



the university of maryland
RHA ROUNDUP

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

**RHA Senate votes Samantha Briggs
for next President, Michelle
Ameyaw for Vice President**



Samantha Briggs



Michelle Ameyaw

April 9 -- The Maryland Residence Hall Association voted Samantha Briggs, a current junior, as RHA President for the 2024-2025 school year. Michelle Ameyaw, a current sophomore, was voted as Vice President.

Biggs is pursuing a Government & Politics (International Relations) major and Sustainability + Law & Society minors. She currently serves on the RHA's Executive Board as the Chief of Internal Affairs. Briggs also served as RHA's Sustainability Coordinator last year and the Vice President of Sustainability her freshman year in Hagerstown Hall.

"I am elated for this opportunity to expand my role as a student leader and be a voice for on-campus Terps," said Briggs.

Ameyaw is pursuing a biological sciences (physiology + neural biology) major with a human development minor. She currently serves as a Senator-At-Large on RHA's Senate. During her freshman year (last year), Ameyaw served as a RHA senator for the South Hill Area Council before taking over as a Senator-At-Large.

"I am incredibly touched and I'm super excited to mentor and empower the next generation of leaders," said Ameyaw.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to pass the torch to Sam Briggs and Michelle Ameyaw as President and Vice President, respectively. I am grateful to have served as President this year alongside Quentin, our Vice President, and believe that we are leaving the organization in good hands. From RHArcade,

Cultural Clothing Day, Care Packages, and Earthfest to the upcoming Year-End Reception, we have planned impactful events to bring the campus and RHA closer together.

Through legislation, we have supported micromobility safety protocols, expansion of sexual health and academic resources, and sustainability programs for on-campus residents. I'm extremely proud of the work the executive board and our phenomenal councils have done this year and cannot wait to see what RHA does next year. I hope to see you all at future events and around campus!

- Erika Holdren, RHA President



Save the date! Join us for the Maryland Residence Hall Association Year-End Reception (only open to RHA councils, Senate members, and the Executive Board). Enjoy food and drinks as we celebrate everything RHA's accomplished this year!

The reception will be held in the STAMP Colony Ballroom on Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Town Hall!



Join members of Resident Life, Dining Services, the Health Center, and more in a student-led discussion about the issues facing on-campus students. RHA's spring Town Hall is Tuesday, April 16th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m in **ESJ 2204**.

Senate Summary (4/9/24)

- **Agenda**
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Health Center Presentation
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** President and Vice President Elections (Eli Brennan)

- **PASSED (16-0-1): [Resolution SAA003S](#)** (A Resolution to Support Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements)
- **PASSED (16-0-1): [Resolution MAA003S](#)** (A Resolution to Partner with Dining Services to Host a “Floats 4 Votes” Voter Registration Drive)



Sam B. received the "Senate Book" from Quentin H. for their strong participation at Senate.

Committee Corner

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

- We are working on a scooter charging/bike proposal.
- We are currently investigating a Campus Dr. road closure during construction and peak class change times.

Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee (DIACOM): works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus.

- Get excited for Cultural Clothing Day on April 16th from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. on McKeldin Mall!

Sustainability Committee (SCOM): works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives.

- If you live in an apartment and are interested in a compost bin, please email [Ilene Stark!](#)
- Get ready for EarthFest on Friday April 19! (11-3)

Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB): works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations.

- Check out our [new initiative](#) with Dining Services: Conversation Flags at Yahentamitsi Dining Hall

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.

- The Campus Climate Survey is out! ReLATE is encouraging student in the resident halls to take the survey to better inform future RHA and Campus initiatives.
- ReLATE provided feedback on the university's RAVE system which helps ensure the safety of all on campus students.
- In the coming weeks, ReLATE will be discussing improvements to room selection, feedback on dry erase board usage, and community assistant policies.

Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB): works with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the residence halls.

- Learning about future plans in residence halls for this upcoming summer!

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Photo Gallery

Easton Hall's Bingo Night + South Hill Area Council's Egg Hunt



Easton Hall - Bingo Night (photo by Sophia Chau)



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SHAC - Egg Hunt (photo by Sophia Chau)



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