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Congratulations to you and your team for advancing to the 2008 World Finals! Please take a few moments to review this Guide to the University of Maryland. We have included a few must-know tips as you prepare to come to College Park. We look forward to seeing you in College Park!

The University of Maryland

The University of Maryland, College Park is the flagship institution of the University System of Maryland. It is the state's primary center for graduate study and research and serves as a model for undergraduate programs across a broad spectrum of academic disciplines. The university extends its vast intellectual resources to the state and region through innovative projects designed to serve communities, governments and the private sector.

Founded in 1856 as the Maryland Agricultural College, it was the third such institution in the world. It became a land grant college in 1862. The state assumed authority in 1920, joining College Park with the professional schools in Baltimore to form an expanded University of Maryland. In the 1950's and 1960's College Park became one of the largest campuses in the nation, a distinction it continues to hold. Today, the University of Maryland, College Park attracts students and faculty from all 50 states and 146 countries resulting in a campus with a rich mix of social, intellectual and cultural perspectives. About 33,000 undergraduate and graduate students enroll each academic year in our thirteen colleges and schools which boast numerous nationally ranked programs.

If you would like to know more about the University, please check our website, www.umd.edu.

Prince George's County

We are located within Prince George's County; for information about county attractions and local restaurants visit the Prince George's County Conference and Visitors Bureau website at www.co.pg.md.us/subsites/visitors/index.htm.

Washington, DC

We are just nine miles from Washington, D.C., where you will find, among other cultural opportunities and tourist attractions, the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress, and the White House. You are just a metro ride away from the magnificent monuments and numerous landmarks of our nation's capital. For additional tourist information, contact the Washington D.C. Convention and Visitors Association at 202.789.7000 or visit their web page at www.washington.org.

Baltimore and Annapolis

The port city of Baltimore and historic Annapolis are within a 30-minute drive from the University. The Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association can be contacted by calling 1.888.BALTIMORE or by visiting their web site at www.baltimore.org. The Historical Annapolis Foundation offers information at www.annapolis.org.

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- 301.314.OMER (6637): Messages will be checked starting March 17.
- www.cvs.umd.edu/4-OMER: After March 17, this page will be available and continually updated with information that will make your stay at the University of Maryland more enjoyable.