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A third grader asked his teacher, “What’s your favorite word?” The teacher admitted that he had never thought about it before. As the teacher recounted this story, I wondered how I would answer the question.

I have a favorite color, favorite food, and even a favorite number. But a favorite word? My days are filled with words. I teach about words; I speak and write with words. Words are powerful; they bring good news, comfort, and hope. And yet, they can hurt feelings, incite hate, and launch wars. With over 250,000 distinct words in the Oxford English Dictionary, how can I possibly pick one?

Some words I like because I like the way they sound: flapdoodle, and ferhoodled for example. They are fun to say and serve as excellent substitutes for another F word.

Malarkey is another fun word I like to use. But, back to my original F word – favorite. Maybe I’ll pick a favorite word of the week.

This week my favorite word is WELCOME. It’s an agreeable word, a kindly greeting, a courtesy, an all-around pleasant word that’s perfect this time of year. Welcome to Jason Enstminger and Meredith Epstein, our two new faculty members who will be leading our Agricultural Business Management and Sustainable Agriculture programs. Welcome to our 26 new students. Welcome back to all of our returning students and faculty. And welcome to a new academic year that will be filled with exciting opportunities.

You are all welcome to attend the events coming up this month including the PGMS meetings, Fall Bash, and First Look Fair. Check out the rest of the newsletter for more details.

Have a great year and welcome to the IAA,

Meredith Epstein
Sustainable Agriculture Lecturer/Advisor

Jason Enstminger
Agricultural Business Management Lecturer/Advisor

Take a few minutes and welcome Meredith Epstein and Jason Enstminger. Meredith Epstein joins the IAA faculty as our new Sustainable Agriculture Lecturer and Advisor. Jason Enstminger joins the faculty as our Agricultural Business Management Lecturer and Advisor. You may view their faculty pages by visiting: http://iaa.umd.edu/about/faculty-staff

IAA Welcomes New Faculty
**Fall Graduation Application**

If you plan to graduate this semester, you must submit your graduation application by Friday, September 6, 2013.

Graduation applications are located on the middle shelf of the rack outside the IAA main office, or you can print an application from the IAA website: [iaa.umd.edu](http://iaa.umd.edu). Students must complete the first section and return the form to Carole in Jull 2123.

Your advisor will review your record, and you will receive a preliminary clearance letter if you have met all graduation requirements. December graduates participate in May’s graduation ceremony.

**Student Bill**

Reminder that students will not receive a paper bill. To view and pay your bill, go to [www.umd.edu/bursar](http://www.umd.edu/bursar) and click on the red box. For more information call the bursar’s office at 301-314-9000.

**Current Address**

All students must have their current (while school is in session), permanent addresses and telephone numbers.

Anytime there is a change in the local (moving into or out of a dorm, apt. etc.) or permanent address or telephone number, please make the change in Testudo immediately. Students are advised to have work phone numbers or cell phone numbers on file in the IAA office in the event class is canceled suddenly.

**Tips**

- **Check your email regularly.** IAA staff and instructors and the University send reminders and announcements via e-mail. You don’t want to miss an important deadline.

- **Give a friend, spouse, etc. a copy of your schedule and the IAA number (301-405-4685) in case of an emergency and you can’t be reached by cell.**

- **Learn how to use ELMS.** Most IAA courses use Canvas to supplement lecture and lab material.

- **Take advantage of the IAA Conference Room** for quiet study. IAA students are welcome to use the room when it is not being used for a meeting.

- **IAA Computer Room** located in Jull 2109 is open to IAA students Monday through Friday. Please see Carole Dingess or an IAA faculty member for the key code to open the door.

- **Some WAM Labs** are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. These labs are located in Glenn L. Martin Hall, (rm 0310), AV Williams (rm 1120), Parking Garage II (rm 0504), and Worcester Hall (rm 0111). Note: there is a printing fee in these labs.

- **Parking** behind Jull Hall (lot Q) without a permit is allowed after 4 p.m. on weekdays, except for the row closest to the Computer Science building.

- **Get help** if you are having trouble keeping up with academic demands. The Learning Assistance Services (LAS) is open to all UMD students. LAS is located at 2202 Shoemaker and is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. To learn more visit their website: [www.counseling.umd.edu/LAS](http://www.counseling.umd.edu/LAS)

- **Immunization forms** are available online. All instructions are included on the form: [www.health.umd.edu](http://www.health.umd.edu)

- **Exchange names, numbers and/or email** with a few people in your classes in case you miss a class or need a study partner.

- **The University Health Center services** is open for students Monday-Saturday. Visit their website: [www.health.umd.edu](http://www.health.umd.edu) and learn about services, hours and procedures.

- **Read the Weekly Monday GYST:** Every Monday, you will receive a reminder of weekly deadlines and important events.

- **Apply for Scholarships early.** Throughout the year, the IAA faculty and staff promote scholarship opportunities via our webpage–visit the scholarships tab or the events section of the webpage. Go to [iaa.umd.edu](http://iaa.umd.edu) to learn more.

