High Riser
Training Manual
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Overview of the HighRiser Program

Our Mission:
To provide prospective students with a realistic on-campus living experience by pairing them with a responsible campus resident for an evening.

What this program promises you:
- A social environment to make connections with other students
- Involvement in a prestigious program on campus
- Opportunities to host prospective students and to exhibit Maryland pride
- Personal and professional development
- Networking opportunities with campus officials, faculty and staff
- Knowledge of campus departments and offices
- Various gifts, functions and incentives to show our appreciation of your efforts

What you must promise this program:
- Attend mandatory training sessions in the semester that you are serving as a host.
- Participate in at least one OSP during the Fall and/or Spring semesters
- Attend and be punctual to all HighRiser functions and group activities
- Provide a positive and honest view of campus life to all prospective students
- Follow all residence hall and campus rules
- Stay on campus and with your guest(s) at all times during the program
- Include guests in campus activities and student life and maintain a hospitable attitude

Note: Resident Life reserves the right to terminate your participation if you violate any policies outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and/or the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.
10. **Arrive on time!** Don’t keep your guest waiting! It is always better to be early than to have your guest wait for you.

9. **When you meet your guest, be friendly and helpful.** Your guest will be a little nervous at first, so do everything you can to help them feel comfortable. Smile, introduce yourself and offer to help them with their bags.

8. **Start good conversations and make your guest feel at home.** While you are waiting to be paired with your guest, you will receive a sheet of paper with their contact information, intended field of study and interests. Try to use this to help you start conversations. On the way to your residence hall, ask why they are interested in Maryland and talk about the things they’d like to do while at college. Discuss what they’d like to do for the night and point out your surroundings as you walk. Many of our guests travel far distances to participate in the Overnight Stay Program and will be tired. After dropping off their bags in your room, spend some time relaxing and getting to know your guest.

7. **Introduce your guest to your friends.** Introduce your guest to your roommate and show them around your residence hall. When you meet friends, be sure to help your guest feel comfortable and included. Introduce your guest and strike up a conversation that can include everyone in the group, such as reminiscing about your experience looking for a college, why you chose Maryland, your move-in day or the opportunities found on campus.

6. **Answer questions your guest may have.** If you do not have the answer, you can always search the Maryland website (www.umd.edu), or consult this training manual for general information.

5. **Be Safe! Never leave your guest unattended!** Our guests do not know the campus well, so please do not leave them. Always make them feel welcome and wanted. Allow them to meet others, but do not allow them to go anywhere without you. The importance of your safety and the safety of your guest can’t be stressed enough! Avoid dangerous situations and follow the rules and regulations as outlined by Rights and Responsibilities. If at any point you lose contact with your guest or there is any other type of emergency, call the Annapolis Hall front desk (4-ANNA). In case of a medical emergency, call 911.

4. **Take your guest to Overnight Stay Program events.** The HighRiser Council will also plan events for each Overnight Stay Program night to give you more options for activities with your guest. Plan to attend these activities with other HighRisers!

3. **Bring your guest to the assigned meeting location by the assigned time the following morning.** It is imperative that you deliver your guest on time. If you are late, parents worry. Set your alarm extra early so that both of you will have the time you need to prepare and arrive on time.

2. **Stay in touch with your guest.** We encourage you to exchange phone numbers with your guest. Before you leave your guest in the morning, encourage them to stay in contact and text or call you with any questions they may have.

1. **Have fun!!!** Use the Overnight Stay Program as an opportunity to share what you love about Maryland. Hang out and have fun, tell funny stories, and share favorite music and movies. Make sure hosting is an enjoyable experience for both you and your guest.
OSP Emergency Protocol

Just remember to call 4-ANNA!

In the event of a life-threatening emergency, please call 911 before anything else. After dialing 911, be sure to contact your RA or Resident Director. At this point, either you or the RD can contact the program coordinator at any time by calling 4-ANNA (4-2662). The CA on duty will take your contact information so that all necessary action can be taken as soon as possible.

