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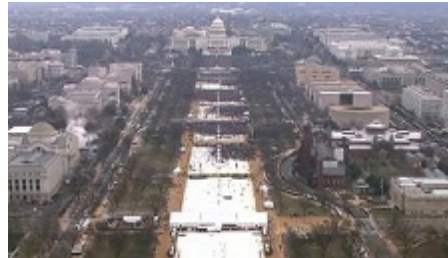
## The Inauguration

by Lia Collen

On Friday, January 20, Donald J. Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States. While protestors flooded the streets of Washington, D.C., the official inauguration ceremony and parade continued throughout the day. The official swearing-in ceremony occurred at 11:30 a.m., followed by President Trump's inauguration address. In his speech, Trump promised to transfer power back to the people and help struggling families. Trump spoke about being a president for all Americans. He emphasized that during his presidency, "it's going to be only America first, America first."

Some controversy arose over the attendance at the inauguration. Images of the crowd shown on CNN and circulating online showed a somewhat sparse crowd. Keith Still, a professor of crowd science, estimated that Trump's inauguration crowd was one-third the size of President Obama's in 2009, meaning there were around 300,000 to 600,000 people in attendance. President Obama's inaugural address drew in 1.8 million people.

Both President Trump and Press Secretary Sean Spicer claimed that the inauguration crowd was the largest ever, despite evidence to the contrary. The Metro tweeted that 193,000 trips were taken by 11 a.m. on Trump's Inauguration Day in compar-



Above: The crowd at the 2017 inauguration.  
Photo Credit: CNN

ison to the 317,000 trips taken by the same time on Obama's 2013 Inauguration Day.

Throughout the day, protesters marched through the city's streets, vandalizing buildings and throwing objects at police in riot gear, who responded with flash bangs and pepper spray. In total, more than 200 people were arrested and the demonstrators continued into the night.

In response to President Trump's inauguration, thousands of people joined the Women's March on Washington on Saturday, January 21. According to the National Park Service, it was the largest-ever demonstration in Washington, D.C. The peaceful gathering was meant to "promote women's equality and defend other marginalized groups." A rally, which included speakers Cecile Richards, America Ferrera, Gloria Steinem, Scarlett Johansson, and dozens of others, preceded the march. In addition to the march in Washington, people gathered in major cities across the country to send a message to the new administration. 673 marches occurred worldwide on all seven continents. An estimated combined

two million people marched across the globe. All marches were peaceful and no arrests were made. Now several weeks into President Trump's administration, protests and demonstrations continue to take place all over the world in response to his controversial policies.



Above: The Women's March on Washington.  
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## Spotlight on Karlie Finch, A Study Abroad Student

by Maya Pillai

Karlie Finch, a biology major and a Spanish and philosophy double minor, was inducted into Primannum Honor Society during the spring semester of her freshman year. Karlie is very excited to share her study abroad experiences.

*Q: Why did you decide to study abroad for the winter term?*

A: I decided to do a winter term abroad because as a biology major, it is very difficult to commit an entire semester in another country! Also, I don't necessarily love the harsh Maryland winters, so Italy seemed like the perfect place to retreat to.

*Q: What did you learn while studying abroad in terms of culture? Explain.*

A: In Italy, I learned their culture is actually quite similar to ours! However, there were a few differences. First of all, they have "la siesta." This is basically a block of time during the day where people leave school or work to take naps! The stores and businesses close and it becomes very quiet. Another big difference was the food. The food was delicious, and unlike in the United States, it was very fresh and not greasy at all!



*Above: Karlie on the island of Capri.  
Photo Credit: Karlie Finch*

*Q: Did the study abroad experience meet your expectations? If so, in what ways did the trip meet your expectations?*

A: This trip definitely met all of my expectations. I was able to do all of the things I wanted to do, like sightseeing and eating fantastic food, while also learning about ancient Roman art and architecture.

*Q: Would you recommend this experience to others who are considering studying abroad in the future?*

A: I would absolutely recommend this trip! I would, however, caution them by saying that the trip involves a fair amount of work. Also, if you are not interested in history, this is not the trip for you.

