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A GUIDE TO
THE **STUDENT EXPERIENCE**
AT THE **UNIVERSITY**
OF MARYLAND

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BELONGS TO A TERP
FROM THE CLASS OF

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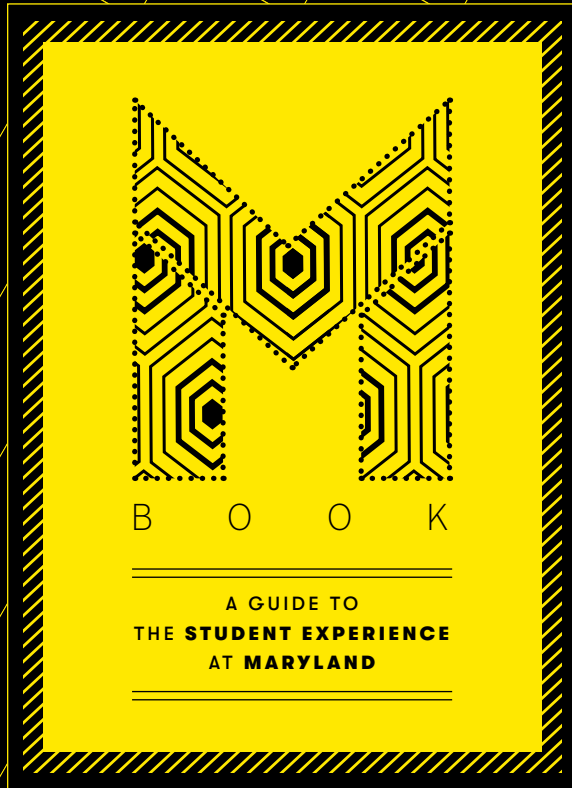
BUCKLE



**YOU'VE
JUST
HOPPED
ON ONE OF
THE GREAT
RIDES OF
YOUR LIFE.**



ENJOY THIS NEXT CHAPTER WITH EYES WIDE OPEN: DISCOVER WHAT EXCITES AND MOVES YOU. MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS. TAKE BRAIN-STRETCHING CLASSES. GRAB HOLD OF POWERFUL BEYOND-THE-CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES. IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.



You're holding the "M Book"—a guide to the student experience at Maryland. From 1916 to 2001, first-year students turned to the "M Book" to figure out how to register for classes, learn the code of conduct and generally get a handle on the University of Maryland. It fizzled out after all this information moved online.



Now, the "MBook" is back—with fewer rules and a modern focus. In these pages, you'll instead find Maryland's past, present and future, and your future, too. Get the backstory on university traditions. Memorize the fight song's lyrics. Follow real-life advice from recent grads. (Important: Never pass up a free T-shirt.) Take pride in the accomplishments of Terp alums. Become a part of Maryland's legacy of fearlessness.

VISIT

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**FOR THE FULL
ELECTRONIC VERSION
OF THIS BOOK.**

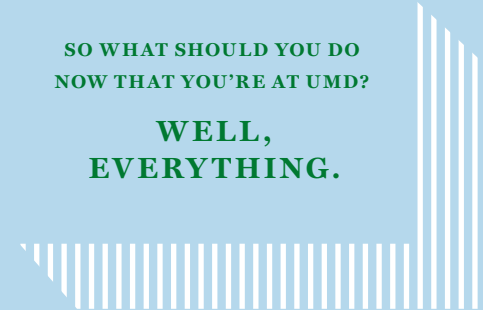


HERE!



**SO WHAT SHOULD YOU DO
NOW THAT YOU'RE AT UMD?**

**WELL,
EVERYTHING.**



THE UMD BUCKET LIST

Completing all of
the listed items
before graduating is
akin to earning your
Maryland stripes.

GET YOUR "M BOOK"

✓ FIND A CLUB TO JOIN AT THE FIRST LOOK FAIR

PICK UP YOUR FREE COPY OF THE FIRST YEAR BOOK

HIT EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD AT MARYLAND DAY

LEARN THE WORDS TO THE VICTORY SONG

ATTEND THE SEE HOME COMING COMEDY SHOW

BOWL AT TERPZONE

TAKE A PICTURE AT THE M BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

DIP YOUR TOES IN THE ODK FOUNTAIN

EAT MARYLAND DAIRY ICE CREAM

GET A TURTLE PIN FROM PRESIDENT PINES

SIT ON THE WALL AND WAVE THE MARYLAND FLAG AT A BASKETBALL GAME

MAKE A DONATION ON GIVING DAY

SIT AT THE JIM HENSON STATUE

CHECK OUT A PERFORMANCE AT THE CLARICE OR HOFF THEATER

GO TO A FOOTBALL TAILGATE

RUB TESTUDO'S NOSE FOR GOOD LUCK

ATTEND AN EVENT AT THE SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER

VOLUNTEER DURING DO GOOD MONTH

CATCH SOME RAYS ON LAPLATA BEACH

EARN YOUR TRADITIONS KEEPER MEDALLION

Receive a commemorative pin for every five bucket list items you complete.

Complete all 20 bucket list items and receive a medallion to wear at Commencement.

Learn more about how to collect your pins and medallion.



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My favorite Bucket List item is...

SHARE YOUR PROGRESS WITH FRIENDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #UMDMBOOK.
HANG UP THE BUCKET LIST POSTER FOUND IN THE BACK OF THIS BOOK SO YOU CAN TRACK YOUR PROGRESS.

HISTORY

What was Maryland like before you stepped onto campus? (Besides a little less fabulous?) Here's the highlight reel of UMD's history.



