Welcome to the *NEW* Beyond the Classroom

Dr. James V. Riker has been appointed Director of the Beyond the Classroom, effective July 1, 2006.

The purpose of Beyond the Classroom is to enhance professional preparation and cultivate an understanding of civic engagement for students at the University of Maryland. Beyond the Classroom prepares students to engage in internship or service learning in local governments and small non-profit organizations.

During the year-long experience, students spend the first semester enrolled in a course devoted to preparation for the experiential learning component and a second semester in a local government or non-profit organization while participating in a seminar that continues to support their practical experience.

Our program, located in South Campus Commons, is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

*Read more about the New Beyond the Classroom in this [special message](http://www.beyondtheclassroom.umd.edu) from Lisa Kiely, Interim Director of Beyond the Classroom.*