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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



October is a month that captivates us for countless reasons. As the leaves transform into vivid shades of red and gold and the air takes on a crisp chill, we often find ourselves poised for personal changes that reflect seasonal ones. It's also the beginning of what many affectionately refer to as "hoodie season." This year, I have two brand-new DCC hoodies that I can't wait to cozy up in, a simple pleasure that seems to epitomize the spirit of October.

October is the month when I truly feel the semester's rhythm coming into focus. Each semester has its own distinctive ebb and flow, with highs and lows that include coursework, exams, and personal pursuits. During the initial weeks, we're adjusting to new class schedules, settling into living arrangements, and perhaps exploring new clubs or organizations. However, as we enter the second month, our routines stabilize, and we start to recognize when and where our pockets of productivity exist. The repetitive nature of our schedules provides a sense of stability that can be conducive to generating creative energy.

As October unfolds, I encourage you to take a moment to **assess the remaining rhythms of your semester**. Identify the periods of heightened academic intensity and the moments of respite. Understanding this flow will empower you to plan your studies and personal time more effectively, ensuring that you make the most of this academic journey.

Discovering the rhythms of the semester isn't just about academic schedules but also about developing healthy routines. This month, consider forming study groups or collaborating with your classmates. By combining your strengths and perspectives, you can navigate the semester's rhythm more effectively, ensuring a harmonious and productive academic journey.

While it's crucial to allocate sufficient time for your academic responsibilities, don't forget to **nurture your overall well-being**. As we enter October, we find ourselves in the midst of both COVID and flu season, making it essential to prioritize our health. Ensure that you get enough rest and maintain a balanced diet to fend off illnesses that tend to surge during this time of year.

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We hope your routines also include active participation in DCC events. It's heartening to see the enthusiastic turnout at the Makerspace and Sound Studio. Our DCC Student Council, which has recently welcomed five new members from the Xi class, is diligently planning **an eventful fall season**. Stay tuned for exciting activities and opportunities to engage with your DCC community.

As October continues to envelop us in its vibrant colors and rhythms, remember to find moments of reflection and renewal. Embrace the changing seasons, both in nature and in your academic journey. Together, let's make this month a harmonious one in the larger symphony of the semester.

Warmly,
Damien

NOTABLES

IT'S TECHNICA TIME AGAIN!

DCC is proud to support Technica, UMD's annual hack-a-thon for underrepresented genders! Each year, this event draws students from all across campus who are interested in technology and/or coding—whether you have existing experience or not. It's not only an opportunity to learn, but also a chance to find internships, build a project, win prizes, attend workshops, and meet new friends. DCC is always well-represented at Technica each year, and we're immensely proud to say that several of our current students and alums maintain positions of leadership within the organization. We hope this year will be no exception.

Technica 2023 will be held **October 21-22, 2023**, at **The Hotel UMD**. Additional details can be found at <https://got Technica.org/>.

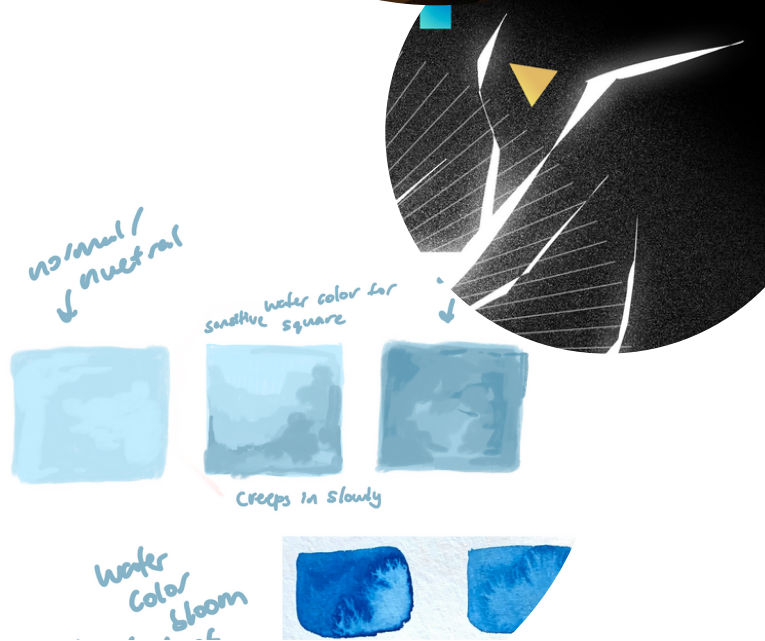
Interested? You can register at <https://got Technica.org/Register> or sign up to volunteer and mentor at <https://got Technica.org/Mentors-Volunteers>.

updates from PROJECT FLATLAND

"We've officially gotten underway in our work to create an animated short film based on the novella **Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions!** So far, we've used various skills—everything from guitar playing to watercolors to Blender. We've designed characters, discussed 2-dimensional worlds, composed music, and even started making proof-of-concept animations! Over the next few weeks, we'll be solidifying ideas and making decisions about how we want this film to look, sound, and feel.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, please join us! **We meet each Wednesday in the DCC Makerspace from 7pm onwards.** It's a relaxed and creative environment, and we require no commitment! Hope to see you there!"

— Elyas



WE'RE STILL MAKING!

October brings new chances to make + create alongside your DCC friends and peers!

