



THE MARYLAND COLLABORATIVE

TO REDUCE COLLEGE DRINKING AND RELATED PROBLEMS

CAMPUS COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Highlights

MD-CAS Update: Malinda Kennedy

The Maryland Collaborative is preparing for the 2025 Maryland College Survey (MD-CAS). MD-CAS is a survey designed to measure levels of alcohol and other substance use, related consequences that students experience, and the harms students experience as a result of other students' substance use. Member schools participate either every year or every other year. We are busy finalizing the survey, consent forms, recruitment scripts, and incentives. IRB submissions will be underway soon. We discussed the schedule, process of recruiting and promoting the survey, incentive options, and plans for data analysis during the September Campus Council meeting. Please contact Malinda Kennedy (malinda@umd.edu) for more information on participating this year.

Maryland Collaborative Trainings Update: Kelsey O'Hara

Kelsey O'Hara presented an overview of available trainings offered by the Maryland Collaborative to Member Schools. These trainings focus on reaching diverse audiences on campus and campus partners, including faculty and staff; parents and families; residence life and professional staff; student RAs; accessibility staff; and admissions staff. The Maryland Collaborative has developed numerous trainings. Here are a few examples of the focus of these trainings:

1. Understanding collegiate substance use for parents and families
2. Connecting substance use to student performance and academics for faculty
3. Addressing substance use issues in residence halls for student RAs

Most trainings are offered in person or via online webinar. We can also customize trainings to meet your needs and tailor to your audience. During the September Campus Council meeting we discussed trainings conducted in recent years for member schools and discussed opportunities to expand offerings this academic year.

Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices: Member Schools Report Out

Member schools shared experiences implementing evidence-based best practices related to alcohol, cannabis, other substances, and related issues on campus. One member school presented work on an ongoing collaboration with a marketing class to create an awareness campaign related to cannabis. Another member school shared information about a new suicide prevention initiative on campus. A third school discussed a new peer educator program. The first phase was focused on sexual violence and the second phase targeted substance use.