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

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**THIS BOOK**  
**BELONGS TO A TERP**  
**FROM THE CLASS OF**  
NAME  
MAJOR/MINOR  
EMAIL

**M**  
BOOK

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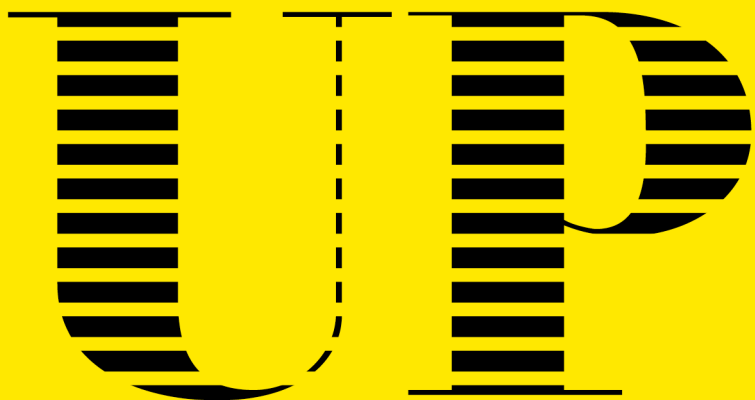
BACK IN THE DAY AND TODAY



RESOURCES

**WELCOME  
TO THE  
UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND!**

**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 OUTSIDE-THE-CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES. IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.**




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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.

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# VISIT

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

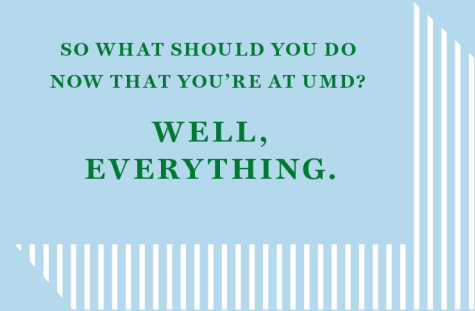


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**SO WHAT SHOULD YOU DO  
NOW THAT YOU'RE AT UMD?**

**WELL,  
EVERYTHING.**



# THE UMD BUCKET LIST

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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**  
HOMECOMING  
COMEDY  
**SHOW**

❑ **BOWL AT TERPZONE**

❑ **TAKE A PICTURE** AT THE M  
BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

