



# GWDB Quarterly Meeting Announcements

December 11, 2019

*Due to the shortened agenda for this quarterly board meeting, we are providing a list of written announcements that will not be reviewed in depth at this meeting. Please read through the announcements below and follow up accordingly if you have any questions.*

## **SANS Institute | Girls Go CyberStart**

On December 2, 2019, registration opened for Girls Go CyberStart, an innovative cybersecurity training partnership with the SANS Institute to inspire the next generation of cybersecurity professionals through a series of online challenges and puzzles. Girls Go CyberStart is free and open to all female students in grades 9 through 12, regardless of their prior knowledge or experience with cybersecurity. The Maryland Department of Labor, Maryland State Department of Education, GWDB, and the SANS Institute have collaborated to encourage young women in Maryland to register and participate in this exciting opportunity. During the prior Girls Go CyberStart competition, Maryland teams took the top two spots of the top 100 teams nationally. The first round of games, CyberStart Assess, will open January 13, 2020. For more information, visit [www.girlsgocyberstart.org](http://www.girlsgocyberstart.org).

## **Loyola Blakefield | Cyber Challenge & Summit**

The GWDB will be partnering with Loyola Blakefield high school for their annual Cyber Challenge teaching and learning day on March 7, 2020. This event is student-run and all Maryland students in grades 8 through 12 of any skill level are welcome. The event will comprise of various cyber challenges and games, industry mentors to help train and inspire students, and workforce development programming to connect industry and businesses to the rising talent pool. More information can be found at [lbc2.org](http://lbc2.org). If you or your business would like to be involved in the summit as either a mentor or to lead a programming session, please reach out to Mike ([DLGWDB-DLLR@maryland.gov](mailto:DLGWDB-DLLR@maryland.gov)).

## **Maryland Workforce Association | Raising the Bar Conference**

In September 2019, the Maryland Workforce Association hosted the third annual Raising the Bar conference. This two-day event provides workforce development and education professionals with the opportunity to discuss evidence-based solutions and promising practices for developing Maryland's workforce system. In 2019, there were 55 workshops and over 1,000 attendees.

The next Raising the Bar conference will be held September 15-16, 2020, at the Live! Casino & Hotel. As such, the **GWDB will hold the September 16, 2020, quarterly board meeting at the Live! Casino** to align

with the conference. Board members will have an opportunity to attend conference workshops, and we will be organizing a combined reception following the meeting. More details to follow.

## **Kennedy Krieger Institute | Neurodiversity in the Workplace Conference**

On November 7, 2019, Mike DiGiacomo spoke on a panel at the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Neurodiversity in the Workplace conference, along with Secretary Kelly Schulz and Secretary Carol Beatty. Panelists discussed the state of employment in Maryland and building a neurodiverse talent pipeline and workforce. GWDB highlighted the Benchmarks of Success interagency collaboration as a holistic approach to deliver customized services to support Maryland jobseekers.

## **Maryland Chamber Foundation | Second Chance Task Force**

Since the conclusion of the last legislative session, the Maryland Chamber Foundation has been actively seeking ways to address the challenges faced by the ex-offender community as these individuals prepare for and seek employment post-incarceration. Through its Second Chance Task Force, the Foundation has convened a group of interested stakeholders, including business representatives, GWDB members, and justice reform advocates, to explore proactive steps to reduce recidivism through employment. Future plans for the task force include: 1) a policy report detailing Maryland's incarceration rates, trends and the intersection with workforce participation; 2) an employer toolkit and technical workshops for employers. If you are interested in joining the task force, please email [DLGWDB-DLLR@maryland.gov](mailto:DLGWDB-DLLR@maryland.gov). Meetings take place monthly in Annapolis, and can also be attended via conference call.

## **Junior Achievement of Central Maryland | Inspire Event**

On November 13-14, 2019, representatives from 70 Maryland companies and educational institutions met their future workforce pipeline at JA Inspire, an interactive career exploration experience hosted by Junior Achievement of Central Maryland. Held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, JA Inspire offered all 8,000+ 8th graders from Baltimore County Public Schools a glimpse into the in-demand jobs of our region. Students benefited from networking and hands-on career activities spanning all major industries. The GWDB sponsored a table and several board members' businesses were represented at the event. Watch this video to learn more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INOBcWA0ccA&feature=youtu.be>

## **Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore | Inspire Event**

Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore will hold their JA Inspire event on February 27, 2020, at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, which is expected to attract over 3,000 8th graders from the surrounding communities and business stakeholders. For more information, visit <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-easternshore/ja-inspire>.