

The Graduate School Newsletter

Fall 2026

Dean's Welcome



Welcome to a new academic year at Hood College!

To all our new and returning graduate students, I extend a warm *Hood Hello* and my best wishes for a successful semester ahead. This fall's Graduate School newsletter highlights several exciting initiatives designed to support your academic and professional journey. Chief among them is our new Graduate Student Journey in [Blazer Navigate](#). Starting this week, all new graduate students

will automatically be enrolled in this guided experience within Hood College's student success platform, which provides a roadmap to graduate student success, connecting you with important resources, key deadlines, academic support services, engagement opportunities and timely action items that will help you plan your degree progress.

As graduate education continues to evolve, so too does Hood College. In this issue, you'll learn about the College's new AI Hub at ai.hood.edu, a central resource for exploring artificial intelligence tools, learning opportunities and best practices. You'll also find information about Hood's guidance on responsible AI use, which emphasizes ethical, transparent, and appropriate use of AI technologies in academic and professional settings. We believe that AI literacy is becoming an essential skill for today's graduate students, and our goal is to help you leverage these powerful tools while maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity, critical thinking, creativity and professional judgment.

While the world is abuzz with such technology. I hope we will all make a renewed commitment to something equally important: meaningful human connection. In an age of AI, smartphones and constant digital distraction, the most valuable part of graduate education remains the relationships we build with peers, faculty and colleagues. A growing movement known as "humanics" emphasizes the uniquely human skills that technology cannot replace, including communication, creativity, collaboration, empathy and ethical leadership. Read on to learn more...

Last week's new-student [orientation](#) events reminded us of the incredible diversity and talent within our graduate community, and our mission remains to support every student through resources like [holistic wellness](#), [degree progress](#) and [career development](#). Thank you for choosing Hood College. You belong HERE, and all of us look forward to supporting your success every step of the way.

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Academic Success

BLAZER NAVIGATE

Your Roadmap to Graduate Student Success

Hood College is excited to offer *Blazer Navigate*, our student success platform designed to connect you with the people, resources, and support you need to thrive in graduate school. Through the app, you can schedule appointments with faculty and staff, discover campus events and programming, access tailored graduate student resources, and even "raise a hand" when you need assistance with areas such as academic support, tutoring, accessibility services, career development, internships, or wellness resources. We encourage all graduate students to download the mobile app and make it part of their success strategy from day one.

As part of this initiative, all new graduate students will be automatically enrolled in a personalized Journey within [Blazer Navigate](#). Based on your program format, you will receive either the *Welcome to Hood - On-Campus Student Journey* or the *Welcome to Hood - Online Student Journey*. These guided experiences provide important reminders, key deadlines, resources, and action steps to help you successfully transition into graduate study and stay on track throughout your program. Think of your Journey as a personalized roadmap to graduate student success and be sure to check the app regularly for updates and opportunities to engage with the Hood community.

This is so important that we are hosting gift-card raffles for all students registered on the app by cards **on August 28**, so do not delay. Download the app from Google Play or the iPhone app store today!

BLAZER NAVIGATE

STAY ORGANIZED, STAY ON TRACK, STAY CONNECTED.

Blazer Navigate is your personalized academic compass which helps you stay organized, connected, and on track to graduation. With a full range of activities and resources, the app makes navigating graduate school at Hood College easier than ever!



GET SET UP IN 3 STEPS:

1. Download the Navigate Student app from your device's app store.
2. Search for Hood College from the drop-down menu options of schools.
3. Login with your Hood email credentials.

DOWNLOAD THE APP & WIN!



The first **50** to download the app on their phone will be entered into a drawing for \$100 gift cards.

The NEW AI Hub



Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming the way we learn, work, and lead, and Hood College is committed to helping our students navigate this evolving landscape responsibly and effectively. This fall, we are excited to launch the new **AI Hub** at ai.hood.edu, a central resource for AI tools, training opportunities, best practices, and guidance on the ethical and appropriate use of artificial intelligence in academic and professional settings. Students are also encouraged to explore our AI Student Resources webpage for practical guidance, policies, and support as you develop AI literacy and learn how to use these emerging technologies with integrity.