In the event of a non-life-threatening situation on duty point during the Overnight Stay Program, please call 4-ANNA (4-2662) right away. The CA will take your contact information and contact the program coordinator, who will take the appropriate action. Situations which warrant this protocol include:

- Your guest leaves or pressures you to do something that is against the rules
- You observe another HighRiser or guest violating policy
- You have urgent questions
- Any other circumstance which you think should be addressed

Please do not hesitate to call if you are unsure of what to do!
Campus Safety

Police Services
Approximately 85 sworn University Police Officers are permitted by state law to make arrests, investigate crimes and carry firearms. The University Police also work in conjunction with Prince George’s County Police to distribute authority to University Police in certain areas adjacent to campus in the cities of College Park and Adelphi.

Auxiliary Services
Police Auxiliary employs approximately 100 Student Police Aides who serve as foot and bicycle patrols, special event and contract security at several campus locations, marked patrol of parking garages, and escorts for students anywhere on campus.

Police Services Bureau (PSB)
PSB provides emergency response to crimes and life-threatening incidents, patrols, crime and incident reporting, and escorts by uniformed police officers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Crime Prevention Programs
The Department of Public Safety (DPS) offers crime prevention services. Some programs include alcohol and drug education, personal security presentations, timely warning notices regarding crimes, public information, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), sexual assault awareness, Watch Your Car vehicle theft prevention, and bicycle registration. To learn more, call (301) 405-3555.

Blue Light PERT Phones (Public Emergency Response Telephones)
Emergency phones located throughout campus provide a direct line to the University Police. These phones are either yellow or encased in a blue cylindrical column and often have blue lights overhead, making their locations easy to find. Individuals may contact police directly without charge from these phones, which also notify an emergency police dispatcher of the caller’s exact location.

Video Camera System
To enhance police patrols on campus, video cameras have been installed in over 200 areas as well as in the Stadium Drive Parking Garage. The cameras record 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. DPS Security Officers monitor them during specific hours throughout the day and night.

Transportation Services
The University’s Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) provides several transportation and security services intended to assist students and employees in moving about campus during evening and night hours. Shuttle-UM provides bus service on and off campus as late as 3:00 a.m. There is also NITE Ride, which is a curb-to-curb, on-demand evening transportation service available 7 days a week from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. during fall and spring semesters. To request a ride, call (301) 314-NITE.

Environmental Safety
The Department of Environmental Safety (DES) has the responsibility of preserving the health and safety of the campus community. DES staff helps to identify and assess campus hazards, evaluate risks and recommend appropriate action to ensure safer conditions and achieve regulatory compliance.

Residence Hall Triple Barrier Lock System
Most residents live in buildings that feature a triple barrier locking system designed to prevent entry into the living area by non-residents. To gain entrance to a specific hall, one must be a resident of that building and furnish a University ID, or be accompanied by someone who meets these criteria. The resident’s ID must be swiped in order to unlock the main doors, then swiped again to gain access to either the stairwell or elevator. The third barrier exists at each resident’s room door, which should be kept locked at all times.

Additional information about Campus Safety can be found at www.umpd.umd.edu
Top 10 Tips for Safety

10. **Know your environment.** Be aware of the locations of emergency exits and blue PERT phones. Plan your walks - use lighted and video monitored areas whenever possible.

9. **Do not ignore warnings!!** If a fire alarm sounds, **always** evacuate, even if you think it’s just a drill. It’s better to be prepared by a drill than caught in a real fire. Also, be aware of the Early Warning System. In an emergency, sirens all around campus will sound continuously for at least three minutes in order to notify the entire campus of potential danger. Be sure to seek shelter inside the closest building and check [www.umd.edu](http://www.umd.edu), WMUC 88.1 FM, Comcast Cable Channel 76 (Terp TV), or call 5-SNOW. When danger has passed, a single 30-second siren blast will sound.

8. **Reduce the time you spend alone.** Always walk with someone else, especially at night. Use safety precautions such as Shuttle-UM, NITE Ride, or the escort service to avoid dangerous situations. Keep the doors of your room and car locked at all times.

7. **Look out for each other.** Report suspicious activity to the police. Share information with friends, faculty or staff. Develop a response plan in case you are confronted by a potential assailant.

6. **Mark your property.** Personalize your belongings by painting them, engraving your initials, etc. This way, it can easily be identified and retrieved if stolen. Also, it will make your property less appealing to a criminal who may want to sell it.

