Howard County's Second Annual *The Longest Table* Set to Continue the Community Conversation on June 16

ELLICOTT CITY, MD-- Howard County's *The Longest Table* is set to be held on Saturday, June 16 from 6 to 7:30 pm on the grounds of Howard Community College (HCC) located at 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. The event, which provides a welcoming environment that purposely places people from across Howard County together with friends they’ve not yet met, is designed to encourage dialogue and foster new relationships through conversation. Colorful table runners imprinted with thoughtful questions relevant to the community are used by table hosts to spark conversations. As an added feature this year, attendees can take advantage of free, after dinner entertainment at Columbia Festival of the Arts Lakefest. Now in its second year, the event attracted 320 guests to the table in 2017.

Tickets for the event are $15 each for adults and $10 each for high school and college students (limit 1/student). In case of rain, the event will move inside to HCC's Cafe on the Quad.

Tickets, menu, and more information available at [the-longest-table-2018.eventbrite.com](http://the-longest-table-2018.eventbrite.com).

*The Longest Table* is a Choose Civility initiative that endeavors to gather individuals together to share a meal and conversation with new acquaintances in order to encourage the discovery of commonalities and build a better community. Following Howard County Library System's lead, *The Longest Table* will be replicated across Maryland this year in Washington (June 16), Queen Anne's (June 27) and St. Mary's (June 21) Counties.

*The Longest Table* is presented in partnership with Columbia Festival of the Arts, Howard Community College, Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Howard County Economic Development Authority, Howard County Library System, Leadership Howard County, and #OneHoward.

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