

State of the Campus

Darryll J. Pines, President
Oct. 15, 2025





AGENDA

- Current Events
- Indicators of Excellence
- Major Initiatives
- Community Success
- Moving *Forward*
- Terp Pride

Current Events





Our Strategic Response

- **Engage**
 - *Continuing advocacy with MD Delegation, Agency Heads, and in partnership with AAU, ACE and APLU*
- **Challenge**
 - *When necessary, following and joining court cases and litigation in partnership with OAG*
- **Adapt**
 - *Analyzing federal impact and exploring new opportunities*
- **Plan**
 - *Assessing state and federal budget implications and range of actions to lower expenses and increase revenues*
- **Listen to Community**
 - *Serving all members of our community to create environment for thriving*



Campus Updates Available

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Federal Relations

UPDATED: October 1, 2025

[Information on Executive Orders, Memos and Agency Guidance](#)

As the federal landscape evolves, we are committed to providing information about executive orders, memorandums and guidance that may affect our work and community at the University of Maryland.

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Indicators of Excellence



**UMD'S *HIGHEST-EVER*
RANKINGS**

#16 AMONG PUBLIC
UNIVERSITIES

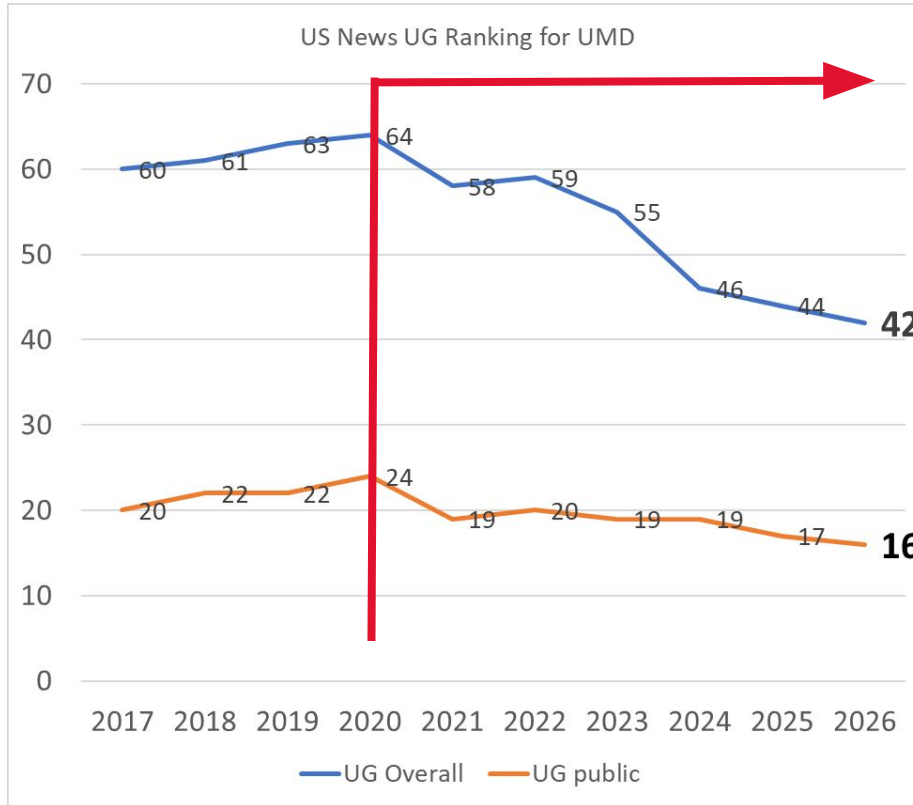
#42 IN THE NATION

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Source: U.S. News & World Report 2025-26



U.S. News and World Report UG Ranking for Maryland



UMD has moved up 22 spots overall, and 8 spots as a public institution in the past six years.