FIRST CLASSES HELD



MAC DESIGNATED A LAND-GRANT INSTITUTION



MORRILL HALL, OLDEST ACADEMIC BUILDING STILL IN USE, CONSTRUCTED



STATE TAKES OVER MAC, RENAMED THE MARYLAND STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE; FIRST TWO FEMALE STUDENTS, ELIZABETH HOOK AND CHARLOTTE VAUX, ENROLL



FIRST BRONZE TESTUDO STATUE INSTALLED IN FRONT OF RITCHIE COLISEUM

1856

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (MAC) CHARTERED

1859

FIRST CLASSES HELD

1862

FIRST STUDENTS GRADUATE

1865

MAC DESIGNATED A LAND-GRANT INSTITUTION

1892

FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM FORMED

1898

MORRILL HALL, OLDEST ACADEMIC BUILDING STILL IN USE, CONSTRUCTED

1912

GREAT FIRE DESTROYS TWO LARGEST BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS

1916

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1928

MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM WINS FIRST OF 13 NATIONAL TITLES

1933

FIRST BRONZE TESTUDO STATUE INSTALLED IN FRONT OF RITCHIE COLISEUM



TRUSTEES ISSUE STOCK TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE COLLEGE



MAC AWARDS FIRST DEGREES TO TWO STUDENTS, WILLIAM B. SANDS (TOP) AND THOMAS FRANKLIN



GREAT FIRE DESTROYS TWO LARGEST BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS



MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM WINS FIRST OF 13 NATIONAL TITLES



STADIUM
OPENS



MEMORIAL
CHAPEL
OPENS

1944

RECKORD
ARMORY
OPENS



1950

1951

FIRST AFRICAN
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT,
HIRAM WHITTLE,
ENROLLS



1952

1953

FOOTBALL
TEAM WINS
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP



STAMP
STUDENT
UNION OPENS

1954

1955

COLE FIELD
HOUSE OPENS



1958

1968

MEN'S SOCCER
TEAM WINS
FIRST OF FOUR
NATIONAL
TITLES



1972

HORNBAKE
LIBRARY
OPENS



MCKELDIN
LIBRARY
OPENS



WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM WINS FIRST OF 15 NATIONAL TITLES

1981

1989

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED



NYUMBURU CULTURAL CENTER OPENS

1996

2002

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP; XFINITY CENTER OPENS



SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER OPENS

2005

2006

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



UMD STUDENTS WIN THEIR FIRST NATIONAL SOLAR DECATHLON

2011

2014

UMD JOINS BIG TEN CONFERENCE

BIG



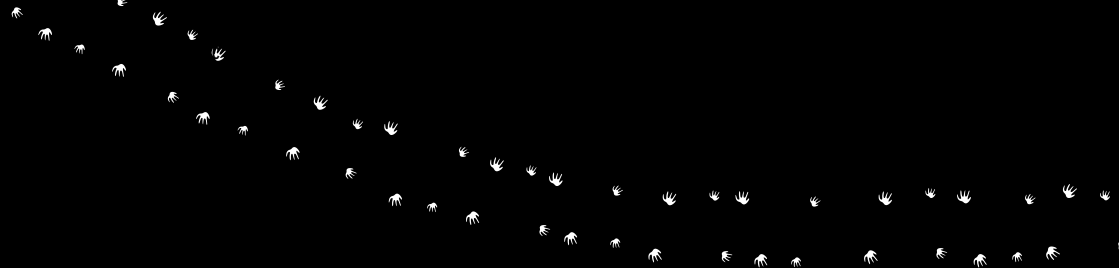
HERITAGE COMMUNITY OPENS, DEDICATED TO CAMPUS TRAILBLAZERS

2022

NOW

YOU ARE HERE





LANDMARKS>

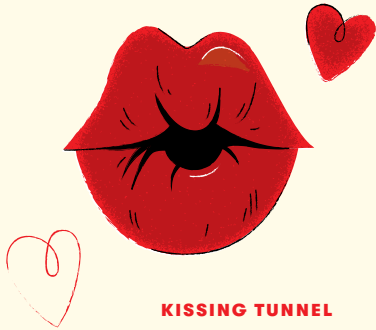
MUST-SEE UMD

Maryland's campus is more than just a collection of buildings—it's your new home. So take the first steps to making it feel that way. Walk around and get familiar with UMD's must-know places.



POINT OF FAILURE

Watch out! Located in the pavement between Shoemaker and LeFrak halls, the lines shooting out from this circle in the pavement point to all of the buildings that existed here at the time of the 1912 fire, two of which were destroyed. According to legend, students who step on the point where the lines intersect won't graduate in four years.



KISSING TUNNEL

Located under Regents Drive, this tunnel used to attract Terp couples looking for a private smooching spot.



MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND GARDEN OF REFLECTION & REMEMBRANCE

Need a quiet moment? Head inside the nondenominational chapel or take a walk through the garden labyrinth. Jot a few thoughts in one of the journals stored under the benches there.



This is a Bucket List item!



TESTUDO STATUES

The best-known bronze sculpture is in front of McKeldin Library, but you can rub his nose for good luck anywhere he resides, including the Stamp Student Union and outside the Xfinity Center, SECU Stadium, Gossett Hall, Van Munching Hall and the Riggs Alumni Center.



NYUMBURU CULTURAL CENTER

The Nyumburu Cultural Center is the hub of African American culture on campus, hosting musical performances, art exhibits, lectures and more.

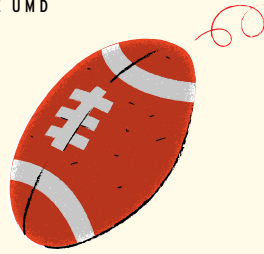


MCKELDIN MALL AND ODK FOUNTAIN

From a hammock or the lawn, take in the hustle and bustle on the mall, stretching across 16.28 acres and often cited as the biggest of its kind on a university campus. The fountain in the middle celebrates members of the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society.



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COLE FIELD HOUSE

This campus landmark now includes Jones-Hill House, the high-tech home of Maryland Football, as well as the David Driskell Center celebrating African American art, and the Incentive Awards Program.



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STAMP STUDENT UNION

Grab lunch (or a scoop of ice cream from the famed Maryland Dairy), study, buy Terp gear or see a movie at the Adele H. Stamp Student Union, a hub for students and visitors alike.



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JIM HENSON STATUE

Cozy up with Muppets creator Jim Henson '60 and Kermit the Frog—which Henson created while a UMD student—outside the Stamp Student Union.



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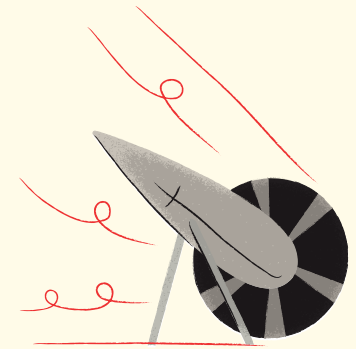
SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER AND MOXLEY GARDENS

Get acquainted with the Alumni Association at this hub for lifelong Terp pride.



