

the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 2023



STARS COME OUT TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS WEEK AWARD WINNERS

On Oct. 19, the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) honored some of our stars — the 2023 Founders Week award recipients — and were entertained by Norm Lewis, a Tony- and Grammy Award-nominated Broadway star. We gathered at the recently opened M&T Bank Exchange, located next to the Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center. The former Eutaw Savings Bank building is now a state-of-the-art venue that UMB is proud to support.

Our next stars showed that their work is not an “Impossible Dream” and were recognized after Norm treated the audience to a stirring rendition of the iconic song from “Man of La Mancha.” The David J. Ramsay Entrepreneurs of the Year, Jeffrey Hasday, MD, of UMSOM, and Paul Shapiro, PhD, of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, are co-inventors of a technology that focuses on treating inflammatory diseases.



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DR. JEFFREY HASDAY (CENTER) OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BROUGHT HIS GRANDDAUGHTER ONTO THE STAGE TO HELP HIM ACCEPT THE DAVID J. RAMSAY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD.

TURAL MAMMADLI OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK ACCEPTS CONGRATULATIONS AND HIS STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM PRESIDENT JARRELL.

Norm started off by singing “Stars” from “Les Misérables,” then I brought two of UMB’s stars onto the stage. Our Public Servant of the Year, Shantay McKinily, MS, is the director of the University of Maryland School of Social Work’s (UMSSW) Positive Schools Center. Her work has transformed the center from a startup program into a nationally recognized educational innovation center.

Our second star was Yen-Pei Christy Chang, PhD, MS, associate professor, Department of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), who was named Educator of the Year. Dr. Chang makes students and mentees a priority. She is passionate about graduate school education and contributes to numerous classes for medical and graduate students.

Researcher of the Year Kathleen Neuzil, MD, MPH, FIDSA, the Myron M. Levine, MD, DTPH Professor of Vaccinology and director, Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD), UMSOM, has shown that it’s not impossible to harness the power of vaccines to prevent disease and save lives through her work and leadership at CVD.

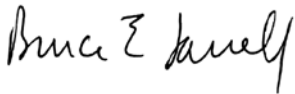
After hearing Norm’s baritone voice sing “Go the Distance” from “Hercules,” I invited the Student of the Year, Tural Mammadli, MSW, to the stage. A PhD student at UMSSW, Tural was recognized not only for his work on projects aimed at improving the well-being of LGBTQ+ persons of color, but also for going above and beyond in making international students feel welcome at UMB.

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We closed the event with Norm singing “Music of the Night” from “Phantom of the Opera.” All in all, it was a spectacular event honoring our 2023 Founders Week award winners. And the next time you go by the M&T Bank Exchange, check out the Fayette Street lobby area, which has been named the University of Maryland, Baltimore Fayette Street Entrance/Lobby in recognition of UMB’s support.

It’s a great honor to serve as the president of UMB and an even greater honor to be surrounded by such dedicated and accomplished faculty, staff, and students. Congratulations again to this year’s Founders Week award winners — they are all stars to me!



Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS
PRESIDENT



BROADWAY STAR
NORM LEWIS SANG
FOUR SONGS DURING
THE FOUNDERS
WEEK AWARDS
RECOGNITION AND
RECEPTION EVENT
OCT. 19 AT THE NEW
M&T BANK EXCHANGE.

Read about the Founders Week Student Cookout and Staff Luncheon on pages 11-12.

See photos and watch the Founders Week Awards Recognition event at [this link](#).

Read more about the honorees and see videos about their impact at [this link](#).

HONOREES TALK ABOUT UMB’S CORE VALUES

We asked our 2023 Founders Week award winners which of UMB’s core values means the most to them: Respect and Integrity, Well-Being and Sustainability, Equity and Justice, or Innovation and Discovery. Here’s what they said:

Shantay McKinily, MS

Public Servant of the Year

“Given where we are right now, Equity and Justice. I think of equity as meeting people and giving them what they specifically need, not just equally giving things out to everyone. Equity is important, and social justice is key.”

Yen-Pei Christy Chang, PhD, MS

Educator of the Year

“I would select Well-Being and Sustainability and Equity and Justice. To me, they are interconnected ideas. Our society is witnessing increased mental illness and burnout among students and faculty. The important work we do at UMB is sustainable only if we invest in everyone’s well-being and work toward equity and justice.”

