

Athena Verghis

Objective

To apply for the student representative position on the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board.

Education

2016 - Present Marriotts Ridge High School

Honors & Awards

2018 - Present National Honor Society

2018 - Present Tri-M Honor Society

2017 - Present Spanish National Honor Society

2016 - 2019 Principal's Honor Roll student

Weighted GPA: 4.8

2019 State 1st place winner of Future Business Leaders of America

- Event: Business Plan

2019 Bronze Awardee of the National Spanish Exam Level 4

2018 National Qualifier of National Catholic Forensics League

- Event: Extemporaneous Speaking

2018 Silver Awardee of the National Spanish Exam Level 3

2018 State and Regional 1st place winner of Future Business Leaders of America

- Event: Public Speaking

2017 Silver Awardee of the National Spanish Exam Level 2

2017 US Finalist U.S. Department of Energy's BioenergizeME Infographic Challenge

- Created an infographic to educate the public on the environmental benefits of biofuel

Extracurricular Activities

2018 - Present Student Member of the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board

- Provide a student perspective to environmental issues and solutions that affect Howard County alongside environmental leaders

2018 - Present Vice President of Howard County Association of Student Councils

- Work with the Howard County Student Member of the Board to relay HCPSS board decisions to the student body
- Organize monthly meetings with speakers and workshops to develop student leadership skills

2018 - Present President of the Marriotts Ridge Environmental Club

- Plan weekly meetings which include leading school-wide recycling programs, educating the student body of environmental issues, and letter writing campaigns to local representatives
- 2018 - Present Vice President of Girl Up, Marriotts Ridge High School
 - Help organize weekly meetings and advocacy and fundraising events
- 2017 - Present Member of Student Bay Advocacy Council of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation
 - Promote public awareness campaigns throughout Maryland for the betterment of the Chesapeake Bay
- 2016 - Present Member of Speech and Debate Team
 - Develop public speaking skills, especially in an extemporaneous setting
 - Speak on national and international political issues and compete with other students across the country
- 2017 - Present Member of the Marriotts Ridge High School Madrigals Choir
- 2012 - Present Member of Cantate Choir, Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University

Community Service

- 2017 - Present Volunteer at the Howard County Conservancy
 - Removal of invasive species
 - Tree-planting restorations
- 2013 - Present Math, English, Public Speaking Tutor for The Learning Academy
 - Plan and teach lessons for 3rd to 5th graders weekly after school

Work Experience

- 2019 Summer Internship with State Senator Katie Fry Hester
 - Research grants and initiatives to aid in Old Ellicott City flooding restoration and reconstruction
- 2018 Fall Election Judge for 2018 Midterm Elections
 - Learned the local and state election procedures
 - Facilitated voting booths to maintain the integrity of the voting system
- 2018 Summer/Fall Safeway Courtesy Clerk
 - Store Manager: Stacy Baier
- 2018 Summer Internship with the Fund For the Public Interest
 - Worked with Environment Maryland to advocate for a statewide ban on Styrofoam products
 - Collaborated with US PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) to gain public traction of the fast food industry's role in antibiotic resistance
 - Organized events with local political figures and media outlets such as television stations and newspapers for public coverage.

References available upon request.