❑ **WADE 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

❑ VOLUNTEER DURING  
**DO GOOD MONTH**

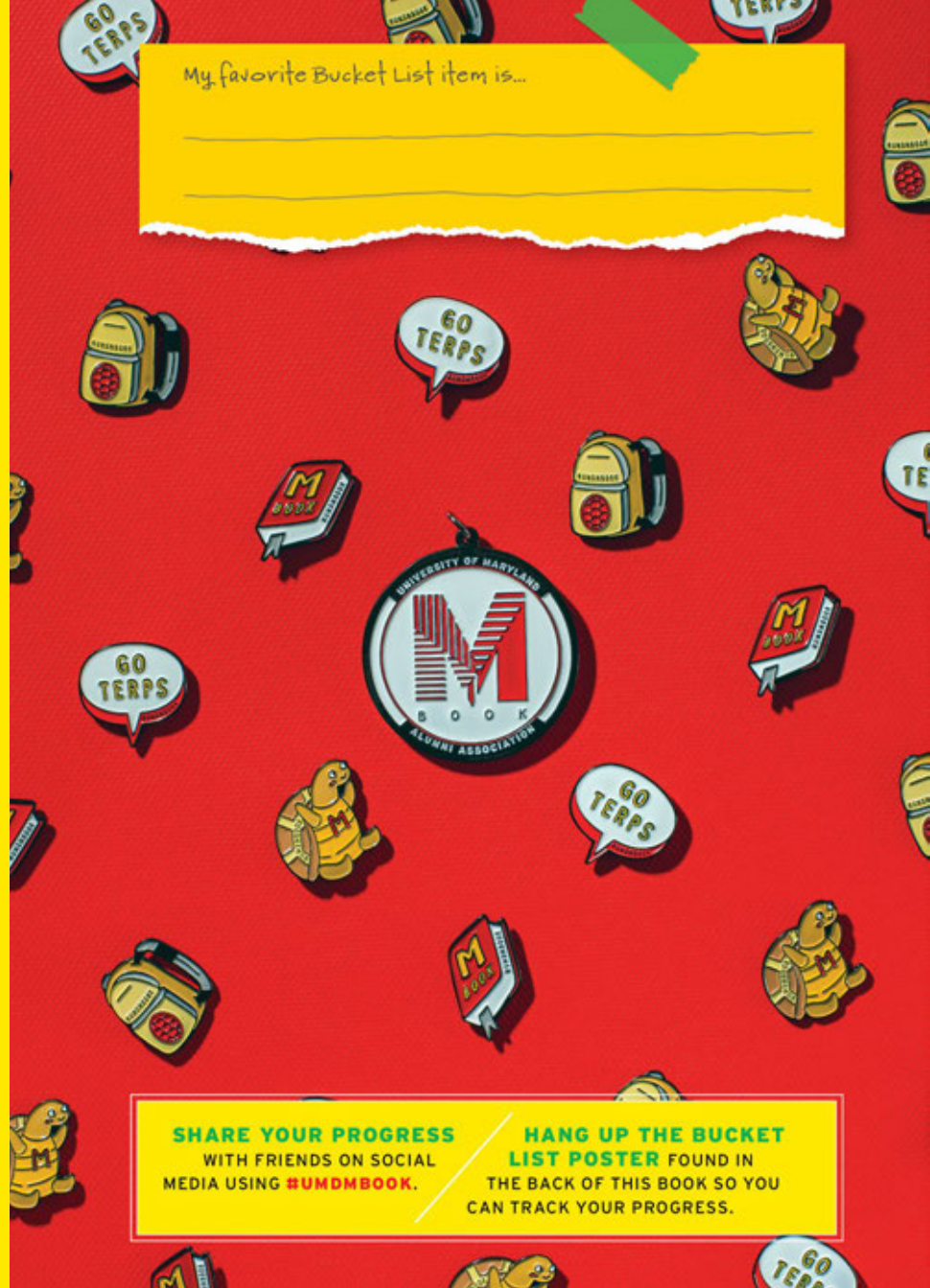
❑ ATTEND AN EVENT AT THE  
**SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER**

❑ CATCH SOME RAYS ON  
**LAPLATA BEACH**

## Check off the 20 Bucket List items for rewards:

1. TAKE SELFIES OR VIDEOS TO TRACK YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PROGRESS.
2. SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF COMPLETION VIA YOUR PORTFOLIUM ACCOUNT. LEARN MORE AT [ALUMNI.UMD.EDU/MBOOK](https://alumni.umd.edu/mbook).
3. FOR EVERY FIVE ITEMS YOU COMPLETE, YOU CAN EARN A COMMEMORATIVE PIN. BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE STUDENT ALUMNI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON INSTAGRAM @UMDSALC TO LEARN ABOUT PIN PICKUP OPPORTUNITIES.
4. SPORT YOUR PINS ON YOUR BACKPACK OR JACKET TO SHOW YOUR TERP PRIDE.

Repeat all steps until you collect all four pins. Finish the Bucket List to receive a special lanyard and Traditions Keeper medallion to wear at Commencement.



