



Patapsco Hall Addition Architectural Rendering
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Dear Resident:

We look forward to welcoming you to campus for the beginning of an exciting academic year. As you arrive on campus for move-in, you will notice construction at multiple locations on the campus including residential areas surrounding Patapsco, Susquehanna, Chesapeake and Potomac. The construction fencing in the residential area surrounds improvements to Susquehanna and Patapsco Halls and a new LEED* Silver addition to Patapsco Hall adding 189 new beds to our community. Improvements include a new elevator in Susquehanna Hall, a new elevator on the existing north end of Patapsco Hall, renovated bathrooms in Patapsco Hall and many less visible infrastructure improvements. Over the course of the project, there will also be improvements to the grounds in the residential hall quadrant of campus including a new basketball, a volleyball court and new landscaping at True Grits. The end result: Better living facilities and more outdoor recreation opportunities by Fall 2011.

We want you to have a great experience this year. Knowing that construction can be noisy and may create minor inconveniences, Residential Life staff members are working closely with Facilities Management staff and contractors to minimize disruptions and ensure safety. While the contractor is authorized to work between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, we have requested that deliveries begin after 8:30 a.m. and delivery trucks be restricted to the area in front of Patapsco Hall. We will also work collaboratively with contractors to minimize noise during critical study periods such as finals week in December. The elevator projects should be complete by the end of Fall semester and the exterior structure of the Patapsco addition should be substantially complete by mid-year; most noise will then be contained within the new wing under construction.

Your safety is paramount to us. New pathways and signage have been created to move you safely around the construction zones. For your safety, please do not enter any fenced construction areas or designated traffic lanes for large trucks. No work personnel will enter any residence hall without an escort and all staff will have identification cards clearly visible at all times. Construction workers have also been asked to be respectful of UMBC students. While I expect that the construction company will adhere to our policies, if you notice a safety concern or inappropriate behavior, you are asked to report it immediately to Residential Life at 410-455-2951 or the FXIT line at 410-455-3948 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. You can also report it to any desk in the residence hall 24 hours a day. New fire safety practices have also been put in place and will be reviewed with residents.

We invite you to view the construction progress via webcam at www.umbc.edu/reslife. Construction updates, milestones and notices of any specific service interruptions will also be posted on our website and via other links to our social networking sites you probably frequent in addition to postings in your residence hall lobby. You are also invited to the Patapsco Addition Project Ground Breaking Ceremony at noon on Friday, September 3 on the 'True Grits' front lawn (Poplar Avenue next to the construction fence). Join President Freeman Hrabowski, Student Provost Elliot Hirshman, Vice President's Nancy Young and Lynne Schaefer as well as RSA President Carl Gruhn and SGA President Yasmin Karimian shovel the ground where the first LEED certified building on campus will be constructed. You are welcome and food will be served.

We look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,

Katie Boone
Director Residential Life

* Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design