

# SOURCE's Partner of the Month – September 2016

**Name of Organization:** SPARC (Students for a Positive Academic Partnership with the Baltimore Community)

**Mission:** SPARC envisions a sustained, reciprocal partnership between JHSPH and the Baltimore community based upon mutual respect and trust established and nurtured through student, faculty, staff and community vigilance and active engagement around critical issues of systemic oppression affecting Baltimore residents.

**Programs and Services:** SPARC is a JHSPH student group dedicated to 1) Ensuring JHSPH stays accountable and transparent in its commitments to the Baltimore community and 2) Building the framework for JHSPH students and staff to respond to health inequities through critical dialogue and trainings on race, class, and culture

**Inspiration:** Angela Davis, Eric Garner, Frederick Douglas, Michael Brown Jr., James Baldwin, Tamir Rice, Malcolm X, Sandra Bland, Kimberle Crenshaw, Freddie Gray, Audre Lorde

**Greatest Asset:** The spirit of our members and our refusal to compromise our service to the Baltimore community

**Biggest Challenge:** Sustainability

**Involvement Opportunities:** Planning for our next Engage Baltimore event “From Engagement to Commitment- putting our mission to WORK” (9/30/16), developing forums to discuss school culture around diversity and inclusivity, monitoring JHSPH Departmental engagement with the Baltimore community and more!

**Volunteer and Work Opportunities:** Next general meeting is 9/20/16 5-6pm, next Engage Baltimore planning meeting is 9/13/16 12-1pm in W2029

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