



MD Seminar!

Maryland Leadership Zoom June 19 - 21, 2020

- The Maryland Leadership Seminar is an affiliate of the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) worldwide organization begun in 1958 by founder Hugh O'Brian. Hugh portrayed Wyatt Earp on TV
- HOBY MD is 501c3. 96% of fundraising supports the students
- 173 sophomores attended our 41th seminar
- 2 - 4 students from each registered school to Zoom conference
- Kits of t-shirt, program supplies, pen, note book sent to homes
- Volunteer committee, $\frac{3}{4}$ are HOBY alum, all background checked
- 15 hours of Zoom leadership programming
 - Perspectives of leadership: personal, group & society
 - Motivational speakers: Sandy Queen, Chris Bowers, Chef Carla Hall "The Chew", Actor Rainn Wilson "The Office", Reagan Leahy, UN Sustainable Development Goals Pioneer
 - Hands-on Leadership Lab sessions working with home kit in group breakout Zoom rooms
 - Panel on Volunteer Service

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The 2020 Seminar year was certainly full of unexpected changes! Going into the weekend of June 19, my team and I had concerns around how we would be able to deliver a Virtual HOBY Experience, and how our Ambassadors would respond. Once the weekend started though, I was blown away by the success we enjoyed this year. Our volunteers fully embraced the virtual setting, and our Ambassadors were eager to take part; the energy in the Zoom Room was the same energy that I have come to know from our in-person Seminars! As our focus begins to shift toward the 2021 Seminar year, I am very much encouraged by the successes we had this year, and I look forward to continuing to innovate with our Seminar team to prepare for whatever the coming year has in store for us. Thank you Optimists for financially helping us make this happen.

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