



Wednesday, April 9th, 2025

Emily Shoemaker elected as next year's RHA President, Anya Olson as Vice President



APRIL 8, 2025 - Emily Shoemaker was elected as the Maryland Residence Hall Association (RHA) president for the 2025-2026 school year. Anya Olson was elected as vice president.

Olsen is currently RHA's Coordinator of Sustainability (SCOM). Her goal for next year is to use RHA as a way to "amplify student voices as well as create lasting improvements to our living experience."

"I'm happy to serve campus. I'm excited to be a champion to residence hall students and make connections with facility," said Shoemaker.

Olsen is currently RHA's Coordinator of Resident Facilities (REFAB). Her goals for next year are to increase legislative action, restructure the committee system, implement better accountability systems for RHA members, and support sustainable initiatives to improve campus infrastructure.

"I'm really excited! I'm so interested in seeing who's going to apply for the exec positions and to meet all of the Senators I'll be working with next semester," said Olson.

If you are interested in being an RHA Executive Team member next year, please [APPLY HERE](#) by **Thursday, April 10th @ 5 p.m.**

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

One final hello!

First of all, I want to thank every single member of RHA. Your hard work, dedication, and passion have made this past year unforgettable. Watching each of you grow into thoughtful, driven, and inspiring leaders has made my experience as president amazing. You have each made a lasting impact on this organization and the University. I have no doubt that you will continue to do amazing things.



I also want to give a huge congratulations to our incoming administration! Emily and Anya, I am beyond excited to see how you both lead with purpose and heart! You got this!

As I wrap up my time here, I just want to say how grateful I am for the community that we have all built together. Thank you for the memories, late nights, laughs, and lessons. It has been a privilege to serve alongside you all, and be a part of RHA these last four years. RHA will always hold a special place in my heart, and I would not be the person that I am without this organization. Stay in touch :)

- Sam Briggs, RHA President

Year-End Reception!



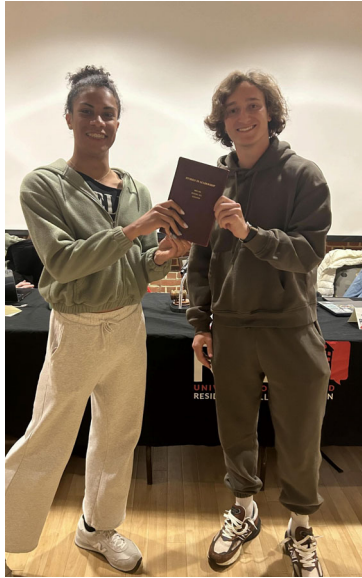
SAVE THE DATE! Join RHA on **April 29th at 7 p.m.** for a celebration of all RHA has accomplished this year! **EVERY** council member, Senator, Council Advisor, Committee Director, & RHA-related member is invited. Light snacks and drinks will be served! Please RSVP [HERE](https://bit.ly/yer25svp).

The RHA executive team will also hand out **awards** to councils, advisors, and council members at YER. These awards go to RHA members who've shown exemplary passion and dedication throughout this year. All **nominations** are due by Tuesday, April 15th at 12:00pm! [LINK TO NOMINATIONS](#).

Senate Summary (4/8/25)

- **AGENDA**
- **APPROVED:** 3/25 Meeting Minutes
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Director of Accessibility and Disability Tessa Cahill and ADA/504 Coordinator Emily Singer Lucio
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** President and Vice President Elections
 - **President for 2025-2026:**
 - Emily Shoemaker
 - **Vice President for 2025-2026:**
 - Anya Olson
- **EXECUTIVE TEAM + COMMITTEE UPDATES**

• RESIDENT COUNCIL UPDATES



Summer received the "Senate Leadership Book" from the Ve 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*

- Apply for RHA Executive Team next year!

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

- Thanks to all who came to our Heritage Fashion Show!

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 is coming up!

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

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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)*

- Stay tuned - ReLATE may be cancelled this upcoming week.

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)*

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Looking Ahead

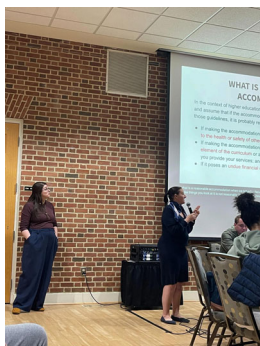
- **Thursday, April 10th:** Executive Board Application Deadline
- **Thursday April 17th:** Earthfest
- **Saturday, April 26th:** Maryland Day
- **Tuesday, April 29th:** Year-End Reception (stay tuned for more details soon!)
- **Tuesday, May 6th:** Class of 2025 Photo at SECU Stadium

Photo Gallery

Emily Singer Lucio (ADA) + Tessa Cahill (ADS) speak at RHA Senate



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