

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Note From the President

Hi there!

RHA is off to a great start this year with many hall council events and advocacy initiatives! Take a look at what events are happening in your community and get outside to enjoy this weather! As the semester picks up, please take advantage of the mental health and academic resources UMD offers and let us know if you see the need for any resources to be created. We are here to support you and we recognize the hard work you have done to get to this point of the semester. Remember to take care of yourself and use our events as much-deserved breaks. Please feel free to reach out to me at eholdren@umd.edu if you ever need anything!

See you around,

Erika Holdren

RHA President

HAVE AN IDEA/COMMENT/ CONCERN? CONTACT US!



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3142 South Campus Dining Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

One BIG Week - Sunday October 15 to Sunday October 22

South Hill Area Council 'TACO-berfest' - Friday, October 20 | Washington Quad | 3 - 6 p.m.

Campus Sustainability Month Celebration - Friday October 27 | Hornbake Plaza | 12 - 3 p.m.

Senate - Tuesday, October 31 | STAMP Student Union - Charles Carroll Room | 7:00 p.m.

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

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

THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS!

DM us on Instagram or email rhapresident@umd.edu to be featured in a future newsletter!

DM US!



Want to advertise your club or event in the RHA newsletter?



SENATE SUMMARY

Senate - Tuesday, October 17, 2023

[9/19 Senate Minutes](#): APPROVED

[10/3 Senate Minutes](#): APPROVED

LEGISLATION

UNDER REVIEW

PASSED (20-0-2): [Resolution MAA001E](#) - A resolution to encourage the City of College Park to preserve small businesses in the neighboring communities around the University of Maryland

IN SIMPLE TERMS: With current construction plans affecting the Campus Village Shoppes, Northwest Chinese Food, Ritchie's Colombian Restaurant, and Pho Thom, RHA is committed to preserving culture of the student body through third places (places other than home and school for social activities among others).

INTRODUCED BY: Michelle Ameyaw

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ADVOCACY

Transportation

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

What's new:

- Planning outreach campaign for buses' reliability and schedules
- 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!

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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:

- Thanks to all who came out to our Comida Y Conversacion!
- Workshopping a cultural festival and cultural clothing day in January 2024

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:

- Stop by our table at the Campus Sustainability Month Celebration with Office of Sustainability | October 27 from 1-3 pm | Hornbake Plaza
- Trash or Treasure Halloween: be on the look out for a candy wrapper recycling box in your hall to recycle your candy wrappers!
- Continuing discussions on composting in on-campus apartments'

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!

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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:

- Reworking food placards to make them read easier
- Look out for the anticipated return of voting boxes (voting on new foods for dining halls)

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:

- Thinking of ways to notify students about construction progress over the summer
- Debate about doing minor renovations to residence halls during the school year
- Discussed a new program that would take student feedback for new furniture in residence halls prior to it being placed permanently

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!

CONVENIENT CLICKS

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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

Ellicott Hall Pumpkin
Painting