5. **Leave prohibited items at home.** Candles, microwaves, electric skillets and any appliance with open or exposed heating elements or coils are not allowed in the residence halls. Hot pots and popcorn poppers are permitted, but are only allowed to be used in designated cooking areas inside floor lounges. Many floor lounges will be equipped with sinks, microwaves, etc., so students can do light cooking if they desire. Remember, for fire safety reasons, no cooking is allowed in student rooms whatsoever.

4. **Don’t allow “tailgaters” to enter your residence hall.** Every residence hall visitor must be escorted by their host in order to enter a building. Do not let someone you do not know into your building. Always close the door behind you, and if someone insists you let them in, you can suggest that they use the call box to call the resident they wish to visit.

3. **Don’t go out with people you do not know.** Be responsible about your surroundings and the people in your environment. Always avoid activities that could impair your judgment, especially around strangers. Do not accept any open drink from someone else, and don’t leave drinks unattended.

2. **Participate in safety programs and services.** The Department of Public Safety (DPS) offers many programs that can help raise your awareness about crime prevention.

1. **Use common sense!!** Usually, if you follow your gut feeling concerning a safety issue, you will be right. If you have doubts, always go for help. You can always call 911 or the campus police.
Resources to Share with Guests
Campus Services

**Nyumburu Cultural Center**
The Nyumburu Cultural Center hosts many cultural events and celebrations each semester. Annual events include a Homecoming tailgate, Kwanzaa celebration, cultural dinner and Juke Joint, a unique opportunity for self-expression.
www.nyumburu.umd.edu

**Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center**
The Clarice is the site of numerous theatre, dance and musical performances at Maryland. Known for its great performances & artistic expression. Discounted student tickets are available for many events & shows. www.theclarice.umd.edu

**Writing Center**
The Writing Center provides Maryland students with free assistance developing their writing and thinking skills through tutors who aid in every aspect of the composing process. Appointments are required.
www.english.umd.edu/WritingCenter

**Counseling Center**
The Counseling Center provides free and confidential services by professional counselors to all Maryland students regarding personal, social, career, academic and support issues. Some walk-ins are available, and appointments may be made by calling 4-7651.
www.counseling.umd.edu

**Eppley Recreation Center**
The ERC includes the Outdoor Aquatic Center and Outdoor Recreation Center, an indoor track, fitness room, weight room, martial arts room, table tennis facility, aerobics room, multiple gyms, racquetball and squash courts, instructional and deep water pools, saunas, locker and shower facilities, an equipment issue service, Pro Shop, the Center for Health and Wellbeing, and Sneakers Café and lounge. The Health and Human Performance Building is located on North Campus next to the ERC. HHP contains a renovated weight training facility and fitness center. The Reckord Amory is located off of Route 1 between the Mitchell and Lee Buildings. The Armory houses the Intramural Sports Office, as well as a gymnasium that accommodates indoor intramural activities. It also has facilities for informal walking, running, badminton, basketball, and volleyball. Ritchie Coliseum is located on Route 1 between the Campus Police station and Fraternity Row. This facility houses a gymnasium, fitness room, weight room, martial arts room, and locker/shower facilities.
www.recwell.umd.edu
Career Center
The Career Center aids students in exploring career possibilities, constructing resumes, practicing for interviews, networking and more. It offers career testing, courses in career planning, on-campus interviewing, resume referral and more

www.careercenter.umd.edu

Disabilities Support Services
Disabilities Support Services ensures individuals with disabilities equal access to campus amenities. Services include testing for students needing accommodations for classroom exams, interpreting and captioning for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, readers for students who are blind, visually impaired, or have learning disabilities, priority registration, library and laboratory assistance, notetaking, and campus transportation services. In order to receive services through DSS, a student with a documented disability must make themselves known to DSS. This involves meeting with one of the senior staff members of DSS, completing the intake process, and providing appropriate documentation.

www.counseling.umd.edu/DSS/

Art and Learning Center
The Art and Learning Center offers non-credit studio classes in photography, drawing, painting, self-development, music and dance. The Art and Learning Center also offers several one- and two-day workshops each semester, covering topics such as jewelry making, flower arranging and silk painting. All classes are open to students and registration begins at the start of the semester.

