

# RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## *Note From the President*

Dearest reader,

Welcome to the first RHA newsletter of the year! Please use this newsletter as your resource to find something fun to do around your community and to know where to go when you see an issue you want fixed! RHA is here to serve on-campus students, so we want to keep you in the loop as to how we are doing that. Here, you will find current initiatives in committees and Senate, such as expanding inclusive dining, optimizing 4-Work, and making composting more accessible to residents with kitchens. The year is just beginning and there is a lot of work to do, so stay tuned!

Best,

Erika Holdren  
RHA President

**HAVE AN IDEA/COMMENT/  
CONCERN? CONTACT US!**



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3142 South Campus Dining Hall

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

First Senate of the School Year - Tuesday, September 19, 2023  
North Campus Block Party (rescheduled from 9/7) - Wednesday September 20, 2023 | La Plata Beach | 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

## OCTOBER

Senate - Tuesday, October 3, 2023 | STAMP Student Union | 7:00 p.m.  
UMD 100th Anniversary Homecoming Week - Sunday, October 8, 2023 to Saturday, October 14, 2023  
RHA Town Hall - Monday, October 16, 2023 | Location TBD | 7 p.m.

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# SENATE SUMMARY

Senate - Tuesday, September 19, 2023

CONFIRMED: Ilene Stark for the position of: 2023 - 2024 SCOM (Sustainability) Coordinator.

## LEGISLATION

## UNDER REVIEW

PASSED: [Resolution QMH001F](#) - updates the General Senate Operations by clarifying what time the requests for agenda items must be submitted to be heard in Senate.

- IN SIMPLE TERMS: ammends RHA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to allow submission for agenda items for Senate to be approved by the Vice President by the Sunday at 11:59 p.m. before the Senate on Tuesday (previously, it needed to be submitted one week in advance)

- Added to Section 3, Clause B of the 2023-2024 [RHA SOP](#)

PASSED: [Resolution QMH002F](#) - ammends RHA SOP to update Standards of Attendance and Debate Protocol with clarifications to the General Debate process.

- IN SIMPLE TERMS: allows members of the body to “ask questions about the resolution or make friendly amendments after the reading of the resolution”

- WITH AMENDMENT: The presenter of the resolution shall have 10 minutes to read (used to be 5 minutes - ammended to 10)

- Added to Article XI, Clause 3, subsection A of the 2023- 2024 [RHA SOP](#)

# ADVOCACY

## Transportation

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

### What's new:

- We are looking for a TAC coordinator! If you're interested in advocating for transportation on campus, reach out!

Meets: TBD

Have a transportation-related issue, comment, or concern? DM us on Instagram!

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## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee, DIACom, works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus.

### What's new:

- Working on an event for Latinx Heritage Month for the week of October 9th - October 15th
- Discussed accessibility overall on campus
- Discussed having an event/day where people wear their cultural clothing

Meets: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | McKeldin Library Room #2111

Have a DEI-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting! or contact Mya Williams [atmwilli36@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:atmwilli36@terpmail.umd.edu)!

# ADVOCACY

## **Sustainability**

The Sustainability Committee, SCOM, works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives.

### Goals for this year:

- Work on a "sustainable guide" for all event planning on campus
- Host community clean-ups (will look to partner with other organizations too)
- Run a successful EarthFest
- Put up composting in apartments

Meets: Tuesdays 4-5 p.m. | McKeldin Library Room #2105

Have a sustainability-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting! or contact Ilene Stark at [istark@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:istark@terpmail.umd.edu)!

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## **Dinning Services**

The Dining Services Advisory Board, DSAB, works with the dinning services directors to accommodate student's dinning recommendations.

### What's new/goals for this year:

- Improve vegetarian/Halal options in dining halls
- Look at putting dispensers for hygiene products (shampoo/laundry detergent) in convience stores
- 251 is now open until 10 p.m. Mon-Thurs

Meets: Thursdays 4-5 p.m. in South Campus Dining Hall | Email Jake for Room #

Have a dinning-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting and/or contact Jake Middleton at [jakemidd@outlook.com](mailto:jakemidd@outlook.com)!

# ADVOCACY

## **Resident Life**

The 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.

### Goals for this year:

- Work with committee to improve the living experience of the residence halls
- Review proposed increases to Resident Life fees
- Find solutions to housing selection issues

Meets: Mondays from 4-5 p.m. | Annapolis Hall Room #2I01A

Have a ReLATE-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting and/or contact Steven Berit at [snberit4@gmail.com](mailto:snberit4@gmail.com)!

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## **Residential Facilities**

The Resident Facilities Advisory Board, ReFAB, deals with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the residence halls.

### Goals for this year:

- Work on getting new furniture in residence hall lobbies
- Improve 4-WORK system for repairs in residence halls
- Continue discussions on A/C & long term renovation plans for residence halls

Meets: Thursdays 3-4 p.m. | McKeldin Library Room #2I13

Have a facilities-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting and/or contact Kevin Duru at [kduru@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:kduru@terpmail.umd.edu)!

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counseling.umd.edu

After-hours Counseling Center Crisis Support Line:  
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UMD Health Center: 301-314-8184 |  
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Residential Facilities Service Center:  
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