OCTOBER 5, 7-9pm

FLUID PAINTING

a TeachMe Thursday workshop with Bryant Rivera Cortez (Mu)

earn 25 Family points

OCTOBER 16 and 19, 7PM

PUMPKIN PAINTING

pumpkins and paint will be provided! while supplies last.

OCTOBER 19, 5-6:30pm

OCTOBER 26, 5-6:30pm

NOVEMBER 2, 5-6:30pm

GAME DESIGN WITH UNITY

A DCC DesignCamp with Sebastian Bolatto (Lambda)

RSVP required [here](#)

earn 200 Family points

FOR ALL THE DETAILS REGARDING THE FALL 2023 MAKERSPACE SERIES, READ MORE AT

<http://dcc.umd.edu/makerspace-f23/>

Each October, DCC also spends an evening celebrating the extraordinary work of the previous graduating DCC class, at the annual **DCC Capstone Awards Ceremony**.

This year, we will be showcasing the remarkable projects of the Mu class's Capstone Award recipients:

- **Andrei Davydov**, "AR Asa: An Augmented Reality Dating Simulator"
- **Tyler George**, "A Historical Regeneration"
- **Jasmine Heminger**, "Sculpting Wildfire"
- **Bryant Rivera Cortez**, "The HorCHATa Podcast"
- **Rita Booth, Jade LeSchack, and Jedi Kouadio**, "Black Creatives Matter"

All DCC students are strongly encouraged to attend to learn from these stand-out alums and their projects.

The Awards will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 6-7:30pm in the MPR.

This is a limited-capacity event; please reserve your spot by submitting an **RSVP** via the DCC event page, [here](#).

Dinner will be provided, and current students will earn **50 Family points for attendance**.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCT. 13., 9PM

Get ready for a spooktacular evening! **StuCo** is brewing up a spine-tingling Halloween movie night on Friday, October 13, starting at 9pm in the **Prince Frederick Hall 2nd Floor Lounge**. We're transforming the lounge into a haunted haven, complete with eerie decorations to set the mood. Grab your comfiest pajamas, fluffiest blankets, and coziest pillows because we're turning this movie night into a cozy coven. Plus, we've got a tempting spread of snacks to keep those spirits high. It's an event you won't want to miss! Bring your friends and your spooky spirit (to earn **25 Family points**). See you there!

We'll be hosting movie polls in the 2nd and 3rd floor lounges a week prior to the event to know what movies you want to see!

**STUCO HAS DECLARED THAT OCTOBER 9-13
WILL BE A DOUBLE-POINTS WEEK!
ALL FAMILY POINTS EARNED DURING THAT PERIOD
WILL BE DOUBLED.**



This annual October event is back—StuCo will be hosting a reverse trick-or-treating event again! What does that mean? StuCo members will be knocking on your doors to deliver candy and treats! DCC's Prince Frederick Hall residents* should plan on being in their rooms around **9pm** on the evening of Sunday, October 29, to receive their goodies! A trivia contest will be part of this year's reverse trick-or-treating event, so **Family points are in play!**

***Note:** Commuter students and non-PFR residents can expect to receive their goodies in their HDCC105 or HDCC208 classes during the week of October 31.

**REVERSE TRICK-OR-TREATING
SUNDAY, OCT. 29, 9PM**

MID-SEMESTER REMINDERS



FOLLOW @UMD_DCC ON INSTAGRAM FOR EVERYDAY REMINDERS AND CREATIVE CONTENT



WE'RE APPROACHING RECOMMENDATION SEASON! IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR INTERNSHIPS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, NEW MAJORS, OR MORE, PLEASE VISIT [HTTP://DCC.UMD.EDU/RESOURCES](http://dcc.umd.edu/resources) FOR INFO ON HOW TO REQUEST A RECOMMENDATION FROM A DCC STAFF MEMBER.



KEEP THOSE MAKERSPACE AND SOUNDSTUDIO REQUESTS COMING! WE LOVE STOCKING THESE SPACES FOR YOU. HAVE SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT IN MIND THAT MAY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY? FILL OUT THE FORM AT [HTTPS://TER.PS/DCCREQUEST](https://ter.ps/dccrequest)



BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, IT'LL BE TIME TO REGISTER FOR SPRING 2024 CLASSES. WE'LL ANNOUNCE DCC COURSE OFFERINGS AS SOON AS THEY ARE FINALIZED SO THAT YOU CAN START TO BUILD YOUR SCHEDULES.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

OCTOBER

- 01 — Ben W., Nu
- 03 — Tracy T., Xi
- 10 — Aleeza M., Xi
- 29 — Natalie M., Nu
- 30 — Erica M., Nu

DCC FAMILIES CONTEST UPDATE

LOTUS
1365 POINTS

Top earners:
Reza A.,
Brielle T.

Active members:
19 (76%)

MAPLE
1475 POINTS

Top earners:
Gabrielle H.,
Bia M. L.

Active members:
23 (92%)

IVY
1815 POINTS

Top earners:
Sophie A.,
Tracy T.

Active members:
18 (69%)

CACTUS
1280 POINTS

Top earners:
Mia S., Ariel Z.

Active members:
17 (68%)

WILLOW
1355 POINTS

Top earners:
Javier F.,
Nathaniel U.

Active members:
22 (92%)