Jeffrey Hasday, MD

David J. Ramsay Entrepreneur of the Year

“My professional side is all about Innovation and Discovery and appreciates the extraordinary multidisciplinary environment provided by the schools on UMB’s campus. My human side appreciates the institutional commitment to Respect and Integrity, Equity and Justice, and Well-Being and Sustainability.”

Paul Shapiro, PhD

David J. Ramsay Entrepreneur of the Year

“They all are important. Being in a work environment that promotes Respect and Integrity has allowed us to sustain an innovative drug discovery research program that, I hope, will soon provide new therapies that improve the well-being of all members of society.”

Kathleen Neuzil, MD, MPH, FIDSA

Researcher of the Year

“Equity and Justice resonates because they are fundamental principles driving my research. We are privileged to live in an area with exceptional tertiary care. Most people in the world do not have that privilege. Prevention is key, and vaccine delivery systems are designed to reach every individual regardless of socioeconomic status, geography, age, or sex.”

Tural Mammadli, MSW

Student of the Year

“It is challenging to pick one, but Equity and Justice is the core values set I would be most inclined to choose. As a social work researcher, my hope is that the work I engage in moves the needle to make our world a more equitable and just place for minoritized communities.”

WELCOME TO UMB!

NEW HIRES: OCTOBER 2023

UMB

Patrick Beach, Staff
Tynell Briggs, Staff
Jacob Broderick, Staff
Chase Carpintieri, Staff
Trenae Darden, Staff
Meredith Diloia, Staff
Robin Dudley, Staff
Samantha Fitzgerald, Staff
Paula Hart, Staff
Yan Huang, Staff
Jussi Isojaervi, Staff
Sasank Kinnera, Staff
Terrence Langley, Staff
Emily Marques, Staff
Stacey Rose, Staff
Charles Shupe, Staff
Shamia Speight, Staff

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Tijana Dukic, Staff
Qian Harasta, Faculty
Samantha Sykes, Faculty

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Alfred Arsenault, Faculty
Melany Castro, Staff
Richard Schreiber, Faculty
Tiffany White, Faculty

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Syed Ali, Staff
Tarique Anwar, Trainee
Leezette Bethea, Staff
Apurva Borcar, Faculty
Katina Brown, Staff
Chantell Chaney, Staff
Gustavo Costa Medeiros, Faculty
Samuel Dona, Faculty
Jessica Downing, Faculty
Marina Eskandar, Faculty
Omar Fida, Faculty
Shealina Ge, Faculty
Jordan Gornitsky, Faculty
Gulakhshan Hamad, Trainee
Aisha Hegab Souquette, Faculty
Rachael Higbee, Staff
Saman Hosseini, Trainee
Adam Howell, Staff
Enass Ibrahim, Staff
Ariella Jacques, Faculty
Adam Klein, Faculty
August Kunkel, Faculty
Yu-Fan Li, Staff
Paisley Maloney, Staff
Geraldyn O'Reilly, Faculty
David Okhuereigbe, Staff
Morris Okowa, Staff
Katherine Ozelius, Faculty
Jennifer Pierre, Staff

Thomas Pritchard, Staff
Mariya Prokhorenko, Trainee
Jordan Pyda, Faculty
Chethan Rao, Faculty
Nathaniel Robbins, Faculty
Darrell Rubin, Faculty
Jasmine Scott, Staff
Sapan Shah, Faculty
Nageen Sherani, Staff
Colton Smith, Staff
Daniel Sutton, Trainee
Yadiel Temesgen, Staff
Ian Turner, Staff
Jordan Vaglivelo, Staff
Thiagarajan Venkataraman, Faculty
John Werner, Faculty
Amanda Williams, Trainee
Isabella Zafra Martinez, Staff
Gabriel Zanetti, Trainee

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Irene Akande, Faculty
Marshall Bailey, Staff
Cynthia Bauer, Faculty
Edward Bempong, Faculty
Angela DeVincentis-DiBlasi, Staff
Robert Durgin, Staff
Onyinyechi Esochaghi, Staff
Angela Geilfuss, Staff

