



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

DSA News for You: Salute to veterans, support for you

Monday, November 6, 2023

Dear Colleague,

I hope you enjoyed the absolutely beautiful fall weekend!

This Friday, November 10, we honor our Terp Veterans and their families for the contributions and sacrifices they've made to protect our rights, our country, and our communities. To our DSA staff and students who have served, we are glad that you've made the University of Maryland part of your journey. Your courage inspires us to uphold the values you fought to protect. We're so proud that you're part of our community!

I encourage everyone to honor our Veterans at the annual [Honor & Remember Veterans Day Service](#) on Friday, November 10 at noon in the Memorial Chapel. You may also [watch the livestream](#). This event is presented by [Veteran Student Life](#), which does incredible work supporting and building community among our military-connected students, staff, and faculty!

Investing in People and Our Communities

Support for You

We have faced high tensions and deep sadness over the past two months. Seeing how you, our campus partners, and our students support each other fills me with hope. I am so proud of this community's strength and compassion. I also know that we become less resilient when under constant stress. As Dr. Tonya Phillips from the Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) shared [in her recent message to staff](#), take time to stop and process your emotions. If you are struggling to cope, contact FSAP at 301.314.8170 or 301.314.8099 to arrange a consultation for your personal or organizational needs.

Native & Indigenous Heritage Month 2023: Learn My Story

The [Native American and Indigenous student involvement team](#) at MICA has [planned many events](#) this November for Native & Indigenous Heritage Month.

This year's theme, "Learn My Story," centers space for Indigenous students and community members to share and be proud of their life stories, paths, while honoring their ancestors. It is a direct call to action for non-Indigenous people to learn from, make space, and advocate for the lived experiences and history of

Indigenous people instead of speaking over them or watering their messages down. And, it's a call to empower Native people to tell their own stories.

UMD Celebrates Giving Tuesday on November 28

Giving Tuesday offers the chance to step into the holiday season with a spirit of generosity and goodwill. During UMD's Giving Tuesday campaign on Tuesday, November 28, DSA seeks support for these critical programs:

- [Campus Pantry](#)
- [Fostering Terp Success](#)
- [Student Crisis Fund](#)
- [Terp Family Fund](#)

These programs aim to end hunger and homelessness for students in-need and create an environment where every student thrives! Take a look at these initiatives to see how you can help us reach our goals.

Did You Know?

- 20% of UMD undergraduate students are first-generation college students: their parent(s) or guardian(s) have not completed a bachelor's degree. First-generation students are an asset to UMD, and bring a variety of learning and lived experiences that enrich our diverse community! We celebrate National First-Generation College Student Day on Wednesday, November 8. [See this week's events that celebrate this community](#). I am a proud first generation college student — are you? If not, I encourage you to be a First-Gen champion!
- Over 27,000 attendees participated in our fall welcome events
- 6,986 students attended the University Career Center Career Fair held in September
- More than 12,000 students are using the [UMD App](#).

*Have an interesting or little-known tidbit you think others in DSA might like to learn about? Email it to us at vpsa@umd.edu and we may feature it in a future *DSA News for YOU* message. You can also send us the questions you'd like to see answered!*

May we all continue to lead with love, kindness, and care,

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Save the Dates

- DSA Learning and Growth Wellness Series: [RSVP for these programs under “DSA Learning and Growth Series”](#)
 - Intro to Wellness 101: Tuesday, November 7, 11 a.m.

- Social Wellness: Wednesday, November 8, 2 p.m.
- [Honor & Remember Veteran's Day Service](#): Friday, November 10, noon
- Giving Tuesday: Tuesday, November 28 (see links above for suggested support)