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FALL 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

McDANIEL COLLEGE



McDANIEL'S EVENTS CALENDAR IS PACKED
WITH CONCERTS, ART EXHIBITIONS,
LECTURES, PERFORMANCES, AND MORE

August

Cover:

McDaniel is a sponsor of the first-ever Carroll Book Festival on Sept. 19

AUG. 27-DEC. 4

ART ON VIEW

"Bart Walter: Near and Far," solo exhibition of bronze sculptures and drawings of wildlife by award-winning artist Bart Walter

Rice Gallery, Peterson Hall
Gallery hours: Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., noon - 5 p.m.
Additional Information:
mcdaniel.edu/rice-gallery

AUG. 27

ART ON VIEW: RECEPTION

"Bart Walter: Near and Far"

Thurs., 5:30-7:30 p.m.,
with a gallery talk at 6 p.m.
Rice Gallery, Peterson Hall
Additional Information:
mcdaniel.edu/rice-gallery

SEPT. 2

COMMON GROUND DOWNTOWN FIRST WEDNESDAY JAMS

Monthly jam session featuring bluegrass, old-time, blues, folk, and Celtic music; all instruments, including singers, as well as all ages and skill levels welcome

Wed., 7-9 p.m.
Carroll Arts Center,
91 W. Main St., Westminster
Information:
commongroundonthehill.org

SEPT. 13

CHAMBER MUSIC ON THE HILL*

"American Soundscapes: Music of the Americas' A Celebration of America at 250!" featuring The Embassy String Quartet comprised of Russian violinists Nikita Borisevich and Veronika Sveshnikova, American violist Renate Falkner, and South African cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan

Sun., 3 p.m.
Coley Rice Lounge, McDaniel Hall
Information: mcdaniel.edu/CMOTH

SEPT. 16

ART TALK

Guest lecture by Scott Ponemone, watercolor artist and wood engraver

Wed., 7 p.m.
Coley Rice Lounge,
McDaniel Hall
About the artist:
scottponemone.com
Additional information:
410-857-2595



September



Phi Beta Kappa Visiting
Scholar Derrick Darby

"Bart Walter: Near and Far"

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 17 Bond St., Westminster
Information:
commongroundonthehill.org

SEPT. 17

CONSTITUTION DAY

Annual lecture in celebration of Constitution Day

Thurs., 6 p.m.
Coley Rice Lounge, McDaniel Hall
Information:
410-857-2552

SEPT. 19

CARROLL BOOK FESTIVAL

McDaniel is a sponsor of this first-ever event presented by Carroll County Public Library, featuring 100-plus authors, including book signings, author panels, ticketed author events, book-related vendors, and more for all ages

Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 S. Center St., Westminster
Information:
carrollbookfestival.org

SEPT. 22

CARROLL COUNTY SCHOLARS (NINTH GRADE)

Kickoff for the Carroll County Scholars program for current ninth graders; registration required

Tues., 6 p.m.
Baker Memorial Chapel
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/CCS

SEPT. 23

CARROLL COUNTY SCHOLARS (11TH GRADE)

Kickoff for the Carroll County Scholars program for current 11th graders; registration required

Wed., 6 p.m.
Baker Memorial Chapel
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/CCS

SEPT. 23

PHI BETA KAPPA VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE

"Hip Hop, Philosophy, and the (Broken) Social Contract," with Rutgers University–New Brunswick Professor Derrick Darby, the Henry Rutgers Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, who draws inspiration from Public Enemy, Queen Latifah, Kendrick Lamar, and others

Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Coley Rice Lounge, McDaniel Hall
Information:
jford@mcdaniel.edu

SEPT. 24

WESTMINSTER FALLFEST PARADE

McDaniel helps kick off Westminster Fallfest by leading the annual parade

Thurs., 7 p.m.
Begins on Pennsylvania Avenue and ends on Longwell Avenue
Information:
westminsterfallfest.com

SEPT. 24-27

WESTMINSTER FALLFEST

McDaniel is a proud sponsor of this annual Westminster community tradition, including amusement rides, entertainment, food, vendors, and more

Thurs. - Fri., 6-10 p.m.,
Sat., 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.,
and Sun., noon - 6 p.m.
City Park, 11 Longwell Ave., Westminster
Information:
westminsterfallfest.com

SEPT. 26

MOTA CONFERENCE*

The McDaniel College M.S. in Occupational Therapy program sponsors the Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) conference on campus, welcoming OT professionals for an inspiring day of learning, networking, and professional growth; advance registration is required

Sat., 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Merritt Hall, Baker Memorial Chapel, and Ensor Lounge and Naganna Forum, Roj Student Center
Information:
mota-members.com

*Indicates a fee; otherwise, all published events are free and open to the public.



