

The School District of Haverford Township



# Student Voices at HHS

Haverford Township School Board Meeting Thursday, April 25, 2019



#### **OVERALL VISION AND MISSION OF STUDENT GROUPS**

Spread Positivity, Belonging, and Inclusivity



## Rainbow Alliance

Co-Presidents: Jack O'Leary and Tommy Barnes Sponsors: Jen Stadnicki and Kathryn Cesarini

## Club Interests

- Supporting the Community
  - Valentine's Day Love is Love Bake Sale raising money for homeless LGBTQ+ youth at the Valley Youth Center
  - Day of Silence
  - PGMC Outreach Concert
  - Definition Posters
- Club Meeting Discussions
  - Pronouns, HMS Health Program, and Being LGBTQ+ at HHS



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# Teacher and Student Interactions Faculty Meeting Synopsis

- Asking Students Their Pronouns
  - Reaching out to the students
  - Ask through index card, letter of introduction, email, etc.
- How to Handle "Mistakes" with Pronouns
  - Correct yourself
  - Mistakes = Effort
- HHS Health Program Positives
  - Gender-Bread, Pronouns, General terminology
  - Inclusivity!

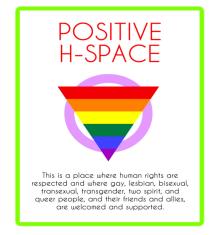




## How to Be an Ally

- Correcting microaggressions
  - In the moment or after
  - Look out for unstructured settings





- Reaching Out to Students
  - Asking for preferred pronouns
  - Letting students know you're an ally

- Visual Representation of Allies
  - Posters around the school
  - H-Pride T-Shirts





# AACE TRIP TO AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON D.C.

((Trip open to the entire student body))

Together we explored the different aspects of African American History and Culture through interactive museum exhibits highlighting African



American achievement in sports, music, film, art and more.







# BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2019

#### **Daily Announcements/H-Vision**

Posters around the school

Announcements with information about influential African Americans and their impact.

H-Vision videos raising awareness to the concerns of the African American community.

## AACE Presents Black Cinema Series

**《Movie screenings each week of February》** 

- **⇒** Black Panther
- → Hidden Figures
- → The Hate U Give









# 2ND ANNUAL SOUL FOOD NIGHT FEBRUARY 27, 2019

 $\langle\!\langle A \text{ night of cultural awareness } \& \text{ celebration through food, music, dance } \& \text{ games} \rangle\!\rangle$ 

- 150+ individual in attendance (Students, Teachers, Community Members)
- Donations from Giant, Morgan's Food Market,
  Delaney, Cenzos, Janos, Teachers & Parents &
  Gift Card donations from administration.
- Dance Special performed by HMS Dance Team
- Jenga games to promote inclusion while eating and trivia games educating those in attendance.





### **UPenn Conference**

- Overview of Conference
  - 14 schools from around the Philly region
  - got to choose a specific conference we wanted to attend that focused on different topics
  - poetry slam
- Theme: some students don't feel like they belong
  - being mindful of all students and how they respond to different situations
  - hearing different students stories was eye opening



# **UPenn Take-Aways**

- Team Building
  - Favorites
- Check-ins with each other (student to student)
- Teacher check-ins / conferences
  - Email or one-on-one
- Report card cookie cutter comments
- Student Introductions
- Team Building Activities
  - -Ice Breakers
  - -Forming Relationships
  - -Building Community



Co-Presidents: Nhi Nguyen and Tommy Barnes Sponsors: Ms. April Forgeng and Ms. Theresa Hartman

- Kindness Campaigns
  - October: Compliment with Spider Ring
  - January: Pencils and Stickers
  - (Upcoming) May: Smiley Stickers with compliments
- Meetings
  - Discussion based
  - Plans for action: Peer Mentorship



## **Fishbowls**

- Last Year
  - Race, Peer Pressure, Gender/Sexuality
- This Year
  - Mental Health
  - How to be an Ally
  - (Upcoming) Implications associated with Labels & Stereotypes



## Coatesville S.P.I.R.I.T. Summit

- Student Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together (S.P.I.R.I.T.)
- Friday, March 29th
- Students heard S.P.I.R.I.T. presentations from Cumberland Valley, Saucon Area, Coatesville, and Cumberland Valley High Schools
- STAR Activity



# Summary

- Teachers and students working together on belonging
- Attempt to serve different identities within HHS
- Spread positivity, belonging, and inclusivity Questions?