To promote transparency and shared expectations, every Hood course syllabus will now include an **AI Designation** that clearly identifies how AI may be used in that class. Courses will be designated as **Fully Human-Centered**, **Human-Directed with AI Assistance**, or **AI-Produced, Human-Guided**, helping students understand the role AI plays in learning activities and assignments from the very first day of class. We encourage all students to familiarize themselves with these designations and make the AI Hub a regular part of their academic toolkit as they prepare for success in an increasingly AI-enabled world.

Accessibility Services Ensures Grad-Student Success

The Office of Accessibility Services assists and supports eligible students with disabilities. The primary goal of OAS is to reduce barriers to access, eliminate the stigma around disability, and to promote student self-advocacy and independence. Graduate students who may benefit from accommodations are strongly encouraged to meet with OAS to discuss setting up an accommodation plan, even if they have never used accommodations before. Please visit hood.edu/accessibility for more information or reach out to accessibilityservices@hood.edu with questions. We look forward to meeting you.



Register for an Appointment to Obtain your Hood College ID



If you are a new grad student and local to Frederick, please schedule a time to get your college ID. Pick a slot via our [online form](#). A Hood College ID is needed for after-hours access to the library, will earn you student discounts at local retailers and more.

Let's Get Your Future Rolling with the Career Center

The Career Center here at Hood College isn't just for undergrads—we've got *your* career goals covered, too! Need a sharp LinkedIn headshot? Our photo booth's ready. Missing the perfect interview outfit? Check out our career closet. Want to land that dream job or internship? We'll help you fine-tune your resume, prep for interviews, boost your LinkedIn profile, and master job search strategies.

We've also developed a great resource for graduate students on our website—visit your dedicated page: <https://www.hood.edu/student-life/catherine-filene-shouse-center-career-development-experiential-education/graduate-international-students>. For more information about these and other programs, stop by the Career Center on the 2nd floor of the Apple Building, email careers@hood.edu, or make an appointment in [Handshake](#). ***Let's make your next step your best step!***



One of the many excellent support services we provide to busy graduate students is online tutoring and writing support with live, professional help. Our tutoring partner ThinkingStorm provides graduate students with free, online tutoring. To access online tutoring, click on the ThinkingStorm link in any of your Blackboard classrooms (under Tools). You will be automatically signed in to the online tutoring site; no separate username or password is required.

ThinkingStorm is available 24/7 for topics like writing, math, science, statistics and more. Once you are logged in, simply use the menus on the ThinkingStorm homepage to connect with your desired option. Live support is available for most subjects, and you can also submit essays for asynchronous feedback via the ThinkingStorm Writing Center. We also welcome requests for

additional content areas of tutoring for a specific subject if needed. Email GradDean@hood.edu to request additional subjects. In the meantime, tutoring is available in these areas:

- Advanced Statistics
- Writing Center
- Live Writing
- Accounting
- Finance
- Markup and Programming Languages

Connect, Learn, and Engage - Hood's First Interdisciplinary Education Conference

New graduate students are invited to take part in Hood College's first annual Conference on Interdisciplinary Dialogues in Education, taking place on Saturday, October 17, 2026. This year's theme, *"Blazing a Path Forward: Inquiry, Media, Art, and Writing in Times of Social Unrest,"* will bring together members of the Hood community and colleagues from across the DMV and beyond for a day of meaningful dialogue, professional development, and networking. Whether you are interested in exploring new ideas or simply connecting with fellow scholars and professionals, this is a great opportunity to become engaged in Hood's academic community. Registration is open through October 1, and the registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, and a closing happy hour sponsored by the Hood College Graduate School. Interested in learning more? Contact Prof. Kathleen Kempert, Instructor of Composition, at kempert@hood.edu.

HOOD COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY
DIALOGUES IN EDUCATION

BLAZING A PATH FORWARD: INQUIRY, MEDIA, ART AND WRITING IN TIMES OF SOCIAL UNREST

Sat., Oct. 17 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

With Keynote Speaker Cheryl North, Ph.D.



