影响;

So What Else, 马里兰州和华盛顿特区知名的公益组织,多年来持续服务弱势儿童与家庭;

Sikh Kid to Kid, 由青年主导的非营利组织,通过社区服务与领导力培养赋能锡克青年群体;

VAS NextGen Initiative, 越裔美国人服务中心旗下青年项目,致力于培养新一代越裔美国青年领袖;

《华盛顿中文邮报》,长期服务大华府华人社区,促进跨文化交流与社区沟通;

《新世界时报》,美国较早的简体中文报纸之一,在华人及亚裔社区具有广泛读者基础;

A&C Media Corp., 专注多元文化传播,在扩大青年声音社会影响力方面具有专业优势。

首批合作机构在族裔结构、服务领域和社会影响力上的多样性,为CYOC跨族裔青年协作平台奠定了良好的起点,也为后续更广泛合作提供了可参考的实践基础。

以首批合作为起点,持续拓展跨族裔与国际协作

此次MOU的签署,是CYOC多族裔合作实践中的重要阶段性成果。未来, CYOC将在首批合作的基础上,持续拓展合作网

络,吸纳更多主流及国际机构参与,进一步完善跨族裔青年公共服务与协作机制。

在随后的颁奖典礼上,马里兰州州务卿 Susan Lee 女士代表马里兰州政府向CYOC及Korean Culture & Art of MD, Vas NextGen Initiative, Sikh Kid 2 Kid, So What Else 颁发州长嘉奖,马里兰州首席行政法官 Chung Pak 宣读,州务卿 Susan Lee 受州参议员 Lam 委托向CYOC, Korean Culture & Art of MD, Vas NextGen Initiative, Sikh Kid 2 Kid, So What Else 等颁发了州参议员团体嘉奖和个人嘉奖。

通过不断深化跨文化交流与协作, CYOC 期望为青少年提供更多参与公共事务、服务社区和拓展国际视野的实践机会,同时也有助于提升多族裔青少年之间的相互理解与协同能力,推动青少年力量在社区治理、公益服务和社会创新中的积极参与,持续为大华府地区构建更加多元、开放与包容的青少年发展生态注入动力。

Lighting the Stage with Creativity and Responsibility My Experience as a Youth Volunteer at the "Youth Spotlight" Gala

By: George Mingyi Wang

On January 19, 2026, the Youth Spotlight - Inaugural Greater Washington Outstanding Youth Awards Gala was held at Bender JCC in Rockville, Maryland. The event was organized by the Capital Youth Outreach Club (CYOC) and supported by many community and cultural organizations. It was a special celebration led by young people that brought together different cultures, languages, and generations.

Many distinguished guests attended the event, including Maryland Secretary of State Susan Lee, Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich, and Shen Xuesong, Minister-Counselor from the Chinese Embassy's Office of Educational Affairs. Their presence showed strong support for youth leadership and community involvement. The gala was also supported by organizations such as So What Else, U.S.-China cultural and business associations, local Chinese schools, and youth groups from Korean, Vietnamese, and Indian communities. Together, these groups helped make the event a truly multicultural celebration.

As a volunteer, I was deeply involved in both the preparation and execution of the event. My main contributions focused on creative design and stage coordination.

Using my interest and experience in 3D printing, I designed and created small "CYOC" souvenir keychains. I combined technology with youth culture and included elements inspired by traditional Chinese blessing symbols. These keychains added a fun and warm touch to the formal awards ceremony and gave guests a meaningful souvenir to remember the event. It was exciting to see my technical skills used to support a real community activity.

The performances during the gala were

colorful and diverse. The program included Chinese traditional music, group dances, string performances, choir singing, poetry recitations, and cultural performances from different ethnic groups. Korean drumming, Vietnamese dances, Indian Bhangra, and Chinese instruments such as the guzheng and pipa were all presented on the same stage. These performances showed how young people can celebrate creativity while honoring cultural traditions.

During the event, I had an very important responsibility coordinating the stage performance schedule and managing the order of the programs. I worked closely with Mrs. Qi, Mrs. Yu, and Jiaping, as well as performers and backstage staff, to make sure each group entered and exited the stage smoothly and on time. Managing transitions between many different performances required careful attention and teamwork. Even though we came from different age groups, we worked together toward the same goal and became true teammates behind the scenes.