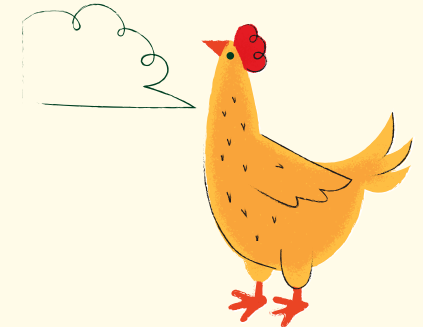
HORNBAKE PLAZA AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS STATUE

A bronze likeness of the Maryland native, orator and abolitionist is surrounded by some of his most inspirational quotes.



WIND TUNNEL

Since 1949, researchers have braved the Glenn L. Martin Wind Tunnel to learn more about aerodynamics. With wind speeds up to 230 miles per hour, the wind tunnel has been instrumental in experiments involving submarines, battleships, missiles, airplanes and more.



CAMPUS FARM

Connect with UMD's roots as the Maryland Agricultural College at our working farm and unconventional classroom, where horses, sheep and dairy cows live just steps away from residence halls and academic buildings.

TRADITIONS

Traditions link Maryland students from generation to generation—sort of a conga line of Terps. Some of these uniquely UMD experiences live on today, while others have taken their place in university history. Either way, they're what make our university so special.



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List item!



RUBBING TESTUDO'S NOSE AND LEAVING HIM OFFERINGS It's the quintessential Maryland tradition. Sit outside McKeldin Library for just a minute or two, and you'll see at least a few passersby reach out and rub the nose of the most popular bronze Testudo statue (we have seven!). It's said to bring good luck—as is leaving Testudo offerings during finals. Food, drinks and coins are typical gifts, but furniture, a potted plant and even a robot have been left at Testudo's feet.



THE M The M Circle, a traffic circle featuring a giant floral "M," was a campus landmark since 1976. In 2020, to make way for the light-rail Purple Line, the M scooted just across the street from the original site on Campus Drive. Now students have a new scenic backdrop for selfies and commencement pictures.





SUNBATHING AT THE STADIUM The scorching bleachers at what is now SECU Stadium were a literal hotspot for socializing and sunbathing on sweltering days in the 1970s and '80s.



CLASS WARS/KING OF THE MOUNTAIN Beginning in the days when the University of Maryland was known as the Maryland Agricultural College, first-year students and sophomores took each other on in so-called class wars, attempting feats of physical strength like tug-of-war and “King of the Mountain,” in which they climbed a 120-foot water tower on campus.





BEANIES From the 1910s through the 1960s, first-year students were required to wear beanies—"rat caps" for men and "rabbit caps" for women—at all times on campus. They looked as fashionable as they sound.



MAY DAY The annual celebration, which spanned 1923–61, included choosing a May queen from the senior class to oversee a day of dancing around the maypole, songs and a pageant or play.



MARIE MOUNT HALL

HOME ECONOMICS

CAMPUS GHOSTS

CAMPUS GHOSTS Legend has it that Marie Mount Hall, the Rossborough Inn and Morrill Hall, among other buildings, are all home to ghosts.



FLAG UNFURLING During every home football and men's basketball game, a giant Maryland state flag is unfurled over a section of fans.

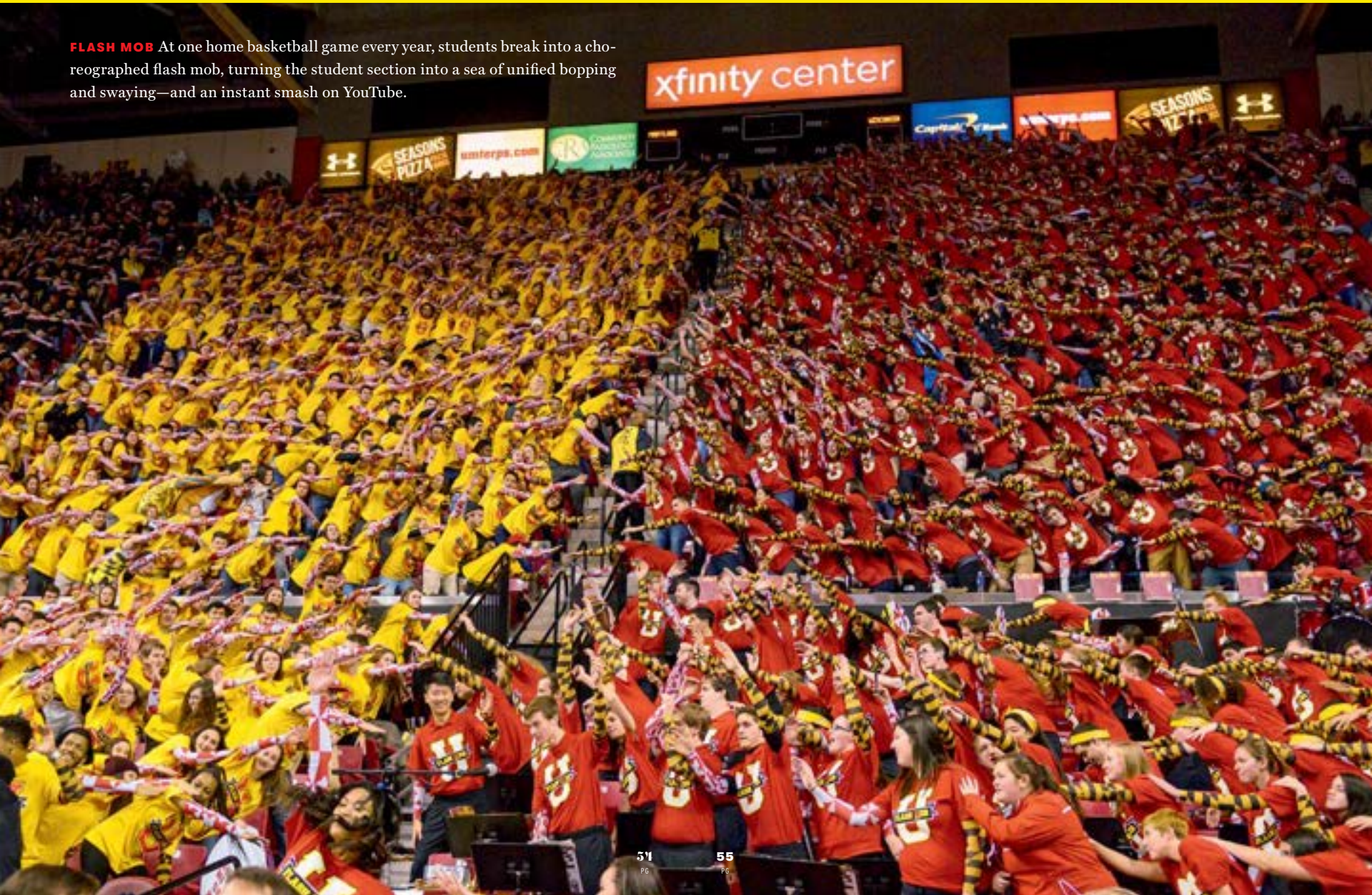


THEN

NOW

READING THE DIAMONDBACK AT BASKETBALL GAMES Students have long read (or at least pretended to read) The Diamondback at basketball games when visiting teams are announced. Though the student newspaper is now all-digital, spirit papers are still available for games.

