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Why wait for opportunity to knock? Why not just leave the door open and let opportunity waltz in any old time it wants. Rather than slouching on our *lazyboy* waiting for that knock, we can be opening doors, meeting new people, having fun, and creating new opportunities. Make 2012 your year of yes. Say yes to volunteering at campus and IAA events. Say yes to attending PGMS and MAAGCS meetings and conferences. Say yes to a workshop or event. Put yourself out there and make advances in your education, career, and life.

A few weeks ago I met a group of high school students at Middletown High in Frederick County, and I told the group that, "College is like anything else in life—you get out of it what you put into it."

A boy near the back of the room asked, "What does that mean?"

"Well" I answered, "it means that most good and valuable experiences in life come from participating, and putting effort into something. For example, if you come to college, sit in your dorm room and play video games all day, then your college experience will be

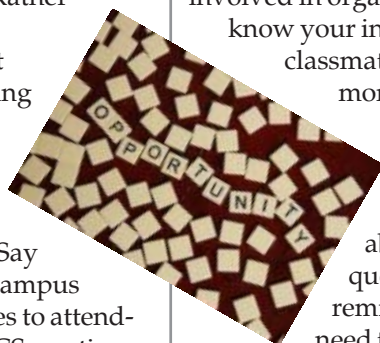
one of playing video games—something you could have done at home. But if you go to classes, get involved in organizations and get to know your instructors and classmates, you will gain a more valuable college experience."

On my drive home thinking about the student's question, I was reminded that we all need to be open to new ideas, people and adventures. It's easy—and safe—for us to sit home and say no to invitations. But if we do what we've always done, and go where we've always gone, we end up in the exact place where we started.

So, now, at the start of a new year and a new semester take time to open doors and say *yes*. I'm anxious to see the successes IAA students have this year! We started strong with a second place finish at the Sports Turf Managers student competition, we had a record-setting number of students on the Dean's List, and our Turf students are preparing for the Turf Bowl in Las Vegas. I'm sure there's more to come.

Here's to our year of YES!

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Plan to Graduate this Spring?

If you plan to graduate from the IAA in Spring 2012, you must submit your graduation application form before **Friday, February 3**. You can get an application form from the IAA office, 2123 Jull Hall, or online at iaa.umd.edu. Click on current students.

Your advisor will review your record, and you will receive a preliminary clearance letter if you meet all graduation requirements.

IAA Graduation ceremonies will be held Monday, May 21. All graduates are encouraged to participate.



Internships

Now is the time to start looking for your internship. All IAA students are required to complete an internship for graduation. Typically, students intern during the summer between their first and second years. If you plan to do an internship this summer, contact your advisor now to discuss requirements and to locate an approved internship site. Supervising instructors are:

Ag Business Management: Ray Gless

Sustainable Ag: Ellen Polishuk

Ornamental Hort: Ken Ingram

Landscape: Ken Ingram

Golf Course & Turfgrass: Kevin Mathias

Sports Turf: Kevin Mathias

Academic Integrity

The University of Maryland has a nationally recognized Code of Academic Integrity that sets standards for academic integrity at Maryland for all undergraduate and graduate students. As a student you are responsible for upholding these standards. It is very important for you to be aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, facilitation, and plagiarism.

For more information on the Code of Academic Integrity or the Student Honor Council, please visit <http://www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/whatis.html>.

Snow Days



1. If snow accumulates during the night, the campus's status will be posted on the university home page <http://www.umd.edu> and on the "snow hot line" 301.405.SNOW (7669) by 6 a.m.

2. All local radio and television stations will be notified if we are closed or have a delayed opening. If campus is open, media will NOT be notified, but that information will be posted on the web site and the hot line.

3. If weather conditions deteriorate during a normal work day or are expected to deteriorate in evening hours, the campus's status will be posted as quickly as possible using the same methods.

Institute Items, the IAA's informal monthly bulletin, provides information on IAA activities, announcements and deadlines.

Visit the IAA website at <http://iaa.umd.edu>

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Terps Take 2nd

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) hosted the 2012 Student Challenge held in conjunction with its winter conference in Long Beach, CA, January 10-14. A record-setting 37 teams competed this year, and the Terps team of Drew Wolcott (IAA), Travis Biggs (IAA), Tommy Hutson (PSLA), and Pat Moynihan (PSLA) took 2nd place in the 4-Year team competition with a total score of 130.5 points and just 1.5 points behind the winning team from Purdue.

The Student Challenge tests participants in various areas relating to sports field maintenance from turfgrass weed, insect, and disease identification to field safety issues such as field hardness, traction, and overall playability issues. This is the second year that the IAA prepared a team for this national competition. Dr. Mathias who coached the team along with Alex Steinman stated, "this was a great experience for our students and they were excited to attend the national conference and compete in such a prestigious event."

The UMD team also attended a Welcome Reception, various educational seminars, and the Awards Banquet.