**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

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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

1862

FIRST STUDENTS GRADUATE

1865

1892

FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM FORMED

1898

1912

GREAT FIRE DESTROYS TWO LARGEST BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS

1916

1928

MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM WINS FIRST OF 13 NATIONAL TITLES

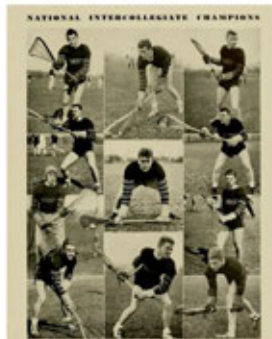
1933



TRUSTEES ISSUE STOCK TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE COLLEGE



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





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



MCKELDIN  
LIBRARY  
OPENS

1958

1968

MEN'S SOCCER  
TEAM WINS  
FIRST OF FOUR  
NATIONAL  
TITLES



HORNBAKE  
LIBRARY  
OPENS

1972



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

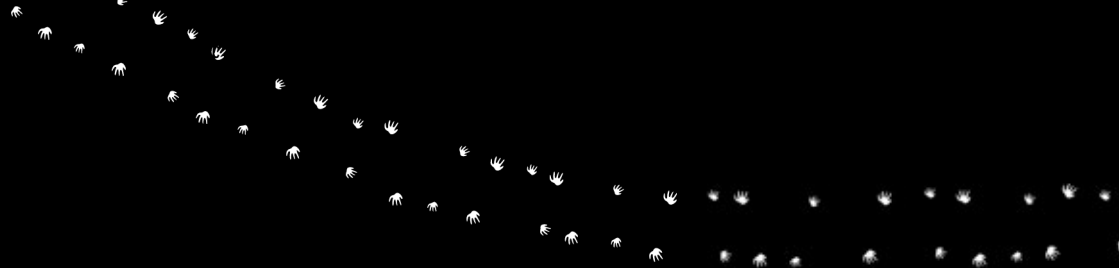
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NOW

YOU ARE HERE







# MUST-SEE UMD

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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, a student who steps 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

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



### TESTUDO STATUES

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



### NYUMBURU CULTURAL CENTER

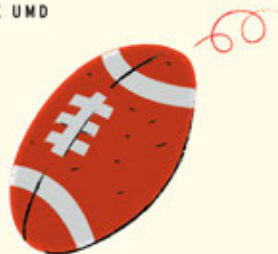
The Nyumburu Cultural Center is the hub of African-American culture on campus, hosting musical performances, art exhibits, lectures and more.



### MCKELDIN MALL/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.





### 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.



### 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.



### JIM HENSON STATUE

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



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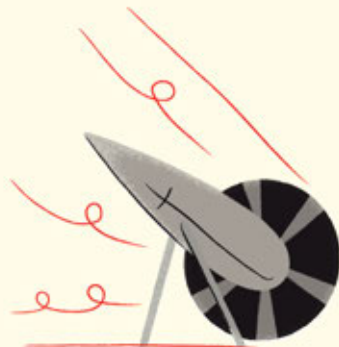
### SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER AND MOXLEY GARDENS

Get acquainted with the Alumni Association at this center for all things post-graduation.



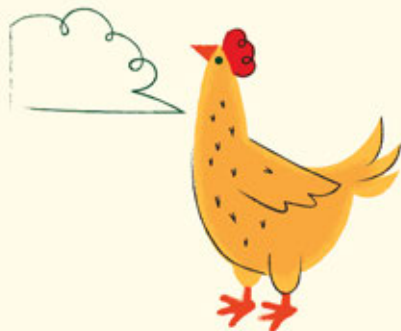
### HORNBAKE PLAZA/FREDERICK DOUGLASS STATUE

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

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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.



**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

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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 springtime concert, presented annually since 1984, is preceded by an outdoor festival with student performances, inflatables, vendors, fireworks and giveaways.

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

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**SEE**



My favorite part of Fall welcome weekend...

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**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.





**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, live music, tailgates and, of course, football are all part of a jam-packed week of fun every fall.

My favorite part of Homecoming...

