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TITOR'S LETTER

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

#### DEAR READERS,

This Welcome Back means a little bit more than most, whether you're an incoming freshman who feels a little bit lost, a sophomore who's never seen campus, a junior who barely remembers it or a senior grateful to be back in their favorite place.

While there are still a lot of uncertainties about what campus life will look like this year, The Diamondback wanted to make the transition a little easier. That's why we asked professors for advice on returning in person, reviewed campus bathrooms and checked in on current construction projects.

This year is bittersweet, as we get a taste of normalcy while still balancing pandemic protocols. I encourage you to make the most of it, whether that's reconnecting with people you haven't seen in a while or taking advantage of hybrid opportunities.

So, here we are. I'm excited to formally welcome you (back) to campus!

RACHEL S. HUNT
2021 WELCOME BACK GUIDE EDITOR

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**Dec. 13** – Last day of classes

**Dec. 14** - Reading day

**Dec. 15-21** — Final exams

**Dec. 21** – Commencement (Main ceremony)

(College/department

ceremonies)

#### **SPRING 2022**

**Jan. 24** — First day of classes

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**May 10** – Last day of classes

**May 11** — Reading day

**May 12-18** — Final exams

**SUMMER 2022** 

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**July 29** — Session II-C ends **Aug. 1** – Session II-D begins

May 31 — Sessions I and I-A begin

**July 4** — Independence Day holiday **Iuly 8** – Sessions I and I-B end **July 11** — Sessions II and II-C begin

**Aug. 19** – Sessions II and II-D end

**May 19** – Commencement (College/department

ceremonies)

May 20 - Commencement (Main ceremony and college/department ceremonies)

May 21 – Commencement (College/department

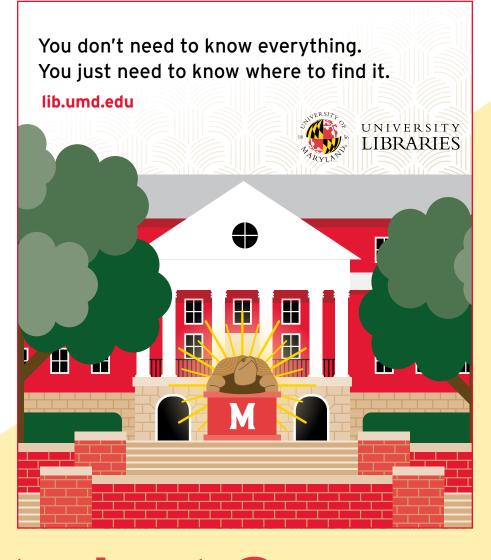
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#### **WINTER 2022**

Jan. 3 – Classes begin

**Jan. 17** — Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Jan. 21** — Classes end



# Maryland Student Orgs









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# WHERE (NOT) TO GO TO THE BATHROOM AT UMD

Some stalls are worth avoiding.

By Diamondback Staff @thedbk

Sometimes when you go on campus, you've got to go, but shoving through the first stall you see might not always be advisable. Here are 10 of the best and worst bathrooms on campus, according to our staff.

- Rachel S. Hunt | Director of digital strategy and staff writer

1 out of 5 Shells - The moment you step foot into these fluorescent yellow bathrooms, you will regret it. Sandwiching both yourself and your backpack into the stall is near impossible, and you can practically make eye contact with your neighbor through the cracks. There's no place to set your things when you wash your hands, and the lack of regulated air flow will have sweat beading at your temples. You might want to find somewhere else to hide if you're avoiding Spanish class.

- Rachel S. Hunt | Director of digital strategy and staff writer

#### TOLL PHYSICS BUILDING

**1 out of 5 Shells** - These bathrooms — especially in the basement — are absolutely horrific. They're cramped, smelly and poorly lit. The upper floors get a bit less traffic, but still leave much to be desired. The most appalling part? The men's bathroom has stalls while the women's bathroom is a singular toilet and a sink. Slightly more privacy, perhaps, but something about it just doesn't sit right. To the Terps who are women in STEM: good luck.

