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## Media Release

### **Two AMHS seniors selected as Bank of America Student Leaders**

*Graduating seniors will participate in Bank of America's annual internship and leadership training program*

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**North Charleston, SC** — Two students from Academic Magnet High School, Lydia Cox and Jason Guo, have been selected as Bank of America [Student Leaders](#) and will participate in a virtual summer internship experience of leadership, civic engagement, and workforce skills-building. Both Cox and Guo are graduating this year.

Bank of America Student Leaders across the nation will participate in eight-week paid internships working closely with nonprofits for hands-on workforce experience. Locally, students will be partnered with Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative (TCCC) to help build equity in education, ultimately improving educational outcomes for all students. Additionally, Student Leaders will engage in programming that leverages Bank of America's national expertise and local bank leadership.

"I'm looking forward to improving my leadership abilities through the Bank of America Student Leaders program and I'm honored to help the Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative make education more equitable in our community," said Cox, who plans to attend Duke University in the fall.

TCCC is an education non-profit committed to closing the academic achievement gap for all children in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties, with an emphasis on underserved youth.

"Throughout my years in high school, I was able to dedicate a considerable amount of time to community service work and saw different issues within the environment. I am now excited to work as a Student Leader and gain more insight on how to better our community," explained Guo, who plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall. "Since this is such a new experience, I cannot wait to learn and form new relationships."

Since 2004, the Bank of America Student Leaders program recognizes 300 community-focused juniors and seniors every year. This year, eight students from across South Carolina will participate, including Cox and Guo. Six Charleston County students have been selected as Student Leaders since the program was expanded to the Lowcountry in 2019.

“Lydia and Jason are more than deserving of this recognition from Bank of America,” added Principal Catherine Spencer. “Their work this summer with TCCC is a natural extension of their commitment to leading on issues of equity and engagement fostered during their years at AMHS, and likely to inform their future endeavors. The expectation of a positive student impact on our community and our world is the Raptor Way!”

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**About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.