



Wednesday, October 30th, 2024

RHA looks for new Transportation Coordinator



OCTOBER 29—The Maryland Residence Hall Association is in search of a new transportation coordinator. The coordinator's primary duty will be to head the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC).

The coordinator will set up and run meetings with the UMD Department of Transportation Services and other RHA senate committee members to advocate for and plan on-campus transportation events. Interested in joining? Fill out [this form](#) by Wednesday, November 6th, at 11:59 p.m. Email any questions or concerns to marylandrha@umd.edu.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Happy Hallo-week, Terps!!



I hope you all are doing well and enjoying the (sometimes) cooler weather and the festivities that come with autumn. As we march through the halfway point of the semester, our councils continue to pour themselves into their communities, with football watch parties, movie nights, and so much more. Perhaps most importantly, our councils have been pushing their communities to be civically engaged and prepared for Election Day next Tuesday by tabling and sharing important resources during RHA's Voter Education Competition with TerpsVote! We also had a very successful turn tabling and making root beer floats at the Farmer's Market last week at our "Floats 4 Votes" event!

To everyone who helped last week and has been dedicated this whole semester to making sure that our fellow residents are supported and equipped to vote (many for the first time!), a resounding and sincere thank you. As college students and as young people, it is so important that we use our voices to mobilize others and make the change we want to see in the world. If you are eligible to vote in this election, **MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE TODAY!!** If you are not eligible to vote, make sure you encourage your friends who are to do so.

See you around campus and have a fun, safe (and spooky) week!

- Michelle Ameyaw, RHA President

Join RHA's NEW mental health committee!

RHA is excited to announce the formation of our new Mental Health AdHoc Committee. RHA constantly works to address the issues that residential students face. As mental health concerns and resources keep growing, it is the duty of RHA to oversee university-wide efforts focused on improving mental health. This is a one-year-long committee that is formed with the focus of creating community events, educational programs, and outreach efforts regarding mental health on campus.

Interested in joining? All RHA members are welcome to join regardless of their current role. Non-RHA members are also welcome, however, you will not have voting rights. We will be forming a slack channel and adding those who indicate interest within the next week!

[SHOW YOUR INTEREST HERE!](#)

Election Day is less than a week away!

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!



Senate Summary (10/29/24)

- [Agenda](#)
- **APPROVED:** 10/15 Meeting Minutes
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Legislative Brainstorming Workshop

- Executive Team + Committee Updates
- Resident Council Updates



Samuel N. received the "Senate Book" from Jonas M. for their strong participation at Senate.

Committee Corner

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): works with the university's Department of Transportation Services (DOTS). *Committee Coordinator: VACANT*

- We are looking for a TAC coordinator! Interested? Fill out [this form](#).

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

- Last week, the Department of Resident Life talked to us about spreading inclusivity and ideas to make inclusive events in residence halls!

Sustainability Committee (SCOM): works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives. *Committee Coordinator: Emily Shoemaker (shoemak@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- Come visit us at Harvest Fest TODAY (October 30th) from 5 - 8 p.m. at 251 North and South Dining Halls!

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)

- Board games night at South Dining Hall went great - be on the lookout for more game nights and board games!
- Food updates:
 - there are now coffee pods at the North Campus Market
 - Look out for red, white, and blue desserts on Election Day
- We are planning our Dining Dollars Donation Drive for Thursday, November 7th and Friday, November 8th. Stop by 251 North Dining Hall and South Dining Hall to donate!

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 looking at student fees for the next academic year for the Department of Resident Life.
- Join us for our bi-weekly meeting this upcoming Monday from 4-5 p.m. (2101 Annapolis Hall).

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 how current "group style" bathrooms can be upgraded (for more privacy) at the same time that A/C work is done
- We learned UMD's "mold prevention and mitigation strategy" is currently considered the industry standard across the Big Ten
- We also learned that the Department of Residential Facilities plans to continue maintaining the older buildings on South Campus because they are considered as "having character"

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Looking Ahead

- **Wednesday, October 30th** - South Hill Area Council: Halloween Costume Contest + Pumpkin painting (7 - 9 p.m.)
- **Friday, November 8th** - North Hill Area Council: Autumn Arts & Crafts Festival on Prince Fredrick Lawn (3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)!
 - Come build stuffed bears, make bracelets, and enjoy snacks!

- **Friday, November 7th + 8th** - RHA Dining Dollar Donation Drive at South and 251 North Dining Hall
- **Tuesday, November 12th** - RHA Senate Meeting (7 p.m. // Prince George's Room - STAMP Student Union)
- **Tuesday, December 3rd** - RHA Senate Meeting (7 p.m. // **Nanticoke Room** - STAMP Student Union)

Photo Gallery

RHAXTerpsVote 'Floats4Votes' & recent hall council events



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Elkton Hall Pickleball event



BCC RHA Halloween Costume Event

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



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