As members of the University community struggle to cope with tragedies, they often come to the Memorial Chapel for solace and quiet reflection. In a time when most people run their lives with an overcrowded calendar and the world seems a bit more fragile, finding time – let alone a place – to reflect is difficult. The Garden of Reflection and Remembrance is such a place.

The Garden will feature several “rooms” that will stimulate people to take time to nurture their minds and spirits and will feature:

- Heritage trees and shaded benches.
- An entry portal taking visitors into a room with a reflection pool.
- Meandering paths leading into densely planted gardens with benches featuring all-weather journals, allowing visitors to reflect and write their thoughts.
- A primary pathway leading to the hallmark element of the Garden, the labyrinth – a beautiful creation of stone and fragrant thyme. Labyrinths have been used since the Middle-Ages as a contemplative tool.
- Water elements showcased in gathering spots.
- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a beautiful fully restored monument originally designed and funded by students in the 1980s.

The Garden is designed with sustainability as a cornerstone, following the University’s Strategic Plan. Designs include a cistern and water collection/distribution system to redirect storm water and use recycled materials as much as possible, including pavers which will have the least negative impact on plantings and trees.

Leadership and Landscape Architecture classes will be held at the Garden, integrating the grounds and labyrinth into the curriculum. The Garden will be constructed in the Spring of 2009 and will be completed by Fall of 2009. The project’s total costs are projected to be $900,000. Naming opportunities have been identified.

“I think the need exists for every spirit, every soul to have a place of reflection — a place for digging into their own experience to develop themselves in a spiritual and intellectual way.”

— TOM STONER, President, TKF Foundation & lead donor

“Over recent years, as the University community has grappled with tragic and stressful events, the need for people of different faiths to find a sacred space is more important today than ever. This Garden is both an opportunity to develop the space, and a statement by the University that we encourage and value contemplation and reflection.”

— LINDA M. CLEMENT Vice President for Student Affairs
Recognized nationally for many of its programs, services and staff, the Division of Student Affairs works collectively to offer students a world-class experience while at Maryland. We strive to provide every student the opportunity to gain skills necessary to contribute to our global society and to explore leadership in all of its various forms. We believe students must graduate with the skills not only necessary to succeed in the work place, but also to live healthy, balanced and civically engaged lives.

**GARDEN OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE PRIORITIES**

- Raise $700,000 for the planning, construction and maintenance of the Garden.
- Endow “the Garden Fund” allowing us to enhance programming and develop future enhancements.
- Create a place where we can publicly recognize and remember those who have served our nation.
- Improve the campus environment through the creation of a “green friendly” and welcoming Garden.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES**

- **Student Crisis Fund:** Removing financial burden and worry for students who have had major challenges – funds to replace books, assist in times of family emergencies and medical need.
- **Contemporary Art Purchasing Program:** Opening the eyes of students and community members to the varied perspectives and cultures of contemporary artists. Giving students the unique occasion to meet with artists, gallery managers and curators to learn the world of art as a business.
- **America Reads*America Counts and Partners in Print:** Giving students the opportunity to not only make a difference in the life of a young person at risk, but also to consider careers in teaching and the non-profit sector.
- **Veterans Scholarships:** Providing critical resources to fill the gap between Veterans Administration benefits and the actual cost of an education. Scholarships are often the only way our vets can attend college; many also are providing for families.
- **Alternative Breaks:** Developing critical thinking skills while giving students the opportunity to better understand the impact one citizen’s involvement can have locally and globally. Deep education on issues such as border awareness, the justice system, HIV/AIDS, poverty and education.

We call on all those who value our work – alumni, students, faculty, partners and friends – to come forward, contribute their knowledge, energy and financial resources, and help us improve student lives so that they, in turn will change the world. Join with us to achieve **Great Expectations!**