Humanics: The Human Advantage in the Age of AI

~April M. Boulton, Ph.D.~

As artificial intelligence becomes a regular part of higher education and the workplace, colleges are increasingly emphasizing the skills that technology cannot easily replicate. Some educators refer to this approach as "humanics," a framework that emphasizes balancing technological and data fluency with uniquely human strengths such as communication, creativity, empathy, ethical judgment, collaboration and critical thinking. Higher education leaders have argued that while AI can help us access information and increase productivity, the enduring value of a college education lies in helping students develop judgment, purpose and meaningful human connections. Here is an interesting opinion article on this topic:

[https://www.usnews.com/opinion/articles/2026-05-19/why-higher-education-needs-humanics.](https://www.usnews.com/opinion/articles/2026-05-19/why-higher-education-needs-humanics)

At Hood College, embracing *humanics* means making a conscious commitment to engagement with one another. In face-to-face classes, consider putting your phone away and taking advantage of opportunities to talk with classmates before, during and after class. If you join class online and circumstances allow, turn on your webcam, participate in discussions, and let your peers see the person behind the screen. The future will belong not only to those who can use AI effectively, but also to those who can communicate clearly, lead teams, build trust, engage creatively, think critically and connect authentically with others. These uniquely human skills may become your greatest professional advantage.



The Graduate Student Association (GSA) Corner

Hello and welcome to Fall Semester 2026! I am Amanda Emily Smith, and I am so excited to serve as the [Graduate Student Association \(GSA\)](#) President. I am a graduate student studying clinical mental health counseling.

As the president of the GSA, I am looking forward to serving all graduate students. The GSA is about making connections to each other, our professors, and the community. There is such beautiful diversity in the graduate student body in race, age, ethnicity, gender and sexuality. I want to make a welcoming environment for all graduate students to learn, connect and grow. One of the best ways to do this is by attending our events. This is an excellent time to meet other graduate students, to socialize and find support. As you attend events, you will see your network grow.

Let's talk about other ways to get involved and grow your leadership skills. You can join the Graduate School Association as our Vice President, Social Media VP or Event VP. This is a great way to take part in the GSA. You will be helping to decide the direction of our GSA and support its mission.

Finally, email us at GSA@hood.edu. We would love to hear your ideas about events, your questions about grad school and your concerns. Please follow us on socials--links below. We are here for you! Let's have a great school year! Wishing you the best this semester, and I look forward to seeing you around campus and at our virtual events!

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STUDENT SUCCESS STATION



~Harriet Caesley, Grad-Student Success Coordinator~

Happy fall, everyone! Welcome to all new students who are starting at Hood and welcome back returning students. We are excited to have you all at Hood College this Fall!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I am delighted to be back as your Graduate Student Success Coordinator. In this role, I

am here to support you as graduate students by ensuring you are connected to the resources necessary for SUCCESS.

This semester I will be hosting a variety of tabling events. The first of which will be on Monday August 24th in Tollhouse Lobby and on Thursday August 27th in Hodson Lobby. This will be your chance to understand the support resources available to you at Hood as well as an opportunity to ask me any of your burning questions.

For the events above and any further events that are out on by the Graduate School please watch your [Blazer Navigate](#) app for details! If you have not yet downloaded the free [Blazer Navigate](#) app onto your mobile phone, please do so ASAP. Visit this link for instructions:

www.hood.edu/BlazerNavigate. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at GradSuccess@hood.edu if you have any questions about the above events or find yourself in need of support. Have a great fall! Good luck for the semester!

A MENTAL-HEALTH MINUTE

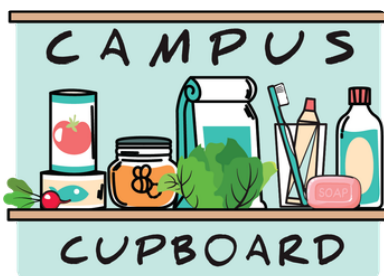
Whether this is your first semester or your third year, we hope you had a wonderful summer and are preparing for a great start to the new academic year. New things can be exciting and energizing, but they can be a little (or a lot!) scary, too. Transitions are hard, and it is common for us to feel more stress, anxiety and worry during times of change. If the transitions in your life are causing you stress, here are some things to try:



- **Find some consistency:** In a world that seems full of change, little pieces of routine can be grounding and comforting. Try to notice opportunities to inject some predictability into your day, whether that be a morning or evening routine, time spent exercising your mind or body, or time spent talking to a friend or family member on your way to campus. Even though some of your day might be new and unfamiliar, this will give you predictable pieces to hold onto!
- **Practice self-care:** Change is tiring, both physically and mentally. All the new situations you are finding yourself in stress your mind and body as they try to adapt and learn how to navigate this new environment. Take some time to be gentle towards yourself by getting good sleep, feeding and nourishing your body, and taking time to relax.
- **Embrace your community:** Here on campus, all of us are going through this season of change together, whether it is our first year on campus or our fiftieth. The start of the new academic year brings new challenges and transitions for everyone. Do not be afraid to reach out for that little extra support as you adjust!

