



The UMBC Women's Center

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Announcement Details:

1. Letter From the Director

To the Amazing and Brilliant UMBC Campus Community:

October was very busy in the Women's Center, and we can hardly believe that November is already upon us. Does anyone else feel like the semester is already over? The weather this week is nodding toward winter and the warmer weather already seems like a distant memory. Some of us have given in to the changing of the seasons by donning last year's hats and gloves, while some of us are still in denial, refusing to put on more than a zip-up hoodie. It is inevitable, my friends... winter is coming.

Before it does, though, there is much to be done. The center seems to be a bit quieter these days as more of our regulars turn their attention toward studying over a mug of free Women's Center tea and away from socializing (over a mug of free Women's Center tea).

As you move through your days, stressful as they may be, remember that the Women's Center is here to support you in everything you do. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
Director, UMBC Women's Center
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If you have thoughts on this letter, or on anything that is happening on campus related to the work of the Women's Center, please don't hesitate to email me. I'm always happy to engage in conversation.

2. Verizon Grant to address Domestic Violence Issues on Campus
 - The Women's Center is part of a team of caring and motivated UMBC faculty and staff, including many from the Division of Student Affairs, who have just been awarded \$25,000 from the Verizon Foundation to address domestic violence and abusive relationships on campus. The kickoff for this effort will take place on **November 3, 2010** at noon in the Commons Sports Zone with an address from Verizon, Dr. Hrabowski, and other campus officials.

3. Newcombe Scholarship for Returning Women: Applications Now Available!
 - Are you a student 25 years and older? Are you working toward your first undergraduate degree? Are you enrolled for Fall and/or Spring classes? Have you earned at least 60 credits? Do you have at least a 2.5 GPA? Are you in financial need? Please apply for the Newcombe Scholarship. Application Deadline for the Spring 2011 Semester is **Friday, November 12, 2010**.

4. Returning Women's Community
 - The Women's Center is reaching out to our returning women (age 25 and up!) to develop a support network through shared experience. The first meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 3, 2010 during the free hour** (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.). Please feel free to bring your lunch. The meetings will be a casual forum for you to get to know each other, and to share challenges and successes as you move toward degree completion.

5. University Counseling Services LGBTQ Support Group:
 - This group will focus on the journey of being a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning college student. Group is designed as a safe, supportive space to discuss experiences related to sexual orientation and gender identity, including: coming out, integrating an LGBTQ identity with other areas of life, self-esteem, community, relationships, and other topics of relevance. Contact UCS @ 410-455-2472 to set up an initial interview. Day & Time: TBA

6. Fall 2010 Yoga

- The Fall 2010 Yoga Schedule is as follows:
 - Pat Barnes will be teaching yoga classes Monday, September 13 through Monday, November 29. The course costs \$130 for the full semester (13) sessions, or \$10 per session. We suggest that you sign up for as many sessions as possible at the beginning of the semester so that Pat can plan accordingly. Space is limited. For details about prorating, contact the instructor at otyoga@yahoo.com. To reserve your space, contact the Women's Center at womens.center@umbc.edu, (410) 455-2714, or stop by the center (The Commons, Suite 004, next to the Yum Shoppe).
 - The Yoga Club on campus will be sponsoring weekly yoga classes in the center. Classes are free and will take place twice a week:
 - Mondays, starting September 13, 12 – 1pm in the Women's Center (The Commons, Suite 004)
 - Thursdays, starting September 9, 1:00 – 1:45pm in the Women's Center (The Commons, Suite 004)
 - For more information please contact Kristin Williams, kwill5@umbc.edu

7. Women's Fall Film Series

- The Women's Center Fall Film Series is up and running. For details, please visit the Women's Center website at www.umbc.edu/womenscenter. We are showing the following films:
 - September 27, 28, 29, 30 – Silence Broken: Korean Comfort Women
 - October 11, 12, 13, 14 – Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes
 - November 8, 9, 10, 11 – Black Women On: The Light, Dark Thang
 - December 6, 7, 8, 9 – Living Dolls: The Making of a Child Beauty Queen
- Special thanks to the Office of Student Life's Mosaic Center, the Office of Judicial Programs, the American Studies Program, and the Gender and Women's Studies Program for serving as co-sponsors for this important program.

8. Grad School 101: Navigating the Application Process

- There is still plenty of space available and free dinner will be provided.
- Monday, November 8, 2010
4-8 p.m. (Registration open from 3:30-6:45)
Stevenson University, Owings Mills Campus, Rockland Center, 10959 Boulevard Circle, Owings Mills, MD 21117
- For information, directions, and to register in advance, visit <http://marylandcareerconsortium.org/gradschool101>.