Chelsie Grant, Staff
Heather Anne Jones, Faculty
Melanie Lee, Faculty
Channa Lidie, Faculty
Aaron Ludensky, Faculty
Natalie Martelli, Faculty
Katia Matychak, Staff
Janet Miranda, Faculty
Olajumoke Ogunfiditimi, Faculty
Awawu Ojikutu, Faculty
Mobolanle Osinubi, Faculty
Bracken Stanard, Staff
Faith Terrell, Staff
Sara Valente Sousa, Faculty

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Darrell Burrell, Trainee
Brittany Harris, Staff
Xiaojing Teng, Trainee

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Niashia Jones, Staff
Yu Men, Faculty
Cheuk Yui Yeung, Trainee

THIS LISTING OF NEW HIRES IS PROVIDED BY UMB HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES. TRAINEES INCLUDE CLINICAL FELLOWS, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS, RESEARCH FELLOWS, AND RESIDENT GI FELLOWS.



15TH ANNUAL
UMB HOLIDAY
Craft Fair

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SMC Campus Center, Elm Ballrooms

Join us midweek for this fun and festive event showcasing the talents of 45-plus craft vendors!

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UNIVERSITYWIDE



DANIELLE HARRIS

Danielle Harris, LCSW-C, was promoted to director of community engagement operations, Office of Community Engagement.

Amy Ramirez, MA, executive director of global learning and international services, Center for Global Engagement (CGE), and



AMY RAMIREZ

Carlos Faerron Guzmán, MD, MSc, associate professor, Graduate School, and senior fellow, CGE, presented “Global Learning in Professional Education: UMB Costa Rica Faculty Development Institute” at the American Association of Colleges and Universities 2023 Conference on Global Learning on Oct. 13 in Washington, D.C.

GRADUATE SCHOOL



CHRISTINA CESTONE

Christina Cestone, PhD, MA, associate professor and assistant vice provost for faculty affairs, and **Violet A. Kulo, EdD, MS, MA**, associate professor

and program director, PhD in

Health Professions Education, co-authored “A Bibliometric Analysis of the 100 Most Cited Articles on Problem-Based Learning in Medical Education,” which was published in *Medical Science Educator* on Oct. 3.



SHANI FLEMING

Shani Fleming, MS, MPH, PA-C, associate professor and chief equity, diversity, and inclusion officer, was the featured facilitator for the REPRESENT! National

Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants’ “Continuing the Conversation” virtual summit on Sept. 26.

Karen L. Gordes, PhD, PT, DSCPT, associate professor; chief learning officer, Physician Assistant Leadership and Learning Academy; and program director, MS in Health Professions Education, and **Violet A. Kulo, EdD, MS, MA**, associate professor and program director, PhD in Health Professions Education, presented “Fostering Inclusion Through Trauma Informed Pedagogy” at the University of Maryland School of Medicine’s Medical Education Leadership Academy’s Fall Education Day on Oct. 6.

Gerald Kayingo, PhD, MBA, PA-C, DFAAPA, professor; assistant dean; and executive director, Physician Assistant Leadership and Learning Academy, was nominated by the American Academy of PAs as a candidate for the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Kayingo also was among the co-authors of

“Physician Assistants/Associates with Doctoral Degrees: Where Are They Now?” which was published in the *Journal of PA Education*.



JENNY OWENS

Jenny Owens, ScD, MS, associate professor; associate dean of academic affairs; and executive director, Graduate Research Innovation District, presented

“Supporting Access to Care: Medical Housing as a Social Need” and co-presented “Community Led Research: Opportunities for a Shared National Agenda” at the Healthcare Hospitality Network National Conference in Baltimore in October.

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW



KRISTINA J. ALAYAN

Kristina J. Alayan, JD, associate professor and associate dean for library and technology, was invited to present at a workshop for newer directors hosted

by the Society of Academic Law Library Directors.



PATRICIA CAMPBELL

Patricia Campbell, JD, professor and director, Intellectual Property Law Program, wrote “Debugging the Trademark

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Laws: The Lanham Act and Counterfeit Microelectronics,” which was published in the *Texas Intellectual Property Journal*.



JENNIFER CHAPMAN

Jennifer Chapman, JD, research and faculty services librarian, presented on the panel “Countering Systemic Racism Through Antiracist Theory

and Practice” at the Association for Library and Information Science Education meeting Oct. 4.