October

OCT. 1-3

ON STAGE*

“Dracula, A Feminist Revenge Fantasy, Really,” Kate Hamill’s darkly comic reimagining of the classic Bram Stoker novel about survival, systemic power, and ultimate revenge

Note: The show contains adult material and is intended for mature audiences.

Thurs. - Sat., 7:30 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre,
WMC Alumni Hall
Ticket information:
mcdaniel.edu/theatre-events

OCT. 1-8

GREEN & GOLD CHALLENGE*

Give in support of McDaniel’s student-athletes

Online or on campus
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/green-gold-toolkit

OCT. 2

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION*

Honoring alumni athletes who personify the college’s tradition of excellence

Fri., 6 p.m.
Baker Memorial Chapel
Ticket information:
mcdaniel.edu/homecoming

OCT. 3

HOMECOMING

Alumni, families, and friends are invited to cheer on the Green Terror during home athletic contests for men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey, and football while participating in our unique tailgating tradition; registration required for some alumni-specific events

Sat.
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/homecoming

OCT. 7

COMMON GROUND DOWNTOWN FIRST WEDNESDAY JAMS

Monthly jam session featuring bluegrass, old-time, blues, folk, and Celtic music; all instruments, including singers, as well as all ages and skill levels welcome

Wed., 7-9 p.m.
Carroll Arts Center,
91 W. Main St., Westminster
Information:
commongroundonthehill.org

OCT. 10

COMMON GROUND DOWNTOWN*

Acoustic roots music by renowned musicians from across the country

Sat., 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Arts Center,
91 W. Main St., Westminster
Ticket information:
commongroundonthehill.org



Athletics Hall of Fame Celebration

Green & Gold Challenge runs Oct. 1-8





Homecoming is Oct. 3

OCT. 13

CARROLL COUNTY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE*

McDaniel proudly serves as host sponsor for this annual event — now in its fifth year — featuring passionate speakers for a day filled with inspiration, empowerment, connection, and learning; advance registration is required with a portion of the proceeds supporting student scholarships at McDaniel

Tues., 7:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Campus
Information:
ccwomensconference.org

OCT. 19

MONDAY NIGHT MUSIC

An evening of chamber music featuring flutist Meghan Shanley Alger, pianist Hexing Xiao, and McDaniel Music faculty member Tim Anderson on cello

Mon., 7 p.m.
Coley Rice Lounge,
McDaniel Hall
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/music-events

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OCT. 21

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Wed., 7-9 p.m.
St. Paul's United Church of Christ,
17 Bond St., Westminster
Information:
commongroundonthehill.org

OCT. 23

TRICK OR TERROR

Community members are invited to dress up for trick-or-treating and participate in fun activities with McDaniel's athletic teams

Fri., 7-8:30 p.m.
Kenneth R. Gill Stadium
Information:
mcdanielathletics.com



McDaniel Women's Leadership Network



November

NOV. 2

HOLLOWAY LECTURE

Author and Virginia Commonwealth University English Professor Nicholas Frankel, a leading specialist on the poet and playwright Oscar Wilde

Mon., 7:30 p.m.
Coley Rice Lounge, McDaniel Hall
Information: 410-857-2530

NOV. 4

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commongroundonthehill.org

NOV. 6-8

**PARENT AND
FAMILY WEEKEND***

Current McDaniel families are invited to join their students for special events and activities showcasing life on the Hill; registration required for most events

Fri. - Sun.
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/PFWeekend

NOV. 8

**UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS
CEREMONY AND PARENT
AND FAMILY WEEKEND
BRUNCH***

Current seniors, juniors, and sophomores are honored for academic achievement and leadership during the culminating event for Parent & Family Weekend; advance registration is required

Sun., 10 a.m. - noon
Baker Memorial Chapel
Information: mcdaniel.edu/PFWeekend

NOV. 8

**CHAMBER MUSIC
ON THE HILL***

Gerdan presents "Kaleidoscope of World Music," an Eastern European multicultural music experience, including authentic folk music and original arrangements of classical compositions

Sun., 3 p.m.
Naganna Forum, Roj Student Center
Information: mcdaniel.edu/CMOTH

NOV. 10

LUMEN LECTURE

Communication & Cinema Professor Jonathan Slade '88, Emmy award-winning filmmaker and creator of the Mason-Dixon Surveyor, delivers the annual lecture for McDaniel's Lumen Scholars program

Tues., 7 p.m.
Coley Rice Lounge, McDaniel Hall
Information: 410-857-2597
or lumen@mcdaniel.edu



Lumen Lecture with Communication & Cinema Professor Jonathan Slade '88

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Veterans Day Ceremony

NOV. 11

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day ceremony recognizing veterans within the McDaniel and local communities

