

# Parent Newsletter

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## UMBC PARENTS DO YOU HAVE THE FEVER!

Show Your Retriever pride by joining the UMBC Community for four amazing days filled with exciting arts, athletics and family-friendly activities at this year's Homecoming Celebration, October 10 -13th!

There's something for everyone. We can't wait to see plenty of alumni, students, families, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding community celebrating all that's amazing about UMBC! Check out the event highlights section on page 6 for just a preview of what is in store for this year's celebration. For a full calendar of events visit the homecoming website at [www.umbc.edu/homecoming](http://www.umbc.edu/homecoming).



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### Have a question about Homecoming?

Feel free to contact the Homecoming committee by email at [homecoming@umbc.edu](mailto:homecoming@umbc.edu).

See you at Homecoming!

**You can check out the new myUMBC Parents Connection page at:**

<http://my.umbc.edu/groups/parents>.

# Have you caught the Retriever Fever yet?

Lindsey Mitchell - Coordinator of Student Events, Office of Student Life

Happy Homecoming season! Students now have a month of classes under their belt and it's time to start celebrating the many traditions that UMBC has to offer with a huge range of fun events, good food, and great guest speakers. The Homecoming Committee has been hard at work since March brainstorming, planning, and putting together the best Homecoming yet. The excitement is contagious, and we hope you'll join us in catching the Retriever Fever for UMBC's 2012 Homecoming extravaganza!

Starting in early October there will be departments, residence halls, and student organizations across campus decorating their spaces to help make Homecoming a visible part of UMBC. (Shameless plug: stop by the Office of Student Life and the Commons Administration on the 3rd floor of the Commons building to check out the Homecoming Avengers!) To fully kick off Homecoming Week, Monday (Oct 8th) will feature a campus-wide pep rally, and Tuesday (Oct 9th) will be a t-shirt trade and paint fight on the Quad. Wednesday (Oct 10th) brings a much-anticipated tradition from the Student Events Board (seb): the legendary bonfire on Erickson Field, free buffalo wings, and an outdoor showing of "The Amazing Spider-Man". On Thursday (Oct 11th) of Homecoming week the Alumni Association will host their Alumni of the Year Awards, and students will have a chance to compete to be crowned UMBC's most talented at the annual (seb) sponsored Talent Show. Encourage your students to check out [www.seb.umbc.edu](http://www.seb.umbc.edu) to sign up!

But that's not all, we're just getting started! Students can head to the RAC for a dodgeball tournament, free cookout and live music, stop by the Poetry Slam in the new Performing Arts and Humanities Building, meet the Women's Lacrosse team on the Stadium field, and dance the night away at the black-light Homecoming Dance Party in the Ballroom... all on Friday (Oct 12th)! You'll want to get plenty of sleep because Saturday (Oct 13th) is when Homecoming kicks in full force. From the 5K dawg chase, guest speaker Ira Glass, community picnic with Dr. Hrabowski, a huge variety of sporting events, receptions and reunions, the day is filled with fun for the entire family. Bring your little ones to jump on the massive inflatable rides, get their faces painted, and watch movies in the Kids Zone while you prepare for the Crab Feast on the Quad. Students, alumni, and parents are invited to end the weeklong Homecoming celebration at the Homecoming Comedy Show featuring B.J. Novak from NBC's hit show "The Office". For tickets to some of these events, please check out [www.umbc.edu/homecoming](http://www.umbc.edu/homecoming) to find more information on what the week holds.

In addition to all of the events during Homecoming, there are many other ways for students to get involved with campus life. Staff members in the Office of Student Life welcome the opportunity to meet with students to help them find their niche. If your student is looking for ways to get involved but doesn't know where to start, please encourage him/her to visit the Office of Student Life, Commons 336. I know we've caught the Retriever Fever... have you?



(seb) event at Homecoming 2011



Residential Life's Homecoming decorations

# The Shock and Awe of Fall

Joel DeWyer - Associate Director, The Commons

Fall is, without question, my absolute favorite time of the year. Temperatures begin cooling off, leaves begin changing, and, of course, students return to campus with all of their excited and ambitious energy.