DOUG COLBERT

Doug Colbert, JD, professor, was appointed to the Baltimore City Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commission.



MARK GRABER

Mark Graber, JD, professor, was a guest on C-SPAN’s “Washington Journal” on Sept. 12, discussing 14th Amendment challenges and former

President Trump’s presidential bid.

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor and director, Clinical Law Program, co-edited the book “The Criminalization of Violence Against Women” and wrote the chapter “United States v. Maddesyn George: The Consequences of Criminalization for Native Women in the United States.”

Diane Hoffmann, JD, professor and director, Law and Health Care Program, was quoted in “MSCRC Announces USD 4M Grants for Stem Cell Innovation,” which was published in *Medical Buyer* on Sept. 21.



KATHLEEN HOKE

Kathleen Hoke, JD, professor and director, Network for Public Health Law-Eastern Region, was quoted in “Archdiocese of Baltimore Files for Bankruptcy

Ahead of Expected Flood of Sex Abuse Lawsuits,” which was published in *The Baltimore Banner* on Sept. 29.

Guha Krishnamurthi, JD, associate professor, was a guest on the “Business Scholarship Podcast” on Sept. 26.

Robert Percival, JD, professor and director, Environmental Law Program, wrote “Environmental Law in China: Perspectives from a Return Visit,” which was published on the American College of Environmental Lawyers Blog on Sept. 25.



NATALIE RAM

Natalie Ram, JD, professor, was quoted in the article “DNA Drives Help Identify Missing People. It’s a Privacy Nightmare,” which was

published in *Wired* on Sept. 28.

Jeff Sovern, JD, professor, was quoted in “Supreme Court Case on CFPB Funding Could Have Wider Ramifications for Mortgage Borrowers; The Consumer Financial

Protection Bureau Faces a High-Stakes Legal Fight,” which was published in *Market Watch* on Oct. 4.

Rena Steinzor, JD, professor, was quoted in “‘They’re Back to Making Millions’: Workers Accuse US Mill Where Five Died in Blast,” in *The Guardian* on Sept. 29.



RENA STEINZOR



DONALD TOBIN

Donald Tobin, JD, professor, was quoted in “Montgomery County Council Employee Used Funds for Personal Use, Officials Say,” which was published on the Fox5 website Sept. 15.

Liza Vertinsky, JD, professor, co-authored “‘Innovation Bullying’ in Drug Policy,” which was published in *Health Affairs* on Sept. 11.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Anna Andrzejewska, MD, visiting scholar, and **Miroslaw Janowski, MD, PhD**, associate professor, both with the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, were first author and last author, respectively, of “Mesenchymal Stem Cell Engineering by ARCA Analog-Capped mRNA,” which was published in *Molecular Therapy: Nucleic Acids* in July.

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ILIA BASKAKOV

Ilia Baskakov, PhD, professor, Department of Neurobiology, was the corresponding author of “Reactive Astrocytes Associated with Prion

Disease Impair the Blood Brain Barrier,” which was published in *Neurobiology of Disease* on Aug. 18.



REHA ERZURUMLU

Reha Erzurumlu, PhD, professor, Department of Neurobiology, wrote “Serotonin, Birth, and Thalamocortical Wiring,” which was published in the

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on Aug. 31.



JASON FALVEY

Jason Falvey, PT, DPT, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, is one of the principal investigators on a five-year,

\$3.7 million R01 grant from the National Institute on Aging for “The Paycheck Protection Program and its Effects on Staffing Patterns and the Outcomes of Residents Living with Dementia.”

Adam Fang, MD, assistant professor; **Jean Jeudy, MD**, professor; and **Vahid Etezadi, MD**, associate professor, all in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors

of “Risk Factors and Treatment Interventions Associated with Incomplete Thrombus Resolution and Pulmonary Hypertension after Pulmonary Embolism,” which was published online ahead of print in the *Journal of Vascular Surgery: Venous and Lymphatic Disorders* in August.



SIMON HO

Simon Ho, PT, DPT, assistant professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was among the co-authors of “Remote

Blood Oxygen Estimation from Videos Using Neural Networks,” which was published in the *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics* in August.

Barbara Juarez, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Neurobiology, received the 2023 Brain & Behavior Research Foundation NARSAD Young Investigator Award, a grant program providing support for the most promising young scientists conducting neurobiological and psychiatric research.



