



## ***Parents Weekend October 11–13, 2019***

We look forward to having you at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore for this special weekend. When you arrive, be sure to stop at the Information Desk located in the Student Services Center for the latest schedule information. No pre-registration is necessary for Parents Weekend. The weekend will combine informational and recreational activities, giving parents the opportunity to meet with members of the university staff, review campus life, and participate in social events. **These activities may be updated by this weekend.**

### **Friday, October 11, 2019**

- **12 noon–6 p.m.**
- **Registration - SSC–Rotunda - Advising and Support Mentors and Tutors**
- **Plateau Dining Hall** is open for Breakfast, lunch or dinner (\$5.55 plus tax \$5.88) on your own)

#### **8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

- **Business Office Open** (Student Development Center)
- Visit the **Information Desk** in the Student Services Center for up to date weekend schedules campus schedules.

#### **On your own or with your love one**

- Visit the Campus Life office (Student Services Center, Second Floor) to learn about the programs and services designed to build a sense of community and enhance the quality of campus life for students.

**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

- **Check out Barnes & Noble** in the Student Services Center first floor- Outfit the entire family in UMES gear ( Clothing, gift items, books and a variety of snacks )

**10 a.m. -2 p.m. - SSC, Second Floor, Suite**

- Visit the **Career and Professional Development Center** to find out how we support students as they learn how to effectively plan, prepare for and pursue their educational, career, and life goals.

**8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

- **Meet and Greet -Residence Halls Area Directors of each housing community in the Office of Residence Life (ORL) Community Center.**

*10 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

- **Health and Wellness Center- Tawes**
- **Plateau Dining Hall** is open for dinner (\$7.05 plus tax \$7.47) on your own
- **Free Movie: TBA**
- **Men's & Women's Basketball** – Annual Tip-off Dinner in the Hytche arena

**Saturday, October 12, 2019**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

- **Plateau Dining Hall** is open for Brunch sponsor by Division of Student Affairs and Parents Association.

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**Student Services Center- First Floor-10-2 p.m.**

- **Barnes & Noble**

**11 a.m. SSC- Multipurpose**

**Advising and Support for your Student: An Overview of Access & Success**

**12 noon SSC-Multipurpose Room**

- **Financial Aid** – They will discussing loan repayment and finding scholarships.

**11 a. m. –3 p.m. – SSC Rotunda**

- **Family Weekend Photo Opportunities**

- **Open Bowling and Game Room Activities–TBA**

**10 a.m.**

- **Baseball Alumni Game and Softball Alumni Game**
- **Health and Wellness Center–Tawes**
- **Coronation:** Crowning of Mr. and Miss University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- **Sibling Activities-** Fun and games for siblings– Recreation area, Student Services Center

**Sunday, October 13, 2019**

- **Rev. Jamar Jackson**  
**Church service with Metropolitan United Methodist Church**

**30522 Dr. William P. Hytche Blvd., Princess Anne, MD 21853**

Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Princess Anne and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore have much in common.

African-Americans in Somerset County, who since 1842 worshipped as a congregation named for one of the Methodist denomination's principle founders, laid a cornerstone on Sept. 19, 1886 for a new church on what was then Broad Street.

It also declared the congregation had a new name -- Metropolitan -- and by proximity established itself as a neighbor to a fledgling prep school a short distance away.

Six days before that cornerstone ceremony, nine black youth showed up at an 18th-century homestead known as Olney in hopes of getting a formal education – thanks to two local pastors and their Methodist Episcopal colleagues in Baltimore.

The Delaware Conference Academy, UMES' first name, was open for business due in no small part to Metropolitan's minister at the time, **the Rev. Joseph R.S. Waters**, who was born in nearby Fairmount, Md.

The Somerset County native partnered with **John A. B. Wilson**, a white Methodist minister from Delaware, to win the support of church elders to open a secondary school on Maryland's rural Eastern Shore.

The bitterly divisive Civil War had been over for two decades, but the nation wrestled with its aftermath, which included the moral obligation to provide descendants of former slaves and freedmen access to education. Somerset County was not immune from these pressures.

It is no less short of remarkable that a Methodist preacher and his colleague launched a small, poorly funded enterprise in hopes it might prop open the door for opportunity to that pioneering first class and those that would follow.

While the black branch of the Methodist Episcopal denomination was committed to supporting the modest Academy in faraway Princess Anne adjacent to its church, the early struggles were difficult.

Nonetheless, UMES' heritage as a private, church-supported school that became a public university is directly tied to Metropolitan.

In the Academy's early years, teachers required students to attend services there, a tradition that carried over well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century when the school became a public institution.

- **Brunch in the Café with your love ones (\$7.05 plus tax \$7.47)**

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact the Parents Weekend staff at 410-651-7850.