At the 'tute

Agriculture is all about planting and growing. The IAA is all about planting and growing students’ careers. But have you ever thought about all the things you can plant? You can plant a seed. You can plant a kiss. You can plant an idea, a memory or even a punch. Heck, during an athletic mishap, many of us have even taken a face plant or two.

As we begin a new academic year think about what you are planting now, for you will harvest it later. So do your best. Attend class, ask questions, meet friends, read your text books, go to class, do your homework, join a club, pay attention, go to class. Start planting your career; take advantage of the professional networking at the IAA. Check the calendar of events and plan to attend the college’s Fall Bash on the 12th. Have fun. And remember--go to class.

The IAA faculty hopes to plant the ideas, knowledge, skills and memories; then, watch you grow into well-respected industry professionals.

Speaking of growing, the IAA has grown over the summer. We welcomed four new faculty members and 25 new students.

With the university’s new general education program rolling out this semester the IAA assembled an impressive team of oral communication instructors that includes Nina LaTassa, Tony Pagnotti, and Ed Priola.

While we were sorry to say good bye to Kristen Wilson who decided to pursue other career options, we’re happy to have Adam Diehl teaching the Equine Behavior course. All the new faculty offices are in Jull Hall, so please take a minute to greet the new faculty and introduce yourself.

Also, over the summer, we had 14 students planting new experiences as they completed their internships. I’m anxious to hear all about them. To all of our returning students, remember that the plus/minus grading will be calculated into your GPA beginning this semester, so be aware that a B-, for example, is now worth 2.7 and not a 3.0.

I’m looking forward to another successful year at the IAA. Welcome, everyone! I hope you plant your roots at the IAA and grow greatly.
If you plan to graduate this semester, you must submit your graduation application by Friday, September 7.

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. 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.

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

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.

IAA 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.

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.

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 Blackboard. Several IAA courses use Blackboard 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.

Immunization forms are available online. All instructions are included on the form: 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 and learn about services, hours and procedures.

Join the UM Emergency Awareness Facebook Group to learn more about Emergency Awareness and to receive up-to-date information on emergency situations at the University of Maryland. Website: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=22669036553

Apply for Scholarships early. Throughout the year, the IAA faculty and staff promote scholarship opportunities via email and Facebook.

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.

### PGMS Schedule

**September 6:**
- What: PGMS DC Meeting
- Location: Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D.C.
- Start time: 6 p.m.
- Depart UMD: 5 p.m.

**September 21:**
- What: UMD PGMS Student Chapter Meeting/Tailgate party. After the meeting we will go to the UMD vs. VA Tech Soccer game.
- Start time: 5:30 p.m.
- Meeting/BBQ and drinks!
- Game start time: 7:30 p.m.
- Contact Ken Ingram to RSVP.

**October 4:**
- What: PGMS DC Meeting
- Location: University of Maryland Extension Office, Derwood, MD

**November 2:**
- What: PGMS DC Meeting
- Location: TBA

### Wireless Networks

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.

### Football Game Parking

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, seven Saturday home games are scheduled. The first home game is Saturday, September 1, 2012. UMD vs. William & Mary. For more information, go to [www.umterps.com](http://www.umterps.com)

### Health Insurance

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](http://www.firststudent.com)

### Join PGMS

Congratulations to the following IAA students on being named to the Dean's List for Spring 2012. Students must earn a 3.5 or above for this prestigious honor.

**Scott Hosier**  
**John Mowbray**  
**Justin Patenaude**  
**Michael Walsh**

### Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the Fall 2012 Scholarship winners

- **Shields Scholarships:**  
  Brian Hogan  
  Bryan Shepherd  
  Josh Malnik

- **TESCO Scholarships:**  
  Mike Walsh

- **Golf Course Builders Association of America:**  
  RJ Crow

- **Edward M. Bowman Family Scholarship:**  
  Yasmine Baker

- **Patapsco Grange Scholarship:**  
  Allison Miller

### ELMS Support

For Fall, service hours will extend to 6:00 p.m. In addition, the current support tab at [www.elms.umd.edu](http://www.elms.umd.edu), which has been provided by the piloted service will be replaced with new materials from OIT learning technologies.

The ELMS support e-mail address will remain [elms@umd.edu](mailto:elms@umd.edu). For phone support, students should call (301) 405-1400 and select option zero.

### Off Campus Student Life

The Off Campus Student Life hosts monthly Good Morning Commuters breakfast for commuting UMD students at the Adele Stamp Student Union. To learn more, visit [thestamp.umd.edu/student_involvement/off-campus_student_life](http://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 12 & Thursday, September 13
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
McKeldin Mall
Free Event!

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

Important Dates to Remember

August:
August 29
• First day of classes
• Late registration begins

September:
September 3
• Campus closed: Labor Day Holiday

September 4
• CSI for Garden Pests from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Garden. To RSVP email cbalch@umd.edu

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

September 7
• IAA graduation applications due
• Scholarship applications due

September 12
• Fall Bash 3-5 p.m., ANSC Courtyard
• Last Day of schedule adjustments for Fall

September 21
UMD Student Chapter PGMS Meeting/Tailgate party begins at 5:00 p.m.

October
October 6
• AGNR Open House from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Clarksville, MD

November:
November 7
• Last day to drop with a "W"
November 22-25
• Thanksgiving Recess

Fall Bash

The AGNR Student Council presents:

FALL BASH
September 12
3-5 p.m.
ANSC Courtyard

Free food, fun games and a great way to meet AGNR student organizations!

Pasture Seminar

Saturday, September 8, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information:
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Scholarship Deadline

The Institute of Applied Agriculture is still accepting scholarship applications for the Fall 2012.

Scholarship Applications due: Friday, September 7, 2012
Applications may be found online: http://iaa.umd.edu/scholarship.html