*Q: Do you have any additional experiences traveling abroad?*

A: This was my first study abroad trip, but I have gone to Honduras with a group at Maryland called Global Medical Brigades. On the trip, we provided medical care to several struggling communities and helped over 900 people!

*Q: What are a few fun facts about yourself that you would like to share?*

- I have two awesome cats.
- I love Game of Thrones.
- I am a pescetarian.

# Events in Washington, D.C.

by Caitlin Wilson

The spring is a great time to get out and shake off the spring fever that builds up with the changing weather. Of course, Maryland weather hasn't been too steady recently, but there are endless things to do to get off campus. To avoid College Park claustrophobia, Washington, D.C. is the most accessible option and is a wellspring of culture. Sometimes we have only the weekends to relax, and a trip into D.C. using the metro can be the perfect way to spend a day or

night! But if you're daunted about what to do in the city, here are a number of things to start you off.

The most prominent attractions in D.C. are museums. The Smithsonian has its own Metro stop on the Blue and Orange Lines, and most museums are located around the Mall. The national attractions are free and range from history to art and culture. They include the National Museum of American History, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, the National Museum of the American Indian, the National Museum of African Art, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The last on that list opened in 2016 and is a marvel of architecture and artifacts. February is also National Black History Month, so many of the museums are hosting events related to that part of American history.



*Above: The National Museum of African American History and Culture.*

*Photo credit: Douglas Remley*

If museums aren't your favorite thing to do, an easy way to find more specialized attractions is to explore the Washington, D.C. subreddit on Reddit. At the top of the page, there's always a guide to events for the upcoming weekend that users have submitted. These usually represent a number of interests. Searching the websites of specific D.C. music venues is another resource; the 9:30 Club, The Black Cat, U Street Music Hall, Rock & Roll Hotel, and Echostage are some of the most popular venues.

If you're heading into D.C. for an event, checking out the food options is a must. A few of the affordable must-eats include: TaKorean Taco Grill, Ben's Chili Bowl, Dangerously Delicious Pies, Amsterdam Falafel Shop, and Daikaya Ramen Shop. There's no end to the variety of foods in D.C., and many are near venues and other attractions. If you plan out your visit to D.C., you can hit every place on your list.

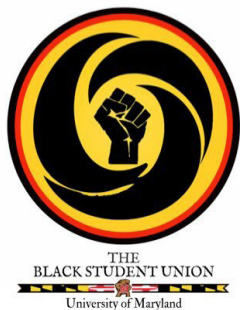
# Minority Groups on Campus

## by Lauraine Genota

Have you been looking for ways to get more involved with minority groups on campus? Or maybe you didn't know there are different clubs and organizations focused on minority groups you can join on campus? Or maybe you just want to learn more about their cultures or the issues they face? Now is the time to start looking and join (especially in a polarizing political climate). Here are some you can look into:

### Black Student Union (BSU)

Their aim is to represent the interests of the Black students at the university. They are geared toward communicating the particular needs and concerns of Black students to the administration and general university community, as well as providing the university with programming and information relevant to the Black experience. Anyone is welcome to join. Their general body meetings are every other Monday at 5:00 pm at the Nyumburu Cultural Center Multipurpose Room. Follow them on Twitter @BlackTerp or go on their website ([www.blackterp.org](http://www.blackterp.org)).



### American Indian Student Union (AISU)

This group is dedicated to enhancing and inspiring the community of American Indian students and/or those who appreciate American Indian cultures. They want to acknowledge and represent all native/indigenous tribes and cultures of North and South America. It's open to anyone who wants to better understand the history and modern conditions of American Indians or those who want to experience and celebrate the native cultures. Locate them on Facebook at AISUatUMD and on Twitter @AISUatUMD to find out what events they have coming up.