- Christine Zhu | Staff writer



THE ARCHITECTURE BUILDING'S first floor women's bathroom on Aug. 10, 2021. Julia Nikhinson/The Diamondback

#### NORTH CAMPUS DINING HALL

1 out of 5 Shells - If you'd like to wash your hands before eating the food you just got, maybe don't use this restroom. The sinks either yield a sluggish trickle or explode water onto your outfit. And either the dispensers are broken or there's just no soap to begin with. Either way, the bathroom is hot and humid, half the toilets don't flush and the seats always have dusty shoe prints. Sure, it's conveniently located, but I'm sure you'd want to be able to properly disinfect your hands before a meal.

- Jessica Ye | Opinion columnist

#### ARCHITECTURE BUILDING

**2 out of 5 Shells** - The architecture building bathrooms are just average. There's not really anything special about them, not sparkling clean but not too shabby either — except, for some reason, the doorways are really oddly tall and narrow. Something about the area of the bathrooms as a whole has a very eerie vibe, but in a way, it fits with the vibe of the rest of the studio. Definitely go with a buddy if you can. Would not recommend late at night.

- Christine Zhu | Staff writer

#### STAMP STUDENT UNION

3 out of 5 Shells - These bathrooms scream "mediocre" as well. As one of UMD's biggest campus traffic stops for current students, prospective students, their families and other wandering tourists, you'd think they would have put a little more effort into the drab walls, flimsy toilet paper and scuffed-up mirrors. Would've been 2 out of 5 shells, if not for their convenience.

- Rachel S. Hunt | Director of digital strategy and staff writer

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A BATHROOM in the Edward St. John Learning and Teaching Center on Aug. 9, 2021. JULIA NIKHINSON/THE DIAMONDBACK

#### EDWARD ST. JOHN LEARNING AND TEACHING CENTER

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4 out of 5 Shells - The St. John Center first floor single stall bathroom is known far and wide as being one of the only safe places to use the bathroom on campus. What many fail to realize is the building has multiple lesser known single stall bathrooms throughout. My personal favorite is the bathroom in the basement with a shower simply because I find it funny imagining someone taking a break from classes to shower in ESJ. It would get a 5 out of 5 from me if it wasn't a bit of a gamble waiting for a stall.

- Evan Hecht | Staff writer

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CORNERSTONE GRILL AND LOFT'S second floor women's bathroom on Aug. 10, 2021. Julia Nikhinson/The Diamondback

#### MCKELDIN LIBRARY

4 out of 5 Shells - When you enter a library, you expect vigorous intellectual stimulation and a jaunty discourse. When I enter a library bathroom, I expect the same. The first stall of the main men's bathroom on the first floor of McKeldin delivers on this lofty ideal. The walls are covered in a range of scribblings, ideologies and feelings, representing the breadth of the Maryland experience. As a whole, the bathrooms across the library get the job done — the stalls have walls and they're generally pretty clean. But while you do your business, your mind will do the same. Read the walls.

- Jake Foley-Keene Opinion editor

4 out of 5 Shells - In a review brought to you by bias, I'm happy to report that the bathrooms in Knight Hall are pretty pleasant. The stalls are spacious, there's usually never a line as journal<mark>ism majors frantically dash in and out, and they're as clean as you could</mark> hope for in a public restroom. You can enjoy the quippy graffiti of "Turn down for what" on the first floor women's restroom dual flush system sign while you go. Thankfully, the building's glass exterior is not incorporated into the design of the bathroom, leaving you with a pretty peaceful bathroom experience.

- Madison Peek | General assignment editor

#### THE CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

5 out of 5 Shells - The Clarice has a lot of hidden amenities that you might not hear a lot about. The toilet paper is restocked the moment it runs out - seriously, who's watching us? The sink faucets stick out far enough for you to wash your hands comfortably (an underrated necessity). Do your business in peace while you listen to a violinist run through Mendelssohn for the 13th time. But beware, these bathrooms are cold, though they offer great reverb! Additionally, the mirrors are big enough for your midday mirror selfies perfect for the 'gram.

