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Safe Harvest

Each year, Hood College Chapter of Mortar Board sponsors an event known as, “Safe Harvest.” This is sponsored in order for the kids of Frederick to have a safe and fun evening full of trick-or-treating along with many other fun filled events.

This year, Safe Harvest was held on Oct. 25 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. The Hood students provide games in Whitaker Commons and trick-or-treating throughout each dorm hall. Each hall decorates a certain floor in their hall for the kids to go around and get candy and enjoy a scare or two. Last year, Memorial Hall showed their Halloween spirit by having the best decorated hall on campus. Parents, also have the opportunity to walk around with their kids and enjoy a night of fun as well.

Ethan Weidman, RA of Meyran, said, “Safe Harvest is a great idea and a great chance for Hood to reach out to the Frederick community and give back.” He said, “My residents absolutely love it. In fact, usually all the residents in the building come to the floor the children walk through to give them treats.” Tara Biser of Coblentz Hall said: “Our first years are really enthusiastic this year! They've decorated their entire floor, and House Council has done an awesome job decorating the lounge.” And Anna Nahil, President of Coblentz, said, “I think they love the kids and enjoy decorating and can't wait to be a part of a great tradition involving the community.” Amanda Shaffrey of Shriner Hall said: “The ladies of Shriner I think it’s something they get excited about, it's fine to decorate the dorm and dress up in costumes for the event. It's also really nice to see just how happy the kids really are to be trick or treating.” And Chad Love, RA of Smith said: “I like how Safe Harvest includes the Frederick Community first of all and brings children as well as adults to the Hood College campus. I think that the kids get as much excitement out of safe harvest as we do.”

A parent from the first tour given by Hood Students said that even if the kids didn’t have fun, she did.

Safe Harvest is an enjoyable evening that both the Hood and Frederick community can come together and have a lot of fun.