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Creating a College-Going
Culture in WCPS



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UMD Facts

Location
College Park, MD

Undergraduate enrollment
25,857

Mascot
The Terrapins (Terps)

Cost of attendance (in-state)
\$22,115

Middle 50% SAT
Reading 620–710
Math 580–680

Majors
Over 100

www.umd.edu
www.collegeportrait.org

Building a College-Going Culture

Every staff member in a school — support staff, teachers, and administrators — plays an important role in encouraging and preparing students for college. This was the message shared with over 90 WCPS educators from elementary, middle, and high schools at our June professional development session, "Creating a College-Going Culture in Your School."

Consider using one or more of the following activities to kick off the 2010-2011 school year with a college flair:

➤ Name your classroom after your alma mater.

➤ Name school hallways and clusters after colleges and technical, culinary, and art schools.

➤ Hang college pennants and banners in your classroom.

➤ Display your diplomas and teaching certificates.

➤ Share your educational journey with your students.

➤ Create a College Corner in your classroom. Include information that is connected to your subject matter and/or interests.

Look for more ideas on creating a college-going culture in future issues of *The College Connection*.

College of the Month

Each month *The College Connection* will profile a different college or university, beginning with the flagship school of the University System of Maryland, the University of Maryland, the University of Maryland at College Park.

The University of Maryland was recently ranked 8th in *Kiplinger's* list of 100 Best Values in Public Colleges and was named one of the top 15 "green universities" as well. Go, Terps!



Website of the Month
way2gomaryland.org

The University System of Maryland's site is designed for students but includes teacher and family resources as well. Students can explore a variety of topics:

- ⇒ Preparing for College
- ⇒ How Much Can I Make
- ⇒ College Is Affordable
- ⇒ Applying to College
- ⇒ The University System of Maryland

Check it out!



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School Spotlight: ERHMS

Each issue, we plan to highlight strategies and activities being used in our schools to cultivate a college-going culture. This month, we're spotlighting **E. Russell Hicks Middle School**. Over the summer, Principal Duane McNair and staff named all of their hallways after local colleges. Duane had street signs made and posted in the building. Their cafeteria is now the "College Café." Below are some examples of what students saw on their first day of school. Thanks to Duane for these photos!



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How is your school creating a college-going culture? Send your activities and photos to Lori Parks-Murphy for publication in future issues of *The College Connection*.