Wed., 10 a.m.
Baker Memorial Chapel
Information: 410-857-2229

NOV. 12

McDANIEL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK*

This fall event happening in Howard County, Maryland, is open to alumni, current students, and friends of the college who are interested in supporting students and alumni in pursuing their personal and professional goals; advance registration is required

Thurs., 6 p.m.
Cattail Creek Country Club,
3600 Cattail Creek Dr.,
Glenwood, Maryland
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/mwln-event

NOV. 13

STUDENT SOLO RECITAL

Vocal and instrumental student soloists perform

Fri., 7 p.m.
Recital Hall 101, Levine Hall
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/music-events

NOV. 14

COMMON GROUND DOWNTOWN*

Acoustic roots music by renowned musicians from across the country

Sat., 7:30 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre, WMC Alumni Hall
Ticket information:
commongroundonthehill.org

NOV. 15

McDANIEL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Special seasonal concert featuring Music faculty members and community members

Sun., 7 p.m.
Baker Memorial Chapel
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/music-events

NOV. 18

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Wed., 7-9 p.m.
St. Paul's United Church of Christ,
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Information:
commongroundonthehill.org

NOV. 19-21

ON STAGE*

"Summer and Smoke," a psychological drama written by acclaimed American playwright Tennessee Williams exploring the humor, heartbreak, and violence simmering just below the surface of small-town American life

Note: The show contains adult material and is intended for mature audiences.

Thurs. - Sat., 7:30 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre, WMC Alumni Hall
Ticket information:
mcdaniel.edu/theatre-events

NOV. 22

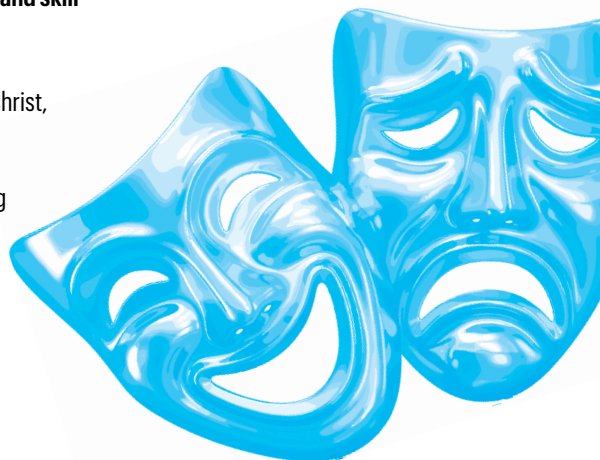
COLLEGE CHOIR & GREEN TERRORTONES CONCERT

McDaniel College Choir and the Green TerrorTones a cappella ensemble perform a variety of music spanning from classical to contemporary

Sun., 7 p.m.
Baker Memorial Chapel
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/music-events



Undergraduate Awards Ceremony





December

DEC. 1

STUDENT AFRICAN DRUM ENSEMBLES

Performance by students in McDaniel's Student African Drum Ensembles, under the direction of Senior Adjunct Lecturer Pape Demba "Paco" Samb

Tues., 7 p.m.
Naganna Forum, Roj Student Center
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/music-events

DEC. 3

JAZZ NIGHT

Big band swing, bebop, Latin, funk, rock, and blues, directed by Lecturer Brian Frazier

Thurs., 7 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre, WMC Alumni Hall
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/music-events

DEC. 4

COLLEGE BAND CONCERT

Musical selections by contemporary composers, including several holiday selections, directed by Senior Lecturer Linda Kirkpatrick

Fri., 7 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre, WMC Alumni Hall
Information:
mcdaniel.edu/music-events

DEC. 2

BIOLOGY FALL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

"Antennae, Tentacles, and Beyond: McDaniel Biology Fall Research Symposium" with McDaniel Biology students presenting their research posters from fall semester course-based projects on ecology, marine symbiosis, entomology, antibiotic resistance, and more

Wed., 1-4 p.m.
Eaton Hall Lobby
Information: 410-857-2400



Biology Fall Research Symposium on Dec. 2

DEC. 5

WESTMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Senior Lecturer Linda Kirkpatrick directs the orchestra, consisting of McDaniel and Carroll Community College students, as well as Music faculty and community musicians; program includes musical selections by female composers with soloists

Sat., 3 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre, WMC Alumni Hall
Information: mcdaniel.edu/music-events

DEC. 6

GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

Traditional and contemporary gospel music along with spirituals and holiday favorites, directed by Senior Adjunct Lecturer Shelley Ensor and accompanied by Alice Dorsey

Sun., 3 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre, WMC Alumni Hall
Information: mcdaniel.edu/music-events



