

**DID YOU
KNOW? ...**

The University's National Society of Black Engineers Team won the National Academic Tech Bowl Competition for the second time in two years, beating the best teams from around the country.

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Family Intervention: When to Step In

(adapted with permission from the article "When to Intervene/Advocate" by David M.J. Cross, The University of New Hampshire)

Perhaps one of the most difficult things about mentoring a student through the college experience is knowing when is the right time to step in and intervene. College students go through a natural stage of human development where they need to discover their own independence, separate from their parents. They need to develop the self-confidence to make decisions and cope with stressors in their lives on their own apart from their parents. However, every young person proceeds through this developmental stage in their own unique way. Some individuals are ready for independence at an early age and some get well into their 20's before they are able to manage life independently.

So... realizing this, parents then have to weigh the cost of an intervention.

Parents know their children better than anyone at the college/university they are attending. If

parents become aware of a significant change in their child's attitude or behavior particularly around academic success and/or social connection (i.e., loneliness, poor grades, alcohol/other drug problems, conduct issues) then they should encourage their child to seek support/help from



UMBC family support their student

university staff and faculty. We have resources here at UMBC (advisors, counselors, community directors, resident assistants, professors) that can help a student navigate some difficult times. If the student can seek help on their own, with the support of their parents, this is the

best case scenario. It allows them to realize they can solve their own problems without being rescued by their parents and will add to their self-confidence in managing future life stressors.

If, however, your child does not seem capable of following up on the support the university provides and their emotional and/or physical health is suffering, then an intervention is appropriate. A phone call to a university official to seek advice about how to connect your child to university resources would be helpful.

UMBC offers many resources to help students navigate difficult developmental and personal situations. If possible, it is best if they can do this themselves but, if necessary, a parental intervention would be the helpful thing to do. You can find many of these resources on our UMBC Parent Resources webpage at <http://www.umbc.edu/Parents/>

Electronic Billing is Now Required

UMBC will transfer from paper to electronic billing by the fall 2006 semester.

All UMBC students are now required to sign-up for e-billing.

Benefits of e-billing

1. No more waiting for the mail!
2. Sign-up is easy and secure!
3. Your student may view his/her bill and make payments anytime from any location on a secure site.

4. Your student will receive e-mail notifications when bills are available. Students can add your address and you will be notified too!

5. You can have access to the e-bill if your student(s) opens their e-billing page for you.

Please have your student sign-up for e-billing by clicking on the "Sign-Up" button from the link below:

<https://ebill.securebills.com/sms/default.asp?u=UMBC>

Questions about e-billing?

Please go to:

www.umbc.edu/ebilling



WELCOME WEEK 2006

Sunday, January 29

9 am —Resident Hall
Move-in day

Monday, January 30

First Day of Classes
New Student Reception
Skylight Room,
4:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesday, January 31

Karaoke Night
Flat Tuesdays, 8pm-
10pm

Wednesday, February 1

3rd annual campus
resources and on cam-
pus job fair

Black history month

Basketball Rally

Welcome Back Social
Hour

Visual Art Showcase
Women's Basketball

Thursday, February

Men's Basketball

Pack the RAC
Party



Friday, February 3

Mega Game Night

Saturday, February 4

UMBC Serves
Community Ser-
vice Project

SEB Presents. . .
University Ball-
room

Chiller Thriller
Dance Party

Sunday, February 5

Superbowl Party

Please visit the UMBC [Spring Academic Calendar](#) for more important dates.

Award winning Model United Nations Team



**UMBC Model
United Nations
Members**

Model United Nations (MUN) has a long history at UMBC. UMBC has hosted a Model United Nations Team since 1995 and continues to be recognized for its excellence in competitions.

The Model United Nations Team is comprised of current undergraduate and graduate students at UMBC. As part of MUN, the team simulates commit-

tee work of the United Nations and associated international non-governmental organizations. Currently, the team participates in two competitions each school year.

The Model United Nations Foundation is an alumni organization affiliated with the UMBC Alumni Association and formally recognized by the UMBC Model United Nations Team.

The Foundation is committed to provide financial and leadership support to the Team.

Team Meetings

Meetings are held in the third floor conference room of the Public Policy Building (Rm. 354; Political Science Conference Room) every Monday during free hour at 12 p.m. Please feel free to contact the team for more information at www.umbc-mun.org.

