

25TH ANNUAL
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
ADVISING CONFERENCE

2020 Vision:

Cultivating Connections...

...in Advising

...in Hindsight

...in Chaos

...for Best Practices



Join us virtually!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH @ 10AM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH @ 2PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH @ 10AM

**Session
info listed
below**



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ABOUT

2020 VISION: CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS...

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As we are currently in the year 2020, we have borrowed the visual acuity term of 20/20 vision to highlight the clarity at which we see the importance of connection and collaboration, not only through times of crises, but at any given point in time. The global pandemics of COVID-19 and racism, especially anti-Black racism, has had a devastating impact on so many lives in a number of different ways. It is clear now that the strength in which we come together and support each other through difficult times is how we should always be working together and collaborating, for best practices, in advising, in chaos, and in hindsight. Now is a good time to reflect on the past and create a clear vision for the future. In order to respect the health and safety of our UMD community, we will be honoring social distancing by hosting this year's conference entirely online.

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A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

To the Advising Community:

Welcome to the 25th Undergraduate Studies Academic Advising Conference!

We are living in difficult times. The COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest, anti-Black violence, and our precarious economic times have impacted our students' lives and our own. This year's conference theme, 2020 Vision: Cultivating Connections, reminds us that working together as a community is essential for the success of our students.



Academic advising is an essential part of student success, but during the last few months, the work you have done--quickly shifting from in-person to online, holding orientation sessions via Zoom--provided students with a connection to UMD and a steadying force that they have appreciated. Your warm welcome to incoming freshmen and transfer students will help them make their transition to campus as smooth as possible. On behalf of the university, I want to thank you all for your hard work. What you have done and continue to do is nothing short of heroic.

This year's Undergraduate Studies Academic Advising Conference is different than in the past. We will gather for the 25th conference online rather than in the Stamp. I will miss the opportunity to have individual conversations with many of you and being part of the exchange as everyone comes together after a long advising summer. I promise we will gather together as an advising community again.

I look forward to seeing many of you--albeit by different means--during the three days of the advising conference. And I hope to have the opportunity soon to thank you each in person not only for continuing to advise under the circumstances, but for doing it with such grace and dedication.

Best wishes,
Bill

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Did you know?

This year's 2020 Conference Committee has a combined 98 years of experience advising students!

ADVISORS OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
ADVISOR OF THE YEAR WINNERS!



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Academic Advisor, Technology, Innovation,
and Program Support Coordinator
Letters and Sciences



TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 - 10:00 AM

Navigating Uncertainty: Student Services in the Time of COVID

Ron Padrón, College of Information Studies

Ashleigh Brown, Letters and Sciences

Melanie Hayden Glover, Academic Achievement Programs

**This session may be recorded*

Join us for a discussion about best practices in navigating student services in person and online. Topics that come up needing further investigation may be used to create Advisor Learning Network (ALN) workshop programming in the Fall. This session will be facilitated by the ALN Management Group, and we welcome both front line advisors and directors of advising.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 - 10:00 AM

A TerpEngage Roadmap: Enhancements for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Jason DeSanto Jones, Office of the Provost
Apitchaya Reed, Office of the Provost

**This session will be recorded*

As we head into the Fall 2020 semester, all undergraduate students and a majority of staff and faculty advisors will be using TerpEngage. So, where do we go from here? In this session, the TerpEngage Team will deliver a brief overview of UMD's campus-wide tool for advising notes and appointment scheduling and will present a new roadmap for enhancement priorities in the coming academic year. Participants, both new and seasoned users of TerpEngage, will be encouraged to share feedback from their individual units to help us move into the next phase of production.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 - 10:00 AM

Joint Advising: How to Work Effectively with Your Advisees' Other Advisors

Heather M. McHale, College of Agriculture & Natural
Resources

**This session may be recorded*

Many students have more than one advisor if they are double majors, are pursuing a minor or a certificate, or are part of a special program on campus. How can you work as smoothly and effectively as possible when you're part of an advising team consisting of so many different people? In this session, we will cover best practices, communication tips, and record-keeping ideas for collaborating with the rest of your advisee's team.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 - 2:00 PM

