



Wednesday, March 26th, 2025

UMD President Darryll J. Pines visits RHA Senate, gives campus updates



MARCH 25, 2025 - University of Maryland President Darryll J. Pines gave a 'State of the Campus' presentation during Tuesday night's Maryland Residence Hall Association (RHA) Senate session.

Senators and general body members listened to Dr. Pines share updates on campus infrastructure, tuition + fees, College Park updates, student success, and more!

"Make the most out of college," said Dr. Pines. "You have so many opportunities at the University of Maryland."

For more information, Dr. Pines' presentation can be found [here](#).

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Welcome back, Terps!

Isn't it sweet to be back? What a way to get back into the swing of things! The school spirit I have seen this past week has reached heights I have never seen before, and I hope you guys continue to build community over planning watch parties and dissecting buzzer-beaters with new friends. We are halfway through the semester, but there's still so much to look forward to. Our hall councils are back at it, planning exciting and unique events that continue to nurture and build community in our residential communities, one of the central goals of our organization. Our Spring Carnival is also coming up and should be on everyone's radar, so be on the lookout for that!

This will be my last newsletter as vice president, so I just wanted to thank you all one more time for your tremendous hard work this year. I have had the chance to watch those around me grow into strong and caring leaders who do right by their community. I can't wait to see what is in store for RHA these next few weeks, and I hope to see you all on Tuesday, April 29th, for our annual Year End Reception!

Thank you, everyone!

- Michelle Ameyaw, RHA Vice President

Senate Summary (3/25/25)

- **AGENDA**
- **APPROVED:** 2/25 Meeting Minutes
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** University of Maryland President Darryll J. Pines
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** President and Vice President Platform Presentations (Eli Brennan)
 - **Candidates for President:**
 - Emily Shoemaker
 - Johanna Pentapaty
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 - Nicole Barnes

◦ **Candidates for Vice President:**

- Anya Olson
- Executive Team + Committee Updates
- Resident Council Updates



We received the "Senate Leadership Book" from Claire for their strong participation at Senate.

Committee Corner

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

- Stay tuned for a TAC meeting time!

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

- Come to our Heritage Fashion Show on April 3rd from 6 - 9 p.m. at Heritage Plaza

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

- Maryland Beautification Day (MBD) will be April 12th from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm in lot CC1. Sign up if you can make it!
- Earthfest grants have been applied for and accepted!

Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB): works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations. *Committee Coordinator: Liam Schmidt* (lschmid5@terpmail.umd.edu)

- Slack Liam Schmidt with times that work for you if you are interested in joining DSAB!

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 discussed making changes to the UMD app to make it more appealing
- We discussed implementing a new security system accessible to a handful of ResLife administrators to help find residents in emergency situations

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)

- There have been numerous water outages so far this semester, so we are working on improvements to the continuing water + steam infrastructure issues

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- **Saturday, April 3rd:** RHA Heritage Fashion Show (6 - 9 p.m. @ Heritage Plaza)
 - **Tuesday, April 8th:** RHA Senate (7 - 9 p.m. @ Prince Frederick Room (STAMP))
 - Debate and Presidential/Vice Presidential voting during closed Senate session
 - **Wednesday, April 9th:** Executive Board Application Deadline
 - **Thursday April 17th:** Earthfest
 - **Saturday, April 26th:** Maryland Day
 - **Tuesday, April 29th:** Year-End Reception (stay tuned for more details soon!)
 - **Tuesday, May 6th:** Class of 2025 Photo at SECU Stadium

Photo Gallery

President Pines speaks at Senate + RHA Town Hall



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RHA Town Hall

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