UMBC Arts and Culture



January 30 – March 12
Extraordinary Bodies: Photographs from the Mütter Museum

The [Albin O. Kuhn Library Gallery](#) presents *Extraordinary Bodies: Photographs from the Mütter Museum*. The historical bond between photographers and medicine carries forward to the present day with this exhibition of works by contemporary photographers alongside powerful images from the Mütter Museum's renowned historical photography collection. On Tuesday, February 21 at 4:30 pm, the Library Gallery will host a lecture in conjunction with the exhibition by UMBC photography professor [Mark Alice Durant](#).



February 2 – March 18
What Sound Does a Color Make?
 The [Center for Art and Visual Culture](#) presents *What Sound Does a Color Make?*, an exhibition that explores the fusion of vision and sound in electronic media. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, and will include a 6 p.m. curatorial tour of the exhibition by Kathleen Forde.



February 3 & 4
 10-Minute Plays
 The [Department of Theatre](#) presents the winners of the inaugural annual [10-Minute Play Competition](#). This national competition, sponsored by UMBC, asked entrants to submit 10-minute plays written for female characters age 16 to 30 that feature clearly defined acting challenges for young women. The winning play, *Fin and Euba*, was written by [Audrey Cefaly](#), who received the

\$1,000 award. This play and the others finalists—*La Llorana* by Monica Flory, *Liberal Arts* by Don LaPlant, *Lil' Heroes* by Stephanie Timm and *Pipe Dreams* by JudyLee Olivia—will be presented as staged readings directed by UMBC theatre professors. February 3 performances at 4 and 7:30 p.m.; February 4 performance at 8 p.m. All in the UMBC Theatre.



February 8, 9, 10 & 11
 Phoenix Dance Company
 The [Department of Dance](#) presents the Phoenix Dance Company, the professional dance company in residence at UMBC, in its annual concerts. Renowned for its exploration of dance and technology, the Phoenix Dance Company features choreography by Carol Hess and Doug Hamby, and performances by Sandra Lacy and other artists. \$15 general admission, \$7 students and seniors. 8 p.m. each evening in the UMBC Theatre.
 To order tickets in advance using a credit card, [order online through MissionTix](#) or call 410-752-8950.

Parent's Corner: Crime Alert Update

The Baltimore County Police continues to investigate the circumstance involving the recovery of two bodies on Shelbourne Road in the Arbutus area on 1-8-06 near the campus. Their identities have been established and there is no indication the victims' or the circumstances surrounding their deaths are linked to UMBC.

Evidence shows that the bodies were dumped at the location suggesting that the initial crime did not take place near the UMBC Campus. UMBC has a long history of a low campus crime rate. To view statistics visit the [UMBC police](#) home page at www.umbc.edu/police/. Nevertheless, all members of the campus community are always encouraged to

remain alert and report any suspicious activities to the UMBC Police Department at X55555 or from a non campus phone at 410-455-5555.



JOHN P. COOK JR.,
 UMBC
 CHIEF OF POLICE



Isaac Kinde
Plans: M.D./ Ph.D.,
Johns Hopkins University
B.S., Biological Sciences

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Stories From The Class of 2005:

Isaac Kinde, a Meyerhoff Scholar and member of the Honors College, has taken full advantage of opportunities to gain real-life experience in the biological sciences. During his time as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scholar, he helped conduct HIV research, which he presented at UMBC's 2005 Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day. He contributed to two articles on his research published in the *Journal of Molecular Biology* and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Kinde was also a researcher in one of the University of California, San Francisco's medical laboratories. He was awarded a Pfizer Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship and received the Faculty Award of Excellence in the Biological Sciences.

He was a Minority Access to Research Careers Scholar, a member of UMBC's Institutional Review Board and president of the Golden Key International Honor Society, as well as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Kinde received two first place awards for presentations at biomedical and chemical and biological sciences conferences. His community service activities included St. Vincent's Children Center Reading Days and the Kaplan Test Drive.

“UMBC's powerful combination of top-notch faculty, collaborative student peers and caring administrators equipped me with the tools necessary to overcome the rigors of university life and gave me the confidence to succeed in higher education.”

No Longer Your Baby: DPOA— What Parents Need to Know

By Susan Plitt
Office of Student Life

In November, friends of ours received the phone call that every parent dreads. Their son had been involved in an automobile accident and was severely injured. By the time they arrived at the hospital, their son had been placed on life support. After meeting with the doctors that had cared for him, they learned that there was absolutely no hope for their son's recovery. The couple gave careful consideration to all of the information they had been given and made the heart wrenching decision to remove him from life support. One can only imagine the shock they experienced when they were told by hospital administrators that since their son was eighteen years of age and legally an adult, they no longer retained the parental authority to make this decision. As of the writing of this article, the boy remains on life support, with no change in the prognosis.

