

Volunteer Community Engagement Opportunities

The Community Engagement Team¹ is seeking volunteers to support science education at Digital Harbor High School in Baltimore, MD. This is being conducted in collaboration with teachers and district leadership of Baltimore Public Schools. This event is not sponsored by NARST and is not an official NARST event. However, it is being made available to NARST 2019 Annual International Conference attendees as a volunteer opportunity. Participants will be required to assume all risk associated with the event and releases NARST from any liability in connection with their participation.

To participate, kindly sign the [waiver form](#) and fill out the Google form at the link below. There are two ways you can get involved in this project:

1. On-site: On-site work will take place on ***Sunday, March 31st from noon until 4 pm at the Digital Harbor High School.*** The Team will work with the school's teachers on three main tasks: (1) help prepare their new pollinators' garden by tilling the soil, clearing weeds, and providing general garden cleanup; (2) build and paint benches for the new pollinators' garden; and (3) take inventory and help organize three main storage rooms for their six science laboratories. Volunteers will gather at the hotel lobby at 11:30 a.m. to walk over with the group of volunteers. Participants can also meet us at the school office entrance at noon. There are also [buses](#) and [light rail](#) options at minimal cost. The school is a [20-minute walk](#) from the conference hotel, the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel. If you would like to participate in this event at the school, please fill out the following [Google form](#) and event organizers will follow up with more details if need be. Registration will be limited to 40 volunteers. *If you plan to come for only part of the event, please let us know.*

2. Book Drive: The event organizers are also soliciting book donations to support science education at the high school. The goal is 30 – 200 copies of the book, *Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA Evidence*, which can be purchased from Amazon using the link [here](#). If you would like to donate a copy or more of this book, please place your copies into the donation boxes available near the registration table prior to the conclusion of the conference, or you can mail the book directly to Digital Harbor High School, c/o Nicole Veltre: 1100 Covington St, Baltimore, MD 21230.

We hope you can participate and help to make a difference! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alexis Rutt: ar5sx@virginia.edu or Henriette Burns: hburns@siue.edu

Note: Kindly remember to sign the [waiver form](#) in order to participate. Thank you.

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