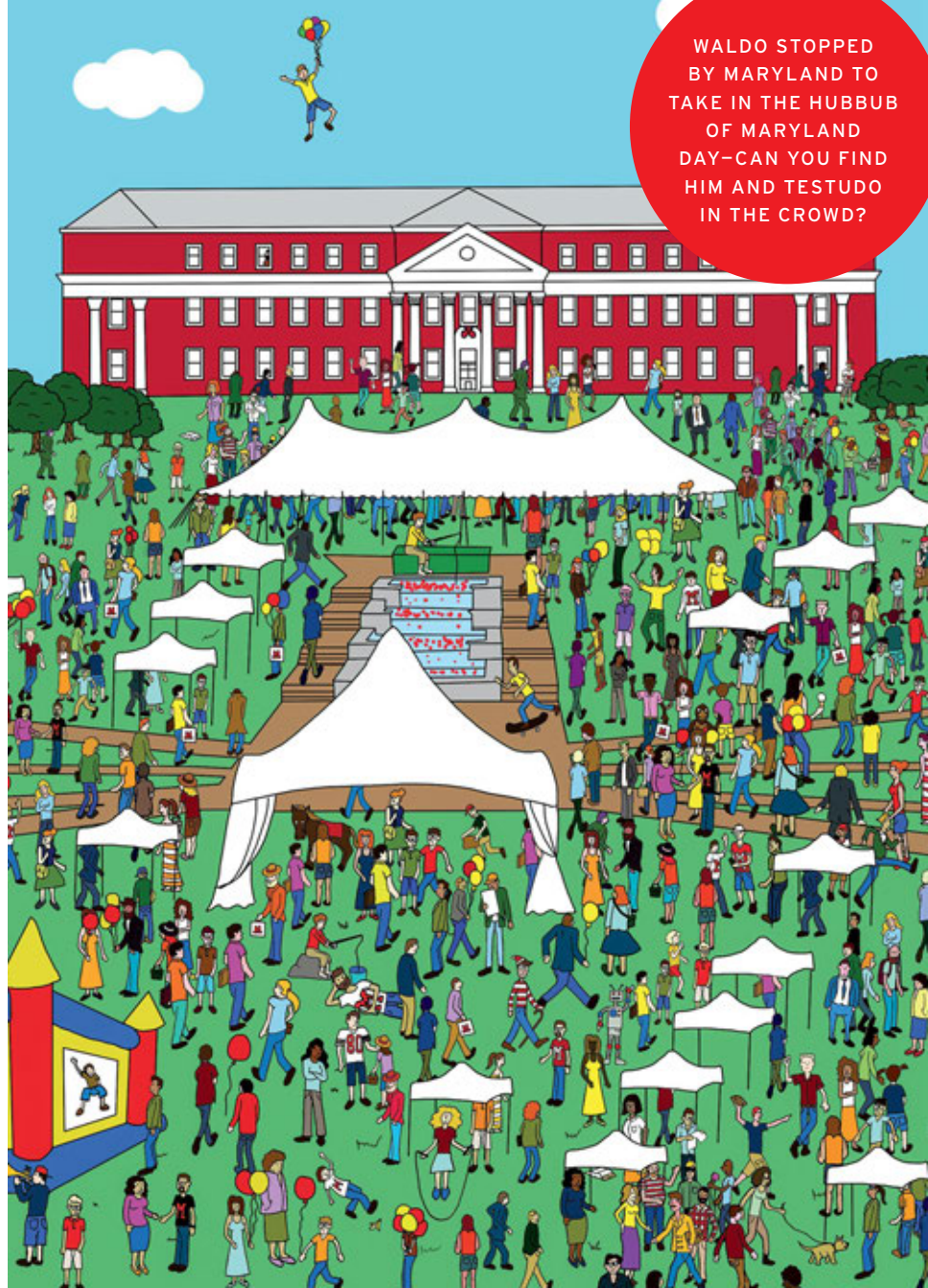


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**MARYLAND DAY** The last Saturday of every April becomes a celebration of all things UMD. More than 80,000 people across the DMV come to this massive open house of family-friendly activities, performances and exhibitions.



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 hosts a welcome event for all LGBTQ+ and allied students, faculty, staff and alums, featuring music, food and dancing.

**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 has included karaoke, movie marathons, student performances, free swag and more.



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 12-hour dance marathon each year.