UMD team members from left to right; Tommy Hutson, Pat Moynihan, Drew Wolcott, and Travis Biggs

OIT Help Desk

If you need help with computer issues, go to the student help desk in room 1400 of the Computer and Space Sciences Building. Hours are 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday. The phone number for the help desk is 301-405-1400.

Accessing Grades

If you want to access your grades from previous semesters via Testudo, select "Unofficial Transcript." You should be able to view your accumulated IAA record. The "View Grade" option is for the current semester only.

StampFest

StampFest 2011 takes place on **Thursday, February 2, 10 a.m. to midnight in the Stamp**, and features food, entertainment, discounts at building vendors, activities and information from University departments and student organizations. The Campus Resource Showcase is held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the main level of the Stamp. This event serves as an excellent way to introduce you to student clubs and campus resources.

Financial Aid



Apply for Financial Aid--you have nothing to lose. There is no set income bracket to be eligible for financial aid, and some scholarships that are not need-based use the FAFSA to make decisions. University's priority deadline is February 15, so start gathering your documents. You need your social security number, driver's license, income tax return, bank statements and investment records.

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov for information, worksheets and free forms. The US Department of Education offers this service free of charge, and it offers free assistance via its help number 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

A for-profit company with a similar Web address charges \$80 to help complete the application. If you are being charged a fee, check the Web address and make sure it ends with ed.gov *not* .com. The University's school code is 002103. If you have questions, visit the University's student financial center in 1135 Lee Building or on the web at www.financialaid.umd.edu.

Counseling Center

For students who encounter personal, social, career, or academic issues throughout the semester, the Counseling Center provides free, confidential services. The Learning Assistance Service, the academic support unit of the Counseling Center, provides a range of services. All LAS services are free to UMCP students. You may meet individually with a counselor who will help you explore your academic strengths and needs, and help you develop a plan to meet your goals.

The Counseling Center is located in the Shoemaker Building, between the Memorial Chapel and LeFrak Hall. You can reach the Center by calling 301-314-7651, or visit the website www.counseling.umd.edu/

Scholarships Available

Applications are being accepted for the **Colonial Agricultural Education Foundation Scholarships**. Scholarships are awarded annually to individuals who exhibit an aptitude for learning and a desire for self-improvement through education. Recipients must be full time students and reside in one of the counties served by Colonial Farm Credit. Deadline is March 1. For more information, call 1-800-777-8908 or go to <http://home.colonialfarmcredit.com> and click on scholarships.



National FFA Collegiate Scholarship Program. Each year the National FFA Organization awards approximately \$2 million in scholarships designed to fit the diversity of our applicants. Scholarships are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans.

To download the scholarship application, go to www.ffa.org. Deadline is Feb. 15.

The **Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship** is open to Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia residents enrolled full-time in a landscape or horticulture related program at an accredited 2 or 4-year school.

Applicants must be in good academic standing. Deadline is May 30.

Visit <http://www.hrresearch.org/> and click on scholarships for more information.

IAA Scholarships are available for Spring 2012. Complete the application form and submit it to Carole Dingess by February 15. Application forms are located on the rack outside the IAA Office on the second floor of Jull Hall.

Calendar

January 25	First day of classes
February 3	Graduation applications due
February 7	Last day of Schedule Adjustment
March 6	Internship Workshop
March 15	Maryland Teach Ag Day
March 19-23	Spring Break--IAA offices will be closed 19 & 20
March 30	IAA Spring Open House
April 11	Last day to drop a course and receive a "W"
April 28	Maryland Day
May 1	IAA Spring Open House
May 10	Last day of classes
May 11	Study day
May 12-18	Exams
May 21	Commencement

**SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD ENDS
4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

**NOTE FROM
THE
IAA OFFICE:**

Please make sure that your contact information is correct in Testudo. Phone numbers, home and email addresses enable us to contact you regarding class cancellations and academic concerns.

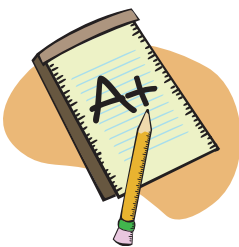
Congratulations

Dean's List*

Fall 2011

Travis Biggs
Deb Dramby
Jessica Leonard
Joshua Malnik
John Mowbray
Justin Patenaude
Ryan Peach
Laura Sanner
Hannah Temple
Michael Walsh
Cory Wesselman
Andrew Wolcott

**To make the Dean's List, students must earn a full-time semester GPA of 3.5 or higher*



Good luck to the students who are competing in the Collegiate Turf Bowl contest

Feb. 28- Mar. 3 in Las Vegas, NV

RJ Crow

Justin Patenaude

Cory Wesselman

Scott Hosier

Brian Kealy

Ryan Peach

Tyler Kreft

Brian Dearstine

Alex Steinman

Matthew Park

William Hutson

Bryan Shepherd

Josh Malnik



and their coach--the good Dr. Mathias

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