Raising the Roof: Keeping Morale High

Ashleigh Brown, Letters and Sciences

Noah Jacobs, Letters and Sciences

Marchelle Payne-Gassaway, Letters and Sciences

Gabriela Hernandez, Letters and Sciences

Iceny Williams, Letters and Sciences

**This session will not be recorded*

Wondering how to keep your team motivated and engaged? Having trouble keeping office morale high? No matter the size of your office or budgetary constraints, your Letters and Sciences colleagues are here to help! In this session, learn ways in which staff members can adapt and thrive during challenging and ever-changing times. From community-building activities to spirited competitions, concrete examples of virtual and in-person team-building opportunities will be provided for attendees to take back to their department/unit.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 - 2:00 PM

Community Learning Zones: Paths Forward

Sika Wheeler, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Briana O'Neal, A. James Clark School of Engineering
Jamila Aswad, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Catherine Donohoe, School of Public Health

**This session may be recorded*

At last year's 24th annual advising conference, Keynote speaker Dr. Carlton Green discussed racism, bias, white supremacy, the "culture of nice", followed by breakout session discussions on these same topics. UGST and ODI collaborated to offer all conference participants a copy of the book, *What if I Say the Wrong Thing: 25 Habits of Culturally Effective People* by Vernā Myers. A semester later, *Embrace & Engage: Community Learning Zones* were created to give advisors space to further explore these themes within small groups, using the Vernā Myers book. This session explores the goals, outcomes, and next steps for future iterations of Community Learning Zones on the University of Maryland campus.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 - 2:00 PM

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Conversations about “Academics for Black Survival & Wellness”: Debrief and Discuss Accountability Goals within UMD Context

Dr. Carlton E. Green, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Neela Wilson, Office of Undergraduate Studies

In lieu of a live conference session at this day and time, the presenters encourage everyone to participate in **Academics for Black Survival and Wellness (ABSW) Training** and then participate in their session on **August 25th, 2-3pm** to discuss actionable next steps and liberation for Black lives within the UMD context.

ABSW is a movement started by a Black doctoral student at University of Florida, Pearis Bellamy and her advisor, Dr. Della V. Mosley. It was initially a one week long training in June that is available again from August 1 - 21 as a “Rewind & Remix”. Non-Black academics can participate in 7 training modules “for a 21 day personal and professional development initiative to honor the toll of racial trauma on Black people, resist anti-Blackness and white supremacy, and facilitate accountability and collective action.” And “a 21-day space of wellness for Black academics as we prepare for the Fall.”

Please register and complete at least one ABSW training module prior to joining the August 25th discussion. The more training modules you complete, the more informed the conversations will be. For [Non-Black Academics, register through here.](#) For [Black Academics, register through here.](#) #Academics4BlackLives: This is not a moment or a trend, this is a movement to protect Black lives and address anti-Black racism within academia.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 - 10:00 AM

Advising International Students Post-COVID-19: Visa Regulation Updates for Academic Advisors

Aviana Symon, International Student & Scholar Services
Katrina Knudsen, International Student & Scholar Services

**This session will be recorded*

This session will review information that academic advisors need to know about the unique challenges that international students at the University of Maryland may face in the time of COVID-19. We will discuss what is possible within visa regulations for F-1/J-1 students as they navigate the University's online/hybrid learning environment. We will detail the possible impacts for both new incoming international students and students continuing in their programs of study.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 - 10:00 AM

InTERPreting Self-Care Strategies from the Science of Well-being

Sonya Henry, Education Abroad
Natalie Brady, Education Abroad
Maria Barra, Education Abroad

**This session will be recorded*

It has been made clear that the COVID-19 pandemic has had adverse effects on our well-being. A survey by Mental Health America found a 350% daily increase in depression and anxiety screenings in May compared to January 2020. In this interactive discussion, three colleagues will share their experience and key takeaways from completing Yale's Science of Well-Being course through Coursera. Backed by science, this session will provide participants with the foundation to implement self-care strategies to improve their overall well-being.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 - 10:00 AM