Top Ten



Undergraduate (2025):

- Computer Science
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Information Systems
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering

Graduate (2025):

- Student Counseling
- Education Psychology
- Higher Ed Administration
- Information Systems
- Homeland Security

Online (2025):

- MBA Marketing
- MBA General Management
- Master of Engineering Program
- Master's in Electrical Engineering



- America's Top Colleges (2025)
- Employers in Maryland (2024)



- Computer Science Graduates (2024)
- Average Pay for Full Professors (2025)
- Graduation rate among primarily residential public universities (2024)
- Producer of Fulbright Scholars (2025)



- Undergraduate entrepreneurship (2024)



- "Ignition Schools" Impact through entrepreneurship and innovation (2025)



- Employers in Maryland (2024)



- Patents Awarded (2025)



- Ph.D.s in Quantum Science, Artificial Intelligence, Space Technology, Networked Sensing, and Data Privacy and Cybersecurity (2025)



Rankings Success



#11 among public institutions in research



#11 among U.S. public schools, highest ranking to date

#29 among U.S. universities

#72 among 2,250 top universities from more than 100 countries



#11 among U.S. public schools

#28 among U.S. universities

#55 among 1,000 research universities



Top 0.5% among global universities

#46 among U.S. universities

#92 among 21,000 universities



Major Initiatives



Infrastructure Improvements

- 22 classroom renovations, plus roof repairs and exterior painting
- McKeldin Mall lighting upgrades
- Bike lane installation
- Barry P. Gossett Basketball Performance Center
- SECU Stadium repairs and upgrades





Grand Challenges Graduate Communities (GC)²

- First-of-its-kind living-learning community initiative
- Interdisciplinary research collaborations
- Academic, career and professional development opportunities
- Community engagement within new Discovery House graduate housing complex



Graduate Housing at Discovery House



- Located at Old Leonardtown, will be first new construction, University-sponsored graduate student housing at UMD
 - Will serve **750 students** with below-market options beginning in **2026-27**
- Will nearly **double capacity** to house graduate students in University-affiliated housing
- Will give UMD a total graduate housing capacity higher than nearly all of our peers in the Big Ten



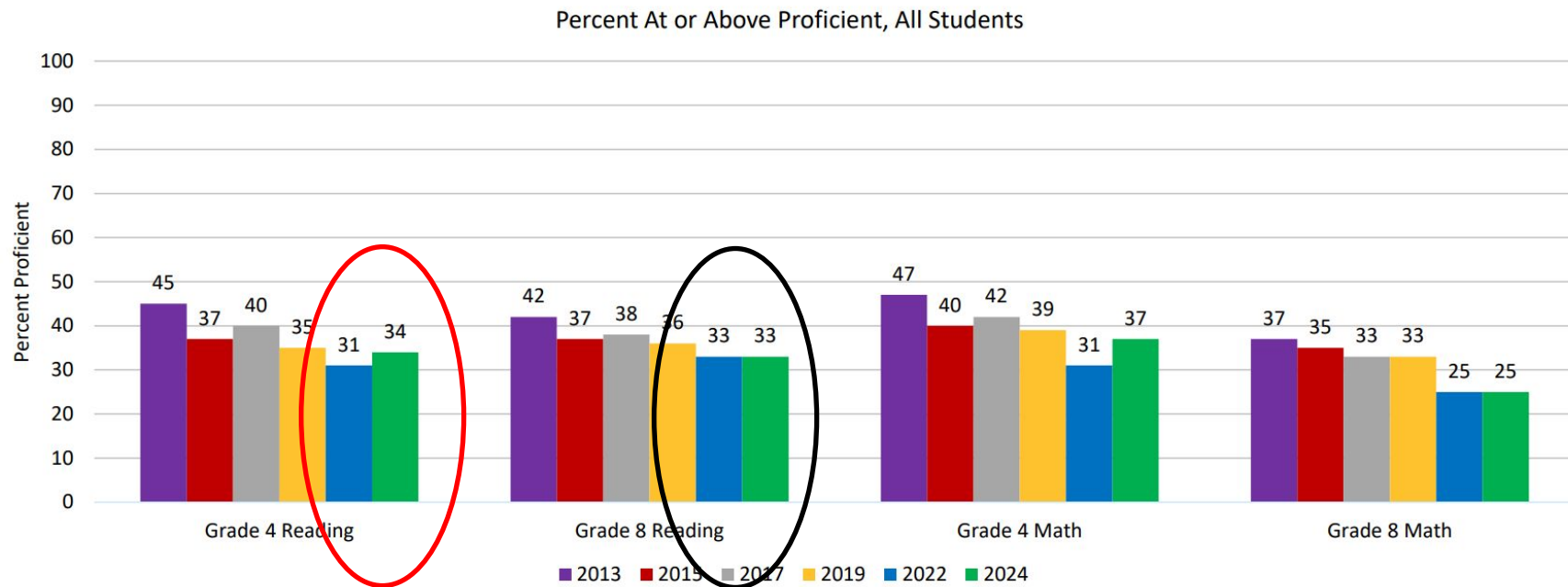
- **\$30M to 50 Projects**
 - “Real Change for Real People”
 - Engaged 2,000 Faculty and Staff, 5,000 students and 34,000 stakeholders
- **Maryland Initiative for Literacy & Equity (MILE)**
 - Helped increase state reading scores in 2024 through policy, collaboration and tutoring
- **Global FEWture Alliance**
 - 15 projects across four countries, including aquifer recharge in Anne Arundel County, biochar in Nepal and grape harvesting in Tanzania
- **Climate Resilience Network**
 - Sea level sensors in 7 counties, air quality monitoring along Patapsco River



