

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Vision Zero Youth Leadership
Institute

WABA is thrilled to announce the hiring of four youth advocates from Prince George's County, to participate in our first ever Vision Zero Youth Leadership Institute!

MEET THE TEAM

Hazel Hayashi, 17, Eleanor Roosevelt High School
— I am passionate about transportation safety and equity because I believe that freedom of movement is a basic right. Everyone should be able to travel around the area where they live with ease and safety.

Omokorede Jemmott, 17, Eleanor Roosevelt High School

— Cycling has always been a hobby of mine and my family's which made me passionate about the Vision Zero initiative. I want to address the negative impacts of car-dependency in my community.

Guillermo Flores, 17, High Point High School

— I am passionate about Vision Zero and the overall transportation culture in Prince George's County because Vision Zero has one major goal: protecting pedestrians and making Prince George's a safer community.

Roxy Adeleke-Wales, 16, Bowie High School

— My passion for Vision Zero and transportation equality stems from crashes around my school area and the effect of cars on our environment. I'd like to address how developing infrastructure has affected driving in Prince George's, and also how cars have worsened our climate conditions.



***See email for more info about the advocates**

OUR MISSION

Throughout the institute, we will learn about transportation issues in Prince George's County, develop a community engagement plan to learn from community leaders, and develop an advocacy plan to advocate for Vision Zero in Prince George's County. Our efforts will culminate in hosting a Youth Vision Zero Town Hall, set for June 2024. Additionally, we will take part in professional development to become Vision Zero leaders in our communities.



- Meeting with Kenniss Henry, November 1st, to learn more about bike and pedestrian safety advocacy in Prince George's County
- Meeting with Renee Wasco, Community Developer, Prince George's County Fire/EMS department, to learn more about school safety issues and transportation issues related to youth
- Tour of University of Maryland, College Park, Departments of Urban Studies and Planning, as well as the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education