

RHA ROUNDUP

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Tuesday, April 21st, 2026

RHA elects Saniyah Jean as next year's President, Anya Olson as Vice President



Saniyah Jean



Anya Olson

April 21st, 2026 - Last Tuesday, Saniyah Jean was elected as the Residence Hall

Association (RHA) President for the 2026-2027 school year. Anya Olson was re-elected as Vice President.

As President, Jean's main objectives are to strengthen leadership development, increase transparency and accessibility for residents' concerns, and build stronger collaborations across campus and beyond.

As Vice President, Olson's main goals are to maintain RHA's advocacy momentum, ensure legislative engagement, improve accountability measures for RHA members, and continue sustainable initiatives across campus.

"I'm so grateful to be RHA's Vice President again next year," Olson said. "I have really appreciated working with everyone this year and could not be prouder of everything we've accomplished, and I'm super excited to keep that momentum going and continue growing personally and as an organization to be the best advocates for on-campus Terps possible."

The new Executive Board members for the 2026-2027 school year will be formally sworn in on Tuesday, April 28th during our last Senate meeting.

During last week's Senate, Dr. Patty Perillo, Vice President for Student Affairs, visited and gave a speech. She talked about the role of student led campus organizations like the RHA in cultivating leadership within the community and the importance of belonging in the residence halls.

In addition, Earth Fest and Maryland Beautification Day was this past Sunday. For more, check out the photo gallery at the bottom of this newsletter!

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT





Hi Terps!

I'm incredibly honored to serve as your incoming RHA President and grateful for the trust our Senate and Executive Board have placed in me. As we look ahead to the coming year, I'm excited about the opportunity to continue building a stronger, more connected residential community here at UMD.

My goals for this year center on strengthening leadership development within RHA, increasing transparency and accessibility for residents' concerns, and fostering meaningful collaboration both across campus and beyond. RHA has such a unique ability to amplify student voices, and I'm committed to making sure every resident feels heard, supported, and empowered.

I'm especially looking forward to working alongside our Executive Board and community councils to continue elevating the residential experience. There's so much potential in what we can accomplish together, and I can't wait to get started.

Wishing everyone a strong finish to the semester, and I look forward to connecting with you all soon!

Best,
Saniyah Jean, RHA President 2026-2027

Senate Summary (4/14/2026)

- **AGENDA**
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Guest Speaker - VP of Student Affairs Dr. Patty Perillo
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Elections
 - **President for 2026-2027:**
 - Saniyah Jean
 - **Vice President for 2026-2027:**
 - Anya Olson
- **PASSED (8-0-1) - RESOLUTION [AMR001S](#):** A Resolution Supporting the Installation of Tennis Ball Receptacles and Signage at the Eppley Recreation Center Outdoor Tennis

Committee Corner

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

- Meet virtually on Wednesdays biweekly @ 4-5
- Come with any ideas, complaints, concerns, or curiosities about transportation!
- We have 2 of our electric Shuttle UM buses! They'll be in service next semester.
- Stay on the lookout for any announcements about the Shuttle UM Route Resets, DOTS will want any and all inputs!

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 be meeting next Wednesday March 4th from 7:30-8pm on Zoom

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

- Meetings this semester (Zoom):
 - 5-6pm Mondays beginning in April

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)

- Meeting's: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm. South Campus Dining (RM. 1107)
- Bring any concerns & ideas pertaining to the dining halls

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)

- ReLATE meetings will be biweekly on Wednesdays from 4-5pm on non Senate weeks in Annapolis Hall!
- If you have anything ResLife adjacent that you would like to discuss please reach out and I would be happy to meet with you to begin those conversations!

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)

- Spring Schedule: Non-senate Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:00, Zoom
- Anyone with any interest or questions join ReFAB slack; share critiques, concerns, ideas, opinions, and more!

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A COMMITTEE!](#)

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- **Tuesday, April 28th:** Last Senate of the Year (7 p.m. @ the Atrium in STAMP)
- **Thursday, April 30th:** RHA Year End Reception (7p.m. @ Margaret Brent Room in STAMP)



Join us for light snacks, community, awards,
and a celebration of a great year!

Thursday, April 30, 2026 | 7 PM

Margaret Brent Room
Stamp Student Union - 2nd Floor

Bring your party spirit, but dress as you like!

Please RSVP using the link in the email



Join our **Year End Reception** to celebrate the Residence Hall Association's advocacy and programming initiatives this year! Awards will be presented for those who have been involved throughout the year and the new Executive Board will be welcomed in. The event will take place at **7p.m.** in the **Margaret Brent Room Thursday, April 30th.** Don't miss it!

Photo Gallery

Photos from Senate





Senator Recognition



Dr. Patty Perillo at Senate

🛍️ 🌍 Photos from EarthFest 🌍 🛍️



Giselle @ EarthFest



Giselle and Nicole (and Emily and Emilio in the back) @ EarthFest

🌳 ♻️ Photos from Maryland Beautification Day ♻️ 🌳





Volunteers @ Maryland Beautification Day



Nithin @ Maryland Beautification Day



Tarp found @ Maryland Beautification Day



Group picture @ Maryland Beautification Day

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



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