www.thestamp.umd.edu/art_learning_center

Office of Leadership & Community Service-Learning
The Office of Leadership & Community Service-Learning promotes service-learning within the University community. This office provides friendly staff, services, resources, and support to students and student organizations desiring to participate in or organize community service and service-learning experiences.

www.thestamp.umd.edu/leadership_community_service-learning

Dining Services
Dining Services provides many different places for students to use their meal points! In addition to the North Campus Diner and South Campus Dining Hall, students can find dining options at Adele’s Restaurant (Stamp Student Union), Mulligan’s Grill (UM Golf Course), the Stamp Student Union Food Court (offering eight popular fast food options), Applause Café (CSPAC), Bytes @ AV (AV Williams), E+M Bakery and Deli (Engineering), Footnotes Café (McKeldin Library), Marketplace Deli Court (Comcast Center), Physics Espresso Cart (Physics), Rudy’s Café (Van Munching), Sneaker’s Café (ERC), Subway (TerpZone), Taco Bell (Engineering), The Dairy (Turner Hall), The Coffee Bar (Stamp Student Union), the Commons Shop (next to South Campus Commons and the South Campus Dining Hall), the Leonardtown Shop (Leonardtown Community Center), North Campus Snack ‘n’ Shop (center of Cambridge Community), and the Union Shop (Stamp Student Union).

www.dining.umd.edu
Libraries
Maryland’s campus features eight libraries. McKeldin Library is the main library and houses Maryland’s general collections. Hornbake Library houses archives and manuscripts, including the Maryland Room, and any non-print media collections. Other useful libraries include the Architecture Library, Art Library, Engineering and Physical Sciences Library, Performing Arts Library, Shady Grove Library and Media Center, and Chemistry Library. All libraries offer services and quiet places to study with special hours during exam times.
www.lib.umd.edu/

Math Success Program
The Math Success Program is a free drop-in coaching service that is open to both campus residents and commuter students. No appointments are necessary. This program is held in the Academic Enrichment Center of Oakland Hall (Sunday - Thursday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.) and offers individual tutoring as well as a quiet environment for study groups.
www.reslife.umd.edu/programs/math_success

University Health Center
The University Health Center provides care for students on campus. Appointments are necessary unless urgent care is needed. All services are confidential, and most visits include a $10 fee. The Health Center also houses an on-campus Pharmacy for students’ prescription needs.
www.health.umd.edu/

First Look Fair
Maryland’s First Look Fair offers students the opportunity to find their niche on campus. Numerous student groups, services and nearby organizations come out to the McKeldin Mall to interact with students, hand out free giveaways and promote everything they have to offer. Don’t miss this monumental event!
www.thestamp.umd.edu/events/first_look_fair

To find a listing of all student groups at Maryland, visit the University of Maryland’s OrgSync website at www.orgsync.umd.edu
Living-Learning Programs

Beyond the Classroom
Sophomores, juniors and seniors can participate in this two-semester living-learning program designed to prepare students professionally for life beyond college. In their first semester, participants enroll in a two-credit course and hone skills necessary for an internship or service learning experience, which is completed in the second semester. A one-credit course accompanies this experience.
http://www.beyondbeyondtheclassroom.umd.edu

CIVICUS
CIVICUS is a program organized around the theme of “creating a civil society.” This program connects a small, diverse, and committed group of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors to examine and create their own unique civil society within the residential community of Somerset Hall.
http://www.civicus.umd.edu

College Park Scholars (CPS)
College Park Scholars is a nationally acclaimed living and learning program that offers outstanding students the best elements of a small residential college and a large public research institution. CPS also connects students with exciting and unique research and internship opportunities available only at a major university located right outside the nation’s capital. CPS students reside in the Cambridge Community on the North Campus. The different programs include, the Arts, Business, Society and the Economy, Environment, Technology and the Economy, Global Public Health, International Studies, Justice & Legal Thought, Life Sciences, Media, Self and Society, Public Leadership, Science, Discovery and the Universe, Science, Technology and Society, Environment, Technology and Science & Global Change.
http://www.scholars.umd.edu

Gemstone Program
Academic students with varied interests and majors are invited to participate in Gemstone, a program that spans all four undergraduate years and integrates technological and social issues into team research projects guided by a faculty mentor. The Gemstone community challenges and supports students in the development of their research, teamwork, communication and leadership skills. In the fourth year, each team of students presents its project in the form of a thesis to leaders in the field.
http://www.gemstone.umd.edu/

