

# RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## ***Note From the VP***

Hello Terps!

My name is Quentin and I am the RHA Vice President. My job is to lead the RHA Senate and encourage your residence hall representatives to pursue advocacy initiatives that benefit you. I also manage the Coordinators, who have been appointed to lead committees in specific advocacy areas. These committees are open to anyone who would be interested in attending. In these committees, you get direct access to the administrators of various on-campus departments that impact the residential experience. On October 16th at 7pm, these administrators will be at the RHA Town Hall in ESJ Room 1224 where they will answer any questions or concerns from the community. Please submit any questions you may have to [this form](#). We look forward to seeing you there! I am also available if you have any general questions or concerns. Please feel free to email me at rhavp@umd.edu!

Thanks,

*Quentin Hoglund*

RHA Vice President

## ***HAVE AN IDEA/COMMENT/ CONCERN? CONTACT US!***



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3142 South Campus Dining Hall

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## OCTOBER

DOTS 'Chalk the Walk' - Sunday, October 8 | Tawes Plaza | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

North Hill 'Cookies with the Council' - Wednesday, October 4 | Prince Frederick Multipurpose Room | 5 to 7 p.m.

UMD 100th Anniversary Homecoming Week - Sunday, October 8 to Saturday, October 14

Ellicott Hall Pumpkin Painting - Friday, October 13 | Ellicott Hall First Floor Lobby | 5 to 7 p.m.

RHA Town Hall - Monday, October 16 | ESJ 1224 | 7 p.m.

Senate - Tuesday, October 17 | STAMP Student Union - Charles Carroll Room | 7:00 p.m.

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North Hill



Oakland



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BCC (Bel-Air, Cambridge, Chestertown)



Centreville



Cumberland



Easton



Elkton



Denton



Ellicott



Johnson-Whittle



La Plata

# SENATE SUMMARY

Senate - Tuesday, October 3, 2023

CONFIRMED: Akash Balenalli for the position of: 2023 - 2024 TAC (Transportation) Coordinator.

## LEGISLATION

# UNDER REVIEW

PASSED: [Resolution NBA001E](#) - encourages the increase of on-campus education and promotion of reproductive and sexual health resources

IN SIMPLE TERMS: RHA will encourage the increase of on-campus education and promotion of reproductive and sexual health resources as made available by the UMD Health Center and collaborate with the Department of Resident Life to advertise these resources in all residence halls

INTRODUCED BY: Natalie Asbury

[ADDENDUM A](#)

[ADDENDUM B](#)

# ADVOCACY

## Transportation

The Transportation Advisory Committee, TAC, works with the university's Department of Transportation Services (DOTS). Introducing the new TAC Coordinator: Akash Balenalli!

### Goals for the year:

- Improve accessibility of navigation on campus
- Create 24/7 Google Form to allow students to submit feedback/questions/ideas/concerns
- Explore WMATA UPass for UMD students

Meets: TBD

Have a transportation-related issue, comment, or concern? Contact Akash Balenalli at [abalenal@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:abalenal@terpmail.umd.edu)!

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## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee, DIACom, works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus.

### What's new:

- Latinx Heritage Month Event on October Friday 13th - stay tuned for details!
- For Breast Cancer Awareness Month: planning on partnering with Zeta Tau Alpha for an event
- Looking to add Latinx Heritage Month posters in residence halls with fun facts about Latinx individuals who contributed to the advancement of society

Meets: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | McKeldin Library Room #2111

Have a DEI-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting! or contact Mya Williams at [atmwilli36@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:atmwilli36@terpmail.umd.edu)!

# ADVOCACY

## Sustainability

The Sustainability Committee, SCOM, works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives.

### What's new:

- Event with ENSpire on Nov. 16 from 5-6:30: decorating terracotta pots and educating on recycling (or related activities) for America Recycles Day on Nov. 15.
- Looking to replace the plastic cups at the waffle stations in the dining halls with compostable material or paper cups.
- Continuing to program cleanup days around campus.

Meets: Tuesdays 4-5 p.m. | RHA Office (email Ilene for directions if you don't know)  
Have a sustainability-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting! or contact Ilene Stark at [istark@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:istark@terpmail.umd.edu)!

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## Dinning Services

The Dining Services Advisory Board, DSAB, works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations.

### What's new:

- 215 North Dinning Hall is open until 10 p.m. on weeknights!!!
- If you have any feedback/comments/concerns with the dining halls, scan the QR codes on the tables in the dining halls to let dining services know!

Meets: Thursdays 4-5 p.m. | South Campus Dining Hall - email Jake for location  
Have a facilities-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting and/or contact Jake Middleton at [jakemidd@outlook.com](mailto:jakemidd@outlook.com)!

# ADVOCACY

## **Resident Life**

The Resident Life Advisory Team, ReLATE, works directly with the Department of Resident Life to understand the issues faced by the on-campus residents and solve them.

### What's new:

- Gearing up to review the proposed Resident Life fee structure
- Provide feedback on the housing selection process for this upcoming year
- Review long term renovation plans for the residence halls

Meets: Mondays from 4-5 p.m. | Annapolis Hall Room #2101A

Have a ReLATE-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting and/or contact Steven Berit at [snberit4@gmail.com](mailto:snberit4@gmail.com)!

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## **Residential Facilities**

The Resident Facilities Advisory Board, ReFAB, deals with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the residence halls.

### Goals for this year:

- Thinking of ways to notify students about construction progress over the summer
- Debate about doing minor renovations to residence halls during the school year
- Discussed a new program that would take student feedback for new furniture in residence halls prior to it being placed permanently
- Potentially continuing outdoor recreation initiatives that started last year

Meets: Thursdays 3-4 p.m. | McKeldin Library Room #2113

Have a facilities-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting and/or contact Kevin Duru at [kduru@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:kduru@terpmail.umd.edu)!

# CONVENIENT CLICKS

## RHA Contacts

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DM us on Instagram!  
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Want to advertise your club/  
event in our newsletter? Reach  
out!

## Campus Contacts

UMPD: 301-405-3555 (non-emergency services), 301-405-3333 (emergency) | UMPD.umd.edu

UMD Counseling Center: 301-314-7651 |  
counciling.umd.edu

After-hours Counseling Center Crisis Support Line:  
301-314-7651

UMD Health Center: 301-314-8184 |  
health.umd.edu

Residential Facilities Service Center:  
301-314-WORK (9675)



Free Fest '23



First Senate  
(Sept. 19)



# PHOTO GALLERY