KELBY KAPLAN

Kelby Kaplan, PT, DPT, EdD, assistant professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was among the co-authors of “Improving

Cultural Humility in Physical Therapy Students: What is Faculty’s Role?” which was published in *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice* on Aug. 30.

Nariman Nezami, MD, associate professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, received the 2023 Radiological Society of North America’s (RSNA) Honored Educator Award, recognizing his dedication to furthering the profession of radiology by delivering high-quality educational content for RSNA.



YANNICK POIRIER

Yannick Poirier, PhD, associate professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was the lead author of “Minimum Reporting Standards

Should Be Expected for Preclinical Radiobiology Irradiators and Dosimetry in the Published Literature,” which was published Aug. 8 online ahead of print in *Radiation Research*.



WILLIAM REGINE

William Regine, MD, professor and chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors of “Analysis of Radiation Therapy Quality

Assurance in NRG Oncology RTOG 0848,” which was published Aug. 18 online ahead of print in the *International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics*.

Jill Whitall, PhD, FNAK, professor emerita; **Nesreen Alissa PT, MS**, PhD student; and **Kelly Westlake, PT, MSc, PhD**, associate professor, all in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science,

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were among the co-authors of “Age-Related Differences in Kinematics, Kinetics, and Muscle Synergy Patterns Following a Sudden Gait Perturbation: Changes in Movement Strategies and Implications for Fall Prevention Rehabilitation,” which was published in *Applied Sciences* on Aug. 7.



JILL WHITTALL



EMERSON WICKWIRE

Emerson Wickwire, PhD, professor, Department of Psychiatry, conducted a virtual interview with “CBS News Health Watch” on Sept.

7 for the segment “Fighting Off a Sluggish September: Strategies for Feeling More Awake and Well-Rested Going into Fall.”



MICHAEL ZARRO

Michael Zarro, PT, DPT, assistant professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, wrote “Bone Stress Injury of the Patella in a

Division 1 Athlete with Anterior Knee Pain,” which was published in *JOSPT Cases* on July 24.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Faculty members **Lori A. Edwards, DrPH, BSN '80, RN, CNS-PCH, BC, FAAN**; **Shannon K. Idzik, DNP '10, MS '03, CRNP, FAANP, FAAN**; and **Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD '03, RN, FAAN, FGSA**, were awarded Nurse Support Program II grants totaling nearly \$1 million to help grow the number of nurses prepared to serve in faculty roles and strengthen nursing education programs at Maryland institutions.

Sandra Green, MS, was promoted to senior human resource specialist.



SAUNDRA GREEN



SHANNON K. IDZIK

Shannon K. Idzik, DNP '10, MS '03, CRNP, FAANP, FAAN, professor and associate dean, Doctor of Nursing Practice program, was among the co-authors of

“Nurse Practitioner Employment in Relation to Nursing Staff Turnover and Resident Care Outcomes in US Nursing Homes,” which was published in *JAMDA: The Journal of Post-Acute and Long-Term Medicine* on Aug. 24.

Laura W. Koo, PhD, MS, BSN, CRNP, FNP-BC, assistant professor, was the first author of “Parental Health Literacy, Empowerment, and

Advocacy for Food Allergy Safety in School: A Cross-Sectional Study,” which was published in *HLRP: Health Literacy Research and Practice* on Sept. 9.



LAURA W. KOO



LARRY NOHE

Larry Nohe was promoted to senior systems administrator.

Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor; Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology; co-director, Postdoctoral program; and UMB Distinguished University Professor, was appointed associate dean for research.

Denise Rollins was promoted to senior human resource specialist.



DENISE ROLLINS

Miguel Santa, ME, MS, was promoted to senior learning technologist.

Janet Selway, DNSc, MS '88, AGNP-C, CPNP-PC, FAANP, FAAN, associate professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner specialty, and

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JANET SELWAY



LORI A. EDWARDS

Lori A. Edwards, DrPH, BSN '80, RN, CNS-PCH, BC, FAAN, assistant professor and associate dean, Master of Science in Nursing program, were inducted as fellows of the American Association of Nursing.



LEAH SMITH

Sonia Smith was promoted to manager of professional development and education.