- Marlia Nash | Staff writer

#### HONORARY MENTION: CORNERSTONE GRILL AND LOFT **WOMEN'S BATHROOMS**

The best bathroom in College Park is the second floor women's bathroom at Cornerstone. During a night out, you'll meet some of the nicest people you'll never see again in here. The bathroom was at its peak when one of the stalls had "MEN ARE A DISEASE" carved on the wall, but I think that was removed during a recent renovation. I've both laughed and cried in this bathroom, and I'd say it suited both moods perfectly. It's still a dirty bar bathroom due to high traffic on a busy night, but its energy is impeccable.

- Emma Grazado | Diversions, engagement editor

# HOW TO TRANSITION **BACK TO IN PERSON**

Coming back to campus can be hard. Here's how to face COVID-induced anxiety.

**By Khushboo Rathore** | @KhushbooRatho10 | Staff writer

Sometimes, I can't remember what my days were like before the pandemic. I've started getting glimpses of that life again, and it's terrifying. How do I stay safe in a world where a virus has claimed millions of lives? How do I go back to the campus and feel OK when it's normal to have a mask on my desk, in my bag and on my face?

I've realized that it's OK to not feel safe, it's OK to be anxious and it's OK to feel like things aren't normal — because they aren't.

#### READJUSTING

Some people can burst into their pre-pandemic lives with energy and gusto. I am not one of those people.

For people with social anxiety, COVID-19 has acted as an enabler, allowing us to avoid the world and the challenges of existing.

"It's becoming very difficult for me and very nerve-wracking to be around other people," doctoral student Autumn Perkey said.

In the weeks before my second vaccine shot, my therapist and I talked a lot about my fears and concerns about being around people again.

Her advice was to start with small bits at a time. Getting vaccinated in May left me open to taking her advice, but that isn't realistic for everyone. Some people are being thrust into the world again with no preparation.

Classes, with a few exceptions, are going to be in person. This may be the first time many are surrounded by hundreds of people since the start of the pandemic.

There's no one way to deal with this, but when I spoke to Oscar Barbarin, an African-American studies and psychology professor at the University of Maryland, he explained that having a healthy environment for yourself is key.

"If that means sticking with smaller groups, people that you know and feel comfortable with [then do that]," he said.

He added a lot of social anxiety comes from being inside of your own head and worrying you are going to do something wrong. Switching the mental focus from yourself to the other people in your life can be extremely beneficial.

#### GRIEVING

I was one of the lucky ones. No one I loved died because of the pandemic. The things I grieve for are selfish, such as an interrupted college experience or the high school senior celebrations. But all of this grief the collective grief that we have gone through - is valid.

Losing something rather than someone does not make myself or anyone else wrong for being angry or sad. But as we come back to a life following COVID, all of us need to acknowledge that grief is not linear and has no time limit.

Our responsibility as friends, colleagues, teachers and students is to

acknowledge this trauma and support those who need it.

"If they're sad, you can be quiet and be with them. If they want to divert their attention to something else, don't make them feel guilty that they're [not] sad all the

Everyone has lost something or someone to this pandemic. Molly Sieger, a rising junior and cell biology and genetics major, told me about how much she was hoping to create relationships and connections in college, but she wasn't able to during the past

Senior agricultural science and technology major Jenn Evans hoped to finish their degree in the spring, but they were unable to complete an internship credit because of the pandemic. At first, they were extremely frustrated about having to take an extra

"I kind of realized I might get to do all the things I missed on campus this fall," Evans said.

#### FELLER CENTER

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#### **THRIVING**

When I spoke to Evans, I was struck by just how much hope they had for the next year. I've never been the glass half-full person — my therapist instead describes me as a fatalist. But in many ways, Evans is right.

