

# UMES PARENTS CONNECTION

January-February 2019 Edition

Dear UMES Parents

A warm welcome to parents of new UMES students and welcome back to those of you who have been with us! By now, students have begun to settle into classes, connect with new and old friends, and hopefully attend a number of Spring Welcome programs. In this newsletter, we remind you of how we communicate to students during inclement weather, as well as provide pertinent information regarding tax forms, study away opportunities, graduation, and the housing re-application process. As always, should you have topics you would like to see in these monthly newsletters, let me know. Happy New Year – *Louise D. Gaile, Coordinator for the Parents Association.*

## Graduation and School Ceremonies

In preparation of May graduation in Princess Anne, the Senior Class Activities Board is hosting a graduation information fair and celebration. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions about Commencement, school specific graduation ceremonies, photos, rings, diplomas, tickets and other relative details. Additional graduation Information is also available at [www.umes.edu/commencement](http://www.umes.edu/commencement). Note that most communications will be sent directly to students by email.

## On-Campus Housing: Looking Ahead

2019-2020 Housing Agreement Renewal: The University may renew a resident's Contract to occupy a University residence facility during the spring semester of each academic semester. In addition, the students must have proper academic, financial, and disciplinary standing at the time such Contract is confirmed by the University. Residence Life, in accordance with established guidelines, may deny or rescind an extension of this privilege. In such cases, the resident will have an opportunity to review the decision with a Residence Life staff member.

## Life Beyond the Square

The UMES Career and Professional Development is pleased to share its annual report, on job placement for last year's UMES graduating class. It's never too early for your student to take advantage of the various resources and staff available to assist students in their career planning and job search.

All Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshman are encouraged to attend this event. Please come network with employers to learn more about internships, summer jobs, employment

and other opportunities. This event will take place on Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Student Services Center Ballroom. Bring your Resumes, be Professional dress and student identification is required.

### **Tax Forms**

IRS Forms 1098-T entitled "Tuition Statement" contains information to assist the IRS and students or parents in determining eligibility to claim educational related tax credits such as the American Opportunity Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit. The form is available for eligible students annually by January 31 via timesheet website. Additional details, including instructions about receiving the form electronically, are available on the Bursar's website. For students employed on campus, information on how your student may obtain a copy of their W2 Form.

### **Inclement Weather**

Please know that in the event of inclement weather the University will notify students of closings or delays via their UMES email address and post notifications on the UMES website, Facebook and Twitter. Under extreme conditions, our Department of Public Safety will notify student via text message. For students finding it difficult to travel when the University is open during inclement weather, they should communicate directly with their faculty and teachers if they are unable to make it to class.

### **University Communications**

Want to know more about what's happening at UMES? Communications from President Anderson, the University Senate, UMES News, the Alumni Magazine, and more, are available online.

### **Dates and Deadlines**

Looking for future dates and deadlines? Academic calendars can be found through Summer of 2019 online on [www.umes.edu/calendar](http://www.umes.edu/calendar).

### **Emergency Contacts**

Throughout the year, including all University breaks, the professionals from the Department of Public Safety (410-651-3300) are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist students.

## Campus Hotel

Planning a trip for Parents weekend? Interested in a campus tour? Are you or a loved one destined to be a UMES Hawk?

The Richard A. Henson Hotel & Conference Center is located in the heart of Princess Anne on the beautiful and picturesque campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. It is Princess Anne's premier choice for campus visits, business trips, reunions, meetings, catered events and relaxing getaways. The trained staff looks forward to servicing you and treating you with the type of hospitality for which you deserve. For reservations, call (410) 651 - 8100 or Book Now Online [www.umes.edu/henson](http://www.umes.edu/henson).

There are discounted rates specifically for your upcoming visit; how convenient is that?



## Spring 2019 Academic Calendar

January 28–May 24, 2019

January 28	<b>First Day of Class</b>
February 4	Registration and ADD/DROP Periods END
February 5	<b>WITHDRAWAL Period BEGINS - (grade of “W”)</b>
March 11–15	Mid-Term Exams
March 17–24	Spring Break–Students Only
March 18–20	Spring Break – Campus Closed
March 22	Mid-Term Grades Posted to PeopleSoft
March 25	Academic Advising period begins
March 27 Athletics Only	Course Selection (Summer/Fall 2019) Graduate, Seniors, Honors Program &
March 28	Course Selection (Summer/Fall 2019) Juniors and Sophomores Only
March 29	Course Selection (Summer/Fall 2019) Freshman Only
April 1	Course Selection (Summer/Fall 2019) All Students
April 4	Honors Convocation
April 5	Last day to WITHDRAW from a course (grade of “W”)
April 15	Supplemental Grade Reports–Summer and Fall 2018 Sessions – Letter Grade Changes
April 15–May 14	Last Day of Class
May 14	<b>Last day to WITHDRAW from the University</b>
May 15–20	Final Exams
May 18	Final Exams–Special Testing
May 20	Permission for Non–UMES Study Process ENDS for All Summer Sessions
May 22	Grades Posted to People Soft with copy to Department Chair
May 24	<b>Commencement</b>
May 30–September 30	Application for Degree Process–Fall



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