SONIA SMITH



BARB VAN DE CASTLE

Barb Van de Castle, DNP '14, RN-BC, ACNS-BC, OCN, assistant professor, was among the co-authors of “Nurse-Administered Auricular Point Acupressure for Cancer-Related Pain,” which was published in *Integrative Cancer Therapies* in September.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Athanasios Chamzas and Brooke Langevin, students, MS in Pharmacometrics Program, received 2023 Student Abstract Awards from the American College of Clinical Pharmacology.



SANDEEP DEVABHAKTHUNI

Sandeep Devabhakthuni, PharmD, BCCP, associate dean for student affairs and associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was elected director-at-large of the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners for the American Society of Health System Pharmacists.



NATALIE D. EDDINGTON

Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received the American College of Clinical Pharmacology's Hartmut Derendorf Mentorship in Clinical Pharmacology Award.



MEGAN EHRET

Megan Ehret, PharmD, MS, BCPP, professor of Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and co-director, Mental Health Program, received a one-year, \$147,519 contract

from the American Psychiatric Association for “Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness.”



JOGA GOBBURU

Joga Gobburu, PhD, MBA, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and director, Center for

Translational Medicine, received a two-year, \$141,736 contract from Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development & Commercialization, Inc., for “Fellowship Program.”

Mojdeh Heavner, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.



AMY KRUGER HOWARD

Amy Kruger Howard, PharmD, pediatric clinical pharmacist, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was selected as a 2023-2025 UMB Interprofessional Education Scholar.



MICHELLE MEDEIROS

Michelle Medeiros, MS, MA, CCRP, director of research, PATIENTS Program, was appointed to a three-year term on the

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Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute's Advisory Panel on Clinical Trials.



C. DANIEL MULLINS

C. Daniel Mullins, PhD, professor of Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and executive director, PATIENTS

Program, received a one-year, \$249,999 cooperative agreement from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for "Developing InnoVative Equity-focused Regulatory Science (DIVERSE)."



EBERECHUKWU ONUKWUGHA

Eberechukwu Onukwugha, PhD, MS, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research and executive director,

Pharmaceutical Research Computing, received a 16-month, \$637,701 contract from Organon, LLC, for "Patient and Health Care Provider Perspectives of Contraceptive."

Paul Shapiro, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and associate dean for research and advanced graduate education, was named a top reviewer by the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* and received a five-year, \$226,389 contract from the Research Institute of Fox Chase Cancer Center for "Divergent Functions of ERK Substrate

Binding Domains in Pathogenesis of Myeloproliferative Neoplasms."



FADIA SHAYA

Fadia Shaya, PhD, MPH, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research; executive director, Behavioral Health

Resources Program; and UMB Distinguished University Professor, received a one-year, \$374,679 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for "Maryland Substance Use Prevention Partnerships (M-SUPP)."



PAUL SOLINSKY

Paul Solinsky, PharmD, clinical pharmacist, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received the 2023 Health System Pharmacist

of the Year Award from the Maryland-Society of Health System Pharmacists.

Sheryl Thedford, PharmD, clinical pharmacist, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was reappointed to a two-year term on the Psychiatric Specialty Council of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.



ESTER VILLALONGA OLIVES

Ester Villalonga Olives, PhD, MsC, associate professor of Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes

Research, received a three-year \$138,641 contract from Yale University for "How Individual and Neighborhood Social Connectedness Factors Along with Psychosocial Mechanisms Impact Depressive Symptoms of Black Adults Living in Areas with High Risk of Poor Health."

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



HAKSOON AHN

Haksoon Ahn, PhD, associate professor, was among the co-authors of "Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) and Child Welfare

Outcomes in the United States," which received the 2022 Article of the Year Award from the *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.

Richard Barth, PhD, MSW, professor, was among the co-authors of "Family Poverty, Family Adversity, Neglect, and Entry into Out-of-Home Care," which was published in the *Journal of Public Child Welfare* on Aug. 29.

Aaron Betsinger, PhD, research assistant professor, will serve as the lead evaluator for two Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grants received by UMSSW's Institute for Innovation and Implementation to further the development of its system of care.

Laurie Graham, PhD, assistant professor, and **Kyla Liggett-Creel, PhD**, associate clinical professor, received a Black Mental Health

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Alliance for Education and Consultation grant with funding from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance to conduct an evaluation of an innovative, community-based violence prevention program.