Global Communities
This program focuses on the rich cultural diversity and academic enhancement that Maryland has to offer. Students from more than 30 countries come together to form an international community, sharing a desire to bridge cultural gaps to build a community of understanding and cooperation. Upon completion of the academic portion of the program and development of a portfolio of global skills, students will receive a Global Competencies notation on their transcript.
http://www.globalcommunities.umd.edu
Hinman CEOs
The Hinman CEOs Program is a hands-on program that provides participants with the tools that enhance their chances to succeed in creating and maintaining a business. Participation in this program offers students the opportunity to establish a community that focuses on entrepreneurial ideas and the pursuit of professional goals. Through the program, students learn the requirements and expectations of producing a viable business venture, from infancy to execution. Hinman CEOs are housed in the South Campus Commons.
http://www.hinmanceos.umd.edu/

Honors Humanities
Honors Humanities is a two-year living-learning program for undergraduates with interests in the humanities and creative arts. The goals of Honors Humanities are to bring to campus academically gifted students and to provide them with a challenging, interdisciplinary, research-based study of the humane disciplines that will prepare them for advanced College and Departmental Honors works in their chosen majors, as well as graduate study.
http://www.honorshumanities.umd.edu/

Jimenez-Porter Writer’s House
This living-learning program creates a campus-wide literary center to study creative writing in international, cross-cultural and multilingual dimensions. Participants live and work within a close community of students who share an interest in writing creative stories, poems, plays, and essays in all fields, in English or Spanish. Students work with visiting writers, participate in outreach activities, publish a student literary journal and attend special seminars. Residents from the program participate in activities such as special seminars and international film series.
http://www.writershouse.umd.edu

Language House
The Language House in St. Mary’s Hall is a unique residence for students wishing to immerse themselves in the study of a foreign language and culture in order to develop fluency. The Language House provides an international setting and a community atmosphere through its eight language clusters: Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish.
http://www.sllc.umd.edu/language-house

University Honors Program
In the University Honors program, students are encouraged to succeed and get to know their professors. University Honors allows students to join a small, more personalized community within a large university. Students balance their intellectual pursuits with social interaction which parallels and reinforces their experiences within the classroom. Honors students typically reside in Hagerstown for their first year and then throughout campus thereafter.
http://www.honors.umd.edu

Women in Engineering (WIE)
WIE is dedicated to promoting the role of women in the engineering field. The focus is on the recruitment of prospective female engineering students and the retention of current undergraduate and graduate female engineering students.
http://www.wie.umd.edu/
Campus Tour (Some Evenings will have a Built-In Destination Tour)

We suggest that you take some time to walk your prospective student around campus to share Maryland with them. As you pass the residence halls, sports facilities, and academic buildings, share what comes to mind, be it funny memories or the interesting facts found in these pages (be sure to review them before starting out!). Remember that this tour outline is just a suggestion. Also show your visitor your favorite spots and any places that might fit their individual interests. Remember to point out other buildings you pass on your way.

The ERC: Point out what the ERC has to offer, such as daily work-out classes, the outdoor pool and the awesome smoothies.

The Diner: Here, talk about food options (including Hillel), dining plans and focus dates. Suggest that your guest try a snack, such as the Dairy’s ice cream.

Maryland Stadium: Take this opportunity to talk about the fantastic sports found at Maryland, especially football.

The Clarice: Discuss the free events that The Clarice offers and the variety of shows it presents each season.

Stamp Student Union and Nyumburu Cultural Center: Talk about the cultural opportunities Nyumburu offers, as well as the recreational events provided by The Stamp, such as lunchtime concerts, evening activities and free movies.

The Mall: Discuss what you and other Maryland students like to do on the Mall. Point out the ODK fountain and the sundial.

McKeldin Library: Show your guest Testudo and rub his nose for luck.

Morrill Hall: Take this opportunity at Maryland’s oldest academic building to talk about classes and academics at Maryland.

South Campus Dining Hall: Point out campus’ other main dining location and explain how it’s different from the Diner.

