



青春共筑文化桥梁：华府青年(CYOC)亮相蒙郡第五届亚裔传统月庆典

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2026年5月3日,随着“亚裔及太平洋岛民(AAPI)传统月”的盛大开启,马里兰州蒙哥马利县第五届年度亚裔传统月庆典在塞内卡谷高中(Seneca Valley High School)隆重举行。大华府地区活跃的青少年非营利义工组织——华府青年(Capital Youth Outreach Club, 即CYOC),通过极具文化特色的专属展位与精彩的舞台表演,向大家展现了亚裔新生代的风采。

互动传文化:社区服务的践行者

在活动现场CYOC专属展位上,CYOC青少年义工们化身中华文化“推广大使”。展位布置活泼生动、富有创意,精心构思的互动游戏吸引了众多参观者踊跃参与,现场人头攒动、气氛热烈。

• **文化展示:**栩栩如生的京剧脸谱、憨态可掬的熊猫玩偶以及笔墨纸砚“文房四宝”,吸引了各族裔访客驻足观赏。

• **趣味互动:**为了让文化“动”起来,义工们设计了广受欢迎的“筷子夹豆子”竞技、“熊猫贴纸与纹身贴”赠送,以及充满趣味的“水写毛笔字”体验。这些互动不仅带来了欢笑,更让不同族裔的参与者在亲身体验中感受到中华文化的独特魅力。

乐声传友谊:舞台上的文化使者

在庆典上,CYOC的青少年成员用歌声与乐声联结社区。他们倾情献唱经典曲目《You've Got a Friend in Me》,美妙的歌声象征着族裔间的和谐团结。此外,CYOC风林弦乐团也奉献了高水准的现场演奏《同一首歌》《月亮代表我的心》,在音符流转间传递了深厚的社区情谊。

深耕社区:获得政府高度认可

CYOC长期以来在社区服务中的持续投入与积极贡献,得到了社会各界的高度关注和认可。活动期间,多位政府官员及社区代表亲临CYOC展位。中国驻美国大使馆宋实有总领事,蒙哥马利县行政长官 Marc Elrich,蒙哥马利县会议员 Will Jawando,马里兰州州长亚裔办公室主任 Christina Poy,蒙哥马利县警长 Maxwell C. Uy 和夫人,马里兰州亚裔委员会即本次 AAPI 活动主持人 Siu Cheung Rossmark,马里兰州韩裔亚裔委员 Alana Lee,马里兰州州长亚裔委员泰裔 Thai Nguyen 和夫人,同乡联合会理事长胡荣华,陕西省西安市外办张澜主任,大华府腰鼓 AAPI 演出队,特意来到 CYOC 展位前与华府青年义工们亲切交流、合影留念。

念。他们高度评价了CYOC在推动跨文化交流、培养青少年领导力方面所发挥的重要作用,并鼓励年轻人继续发挥桥梁纽带的作用,为建设更加包容、多元的社区贡献力量。

展望未来

通过此次庆典,华府青年(CYOC)不仅展示了义工们才艺与风采,更通过丰富多彩的志愿服务活动践行了“在服务中成长”的宗旨。未来,CYOC将继续以文化为纽带,以服务为平台,凝聚更多青年力量,在促进多元文化交流与社区融合的道路上不断前行,让青春在奉献中绽放更加绚丽的光彩。

Building Cultural Bridges Through Youth: CYOC Shines at Montgomery County's 5th Annual AAPI Heritage Month Celebration

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On May 3, 2026, as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month officially kicked off, the 5th Annual AAPI Heritage Month Celebration was held at

Seneca Valley High School in Montgomery County, Maryland. The Capital Youth Outreach Club (CYOC), an active youth-led nonprofit organization in the DMV area, was invited to participate. Through a culturally rich booth and engaging stage performances, CYOC showcased the talent and spirit of the new generation of Asian American youth.

At the CYOC booth, youth volunteers served as ambassadors of Chinese culture. The booth was lively, creative, and thoughtfully designed, attracting a large number of visitors and creating a vibrant and engaging atmosphere. Cultural displays such as Peking Opera masks, adorable panda plush toys, and the “Four Treasures of the Study” (brush, ink, paper, and inkstone) drew visitors from diverse backgrounds to stop and explore. To bring culture to life, volunteers organized popular hands-on experiences such as a “chopsticks candy-picking challenge,” panda stickers and temporary tattoos, and a fun water-calligraphy activity. These interactions not only brought joy, but also allowed participants to experience the unique charm of Chinese culture firsthand.

At the opening ceremony, CYOC's youth members brought the community together through music. They performed the classic song “You've Got a Friend in Me,” symbolizing harmony and unity across cultures. In addition, the CYOC Chamber Ensemble delivered high-quality performances of “One Same Song in D Major” and “The Moon Represents My Heart,” conveying deep community bonds through music.

CYOC's long-standing dedication and active contributions to community service have also earned widespread recognition. During the event, numerous government officials and community representatives visited the CYOC booth, including Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the US Consul General Song Shiyou; Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich; County Councilmember Will Jawando; Director of the Governor's Asian American Office of Maryland Christina Po; Montgomery County Sheriff Maxwell Uy and his spouse; Siu Cheung Rossmark, Maryland AAPI Commissioner and host of this event; Maryland Korean American AAPI Commissioner Alana Lee; Maryland AAPI Commissioner Thai Nguyen and his spouse; President of the Hometown Association Ronghua Hu; Director of the Xi'an Foreign Affairs Office Lan Zhang; and representatives of the Greater Washington AAPI Waist Drum Performance Team.

They warmly interacted with the youth volunteers, took photos, and expressed their support. They highly praised CYOC's important role in promoting cross-cultural exchange and fostering youth leadership, and encouraged young people to continue serving as bridges in building a more inclusive and diverse community.

Through this celebration, CYOC not only showcased the talents and achievements of its members, but also demonstrated its mission of “growing through service” through meaningful volunteer work. Looking ahead, CYOC will continue to use culture as a bridge and service as a platform to unite more youth leaders, advance multicultural exchange and community integration, and enable youth to shine through dedication and community service.(未完待续,接下期)