Counseling Services is ready and eager to support you as you make your return to campus or the virtual classroom. Drop in during one of our walk-in hours which are offered in-person from 11 am-1 PM in Apple 8A or 8C, Monday-Wednesday. You can also schedule a virtual or evening consultation by emailing nctc@hood.edu. Check our website at www.hood.edu/counseling to learn more about how we can help!

Wellness Resources for Graduate Students



GradCare: Resources for Health, Wellness and Success

[GradCare](#) is intended to be an all-encompassing resource to connect graduate students with services and resources to help them be healthy at Hood. We are constantly updating the site with resources and services located on-campus and in the community, so check back often!

Campus Cupboard: Addressing Hunger at Hood

Campus Cupboard aims to provide non-perishable food staples and hygiene items to students with a temporary or long-term need via a confidential system. If you are currently experiencing food insecurity or are struggling to afford groceries or basic toiletry items, simply fill out our [interest form](#) or email our secure mailbox at campuscupboard@hood.edu to receive additional information on requesting/receiving this support.

Private Lactation Room Available On-Campus

The private lactation room is located on the first floor of the J. Henry Apple Resource Building in room 8B. The room accommodates one person at a time and is available on a first come, first serve basis. Individuals should bring their own personal equipment, including membranes, clean tubing, breast shields and collection bottles. For more information, contact Amanda Dymek at wellness@hood.edu.

CULTURAL EVENTS

We have cultural events planned for our whole community this Fall, so be sure to scroll down to **Upcoming Events** to mark your calendar for [International Education Week](#) events (November 16-20), which includes the Parade of Flags, International Student lunch, Diwali and international food tastings. Although such events deeply resonate with specific international student groups, **EVERYONE** in our community is welcomed at these events. Want to get involved in the planning? Email our Director of International Student Services, Ms. Al-Dajane, at PDSO@hood.edu.



International Students #YouBelongHere

My name is Christian Villarosa, and I am the international-student liaison in the Graduate School. Along with Ms. Al-Dajane, our PDSO, I provide support to international students from the moment

of application. At Hood College, we want to ensure that all graduate students, both U.S. and international, are aware of the different resources available to them. We hope you lean on these resources to ensure you have the best experience possible during your time here at Hood College.

For international students, please visit our [international student support resources page](#) for details on the supports and information unique to your situation, like transportation options, health insurance, local dining options and more! We want your experience in a new country to go as smoothly as possible, so please make sure to check out those resources if you haven't already done so.

Finally, I encourage you to download the [Blazer Navigate](#) app for details on the above resources and events. If you have not yet downloaded the free [Blazer Navigate](#) app for onto your mobile phone, please do so ASAP! Visit this link for instructions: www.hood.edu/BlazerNavigate. Have a great fall!



Welcome Military and Veteran Graduate Students!

At Hood College's Graduate School, we proudly honor and welcome all who serve — veterans, active-duty personnel, members of the National Guard and Reserve — along with your families. We are committed to being a truly military-friendly college, offering tailored support, resources and opportunities designed with your unique needs in mind.