This is my tenth year working in Student Affairs at UMBC and, with each new year, it never ceases to amaze me just how quickly I find myself staring down the middle of October with a mixed expression of confusion and excitement. Time truly does fly when you are having fun and, suffice it to say, we've been having a lot of fun at UMBC.

The UMBC Events area of The Commons has been working with student organizations on planning well-over 30 major events for the fall semester, some of which have been around for over ten years and a few of which your student will possibly attend. That brings us to Homecoming - Retriever Fever - the annual event that shouts, "You've survived September," and, "Mid-terms are just around the corner!"

While numerous positive outcomes accompany the arrival of campus-wide celebrations such as Homecoming, the safety and well-being of your student is of primary importance to us. Even though data from our campus surveys show that a rather small percentage of UMBC students have engaged in high-risk drinking\* in the past two weeks (approximately 20% - about half of the nat'l average, NCHA 2011) when compared to our peers, we also understand that certain environmental and social group pressures can affect the choices your student may be faced with at some point during their college experience. This is one very meaningful reason why we hold an incredible amount of value in our partnership with you.

Parenting styles and peer group selection have all been heavily researched as possible risk-promoting or protective influences on drinking-related outcomes (Halpern-Felsher and Biehl 2004). Furthermore, although parents' awareness of their children's activities is certainly important, the source of parents' information about what their children are doing also is critical. Research continues to suggest that facilitating children's willingness to share information about their lives may be associated with better outcomes (Stattin and Kerr 2000).

This time of year presents a fabulous opportunity for you to check-in with your student and let them know that you've been thinking about them and value the experience they are having as a student. Ask them which class has been the most challenging thus far. Ask them how the event planning is going for their student organization or greek chapter event. Ask them who they had dinner with in True Grits this week. Ask them about their weekend social life and inquire about how they're doing striking a healthy balance between the academic focus and their social experience beyond the classroom. The important thing is that we show we care by asking them to share.

We hope that you're enjoying your fall season. Don't forget to check out the UMBC Division of Student Affairs website, which has a wealth of useful information and special link for parents.

*\*High-Risk Drinking defined as 5 or more drinks for men on at least one occasion; 4 or more drinks for women on at least one occasion.*

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# Career Services Kicks Off the Year with the Senior Success Seminar

*Sue Plitt, Associate Director of Career Services*

The Career Service Center's Senior Success Seminar was attended by 130 of UMBC's soon to be graduates in preparation for the upcoming fall recruitment season. This annual September event brings recruiters and company representatives to campus to share their knowledge about the full time job search. Students that took advantage of this event learned valuable information including successful interviewing and networking strategies, the importance of making a good first impression and the tools needed to monitor their online reputation. We were fortunate to have representatives from Boxtone, Kennedy Krieger Institute, National Security Agency, Next Century, Northrup Grumman, PayPal, Saying It Social and Verizon Wireless join us for this afternoon of panel discussions and skill development. Overall, the event was a great success and our students gained invaluable knowledge about the career search process.

Parents did your senior miss out on this great event or do you have a student that could benefit from a similar presentation? Don't panic! Have your student visit [careers.umbc.edu](http://careers.umbc.edu) to get connected with the Career Services Center today!



# Student Involvement and Transitions

*Susan Han, Ph.D. - Outreach Coordinator, University Counseling Services and Bruce Herman, Ph.D. Director, University Counseling Services*

October is an exciting time for UMBC students as they settle into the new semester. It is a great time for new students and returning students to get involved in all that UMBC has to offer. While managing time is often a concern for students, students who are engaged not only have a more balanced and full experience, but also tend to do better academically. There are many student organizations and activities on campus for students to participate in. During October there are also many Homecoming activities that bring students together. This can be a fun and exciting time, however, it can also be a challenging time of transition and it is important to check in on how your son or daughter is doing.

All students handle transitions differently. Some students feel excited and actively search for ways to acclimate to a new environment. However, other students may feel overwhelmed or anxious about the myriad of new challenges and experiences. As parents, you have an opportunity to provide support for your children during these transition periods. It is important to keep the lines of support and communication open through the inevitable accomplishments and setbacks that your student is sure to experience.