# SONGS

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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,**

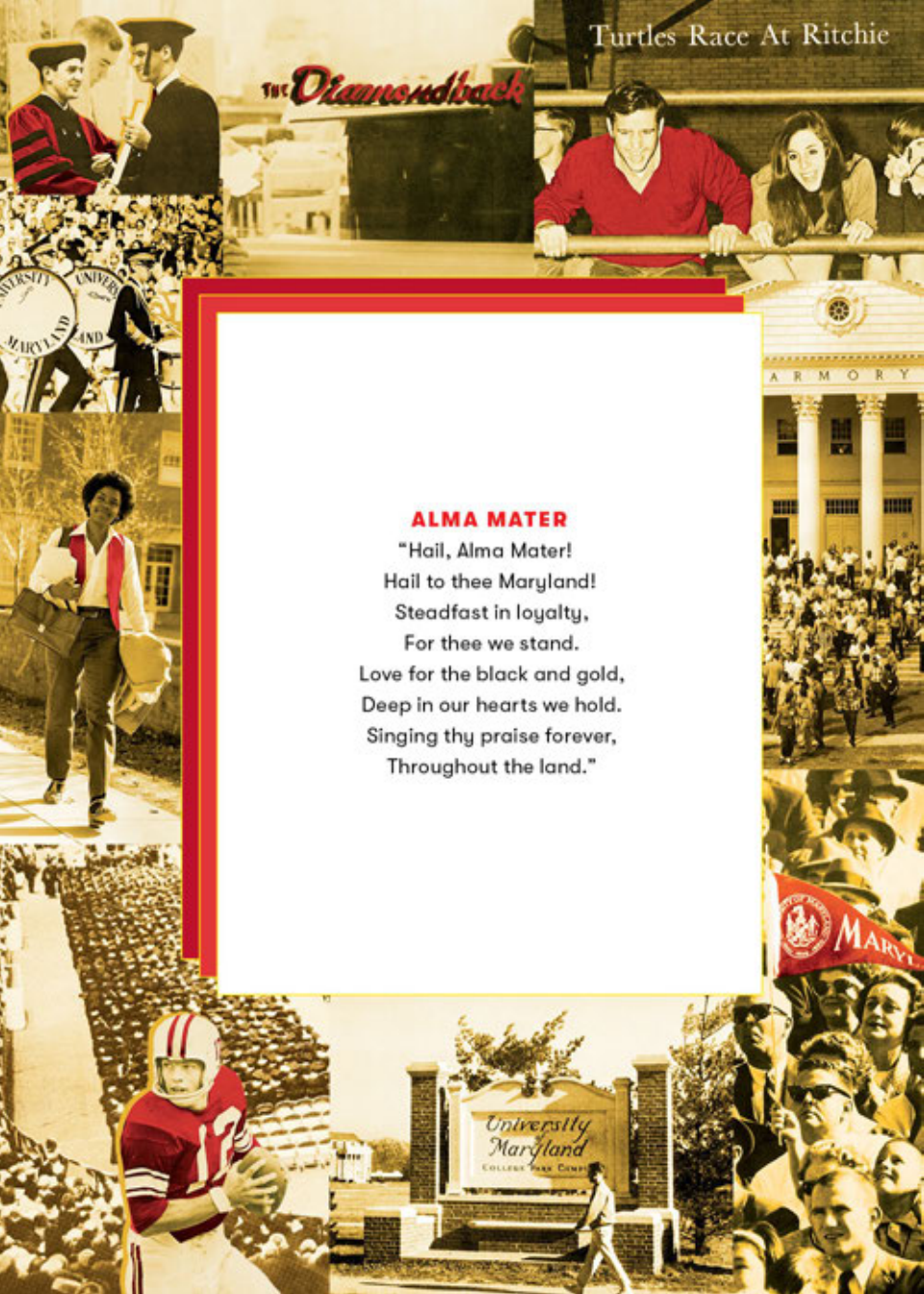
Honor now her name again,  
Push up the score,  
keep on fighting for more,  
**FOR MARYLAND, GO TERPS!**  
And we will fight, fight,  
**FIGHT for TERRAPINS,**  
Keep on fighting till we win.