2013**2022**

Maryland's NAEP Proficiency Rates

Proficiency has declined in all grades/subjects from 2013 to 2022 but grade 4 increased in 2024 and grade 8 has leveled off in 2024.



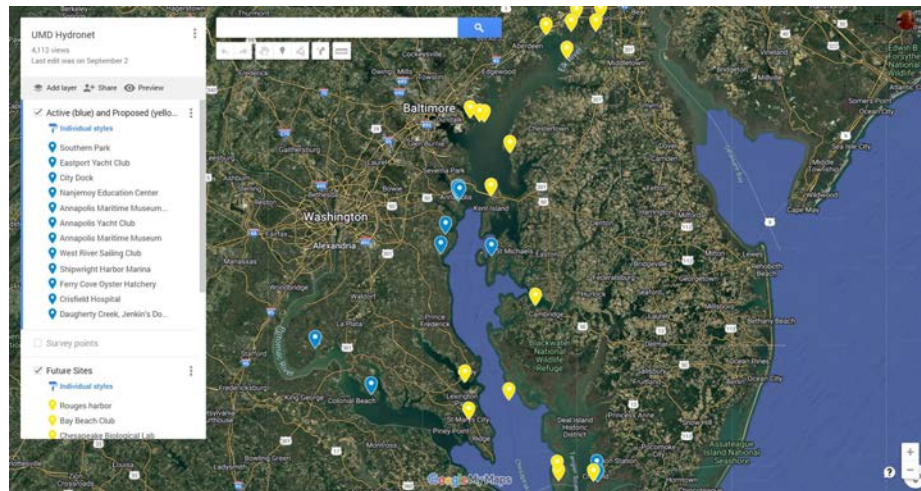
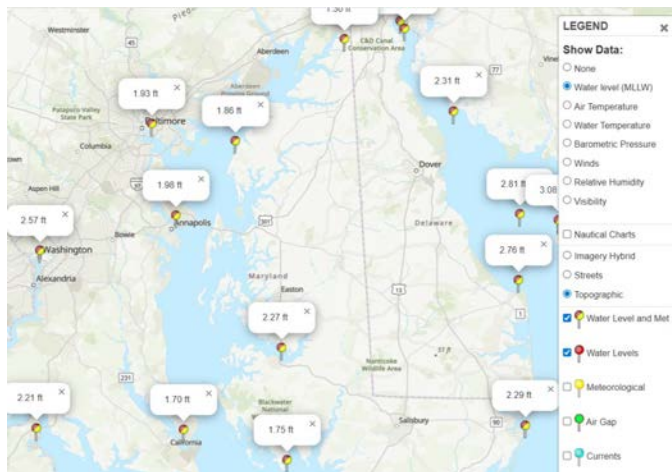


HYDRONET
CLIMATE RESILIENCE NETWORK

Currently Working in 7 Counties

Objectives:

- *Bolster Coastal Resilience*
- *Develop an Enhanced Flood Risk Alert System for area that lack sufficient monitoring*



Tropical Storm Debbie caused major flooding in Annapolis, demonstrating how dangerous weak tropical storms and rising sea levels can be to coastal communities in Maryland



Mesonet

A network of high-quality, closely spaced, rapid-sampling weather monitoring and data collection systems across the state to advance emergency preparedness, the accuracy of regional weather forecasts, and expedite disaster assessment and recovery.

