



Tuesday, September 30th, 2025

RHA kicks off the 2025 - 2026 school year with a successful Leadership Training Day and Senate



September 30th, 2025 - The Maryland Residence Hall Association (RHA) kicked off the 2025 - 2026 school year last week with Leadership Training Day and the first Senate

meeting.

The RHA successfully hosted its fall Leadership Training Day (LTD) last Sunday, September 21st, which helped new members learn the ins and outs of their positions, bond with their council, and attend educational sessions to strengthen their leadership skills.

Newly-elected senators also attended their first Senate meeting of the year on September 23rd. With more than 25 senators in attendance, the RHA discussed its plans for increasing community engagement and improving campus life.

The Senate went through two Special Orders last Tuesday: the Senators-at-Large and Committee chairs were sworn in for this school year, as required by the [RHA Bylaws](#) and parliamentary procedures were reviewed to help members adjust to their new positions.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome Terps!

Here's to an exciting new semester with RHA! This newsletter will serve as a biweekly update on what is going on within the organization, including senate updates and area council highlights. You will read about the hard work our senators are doing, initiatives our committees are working on, and photos from our hall/area council events.

As everyone settles into the swing of things for the Fall 2025 semester, we welcome you to get involved and stay in the loop of what's happening within your on-campus community.

RHA represents all of UMD's on-campus residents, so we sincerely hope the work we do better your experience here -- and that sharing it with you makes you excited to help us do more!

Best wishes for the semester to come,

- Emily Shoemaker, RHA President 2025-2026

Senate Summary (9/23/2025)

- **MINUTES**
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Approval of Senators-at-Large and Committee Chairpersons
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Parliamentary Procedure

Committee Corner

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): works with the University's Department of Transportation Services (DOTS). Committee Coordinator: *Attowla Kouadio* (akouadi1@terpmail.umd.edu)

- TAC will meet Virtually on Thursdays biweekly @ 1:00 - 1:50pm

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

- DIACom will meet on Thursdays biweekly from 5:00 - 6:00pm on Zoom

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

- Beaver Dam Cleanup/Preventative Measures Project
- First meeting will be on Thursday October 2nd 4:00 - 5:00pm, ESJ (room TBD)

Dining services Advisory Board (DSAB): works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations. Committee Coordinator: *Inemesit Udoakang* (iudoakan@terpmail.umd.edu)

- First DSAB in-person meeting will be Wednesday October 1st 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Ground floor of the South Campus Dining Hall
- All meetings will be held in person unless unforeseen circumstances arise

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: *Nicole Barnes* (nbarnes3@terpmail.umd.edu)

- First meeting will be next Wednesday October 8th 4:00 - 4:45pm, Calvert Hall Rm. 0200
- As of now, ReLAtE committee dates will be 10/8, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, and possibly one final meeting in December.

Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB): works with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the resident halls. Committee Coordinator: *Jonas Marquart* (jmarqua1@terpmail.umd.edu)

- First Meeting will be Thursday October 2nd, 4:30 - 5:30pm, in-person @ McKeldin Rm. TBD (I'll let those interested know ASAP)
- Subsequent Meetings: Bi-weekly (10/16, 10/30, 11/13, etc.)
- 10/16 meeting will instead be virtual and on 10/17 from 2:00 - 3:00pm

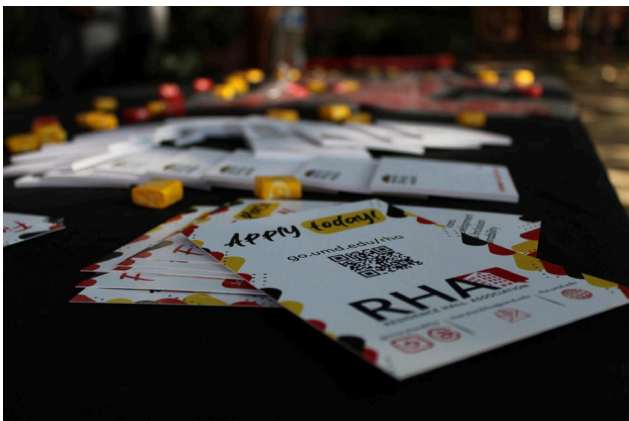
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Looking Ahead

- **Saturday, October 4th:** SWAKU Terp Family Festival (12:30 - 3p.m. @ McKeldin Mall)
- **Tuesday, October 7th:** RHA Senate (7 p.m. @ Stamp Charles Carroll 2203K)
 - We are having the Interim Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer, Charles Reuning at our next Senate meeting!
- **Tuesday, October 28th:** RHA Senate (7 p.m. @ Stamp Juan Ramon Jimenez 2208)
- Look out for our semesterly Town Hall and General Body Meeting!

Photo Gallery

Photos from Leadership Training Day (LTD), the South Campus Block Party, and the First Look Fair!



RHA Table at the South Campus Block Party



Angela (PCDC) at the South Campus Block Party



Student holding a "I <3 the RHA" drawing at the First Look Fair



New RHA council members at LTD



Testudo, Claire (SCOM Coordinator), Angela (PCDC), and Attowla (TAC Coordinator) at the South Campus Block Party



Inemiset (DSAB Coordinator) and Daria (MTO) at the First Look Fair



Dennis Passarella-George giving a speech at LTD

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Have an on-campus idea, comment, or concern? Contact us or visit our website!



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