So sing out our song  
as we go marching along,

**TO VICTORY!**



*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."



**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

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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"



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



**GAYLE KING '76**  
"CBS MORNINGS"  
CO-ANCHOR



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



**JIM HENSON '60**  
MUPPETS  
CREATOR



**LARRY DAVID '80**  
"SEINFELD,"  
"CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM"  
CREATOR

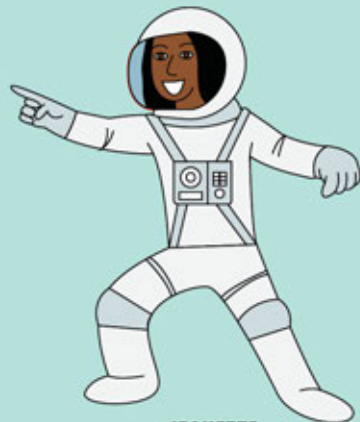


**CONNIE CHUNG '69**  
JOURNALIST



**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)**  
HOUSTON  
TEXANS WIDE  
RECEIVER



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



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



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

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



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

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



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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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.



**ALUMNI.UMD.EDU**

-  @MARYLAND\_ALUMNI
-  @TERPALUMNI
-  @MARYLAND-ALUMNI

## **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.

**SALC.UMD.EDU**

 @UMDSALC



# 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**

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

**Grad Bash**

Graduating students can relax with friends and celebrate their final days at Maryland at this annual celebration held at the end of the spring semester.

**Terps Under 30**

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

**Legacy Reception**

Held 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 the fall semester, this month-long initiative aligned with Homecoming week encourages students to visit daily spirit stations for exclusive giveaways, cross off UMD Bucket List items and pick up their pins.

"DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD." -ADITYA DESHMUKH '17

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

# 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 alums 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](https://terrapinsconnect.umd.edu)

**SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER** The Riggs 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.



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**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.



**GIVE BACK**

**PHILANTHROPY GIVES FUTURE TERRAPINS  
THAT NUDGE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.**

**THIS EFFORT INCLUDES THE CLARK  
CHALLENGE FOR THE MARYLAND  
PROMISE, A NEW SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM FOR AREA RESIDENTS WHO,  
WITHOUT SUCH SUPPORT, MIGHT NOT  
BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY  
OF MARYLAND.**

**HERE ARE A FEW WAYS PHILANTHROPY  
IS TRANSFORMING MARYLAND. HOW  
WILL YOU MAKE THE MOST OF THESE  
UNFORGETTABLE OPPORTUNITIES  
DURING YOUR TIME IN COLLEGE PARK?**





**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/students](https://alumni.umd.edu/students) to learn more.



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MARSHALL HALL  
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**HERITAGE  
COMMUNITY  
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**E.A. FERNANDEZ  
IDEA FACTORY  
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**BUILDINGS** Maryland's campus has cool architecture, including buildings where you'll live and go to classes. The newest addition is the Heritage Community of Pyon-Chen and Johnson-Whittle residence halls, named for campus trailblazers, and Yahentamitsi Dining Hall, which honors the Indigenous people of Maryland. The E.A. Fernandez IDEA Factory houses cutting-edge facilities and equipment to spark innovations, 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.

GIVE BACK



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.



