

BRIGHT MINDS FOUNDATION IS THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

We enhance the educational experiences of all Howard County public school students by bringing together community support for initiatives that increase education **access, equity, and innovation.**

We help ensure every child in Howard County can access the support, resources, and opportunities they need to succeed at school and in life.

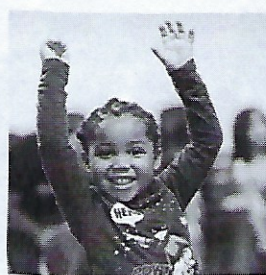
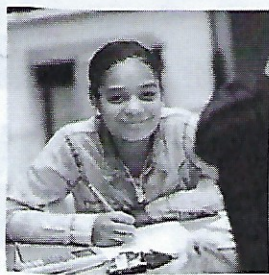
	<p>\$2,633,725 Raised to support Howard County students & educators</p>	<p>A+</p>	<p>16 Years supporting Howard County students, families, & educators</p>	<p>62,016 Educational tools technology, & resources provided to students during pandemic</p>	
<p>35,127 Books gifted to county preschoolers to support kindergarten readiness</p>				<p>\$155,000 Granted to teachers for Classroom Innovation Projects</p>	
	<p>431 JumpStart dual enrollment books & course fee scholarships awarded</p>		<p>4 Teacher externships with area employers</p>		
	<p>60 Post secondary student scholarships awarded</p>			<p>100 Families supported with internet service</p>	

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When you lead with the value that all children can and will learn, great things happen. Every student can succeed if they receive the right direction, support, and guidance. Bright Minds helps us deliver on our commitment to each student.

~ Dr. Michael J. Martirano, HCPSS Superintendent





OUR WORK

Digital Inclusion & Access To Learning

Bright Minds works to remove obstacles students face accessing their education. We help bridge the digital divide for students who lack access to technology and ensure students have the resources they need to fully participate in their education. We also provide emergency family stabilization support to students at risk of homelessness to ensure they can remain engaged in school.

Literacy & School Readiness

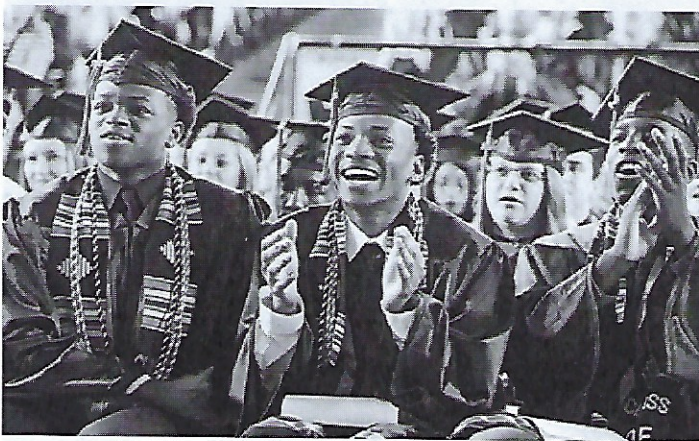
Bright Minds is the local affiliate for Dolly Parton's renowned Imagination Library. Our *Read With Me-Howard County* program mails participating children an age-appropriate book each month from birth through age five in order to build emergent literacy skills, inspire a love of reading, encourage parent-child interaction, and prepare children for kindergarten.

Classroom Innovation & Teacher Support

We provide grants to fund *Classroom Innovation Projects* that help educators deliver instructional projects that increase student learning outcomes, enrich teaching practices, strengthen school communities, and pilot important academic projects. Bright Minds is also the fiscal partner for the *HCPSS Teacher Externship Initiative*, which provides teachers workplace experience to complement academic knowledge.

College Access

Bright Minds helps students access and prepare for success in post-secondary education. We help high school students earn college credits and explore career options through the JumpStart dual-enrollment program with Howard Community College by providing books/course fee scholarships for students. We also administer third-party scholarships to make post-secondary education more accessible.



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When we come together to provide the right support and resources to students and educators - through Bright Minds, our schools, and other entities in Howard County - we create a community that allows every student to thrive.

~ Suzi Padgett, Vice President / Branch Manager, Long & Foster Real Estate



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