UMD is now a smoke-free campus. Smoking on campus is prohibited. To learn more about the policy, visit: [http://uhr.umd.edu/smoke-free/](http://uhr.umd.edu/smoke-free/)

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**Institute Items,** the IAA’s informal monthly bulletin for students, provides information on IAA activities, announcements and deadlines.

Glori D. Hyman, Director
Diana Velasquez, Editor
All students are encouraged to join the student chapter of PGMS (Professional Grounds Management Society). For more information, attend one or all events listed below, or see the club advisor, Ken Ingram in Jull 2114. We will have our first student club meeting on Friday, September 6, 2013.

Congratulations to the following IAA students on being named to the Dean’s List for Spring 2013. Students must earn a 3.5 or above for this prestigious honor.

Kelsie Birney
Tyler Brunk
Daniele Duncan
Aaron Frock
Brian Knott
Brent Waite

The University Health Center is now required to ensure that students have access to health insurance. All newly admitted freshmen and transfer students are mandated to have health insurance.

Students who do not complete a waiver indicating coverage by another plan, will be automatically enrolled and billed for the United Healthcare insurance policy. For more information, go to www.firststudent.com

Parking reminder: During home football games, Lot Q, the parking lot behind Jull Hall, is used as a "Quick Bus" stop; therefore, no one is allowed to park in lot Q. This year, six Saturday home games are scheduled. The second home game is Saturday, September 7, 2013. UMD vs. Old Dominion. For more information, go to www.umterps.com

Please set up your mobile devices and laptops to use the UMD and UMD-SECURE wireless SSIDs (network names) by adding these to your known networks.

Please remove/forget the UMD-FAST and UMD-SECURE-FAST networks from your known wireless networks in your mobile device and laptop network settings.

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Congratulations to the Fall 2013 Scholarship winners

Shields Scholarship:
Tim Burkhart
Jeff Byraker
Brian Knott
Brent Waite

TESCO Scholarship:
Matt Park
Steve Brew
Kelsie Birney

Cecil Massie Scholarship:
Allison Miller

IAA Scholarship:
Rachel Jones
Joe Shaffer

Gary Wayne Shaffer Memorial:
Joe Shaffer

GCSAA Scholarship:
Brian Knott

Fall ELMS Support hours are as follow: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Also, you may visit www.elms.umd.edu, to access online ELMS help and support.

The ELMS support e-mail address is elms@umd.edu.

The Off Campus Student Life hosts monthly Good Morning Commuters breakfast for commuting UMD students at the Adele Stamp Student Union. Takes place the first Wednesday of every month.

To learn more, visit: thestamp.umd.edu/student_involvement/off-campus_student_life
**First Look Fair**

First Look Fair, one of the longest running involvement traditions at the University, hosts more than 500 student clubs and organizations, campus departments and services, local vendors, and community service agencies. The festive atmosphere is the perfect place to gather resources, learn more about how to get involved, and connect with other students with similar interests.

Don’t miss this fantastic opportunity to discover everything that University of Maryland has to offer!

**Annual First Look Fair**
Wednesday, September 18 & Thursday, September 19 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
McKeldin Mall
Free Event!

For more information, go to: http://thestamp.umd.edu/events/first_look_fair

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**Scholarship Deadline**

The Institute of Applied Agriculture is still accepting scholarship applications for the Fall 2013.

Scholarship Applications due: Friday, September 6, 2013
Applications may be found online: http://iaa.umd.edu/prospective-students/scholarships

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**September:**

**September 2**
- Campus closed: Labor Day Holiday

**September 3**
- First day of classes
- Late registration begins

**September 5**
- Good Morning Commuters Free Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m. in the Stamp Prince George’s Room.

**September 4**
- Speech and Debate Society meeting at Jull Hall Conference Room beginning at 5:30 p.m. All students welcome regardless of debating experience.

**September 5**
- PGMS-DC Chapter meeting at the Smithsonian. Will leave Jull Hall at 5 p.m. All students welcome.
- Garden Club meeting at garden located between Eppley Recreation building and the Public Health garden beginning at 5 p.m. All students welcome regardless of gardening experience.

**September 6**
- IAA graduation applications and Scholarship applications due
- PGMS student chapter club meeting, Jull Hall 1111 at 3:30 p.m.

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**Important Dates to Remember**

**September 11**
- Garden Potluck behind Benjamin Building from 11 a.m-1 p.m.

**September 16**
- Last Day of schedule adjustments for Fall

**September 18**
- Fall Bash
- First Look Fair

**September 19**
- Fall Bash

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**Horsemann Party**

Sunday, October 6, 2013 2-5 p.m.
* See flyer located in Lobby bulletin board

**Fall Bash**

The AGNR Student Council presents:

**Fall Bash**
September 18
3-5 p.m.
ANSC Courtyard
Free food, fun games and a great way to meet AGNR student clubs!

**Garden Club**

All students welcome! Garden located between Eppley and the Public Health Garden

**Fall Hours:**
Mondays-8-9 a.m.
Thursdays-5-6 p.m.

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