At this event, I was honored to receive the Capital Youth Outreach Club Volunteer Service Gold Award for my continued participation in community service. At the end of the gala, I also participated to present a showcase of CYOC's different clubs. This presentation summarized our activities over the past year and encouraged more students to get involved in service, leadership, and community projects.

Through my roles in creative design, stage coordination, and club presentation, I learned that a successful youth event depends not only on what happens on stage, but also on teamwork and responsibility behind the scenes. This experience helped me better understand leadership, cooperation across generations, and how young people can make a positive impact in their communities. I am very happy that the inaugural "Youth Spotlight - the Outstanding Youth Awards Gala" concluded successfully, and I am grateful to have been part of such a meaningful and inspiring event.

记首届 CYOC 杰出青年颁奖典礼

By: Grace Yan

由华府青年(Capital Youth Outreach Club, 简称 CYOC)主办的首届杰出青年颁奖典礼于2026年1月19日在马里兰州的 Bender JCC 中心圆满举行。活动旨在表彰在社区服务、学术、艺术及领导力等领域表现突出的优秀青少年,展现青年一代积极参与社区建设的精神风貌。

当晚会场布置庄重而富有青春气息。来宾一进门,首先映入眼帘的是一面设计精美、色彩绚丽的签到墙,吸引众多来宾驻足签到、合影留念,为整场活动拉开温馨序幕。

中国驻美国大使馆邱文星大使、马里兰州州务卿 Susan Lee 女士和蒙哥马利郡郡长 Marc Elrich 等嘉宾应邀出席颁奖仪式,发表讲话并参与颁奖,对青年在志愿服务及社区公益中的积极贡献表示肯定与鼓励。

本次颁奖典礼是首次由华府地区青年学生自主策划和组织的大型表彰活动。活

动特别设立华府青年义工奖及 CYOC 火炬奖(Torch Award),其中火炬奖由青年学生自行设立,旨在表彰在领导力、志愿服务和社区影响力方面表现突出的青少年。

此外,活动中多位个人及组织分别获得州长嘉奖状(Governor Citation)和参议员嘉奖状(Senator Citation),体现了政府对青年公益行动和社区贡献的认可。

发奖仪式后,是节目表演。每个节目都很精彩。来自中国、印度、越南、韩国等不同地区的孩子们展现了他们独特的才华,他们尽情绽放,展现着各自的文化魅力,并将快乐带给了每一个人。

本次活动得到马里兰州 APA Commissioner 吕萍博士、陈涛教授、谢渝湘博士及黄静导演等专业人士的指导与支持。未来 CYOC 将继续搭建平台,鼓励更多青少年在实践中成长,在服务社区中展现担当,薪火相传,让青春因奉献而闪光。

More Than Just a Show: A Volunteer Experience

By: Diana H. Zhao

On a cold winter afternoon, I arrived at the award ceremony feeling nervous and excited to be a part of the award ceremony. The building was already full of other volunteers and people instructing other people. Volunteers from CYOC were everywhere, helping with decorations and making sure everyone was where they needed to be, while performers quietly practiced backstage and ran rehearsals. From backstage, I could hear music from the stage and the sound of people talking as the audience settled in. Even before the ceremony officially began, it was clear that a lot of teamwork was happening behind the scenes.

While waiting backstage, I watched other performances get ready. While dancers adjusted their costumes and practiced their steps, the steady beat of drums echoed through the hall. Others helped carry the props to where they were supposed to be, trying to stay calm before going on stage. Being backstage felt different from being in the audience because I could see how much effort everyone put into their performances. As part of the choir, I rehearsed with the rest of the group, trying to stay focused while also watching the performances ahead of us. Since we were the second to last performance, there was a lot of waiting, which made me feel nervous but also excited.

When it was almost our turn, I could feel the audience's eyes already on us, even though we were backstage. Stepping onto the stage with the choir, I couldn't really see the audience, the light shining down on us was too bright, and it just felt like the choir was the only one there. Singing near the end of the ceremony made our performance feel special, like we were helping bring the event to a meaningful close. By the time the ceremony was over, I felt tired but proud. Volunteering with CYOC at this award ceremony showed me how much work happens behind the scenes and how important it is to support one another.