- Wind speed and direction
- Air temperature
- Relative humidity
- Barometric pressure
- Solar radiation
- Snow depth
- Rainfall intensity and amount
- Soil moisture and temperature



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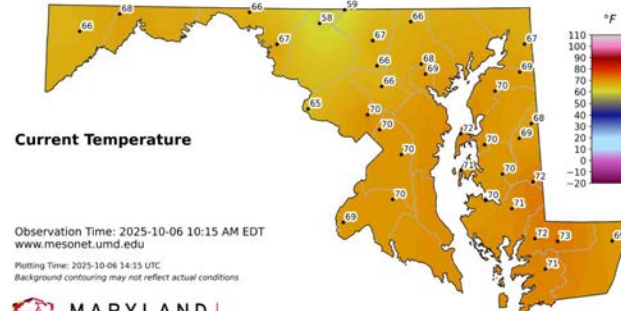
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Select a map:

- Current Temperature
- Dew Point
- Humidity
- Wind Speed
- Peak Wind Gust
- Rainfall (Past Hour)
- Rainfall (Since Midnight)
- Solar Radiation
- Sea Level Pressure

Maryland Democracy Initiative

- Brings together EDUC, BSOS, JOUR, SPP
- New **\$6M** gift from Marsha '64 and Henry Laufer will help increase civic literacy and democratic engagement in K-12, higher ed and beyond
- Created 2024 Maryland School Board Election Voter Guide
- Produced nonpartisan K-12 teaching materials on voting and elections
- Developed training for student poll workers



Microsoft Quantum Research Center



Maryland Governor Wes Moore, Microsoft Executive Vice President Jason Zander, and UMD President Darryll J. Pines at Quantum World Congress

- Based in UMD Discovery District and partnership between State of Maryland, University of Maryland Enterprise Corporation and Microsoft
- Will provide early access to Microsoft quantum technology to support collaborative hardware and software development between government agencies, academic institutions and quantum companies
- Will provide space for Microsoft engineers to interact and work with Maryland quantum ecosystem, including UMD students and researchers



Artificial Intelligence



*President Pines and AIM Director Hal Daumé
at The Washington Post Global AI Summit*

- **BA in Human-Centered AI**, anchored in Department of Philosophy and collaborating with INFO, BSOS, SPP and ARCH
- **\$2.8M** National Cancer Institute grant for project led by ARHU communications professor Xiaoli Nan to develop personalized, AI-driven healthcare chatbot
- **\$1.5M** in AIM seed grants to 22 projects including food safety, Arctic sea ice monitoring, language translation, neurodiversity practices, robotics, law & ethics
- **\$85K** in AIM Course Development Grants: literacy, neuroscience, assistive technology, music, historical analysis, literature, visual art
- Virtual Study Assistants integrating with faculty course materials and recorded lectures to help students **24/7** by answering questions, generating on-demand quizzes and providing source links
- **30K+ people** enrolled in Smith School's free online certificate in AI and Career Empowerment



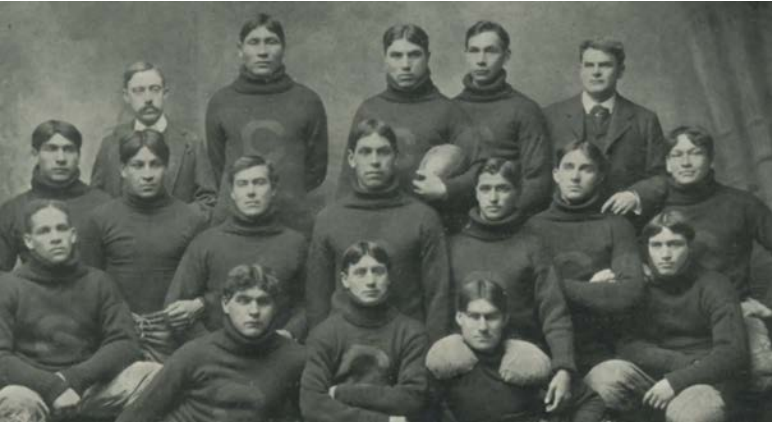
Arts for All



- NextNOW Fest 2025: 40 events across campus including music, film festival, poetry readings and pop-up skate park
- “Why Creativity Matters” with NPR’s Peter Sagal
- ArtsAMP Awards supporting projects on digital memory, incarcerated youth, DIY print publications and more
- Composer Clarice Assad will teach “Environmental Storytelling Through Music & Technology,” and create collaborative digital album
- “Wardrobe Refresh” for Testudo by Arts for All, The Clarice, Office of Special Events and MFA design students



Archival Projects



- **\$3.6M** from Mellon Foundation to create systems that make it easier to find and access archival collections related to Indigenous knowledge.
- Led by Diana Marsh (INFO) and Shelbi Nahwilet Meissner (ARHU and Indigenous Futures Lab)
- Collaboration with Social Networks and Archival Context Cooperative, four Tribal/First Nation Organizations and Indigenous advisory board.



