This year UMDSA worked on several initiatives and are planning on continuing initiatives that will promote equality and diversity throughout our campus. We participated in several things that tried to promote diversity and we tried to strengthen our relationship with UMD’s Multi-Cultural Center.

We participated in this year’s Spat Out as well as used our Twitter and Facebook pages to promote this important event. We are planning to continue the use of these forms of communication. This year we also did our annual Yell Like Hell which is an event that tries to get comments and suggestions from the student body on how to improve campus on matters such as diversity.

This year UMD had some difficulties with the fans at the Men’s hockey games. UMDSA tried to promote good sportsmanship as well as took a stance against the negative cheers. We tried to spread the word about how the negative comments offend our opponents and even our students of American-Indian descent.

This year UMDSA came up with the idea for students to be able to apply as more than one ethnicity on our application to UMD. We thought that this would increase diversity and give students the chance to identify as more than one thing since many students are. This is still in progress and is being worked on continuously.

Recently a member of the Multi-Cultural center made UMDSA aware of the need for gender neutral bathrooms. UMDSA tried our best to contact this student as work with them to
the best of our ability. We completely support UMD getting more gender neutral bathrooms and fully support and believe that this is a need for UMD.

Overall, UMDSA is continuing to try and help create diversity throughout UMD’s campus. This next year we are trying to work on transparency throughout the campus as well as promote diversity. We hope that through our efforts that next year we can work even more closely with the members of the Multi-Cultural Center.