

VP Programs Officer's Report

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My April report concluded with the statement "it's all events all the time for VP Programs." Therein lies the COVID-19 reality of this April report.

Meetings/Events attended

- MCCPTA Exec Committee and Board, March 12th

Committee Summaries

- Reflections Program
 - Did make the announcement of our MD PTA honorees on March 21st with 11 of our students being recognized at the state level and four of those moving on to the National PTA Reflections adjudication.
 - But now the bad news. April Reflections Showcase will not be happening on April 23. The VisArts Center in Rockville Town Square is continuing to hold space for us early in June, but still in a wait-and-see mode and most concerned with returning the artwork to the students and their families.
 - Waiting to hear from MD PTA regarding the return of the honoree artwork.
- The CONNECT Business Challenge
 - No update on status or plans.
- "Celebration of Excellence"
 - The Conference Center at the Universities of Shady Grove has cancelled all large gatherings through the end of May. Fortunately they did not require any deposit, so there is no money invested.
 - We still have the date of Thursday, May 21st and attention has shifted to the potential of a virtual awards presentation. Obviously a different program and one that we cannot charge for attendance. Zoom has been explored as a platform, but recent developments regarding privacy and security are a concern for attendees. Also a concern would be the format and how awards are "presented" in the virtual environment. But we are flexible and adaptable people.
 - Conference Center at the Universities at Shady Grove is holding dates for a potential in-person large gathering for late August at the beginning of the next school year as a fall back.

Projects/Issues

- No other MCCPTA Programs are planned for this school year.
- Considering other ways of sharing the voice of student leaders from MCR who were developing content for the April "MCCPTA Presents" program.

Announcements/Upcoming Events

- None other than potential virtual gatherings.