Explore our [Military Community website](#) to find valuable tools, details about the exclusive Hood College— [Fort Detrick Graduate Scholarship](#), learn about our [graduate students veterans club](#), upcoming events, and more. Our dedicated military liaison, Ms. Tanith Fowler Corsi

(fowlercorsi@hood.edu), is here to help you make the most of your Hood experience. Be sure to stay connected and follow us on Instagram at [@hoodcollegemilitary!](https://www.instagram.com/hoodcollegemilitary/)

Spotlight



It's that time again—time to brag about yourself! We are always looking for stories about the wonderful accomplishments of our students, both current and alumni. To facilitate the collection of such good news, we have a [handy online form](#) for you to use as often as you like. Whether you just presented at a conference or received an academic award or work promotion, we want to know about it. [So what are you waiting for?](#)

FACULTY

M.S. in School Counseling | Dr. Laura Catulle

The Graduate School is pleased to highlight Dr. Laura Catulle, School Counseling Program Director. Dr. Catulle is a seasoned school counseling professional with more than 30 years of experience in Frederick County Public Schools and extensive leadership in counseling associations. Now a faculty member in Hood College's graduate [counseling program](#), she brings real-world expertise to preparing the next generation of school counselors. Learn more about Dr. Catulle [here](#).



ALUM

Manasseh Abijah, DOL'26 | Organizational Leadership Program

Manasseh Abijah, DOL'26, is a recent graduate of Hood College's [Doctoral Program in Organizational Leadership](#). He recently wrote and released a book titled "Organization: From Chaos to Clarity: Restoring Order, Reclaiming Peace, and Realigning Purpose," which explores how principles of organization can transform personal lives, families, ministries and organizations. We



spoke with Abijah about his book and how his experiences in the doctoral program helped him during the publishing process. Read more [here](#).

3MT

Congratulations to ALL our [Three-Minute Thesis \(3MT\)](#) winners from this past spring! Graduate students present their research projects each spring in three minutes using just one static PowerPoint slide. This year, the winners for the [3MT Competition](#) were [Cheryl Einhorn](#) (M.S. in Counseling), who earned first prize; [Venkata Krishna Kandalai](#) (M.S. in Health Informatics) and [Quiera Harris](#) (DOL) -- both earned the People's Choice awards.



People's Choice Winner, Quiera Harris



People's Choice Winner, Venkata Krishna Kandalai

DOCTORAL DOMAIN

A Celebratory Year and Welcoming the Program's TENTH Cohort

The [Doctoral Program in Organizational Leadership](#) celebrated the end of the 2025-26 academic year with awarding seven doctorates: Angela Auldrige, Ashley McCormack, Richard Stonebraker and Susan Major graduated with Doctorate in Organizational Leadership; Smita Padmanabhan, Manasseh Abijah, and Danyale Corradi graduated with Doctorate in Business Administration. Dr. Smita Padmanabhan and Dr. Angela Auldrige received Outstanding Dissertation Awards. The program was launched in 2016, and seven cohorts have completed their coursework. Three cohorts are currently working towards their doctorates, and a very talented Cohort 11 will start this fall!



Welcome to our New Event Manager | Georgia Braun



Georgia Braun is the Executive Assistant to Dean Boulton and Event Manager at the Graduate School. She also oversees the [Graduate Student Association](#), whose student leaders host events each semester that encourage graduate students to rest, reflect, and connect with one another and the broader Hood community. Passionate about building connections and fostering a welcoming campus environment, Georgia is committed to enhancing the graduate student experience at Hood College. [Learn more about](#)

[Georgia here](#) and email your event questions to her at braun@hood.edu.

Go Further

Director's Corner

~Tanith Fowler Corsi, Director of Graduate Admission~

Chances are, it wasn't just a website or an ad—it was a friend, colleague, or family member sharing their experience. Word of mouth is one of the most powerful ways to discover new opportunities. While digital ads can spread the word far and wide, most people still turn to their personal networks for trusted recommendations.

That's why your voice matters. Every time you share your Hood experience, you could inspire someone—nearby or halfway across the globe—to take the next step in their education. Here's how you can help spread the #HOODLOVE:

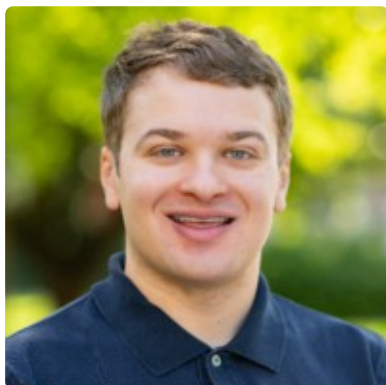


1. Be featured in our graduate student and alumni story blogs. We love showcasing the diverse journeys of our students and alumni. Your story could inspire future Blazers! Email us at GoFurther@hood.edu to be featured on our graduate website and social media.
2. Invite your network to our open house events. Whether virtual or in-person, our Open House and Admission Café events are the perfect way to explore our programs, meet faculty and staff, and hear from current students. Share this [registration link](#) with anyone exploring their graduate options.

