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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The ancient Romans used to give a chaplet of oak leaves, what they called a “civic crown” (*corona civica*), to a soldier who saved the life of another citizen in battle. There are some etymological, historical, and cultural twists and turns, but this is one origin story for our sense of “civic duty”—a recognition of our obligation to protect each other from harm, to care for each other. Of course, “civic” has been demilitarized, expanded to mark all the arenas of life in which people come together to deliberate about the common good. And while we no longer give out crowns, you do get a sticker when you practice one of the crucial arts of democracy: voting.



(I promise I don't actually think about the Roman Empire that much. But in an election year in which the health of our civic culture is much-thematized, it is hard not to meditate on the history and politics of care.)

For most DCC students, November 5, 2024, will be the first time they get to vote in a presidential election. Recall one of the core values of DCC: “We believe communities thrive when they prioritize shared responsibility and social solidarity.” That’s true of communities at every scale—both the smaller scale of DCC, and the bigger scale of a nation. As someone who can vote, you should vote. **We all have a shared responsibility to participate in the election of our leaders, and your vote is an expression of social solidarity with others who hold your values.** If you’re thinking of sitting this one out, I encourage you to have conversations with people in DCC who are voting (and I welcome those conversations, too). In my opinion, too many people have fought (and died) for our right to vote to not exercise that right. And too many people can’t vote, but will be affected by this vote, so your voting can help protect their interests, too.

Voting is just the tip of democracy’s iceberg. A healthy democracy features participation in the daily work of caring for others, whether that is through protest, creative expression, writing representatives, or volunteering in your community (a non-exhaustive list). I hope that your participation in this civic ritual of voting for president will encourage you to think more robustly about the kind of community member you want to be—not just in terms of nation, state, and region, but in terms of DCC and UMD as well.

If you haven’t engaged the DCC community yet by going to an event, to the Makerspace or Sound Studio, or the 2nd floor lounge, why don’t you take November as an opportunity to do so? DCC is only as strong as the community members make it...and I’m pretty sure that you’ll find the experience rewarding. We have a strong community that cares for each other, and we’ll be stronger with your robust presence.

- Damien
DCC Director

2024 CAPSTONE AWARDS CEREMONY SURVEY

Whether or not you were able to attend this year's DCC Capstone Awards Ceremony, please complete this two-question, anonymous survey to help DCC staff gain insight into how we can better plan next year's event! Full link: forms.gle/grNoQdQNBdsxQP4aA

CONGRATULATIONS TO DCC CITATION RECIPIENTS!

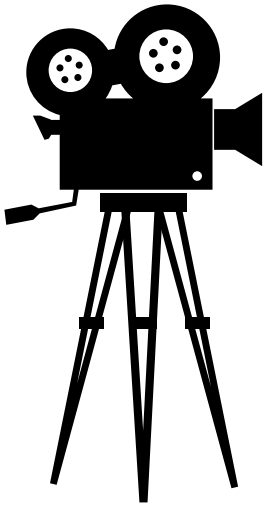
Congratulations to the DCC Citation recipients who will be graduating from DCC during this semester's Honors College Citation Ceremony on **November 15!** We're so grateful to have had each and every one of you in our DCC community, and we're excited to see where your next steps take you!

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| Michelle Akem | Kousalya Gaddam | Nandini Ramachandran |
| Shafiqat "Sophie" Alao | Jessica Gorski | Mateo Rodriguez |
| Anishka Basheerbad | Asher Harcum | Brenda Romero |
| Corey Bast | Roshida Herelle | Zachary Smith |
| Level Belayneh | Rachael Ingobo | Kaisha Snowden |
| Allison Canter | Nuelle Johnson | Tekoa Sultan-Reisler |
| Janna Chang | Beatriz Moreira Leite | Gabrielle Weinwurz |
| Ria Chaudhary | Jade LeSchack | Benjamin Westgard |
| Jamin Day | Sofia Merchant-Dest | Christina Xu |
| Defne Demirekler | Ash Morales | Caitlin Yan |
| Daria Didenko | Natalie Mullen | Allen Yuan |
| Raphael Esemoto | Ehesane Nida | Yiting Zheng |
| Leah Falk | Breanna Pompey | |

THANKSGIVING RECESS: DCC OFFICE SCHEDULE (11/25-12/1)

DCC's staff offices will be closed November 25 through December 1. Responses to email communication will be delayed during this time. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

XI CLASS: PARTICIPATE IN DCC'S ANNUAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL! (12/2)



Calling all Xi Class film aficionados! If you are looking to scratch that short film itch, then we invite you to participate alongside the Omicron class for the annual DCC short film festival. Submit your two minute film to dsp@umd.edu **by December 2**, and **we'll screen it on Tuesday, December 3, from 11-12:15** during HDCC 105!