University Counseling Services (UCS) is an important resource for UMBC students. UCS seeks to help students navigate the challenges and opportunities of college. We provide short-term individual and group counseling, as well as a variety of academic- and wellness-oriented programs and crisis intervention services. We are also available to consult with parents who are concerned about their students. Students can also visit the UCS group on myUMBC at [my.umbc.edu/groups/ucs](http://my.umbc.edu/groups/ucs) to find news, events, and self-help resources - including meditation and relaxation exercises. For further information about UCS services see our web page [www.umbc.edu/counseling/](http://www.umbc.edu/counseling/) or call 410-455-2472.

# Supporting Student Success

Janet McGlynn - Office of Undergraduate Education

The Office of Undergraduate Education works to support the success of all students. At this time of year, there are several things parents can do to help.

- Ask about the schedule of assignments in your student's classes. First papers may be due soon and exams are being given in some classes. The details about deadlines, important readings, homework, out-of-class activities, expectations, and grading practices are usually included in the class syllabus handed out on the first day of class. New students sometimes miss the importance of the syllabus as their guide to learning and to a good grade in the class. Students who keep their syllabi at hand and review them regularly have a good chance of keeping up with the required work.

- Did your student enjoy *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*? Keep in mind that you and your student can recommend books for next year as well. Nominations are accepted at [http://www.umbc.edu/undergrad\\_ed/book/nomform.html](http://www.umbc.edu/undergrad_ed/book/nomform.html). Guest speakers Mr. David Lacks and Dr. Ruth Faden from Johns Hopkins will speak at UMBC on Tuesday, October 9 at 7PM in the University Center Ballroom. This presentation and book signing is free and open to the public.

- Encourage your student to sign up for free on-campus tutoring from the Learning Resources Center. The motto of the Learning Resources Center (LRC) is "For A students and those who want to be." Weekly, small-group tutoring can be the key to keeping up with learning and assignments. While tutoring in high school may be seen as remedial, at UMBC our most successful students sign up for LRC tutoring. The small-group learning setting is excellent for mastering college-level material.

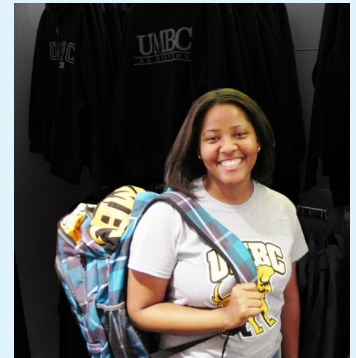
- If you receive e-mail from your student, notice the e-mail address he or she is using. Students should use their @umbc.edu address for any UMBC business and any communication with faculty. Messages from other addresses may not be delivered or may be sorted as spam. Students should also be attentive to incoming messages to their UMBC account. Changes to class assignments, official messages about housing, and other important campus communication will come to this address.

## Bookstore Announcements

### **Cram it / Jam it Homecoming Shopping Spree**

October 13 at 1 p.m. in the UMBC Bookstore.

4 grand prize winners will receive a JanSport backpack and 46 seconds to cram it with as much UMBC clothing as possible, while wearing the bag on their backs. Registered Homecoming guest are automatically entered to win. Additional entries may be made in the UMBC Bookstore and online. Register for Homecoming: [http://alumni.umbc.edu/homecoming\\_register](http://alumni.umbc.edu/homecoming_register) UMBC Bookstore Website: <http://bookstore.umbc.edu>



### **Homecoming Retriever Pride Sale**

October 10-13

20% off all UMBC clothing and insignia merchandise. In-store only. See website for details and exclusions.

### **20+12 Bonus Sale**

Everyone who attends the Cram it / Jam it shopping spree event on October 13 receives an extra 12% off UMBC clothing during the event for a total of 32% off.

# HOMECOMING 2012 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Please visit the [www.umbc.edu/homecoming](http://www.umbc.edu/homecoming) for a full calendar of events and the most up-to-date source of Homecoming event information. Times and locations are subject to change.

*R = Registration Required \$ = Purchase Required*

## WEDNESDAY, October 10

### **Homecoming Bonfire & Outdoor Movie**

*Dusk, Erickson Field*

Join the campus for this much-anticipated Homecoming tradition featuring the legendary UMBC Bonfire, followed by an outdoor showing of *The Amazing Spider-Man*. Come early for some great giveaways!

