

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Note From the VP

Hello again!

This semester has been going great so far in terms of advocacy. Our Town Hall went very well and we are continuing some amazing work with the various departments on campus. The RHA Senate has already passed 3 pieces of legislation! Moving forward, the RHA Senate will begin to discuss student fee proposals from a couple of departments that influence residential life. If you would like to make your voice heard on these fee proposals or if you would like more information on them, please reach out to your hall/area council or feel free to attend our last two RHA Senate meetings of the semester on November 14th and 28th at 7pm in the Charles Carroll room of STAMP. I hope to see you all soon!

Thank you,

Quentin Hoglound

RHA Vice President

HAVE AN IDEA/COMMENT/CONCERN? CONTACT US!



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3142 South Campus Dining Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NOVEMBER

SHAC “Fall Gratitude Board” - Thursday, November 9 | Washinton Quad | 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

NACURH Regional Leadership Confrenence - Saturday, November 11 to Sunday, November 12 | University of Cincinnati

ENSPIRE “Pot Painting” Event - Thursday, November 16 | Tawes Hall Room #1310 | 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | RSVP required (see @enspireatumd on instagram to register!)

Senate - Tuesday, November 14 | STAMP Student Union - Charles Carroll Room | 7:00 p.m.

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A FIRST-GEN FEAST

Celebrate National First Generation College Students Day at 251 North Dining Hall! Join fellow first-gen UMD students for dinner while learning more about resources on campus for first-gen students.

NOVEMBER 8 | 5 - 7 P.M. | 251 NORTH DINING HALL

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A DINING PLAN, RHA & THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS WILL PROVIDE UP TO 30 GUEST PASSES (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE). PLEASE RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND (REGARDLESS IF YOU HAVE A DINING PLAN OR NOT).



BIT.LY/FIRSTGENFEAST

THERE WILL BE INFORMATIONAL TABLES FROM FIRST GEN TERPS, THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID, AND MORE!

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SENATE SUMMARY

Senate - Tuesday, October 31, 2023

LEGISLATION

UNDER REVIEW

PASSED (15-0-2): Act SAA001F - RHA shall work with relevant stakeholders, including DOTS and the City of College Park, to co-sponsor the SafeStride College Park program alongside other student organizations to ensure student safety, and

IN SIMPLE TERMS: RHA will work to implement the SafeStride College Park program, a program supporting micro-mobility safety within the broader College Park area (i.e. bikes, bike lanes, pedestrians, etc.).

INTRODUCED BY: Syed Azan Ali (South Campus Commons Area Council Senator)

PASSED (16-0-2): Resolution ELS001F - RHA will collaborate with DRF and Facilities Management (FM) to support the creation and implementation of the SHIFT project.

IN SIMPLE TERMS: RHA will help create a “shared facilities Integrated Workplace Management System (IWMS)” (i.e. 4Work, IT Desks, etc.).

INTRODUCED BY: Emily Shoemaker (Ellicott Hall Senator)

ADVOCACY

Transportation

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

What's new:

- Speaking with Facilities Management about raised crosswalks and traffic-calming measures (see UMD Reddit)
- Planning our first tabling event for Friday, November 3 (see @marylandrha Instagram for details)
- TAC form for student body to submit complaints/ideas/feedback will be created within the next week

Meets: Mondays 3:15 - 4:15 | RHA Office (above South Campus Dining Hall)

Have a transportation-related issue, comment, or concern? Contact Akash Balenali at abalenal@terpmail.umd.edu!

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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

What's new:

- Planning passive programming for Native American Heritage Month & National Gratitude Month on @marylandrha Instagram
- Planning care packages in December/end of semester
- Cultural Festival and Cultural Clothing Fashion Show in January

Meets: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | McKeldin Library Room #2113

Have a DEI-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting! or contact Mya Williams at atmwilli36@terpmail.umd.edu!

ADVOCACY

Sustainability

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

What's new:

- ENSpire event: November 16
- Trash or Treasure: Halloween: be on the look out for a candy wrapper recycling box in your hall to recycle your candy wrappers!

Meets: Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. | ZOOM (email Ilene for link)

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

Dinning Services

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

What's new:

- Voting boxes are returning soon!
- We had a very good harvest this year with pumpkins and squash!
- Food card redesign is still underway

Meets: Thursdays 4-5 p.m. | South Campus Dining Hall - email Jake for location

Have a facilities-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting and/or contact Jake Middleton at 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.

What's new:

- Reviewing Fiscal Year 2025 Housing Fee Request
- Discussing UMD co-curricular learning outcomes
- Reviewing room selection process for upcoming academic year

Meets: Mondays from 4-5 p.m. | Annapolis Hall Room #2101A

Have a ReLATE-related issue, comment, or concern? Come to a meeting and/or contact Steven Berit at 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.

What's new:

- Passed SHIFT legislation: look into features that other facilities departments have that could be good for the new system
- Looking into ways to revamp common areas in residence halls

Meets: Thursdays 3-4 p.m. | McKeldin Library Room #2113

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

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Want to advertise your club/
event in our newsletter? Reach
out!

Campus Contacts

UMPD: 301-405-3555 (non-emergency services), 301-405-3333 (emergency) | UMPD.umd.edu

UMD Counseling Center: 301-314-7651 |
counciling.umd.edu

After-hours Counseling Center Crisis Support Line:
301-314-7651

UMD Health Center: 301-314-8184 |
health.umd.edu

Residential Facilities Service Center:
301-314-WORK (9675)



PHOTO GALLERY



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FALL 2023