Montgomery Echo Spot: Stand in the center of the raised circular platform in front of Montgomery Hall to hear the reflected sounds of voices, one of the many mysterious aspects of campus.

Memorial Chapel: Point out the Chapel on your way back to North Campus, and explain that the bells ring on the hour, playing our Alma Mater.

“M” Traffic Circle: Your guest probably saw this on their way into campus, but point it out once more as you walk by.

North Campus Snack ‘n’ Shop: Be sure to point this out as you pass the Cambridge Community.

LaPlata Beach: Here, introduce your guest to intramural sports and social life at Maryland.
Fun Facts About Maryland

Timeline Facts:

- Maryland Agricultural College, the University of Maryland’s original name, was chartered on March 6, 1856.
- The price of the 428 acres of land set aside for the University was $21,400.
- Maryland’s first class, the class of 1859, was made up of 34 students called cadets. Military training and gray and black uniforms were required of all students.
- Maryland’s campus served as a camp to both the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War.
- The Rossborough Inn, the oldest extant building on campus, was granted to the University in 1887.
- Maryland’s first intercollegiate athletic competitions began in 1888 as baseball games against St. John’s College and the Naval Academy.
- Pyon Su, the first Korean student to earn a degree from a US college, graduated in 1888.
- Maryland’s first fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa, was established in 1897.
- Morrill Hall, Maryland’s oldest academic building still in use, was built in 1898 for $24,000.
- Maryland’s marching band, the Mighty Sound of Maryland, was organized in 1908.
- The Wright brothers designed College Park Airport in 1909, making it the oldest airport in the United States.
- Maryland’s first campus newspaper, the *Triangle*, debuted in 1910.
- In November 1912, a fire destroyed every dormitory, half of the classrooms and offices, and most of the college records. Miraculously, there were no injuries or deaths.
- The State of Maryland took full control of the college in 1916 and changed its name to Maryland State College.
- The first female students were enrolled in 1916, four years before women received voting rights.
- Maryland’s first Chinese student, Chun-Jun Chen, enrolled in 1918.
- Maryland’s first sorority, Sigma Delta, was recognized in 1920.
- The University of Maryland was consolidated in 1920, and was known by this name afterward.
- The first Ph.D. degrees were awarded in 1920 to 517 students, 20 of which were women.
• The *Diamondback* was established in 1921.
• The first African-American student enrolled in 1951.
• Elvis Presley gave two concerts in Cole Field House in 1974, both to packed houses.
• The “M” traffic circle was created in 1976 as part of the campus’ celebration of the Bicentennial of the founding of the United States.
• Maryland’s highest ever enrollment was 38,679 in 1985.
• The Overnight Stay Program began in 1994 as a simple sign-up event; the HighRisers Program was founded in 2004 to develop as a student group.

**Famous Alumni:**

• Two Academy Award winners (Dianne Wiest and Mark Lasoff) are graduates of Maryland.

• Seven Emmy winners graduated from Maryland: David Simon and David Mills, for their work on the HBO miniseries *The Corner*; Jimmy Roberts, awarded 12 Emmys for sports broadcasting; David Ottalini, for his CNN news coverage; Catherine Mackin, winner of two Emmys for news reporting; Thomas Bramel, for his composition of music for a PBS series; and Connie Chung for her work as a news anchor. Michael Olmert, a professor in the Department of English, and Chris Vadala, professor in the School of Music and musician for the theme song of the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics, were also awarded Emmys.

• Three Maryland graduates have won Grammy awards: Joan McFarland for Best Choral Performance in 2000; Delious Kennedy, member of All-4-One, for Best Pop Performance in 1994 (for the song “I Swear”); and Cedric Dent, a seven time Grammy winner with the a cappella gospel and jazz group Take Six. One School of Music professor, Chris Vadala, has won two Grammys.

• Four astronauts, Judith Resnik, who perished in the *Challenger* explosion; Paul Richards, a member of the STS-102 *Discovery* mission; William McCool, who died aboard the space shuttle *Columbia*; and Richard Arnold II, a member of the 2004 class of astronaut recruits, graduated from Maryland.