### Muslim Student Association (MSA)

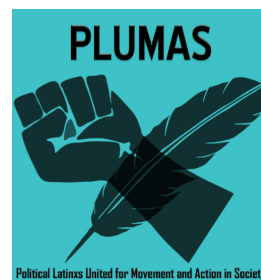
This organization strives to promote unity amongst Muslim students as well as those interested in Islam. It's a community that unites, encourages positivity, and fosters the personal growth of each and every individual. They want to unify the Muslim population on campus, create an inclusive and welcoming community for students, and motivate them to pursue their own spiritual, educational, and personal growth. Find them on Facebook at MSAUMD, on Twitter @MSA\_UMD, or on their website ([www.msaumd.org](http://www.msaumd.org)).



*All logos were taken from OrgSync and the Stamp Student Union website.*

### Political Latinxs United for Movement and Action in Society (PLUMAS)

This group's mission is to engage the Latinx community and those who support the community and to provide a space where students can express their views and voice issues of concern to the Latino community both on- and off-campus. They want to create a civic engagement and awareness of social and political issues affecting the Latino community through education and advocacy. Anyone is welcome to join. You can find them on Twitter @plumas\_umd or on Facebook at PlumAsAtUMD.



### Asian American Student Union (AASU)

This organization is a coalition of Asian Pacific American (APA) organizations on campus and acts as the main voice of the APA community on campus. If you want to learn more about the Asian American identities and related issues or if you want to become more aware of issues concerning the community, you should look into this group and think about becoming part of it. You can follow them on Twitter @UMCPAASU or on Facebook at UMDAASU to find out more about upcoming events.

Of course, this is an extremely small list, but it's a start. Stamp Student Union is a great source if you want to know more about other minority groups and organizations on campus. They have fairs that showcase different student groups, so watch out for those events to look for more ways to get involved!

# How to Refocus Your Mind and Revamp Your Wallet After Winter Break

By Julianna Boswell

In the wake of New Year’s resolutions, there remains plenty that can be improved, especially when it comes to things students let go of during winter break.

One of the hardest challenges every student faces after break is transitioning from the relaxed, carefree attitude of vacation to the productive, driven vibe of classes. A big problem can be concentrating for those full fifty minutes of class. Sure, during break, watching 15 episodes in a row of the newest show was no problem, but listening to a professor explain something like photosynthesis is not as captivating. One goal before the semester reaches full speed could be to improve concentration ability and memory.

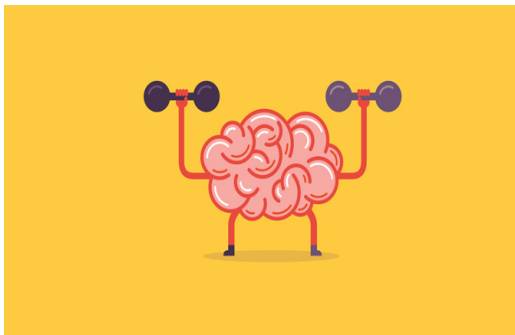


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A couple healthy lifestyle changes that can boost concentration include exercising more and getting enough sleep. This can be challenging, but setting aside time each week to go to the gym or forming a group of friends to hold each

other accountable for gym time can help. With all that exercising, make sure to drink plenty of water. Dehydration can lower the ability to focus and concentrate.

As students return to school and need to pay for tuition, textbooks, and rent, the realization of how much they spent over vacation may hit. Whether it was on presents,

going out to eat with old friends, or traveling to some exotic beach, many students conclude they need to start saving money.

Some simple ways to begin saving include making a budget, putting money into a savings account, and attending campus events with free food. Budgeting is an important skill that allows students to determine

the exact amount of money they have each month to spend on entertainment or eating out. College students have a tendency to spend a lot of money on food, but not many realize how often there is a free meal on campus. Many clubs offer dinner at their meetings, so a good way to save money and get involved on campus could be to join one of these clubs!

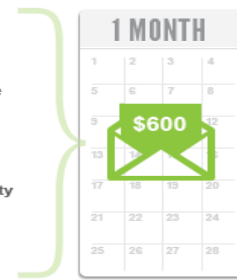


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The Primannum Honor Society is a University of Maryland Honor Society that represents two national honor societies, Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma. Both of these national honor societies recognize academic excellence during a student’s first year in college.