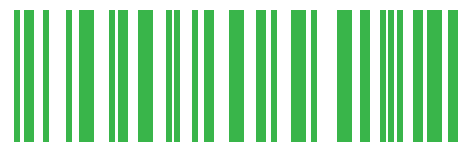


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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

October is a month teeming with possibilities. Fall activities from apple picking to pumpkin carving entice us with opportunities to be outside and in community with others; temperate weather and changing seasons offer an enchanting visual palette walking between classes; semester rhythms are in full swing, with mid-terms and mid-semester projects coming due; new friendships are in full swing and old ones are revitalized. Here's a checklist to make sure that you get the most out of your October:



- ❑ Plan an outdoor activity involving apples, pumpkins, walking, and/or hiking
- ❑ Go to class
- ❑ Explore some of the student support resources on campus, like the [Writing Center](#) or the [Oral Communication Center](#)
- ❑ Attend a talk or visit an art exhibit on campus, like '[The Digital Landscape](#)' exhibit at the STAMP
- ❑ Make a plan for meeting mid-semester deadlines, like forming a study group
- ❑ Visit the Makerspace or Sound Studio to decompress
- ❑ Go to class (all of them!)
- ❑ Try a new fall themed recipe (apple cinnamon overnight oats are easy to make in a microwave!)
- ❑ Get spooky, whether that's going all-in on a costume or watching a horror movie
- ❑ Engage with someone new in DCC—push yourself beyond established friendships
- ❑ Drink a fancy fall beverage while doing nothing but staring out the window at the changing leaf colors
- ❑ Wear a DCC hoodie as much as humanly possible (you may need to put "acquire a DCC hoodie" on your list)

There's a dozen ideas to maximize your October experience!

And of course October also brings our **Capstone Awards ceremony**, a moment to celebrate some of the excellent projects showcased in the Capstone Fair last May. Congratulations to all the winners—each project demonstrates the creativity that is the hallmark of our program. We hope to see many of you there!



- **Damien**
DCC Director

2024 CAPSTONE AWARDS CEREMONY & CAPSTONE AWARD WINNERS

Our annual Capstone Awards Ceremony convenes the DCC community—past and present students, alongside esteemed university faculty and administrators—to honor the **five most outstanding Capstone projects** from the previous spring. Capstone Awards are our program's opportunity to bestow both lofty accolades and monetary prizes (\$500 per award) upon some of our most engaged, talented, and promising students. Join us this year to celebrate and hear about the extraordinary work accomplished by members of our Nu class!

Capstone Awards

- Michelle A., "Dialectable"
- Jamin D., "Fish FM"
- Dasi F., "creativity (n.)"
- Faith C. & Gabrielle H., "The Petal Project"

Capstone Award for Creativity in Pursuit of Anti-Racist Justice

- Roshida H., "The Place Keeps the Score"

The Awards will be held on **Tuesday, October 22, 5-6:30pm in the MPR, PFH #1105**. Food and refreshments will be served. Please **RSVP [here](#)**. All DCC students are strongly encouraged to attend to learn from these stand-out alums and their projects!

WELCOME, OMICRON STUCO REPRESENTATIVES!

Congratulations and welcome to StuCo Omicron Reps: **Saniya A., Rushi J., Andy L., Reut S., and Sonia T.**! We are so excited to work with you this year to plan the best events for our DCC community! To everyone who ran, congratulations to you all as well! It can be scary to put yourself out there, especially so early in the year, so we are so proud of you all for putting in the effort and trying. StuCo is truly the best time, and we can't wait to get to know all of you very soon! :)

With love,

Xi StuCo (Priya, Habib, Aashika, Elliot, and Adam)

NEW: BIMONTHLY DESIGN CHALLENGE

DCC is launching a **Bimonthly Design Challenge** to create opportunities for sustained creative practice for members of our community!

Join us this October for the first round of our bimonthly design challenges that will continue throughout the year. Let yourself be inspired by each challenge's unique theme and show off your creativity in any form: graphic design, music, poetry, video, dance, photography, building, writing, coding, etc.! All forms of creative practice are welcome as long as they are original designs.

The theme for October's challenge is **"SPOOK!"** Submit your designs to dcc-honors@umd.edu by **October 31**. Earn 100 Family Points for emailing us a submission, and the winner of the challenge will take home 300 Family Points!

Note: If you need a reminder on what other activities you can do to earn Family Points, see the chart below!

HOW DO I EARN FAMILY POINTS?



- Tag @umd_dcc on Instagram when sharing creative activities: **10 points**
- Attend the annual TerpZone Takeover: **25 points**
- Visit the Makerspace or SoundStudio: **15 points**
- Attend a TeachMe Thursday: **25 points**
- Complete a Design Camp: **200 points**
- Report a major campus scholarship or award: **50 points**
- Attend the DCC Capstone Awards Ceremony: **50 points**
- Represent DCC in Admissions recruitment (Spring 2025): **100 points**
- Submit a design to the DCC Design Tourney (February 2025): **100 points**
- Submit a design to a DCC Bimonthly Creative Challenge: **100 points**
- Win the DCC Design Tourney: **300 points**
- Win a DCC Bimonthly Creative Challenge: **300 points**
- Participate in StuCo-sponsored events/competitions: **points vary**
- Work with CIR Lily Gallihue: **1000+ points**
- More opportunities will be added to the list as the year progresses!



MAKE WITH US!

MAKERSPACE

Location:

Prince Frederick Hall 0111

Regular Hours:

Mondays and Thursdays,
7pm-midnight

Student Managers:

Tracy & Julie

F24 MAKERSPACE EVENTS

DESIGN CAMPS

(RSVPs required — [link](#))

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| 10/14-15, 5-6:30pm | Livecoding with Caroline |
| 10/29, 7-8:30pm | Fermentation with Damien |
| 11/11, 5-6:30pm | Introduction to Crochet with Tracy |

TEACH ME THURSDAYS

(No RSVPs required)

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| 11/21, 7-9pm | Fluid Painting with Bryant |
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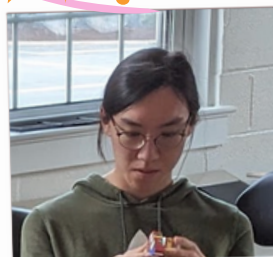
TRACY



JULIE



MATEO



FREDERICK

SOUNDSTUDIO

Location:

Taliaferro Hall 0135

Regular Hours:

Mondays 3-7pm,
Wednesdays 6-10pm

Student Managers:

Mateo & Frederick

EVENTS

Enjoy some student photos from recent **Makerspace** and **SoundStudio** visits! ↓

MAKE WITH US!



CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

3 — Tracy T., Xi

7 — Maya C., Omicron

9 — Xael S., Omicron

10 — Aleeza M., Xi

14 — Jamie V., Omicron

30 — Joyna Q., Omicron

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

DCC FAMILIES CONTEST UPDATE

AS OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Overall Top 5 Earners: (1) **Tracy T.**, (2) **Frederick Z.**, (3) **Celine B.**, (4) **Purva J.**, **Noah P.**, **Sonia T.**, (5) **Stella C.**, **Jacquelyn E.**, **Andy L.**, **Brian W.**

