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Summer Bridge MPA Meeting July 27, 2024



Agenda

- **MPA**
 - Welcome
 - Meyerhoff Parents Association (MPA) Overview
 - MPA Gifting and Fundraising
 - MPA Board Structure and Elections
 - MPA Cohort Representative Perspective
 - Meyerhoff Program Office Business Manager Information
- **Meyerhoff Program Office**
 - Summer Bridge Closing Ceremony



MPA Overview

MPA Mission

The mission of the Meyerhoff Parents Association is to support and perpetuate the Meyerhoff Scholars Program by fostering unification among scholarship recipients (past and present), as well as among their families.

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MPA CONTACT FORM

Please complete and submit!

Volunteering Opportunities

umbcmpa@gmail.com



MPA Hosted or Supported Events

- MPA Fundraising
- UMBC Annual and Black & Gold Giving Days
- MPA Newsletter



MPA Hosted or Supported Events

Fall Family Meeting and Retreat 2023 (for the Scholars)





MPA Hosted or Supported Events

2024 Selection Weekends (Prospective Meyerhoff Scholars)



MPA Meet and Greet



MPA Hosted or Supported Events



**Senior Reception 2024
Congratulations M32 Cohort**



MPA Hosted or Supported Events



MPA Fall Town Hall 2023





MPA Hosted or Supported Events

**All Parents and Guardians of
Meyerhoff Scholars**

SAVE THE DATE!

**MPA FALL TOWN HALL 2024
& MEYERHOFF SCHOLARS
RESEARCH EXHIBITION**

Saturday, 21 SEPTEMBER 2024

12:00 PM to 2:00PM

UMBC

Registration Required to Attend

**MAKE AN IMPACT!
NOMINATE YOURSELF FOR
THE MPA BOARD**

**Don't miss this chance to make a
difference for our Scholars!**

We're seeking enthusiastic members to join our Board and help guide our future. It's a rewarding opportunity to contribute your ideas, skills, and energy directly impacting our scholars' experiences.

**Interested?
Nominations will open soon**



MPA Overview

Intangibles

- Collaborate with the Meyerhoff Program Office to ensure our collective efforts are optimized to support our scholars and the Meyerhoff Scholars Program
- Work to ensure that our historical information and process asset library is organized, maintained, and shared in a manner that facilitates a repeatable framework in support of MPA activities and process improvement
- Engage w/Meyerhoff alumni and other UMBC stakeholders
- Help our students hold fast to their dreams

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MPA Gifting and Fundraising

Sherene Maitland (M32), MPA
Treasurer



Meyerhoff Parents Association (MPA)

- Supports the Meyerhoff scholars and the Meyerhoff Program which opens doors to new and novel experiences, forges lifelong relationships and propels scholars toward a fulfilling career.
- Sponsors a number of student-centric activities and funds scholar financial needs throughout the year.



How Can You Help?

- Support the MPA Operating and Scholarship Funds with your generous gifts each year
- Purchase a polo shirt and cookbook
- Sign up for company match at your employer
- Support the hosted events by volunteering your time and talents



MPA Scholarship Fund

- The MPA has an Endowment held by the University of Maryland Foundation, a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization, funded by charitable gifts from generous contributors, like you.
- The monies are set aside exclusively for Meyerhoff scholars' educational financial hardship after the student **exhausts all** other means to obtain financial support.
- The Program office collects hardship requests, vets applications, determines if the criteria has been met, and awards funds on behalf of the MPA.



Financial Gifts

- We encourage current and alumni parents/guardians to give either a \$100 per year gift or a \$400 one-time gift for all 4 years or whatever gift amount is best for you. 100% of your contribution is invested in the scholars.
- Please go to the MPA's Gritstarter website portal to make a one-time gift, scheduled payments or recurring gift. Alternatively, on the MPA website you can click the MPA **GIFT Form** hyperlink and retrieve a downloadable pdf form to use with checks or money orders.
- Upcoming OIA Fundraiser Campaigns: Fall Appeal in November/December and Black and Gold Rush Day in February/March each year.
- **MPA Gritstarter website:** <https://gritstarter.umbc.edu/meyerhoff-parents>
- **MPA website:** <https://meyerhoff.umbc.edu/parents/meyerhoff-parents-association/>



Coming together to support our scholars

Meyerhoff Parents Association Operating Fund

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) [Meyerhoff Scholars Program](#), founded in 1988, has become a national model for diversifying America's scientific and engineering workforce through its efforts to significantly increase the number of students who go on to earn a Ph.D. or MD/Ph.D. in the STEM field.