Being back on the campus is going to be hard, but it also comes with a lot of positives. Perkey is the legislative affairs vice president for the university's graduate student government. During the past year, all of the meetings have been online.

Even with her social anxiety and immune system issues, Perkey is looking forward to seeing people and holding meetings in person. She will be able to get lunch with her colleagues and pop over to other offices when she gets sick of working, she said.

I am an introvert by nature, but I rely heavily on my close friends for support and physical touch. The past year has been hard — I couldn't hug my best friend or even see her until we were both vaccinated.

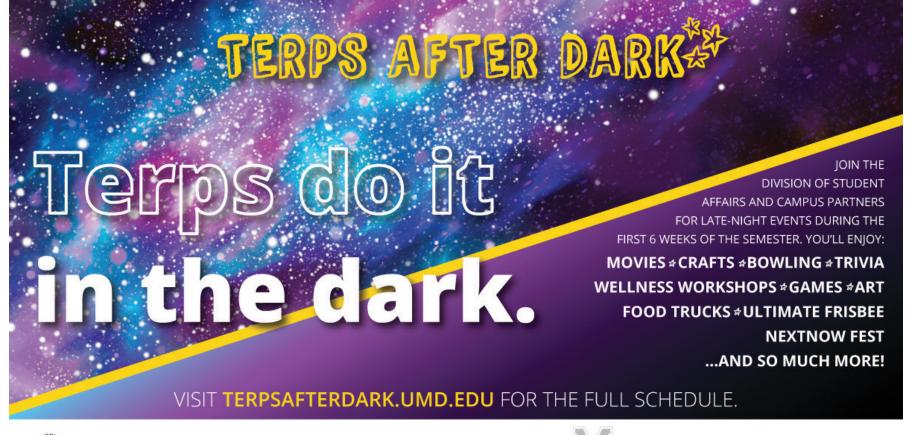
Barbarin hopes we hold on to this appreciation of connections and other people. The pandemic and loneliness, he said, have helped us realize how invaluable some of these people are in our lives.

"We should take the time to acknowledge how important they are to us and to really let ourselves experience the joy in being together," he said.

Our world has irrevocably changed, but all we can do now is readjust, grieve and appreciate the things we're getting back.



MCKELDIN MALL with social distancing circles for spring 2021 semester. Julia Nikhinson/The Diamondback











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# WATCH OUT FOR THESE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

UMD has a plethora of construction projects in progress, from the Purple Line to a new dining hall.

By Shreya Vuttaluru | @shreyavut | Staff writer

College Park is known for its seemingly endless construction. Here's what's in store for campus construction this year.

#### **NEW DORMS AND DINING**

Just outside Eppley Recreation Center, you'll be greeted with two brand-new dorms.

The new dorms are named the Johnson-Whittle and Pyon-Chen halls and honor four former students of color who "paved the way for the rich diversity and culture that defines our campus today," according to information provided by university spokesperson Natifia Mullings.

Pyon-Chen Hall will be open to students for this fall semester, and Johnson-Whittle Hall is slated to open in 2022.

Work is continuing on the new dining hall, which is budgeted at \$56 million and is slated to open fall 2022. Regarding the empty space in Stamp Student Union where Adele's used to be, a spokesperson said something is in the works.



THE IDEA FACTORY constructed on North Campus. Julia Nikhinson/The Diamondback

#### **JONES-HILL HOUSE**

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Formerly known as Cole Field House, the state of the art Jones-Hill House is the new home of Maryland football.

The Jones-Hill House is named after Billy Jones, the first Black basketball player at Maryland, and Darryl Hill, the first Black football player at Maryland, according to the spokesperson.

The athletic portion of the facility, including the indoor practice space, athletics offices, dining and workout areas, locker rooms and two outdoor practice fields, are open to college athletes at this time, a spokesperson said.

Of the 438,000 square-foot facility, 150,000 will be used as academic space.