Student African Drum Ensembles

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DEC. 19

COMMON GROUND DOWNTOWN*

Common Ground on the Hill's holiday concert

Sat., 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St., Westminster
Ticket information: commongroundonthehill.org



Gospel Choir





January

JAN. 6

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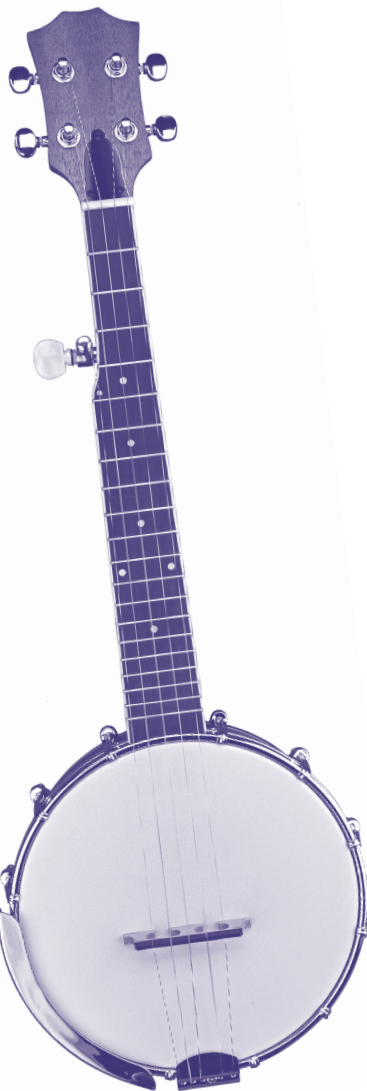
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JAN. 20

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Common Ground Downtown First
Wednesday Jams

CATCH THE GREEN TERROR IN ACTION!



Follow your favorite Green Terror teams all year long, either in person or online. Tune in to watch from anywhere at mcdaniel.edu/watch-athletics.

For the complete McDaniel Athletics schedule, visit mcdanielathletics.com/calendar.

Go to Fan Zone and click on Newsletter to sign up to receive breaking news, stories, and recaps **on your favorite McDaniel Athletics teams.**



McDANIEL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK

The McDaniel Women's Leadership Network is an exclusive group of leaders focused on building connections and programs that support students and alumni in pursuing their personal and professional goals. **Visit mcdaniel.edu/mwln** to learn more about joining the network!

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All events take place on campus at McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, unless otherwise noted.

Visitors are asked to adhere to all health and safety policies and regulations in effect at the time of the event. We appreciate your cooperation.

A note about accommodation requests for on-campus events at McDaniel College: Requests for ASL interpreters are welcome and should be made as soon as possible (two weeks prior to the event preferred) by contacting the specific event organizer. Other accommodation requests and questions can be directed to Conference Services at 410-857-2407.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EVENTS

McDaniel Admissions invites prospective students to experience and see all that McDaniel College has to offer.

Plus, prospective undergraduates who visit before completing their application qualify for a \$4,000 Visit Incentive Grant — \$1,000 annually over their four years. As a bonus, this Visit Incentive Grant is now doubled to \$2,000 per year, or \$8,000 over four years, for spring 2027 and fall 2027 applicants who visit campus by Nov. 15 before applying for admission!

Register at mcdaniel.edu/visit-events

DAY AT McDANIEL

Mondays - Fridays

Prospective undergraduate students and their families can experience life on the Hill! Tour campus and hear about how McDaniel is committed to our students. Optional class visits are also available (Mondays - Thursdays only).

TRANSFER STUDENT VISITS

Virtual or in person

Personalized visits to learn more about the transfer admissions process, including McDaniel's block transfer policy and transfer-specific scholarships. Plus, receive your own credit evaluation.

GRADUATE PROGRAM: VIRTUAL COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

Select Wednesdays each month

Prospective students looking to advance their career can find out more about McDaniel's 20-plus graduate master's and certificate programs. Our programs are delivered primarily online or in a hybrid format and cater to working professionals, career changers, and others wanting to continue their education.

GAME DAY OPEN HOUSE

Sat., Oct. 3, 10 a.m.

Experience Homecoming on the Hill and learn about what it means to be a Green Terror student-athlete.

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Sat., Nov. 7, 10 a.m.

Prospective undergraduate students are invited to begin their McDaniel journey. Learn how to navigate the college admissions and financial aid processes while meeting and mingling with campus representatives and current students.

At a glance...

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Nov. 7 Fall Open House

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CARROLL COUNTY SCHOLARS

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Sept. 23 Kickoff (11th Grade)

COLLEGE

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Sept. 26 MOTA Conference

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