The Meyerhoff Parents Association (MPA) supports students of the Meyerhoff Scholars program which opens doors to new and novel experiences, forges lifelong relationships and propels students toward a fulfilling career.

How can you help?

The MPA funds student needs and sponsors a number of student-centric activities throughout the year, below is a synopsis:

Fiscal Year 2024

36%

GOAL **\$16,000**

RAISED **\$5,908**

DONORS **51**

REMAINING **0 days**

GIVE NOW

Thank you to our generous donors!



Choose a gift amount

\$250	\$100	\$50	Other
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One-Time Gift	Scheduled Payments	Recurring Gift
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Select an area of support

Your gift will support our talented students and community, regardless of circumstance, to have the opportunity to develop their intellectual and cultural horizons.

FUND SELECTION *

Selected Designations		
NAME	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Meyerhoff Parent Association Fund	\$ 100.00	100 %

This gift is anonymous

If we do not have an account that matches your designation, we will direct your donation to the area that most closely matches the intent of your gift.



Choose a gift amount

\$250	\$100	\$50	Other
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Donation Amount * \$ **400**

One-Time Gift	Scheduled Payments	Recurring Gift
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Number of Payments
(\$5.00 min)

6 ▼

Today's Payment \$ **66.67**

Remaining Payments: 5 payment(s) of \$ **66.67**

Total Amount: \$ **400.00**

Frequency of payments:

15th Day Of Month ▼ x Monthly ▼

The remaining payments will be placed between: **Nov 15, 2021 - Mar 15, 2022**

Notify me days before my card will be charged.



Thank you for your support of UMBC. Your gift makes a difference.

[Your Donation](#) > [Billing](#) > [Review](#) > [Finish](#)

Choose a gift amount

\$250

\$100

\$50

Other

Donation Amount * \$ **33.34**

One-Time Gift

Scheduled Payments

Recurring Gift

Note: The first payment will be charged today.

Frequency of Gift:

15th Day Of Month



x

Monthly



The next payment will be placed on: **Nov 15, 2021**

Notify me days before my card will be charged.



City: *

State: *

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Zip: *

What inspired you to give to UMBC?

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This is an honorary or memorial gift.

My company will match my gift.

This is a joint gift.

Additional comments?

Comments about your gift:

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Safe and Secure Giving

Funds raised are administered by the UMBC Foundation, Inc., for the benefit of UMBC.



MPA Board Structure and Elections

Jill Bispels (M33), MPA Vice President



MPA Board Structure

Consider becoming an MPA Board Member

This is a wonderful opportunity to work with other parents, guardians, and alumni parents as we fulfill the mission to support the Meyerhoff Scholars Program.

The call for Nominations will occur during the summer.

Please consider serving.

Express your interest: umbcmpa@gmail.com



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Saturday, 21 SEPTEMBER 2024 |

Meyerhoff Scholars Research Presentations
No Host Luncheon
Guest Speakers
Election of 2024-25 MPA Board Officers

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MPA Board Structure

Officers

President

Vice President

Assistant Vice President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Editor

Historian

Cohort Representatives (Up to Four Reps per
Cohort)

M36, M35, M34, M33, M32

Alumni Cohort Representatives



MPA Board Elections

Please consider a position on the MPA
Board

**Nominate
yourself**



MPA Town Hall
September 21, 2024



MPA Cohort Representative Perspective

Margarita Bohórquez (M35), Cohort
Representative



"Time moves slowly
but passes quickly."
-Alice Walker

Patience

Patience is not the ability to wait. Patience is to be calm no matter what happens, constantly take action to turn it to positive growth opportunities, and have faith to believe that it will all work out in the end while you are waiting.

ROY T. BENNETT



Lessons learned

- Trust - Letting go
- Empowerment
- Community

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Trust



Empowerment



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**Spring Stress Buster
2024**



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Summer Bridge Stress Buster 2024



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M36 Cohort

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Any Questions?

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Thank You and Welcome Family!



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Mrs. Keia Harris
Business Manager
Meyerhoff Scholars Program

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Meyerhoff Program Comments

Keith Harmon
Dr. Mario Santo Domingo



Notes and Takeaways...

- Don't be surprised of new habits over the coming days!
- Ask good questions in the fall
- Always work in “what did Ms. Wiggs say?”
- Mandatory - Tutoring, SI Pass, Office Hours (for all STEM classes)
and monthly M'hoff advising (Wiggs)
- Time management, habits, and practices will be the fall focus
- Growth and optimization are the goals

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M36 Summer Bridge Parent/Guardian Survey (2024)



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Thank you!