



## DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

DSA News For You

*DSA Do Good Innovator, Club Sports Media Day, Sustainability Collective*

Monday, March 4, 2024

Dear DSA Colleague,

University of Maryland's [Giving Day](#) is this Wednesday, March 6, and the Division of Student Affairs has more than 250 funds to choose from. I hope you'll find a cause that's close to your heart and that you'll choose to support on Giving Day. Please consider giving, no matter how much you can give, so I can let all of our partners know that DSA is "all in" for giving!

**Just a reminder that if you make your gift between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., during the Faculty & Staff Hourly Challenge, you can help the Division of Student Affairs secure our sixth win in a row!** I know that we can surpass last year's record! A special thanks to our colleagues in the Office of Development and External Relations who lead fundraising efforts for our Division, who have given enormous support to our programs and departments in these efforts. Visit the [Giving Day website](#) to contribute and make a difference!

A few things I am - we are - celebrating in March that I want you to join us in doing:

- Multiracial Heritage Month: Our MICA colleagues in The Stamp will host [a collection of events](#).
- Women's History Month: A line-up of related campus events are available to you on the [Stamp website](#).
- Integrity Week: From March 4 to March 8, the Office of Student Conduct is hosting [a series of student events](#) that promote integrity, ethics, and character.

### Stamp Business Manager Alison Barlow Named Do Good Innovator

The Do Good Institute, in partnership with the Office of the Provost, proudly recognized 57 incredible staff and faculty with a [Provost Do Good Innovator Award](#). These Terps exemplify the Do Good Campus through their commitment both inside and outside the classroom. Ali Barlow so deservedly received this award for championing nonpartisan democratic and voter engagement efforts on campus since 2016. Her tireless advocacy for the work, ability to communicate the importance of it, and resulting improved voter participation rates at UMD have led to UMD being recognized for multiple years as a "Most Engaged Campus" for voting. Congratulations, Ali!

### RecWell's Club Sports Media Day

RecWell recently hosted a Club Sports Media Day, where club teams could have their pictures taken, and it was a huge success! We were thrilled to see our talented student club athletes get some of the same media

experiences as our Maryland student athletes. This event equipped our Club Sports programs with fantastic team and player pictures for their online and print promotions. Also, very importantly, it offered continued experience for RecWell's student photographers and videographers to hone and improve their craft. I'm proud RecWell could facilitate this win-win opportunity for our students. You can view a fun [behind-the-scenes video of Club Sports media day](#) on RecWell's Instagram account.

### Student Sustainability Collective

The Division of Student Affairs is launching an exciting new initiative this spring – the Student Sustainability Collective! This group of nine paid student interns will collaborate with Dining Services, Residential Facilities, Resident Life, and Conferences & Visitor Services on important sustainability efforts, including Green Dining programs, energy conservation, and waste reduction. They will gain valuable experience in research, engagement, and building inclusive environments while contributing to a more sustainable campus. It's another wonderful opportunity to co-create a community of care with our students.

I cannot wait to see you this Thursday during our DSA Spring Renewal gathering! Please join us as we launch our DSA strategic plan – it is a beautifully crafted vision for our next five years together!

Warmest Wishes,

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### Save the Dates

- [NASPA - UMD Alumni & Friends Reception](#) -- Monday, March 11, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. (PST)
- [ACPA - UMD Alumni & Friends Reception](#) -- Monday, March 18, 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (CST)