FLASH MOB At one home basketball game every year, students break into a choreographed flash mob, turning the student section into a sea of unified bopping and swaying—and an instant smash on YouTube.





TURTLE BOUNCE During every football game, the UMD drum line plays a signature beat that signals it's time for the crowd to stand, cheer and dance.



CANNON Every time Maryland scores at a home game, a cannon fires and the band plays the school's fight songs.



GET PINNED Former UMD President C.D. “Dan” Mote, Jr. (1998-2010) began handing out golden lapel pins to VIPs and other outstanding Terps to show off Maryland spirit. The design was tweaked for successor Wallace D. Loh (2010-20), who began distributing them more widely. President Darryll J. Pines is sticking with the practice, sharing his version with everyone he meets.



EVENTS

Pick your party—or parties. The University of Maryland brings Terps together every year at uniquely fun gatherings. We practically guarantee lifelong memories.

ART ATTACK

SEE's annual spring concert, held since 1984, brings top artists to UMD to celebrate the end of the semester.

 @SEE_UMD

This year's Art Attack headliner(s)...



My favorite part of Fall welcome weekend...

BIG SHOW AT FALL WELCOME At the start of Maryland's fall athletic season, first-year students learn the lyrics to the Victory Song and other songs in the stands; the Mighty Sound of Maryland marching band, cheerleaders and dance team perform, and the event culminates in a class photo on the field.



FIRST LOOK FAIR

UMD has more than 800 clubs, activities and teams. Don't get overwhelmed! Every September, hundreds of organizations set up tables on McKeldin Mall to recruit members at a giant festival. The Second Look Fair in February offers another glimpse of the groups.



GRAD BASH AND RING CEREMONY Before you graduate, celebrate with music, games and more at the Alumni Association's Grad Bash. At the accompanying Ring Ceremony, pick up your class ring and toast your fellow grads.



HOMECOMING A comedy show, fireworks, tailgates and, of course, football are all part of a jam-packed week of fun every fall.



My favorite part of Homecoming...

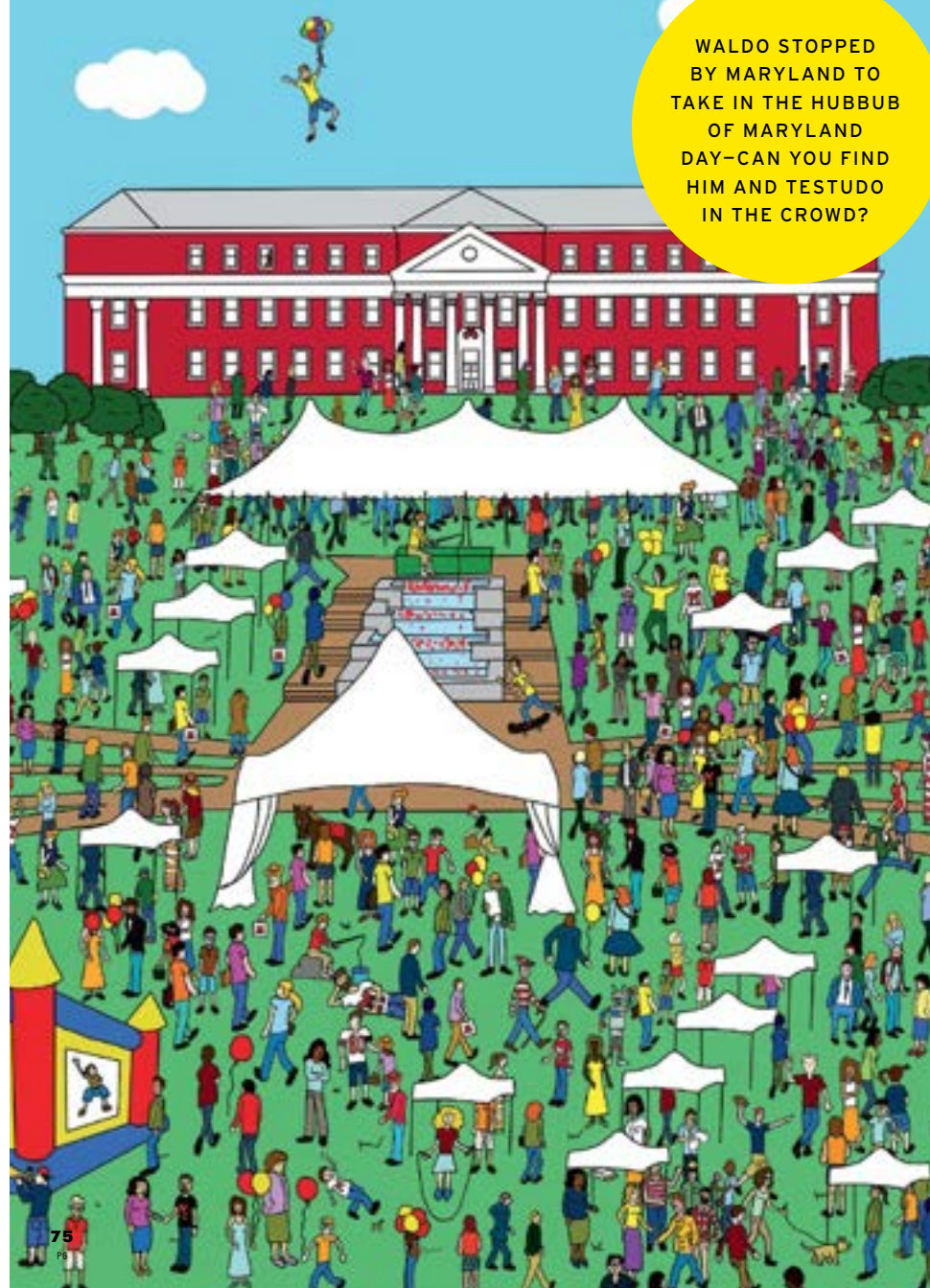


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MARYLAND DAY The last Saturday of every April becomes a celebration of all things UMD. More than 80,000 people across the DMV come to this massive open house of family-friendly activities, performances and exhibitions.



