



Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024

RHA still has open positions!



FIND YOUR PLACE WITH RHA! Interested in joining? Do you know a friend or floormate who might be? We have open positions available—25% of our council roles are still up for grabs! Click below to check out the vacancies in your hall council! For more information, email the resident director listed.

Want to know who's representing your residence hall? Take a look [here](#) and see the student leaders on your hall's council. Also, be sure to follow your council's Instagram to stay up to date with the latest council events and initiatives!

[CURRENT RHA OPEN POSITIONS](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Hi everyone!

I hope you guys are having an amazing week and finding your footing this semester! I am already so blown away by the excitement and hard work our councils have been showing these past few weeks. From cookie-filled meet and greets to "super secret" events, our RHA has taken serving and encouraging their communities to heart.

I also have to commend my senators who have absolutely blown me away these past few senates. They are such a caring, passionate, and intelligent group of student leaders and I have no doubt that they will do their respective communities justice. I am so unbelievably excited to see what they and all of RHA accomplishes this year! Thank you and see you around campus!

- Michelle Aweyaw, RHA Vice President

Register to Vote!

This fall, RHA is partnering with [TerpsVote](#) to help YOU register and be informed to vote in November's presidential election! Look around your residence halls for posters with information about registering to vote, checking your registration status, and/or requesting a mail-in ballot. DM [@marylandrha](#) or email marylandrha@umd.edu with questions!

MARYLAND RHA x TerpsVote

REGISTER TO VOTE

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

RHA HAS PARTNERED WITH TERPSVOTE TO MAKE VOTING EASIER FOR YOU!

✓ Look out for flyers in your residence hall with info on:

- How to Register
- Checking Your Voting Status
- Requesting a Mail-In Ballot

ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 5
TUESDAY

RHA
RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Celebrate Safety Month!

OCTOBER SAFETY MONTH EVENTS

SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!

STOP BY ANY OF OUR EVENTS THIS MONTH AND GET A FREE SET OF BIKE LIGHTS FOR YOUR RIDE!

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Whether you bike, scoot, walk, or drive, it's important to know how to safely interact with others in traffic, and ride predictably and with care! As we enter the season when the sun sets earlier, join UMD DOTS to “*Light up the Night*” with weekly events, giveaways, and activities to help keep you safe (and visible) while on the road!

Gear up with UMD DOTS at their Kick-off event on Tuesday, Oct. 1st in front of the Stamp Student Union, where they'll be giving away **free helmets and bike lights!**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MONTH'S GIVEAWAYS!

Senate Summary (10/1/24)

- **Agenda**
- **APPROVED:** 9/17 Meeting Minutes
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Student Fees Overview Presentation



Madyann S. received the "Senate Book" from Axel T. for their strong participation at Senate.

Committee Corner

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): works with the university's Department of Transportation Services (DOTS). *Committee Coordinator: Akash Balenalili (akashnaudii@gmail.com)*

- Got complaints or feedback on transportation in College Park? TAC collects feedback and shares it with the appropriate organizations on a weekly basis. Submit feedback anytime!
- We are looking at ways to make the second appeal for parking tickets more equitable and accessible. Come to TAC and share ideas!
- As a reminder: we meet 3-4 in the Art-Sociology Library on Monday.

Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee (DIACOM): works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus. *Committee Coordinator: Selam Fesseha (sfesseha@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- We are currently in the process of planning a "Global Harvests event" event for the end of October. Stay tuned!
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Sustainability Committee (SCOM): works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives. *Committee Coordinator: Emily Shoemaker (shoemak@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- We are bouncing around ideas for our sustainability fund:
 - Collaborating with Terp to Terp, the Campus Pantry, or other student initiative that rely on grant money
 - Continuing our efforts with plastic film recycling in residence halls
 - Working to find ways to engage students with sustainable efforts.
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Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB): works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations. *Committee Coordinator: Mikhail Labar (mulabar@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- The new South Campus Dining Hall salad bar and dessert station are running more smoothly (thanks for your feedback!)
 - A lot more fruits and veggies are being eaten!
 - 251 North Dining Hall has continued to grow more popular!
 - "Chillz" has also been slightly rebuilt to be better suited to serving ice cream
 - Panera Bread is operating at 90% capacity most of the time.
 - Dining Services plans on starting all fall dining plans on the same day next year because the confusion surrounding fall welcome dining plans has been very high this year.
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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. *Committee Coordinator: Kevin Duru (kduru1@umd.edu)*

- We are workshopping ideas for this semester!
 - Join us for our biweekly meeting this upcoming Monday from 4-5 p.m. (2101 Annapolis Hall).
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Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB): works with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the residence halls. *Committee Coordinator: Anya Olson (asolson@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- We discussed new bathroom designs for planned improvements in residence halls.
- We are looking at ways to reduce water waste and (possibly) add green infrastructure to residence halls!
- We are exploring ways to keep spreading the word about the 24-hour facilities service center (4WORK) at 301-314-WORK (9675).

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A COMMITTEE](#)

Looking Ahead

- **Monday, October 7th** - Easton Hall: "Cookies with the Council" (6 - 8 p.m. // 1st Floor)
- **Wednesday, October 9th** - Denton Hall: "Bingo Night" (8 p.m. // Denton Multi-Purpose Room)
- **Tuesday, October 15th** - RHA Senate Meeting (7 p.m. // Prince George's Room - STAMP Student Union)
- **Tuesday, October 29th**- RHA Senate Meeting (7 p.m. // Prince George's Room - STAMP Student Union)
- Stay tuned for more council events coming soon!

Photo Gallery

Leadership Training Day (September 15th)



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Have an on-campus idea, comment, or concern? Contact us or visit our website!



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