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SGA



JONATHAN ALLEN, an Envision Maryland candidate, was elected as this university's SGA president with 74 percent of the student vote. PHOTO COURTESY OF JONATHAN ALLEN

Allen to be SGA president

Envision MD candidate takes 74%, MaryPIRG salary referendum passes

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Envision Maryland candidate Jonathan Allen was elected the University of Maryland's SGA president for the 2018-19 academic year, carrying 74 percent of the

student vote, according to SGA election results released Friday. Allen defeated Recognize UMD's presidential candidate, Humza Yahya, a junior accounting and information systems major, who serves as one of the Student Government Association's off-campus

neighboring representatives. Envision Maryland swept all contested seats in the SGA election, beating out Recognize UMD's candidates for president, financial affairs vice president and student affairs vice president. "To finally accomplish [being elected] was definitely a relief, but exciting, knowing that going forward I'm able to represent the student body," Allen said. "In the meantime,

I'm going to meet with my newly elected executive board and cabinet and really look back at all of the platform ideas that we set out and that we campaigned on, and see how we can plan for the year."

Recognize UMD, a party made up of Yahya, Kamyar Dastani and Keith Katz, served as Envision Maryland's

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GRADUATE STUDENTS

Grad assts to get 2 percent stipend raise

Cost of living increase will take effect in January 2019

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All University of Maryland graduate assistants will receive a 2 percent increase in their stipend beginning in January, the graduate school's interim dean announced Tuesday.

These increases are due to a raise in the cost of living, university spokesperson Jessica Jennings wrote in an email. Cost of living adjustments are set by Maryland state law and the University System of Maryland budget action and salary directives, according to this university's human resources department's website.

"After a careful assessment of the cost of attendance for graduate assistants, as well as productive discussions with graduate students across campus about their needs, we deemed that a significant increase in the minimum stipend was

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CAMPUS

Annual Israel Fest prompts 'open dialogue'

Pro-Palestine groups hold boycott and teach-in

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University of Maryland students gathered on McKeldin Mall starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday for the annual celebration of Israel Fest and Israeli Independence Day, featuring food, entertainment and camel rides.

But at the end of the mall, near McKeldin Library, the scene was entirely different.

With a Palestinian flag draped around his shoulders, and one hand supporting a brightly painted blockade labeled "Israeli Apartheid Wall" against the gusts of wind, senior anthropology major Nicholas Galloway said the festival was "a

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About this week's banner

Each year, The Diamondback celebrates its past with a throwback banner. This year, we turn back to the iconic lowercase design used beginning in the late 1960s.

ATHLETICS



LONGTIME DONORS Barry and Mary Gossett donated \$21.25 million to assist student-athletes with career planning, scholarships and internship programs. COURTESY OF JOHN T. CONSOLI/UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

'A LASTING IMPRINT'

Gossett family donates \$21.25 million aimed at career help for student-athletes

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The University of Maryland will receive a \$21.25 million donation from longtime donors Barry and Mary Gossett aimed at career help for student-athletes.

The donation will establish the Barry and Mary Gossett Center for Academic and Personal Excellence, according to a news release. The center will include career-planning and mentorship resources, alongside scholarship and internship programs.

It will enhance resources already available through the Academic Support and Career Development Unit in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, which will be renamed for the center. The programs' implementation is set to begin this fall.

Part of the center is the Gossett Fellows program, which will allow rising junior student-athletes to have a paid summer internship and remain involved in their sport. This

program builds upon the pre-existing "InTERPship Academy" program.

"Demanding athletic schedules pose unique challenges to student-athletes, causing barriers to internships and part-time jobs that help students develop important skills during their time in college," said Barry Gossett, according to the release.

The gift will also create the

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COMMUNITY

After students pointed out sexist language in Comp Sci's TA guide, the department is revising it

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The University of Maryland's computer science department is changing its teaching assistant handbook after students pointed out that it contained misogynistic guidance about TA conduct.

The handbook, which was removed from the department's website

Monday evening, had separate sections addressed to male and female TAs.

"Your students may experience some difficulty accepting you fully in a scientific field which they may, for whatever reasons, associate with male activity," the handbook's section

for female TAs read. "Male students especially (but not exclusively) may try to challenge your authority, to trip you up, or (more subtly) to try to compromise your status by flippancy or suggestive remarks."

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