Remember what makes Hood special: **small class sizes, affordability, career-focused programs, flexible options, and personalized attention.** Help us share the #HOODLOVE and make a difference in someone's educational journey. Questions or ideas? Contact me at GoFurther@hood.edu.



NEW Asst. Director of Graduate Admission | Cameron Rogers



A native of Severn, Maryland, Cameron is a proud Double Blazer (BA '17, MA '24). As an undergraduate, he studied Communication Arts, competed in distance freestyle for the Hood College Men's Swimming Team, and wrote for *The Blue & Grey* student newspaper. Cameron is the Graduate School [4PLUS liaison](#). [Learn more about Cameron here](#) and email him at crogers@hood.edu.



Earn Rewards for Sharing Your #HoodPride

If you're not already following Hood's Graduate School on your favorite social media platforms—now's the time! (Links below.) Join The Grad School's Social Media Mogul program. From prize-based student competitions to the latest campus updates, we post fresh content daily. Here's where you come in: if you enjoy posting on your personal Facebook, X, LinkedIn, Instagram, or other social channels, you can turn that #HoodPride into rewards. This fall, post weekly about Hood's Graduate School, and we'll thank you with an Amazon gift card in December—ranging from \$25 to \$100 depending on your posting frequency. This opportunity is open to all graduate students—no matter your nationality, background, or program. If you're ready to share your Hood experience and inspire others, email GoFurther@hood.edu by AUG 28 to join the program!

[LinkedIn](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [X](#) | [TikTok](#) | [Bluesky](#) | [YouTube](#)

4PLUS

We recently added the below 4PLUS pathways. If you are interested in either of these tracks, do not hesitate to reach out to us at the Graduate School. Additional 4PLUS pathways are in the works, so please keep an eye out in the near future!



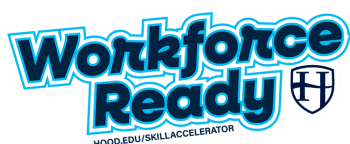
- **B.A. or B.S. to M.S. in Management Information Systems.** This 4PLUS program is designed for highly motivated students who have the desire to build career options into their undergraduate curriculum and earn a master's degree in management information systems. The program is especially relevant to students majoring in either computer science or business administration, but it is also available to students from other disciplines.
- **B.A. or B.S. to M.S. in Health Informatics.** By connecting people, technology and data, health informatics professionals are an essential part of the patient-physician relationship and are instrumental in improving healthcare outcomes and safety. Undergraduate students from all majors are eligible to participate in this 4PLUS program that allows for a combined, and in some cases accelerated, master's degree in Health Informatics after the completion of their undergraduate program.

4PLUS is an accelerated, dual-degree program that allows undergraduate students to begin graduate coursework as early as their junior year. Eligible students can earn both their bachelor's and master's degrees in as little as five years. The 4PLUS program includes the following master's degrees:

- [Biomedical Science](#)
- [Business Administration \(MBA\)](#)
- [Cybersecurity](#)
- [Clinical Mental Health](#) or [School Counseling](#)
- [Environmental Biology](#)
- [Information Technology](#)

Current undergraduate students and recent alumni also receive special benefits for applying to The Graduate School at Hood College through our [ALTY \(Alumni of the Last Three Years\) scholarship program](#). Benefits include waiving the application fee, no cost to your last three graduate credits, and an expedited admission process. Interested students should contact our 4PLUS liaison Cameron Rogers at 4PLUS@hood.edu for more information.

Skill Accelerator Badges



The job market is evolving faster than ever, and today's most successful professionals are the ones who continuously invest in learning. Hood College's Skill Accelerator Badge Program gives graduate students the opportunity to build practical, in-demand

skills that complement their degree and make them more competitive in any industry.

Whether you're looking to advance in your current field or explore new opportunities, earning a digital badge allows you to step outside your area of expertise and develop a well-rounded professional skill set. Our badges in **Artificial Intelligence** and **Project Management**, for example, are designed to be valuable across virtually every profession.

