WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND!
BUCKLE UP

YOU’VE JUST HOPPED ON ONE OF THE GREAT RIDES OF YOUR LIFE.
ENJOY THE NEXT FOUR YEARS 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.
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 M Book 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 alumni.umd.edu/mbook for the full electronic version of this book.

So what should you do now that you’re at UMD?

Well, everything.
Completing all of the listed items over the next four years is akin to earning your Maryland stripes.
Check off the 20 Bucket List items for rewards:

1. Take selfies or videos to track your accomplishments and progress
2. Complete your first five, then head to the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center
3. Share your selfies and videos with the Alumni Team
4. Get your first commemorative pin and sport it 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 medallion to wear at Commencement.

For more information, visit alumni.umd.edu/MBook or contact the Alumni Association’s manager of student engagement at jlee1021@umd.edu.
What was Maryland like before you stepped onto campus? (Besides a little less fabulous?) Here’s the highlight reel of UMD’s history.
MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (MAC) CHARTERED

1856

FIRST CLASSES HELD

1859

MAC DESIGNATED A LAND-GRAIN INSTITUTION

1862

MORRILL HALL, OLDEST ACADEMIC BUILDING STILL IN USE, CONSTRUCTED

1865

FIRST STUDENTS GRADUATE

1892

FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM FORMED

1898

GREAT FIRE DESTROYS TWO LARGEST BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS

1912

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

1916

FIRST BRONZE TESTUDO STATUE INSTALLED IN FRONT OF RITCHIE COLISEUM

1928

MEN’S LACROSSE TEAM WINS FIRST OF 12 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
WOMEN’S LACROSSE TEAM WINS FIRST OF 15 NATIONAL TITLES

FIELD HOCKEY TEAM WINS FIRST OF EIGHT NATIONAL TITLES

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MUST-SEE UMD LANDMARKS
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.
For decades, Cole was the home of Maryland basketball. Now undergoing a reimagining, it'll soon be home to a living laboratory where researchers and athletes will work together to advance the science of sport.

Feel inspired by the legacy of native Marylander Frederick Douglass, the famous abolitionist and orator, at the statue, surrounded by some of his most inspirational quotes.

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

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

Connect with UM’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.

Since 1949, researchers have bravely challenged 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.

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.

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

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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.
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 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 Maryland Stadium were a literal hotspot for socializing and sunbathing on hot 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.
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.
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 a touchdown at a home game, a cannon blasts and the band plays the school’s Victory Song.
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
At the end of every school year, SEE presents Art Attack, a day-long event where students can bask in the spring weather, and enjoy everything from a petting zoo and henna tattoos to a live concert to close out the night.
BIG SHOW AT FALL WELCOME At the kickoff to Maryland’s athletic season, first-year students learn the lyrics to the Maryland Victory Song and alma mater; the Mighty Sound of Maryland marching band, cheerleaders and dance team perform; and everybody gets a huge blast of school spirit.
UMD has more than 800 clubs, activities and teams. Don’t get overwhelmed! For two days every September, hundreds of organizations set up tables in a festival on McKeldin Mall to recruit members at the First Look Fair. 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, live music, tailgates and, of course, football are all part of a jam-packed week of fun every fall.
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.
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 LGBT Equity Center hosts a welcome event for all LGBTQ and allied students, faculty, staff and alumni, featuring music, food and dancing.
STAMP ALL-NITER Think all-nighters are just for that paper you put off writing? Every fall, the Stamp Student Union hosts an all-night party that has included karaoke, movie marathons, step shows, concerts and more.
**TERP THON** The biggest student group on campus has raised more than $5.5 million in 11 years for Children’s National Health System, culminating each year in a wild 12-hour dance marathon.
You’ll hear a few traditional songs throughout your time at Maryland. Start practicing the lyrics now!
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!

Songs and Cheers
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!”
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…
SCOTT VAN PELT '16
ESPN
“SPORTSCENTER” HOST

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

GAYLE KING '76
"CBS THIS MORNING" CO-ANCHOR

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

STENY HOYER '63
LONG TIME U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARYLAND

CONNIE CHUNG '69
JOURNALIST

MICHAEL EALY '96
ACTOR IN MOVIES SUCH AS “BARBERSHOP,” “THE PERFECT GUY”

JUDITH RESNIK PH.D. '77
ASTRONAUT ON SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER

JIM HENSON '60
MUPPETS CREATOR

GIULIANA RANCIC '96
TV PERSONALITY, AUTHOR, CLOTHING DESIGNER
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. SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR THE BLACK AND GOLD AT TAILGATES OR WHILE CHEERING FROM THE SIDELINES. EXPAND YOUR SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL CIRCLES AT HUNDREDS OF EVENTS. STAY IN THE KNOW WITH A RANGE OF PUBLICATIONS TAILORED JUST FOR YOU. YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS HERE TO HELP YOU STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED AFTER GRADUATION.
to build professional and personal relationships.

for UMD on social media, in conversation and even with elected officials in Annapolis and D.C.

join

advocate

volunteer

give

to have fun doing good for your community with other Terps.

back so that tomorrow’s students can benefit from the same world-class education that you’re getting today.
GET STARTED NOW BY JOINING THE STUDENT ALUMNI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL! 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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FROM FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES TO NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES ON CAMPUS, GENEROUS TERPS HELP MAKE YOUR MARYLAND EXPERIENCE UNFORGETTABLE.

OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISING EFFORT EVER, FEARLESS IDEAS: THE CAMPAIGN FOR MARYLAND, WILL RAISE $1.5 BILLION TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, RESEARCH, FACULTY AND CAPITAL PROJECTS.

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 JUST A FEW MORE WAYS PHILANTHROPY HAS TRANSFORMED 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. Those donors have provided more than 2,500 student scholarships just this year.

Buildings Maryland’s campus has cool architecture, including buildings that house some of your labs and lectures. Coming soon, thanks to generous donors: a 70,000-square-foot building for the School of Public Policy; a transformed Cole Field House, bringing together sport and science; and the E.A. Fernandez IDEA Factory, where cutting-edge facilities will spark engineering innovations.
EVERY MARCH, ON GIVING DAY, MARYLAND ALUMNI, 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.

With nearly $2.8 million raised in 2021, GIVING DAY is your chance to be a part of something big.
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.

**DO GOOD**

- TEACH A CHILD TO READ
- CLEAN A PARK
- GIVE TO A FOOD PANTRY/WOMEN'S SHELTER/HOMELESS SHELTER
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IF ONLY
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(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.

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

MUSIC PLAYS UNDERWATER AT THE ERC POOL.

THE "INCON" (NORTH CONVENIENCE SHOP) DOESN'T OPEN UNTIL 5 P.M. ON THE WEEKENDS.

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

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

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL HAS THE BEST HALFTIME SHOW.

THERE'S NO SHOPPING ON THE MALL.

THE DINNER HAS "SICK MEALS" THAT YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE AND A FRIEND CAN PICK UP.

GO TO OFFICE HOURS.

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

NEVER SKIP AN EVENT THAT GIVES OUT A FREE T-SHIRT.

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CHECK THE HOURS BEFORE GOING TO 251.

TRUST ME: PAY YOUR PARKING TICKETS.

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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.
“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.”
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.
There will be no smoking at dances, in classroom 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.

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

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.

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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.
“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

Need to get around? The Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) can help you with that. Whether you're getting somewhere by car, shuttle 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

You might not be ready to think about life after college yet, but when you are, the Career Center can teach you how to write a standout cover letter and nail a job interview—and connect you with potential employers.

careers.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

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

When you need academic or personal support, check out the resources offered at the Counseling Center.

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

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