Beyond the #Hashtag: Effectively Engaging and Communicating Advising Content via Social Media

Jessica Lee, Office of Undergraduate Studies

**This session will be recorded*

As technology continues to advance in our society, social media is being used in many ways: to receive information, stay connected with others, engage in activism, and more. In this session, participants will gain a better understanding of Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook and how to effectively communicate and engage with students and other campus departments regarding advising policies, deadlines, and announcements, utilizing unique features of each social media platform, beyond just using a hashtag.

INFO FAIR

New advisors and seasoned advisors have the opportunity to see what many of our campus partners can offer our students, through a slideshow of our virtual Info Fair. Feel free to download it from the conference website and save for future reference.

- Accessibility & Disability Services
- BETA Team (Behavioral Evaluation & Threat Assessment)
- CARE to Stop Violence
- Carillon Communities
- CIVICUS Living & Learning Program
- Education Abroad
- Federal Fellows & Global Fellows in Washington, DC Program
- First Year Book
- First-Year Innovation & Research Experience (FIRE)
- Gemstone Honors Program
- Global Communities
- Honors College
- International Student & Scholar Services
- Leadership Studies
- Maryland Center for Undergraduate Research
- National Scholarship Office
- Office of Diversity & Inclusion
- Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education Tutoring Services
- Office of Veteran Student Life
- Quest Honors Program
- Scholarship Resources
- Sustainability Studies Minor
- Sustainable UMD
- The Counseling Center
- Transfer & Off Campus Student Life
- University Libraries

REMINDERS

Raffle Prizes: Attendees will be entered into a daily raffle prize drawing, winners will be announced the next day. Participants who submit a Conference Evaluation Survey by Friday, August 21st will be entered into a grand prize drawing.



Follow us on Instagram: @umdadvisorevents and join us for these themed days!:

- **Tuesday: View of the Day** - Take a picture of your view of the day (office, work space, telework set up etc.)
- **Wednesday: Telework Buddy Day** - Take a picture of your telework buddy (pet, family, friends, etc.)
- **Thursday: UMD Spirit Day** - Take a picture of something in your home that represents UMD or has UMD colors (mug, selfie w/ UMD t-shirt, stuffed animal, etc.)

Instructions: Create an Instagram post and use the hashtag #UMDVirtualAdvisingConference or send the picture to umdadvisorevents@umd.edu and it will be posted on the UMDAdvisorEvents Instagram story!

Tag us: in your photos on Twitter, Facebook, and/or Instagram #UMDVirtualAdvisingConference

ADVISOR TERP PERKS

Motorist Assistance Vehicle (MAV) is a free campus service offered to any individual parking on campus experiencing automobile difficulties. Service is limited to: jump starts, lockouts, tire inflations, and gas transports. To reach MAV, call the DOTS main number: 301-314-3687 or x4-DOTS.

The Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) is an assessment, referral, coaching, emergency fund loan, consultation and short-term counseling service available to all full and part-time employees of the University of Maryland.

Current University of Maryland faculty and staff can rent space in the Adele H. Stamp Student Union for weddings, parties, or family events and can receive 25% off the normal room rental rate for events taking place in January, May, June, July, August or December.

The College Park City-University Partnership ("CPCUP") Home Ownership Program is part of an effort to increase the number of University of Maryland employees living in the City of College Park as outlined in the University District Vision 2020. Through this program, employees of the University of Maryland can receive \$15,000 in down payment or closing cost assistance for a home purchases anywhere in College Park.

Looking for a summer camp for your children? Check out:
uhr.umd.edu/family_care/summer-camps

UMD has eldercare resources: uhr.umd.edu/family_care/eldercare-resources/

UMD employees receive a 20% discount off of purchases made in the University Campus Bookstore. Show your UID in order to receive a discount.



Thank you for participating in the
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