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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

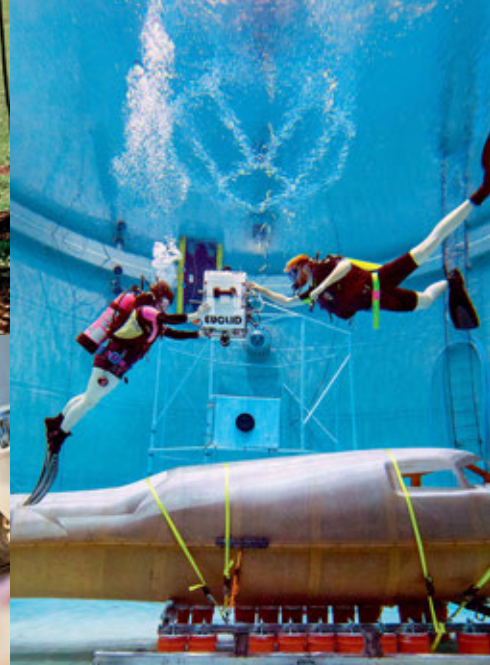
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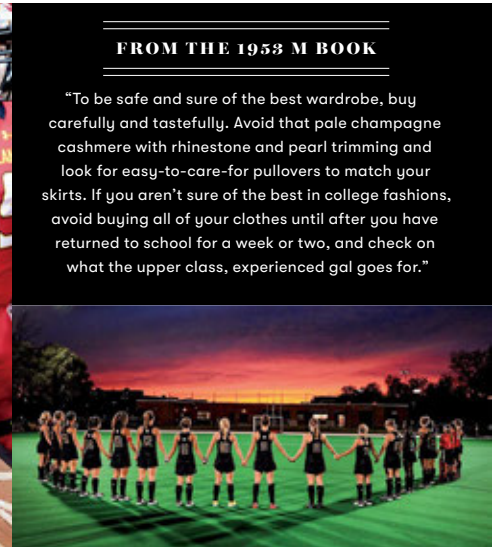
A dive into old “M Books” reveals rules and tips for life on campus that are so wildly outdated that you’ll be forgiven for suspecting we made these up. We didn’t. Along with those snippets, you’ll get glimpses of today’s University of Maryland experience in all its vibrant, Testudo-loving glory. So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



FROM THE 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."





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**FROM THE 1953 M BOOK**

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"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."



# My First Year at Maryland

where I lived:

My roommate(s):

My favorite class:

My favorite study spot:

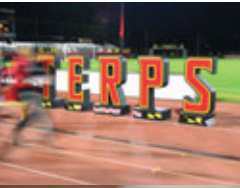
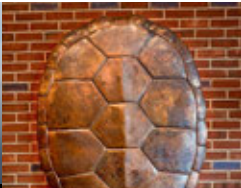
The first Maryland Athletics game I attended:

My favorite UMD event:

A club or organization that I joined:

My favorite local restaurant:

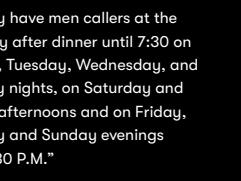
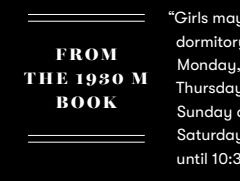
My favorite Maryland memories:



**FROM THE 1946 M BOOK**

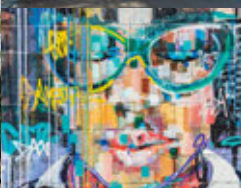
"There will be no smoking at dances, in class room or any other place on campus except in the following:

1. Rooms designated for smoking in the dormitories.
2. Rest rooms in the class buildings.
3. Drug stores."



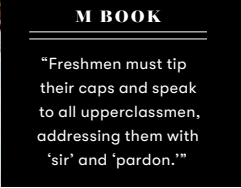
**FROM THE 1930 M BOOK**

"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 1924 M BOOK**

"Freshmen must tip their caps and speak to all upperclassmen, addressing them with 'sir' and 'pardon.'"





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."





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FROM THE 1972 M BOOK

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"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."





# RESOURCES

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](https://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, scooter, bus or bike, DOTS has everything you need to keep you going.

[dots.umd.edu](https://dots.umd.edu)

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

[dining.umd.edu](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://studentconduct.umd.edu)

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

[counseling.umd.edu](https://counseling.umd.edu)

Looking for scholarships? Scholarship Universe is a scholarship matching 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](https://umd.scholarshipuniverse.com)



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



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