These flexible, career-focused programs help you gain immediately applicable skills, demonstrate your expertise to employers, and stay ahead in an increasingly changing workforce. Investing in your professional development today can open doors to new opportunities tomorrow. **We have over 70 badges to choose from!** Learn more at our [Skill Accelerator](#) website.

Upcoming Events

August 19: On-Campus Employment Workshop for International students

Still looking for an on-Campus Employment Opportunity? Join us at our on-campus employment workshop on Wednesday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Career Center (Apple Building). You will meet the Career Center team members to navigate resources and opportunities. A panel of F-1 students will share their success story in securing on-campus employment. Email PDSO@hood.edu if you have questions.

**JOBS
ON CAMPUS**

Sept 9: Volunteer & Internship Fair



Meet with representatives from Frederick regional nonprofit organizations to learn about volunteer, internship, and employment opportunities. See participating organizations in [Handshake!](#) Or registering using [this event link](#).

Sept 17: Dialogue with the Dean

Have a question for the Dean, or just want to chat? Join Dialogue with the Dean for a one-on-one session to discuss what's on your mind.

[https://zoom.us/j/901227084?](https://zoom.us/j/901227084?pwd=WjloQ3l3aWR1VzNzdVBEYjRxei9sdz09)

[pwd=WjloQ3l3aWR1VzNzdVBEYjRxei9sdz09](https://zoom.us/j/901227084?pwd=WjloQ3l3aWR1VzNzdVBEYjRxei9sdz09)

Meeting ID: 901 227 084; Passcode: 000772



Sept 22: HOOD TALKS



A Lobster's Perspective on Changing Climate

HOOD TALKS is a series of free virtual discussions hosted by Hood's faculty. Covering topics from AI and cybersecurity to healthcare and business management, HOOD TALKS provide an in-depth look at politics, culture, technology and more. Our faculty experts unpack these complex subjects and guide you through real-world case studies. Gain insider knowledge to help turn obstacles into opportunities. Learn how to navigate challenges in a rapidly evolving world. Satisfy your intellectual curiosity with

diverse perspectives. Register for our first Hood Talk of the season, which will explore how climate change is impacting the lobster industry with Eric Annis, [here](#).

Sept 22: Pizza with the PDSO

Join us for a special "Pizza with the PDSO" event where your voice matters! We're excited to hear about your experiences, ideas, and concerns as international students. Enjoy a casual atmosphere, share insights, and connect with the Principal Designated School Official (PDSO). Your perspective is invaluable in shaping our Hood community! The event is on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 3:30 pm. Email Ms. Al-Dajane, PDSO, at al-dajane@hood.edu to reserve your spot as seating is limited to the first 20 replies.



Oct 1: Virtual Open House

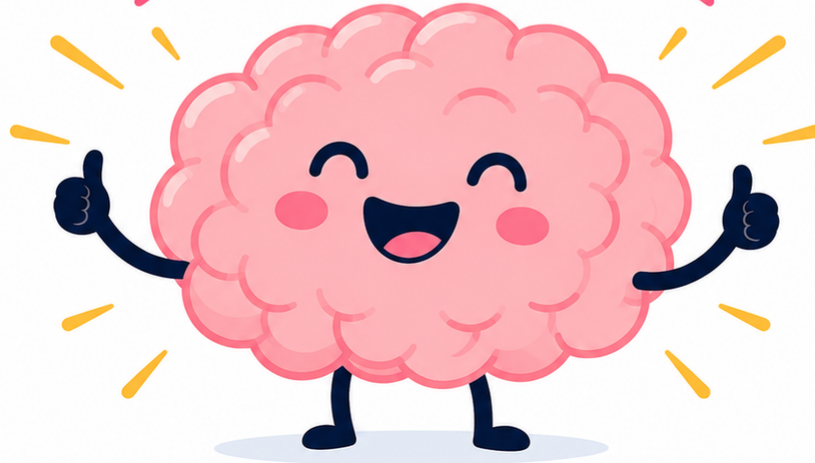


Interested in learning more about Hood's [4PLUS](#) program? This accelerated dual-degree program allows undergraduate students to begin graduate coursework as early as their junior year. Eligible students can earn both their bachelor's and master's degrees in as little as five years. All undergraduate students (first year through senior) are welcome to attend one of the below virtual events. We encourage *all* prospective graduate students (at Hood and beyond) to attend one of the below virtual events, so spread the word! To learn more, register for one now [here](#).