• Other famous Maryland Alumni include: Carl Bernstein, a *Washington Post* reporter who helped to break the Watergate story; Larry David, co-creator and executive producer of *Seinfeld* and star of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*; Len Elmore, ESPN sportscaster; Dominique Dawes, Olympic gymnastics gold medalist; Sergey Brin, co-founder of *Google*; Mark McEwen, weather and entertainment editor for “CBS This Morning”; Boomer Esiason, Superbowl winning NFL quarterback; Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets; Congressman Parren Mitchell; Galo Plaza, president of Ecuador; Ken Waissman, Broadway producer; Vashti McKenzie, the first woman to be elected to the rank of Bishop in the *African Methodist Episcopal Church*; Jason Kravitz, actor on the TV series *The Practice*; and Steve Blake and Juan Dixon, NBA basketball players.
Other Maryland Facts:

- The official acreage of campus as of 2004 was 1,382 acres.
- The official school colors are black, gold, red and white, which are also the colors of the Maryland state flag.
- Maryland’s campus holds many echo spots, mysterious locations, mostly in alcoves along the Mall, which reflect the sound of voices. The most prominent echo spot is the podium inside a four foot circular wall in front of Montgomery Hall. Other good echo spots include the spaces in front of Holzapfel, Symons, Marie Mount, Woods, Tydings and H.J. Patterson Halls, facing the Mall.
- Supposedly, campus is the home to a few supernatural visitors. The ghost of Marie Mount, Dean of the old College of Home Economics, is rumored to play the piano in the hall named for her on stormy nights, while a ghost sheep wanders the campus farm. Spirits have also been detected in Morrill Hall, Easton Hall, the Stamp Student Union, and H.J. Patterson Hall. The campus also contains a graveyard between the Stadium Garage and Denton Community adjacent to the campus apiary.
- The University of Maryland Dairy’s ice cream is made daily on campus and has been recognized as the Washington metropolitan area’s finest.
- The oldest representations of the Maryland “M” on campus are those on Ritchie Coliseum and Turner Hall.
- The “M” traffic circle is planted twice a year, once in the fall with pansies, and once again in the spring with annuals, usually vodka begonias. Its cost of upkeep is approximately $30,000.
- Following every winning home football game, the Mighty Sound of Maryland marches back to CSPAC with their hats on backwards.
- The University’s motto, based on that of the Calvert family, is **Fatti Maschili, Parole Femine**, meaning “Masculine Deeds, Womanly Words.”
- There are approximately 13 miles of road on campus.
- No one is certain where Testudo got his name. Possibilities are from the scientific classification of turtles *(testudines)*, a species of turtle native to the Seychelles Islands in Africa *(Testudo gigantia)*, or the Latin word for a shelter held over the heads of soldiers, like a shell *(Testudo)*.
School Songs and Events

**Alma Mater**
Hail, Alma Mater!
Hail to thee Maryland!
Steadfast in loyalty,
For thee we stand.
Love for the black and gold,
Deep in our hearts we hold.
Singing thy praise forever,
Throughout the land.

**Maryland Victory Song**
Maryland we're all behind you,
Raise high the black and gold.
For there is nothing half so glorious,
As to see our team victorious.
We've got the team boys,
We've got the steam boys,
So keep on fighting, don’t give in!
Maryland will win!

**Fight Song**
Fight, fight, fight for Maryland,
Honor now her name again,
Push up the score,
keep on fighting for more,
For Maryland, GO TERPS!
And we will fight, fight, fight for terrapins,
Keep on fighting ‘till we win
So sing out our song
as we go marching along,
To victory!!!

“Maryland Madness”- Created by Charles “Lefty” Driesell, Maryland’s men’s basketball coach from 1969 to 1986, and originally called Midnight Madness, this event marks the starting of basketball season with a special session of warm-up and practice with the men’s and women’s team which was originally held at midnight.

**Art Attack**- The annual Spring event featuring music and vendors selling various goods during the day. Past artists have been Wyclef Jean, Common, Guster, Chevelle, Gin Blossoms, and others.

**Maryland Day**- The University of Maryland opens its doors every year on the last Saturday in April to alumni and their families, parents, prospective students, the business community, and residents of the surrounding Baltimore-Washington Metro area. Various activities and events occur throughout campus for this all-day event.

**Commencement**- Along with the campus-wide commencement at the Comcast Center in May and December, individual college and school ceremonies take place at various campus locations.
Child Abuse and Neglect Information

All members of the University Community are required to report instances of child abuse or neglect.