Please email Damien (dsp@umd.edu) and/or DCC Graduate Assistant, Ananya (akaipa@umd.edu) with any questions.

STUCO: CULTURAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK (11/11)

Share your culture with our annual Cultural Thanksgiving Potluck on **November 11 at 8pm in the 2nd Floor Lounge** by bringing in dishes (which also get you 150 Family Points)! Grab paper leaves to write your name and what you are grateful for to add to our huge paper DCC family tree. Hope to see you all there!

-DCC-
**CULTURAL
THANKSGIVING
POTLUCK**

Bring in dishes from your culture **must feed 8 minimum**
Each dish = 150 family points

11 November
2ND FLOOR LOUNGE @8PM

The poster features a central illustration of five diverse people sitting around a table, eating and talking. The table is set with various dishes, including a turkey, bread, and fruit. Surrounding the illustration are several floating food items: a strawberry, a slice of pie, a loaf of bread, a beet, and a tomato. The background is a light orange color.



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](#))

11/18, 5-6:30pm Introduction to Crochet
with Tracy



(Rescheduled from 11/11 to 11/18!)

TEACH ME THURSDAYS

(No RSVPs required)

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



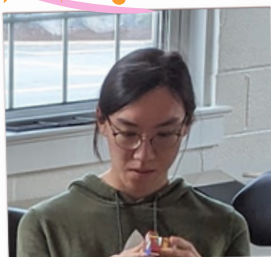
TRACY



JULIE



MATEO



FREDERICK

SOUNDSTUDIO

Location:

Taliaferro Hall 0135

Regular Hours:

Mondays 3-7pm,
Wednesdays 6-10pm

Student Managers:

Mateo & Frederick

APPLY FOR THE KATHRYN STEWART AND DUGAL IMPACT FELLOWSHIPS! (11/18/2024)

The Dingman Center For Entrepreneurship's [Kathryn Stewart and Dugal Impact Fellowships](#) provide stipends of \$5,000 to students (any major!) who are looking to spend their summer interning at a booming startup or social enterprise while learning from unique CEOs and business owners!

This program not only offers valuable hands-on experience but also bridges the gap created by unpaid internships, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their pursuit of professional growth.

To learn more about the Stewart and Dugal Impact Fellowships, including eligibility criteria and application instructions, visit our website above.

Students can apply [here](#) by December 2nd. Priority deadline is November 18th.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to reach out to Dingman's Venture Programs Coordinator at salao@umd.edu.



APPLY FOR THE QUEST HONORS PROGRAM! (1/29/2025)

Attention all freshmen in the Clark School of Engineering, Smith School of Business, and/or CMNS! The QUEST Honors Program is a hands-on learning community for motivated students with diverse backgrounds and skill sets. Over the course of three years, QUEST students take classes focused on experiential learning projects. These projects solve complex problems for real-world clients and enable you to gain teamwork skills and new perspectives from students outside of your major.

Freshmen graduating in Fall 2027 or later who are enrolled in Clark, Smith, or CMNS are eligible to apply. Applications will open in mid-December and will close on January 29, 2025.

To learn more about QUEST, be sure to follow us on Instagram (@questumd), visit us at go.umd.edu/quest, or reach out to questhonor@umd.edu with any questions.

Come learn more at an information session:

- Monday, November 4th from 6-7pm in Clark Hall Room 1101
- Wednesday, November 13th from 6-7pm in Iribe Room 0324
- Tuesday, November 19th from 6-7pm in ESJ Room 0202

If you are interested in applying to QUEST, we encourage you to attend an info session so you can learn more about the program!



Attend An Info Session!

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Learn More: go.umd.edu/quest

Sign up for our prospective student email list:
go.umd.edu/quest24



Impact Real-World Clients



Join a Passionate Community



Collaborate with Motivated Peers



CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

LET YOUR COMMUNITY
CELEBRATE YOU!

HAVE SOMETHING EXCITING TO
SHARE? SUBMIT TO

DCC-HONORS@UMD.EDU

BY THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH.

NOVEMBER

3 — Nora O., Omicron

5 — Cynthia A., Mia S., Xi

7 — Esther O., Xi

8 — Basmah E., Xi; Jaden S.,
Omicron

9 — Ellia F., Omicron

14 — Rushi J., Omicron

24 — Jude L., Xi

25 — Jenaya S., Daria V., Omicron

27 — Saniya A., Omicron

30 — Gray W., Omicron

DCC FAMILIES CONTEST UPDATE

AS OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Overall Top 5 Earners: (1) **Tracy T.**, (2) **Purva J.**, (3) **Sonia T.**, (4) **Andy L.**, (5) **Jacquelyn E.**