## THURSDAY, October 11

### **Outstanding Alumni of the Year Awards**

*7:30 p.m., Albin O. Kuhn Library Gallery*

The UMBC Alumni Association proudly honors distinguished alumni for their accomplishments and dedication to UMBC. This year's alumni honorees are: Greg Cangialosi '96, English, Co-founder, Betamore; Stephanie C. Hill '86, computer science and economics, President, Information Systems and Global Solutions-Civil, Lockheed Martin Corporation; Deborah Randall '94, theatre, Founder, Venus Theatre; Elizabeth Rossman '85, political science, Vice President-Government Relations, Honeywell International, Inc.; Dr. Kimani A. Stancil '94, physics and mathematics, Howard University, Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Specialty Area - Soft Condensed Matter Physics; and Christopher Valentino '06, information systems, Director, Contract Research & Development, Northrop Grumman. Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, will also receive the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award.R

### **Talent Show**

*9 p.m., University Center Ballroom*

Witness UMBC's finest performers as they take the stage at this annual competition. Singers, dancers, comedians, athletes and many more compete to be crowned UMBC's most talented. Head to [seb.umbc.edu](http://seb.umbc.edu) for information on how to sign up!

## FRIDAY, October 12

### **Big Prize Poetry SLAM!**

*6-8 p.m., Performing Arts and Humanities Building Atrium*

Slam BIG and Win BIG at a Poetry Slam hosted by the English Department. A 1st prize of \$200 will go to the winner of this dazzling high-energy slam. 2nd and 3rd prizes, too, for students and alumni sharing their original work, judged by other students and alumni. Help us put the performing in the new Performing Arts and Humanities Building! R

## **Homecoming Shabbat Celebration**

*6 p.m. services, 7 p.m. dinner, Skylight Room, The Commons*

Please join the UMBC Jewish community for the 10th annual Family Shabbat Celebration. The cost is \$18 per adult, \$10 per child under 13 years old and free for UMBC students. Please RSVP directly to [www.umbchillel.org/homecoming](http://www.umbchillel.org/homecoming) no later than October 5, 2012. For questions or more information, please email [hillel@umbc.edu](mailto:hillel@umbc.edu). R, \$

## **SATURDAY, October 13**

### **Reinventing Radio: A Morning with Ira Glass**

*10:30 a.m., University Center Ballroom*

UMBC welcomes Ira Glass, host and creator of the public radio program *This American Life*, for a morning of humor and insight. *This American Life*, which is heard on more than 500 public radio stations each week by more than 1.7 million listeners, has won the highest honors for broadcasting and journalistic excellence, including several Peabody and DuPont-Columbia awards. A television adaptation of *This American Life* ran on the Showtime network for two seasons, winning three Emmy awards, including Outstanding Nonfiction Series. A light continental breakfast will be served before the show. Register by September 22nd for a discounted rate of \$10 p/p (alumni, faculty and staff) and \$25 for guests. Limit 4 registrations per person. After September 22nd, registration fees will increase to \$15 for alumni, faculty and staff and \$30 for all other guests. R, \$

### **Community Picnic Lunch with Dr. Hrabowski**

*11 a.m. – 2 p.m., UMBC Quad*

Catch Retriever Fever and help celebrate Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III's 20th anniversary as president of UMBC, while enjoying a delicious barbecue lunch with friends at the center of campus. There will be something for everyone at this picnic lunch including inflatable games, carnival booths with prizes, face painters, balloon twisters, raffles, giveaways and much more. A Q&A with Dr. Hrabowski will begin around 12:30 p.m. We will also provide live entertainment by some of UMBC's most popular student performance groups. Register by September 22nd for a discounted rate of \$10 p/p; free for children 11 and under. After September 22nd, registration fees will increase to \$15 p/p. R, \$

### **Kids Zone**

*Noon – 4:30 p.m., SportsZone, The Commons*

Does your family include future UMBC Retrievers? Make sure to stop by the Homecoming Kids Zone where children ages 2 through 12 will enjoy a variety of hands-on crafts, face painting, balloon twisting, movies and more. Free popcorn, juice and snacks for all! R

