Plan to Graduate this Spring?

If you plan to graduate from the IAA in Spring 2014, you must submit your graduation application form by **Monday, 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 Thursday, May 22, 2014, for December 2013 and May 2014 graduates. All graduates are encouraged to attend.

Dean’s List*

Congratulations to the following students who made the Fall 2013 Dean’s List:

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At the ‘tute

Most of you put school work and studying out of your mind for the past month, but some of you were taking winter classes and others spent long days in Jull Hall preparing for the turf competitions. Regardless of how you spent your break, welcome to a new semester and congratulations to our first place Sports Turf Team!

For the second year in a row, the Terps took top honors in the Sports Turf Managers Association student competition held in San Antonio, TX. We’re keeping our fingers crossed for a first-place finish in the 2014 Turf Bowl Competition next week in Orlando, FL.

A special welcome goes out to the students who are new to the IAA. We wish you much success and hope your time at the IAA is enjoyable. You are joining a terrific group of students, faculty and staff and a strong learning community. While we welcome our students back to campus, we say good bye to Diana, who is leaving the IAA to focus on a new web start-up business with her husband. We wish them much success.

As the semester gets underway, I hope all of you will take advantage of the many opportunities we offer for academic and professional development. You may have heard, the University is starting a “Terp Farm” to grow produce for dining services. Many of our Sustainable Agriculture and Agricultural Business Management students will have opportunities to get involved with the farm, and we will be looking for an IAA student to complete his/her internship on the Terp Farm this summer.

Speaking of internships, now is the time to start looking. The IAA website is a good starting point. Go to http://iaa.umd.edu/resources/opportunities to check out the listings.

The spring semester offers a new start, an opportunity to engage with classmates and instructors, a chance to confront challenges and create new perspectives. The start of a new semester is ripe with possibility and academic excitement!

Enjoy,

Glori Hyman
**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.shc.umd.edu

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**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 hotline” 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.

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**Repeat Champions at STMA Challenge**

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) hosted the 2014 Student Challenge held in conjunction with their winter conference in San Antonio, Texas on January 22-24. This year’s Student Challenge hosted 34 teams within the two and four year categories and the TERPS team of Brian Hogan (IAA), Matt Park (IAA), Brent Waite (IAA) and Ryan Higgins (PSLA) won the gold with a score of 149.5 points. Virginia Tech placed second with a score of 141.5 while Purdue and Colorado State tied for third with scores of 139.

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 fourth year that the IAA prepared a team for this national competition. Brian Hogan commented that their Maryland shirts elicited “whispers of there goes that Maryland Team” from competing schools and also added “we had them scared from the start.” Brent Waite commented on how nervous the team was before the results were announced and how excited they were to take the top spot for the second time. The winning team of the Student Challenge was awarded $4,000 to enhance lab activities for the UMD sports turf management program.

The UMD team also attended a Welcome Reception, various educational seminars, toured San Antonio, and participated in the Awards Banquet.

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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. Make all appropriate changes by logging into your Testudo account.
**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. Visit fafsa.gov to apply today!

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.

**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 year. 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:

- Agricultural Business Management: Jason Entsminger
- Ornamental Horticulture: Ken Ingram
- Landscape Management: Ken Ingram
- Golf Course Construction, Turfgrass, Golf Course and Sports Turf Management: Kevin Mathias
- Sustainable Agriculture: Meredith Epstein

**Scholarships**

Now is the time to start applying for available scholarships. We invite you to read the Monday GYST or simply visit our website. Go to iaa.umd.edu/resources and click on “Scholarships” to start your search today.

**New IAA students**

Please take a minute or two and welcome the new students at the IAA:

- John Critzos
- Michael Rose
- Andrew Bauer
- Colby Dean
- Matthew Danen
- Luke Santerre
- Adam Rice
- Mya Carlisle

**Calendar**

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**SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD ENDS**

Friday, February 7, 2014
**2014 Turf Bowl Competition**

Good luck to the following students and coaches in the upcoming 2014 Turfbowl Competition this month.

- Matthew Park (IAA)
- Brian Hogan (IAA)
- Ryan Higgins (PSLA)
- Brent Waite (IAA)
- Brian Dearnstine (IAA)
- Jeffrey Bynaker (IAA)
- Jim Halley (IAA)
- Brian Knott (IAA)
- Stephen Brew (IAA)
- Tim Burkhart (IAA)
- Virgil Profili (PSLA)

**Coaches**

- Alex Steinman (Coach)
- Dr. Kevin Mathias (Coach)

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**Glori Hyman,** Director  
**Carole Dingess,** Business Services Specialist  
**Jason Entsminger,** Agricultural Business Management  
**Meredith Epstein,** Sustainable Ag Coordinator  
**Ken Ingram,** Landscape & Hort Coordinator  
**Mike Grady,** Business Law  
**Nina LaTassa,** Oral Communications  
**Kevin Mathias,** Golf & Turf Coordinator  
**Tony Pagnotti,** Oral Communications  
**Ed Priola,** Oral Communications  
**Dave Myers,** Extension Educator  
**Roy Walls,** Instructor & Coordinator of Computer Services

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**: 911 from any phone, 301-405-3333 or #3333 (from mobile device)  
**UMDPS WEBSITE**: www.umdps.umd.edu  
**UMD ALERTS**: Register for emergency text alerts and crime warning emails at alert.umd.edu.

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**Campus Safety**

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**UMD Public Health Garden Updates!**

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed your holiday break. With the cold weather, we are dreaming about the start of spring and all the planning and preparation for the season. The UMD Public Health Garden will be needing help this Spring semester. Are you interested in participating and serving as a leader in the UMD community? If you are interested in serving as a leader or simply want to join us at the Public Health Garden, see Meredith Epstein (our Sustainable Agriculture Advisor) or like the Club’s facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/UMD-Public-Health-Garden

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**StampFest**

StampFest 2014 takes place on **Thursday, February 6, beginning at 10 a.m. 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. To learn more visit, [http://thestamp.umd.edu/activities/special_events_programs/events_programs/stampfest](http://thestamp.umd.edu/activities/special_events_programs/events_programs/stampfest)

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