

ANNAPOLIS PRIDE



Mission and Vision

To advocate for, empower, and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in Anne Arundel County to live fully and authentically.

A safe, equitable, and anti-racist community where people of all identities thrive.



Annapolis Pride History



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2018

- Community members developed the concept for Annapolis Pride.
- Mayor Buckley declared June as LGBTQ+ Pride month for the first time in Annapolis history.
- Annapolis Police Department appointed its first LGBTQ+ liaison officer as requested by Annapolis Pride.

2019

- Founding Board formed, received 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS.
- Advocated for LGBTQ+ programs at the Anne Arundel County Public Library, including first Drag Queen Storytime.
- Inaugural Annapolis Pride Parade & Festival

2020

- Partnering with Black Lives Matter activists, hosted All Black Lives Matter march after murder of George Floyd and others by police
- Held a virtual parade due to the pandemic,
- Convened essential figures in the LGBTQ+ community to discuss critical issues.

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2021

- Pride and the Coalition for LGBTQ+ Students, successfully advocated for AACPS to adopt the Safe and Inclusive Environments for LGBTQ+ Students policy.
- Released nonpartisan 2021 candidate questionnaire revealing local candidates' stances on issues relevant to the LGBTQ+ community publicly available for the first time.

2022

- Advocated for transgender and gender-affirming care inclusion in county employee health insurance.
- AACPS BOE approved LGBTQ+ history and African American history courses.
- Annapolis Mayor & AA County Executive recognized Transgender Day of Visibility (3/31).
- Hosted annual parade & festival after two-year delay.

2023

- Finalized first strategic plan, new mission & vision statements.
- Hosted legislative breakfast.
- Advocated for gender-affirming healthcare to be covered for Marylanders receiving Medicaid .
- **Held summit on safety for the LGBTQ+ community.**
- Hosted the biggest parade and festival .
- Participated in first LGBTQ+ reception at the Governor's Mansion.

2024 Accomplishments

- **Hosted summit on health and safety of LGBTQ+ youth**
- Co-designed a 2024 Board of Education Candidate Questionnaire with the Coalition for LGBTQ+ Students and Connecting the Dots
- Successfully advocated for:
 - the Freedom to Read Act,
 - gender-affirming treatment defined as legally protected health care,
 - adding sexual orientation to the list of statewide protected classes, etc.
- Hosted legislative reception for advocacy groups and legislators.
- Partnering with the Caucus of African American Leaders on two important panels to bring our communities together
- **Hosting panel in June on BIPOC and LGBTQ+ History in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (June 5th at Maryland Hall from 6-7:30 pm)**

2025 Proposal

Website and Communications Support

- **Current Website:** limiting factor in connecting to the broader community.
- **We have a branding problem:** we must share more of our story, our history, and the work we do, beyond our Parade and Festival.
- **Partnering with AACC** this year to host a service learning project to update, expand, and enhance our resources pages including building an enhanced anti-racism action page.
- **A board member** manages our communications work. The communications needed to better reach the community, requires more than she can do as a volunteer.

Administrative Assistant Support

- **Hired a contractor** as part-time administrator in 2023.
- **She has revolutionized** our work getting Salesforce up and running for our needs and will be working to integrate Asana for our work in 2025.