WALDO STOPPED BY MARYLAND TO TAKE IN THE HUBBUB OF MARYLAND DAY—CAN YOU FIND HIM AND TESTUDO IN THE CROWD?



TERPS

MIDNIGHT MILE Basketball season at Maryland gets started with the Midnight Mile, a tradition started in 1971 by legendary coach Lefty Driesell and revived in 2018. At 11:30 p.m., students join the men's basketball team to take a run around Kehoe Track. Dancing—and pizza-eating—usually ensue.



QUELCOME Each fall, the LGBTQ+ Equity Center and the campus community host a welcome event for all students, faculty, staff and alums featuring music, food, dancing and LGBTQ+ inclusive resources, organizations and programs.



STAMP ALL-NITER Think all-nighters are just for that paper you put off writing? Every year, the Adele H. Stamp Student Union hosts a late-night party that includes karaoke, movie marathons, student performances, free swag and more.

LET'S GO PARTY!



Cut along this line
and hang Testudo on
your wall!

TERP THON The largest student-run philanthropic group on campus has raised millions of dollars for Children's National Hospital since 2010, culminating in a wild dance marathon each year.



SONGS

You'll hear a few traditional songs throughout your time at Maryland. Start practicing the lyrics now!



Songs and Cheers

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FIGHT SONG

FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT FOR MARYLAND,

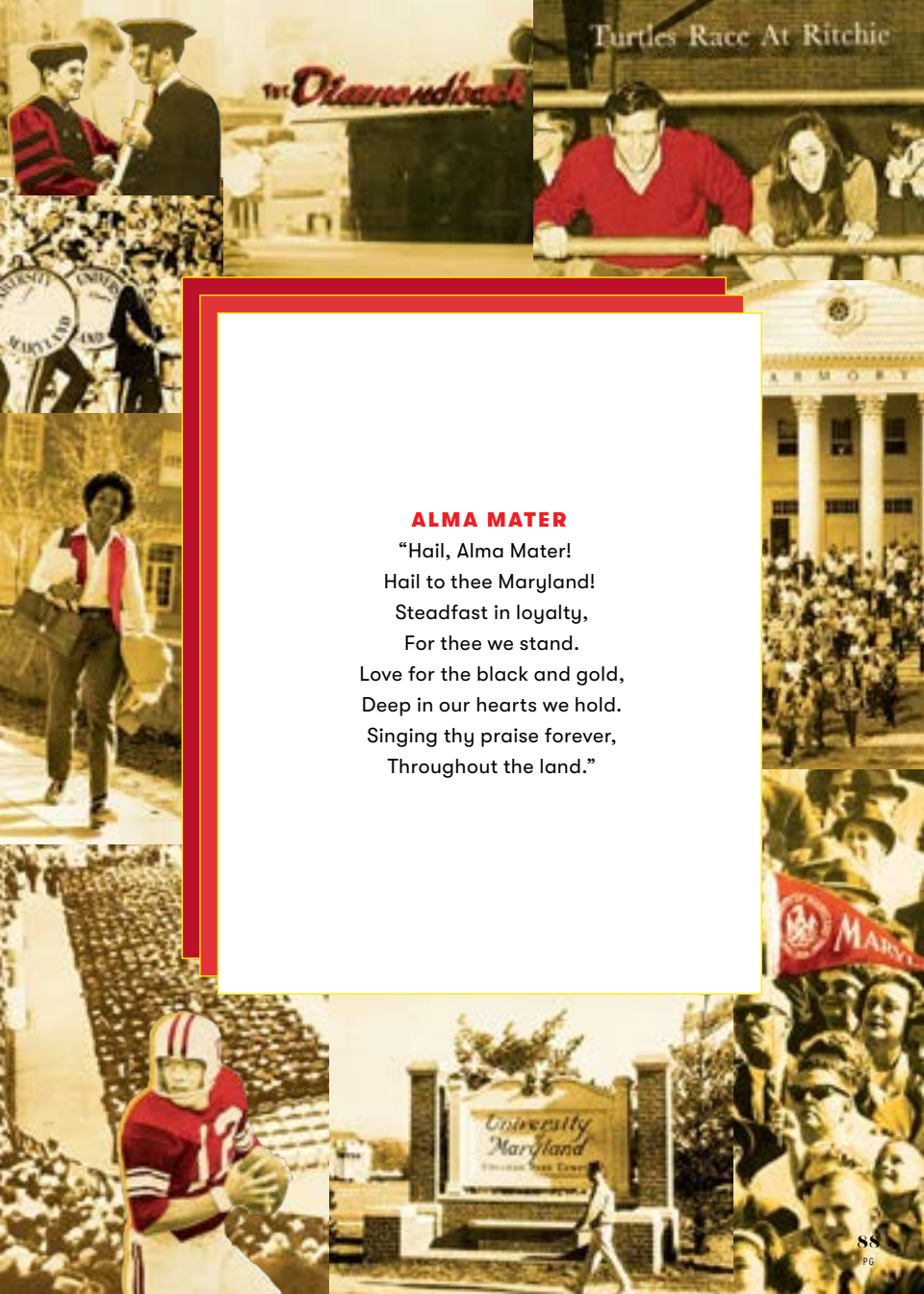
Honor now her name again,
Push up the score,
keep on fighting for more,
FOR MARYLAND, GO TERPS!
And we will fight, fight,
FIGHT for TERRAPINS,
Keep on fighting till we win.

So sing out our song
as we go marching along,

TO VICTORY!



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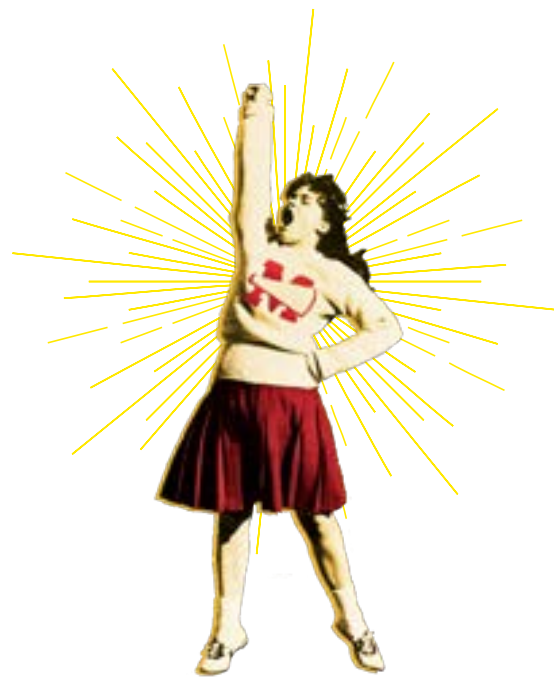
Turtles Race At Ritchie

The Diamondback

ALMA MATER

"Hail, Alma Mater!
Hail to thee Maryland!
Steadfast in loyalty,
For thee we stand.
Love for the black and gold,
Deep in our hearts we hold.
Singing thy praise forever,
Throughout the land."

