

# LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

Below are a variety of local organizations that you can reach out to to see about possible leadership & involvement opportunities

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## LAUP - Latin Americans United Through Progress

To empower Latinos/Latinas to participate in creating a better community for all.

- Annual Hispanic Youth Leadership Conference—held in February of every year.
- Adelante Youth Leadership Program—Learn leadership/life skills, explore career and college options, engage in community service, plan annual Youth Conference.
- Mas Adelante—Develop advanced critical thinking/problem-solving skills, public speaking and writing skills, in-depth community service project.
- Digital Connectors—Advanced leadership and technology skill development; focus on community service and bridging the “digital divide.”
- Annual Fiesta King and Queen Ambassador program—sign up in January.

Website: <https://laup.org>



## Holland/Zeeland Community Foundation - Youth Advisory Committee

The Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a group of 18-20 students from Holland/Zeeland area high schools who are responsible for reviewing funding requests and recommending grants for programs that benefit area youth. 9th and 10th grade students are eligible to apply in the spring of each year. For questions, please contact Yadah Ramirez, Program Officer/College Success Coach, at yramirez@cfhz.org or 616.396.6590 ext. 113.

- Community Service Mini-Grants
- Competitive Grants for larger youth serving projects
- Scholarships to high school seniors



## Holland Youth Advisory Council (HYAC)

The Holland Youth Advisory Council (HYAC) exists:

- To assist municipal leaders in developing/implementing strategies for youth
- To promote youth participation in city government and community service
- To become educated on the internal workings of local government
- To further develop youth leadership skills
- To formulate, discuss and recommend community projects

Website: <https://www.cityofholland.com/314/Holland-Youth-Advisory-Council>



## Culture Works

CultureWorks' after-school program offers middle and high school students the opportunity to work with teaching artists and design professionals in studio art, design, and dance classes. Whether designing toys for kids across the globe or building a clay sculpture, students gain creative and critical-thinking skills for work, college, and beyond.

- After-school, evening & weekend classes
- Pay-what-you-can-afford system

Website: <https://thecultureworks.org/>



## Herrick District Library

Herrick Library is working to provide a welcoming environment for teens to hang out, use technology, and learn. Volunteer opportunities for school credit are available year-round, with a particular emphasis on summer. Visit the website below for more information

- Teen-focused book reviews
- Teen Art Gallery
- Teen Volunteer opportunities
- HOMEWORK HELP

Website: <https://herrickdl.org/teens/>

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## United Way

United Way's Students Live United program is intended to connect youth to community through personal growth, volunteer, and leadership opportunities.

- Students 9-12 grade can enroll in the SLU program with parent/guardian consent.
- Consent/sign up forms can be found and printed on the website below

Website: <https://www.oaunitedway.org/students-live-united>

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## Trio Upward Bound Program

The Hope College TRIO Upward Bound program assists low income/first generation students in gaining the skills and motivation needed to graduate from high school and go on to college (Holland and West Ottawa area only).

- Tutoring
- SAT preparation
- Workshops
- 6 week academic summer program
- College visits
- Cultural and educational activities

Website: <https://hope.edu/offices/upward-bound/>