- **\$1.5M** endowment and **\$310K** in startup funds from the Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute to create the Dr. Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Persian Digital Library (EOMPDL) to preserve, study and share Persian literary heritage
- Led by Matthew Thomas Miller (ARHU)
- Will be first open-access Persian digital library to feature texts professionally edited and vetted by scholars





➤ Terrapin Commitment

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>Total</u>
Students	3,421	3,864	4,468	8,114
Total Support	\$10,230,914	\$21,102,744	\$22,208,578	\$53,542,236
Average Support	\$2,991	\$5,461	\$4,971	\$6,599

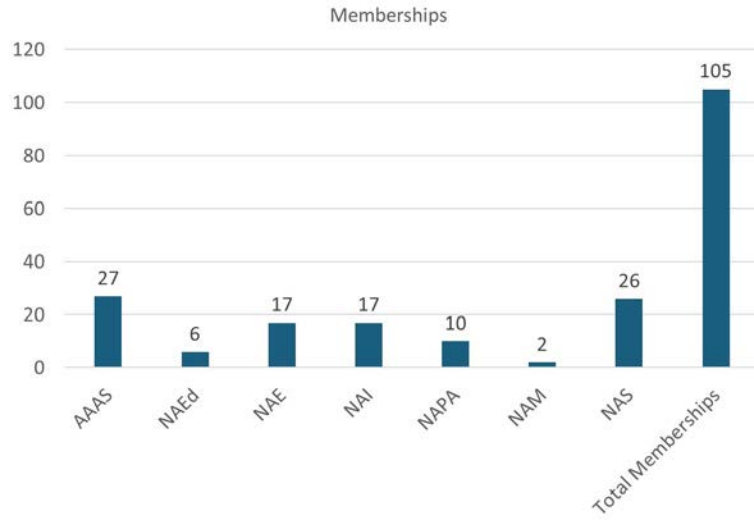


Community Success



National Academies

- **105 Total Memberships**
 - Education
 - Engineering
 - Sciences
 - Inventors
 - Medicine
 - Public Administration
 - American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- **34 New Memberships** Since 2020



Kan Cao
(CMNS, 2025)
*National Academy of
Inventors*



Shenqiang Ren
(ENGR, 2025)
*National Academy of
Inventors*



John Haltiwanger
(BSOS, 2025)
*American Academy of
Arts and Sciences*



Faculty and Staff Convocation



Accolades

- **Jennifer King Rice** (*Provost*): *Washingtonian* “Most Powerful Women” List
- **Jeffrey Lidz** (*ARHU*): Fellow, American Association for Advancement of Science
- **Rajshree Agarwal** (*BGMT*): Outstanding Educator Award, Academy of Management
- **Anisha Campbell** (*Terrapin Teachers*), **Katrina Goth** (*ENGR*), **Conrad Wilson** (*Public Safety IT*), **Aricelda Munoz** (*Dining Services*): USM Board of Regents Award
- **Rose DiPaula** (*Athletics*): Haverbeck Award, U.S. Basketball Writers Association
- **Louis Giglio** (*BSOS*): NASA Outstanding Public Leadership Medal
- **Zhanqing Li** (*CMNS*): Verner Suomi Medal, American Meteorological Society
- **Donna Lim** (*Stamp*): Excellence in Advising Award, Mortar Board National Honor Society
- **Paula Shrewsbury** (*AGNR*): Fellow, Entomological Society of America



Anisha Campbell



Jeffrey Lidz



Zhanqing Li

Howard Center Impact



- UMD College of Journalism earned Pulitzer Prize recognition for the first time when the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism's **“Lethal Restraint”** collaboration was named a finalist **for the Pulitzer for Investigative Reporting**.
- Journalists from The Associated Press global investigations unit, FRONTLINE (PBS), UMD and Arizona State University documented that police tactics intended to stop people without killing them resulted in more than 1,000 deaths in the U.S. from 2012-21.
- Led to new safety guidelines, revised sedation rules and more.
- Involved **205** Merrill students, faculty and staff with hundreds of requests for government documents and body-camera footage.