### **Honors College Reception**

**1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Flat Tuesdays, Lower Level, The Commons**

Reconnect with Honors College friends, and make new ones! Please join the faculty and staff of the Honors College for a family-friendly celebration of the Honors College community. There will be pumpkin painting (and pumpkin carving for the brave), door prizes, and refreshments. For questions or more information, email the Honors College at [honors@umbc.edu](mailto:honors@umbc.edu) or call 410-455-3720. R

### **Newcombe Scholars and Returning Women Reunion**

*2 – 4 p.m., Women’s Center*

Since 1981, UMBC has had over 400 women awarded Newcombe scholarships and countless more women over the years who took classes while working and taking care of their families. It’s time we honor these experiences and take a moment to share them with others! Join the Women’s Center for a chance to socialize with current Newcombe scholars and other alums who made it through college with the unique challenges of being a non-traditional student. Bring your wisdom and experiences to share with current students during the networking part of the program. Learn where the scholars program is now and what its hopes are for the future. For more information, contact Jess Myers, the Women’s Center director, at [jessm@umbc.edu](mailto:jessm@umbc.edu) or 410-455-2714. R

### **Meyerhoff Alumni Gathering**

*3-5 p.m., Room 106-C, Academic Services Bldg.*

Reconnect with Meyerhoff and MARC\*USTAR alumni and staff while catching “Retriever Fever” during Homecoming 2012. Join the Meyerhoff Alumni Advisory Board (MAAB) to reminisce and meet the senior class (M21’s). Attendees will be asked to participate in a community service project in honor of Mr. LaMont Toliver. Do not miss this opportunity of fun, fellowship and service. For more information about this event, please contact Erica Reaves (M12) at [elreaves@gmail.com](mailto:elreaves@gmail.com) or Tiffani Bright (M11) at [tiffani.bright@gmail.com](mailto:tiffani.bright@gmail.com).

### **Taste of UMBC: Crab Feast**

*5 –8 p.m., UMBC Quad*

It’s not a party without delicious crabs, great friends, and entertainment. Back by popular demand, this Crab Feast includes an all-you-can-eat buffet including Maryland blue crabs; homemade Maryland crab and cream of crab soups; beef, turkey, and ham carving stations; BBQ chicken, Italian sausage, pulled pork, baked ziti, corn on the cob, potato salad and much more. A cash bar will also be available.

There will also be live performances by the Sense of Urgency Band led by alumnus Devin Walker ‘88; Fiddlin’ Around, an Irish folk band featuring UMBC’s own staff and faculty members Terry Aylsworth, Eric Ebersole, and William Farrell, and alums David Aylsworth ‘74, Tara Ebersole ‘08 and Sara Moreland ‘97; and Black Falls, a blues and classic rock band featuring alumnus Philip Medenbach, Jr. ‘87. Reserve your spot early as tickets sell out quickly. Reserve your spot by September 22nd for a discounted rate of \$40 per person and \$20 per child aged 4-11. After September 22nd, registration will increase to \$45 per person and \$20 per child. This event is free for children 4 and under. R, \$

### **Comedy Show featuring B.J. Novak**

*8 p.m., Retriever Activities Center*

Don’t miss your chance to see this year’s headlining comedian, B.J. Novak of NBC’s The Office! Tickets will be available to students at the Campus Information Center this fall and online for the rest of the UMBC community. Alumni, faculty, staff and others can get tickets online for \$20 per person. R, \$



# HOMECOMING 2012 ATHLETICS EVENTS

## FRIDAY, October 12

### Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game

6 p.m. tailgate, 7 p.m. game, Stadium Field

Meet and greet with this year's squad at a tailgate on the patio outside the locker room before the game. Then, dust off your old equipment and join fellow teammates in this annual Homecoming event.

