

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Note From the President:

Hi Terps,

It is with great pleasure that I say that RHA helped extend Thanksgiving break. RHA collaborated with the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Government to make this happen and I have never been so proud of our organization. Please use this extra time to take care of yourself and spend time with those you care about. RHA is here to support you in any way because we listen to what the students need. Enjoy break and charge up for finals!

Sincerely,

Erika Holdren
RHA President

HAVE AN IDEA/COMMENT/CONCERN? CONTACT US!



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3142 South Campus Dining Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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!)

La Plata Hall Council’s ‘Make a Sustainable Self-Watering Planter’ Event - Friday, November 17 | La Plata Multi-Purpose Room | 6 - 8 p.m.

Senate - Tuesday, November 28 | STAMP Student Union - Charles Carroll Room | 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE:

RHA Culture Fest &
Fashion Show - Tuesday,
February 6, 2024!

**Don't like walking to class?
What about walking the
runway!**

Sign up to be in RHA's Cultural Fashion Show hosted on February 6th at approximately 8:30pm. Spots are limited and the time for the show is subjective. RSVP form due November 17th

bit.ly/rhafashionRSVP



SENATE SUMMARY

Senate - Tuesday, November 14, 2023

10/31 Senate Minutes: APPROVED

Fees Presentation: Eric Bennett (Student Fees Coordinator)

LEGISLATION

UNDER REVIEW

NEXT SENATE 11/28:

RHA will be going over and voting on student fee increases for the 2024-2025 school year. Please join RHA on November 28 at 7 p.m. in the Charles Carroll Room in STAMP to make your voices heard for fee increases for fiscal year 2025!

ADVOCACY

Transportation (TAC)

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
- Tabling every Friday on McKeldin Mall - stop by to voice your transportation concerns
- [TAC form](#) for student body to submit complaints/ideas/feedback

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

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

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DIACOM)

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

What's new:

- 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 - February 6

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 (SCOM)

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

What's new:

- 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!)

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

Have a sustainability-related issue, comment, or concern? Contact Ilene Stark at istark@terpmail.umd.edu

Dining Services (DSAB)

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

What's new:

- Voting boxes are returning soon!
- Voice your opinion on finals week snack with Comments Cards
- = Friend flags are coming soon (a way to make friends at the dining hall!)
- 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

Residential Facilities (ReFAB)

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

What's new:

- Gave our feedback on the proposed fees for next year mainly consisting of clarifying questions to get a better understanding of some of the spending that was listed
- 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

Resident Life (ReLaTe)

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:

- Final review of FY25 Housing Fee for vote in Senate on November 28th
- Overview of UMD Co-Curricular Learning Outcomes
- Ongoing discussion of promoting mental health, well being, and community within residence halls

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

CONVENIENT CLICKS

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

Campus Contacts

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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)



First Gen Feast
(11/8)



Halloween Senate
(10/31)

PHOTO GALLERY