



Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025

RHA passes 4 bills in last Senate session of the school year



APRIL 22, 2025 - The Maryland Residence Hall Association (RHA) Senate passed four bills in the final session of the 2024-2025 school year.

The first, **MJE001S**, is a resolution to promote sustainability through welcome packages via the Department of Residential Life. The bill was authored by Max Edwards, a senator from Cumberland Hall. It passed with a vote of 20-0-1.

RHA also passed two bills, **ARL001S** and **ARL002S**, creating two ad-hoc committees for the 2025-2026 school year. With a vote of 16-2-1 and 16-1-1, the bills created a Transfer Students Committee and an Accessibility and Disability Committee, respectively.

The last bill passed was Resolution **JHG001**, a resolution to amend Article I, Section 6 of the RHA Bylaws to update Clause 2(B) and 2(C). The bill updates the responsibilities of the Student Fees

Coordinator to collaborate with SGA and GSG to host an annual Student Fees Forum. It passed 20-0-2 with one amendment.

NOTE FROM THE (NEW) PRESIDENT

Welcome to the end of spring semester!



I'm so thankful to all the terps who have tuned in to RHA news throughout the year, and I'm excited to welcome all the new terps who will find us in the fall. This year has been full of big changes on the national and university scale, putting both our organization and our constituents through constant stress and uncertainty. We hope that RHA can continue to be a point of progress and hope as the world continues to change.

Next year, students can look forward to even bigger and better events as we hone our skills and expand our connections, working with staff in ResLife, Dining Services, the Office of Sustainability, and so many more, to bring students together. Look out for recommendations on buying sustainable essentials for your residence hall, the RHA Arcade, and our table at the first look fair!

Have a wonderful end of semester sprint, I wish everyone luck on their exams and a relaxing summer.

- *Emily Shoemaker, RHA President 2025-2026*

Year-End Reception!



SAVE THE DATE! Join RHA on **April 29th at 7 p.m.** for a celebration of all RHA has accomplished this year! **EVERY** council member, Senator, Council Advisor, Committee Director, & RHA-related member is invited. Light snacks and drinks will be served! Please RSVP [HERE](https://bit.ly/yer25svp).

Join NRHH!



As the sister-organization to RHA, the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is an honor society built on three pillars: service, leadership, and recognition. NRHH is comprised of student leaders who use

volunteering to build community and use recognition to highlight the good work being done on campus.

We are looking for our next class of members who align with our mission and want to tap into their passion for service and recognition to build their leadership skills. If you are looking for an opportunity to stay involved on campus, apply to NRHH at this [link](#) by **April 27th!** We look forward to welcoming you into our organization and together building a better UMD!

Senate Summary (4/21/25)

- **AGENDA**
- **APPROVED:** 4/8 Meeting Minutes
- **PASSED (20-0-1) - RESOLUTION MJE001S:** A Resolution to Promote Sustainability through Welcome Packages via the Department of Residential Life
- **PASSED (20-0-2) - RESOLUTION JHG001:** A Resolution to Amend Article I, Section 6 of the RHA Bylaws to Update Clause 2) B and 2) C
 - **PASSED:** Amendment I (22-0-0)
- **PASSED (16-2-1) - RESOLUTION ARL001S:** A Resolution to Create an Ad-Hoc Transfer Students Committee
 - **PASSED:** Amendment I (17-2-2)
- **PASSED (16-1-1) - RESOLUTION ARL002:** A Resolution to Create an Ad-Hoc Accessibility and Disability Committee
- **EXECUTIVE TEAM + COMMITTEE UPDATES**
- **RESIDENT COUNCIL UPDATES**



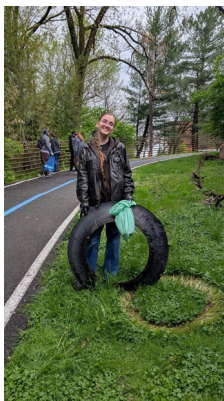
Nicole received the "Senate Leadership Book" from the Sumner for their strong participation at Senate.

Looking Ahead

- **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
- **Tuesday, May 13th:** Last Day of Classes (Spring 2025 Semester)

Photo Gallery

Maryland Beautification Day + Earthfest



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Tote bag painting at Earthfest



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