If a guest tells you he/she is being abused/neglected, has been abused/neglected, or you have reason to believe an instance has occurred, you **MUST** report it.

Tell the guest you must report, and then call the emergency number. 301-314-ANNA

When in doubt, call 4-ANNA!
Scenarios:

1) You have brought your guest to drop off luggage and get dinner. Your guest seems very shy, which is reasonable. However, when you try to ask your guest questions or figure out what he/she would like to do for the rest of the night he/she does not give answers and seems stand-offish. What should you do?

2) Your guest wants to go off-campus. Your guest has friends from high school who attend the University of Maryland and they want to meet up on Route 1, at Chipotle, or at a Frat/Sorority House. What should you do?

3) You and your guest are in your room discussing UMD and Scandal (or The Walking Dead, etc.) when your roommate (a non-OSP host) and another friend come into the room and begin to encourage underage drinking. You know this is not right and the situation is making you and your guest very uncomfortable. What should you do?

4) During the night of the OSP you get into deep conversation with your guest. Your guest reveals to you that he/she has been physically abused by an adult. The abuse is not currently occurring, but has happened in the past. In this situation, what are you required to do?
Scenario Pointers

Scenario 1:

- Take your guest to the activities in the CCC so that he/she can meet and talk to other prospective students and get involved in an activity.
- Introduce your guest to your friends/other hosts.
- Personalize your guests’ experience--- figure out you guest’s hobbies and high school involvements, and allow him/her to explore similar things at UMD.

Scenario 2:

- Not allowed to go off-campus.
- Have friends come on-campus to hang out.
- (Again) personalize your guest’s experience so that he/she can become familiar with life on campus.

Scenario 3:

- Talk to your roommate (beforehand) and explain that you will have a (17 year old) high school student in your room.
- Remove yourself and your guest from the situation if it persists.
- Notify your RA or 4-ANNA.

Scenario 4:

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Department of Resident Life
HighRiser Service Agreement

The purpose of the HighRiser Program is to provide prospective students with an accurate view of on-campus life at the University of Maryland. Additionally, the program encourages active involvement of residential students in the department and on campus. Our commitment to you is that through this program you will:

1. Have the opportunity to assist prospective students with their college search and college choice.
2. Become connected to the University of Maryland and Department of Resident Life through interaction with other students and university administrators.
3. Be rewarded for your service with fun gifts and have the opportunity to win coupons and prizes from local vendors.
4. Have an important leadership role on campus and within the Department of Resident Life.

This is the commitment that the Department of Resident Life makes to you. In return, you will need to make a commitment to the program. As a HighRiser, we ask you to commit to the following:

1. I will participate in the required events and programs.
2. I will follow all residence hall, campus, and state of Maryland laws and policies.
3. I will be an enthusiastic and involved host, and present an accurate and positive view of the University of Maryland and student life in the residence halls.
4. I will discuss my involvement in the HighRiser Program and Resident Life’s expectations for the program with my roommate(s), and obtain my roommate(s)’ approval prior to hosting a prospective student.
5. I will refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the use of drugs while participating in Overnight Stay programs and other HighRiser program events.
6. I will not provide alcohol or drugs to my guest, and I will not expose my guest to environments where alcohol or other drugs are present (i.e. parties involving alcohol, bar scenes, etc.).
7. I will remain with my guest throughout the night. In the event that I have another obligation during part of the program, I will make sure that my guest is with another trained HighRiser.
8. I will remain on campus during the Overnight Stay Programs. I will not go off campus nor take my guest off campus.

By signing this form, I AGREE to adhere to the following:
- I AGREE with the terms of this agreement, and I will be a part of the HighRiser Program.
- I will talk with my roommate(s) about hosting a prospective student overnight and the expectations outlined in this service agreement, and obtain their approval prior to hosting a prospective student.
- I recognize that if I do not adhere to the above terms, I may be removed from the HighRiser Program and may be subject to judicial action for violations of Residence Hall Rules or the Code of Student Conduct.
- I recognize that any policy violations for misbehavior during my tenure as a HighRiser, both during programs and outside of programs, may jeopardize my involvement in the HighRiser Program.

Name (Printed): ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________