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MAKING PLANS.

DOES IT FEEL STRANGE
TO ALLOW YOURSELF
TO HOPE
... AGAIN?

as many of you already know by now, i very recently got married! and my partner and i got to celebrate our nuptials by jetting off to the Maldives during spring break. after a very long series of flights, we spent five days luxuriating in the Indian Ocean and completing forgetting about things like deadlines, task lists, and—in general—world news and happenings.

it was unlike any vacation i've ever had, and it made me want more. more time off! more getaways! more disruptions to the seemingly endless rhythm of work, work, sleep, eat, work, work.

even before we got home, my partner and i began dreaming about where we might go next, and thus began the work of trying to figure out when and how to squeeze another vacation into our work/life schedules. that logistical planning is always a bit stressful, but i also found myself feeling a different sensation: anxiety.

for some, a level of stress always accompanies this act of making plans. there's a hopefulness in it that triggers discomfort in folks. me, though... i'm a planner. in fact, i'm an over-planner. it typically makes me feel ready, prepared... the opposite of anxious.

but, over the past couple weeks of being thoroughly infected by the "travel bug," i can't help but face the reality that the past few years have changed me. the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 was a shift unlike anything else i have thus far experienced in my lifetime. alongside the tremendous loss of life, we collectively underwent a transformation in how we think about the future, how boldly we make plans for it, and how we do or do not adapt to sudden disruptions to our lives.

now, making plans feels a bit scary—foreboding, even. am i tempting fate, destiny, the universe by having the audacity to believe that i know where i'll be six months from now?

i'm navigating these new feelings and trying my best to wrap my mind around something i didn't have to be quite so aware of before: in making plans, we are allowing ourselves to be guided by hope. we're not being arrogant; we're allowing ourselves possibility. we're not trying to control the world; we're believing in our ability to adapt. we're reaching for the life we want.

go for it, DCC. let's make plans again.

FALL 2023 COURSES

We are delighted to confirm that Testudo has been **updated with next semester's slate of DCC courses!** Next year's HDCC208 offerings, in particular, cover the widest range of topics we've seen in years!

All Nu class (first-year) students are strongly reminded that your schedule-building and registration plans should **begin** with your DCC courses, as our small program can only offer limited sections/times. Additionally, please take care to prepare a Plan A, Plan B, and even a Plan C, in the event that your first choices for DCC courses/times are full by the time your registration appointment arrives.

For full course descriptions, please see your email inbox for messages from Dr. Lu, dated March 15 and March 27.

Spring Merchandise Sale. Featuring the original, tournament-winning design by **Caroline Dinh** (Mu), this year's StuCo Spring Merchandise sale will feature a black Hanes EcoSmart hoodie (\$35 USD) and will be available for online purchase between **April 10 and May 1**. Keep an eye on your email inbox and our Instagram for a link to the sale! All proceeds will support StuCo events and activities for current and future DCC students.

Sound Studio Closure. Please join us in wishing Sound Studio Manager, Lily, a successful upcoming performance! While Lily is busy with rehearsals, the Sound Studio will be closed. It will **reopen on Tuesday, April 18, at 5pm!**

2023 Capstone Fair. It's almost time for the Mu class to showcase their passions, their talents, and their communities! **Please plan to join us for the 2023 Capstone Fair on Tuesday, May 9, from 5-7pm in the MPR.** The event will feature over 60 student projects; our bittersweet farewells to Dr. Skye de Saint Felix and Danielle Abe; and other important end-of-year celebrations—including the winners of the inaugural First Family contest! Light snacks and refreshments will be served. We'll see you there!

IDEA WORKSHOPS

Every first-year student is required to RSVP for and attend at least one Capstone Ideas workshop this semester. Attendance will be monitored. If a student does not attend a workshop, they will be barred from continuing with HDCC201 and HDCC208 in Fall 2023 and their membership/enrollment in DCC will be suspended.

First-year students should choose one of the remaining workshops listed below and click the link to reserve a spot via DCC's [Event Calendar](#). Spots are first-reserved, first-served.

- Today, **April 3, 6-7pm** with Danielle in PFR 0111
- Wednesday, **May 3, 7-8pm** with Jonathan (location TBD)

DCC Community Yoga. The next yoga practice will be held from **10-11am via Zoom on April 7**. Our final First-Friday practice of the semester will be held on **May 5**. All yoga practices are free and open to all past, present, and prospective DCC students, their families, and friends. Access the DCC Yoga Zoom Room [here](#).

Support your fellow DCC peers! On behalf of three Mu class students—Rita, Jedi, and Jade—DCC is delighted to invite you to **Black Creatives Matter**, a showcase for Black student talent and creativity at the University of Maryland. As part of their Capstone project, Rita, Jedi, and Jade have planned this exciting event, open to the entire campus community, to allow Black performers, artists, and small business owners connect with each other and the enduring legacy of Black creatives across time and space. Co-sponsored by MICA, SEE, the David C. Driskell Center, and the Black Communication & Technology Lab (BCaT), this event is not one to be missed! **We'll see you on Sunday, April 16, from 2-4pm on McKeldin Mall!**

STUCO-SPONSORED:

GARDEN PARTY!

In the midst of all the stress and springtime excitement, why not take a few hours to decompress with your friends? This year, StuCo has decided to celebrate the close of the year with a huge Garden Party for the DCC community! This outdoor kickback will have everything you're looking for—games, music, serious prizes, temporary DCC tattoos, dinner, dessert from The Maryland Dairy, and an impeccable garden aesthetic. StuCo is pulling out all the stops, so make a plan to come enjoy some fresh air, good times, and hopefully a beautiful sunset!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

5-9PM

PRINCE FREDERICK LAWN



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 10 — Christina X., Nu
- 12 — Defne D., Nu
- 13 — Leah F., Nu
- 16 — Andrei D., Mu
- 18 — Serena C., Mu
- 24 — Lydia M., Nu
- 24 — Trung N., Nu
- 27 — Gabby C., Nu
- 28 — Mahinsa B., Mu

LET YOUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATE YOU! HAVE SOMETHING EXCITING TO SHARE? SUBMIT TO DCC-HONORS@UMD.EDU BY THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH.

DID YOU KNOW: that **Gaby W.** (Mu) has successfully lobbied and negotiated with UMD Dining and the Maryland Hillel to provide **Nosh Boxes** for Kosher-observant students to have access to food during Passover and finals this year?! CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS HUGE STEP FORWARD, GABY!

FIRST FAMILY CONTEST

The winning family will be announced at the 2023 Capstone Fair and invited to a celebration dinner at **The Hall** on **Friday, May 12, at 7pm!**

CURRENT RANKINGS

1. Family 10: 2425 points
2. Family 3: 1900 points
3. Family 4: 1670 points
4. Family 9: 1395 points
5. (TIE) Families 2 & 7: 1205 points
6. Family 1: 1145 points
7. Family 6: 995 points
8. Family 8: 980 points
9. Family 5: 975 points

NEED MORE FAMILY POINTS?

You have until the end of the month to shake up this year's Family rankings! You're competing for a celebration dinner at The Hall on DCC's dime—and, the top 3 point-earners from your Family will receive a big prize pack full of goodies at the 2023 Capstone Fair. So, rally your WHOLE Family and get those points in by: visiting the Makerspace on Monday and Wednesday evenings; hanging out in the Sound Studio when it reopens on April 18; reporting your major awards, grants, scholarships, and competition wins; and attending the Garden Party on April 15. It's not over until it's over!

POINT-EARNING CLOSES APRIL 30

