

Hood College President's Newsletter

Fall 2019

It's been a fantastic start to the 2019-20 year here at Hood College. I am kicking off the year with a new way to stay in touch with you! I will send a newsletter each semester (more often as needed) and of course, will still welcome you to our annual neighbors' breakfast in October.

I look forward to being able to stay in touch with you in this way and always welcome your feedback.

Best,

Andrea Chapdelaine, Ph.D.

President

RECORD INCOMING CLASS



On opening day, we welcomed 325 first-year, 115 transfer and 186 new full- and part-time graduate students – a total of 626 new students to the neighborhood! Records indicate that the largest class of new students was 584 in 2010, so this is indeed a record year! The students immediately became engaged citizens by making blankets for children in need, painting beehives for the Frederick Memorial Hospital/ Hood Community Garden, and packing backpacks with school supplies and a hand-written note for local elementary students.



NO SMOKING AREA
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SMOKING HERE

NEW POLICY

As part of a continuing effort to improve the health and well-being the campus community, Hood became a smoke- and tobacco-free campus, effective August 1.

This policy applies not only to smoking substances, but also the use of all electronic cigarettes and any form on tobacco anywhere on campus.

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Construction of the new residence hall began in June with the demolition of the Marx Center. Since then, the contractor has been busy preparing the site, installing underground utilities, and setting the foundation.

Within the next couple of weeks, the building will begin to take shape as the exterior walls are constructed. The new residence hall remains on schedule to open in August 2020 and will house approximately 200 students in suite and semi-suite rooms.

Watch the construction progress on our webcam!

Parking on the east side of the campus is impacted during construction. A new temporary parking lot between Carson Cottage and Strawn Cottage (at the end of West 5th Street) has been constructed to give additional parking during the construction project.

Hood College is excited to announce a significant library renovation, which is scheduled to begin following the fall 2019 semester. Our goal is to create new spaces for the consolidation of student services in a "learning commons." The new space will include a café, along with a significant number of small group and individual study rooms. The construction will largely occur inside the building and will not have significant impact to the neighborhood.

ATHLETICS NEWS



Harlem Globetrotters Are Coming to Hood

The Original Harlem Globetrotters all-new Fan Powered World tour is headed to Hood College on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

Pre-Sale tickets can be purchased September 17 through 21, with a 30 percent discount, using the code **AMAZING!**

Harlem Globetrotters Tickets



Esports

Hood athletics has launched the first Hood esports team this fall. Blazer esports will compete in the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE), the country's premier organization dedicated to competitive collegiate video gaming.

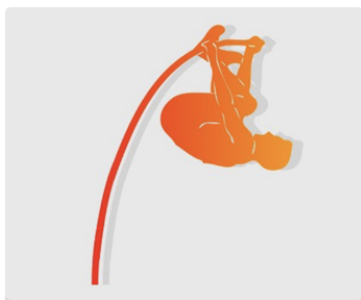
Teams will practice and compete in the newly designed Esports Arena on the lower level of Coblentz Hall.



Basketball Tickets

Hood basketball games have a more enhanced game-day experience with halftime shows and fan giveaways. This season, to reflect those changes and to conform with the other schools in our conference, we are adding ticket prices to our men's and women's basketball games. All other sports will remain free and open to the public.

Basketball tickets will be \$5 for adults (18 and over); \$3 for children (under 18); free for children 6 and under.



Track & Field

Installation of the new pole vault and discus facilities is underway.

This on-campus location between the turf and softball fields will provide ready access and additional practice time to student-athletes balancing demanding academic, athletic and personal schedules.

HAPPENINGS AT HOOD



Hood Goes Purple

This month, Hood is joining [Frederick County by Going Purple](#) to bring awareness to substance abuse disorders and its impact on our state and local community. A committee of faculty, staff and students has planned programs and activities throughout the month which is recognized as National Recovery Month.

For more events, visit the [Campus Calendar](#).



Highlighted Events

- Sept. 23, 7 p.m.: [Lecture by Hiram Larew, Ph.D.](#), "Looking into the Bare Cupboard: The Role of Poetry in Fighting Hunger"
- Sept. 27, 9 a.m.: [Blue & Grey Golf Tournament](#), P.B. Dye Golf Club
- Sept. 27-29: [Homecoming & Fall Family Weekend](#), featuring '80s cover band Guys in Thin Ties, gourmet hot dog food truck, a festival on the Quad, and lots of athletic events!
- Oct. 3, 7 p.m.; [Cotton Cybersecurity Lecture with Melissa Hathaway](#) (left), president of Hathaway Global Strategies, Hodson Auditorium

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL NEIGHBORS' BREAKFAST

Breakfast RSVP

When

Monday, Oct. 14th, 7:30am

Where

Whitaker Campus Center, Frederick,
MD, USA
Frederick, MD

More information

Join me and the senior team for breakfast and conversation

