



School Counseling Program NEWSLETTER

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Alumni Event

On November 12, current and former students and faculty gathered for the 5th Annual UMD School Counseling Alumni event night. The event was filled with coziness and connections. Alumni had an opportunity to reconnect and share their real life experiences in the field with our current students. Discussions centered around collaboration, advocating for LGBTQ students, 504 planning, group counseling skills, self-care, and so much more. Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive, with suggestions including more time and opportunity to share with others. We want to send a huge thank you to all who made the event possible and a special thank you to our amazing School Counseling Alumni!



Class of 2025



Alumni sharing about their experiences in the field



Our amazing alumni!





Class of 2026



Our amazing faculty!



Showing some school counselor support



Members of the Class of 2024



Members of the Class of 2022



Members of the Class of 2023



Members of the Class of 2020



Members of the Class of 2021



Advocacy Projects

All internship students completed semester-long advocacy projects aimed at identifying data-based needs in the school and building a systemic intervention program in partnership with site supervisors and stakeholders. Interns presented their projects this past week in Dr. McKechnie's internship class.

I made a difference at The Diener School by piloting their first ever Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club. At Diener Rainbow Club we learned about being proud of all we are, the beauty of uniqueness in our lives, and friendship building skills. A huge thank you is in order for The Diener School's support and the students' willingness to try something new with me
-Lauryl



I made a difference at my internship site, MLK Middle School, by providing various supports for students with disabilities. I supported them through one-on-one counseling, small groups, and classroom guidance lessons. My goal was to decrease the number of students receiving Ds and Es and to see better organizational skills and participation in extracurricular activities.
-Rory



You can expect the next School Counseling Newsletter in February of 2025, once Spring Semester gets underway. Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

