

Abiola David Arowolo

EDUCATION

Eastern Technical High School Interactive Media and Production Magnet	August 2023–Present Baltimore, MD
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EXPERIENCE

US Senate Page – Spring 2026	Jan 2026–Jun 2026 In Person
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- Appointed through Senator Alsobrooks’ office to serve as a U.S. Senate Page
- Supporting daily floor operations, assisting Senators with legislative materials and chamber tasks
- Gaining firsthand experience in the federal legislative process while balancing academics.

National Association of Student Councils <i>President</i>	Jul 2025–Present Hybrid
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- Leads a team of 12 national officers and 23 state representatives.
- Serves as the principal executive officer, overseeing the general conduct and operations, chairing meetings, and liaising with NASC/NASSP
- Co-facilitated workshops for student leaders, teaching leadership, teamwork, and advocacy skills
- Collaborated with officers and state representatives to implement programs and events with 3 million students.

UNICEF USA <i>National Youth Council</i>	Jul 2024–Present Hybrid
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- Co-facilitated multiple workshops for 50+ students, teaching advocacy and civic engagement skills
- Created educational materials and activities tailored to youth learning needs
- Monitored participation and adapted content to maximize engagement and understanding

Maryland Association of Student Councils <i>Board of Directors, Treasurer, Division 3 Liaison, 2nd Vice President</i>	May 2022–Present Hybrid
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- Current Board of Directors member, advising on organizational governance and policy.
- Managed statewide financial operations as Treasurer, ensuring transparency for our budget.
- Co-led statewide initiatives and planned leadership conferences reaching 2,000+ students annually.

Baltimore County Student Councils <i>National Advocacy Director, Digital Media Specialist, Student Workshop Director</i>	Jul 2022–Present Hybrid
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- Designed and facilitated interactive workshops for student leaders on civic engagement and advocacy.
- Coordinated junior council programs, mentoring younger students in public speaking and teamwork.

Maryland Leadership Workshops <i>Campus Staff</i>	Jul 2025–Present Hybrid
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- Facilitated leadership workshops and mentoring high school delegates in an overnight one-week program.
- Supported delegates in developing The Maryland Youth Agenda, fostering statewide youth leadership.

Kumon Math and Reading Center <i>Staff</i>	Aug 2023–Dec 2023 Baltimore, MD
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- Designed and facilitated interactive workshops for student leaders on civic engagement and advocacy.
- Coordinated junior council programs, mentoring younger students in public speaking and teamwork.

SKILLS/ACHIEVEMENTS/ABILITIES

- Languages: Academic Spanish, Fluent Yoruba
- Honors & Awards:
 - Martin D. Jenkins Scholar Award - Purdue University (Jun 2024), recognized for academic excellence, leadership, and civic engagement as part of a selective national scholar program
 - Dream Big - Visionary (Grand Prize Winner) – Lyric Baltimore / WBAL-TV (Apr 2024), honored for the short video “Civic Engagement Through Advocacy” inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech.
- Publications: Authored advocacy articles on education reform and civic engagement (featured by UNICEF USA and EdWeek)
- Technical Skills: Canva, Adobe Creative Cloud, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office Suite, Social Media Strategy

For every child

I was once a boy born across the Atlantic Ocean. Growing up in Nigeria, I witnessed poverty, corruption, and inequality firsthand. One day changed everything. My mother, who worked for the World Health Organization, took 7-year-old me to Makoko, a floating slum in Lagos. Seeing children my age in stained clothing, hustling in the streets to survive, struck something deep in me. That day, I found my purpose: to serve. More than a decade later, I'm doing just that, serving Maryland, guided by one principle: to serve what serves the people, what once served me.

Every child means exactly that. The kindergartener learning to read and the senior preparing for college. The student in AP Calculus and the one in a self-contained special education classroom. The child who speaks English as their third language and the one whose family has been here for generations. The artist, the athlete, the CTE student building their future with their hands, and the scholar buried in books. When I say I'm running to serve every child, I mean every single one because I've seen what happens when we forget even one.

Maryland faces a perfect storm. The Blueprint promises \$3.9 billion annually—teacher raises, expanded programs, special education support. But federal funding is under attack. Maryland is suing just to protect Title I dollars, IDEA funding, and CTE grants. Without clear priorities, history shows what gets cut first: advanced courses, career programs, special education, counselors, social workers. The students who can least afford it pay the price.

- **I will establish monthly "Student Impact on Funding" hearings**, bringing students from Title I schools, special education, CTE, and arts programs directly before the Board. Not statistics students. Their voices matter when we're deciding their futures.
- **I will expand the SMOB Advisory Council** to represent every student experience CTE, special education, multilingual learners, rural and urban schools, arts and athletics. Every funding decision must consider diverse voices.
- **I will be your voice to MSDE**, ensuring cuts are strategic and equitable, demanding transparency, and holding Maryland to its claim as the best state for education.

The Blueprint is Maryland's promise: invest wisely, and every child can succeed. But promises without priorities are just words.

I think back to Makoko, often brilliant, resilient children, forgotten. I think about how different my life could have been. And I think about Maryland students depending on adults to keep promises made to them. Every child deserves a champion willing to ask hard questions, demand accountability, and refuse to accept that anyone is disposable when budgets get tight.

I am running because Maryland can be the place where we keep that promise, not for some children, but for **every child**.

That's what service means. That's what this moment demands.

Vote David for State Student Member of the Board of Education.