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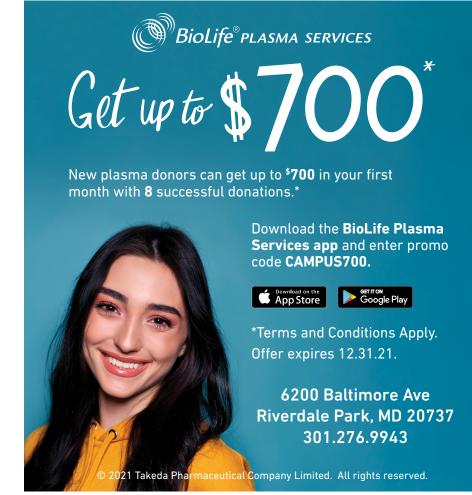








THE NEW public policy building under construction on Aug. 10, 2021. Julia Nikhinson/The Diamondback





THE NEWLY constructed dorms on North Campus on Aug. 10, 2021. JULIA NIKHINSON/THE DIAMONDBACK

#### CHEMISTRY BUILDING

Renovations were recently completed on the second, third and fifth wings of the Chemistry Building, creating new administrative offices, student spaces and research laboratories.

Demolition of the building's first wing is currently underway. The wing will be replaced with a new, 105,000 square-foot building which will include more research space, air-handling systems designed for lab work and open spaces for enhanced collaboration, a spokesperson said.

The Chemistry Building is set to be open in 2023.

#### E.A. FERNANDEZ IDEA FACTORY

The exterior of the \$60 million E.A. Fernandez IDEA Factory is complete and the building is now weathertight, allowing construction to continue through the fall.

The new seven-story, about 60,000 square-foot engineering building will be connected to the Jeong H. Kim Engineering Building and replace the demolished Potomac Building.

The IDEA Factory will house the Quantum Technology Center, Maryland Robotics Center, Alfred A. Gessler Rotorcraft Center, a cafe and student competition spaces.

The tentative completion date is the end of 2021.

#### PUBLIC POLICY BUILDING

Construction is continuing on the \$62 million public policy school project.

The building will sit between the Lee Building and Rossborough Inn. The installation of the exterior glass is anticipated to be completed by the fall, and work will continue on the inside of the building.

The public policy school building is set to open summer 2022.

#### **PURPLE LINE**

The proposed 16.2 mile light-rail Purple Line construction on Campus Drive and Route 1 is still underway on the campus.

A pedestrian detour was implemented along Route 1 between Hotel Drive and Fraternity Row on June 1. The detour will remain in effect until approximately Aug. 31, according to the Purple Line website.

Completion of the College Park Metro bus loop, the Campus Drive pump station, and drainage and sidewalk at the Campus Drive underpass is expected within the next six months, according to a June 22 presentation from Purple Line directors.

A spokesperson for the Purple Line could not provide an estimated completion date for the project.

Back to campus means back to studying.

By Diamondback staff @thedbk

Let's be honest — you're probably more excited for the possibility of tailgates and trips to Washington, D.C., with friends than for homework and exams. But even if you're gearing up for a fun year at the University of Maryland, studying is still important.

Although chemistry problem sets and English essays aren't the most exciting prospect, finding a visually pleasing, comfortable and convenient study spot on campus can help you power through and succeed.

Check out The Diamondback's reviews of these campus study spots and try them out come fall to find your favorite.

SHIFRA DAYAK, staff writer

#### ARCHITECTURE BUILDING

Tucked away on the edge of campus is the beautiful Architecture Building — you might just miss its low sloping mid-century modern structure on campus, but inside, there's a plethora of study spaces. With plenty of tables, cozy chairs and natural lighting, you're sure to be productive. However, if you're not an architecture major, the building feels a bit forbidden. The open concept feel of the building can also be distracting if you're trying to work in solitude.

MADISON PEEK, general assignment editor

# EDWARD ST. JOHN LEARNING AND TEACHING CENTER

From spinny chairs for solo studying to couches for working on group projects, there's plenty of options for everyone. The huge windows and glass walls are a plus, and with plenty of natural light streaming in, you (probably) won't fall asleep. With spacious bathrooms and multiple places to grab a quick bite, the building has everything you could need for a long day of studying.