Merrill Top-Five Rankings (2024): College Rank, Universities.com, CollegeVine, Transizion

Merrill Top-Ten Rankings (2024-25): College Factual, CollegeRanker, Successful Student, College Transitions



Student Team Success

- **First Place** for Graduate and Undergraduate in the 2025 *Vertical Flight Society Student Design Competition*
- **14th Place and Best-Ever Finish** in *International Intercollegiate Programming Contest World Finals*
- **Honorable Mention** in 2025 *Concrete Masonry Student Competition* sponsored by the Concrete Masonry & Hardscapes Association and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture

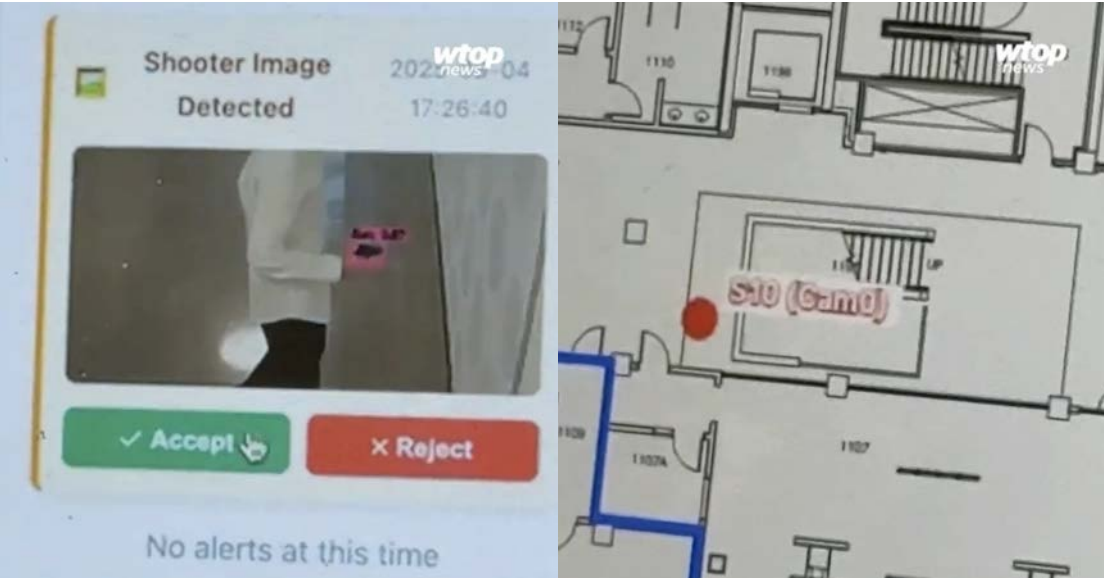


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Inaugural xFoundry Competition Winners



- **Team DefenX** earned **\$250K** by winning xFoundry's School Safety Xperience Competition
- Developed tool that uses school cameras and AI to detect guns and track movements with security alerts sent to staff
 - **3 Second** Response Time
 - **90%+** Accuracy

*Contest included **14** teams of **89** UMD students, representing **25** majors and all **12** schools and colleges*



Moving *Forward*





Terp Pride



One Day in UMD Dining Halls

- Any Time Dining 7 Day: 9,282
- Connector: 3,581
- Any Time Dining 5 Day: 102
- Faculty/Staff: 334
- Dining Services Employees: 212
- Meal Cards: 36
- Any Time Dining Guests: 101
- Faculty/Staff Guests: 34
- Connector Guests: 256

Total Unique People Served: 13,938

Total Meals Served: 27,283



Dining Services Success



2025 National Association of College & University Food Services Awards

- **NACUFUS Grand Prize for Nutrition** - Nutrition Team
- **NACUFS Gold Innovative Wellness and Nutrition** - Nutrition Team
- **NACUFS Bronze Special Diets:** *Purple Zone* - Nutrition Team
- **NACUFS Bronze: Best Dining Hall Event:** *March Madness* - Resident Dining Teams
- **NACUFS Bronze Outreach & Education:** *Campus Pantry* - Sustainability Team





A photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, there is a large green lawn. To the left, a tree with red autumn leaves is partially visible. In the background, a large, multi-story building with red brick and white columns is visible. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The text "FEARLESSLY" is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, white font with a black outline. The text is slightly tilted upwards to the right.

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