Oct 8: National Depression Screening Day

NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY

— OCTOBER 8TH —



Email GradSuccess@hood.edu for locations and options for both depression and anxiety screening on this day. FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE!

Oct 14: Leading with Impact

Elevate your leadership skills at this timely PDU event. Whether you're a project manager or not, this event will provide valuable tips to advance your communication and team skills. Email GradDean@hood.edu for more details.

FT. DETRICK ALLIANCE PRESENTS

LEADING WITH IMPACT: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF POWER SKILLS

A 3-PDU project management workshop to help you **communicate with clarity, build trust and lead teams**. Elevate your leadership to make your projects—and your people—thrive.

RSVP

QUESTIONS? Contact April Boulton, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School, at boulton@hood.edu.

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Oct 15: Dialogue with the Dean



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Oct 21: Virtual CPT Workshop for F-1 Students

For all students on F-1 visas, the International Student Services, in partnership with the [Registrar Office](#) and [Career Center](#), is hosting a virtual internship/CPT information event on Wednesday,

October 21, 2026, beginning at **3:30 p.m.** Policies and procedures for securing an internship/curricular practical training ([CPT](#)) on your F-1 visa will be explained. Ms. Kelesy Stottlemeyer, Associate Registrar for Graduate Studies, will explain the CPT internship registration process. The Career Center staff will give a virtual demonstration of their search engines for locating such opportunities. The highlight of the workshop is always the panel of F-1 alumni who have gone through the process successfully. To register, click [here](#). For more information, please email our director of international student services, Amani Al-Dajane, MBA'20, at PDSO@hood.edu



Oct 22: HOOD TALKS



How Nursing is Shaping the Future of Healthcare

HOOD TALKS is a series of free virtual discussions hosted by Hood's faculty. Covering topics from AI and cybersecurity to healthcare and business management, HOOD TALKS provide an in-depth look at politics, culture, technology and more. Our faculty experts unpack these complex subjects and guide you through real-world case studies. Gain insider knowledge to help turn obstacles into opportunities. Learn how to navigate challenges in a rapidly evolving world. Satisfy your intellectual curiosity with diverse perspectives. Register for our first Hood Talk of the season, which will explore how nursing is shaping the future of healthcare with Jennifer Cooper, [here](#).

Nov 3: 4PLUS Induction Ceremony

We look forward to celebrating our next round of 4PLUS inductees on Tuesday, November 3, from 1-2 PM. Friends and families are welcome to attend the celebration! Reach out to our 4PLUS liaison Cameron Rogers'17 at 4PLUS@hood.edu for more information. You can also stop by the graduate school office on the 3rd floor of the Apple Resource Building for more information.



Nov 10: Virtual Admission Cafe

Sip, chat and learn at our next Admission Cafe on Tuesday, November 10th, at 12:00 PM or 5:30 PM. Join us for a relaxed, interactive session with Hood College's Graduate School. Meet our



faculty and staff, explore our programs, and discover how a Hood graduate degree can help you go further—in your life, career, and community. Share the details and [registration link](#) with anyone considering graduate school. Current Hood undergraduate students interested in learning more about Hood's [4PLUS](#) program are also encouraged to attend one of the sessions below. All undergraduate students (first year through senior) are welcome to attend one of these virtual events. To learn more, email GoFurther@hood.edu. Feel free to share the info & registration

link [here](#).

Nov 12: HOOD TALKS

Empowering Teachers: How AI is changing K-12 Education

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Nov 16-20: International Education Week

International Education Week



Hood College is proud to observe and celebrate our **8th ANNUAL [International Education Week](#)**. We encourage all Hood students, faculty and staff to participate in our week of special events which will include cultural celebrations, like Parade of Flags, International Student Lunch and Diwali (see below)! International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This initiative is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. Want to get involved in the planning? Email our Director of International Student Services, Ms. Al-Dajane, at PDSO@hood.edu. Visit our IEW website for a full line up of events: www.hood.edu/IEW

Nov 19: Dialogue with the Dean



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