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## Internship

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### Contact

MaryPIRG is a statewide, student directed, and student funded organization. We are non-profit and non-partisan, and work to solve some of the top issues in society. We team student activism with professional advocacy, and we get results

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### Activities

As a MaryPIRG intern I did many things like:

- Advocacy Classes
- Phone & Text Banks
- Fundraisers
- Social Media Outreach
- Writing Letters to the Editor
- Petitions
- Getting legislation passed
- Hosting events

I was able to co-host a fundraiser for the UMD Campus Pantry, work on a documentary, and co-host a petition signing event for the Break Free from Plastic Pollutions act.

### Issue

I worked as an intern for the affordable textbooks campaign. We worked on informing people about textbook and access code affordability and open-education.

This semester we were specifically working on trying to get the economics department to provide free textbooks for introductory courses

We also worked on a documentary to inform other students about how the pandemic has impacted students many ways, including financially, mentally, and much more.

### Impact

Some things we were able to accomplish this year are getting UMD to commit to carbon neutrality by 2025, getting the Maryland Hunger Free Campus act passed, secure congressional funding for affordable textbooks, and get our referendum passed.

We wrote letters to the editor about textbook affordability and open-education and my letter was published in the Capital Gazette. I hope that my words resonated with those who read them and maybe sparked someone else to fight for the same cause.



UMD just announced its commitment to

**CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2025**

Thank you to all of our incredible student advocates, coalition partners, and university staff who made this happen!

*As Fossil Free UMD, we've advocated for this timeline for years. Now, as MSCAC, we've been working at the state level to make carbon neutral universities a reality!*

**Recent Victories**

- Secured \$5 million from Congress for the Open Textbook Pilot program that will save students an estimated \$50 million in textbook costs
- Helped ban fracking and Polystyrene cups and containers in Maryland
- Helped to pass the Hunger Free Campus Act
- Helped persuade Subway, McDonald's, and KFC to stop selling meat raised with the routine use of antibiotics in order to protect life-saving drugs
- And more!

**BREAKING NEWS**  
**The Maryland Hunger Free Campus Act PASSED!**

MARYPIRG Students

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### Future Work

I enjoyed interning for MaryPIRG a lot. I learned many new things. I will probably continue interning or volunteering with them for the next two years

We are currently working to double the Pell Grant and I would love to be apart of that so that more students are able to afford school

I want to keep helping other and creating change, so I have began looking and applying for internships with government officials in MD

Helping others is what I love so I will defiantly continue this!

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Thank you to all the MaryPIRG coordinators and the many people who I met and worked with. They made this experience enjoyable and gave me more knowledge about advocacy which is something I am very passionate about. These skills will help me with my future!