SHIFRA DAYAK, staff writer

#### KNIGHT HALL

You don't have to be a journalism major to take advantage of — in my biased opinion — one of this university's nicest buildings. With lots of natural light, a cafe and couches that are great for getting work done and taking a nice nap in between classes, Knight Hall is a prime study spot. It's never too crowded, either. And if you ever want to step out for a change of scenery or a breath of fresh air, there's a courtyard with benches and tables right behind the building.

SHIFRA DAYAK, staff writer

#### **IRIBE** CENTER

The Iribe Center, one of the campus' newer buildings, has a sleek, clean feel that's perfect for when you're sick of your cramped dorm or apartment. The first and second floors offer plenty of study space and floor-to-ceiling windows. You don't need to be a computer science major to access the building, but it's closed on weekends and on weekdays after 8 p.m. If you're willing to make the trek to the edge of the campus, Iribe is a great place to have a productive afternoon.

SHREYA VUTTALURU, staff writer

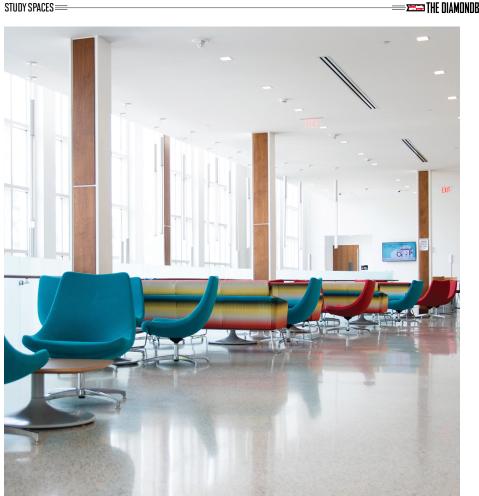
#### MCKELDIN MALL

For fans of outdoor studying, this spot is perfect on a warm fall or spring day. Grab a picnic blanket, your laptop and some friends and stretch out on the lawn in front of McKeldin Library to get some work done. The downside is it's very easy to get sidetracked by talking to friends or falling asleep under the sun. And unless you like getting drenched, it's weather-dependent. Still, it's a classic university spot, so try it out sometime.

SHIFRA DAYAK, staff writer







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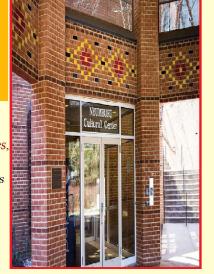
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# MCKELDIN LIBRARY, RESEARCH COMMONS STUDY SPACE

For those of you who prefer studying in groups, the Research Commons Study Space in McKeldin Library is perfect. This open room on the fourth floor is a happy medium in terms of volume level. It's filled with easily movable tables and charging stations fit for group study sessions. Pair that with clean restrooms and the Footnotes Cafe downstairs, and the Research Commons Study Space makes for the perfect study spot. Just be sure to claim your table because it gets pretty crowded on most days.

**DEVON MILLEY**, assistant engagement editor and copy chief

#### MCKELDIN LIBRARY, PORTICO ROOM

The Portico Room — visible right above the Testudo statue on McKeldin Mall — is accessible from the second floor of McKeldin Library. The room has access to an outdoor patio space covered by a roof and surrounded by big columns. It's the perfect mix of being at the library and being outside, and the views are incomparable. But it fills up quickly and is often used for events and reservations, so you're lucky if you can get in. If you have a free morning on a nice day, I highly recommend staking out a spot here.

EMMA GRAZADO, diversions, engagement editor

#### TAWES PLAZA GARDEN

If you're in the mood to sit outside and do some homework, there's no better place than in the plaza tucked between Tawes Hall, the Benjamin Building and the Art-Sociology Building. There are outdoor tables with umbrellas, benches, landscaping and even a fountain. It's quiet enough to not be distracting but busy enough to have a nice studying ambiance — unless it's the day the University of Maryland Farmers Market comes in, where your desire to buy the vendors' homemade fudge will overtake your desire to study.