SONGS



VICTORY SONG

"Maryland,
We're all behind you,
Raise high the black and gold.
For there is nothing half so glorious,
As to see our team victorious.
We've got the steam, Terps,
We've got the team, Terps,
So keep on fighting,
Don't give in!
M-A-R-Y-L-A-N-D,
Maryland will win!"

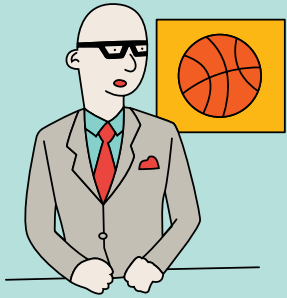


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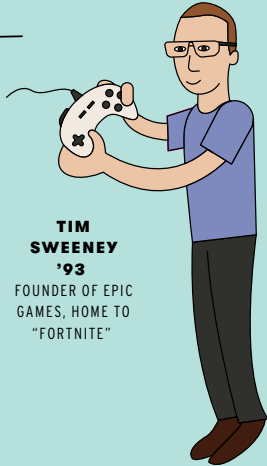
NOTABLE TERPS

Congrats! Just by coming to the University of Maryland, you've joined an illustrious group. Lots of Terps have gone on to succeed in entertainment, politics, business, media, sports and more. Now go do some namedropping...

NOTABLE TERPS



SCOTT VAN PELT '16
ESPN
"SPORTSCENTER"
HOST



TIM SWEENEY '93
FOUNDER OF EPIC
GAMES, HOME TO
"FORTNITE"



GAYLE KING '76
"CBS MORNINGS"
CO-ANCHOR



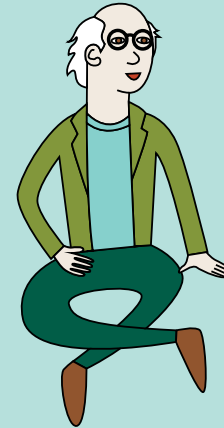
CARLY FIORINA MBA '80
FORMER HEWLETT
PACKARD CEO, FORMER U.S.
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE



STENY HOYER '63
LONGTIME U.S.
REPRESENTATIVE
FROM MARYLAND



JIM HENSON '60
MUPPETS
CREATOR



LARRY DAVID '70
"SEINFELD,"
"CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM"
CREATOR

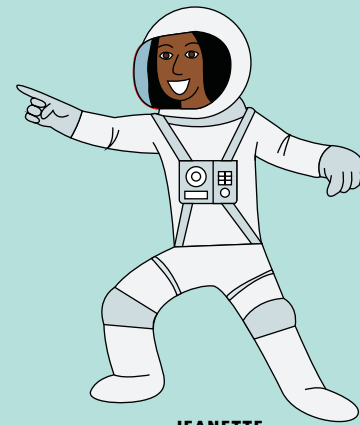


CONNIE CHUNG '69
JOURNALIST



NATASHA ROTHWELL '03
WRITER AND ACTRESS
KNOWN FOR "THE WHITE
LOTUS" AND "INSECURE"

NOTABLE TERPS



**JEANETTE EPPS M.S. '94,
PH.D. '00**
ASTRONAUT ON
NASA'S SPACEX
MISSION



NOTABLE TERPS



**AARON
MCGRUDER '98**
CREATOR OF
"THE BOONDOCKS"

**STEFON
DIGGS
(2012-14)**
NFL WIDE
RECEIVER

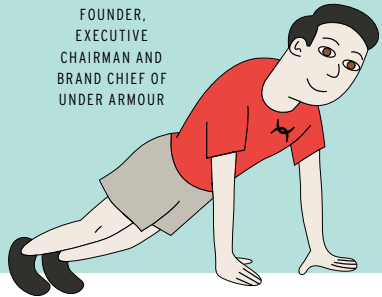


**KEVIN
PLANK '96**
FOUNDER,
EXECUTIVE
CHAIRMAN AND
BRAND CHIEF OF
UNDER ARMOUR

**BRENDAN IRIBE
(1997-98)**
CO-FOUNDER AND
CEO OF OCULUS



**LIZ
LEMON '92**
FICTIONAL CREATOR,
WRITER OF "TGS
WITH TRACY JORDAN"
ON "30 ROCK"



NOTABLE TERPS

**SERGEY
BRIN '93**
GOOGLE
CO-FOUNDER



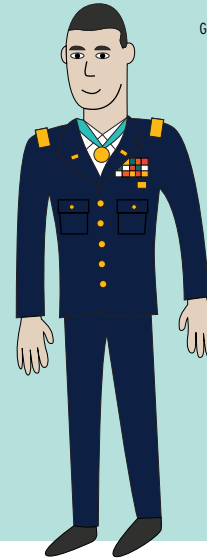
**JOY
BAUER
'86**
HEALTH AND
NUTRITION
EXPERT ON
"THE TODAY
SHOW"



**DOMINIQUE
DAWES '02**
OLYMPIC
GOLD-MEDAL
GYMNAST



JEFF KINNEY '93
"DIARY OF A WIMPY KID"
AUTHOR



**FLORENT
GROBERG '06**
MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENT



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Your Alumni Association is truly yours: It's the one resource that can connect you with fellow Terps, prepare you for new opportunities, and strengthen your legacy and alma mater.

STUDENT ALUMNI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

GET STARTED NOW BY JOINING THE **SALC!**
YOU'LL HOST FUN AND INFORMATIVE
EVENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR PROSPECTIVE,
ADMITTED AND CURRENT STUDENTS.
PLUS, YOU'LL MEET TERPS FROM ALL
GENERATIONS, HONE YOUR LEADERSHIP
SKILLS AND BOOST TERP SPIRIT.

