



## Asian & Latino Solidarity Alliance

*Advancing common objectives impacting the  
Asian and Latino communities in Central Virginia*

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### **ALSACV Is Launching Two New Programs Geared Toward the Immigrant Community**

Richmond, VA – The Asian and Latino Solidarity Alliance of Central Virginia (ALSACV) is pleased to announce the launch of two new programs created in partnership with Chesterfield and Henrico counties, **My Chesterfield Academy** and **My Henrico Academy**, respectively. These academy programs empower residents, particularly those from multicultural communities, to understand and navigate public and community resources. They are the first of their kind in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Each program will feature monthly seminar days over the course of eight months and run from June 2019 to January 2020. Participants will meet county officials and other service providers while touring county facilities. They will also explore how their local government works, learn how to resolve issues, and obtain information and resources.

“By helping new immigrants develop the skills and contacts necessary to navigate the governmental and social service systems independently, effectively, and efficiently, they become active participants in improving the overall well-being of our communities,” said May Nivar, ALSACV’s founding chair, who also chairs the Governor’s Virginia Asian Advisory Board. “We’re excited to be partnering with Chesterfield and Henrico counties and look forward to bringing this program to other localities in the region and state.”

Chesterfield County Administrator, Dr. Joe Casey noted, “This is something that is very much needed in our county, and we are pleased to be able to launch it this year. We’ve worked closely with the ALSACV team to plan the right curriculum and venues. We’re looking forward to academy participants becoming even stronger leaders in the community, sharing the information they’ve learned, and helping their friends and families be better engaged with their local government and fellow citizens. And, we’re looking forward to learning from them, as well.”

Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoukias added, “Henrico welcomes the opportunity to partner with the Asian & Latino Solidarity Alliance of Central Virginia to present My Henrico Academy. This innovative program will play a critical role in introducing new residents to their local government and, in turn, will provide a spark for civic engagement that will only make our community stronger.”

Funding will be provided by ALSACV, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, and there is no cost to participate in either My Chesterfield Academy or My Henrico Academy. Participants will be required to deposit a \$50 registration fee, which will be returned



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upon graduation. Individuals must be at least 21 years of age and must apply to be admitted to the programs. Applications will be accepted through April 12, 2019 and participants will be notified in early May.

For more information on the Asian & Latino Solidarity Alliance, visit <http://alsacv.org/>.

To apply or find out more about the My Chesterfield Academy, visit [My Chesterfield Academy](#), email [MCA@chesterfield.gov](mailto:MCA@chesterfield.gov), or call 804-796-7085.

To apply or find out more about the My Henrico Academy, visit [My Henrico Academy](#), email [henricoacademy@henrico.us](mailto:henricoacademy@henrico.us), or call 804-501-4933.

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