9. Shout Outs!

- We would like to offer our "Shout Out!" section to everyone in the UMBC Women's Center community. If you would like to send a Shout Out! to someone who has achieved something great, made a positive difference in your life, or just deserves a few kind words, email the UMBC Women's Center (womens.center@umbc.edu) and we will include them in next month's newsletter.
- October 2010 Shout Outs! go out to:

- Jackie Wilson, for help on an important housing issue. From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Loren Boley, for being “cursed with awesomeness!” From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Kat Patterson, for being an incredible babysitter, brilliant feminist influence, and expert Lego builder. From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Mahnoor, for the Halloween Party and everything else you do! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Anna Mallillin, for your excellent leadership on the Halloween Party – we were so sad you had to miss it! From The Women’s Center Staff
- Lisa Macfarlane for all of your help with the Halloween Party! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Christy Wilson for incredible Halloween decorations and party planning skills! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Alyssa Cardledge for the Halloween Party and all of the leadership you bring to the center! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Gautan Mehth for your help with the Halloween Party! From: The Women’s Center Staff!
- Kat Patterson for your help with the Halloween Party! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Mo Majid for your help with the Halloween Party! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Adriana Gonzalez, for the tastiest and most beautiful Halloween cake we’ve ever experienced (www.adrianacakes.com)! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Kiesha Turner for your help with the Halloween Party and everything else you do around here! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Delana, Anne, Emma, Jodi and all of the other Women’s Center Advisory Board members who came to the Halloween Party! From: The Women’s Center Staff.
- Tiny for all of your help and laughter at the Halloween Party and every day! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Eddie for helping to clean the yummy chocolate cake out of the carpet after the Halloween Party! From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Eryl for the best quiche ever (especially the soy bacon one!) and everything else you do for us! From the Women’s Center Staff
- Loren Boley for helping carry the cake in for the Halloween Party!
- Kelly Fitzgerald, for all of your help with the Halloween Party!
- Kris Sagun for volunteering for the Clothesline Project, even though we had to postpone the event.
- Lisa Nicholson, Kelly Fitzgerald, Lisa Macfarlane for volunteering for the Clothesline Project, even though the event needed to be postponed.
- Anne Roland for getting me on so many faculty/staff organization agendas across campus. You are very well connected! From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Mania Jabes for getting me onto the Residential Life meeting agenda! From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Stefanie Marvonis for setting up the Women’s Center MyUMBC page, and for all of your insight on safety issues on campus! From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Mania Jabes for your expert photography skills – our website would be so bare without you! From: The Women’s Center Staff

- Delana Gregg for your work on the picnic table for the Women’s Center back yard! From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Kim Leisey for your continued support on very sensitive issues. From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Diane Lee for unsurpassed kindness and support. From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Amy Tarleton and Kat Patterson for volunteering to keep the center open during a staffing shortage. From: The Women’s Center Staff
- Nancy Young, Lisa Grey, Jodi Kelber-Kaye, April Householder, Yasmin Karimian, and the rest of the students who are giving their time and energy to address LGBT and other issues emerging from the Tyler Clementi suicide. From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Sandra Abbott, Clare Greene, and Diane Crump-Fogle for working on the President’s Commission for Women’s Gender Salary Equity Committee. From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman
- Carole McCann for great insight on the issue of gender salary equity for the President’s Commission on Women. From: Mollie Monahan-Kreishman

10. Newsletter Submissions

- Do you have an event, organization or course you would like to promote? Do you have an announcement to make? If you think the information might be useful to the UMBC Women’s Center community, please send it to womens.center@umbc.edu and we will post it in next month’s newsletter.

11. Women’s Center Listserve

- To learn about upcoming events, scholarships, and other opportunities from the Women’s Center, please email us at womens.center@umbc.edu, and we will add you to our listserve.

12. Visit Us!

Visit us on the web at www.umbc.edu/womenscenter, or come see us in The Commons, Suite 004 (right next to the Yum Shoppe). We are here for you!

- Lactation/Meditation Room
- Comfy Couches
- Library
- Free Tea
- Free Tampons/Pads
- Free Condoms/Dental Dams
- Excellent Conversation (if we do say so ourselves!)
- If you just need to talk... sometimes it just feels good to know that there is someone around to talk to. If you are going through a hard time, if you have something to celebrate, if you need a hug... we are here. ☺

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