Earlier this summer, family, friends and mentors celebrated the 42 graduates of AHC’s College & Career Readiness (CCR) program. This was the highest number of graduating students since the program began. The CCR program also saw the largest number of overall participants this year, with 69 juniors and seniors from area high schools.

This year’s graduating students included a Posse scholar, several students with full rides to college – and even two juniors who graduated early!

These remarkable students earned more than $6.5 million in scholarships and grants – and were accepted at 125 colleges. Most of the students are the first generation in their families to reach this educational milestone. Since its official launch in 2016, CCR has served nearly 170 students.

As always, mentors played important roles in the success of the students. Their dedication and connection to students was a game-changer. Ludwin Alvarez has worked with long-time mentor Marjorie Macieira since sixth grade, and she supported him through Teen Tutoring and CCR.

Thank you to all our mentors, volunteers, community partners, and supporters for helping AHC’s graduates shine bright!

The keynote speaker at the graduation event was Flor Caceres Godoy, a 2018 CCR alum, Posse scholar and recent graduate from Lafayette College.

Interested in Mentoring or Tutoring? Contact Laura Jackson at volunteer@ahcinc.org.
AHC’S Summer Camp Brings EduFun (Education + Fun!)

Thank you to our many donors and community partners for supporting another successful summer camp season. The six-week camp incorporated learning and education – plus many field trips, including the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History, National Zoo, Frying Pan Farm and more.

AHC President/CEO Paul Bernard joined in summer fun one afternoon, helping campers create dragons from eggshell cartons.

In addition to educational activities, summer camp included the ever-popular visits to swimming pools.

Growing Leaders Starts Early – AHC Pilots New Youth Program

Earlier this summer, fifth graders and their family members from AHC communities headed to college. They visited the University of Maryland as part of AHC’s Leaders in Training (LIT) program, a pilot program made possible this year through a Dominion Energy grant.

The program included 12 Arlington students and led the group through the college and career path. It also featured one-on-one mentoring with high-school students in AHC’s College & Career Readiness (CCR) program and visits to businesses for exposure to various careers.

The program also included nine different workshops on a range of topics, including:

- Importance of mental health – including techniques for managing stress.
- What a college application looks like, ways to pay for college and a glimpse at what a college campus looks like.

A special graduation ceremony at the end of the school year celebrated the students’ accomplishments and graduation from elementary school.
AHC in Action

Community Appreciation at Arlington View Terrace

In July, AHC Inc. partnered with Harkins Builders and Paradigm Management on a community appreciation event with free Rocklands Barbeque for residents and neighbors of the Arlington View Terrace community.

Arlington View Terrace East is a $39 million new construction project on Arlington’s Columbia Pike corridor. The new apartment community will create 77 affordable homes with free WiFi for each household, a community room, fitness room, courtyard, and parking garage, as well as advanced green-building systems, including rooftop solar. AVT East will start welcoming new residents in 2023.

Real Estate Development

Key’s Pointe Project in Baltimore Receives $2.9M in ARPA Funding

More affordable housing is coming to Baltimore, with the help of $2.9M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The funding will go toward a new phase of the Key’s Pointe development. AHC Greater Baltimore (AHC-GB) and our development partner The Michaels Organization (TMO) are leading the project in partnership with the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) to redevelop O’Donnell Heights, a public housing community in Southeast Baltimore.

AHC-GB and TMO have been redeveloping the massive 62-acre revitalization project in phases and have already constructed 144 townhome-style homes. The 60 mixed-income apartments that are part of this next phase will replace the existing public housing, along with market affordable apartments.

AHC’s Waterfront Station II Development Makes the News!

“Little more than 1 mile from the U.S. Capitol building, the development team behind the forthcoming Waterfront Station II development is getting creative with capital,” wrote the Journal of Tax Credits recently. AHC is proud to be the affordable housing partner for this new mixed-income community in Washington, DC. This joint venture includes PN Hoffman, City Partners and Paramount – and 136 (30%) of the 450 apartments will be affordable.

Funding Award Helps Renovate Apartments

In June, the U.S. Treasury announced that AHC Inc. will receive $2M in federal funding from the prestigious Capital Magnet Fund. This funding will allow AHC to establish an internal revolving loan fund that will leverage an additional $20M in private capital to renovate at least 331 deeply affordable apartments at AHC communities in Northern Virginia, Baltimore, and suburban Maryland.

“We’re excited to be a first-time awardee for this competitive program,” said Paul Bernard, President/CEO of AHC Inc. “This award will help us modernize several aging AHC Inc. properties and also extend their affordability for another 30 years.”

AHC was one of only 59 recipients nationwide and just one of three in Virginia to receive funding.
About AHC Inc.
Founded in 1975, AHC develops affordable housing and helps communities thrive in the Northern Virginia, Washington DC and Baltimore region. We provide a wide array of educational programs and social services to help residents build more stable and successful lives. Learn more at www.ahcinc.org.

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