## SATURDAY, October 13

### Rob Magin 5K Dawg Chase

8 a.m., Registration opens; 9 a.m., Race begins  
Stadium Lot

The 4th annual trot around the Loop, named for the late men's track alumnus Rob Magin '92, kicks off Saturday's Homecoming festivities. Enjoy the early morning air and get a closer look at different parts of the UMBC campus. Free t-shirt to all paid entrants. A fun walk/run is scheduled prior to the start of the 5K. R, \$

### UMBC Men's Basketball Alumni Game

10 a.m., UMBC RAC Arena

Dust off the Chuck Taylors and the old uniform and join us for the UMBC Men's Basketball Alumni game. Bring back memories from playing for the Black & Gold, Championships, and memories of playing on the hard court. Join teammates, family, friends and other alums for a great event.

### Wrestling Black and Gold Scrimmage

10 a.m., RAC Courts

### Men's Lacrosse Alumni Game

11 a.m., Stadium Field

The men's lacrosse alumni game is a tradition like no other. Come see former UMBC standouts and current World Team players relive their time on Stadium Field.

### Women's Rugby Game

11 a.m., Walker Field

### Men's Rugby Game

1 p.m., Walker Field

### Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving vs. Rider University and James Madison

1 p.m., UMBC Natatorium

Join the Retrievers as they take on the Rider University Broncs and the James Madison Dukes and begin work to recapture the conference championship. The Retrievers are coming off a successful 2011 campaign which produced numerous conference champions.

### Softball Alumni Game

1 p.m., Softball Stadium

Softball alumnae take on the current team. Who will be victorious?

### Baseball Alumni Game

1 p.m., Baseball Factory Field

Watch returning Hall of Famers give the current team a run for its money.

### Men's Soccer Game

3 p.m., Retriever Soccer Park

Watch Retriever men's soccer team take on conference arch-rival Boston University in a must see matinee. Be sure to wear your black and gold as the soccer team plays BU for the last time (Boston is leaving the America East conference). Admission is free for students, \$6 for non-alumni adults, and \$3 for UMBC alumni, high school students and younger. Pay on site. \$

### UMBC Ice Hockey Game

4:30 p.m., Reisterstown Sportsplex

Watch the Retrievers take on Virginia Tech at the Reisterstown Sportsplex. Visit <http://www.rtownsports.com> for directions.

## SUNDAY, October 14

The women's soccer team and volleyball team cap the week with America East contests vs. Stony Brook. The soccer game begins at 1:00 p.m. at Retriever Soccer Park, while volleyball takes on the Seawolves at the RAC Arena at 2:00 p.m.



# The Healthy Retriever



October 2012

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### *Unhealthy Relationship Quiz For Parents and Students*

My partner...

- Calls/texts me frequently to see who I am with, where I am, and what I am doing
- Calls me names, insults, or criticizes me
- Acts jealous, possessive, or controlling
- Threatens me
- Threatens to hurt themselves
- Follows me or tracks where I go
- Refuses to allow me to talk to friends/family
- Shoves, hits, punches, slaps, kicks, or hits me
- Forces me to have sex when I don't want to
- Gives me orders

If you checked off any of the above characteristics, it could be a sign that you and your partner may be in an unhealthy relationship. There are resources to help. Make sure you and your son or daughter are aware of the signs of domestic violence.

#### **National Domestic Violence Hotline:**

Hotline advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They can link you to resources and provide crisis intervention. Call **1-800-799-SAFE**.

#### **Security Services:**

If you feel that you are in immediate danger, please call **911** or if you are on campus, UMBC police at **410-455-5555**.



**Red Ribbon Week**

**October 23-31**

**"The Best ME is Drug Free"**

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

It's important for all women to remember to conduct a monthly breast self-exam.

Remind your daughter that if she detects an irregularity that she's never noticed before, to contact her physician or UHS for an appointment to be examined.

As a reminder, it is best to conduct a self-exam:

- After a shower.
- One week after the menstrual period begins.
- While lying down.
- Using the pads of the three middle fingers.



Resource: [women.webmd.com](http://women.webmd.com)

## National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week

October 21-27

Remind Your Child To

Make These SMART Choices!

- S** — Set Limits & know when to stop drinking.
- M** — Make a Plan: Do you have a designated driver or other person to rely on?
- A** — Act to Help Others. Don't let someone "sleep it off" if they pass out; they could have alcohol poisoning.
- R** — Respect Responsible Choice. Don't force others to drink through peer pressure.
- T** — Talk to a Friend. Help is available if you need it.