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 @MARYLAND-ALUMNI

CONNECT

and stay involved with the Terp community and campus.

ELEVATE

the value of your degree, the reputation of your alma mater and the greater good.

CELEBRATE

Maryland tradition and boost your Terp pride.

IMPACT

your community, your university and the world.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFERS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND CONNECT STUDENTS WITH ALUMS. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THESE HALLMARK PROGRAMS:

Bend & Bagels

During Fall Welcome Week, an alum instructs students for an hour-long yoga class followed by light refreshments and bagels.

First-Generation Terps Panel

Around National First-Generation College Celebration Day, this event celebrates the First-Generation experience on campus by highlighting the experiences of First-Generation alums through a student-moderated panel.

Terps Under 30

This award-winning TED Talks-style program features three recent graduates from diverse industries as well as a networking hour and dessert reception.

Legacy Reception

During Family Weekend, current students and their Terp family members connect and hear about campus updates and enjoy a reception filled with Terp pride.

Charter Day

Celebrated each March, this event fosters school pride and informs students about the chartering of the Maryland Agricultural College in 1856.

Terp Traditions Month

Held in October, this monthlong initiative aligned with Homecoming celebrations encourages students to visit SALC stations across campus for exclusive giveaways and to cross off UMD Bucket List items and pick up their pins.



"IT'S NICE TO BE
ABLE TO DIRECTLY
MESSAGE WITH
PEOPLE ACROSS
GENERATIONS."
-JASON SIEGAL '17

"[MY MENTOR] HAS
BEEN SO HELPFUL,
AND I'M REALLY
GRATEFUL FOR
WORKING WITH
HIM." -CHIDUBEM
NWABUNZE '23

CAREER RESOURCES

ADVANCE. ELEVATE. CONNECT.

"BEING ABLE TO TALK WITH
INDIVIDUALS THAT WANT TO
HELP YOU WITH RESUMES AND
COVER LETTERS IS SO HELPFUL
FOR INFORMATIONAL AND
CAREER INTERVIEWS."
-HALLIE SCHWARTZSTEIN '22

Find alumni for mentorship, advice or internship opportunities
through the Alumni Association's Terrapins Connect platform.
You'll interact with UMD grads in different industries and
jobs, learn how to polish your resume and sharpen your
interview skills. Want to stand out to employers?
Stand on the shoulders of fellow Terps.
terrapinsconnect.umd.edu



ALUMNI NETWORKS After graduation, your Alumni Association is here to help you stay connected with Maryland and fellow Terps through dozens of regional, affinity and industry-based networks across the country.

SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER The Riggs Alumni Center is the home for alums on campus, as well as a beautiful venue for hosting weddings, parties, conferences and more. Plus, student groups always receive discounted rates.



This is a Bucket List item!

SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER

GIVE BACK

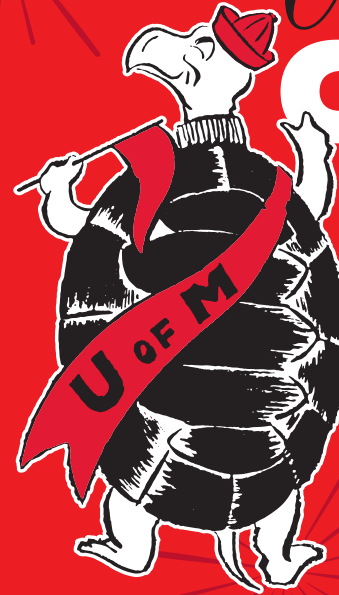
Doing Good is a fearless Terp tradition. During your time on campus, you'll see the impact of Terps giving back all around you—through volunteerism, scholarships, innovations and so much more. What impact do *you* want to make as a Terp?



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OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISING EFFORT EVER, FORWARD: THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAMPAIGN FOR THE FEARLESS WILL RAISE \$2.5 BILLION TO BRING UNPRECEDENTED TRANSFORMATION TO OUR UNIVERSITY, STATE AND WORLD.

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TERPS GIVE BACK. HOW WILL YOU MAKE THE MOST OF THESE UNFORGETTABLE OPPORTUNITIES DURING YOUR TIME IN COLLEGE PARK?



Senior Class GIFT

SENIOR CLASS GIFT INITIATIVE The senior class gift is a Maryland tradition revived by the Alumni Association. Graduating students are invited to contribute \$10 to an existing fund chosen by the graduating class. Those who participate are recognized at the main commencement ceremony in May. Graduates are invited to leave their legacy and participate in a champagne toast event in February of their graduating year to learn more about the initiative.



SCHOLARSHIPS Each year thousands of donors give to support scholarships for Maryland students. Additionally, the Alumni Association awards tens of thousands of dollars supported by gifts and membership dues. Visit alumni.umd.edu/networks/scholarships-awards to learn more.



**THURGOOD
MARSHALL HALL
(2022)**



**HERITAGE
COMMUNITY
(2022)**



**CHEMISTRY
BUILDING
(2024)**

BUILDINGS Maryland's campus has cool architecture, including buildings where you'll live and go to classes. The newest addition is the Chemistry Building, a hub for quantum chemistry, molecular nanoscience and sustainability research. The new Heritage Community of Pyon-Chen and Johnson-Whittle residence halls, named for campus trailblazers, and Yahentamitsi Dining Hall, honors the Indigenous people of Maryland, while Thurgood Marshall Hall, the new home for the School of Public Policy, brings together students, faculty and other experts to foster world-changing policy discourse and action.



This is a Bucket List Item!

EVERY MARCH ON GIVING DAY, MARYLAND ALUMS, FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS AND FANS COME TOGETHER FOR 24 HOURS TO RAISE FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS, RESEARCH, THE ARTS, ATHLETICS—AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.

MARYLAND GIVING DAY



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With millions raised each year, **GIVING DAY** is your chance to be a part of something big.

DO GOOD You're now a part of the nation's first Do Good campus, inspiring a culture of philanthropy and social innovation, and making sure that students like you can improve their community, state and world.



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IF ONLY
THEY'D KNOWN

(AKA ADVICE FROM OTHER TERPS)

WHAT DO YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE AT MARYLAND? WE ASKED THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW BEST: CURRENT STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES. READ ON FOR WHAT THEY WISH SOMEONE HAD TOLD THEM ABOUT THE INS AND OUTS OF UMD.

DON'T FORGET HOW CLOSE YOU ARE TO D.C.!

DON'T BE ALARMED IF YOU HEAR A LOUD SIREN EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL HAS THE BEST HALFTIME SHOW.