MADISON PEEK, general assignment editor

#### **WASHINGTON QUAD**

Along with greenery and grills, the Washington Quad boasts one of the best outdoor study spaces on the campus. There's tables with outlets nearby and a handful of benches. It's the perfect place to be if you enjoy studying while getting fresh air instead of being trapped inside a windowless classroom. Be warned, though—the area has lots of socializing and spikeball when the weather is nice, so it can get a bit noisy.

CHRISTINE ZHU, staff writer

# MICHELLE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY

This hidden gem is the perfect spot to catch up on work. The workspaces scattered across the library are serene, the chairs are comfy and there's always an outlet close by to charge your devices. Aside from the main reading room, which has individual study and computer stations, there is both a lounge-style and group study room, as well as a seminar room. This library, which is part of The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, provides the perfect escape from working in your residence hall. And if you're on North Campus, it's a shorter walk than McKeldin Library!

ABIGAIL RUSS, staff writer

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# **2021 MARYLAND FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	AGAINST	HOME/AWAY
September 4	3:30 PM	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	Home
September 11	7:30 PM	HOWARD	Home
September 17	9:00 PM	ILLINOIS	Away
September 25	TBA	KENT STATE	Home
October 1	8:00 PM	IOWA	Home
October 9	12:00 PM	OHIO STATE	Away
October 23	TBA	MINNESOTA	Away
October 30	12:00 PM	INDIANA	Home
November 6	TBA	PENN STATE	Home
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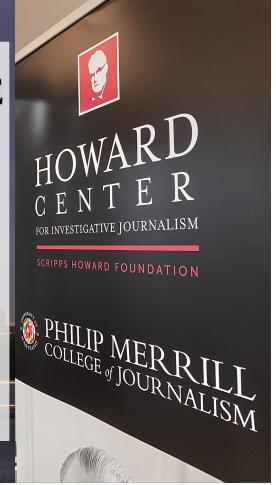
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# HOW TO GET AROUND COLLEGE PARK

From electric scooters to Zipcar to Shuttle-UM, here's how to traverse campus this year.

**By Christine Zhu** @ christinezhu142 | *Staff writer* 

As a college student without a car, there are several ways to travel on and near campus.

#### SHUTTLE-UM

Run by the University of Maryland's Department of Transportation, Shuttle-UM provides 19 routes ranging from on-campus destinations to neighboring counties.

#104 connects the Regents Drive Garage with the College Park Metro Station, while #133 Grocery Shopping Shuttle goes to the Mall at Prince George's.

Several routes, including #105 Campus Parking Connector, circulate campus. Some, such as #114 University View, #127 Mazza GrandMarc and #132 The Varsity stop at nearby apartment communities.

For commuting Terps or those visiting home, #108 Adelphi, #109 River Road, #111 Silver Spring, #113 Hyattsville, #126 New Carrollton, #141 Gaithersburg Park & Ride, #142 Columbia Park & Ride and #143 Greenbelt provide service farther off campus.

All Shuttle-UM buses are free for university students and College Park residents, paid for by mandatory student fees.

For more information, including route schedules and maps, visit transportation.umd.edu.

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The College Park Metro Station provides easy access to the rest of the Washington, D.C., area. Students can reach the station by taking #104 College Park Metro or walking through Old Town.

Located on the green and yellow lines, Terps can easily reach Gallery Place, L'Enfant Plaza, the Wharf and Reagan National Airport without even having to switch trains.

Due to platform renovations, the College Park Metro Station is closed until Sept. 6. In the meantime, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is providing free shuttles to the Fort Totten

The MARC train also stops at the College Park Metro Station. It's part of the Camden line, which runs from Camden Yards in Baltimore to Union Station in Washington, D.C.

For out-of-state Terps, there are Amtrak stops at New Carrollton, which is accessible by #126 New Carrollton and metro on the orange line, and Union Station, which is accessible by metro on the red line.

