



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Affairs News for YOU: UMD's Excellence, UMD App and more

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Dear Colleague,

On a recent Friday, my good colleague Dr. Warren Kelley donned some serious Maryland flair. His pride for UMD is contagious! I encourage all of us to follow Warren's lead. Every Friday, wear your UMD colors and/or flair! The university makes us proud for so many reasons—you are one of the reasons I'm proud to be a Terp!

Celebrating UMD's Excellence

President Pines [shared last Monday](#) that UMD has earned its highest-ever ranking among national universities from [U.S. News & World Report](#). Along with this recognition, I want to celebrate that *U.S. News* also [ranked UMD as No. 8 in living-learning programs!](#)

The strength of our partnerships with Academic Affairs and the ongoing, excellent work of our Resident Life team make us a national model. Bravo! I am so proud to be a Terp.

New Convenience Store on North Campus

Dining Services opened its new North Campus Market in the Ellicott Community at the start of this semester. Located in the former North Campus Diner space, the market offers freshly made sandwiches and salads, bottled and fountain Pepsi sodas, snacks, and Starbucks coffee and espresso beverages. You can also purchase boba tea, pizza, and food from the grill. The market includes an extensive selection of school supplies and health and beauty products. Stop by when you have a chance—they're open on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Investing in People and Our Communities

New University Staff Awards Recognize Ideas, Excellence

My vice president colleagues and I [sent a message last week](#) to elevate staff excellence and innovation; I know it abounds in DSA! Nominate yourself or a colleague for one of the University's new staff awards by Monday, October 30.

- The [Terrapin Innovation Award](#) recognizes staff members for new ideas that capture the spirit of moving Fearlessly Forward with innovative and creative thinking that benefits their unit, department or the university.
- The [MVP Impact Award](#) recognizes staff members who, over the past year, have demonstrated a Fearlessly Forward attitude of excellence, remarkable service and outstanding contributions that benefited their unit, department or the university.

Recipients will be honored at a reception in the spring and receive a \$1,000 cash award. These new awards are part of the university's strategic plan commitment to [invest in people and communities](#). I will keep investing in you!

Student Affairs IT and Division of IT relaunch UMD App

Student Affairs IT and the Division of IT overhauled and relaunched [the UMD App](#) with brand new functionality! Students can now see a custom view of their campus experience, such as their class schedules, dining account balances, and roommate details. The App also provides quick connections to campus life: a dining hall "busy meter," campus events, safety resources, Resident Assistant events, Counseling Center information and more.

The UMD App team will release more student-centric features later this year. Please share news of this App widely throughout your networks!

Until we connect again, hopefully next week at our DSA Town Hall, stay well,

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Save the Dates

- [Fall DSA Town Hall](#): Wednesday, October 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- [Council Conversations: SALT Added](#) -- Kevin Pitt, Interim Dir. of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Tuesday, October 10 at 2 p.m.