THERE'S NO SHOPPING ON THE MALL.

TRUST ME: PAY YOUR PARKING TICKETS.

BUY YOUR ALLERGY MEDICINE AT THE HEALTH CENTER.

THE DINING HALLS HAVE "SICK MEALS" THAT YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE AND A FRIEND CAN PICK UP.

DON'T BE FOOLED - INTRAMURAL SPORTS CAN GET QUITE COMPETITIVE!

IF YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING, MAKE SURE IT'S YOUR NINE-DIGIT UID #.

THE MICHELLE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY IS THE BEST UNKNOWN STUDY SPOT!

MUSIC PLAYS UNDERWATER AT THE ERC POOL.

PLAN AN EXTRA 15 MINUTES FOR YOUR WALK IF YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE MALL DURING THE FIRST LOOK FAIR.

DON'T FORGET YOUR STUDENT ID IF YOU'RE TRYING TO PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER AT MCKELDIN.

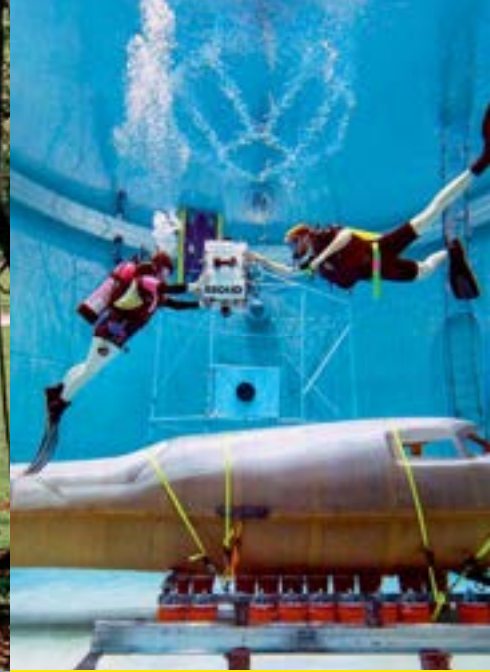
GO TO OFFICE HOURS.

IF YOU GET CAUGHT IN THE RAIN, THE STAMP HAS FREE PONCHOS!

LAPLATA BEACH ISN'T ACTUALLY A BEACH.

BACK IN THE DAY AND TODAY

A dive into old “M Books” reveals rules and tips for life on campus that are so wildly outdated that you’ll be forgiven for suspecting we made these up. We didn’t. Along with those snippets, you’ll get glimpses of today’s University of Maryland experience in all its vibrant, Testudo-loving glory. So take a glance at some of what the next four years have in store for you.



FROM THE 1924
M BOOK

“Freshmen must tip their caps and speak to all upperclassmen, addressing them with ‘sir’ and ‘pardon.’”



FROM
THE 1930 M BOOK

“Girls may have men callers at the dormitory after dinner until 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings until 10:30 P.M.”





FROM THE 1953 M BOOK

“To be safe and sure of the best wardrobe, buy carefully and tastefully. Avoid that pale champagne cashmere with rhinestone and pearl trimming and look for easy-to-care-for pullovers to match your skirts. If you aren’t sure of the best in college fashions, avoid buying all of your clothes until after you have returned to school for a week or two, and check on what the upper class, experienced gal goes for.”

**FROM THE 1946
M BOOK**

“There will be no smoking at dances, in class room or any other place on campus except in the following:
1. Rooms designated for smoking in the dormitories.
2. Rest rooms in the class buildings.
3. Drug stores.”



My First Year at Maryland

Where I lived:

My roommate(s):

My favorite class:

My favorite study spot:

The first Maryland Athletics game I attended:

My favorite UMD event:

A club or organization that I joined:

My favorite local restaurant:

My favorite Maryland memories:



FROM THE 1960
M BOOK

“If you feel the need for nourishment, the lunch room is open from 8 to 4 o’clock. This is a real good place to socialize and show off your dancing talent. The tables can be pushed back at 4 p.m. The jukebox will most likely be busy.”





FROM THE 1972 M BOOK

“Eating in a University dining hall is probably the easiest way to plan for meals if you’re living on campus. And, if you don’t have time to eat, the dining hall will fix you a packed lunch. But don’t expect a home cooked meal. Since the food is prepared in huge quantities, quality is lacking. Don’t be surprised if you gain weight. The food is starchy, and your meal ticket allows you to eat as much as you want. The food is monotonous, but occasionally there are exceptionally good meals, such as nationality and holiday dinners.”





FROM THE 1978
M BOOK

“If you must drive, arrive at your assigned lot early. Dawn is a little extreme; five minutes before your noon class is sheer folly. Be advised that the first two weeks of classes is the worst time for traffic because everyone is here all the time.”

RESOURCES

Life as a Terp extends beyond the classrooms, labs and studios. It's also about dining halls, clubs and sports, and taking care of yourself physically and mentally.

You're new around here—let the Department of Resident Life help you get acquainted with your surroundings. Resident Life is your go-to for everything to make living on campus easier and more comfortable.

reslife.umd.edu

Need to get around? The Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) can help you with that. Whether you're getting somewhere by car, e-scooter, bus or bike, DOTS has everything you need to keep you going.

dots.umd.edu

Hungry? The Department of Dining Services has restaurants, cafés, convenience shops and dining halls to suit any taste.

dining.umd.edu

Whether you're having a medical emergency or need to pick up a prescription, the University Health Center has you covered.

health.umd.edu

Looking for a group to join? Browse the selection of more than 800 student organizations to find the perfect fit for you.

terplink.umd.edu

Whether you want to join the club tennis team or go whitewater kayaking on the Potomac River, University Recreation and Wellness has plenty of options to keep you active.

recwell.umd.edu

Keep connected with campus life and find your community (and the University Book Center) at the Adele H. Stamp Student Union.

stamp.umd.edu

Learn what's expected of you as a student and member of the University of Maryland community by familiarizing yourself with the Office of Student Conduct.

studentconduct.umd.edu

Your mental health is important. The Counseling Center offers free, confidential therapy and other resources.

counseling.umd.edu

Looking for scholarships? Scholarship Universe is a tool that helps UMD students find and apply for external scholarships. Scholarships provide funding that you don't have to pay back.

umd.scholarshipuniverse.com



NOW GET STARTED
ON THAT BUCKET LIST—
AND START MAKING YOUR OWN
TRADITIONS AT MARYLAND.



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