Several Metrobus routes run near and through campus as well. These include the 83 and 86 – the College Park line – C2 from Greenbelt to Twinbrook, C8 from College Park to White Flint, and F6 from New Carrollton to Fort Totten.

The Route 1 Ride, or Bus Route #17, provides bus service between Ikea and the Mount Rainier Terminal.

The Maryland Transportation Administration Commuter Bus #204 connects College Park to Frederick.

#### RIDESHARING

VeoRide is the electric bike and scooter program at this university. Terps can scan QR codes with the Veo app to rent bikes and scooters.

At the end of the trip, users can park bikes and e-bikes at any public bike rack. Scooters can be parked in areas designated on the Veo app.

Bikes and e-scooters are available between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. and both cost \$1 to unlock. However, bikes cost 20 cents per minute of use, while e-scooters cost 25 cents per minute of use.

For those looking to rent a car, students at this university can save up to \$45 on an annual Zipcar membership for \$25 per year. Driving rates are \$9.50 per hour or \$79 per day.

Membership includes free gas, secondary insurance, maintenance, roadside assistance and 180 miles per day.

Zipcars are available in two spaces in Mowatt Lane Garage, two spaces by Cole Field House and four spaces in Regents Drive Garage.





A METRORAIL TRAIN pulls into College Park Metro Station on March 23, 2021. Just a short bus ride or walk away, the Metrorail system provides students easy access to the Washington, D.C., area. JDE RYAN/THE DIAMONDBACK

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## **DIVERSE TERPS**

Terps come from many different backgrounds and with varying racial, ethnic, sexual and gender identities, among others. If you're looking for a safe space on the campus or for some extra support, here are some resources to look into!

By Diamondback Staff @thedbk

#### NYUMBURU CULTURAL CENTER

The center of Black social, cultural and intellectual life on UMD's campus, Nyumburu has served the community since its founding in 1971. In its mission to promote African American culture and student life on campus, the center — which sits next to Stamp Student Union at 4018 Campus Drive — offers everything from lectures and seminars to workshops, exhibits and courses. The Black Book, a guide to the Black experience at UMD, is also available on its website. For more information, go to **nyumburu.umd.edu**.

# THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT & COMMUNITY ADVOCACY (MICA)

A stand-alone office inside the Stamp Student Union, MICA supports students in cultural and cross-cultural involvement. If you're part of a historically underrepresented community, MICA can connect you with resources, organizations and information to best find your footing at UMD. They also hold events, leadership courses and advising. For more info, go to **stamp.umd.edu/Multicultural\_Involvement\_Community\_Advocacy**.

#### UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT PROGRAM

Undocumented students — known here at UMD as UndocuTerps — can find resources on campus at **undocumented.umd.edu**. Through the website and newsletter, UMD offers information about community building, funding and support for undocumented students, including those in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. While UMD has had an undocumented student coordinator, that position may not be filled this academic year due to a university hiring freeze amid the coronavirus pandemic. Students can find help within MICA and the Undergraduate Student Legal Aid Office, which is located in the upstairs of South Campus Dining Hall. To make an appointment, go to **legalaid.umd.edu**.

#### THE LGBT EQUITY CENTER

The LGBT Equity Center, located in 2218 Marie Mount Hall, is dedicated to building "visible and vibrant" LGBTQ communities on campus. The center offers support groups, counseling, leadership development and connections to student organizations, among other resources. There are also weekly discussion groups available for different identities, such as bisexual or transgender students. For more information, go to **lgbt.umd.edu**.

# THE OFFICE OF MULTI-ETHNIC STUDENT EDUCATION (OMSE)

Located in Hornbake Library, OMSE offers many academic support services for students of various underrepresented ethnic backgrounds. From peer mentoring programs to drop-in tutoring sessions, the office is there to support you — whether you just need a space to work and print or need to check-up with a staff member. For more info, check out **omse.umd.edu**.



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