

Activity Ideas

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Below is a list with many options for you to consider during your free time, or during summer or winter months when classes are not in session, including:

- Learning Something New
- Preparing for Certification Exams
- Providing Service
- Networking
- Being Well and Reflecting

Learn Something New

- Complete [LinkedIn Learning](#) courses (all UMD students have free access--[see login instructions](#))
- Expand your thinking about diversity and inclusion:
 - [Seeing White](#) podcast
 - [MEN](#) podcast
 - [Self Made](#) on Netflix
- Complete Canvas course offered by Smith School Career Services staff:
 - [Master of Finance/Master of Quantitative Finance - Online Career Course](#)
- Sign up for a UMD class to build your skills or pursue personal interests; review course offerings for [Summer 2020 in Testudo](#) (summer courses will likely not count toward your degree requirements--talk to your academic advisor if you have questions)
- Receive online services, resources, and instruction from the [UMD Online Library](#)
- Complete the [Bloomberg Market Concepts](#) course to increase your knowledge about financial markets (students that do not have an existing Bloomberg Terminal login [can request free access](#))
- Watch [YouTube videos](#) to build technical skills relevant to your major or career interests
- [Coursera](#) offers free online courses in a wide range of subjects
- [Codecademy](#) provides free courses for several programming languages, data science, and web development
- [Khan Academy](#) has lessons and tutorials for math, science, engineering, humanities, and more
- [Duolingo](#) provides free language learning
- Plan or attend a [virtual Hack-a-thon](#)
- Keep up to date on Smith School faculty research through the [Smith Brain Trust](#)
- Read [books recommended by Maryland Smith faculty and staff](#)
- [31 Great Quarantine Reads, Chosen by the Vanity Fair Staff](#)
- [NPR's Book Concierge](#)
- Investigate [faculty whose research interests you](#)--read their scholarly work and learn about their current researchImprove your business communications
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- Introduce yourself to a new hobby; suggestions from the MPO team include:
 - [Bake](#) (suggested by Kim Gonzalez)
 - [Hike Maryland](#) (suggested by Rachel Antoun)
 - [Read Poetry](#) (suggested by Rachel Phillips)
 - [Watch Good Movies](#) (suggested by Gigi Gibson)
 - Take Fun Photos (suggested by Amy Swann)

Prepare for Certification Exams

- [APICS Certifications](#)
- [Chartered Financial Analyst \(CFA\)](#)
- [Certified Public Accountant \(CPA\)](#)
- [Financial Risk Manager \(FRM\)](#)
- [SAS](#)

Provide Service

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- Create your own tutorials to share helpful tips or demonstrate technical skills for your major with your classmates
- [Idealist](#) and [Volunteermatch](#) offer many virtual volunteer opportunities
- Community-based opportunities are available at the [Mutual Aid Hub](#)
- Use your technical skills to [support a political campaign](#)
- Subtitle and translate [TED Talks](#) to bring ideas to others
- Volunteer to Translate with [Translators without Borders](#)
- Make a global impact by volunteering virtually with the [United Nations](#)
- Transcribe historical documents for the [Smithsonian](#)
- Train others in technology with [Right Here at Home](#)
- Volunteer to create social change via [DoSomething](#)
- Browse volunteer opportunities based on cause area and skillset at [Catchafire](#)
- Use your marketing, tech, HR, strategy, or finance experience to provide consulting work to a nonprofit organization via [Taproot Plus](#)
- Solve real-world analytics problems for nonprofits through [Analytics Corps](#)
- Use [HeroX](#) to help companies find innovative solutions on through crowdsourcing
- Provide project-based work on [Freelancer](#) or [Upwork](#)

Network with Other Students, Professionals and Alumni

- Go to a [Meetup](#) to meet new people with similar interests
- Ensure your [LinkedIn](#) profile is up to date, and network with personal introductions to alumni and others you want to connect with
 - Target 2/5/10 reach out emails per week
 - Turn LinkedIn connections into 1-3 phone or online conversations per week
 - End your summer with 3-5 strong advocates
- Explore professional organizations related to your degree program and learn about online events, upcoming future conferences, discounted student memberships, and educational resources
 - [ALPFA – Association of Latino Professionals For America](#)
 - [Forte Foundation](#)
 - Accounting
 - [GWSCPA – The Greater Washington Society of CPAs](#)
 - [NSA – National Society of Accountants](#)
 - [IIA – The Institute of Internal Auditors](#)
 - [AscendNAAMBA](#)
 - [AICPA – Association Institute of Certified Public Accountants](#)
 - [AAA – American Accounting Association](#)
 - [NABA – National Association of Black Accountants](#)
 - [IMA – Institute of Management Accountants \(IMA\)](#)
 - Analytics
 - [DAA – Digital Analytics Association](#)
 - [IIBA – International Institute of Business Analysis](#)
 - Consulting
 - [Institute of Management Consultants USA](#)
 - [Professional Consultants Association](#)
 - Finance and Risk
 - [CFA Institute](#)
 - [CFA Society of Washington](#)
 - [CFA Society of Baltimore](#)
 - [GARP – Global Association of Risk Professionals](#)
 - General Management
 - [American Management Association](#)
 - [Institute of Certified Professional Managers \(ICPM\)](#)
 - Human Capital
 - [Association for Talent Development](#)
 - [HR Leadership Forum](#)

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- [National Human Resources Association](#)
- [Professionals in Human Resources](#)
- [Society of Human Resources Management](#)
- Information Systems
 - [AIS - Association for Information Systems](#)
 - [CompTIA](#)
 - [ISSA – Information Systems Security Association](#)
- Marketing
 - [AMA – American Marketing Association](#)
 - [DAA – Digital Analytics Association](#)
 - [Insights Association \(formerly Marketing Research Association\)](#)
- Supply Chain
 - [CSCMP – Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals](#)
 - [APICS – Association for Supply Chain Management \(and certifications\)](#)
 - [ISM – Institute for Supply Management](#)

Be Well and Reflect

- Keep moving and connected to other active Terps with [RecWell](#)
- [Meditate](#) with the Health Center
- Create a [GitHub](#) of projects and writing samples that can be shared with future potential employers
- Review the CDC Advice on [managing anxiety and stress during COVID19](#)
- Apply positive psychology by reviewing [87 Self-Reflection Questions for Introspection](#)

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