# Commuter Week 2012

Following homecoming, UMBC will kick off its annual Commuter Week beginning October 22 – 26th!

Commuter students are invited to take advantage of a week full of exciting and fun activities. For more information contact [ocss@umbc.edu](mailto:ocss@umbc.edu).

## MONDAY, October 22

- Commuter Week Kickoff ~ 12-2pm Commons Main Street

## TUESDAY, October 23

- Good Morning Commuter Breakfast ~ 8:30-10:30am Commons Main Street
- Transportation Fair ~ 12-2pm Commons Main Street
- Free Gameplay ~ 7-10pm Commons Gameroom



## WEDNESDAY, October 24

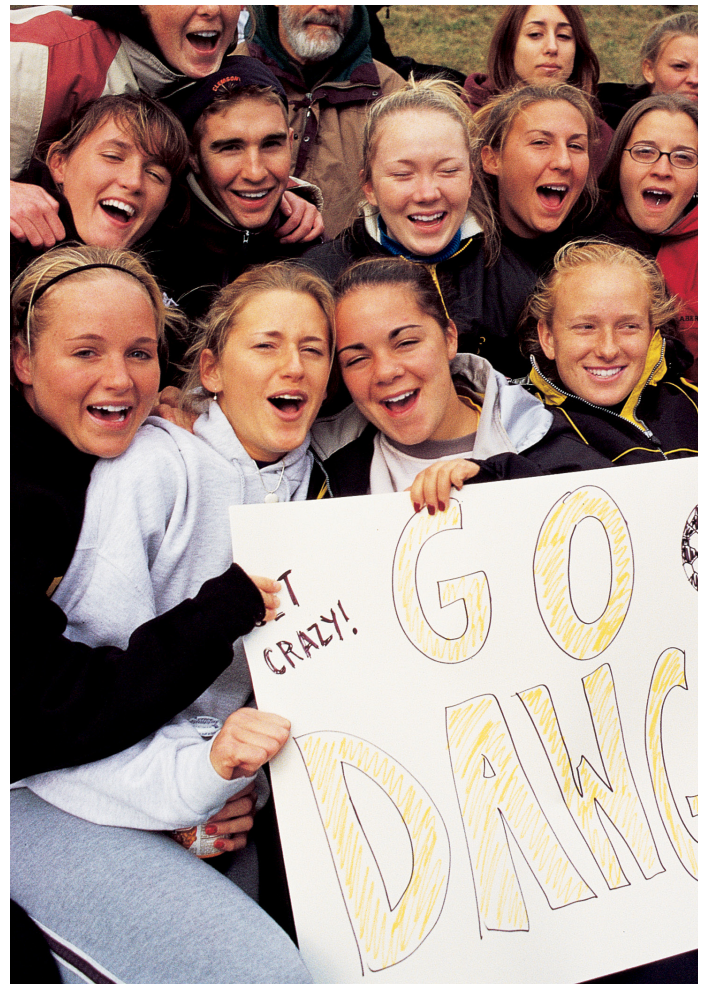
- Kickin' Back in the Commuter Lounge ~ 12-1pm Commons Main Street Lounge
- Street Smarts Workshop (self-defense & safety) ~ 5-7pm Lower Flat Tuesdays
- Pub Trivia ~ 7-9pm Flat Tuesdays
- Men's Soccer vs. Hartford ~ 7-9pm UMBC Stadium