As parents of an eighteen-year-old college freshman, my husband and I were surprised to learn that we would be unable to make medical decisions for our daughter in the event she was unable to make them for herself. We had assumed that since she was covered by our medi-

cal insurance and we were financially supporting her, we would have the ability to continue to make medical decisions on her behalf. A phone call to our attorney proved our assumption incorrect. We immediately made an appointment for her to meet with him and had two documents executed; a **Durable Power of Attorney** and an **Advance Care Directive**.

While no parent wants to believe that such a tragedy will strike one of their children, the sad reality is that it is possible. Facing this possibility and planning ahead was the only way to prevent ourselves from having to endure the helplessness that our friends are now feeling as they watch their son lay in a hospital bed. I urge you to talk to your son or daughter and help them arrange to have these documents drawn up for their own protection, and yours. The cost is minimal ... the peace of mind, priceless.

Talk with your doctor or lawyer to find out more information regarding the Durable Power of Attorney and the Advance Care Directive process.

What's New at the UMBC Bookstore?

The UMBC Bookstore is an institutional store. What does that mean? We are a non-profit, non-state funded, self-support, auxiliary retail operation serving the UMBC Community.

Not only do we sell textbooks, but we provide a professionally staffed Computer Department with educational pricing on hardware and software. Our popular convenience store, The OTC, offers a wide variety competitively priced beverages, sandwiches, frozen meals, snacks and sundries. The best selection of UMBC clothing and insignia items can be found in our Gifts and Supply Department.

Additionally, a UMBC student can find all the necessary school and residence hall supplies.

Our General Book Department offers many bestsellers for leisure reading and study aids to supplement those thick textbooks.

Our goal in the *Parents' Connection* is to inform you of upcoming events in the Bookstore that will benefit UMBC students and make their college experience easier and more enjoyable. Please visit <http://bookstore.umbc.edu> and be sure to look for Bookstore news and events in subsequent issues of the *Parents' Connection*.



We Want Your Feedback

Please take a moment to complete this form and e-mail or mail the results to the contact information below. Also, if you have a story that other UMBC parents might find of interest that you would like to submit to "Parent's Corner," please send a 75-125 word doc. to parents@umbc.edu.

The best information in the Parent's Connection is:

- The stories
- Helpful Websites
- The Calendar

I would like to see more information about:

- Student Events
- Financial Aid updates
- Other:

Comments:

I would like to participate in:

- Parent's Association
- Event Planning
- Writing Articles

I would attend a Parent's Association meeting in:

- Fall
- Spring
- Neither

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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AMAZING FACT

Did you Know?

The UMBC Chess Team has won its sixth Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championship in seven years. The three-day match, which took place from December 27-29 2005 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Miami, Fla., came to an unexpected finish with UMBC's B team winning the championship with UMBC's A team tying for second place. www.umbc.edu/chess/



Team members surround Faculty Advisor Alan T. Sherman shortly before UMBC vs. MIT match.

Photo by Martha Stewart.

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The mission for Parent Programs at UMBC is to enhance a positive connection between UMBC parents and the University through the development of effective communication, family programming and the sustainable facilitation of the UMBC Parents' Association so that students' academic success, university and life experiences may be fully actualized.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

<http://www.umbc.edu/Search/sitemap.html>

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Local Weather Forecast Baltimore, MD

Five-day forecast (www.weather.msn.com)			 View ten-day forecast	
Tomorrow Jan. 28  Partly Cloudy Hi: 56° Lo: 41°	Sunday Jan. 29  Thundershowers Hi: 56° Lo: 45°	Monday Jan. 30  Showers Hi: 56° Lo: 31°	Tuesday Jan. 31  Snow/Wind Hi: 37° Lo: 28°	Wednesday Feb. 01  Partly Cloudy Hi: 38° Lo: 34°

For the most reliable closing, updates and reopening information, members of the UMBC community and visitors should rely on the only **two official sources of information**:

1. UMBC's homepage www.umbc.edu under the "Campus Life" and "What's New" sections.
2. Hot line telephone numbers - (410) 455/8881/8882/8883/ 8884/8885.

To unsubscribe to the Parent Connection or to offer comments and suggestions, please write to: parents@umbc.edu or call 1-866-VIP-UMBC.