## THURSDAY, October 25

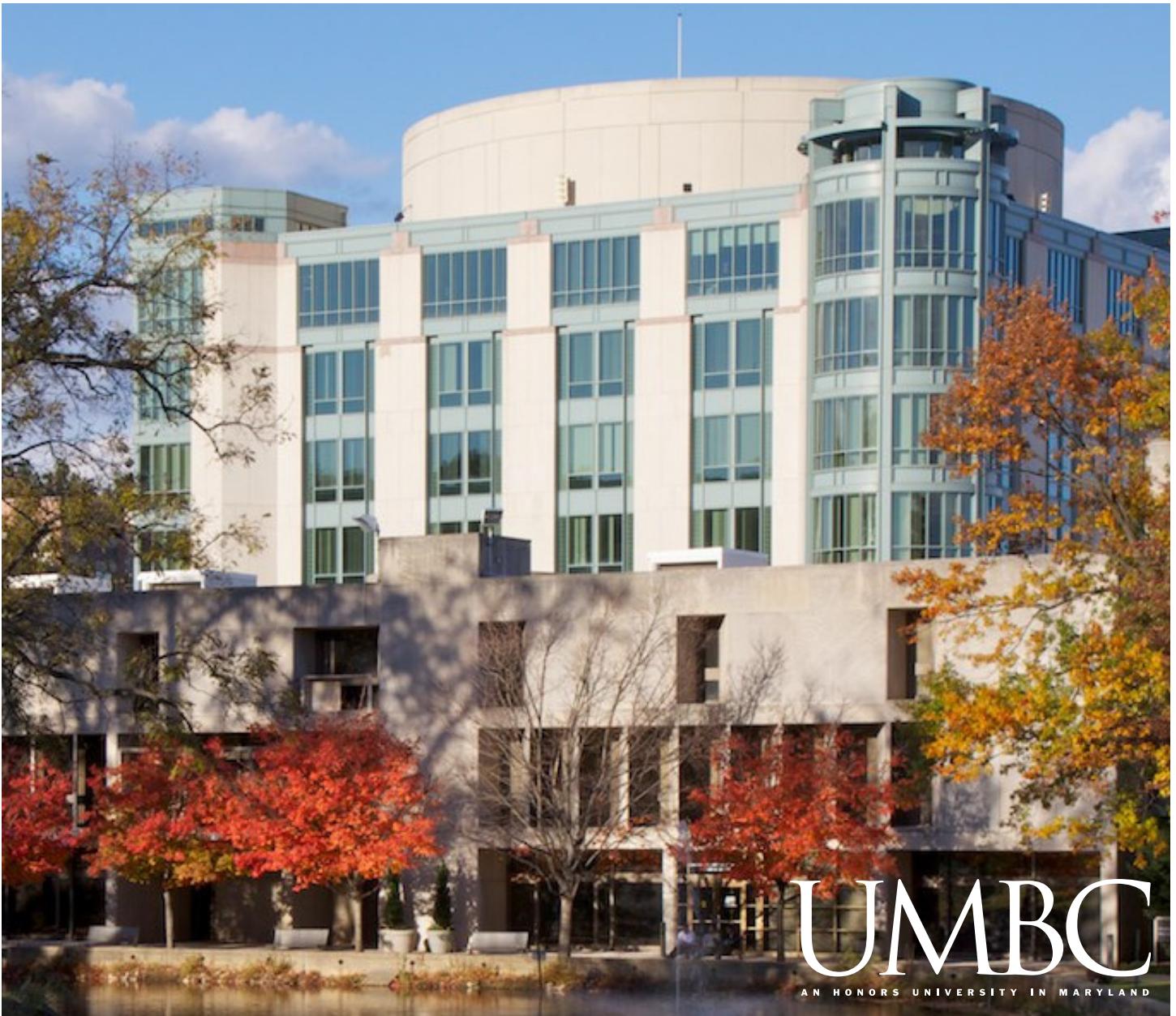
- Healthy Commuting ~ 12-1pm Commons Main Street

## FRIDAY, October 26

- Pumpkin Baseball ~ 12-1pm Erickson Field







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## Important Dates For The 2012 - 2013 School Year

### Fall Semester

Aug 28 ----- Classes Begin  
 Sept 3 ----- Labor Day Holiday  
 Oct 12 - 15 ----- Homecoming  
 Nov 22 - 25 ----- Thanksgiving Break  
 Dec 11 ----- Last Day of Classes  
 Dec 12 ----- Study Day  
 Dec 13 - 19 ----- Final Exams  
 Dec 21 ----- Undergraduate Commencement

### Spring Semester

Jan 28 ----- Classes Begin  
 March 17 - 24 ----- Spring Break  
 April (dates TBA) ----- Quadmania  
 May 14 ----- Last Day of Classes  
 May 15 ----- Study Day  
 May 17 - 22 ----- Final Exams  
 May 23 ----- Undergraduate Commencement

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