KYLA LIGGETT-CREEL

Corey Shdaimah, PhD, LLM, the Daniel Thursz Distinguished Professor of Social Justice, was among the co-authors of “The Problem with Prostitution Problem Solving” and “Visiting Project Dawn Court,” which were published on the “Philly North Notes” blog from Temple University Press.

Darren Whitfield, PhD, MSW, associate professor, received a \$3.77 million National Institutes of Health grant for a research

project aimed at increasing the utilization of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among Black men who have sex with men (MSM) by striving to determine the efficacy of client-centered care coordination for increasing PrEP adherence among Black MSM.



DARREN WHITFIELD



THE 2023 MARYLAND CHARITY CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY.

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APPRECIATION IS SERVED UP AT ANNUAL COOKOUT, LUNCHEON



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UMB STUDENTS ENJOYED FOOD CATERED BY MISSION BBQ AT THE SCHOOL OF NURSING COURTYARD ON OCT. 18.



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK DEAN JUDY POSTMUS (LEFT) WAS AMONG THE UMB LEADERS SERVING FOOD AT THE STUDENT COOKOUT.

The event was scheduled to start at noon, but students from the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) started lining up along West Lombard Street a half-hour early on Oct. 18. The draw? The annual Student Cookout, part of UMB's 2023 Founders Week celebration.

The students, about 600 total, were greeted by UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, then grabbed a plate and proceeded to the center of the School of Nursing Courtyard, where they found tables filled with food and UMB deans and vice presidents standing ready as servers, wearing aprons and smiles.

The offerings from caterer Mission BBQ included pulled chicken, sliced turkey, beef brisket, mac-and-cheese, baked beans, cole slaw, and cornbread. There also were drinks and desserts, vegan or kosher meals for those who requested them, and plenty of benches for all to have a seat and enjoy their meal.

Kaustubh Joshi, who is studying pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Maryland Graduate School, said he appreciated the free meal and was happy to take a lunch break on a beautiful fall day.

"This is a fun event," he said. "We are having exams and there is stress and pressure from schoolwork, so events like this

where we can come outside and talk to people from our school and from different schools, it's a very good thing. And the food is awesome."

Julia Goetz and Alfred Koiwood, first-year students at the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON), echoed Joshi's sentiments.

"I have gone to a lot of little events at the Campus Center, but nothing so large scale," Goetz said. "I love events like this. They make me love college so much."

Said Koiwood: "I am excited to be out here. I didn't think there would be events like this at a professional school, so it's definitely a surprise. I like community-type gatherings like this."

Kevin P. Kelly, JD, chief government affairs officer and vice president, was among the UMB leaders serving food to the students.

"This is an opportunity for us to show how we appreciate all the hard work and long hours that students put in while pursuing their health professions and legal education," Kelly said. "Anything we can do to support that, it's our pleasure to do so. It's a small way of giving back for everything the students do and will be doing in the future for the citizens of Maryland."

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STAFF MEMBERS GET A TREAT, TOO

On Oct. 16, the 2023 Founders Week celebration kicked off with the annual Staff Luncheon at Westminster Hall. More than 500 employees made their way to the historic venue on West Fayette Street to enjoy catered food served during two seatings.

Waiting in line outside on a chilly Monday, staff members received warm welcomes and appetizers from Jarrell and other UMB leaders before entering the hall. Once inside, they got to choose from a menu that included sandwiches and wraps, salads, vegetables, brownies, cookies, sodas, and more.

Jarrell addressed the crowd during each seating and thanked employees for their service to the University.

“It is always a special day when we celebrate our staff at this event,” Jarrell said. “You should know how much we appreciate what our staff members do. Thank you for helping to make our wonderful University operate the way it does. You make this a place where people feel they belong.”

Casey Jackson, MS, CCRP, research quality manager, UMSON, was pleased to be enjoying lunch with her colleagues inside the historic building.

“The Staff Luncheon is a great way for President Jarrell and other leaders to serve our staff and faculty members,” she said. “It’s a way of saying thank you, and you get the opportunity to see a really beautiful building that isn’t always open.”

Timothy Walker, help desk specialist, University of Maryland School of Dentistry, started at UMB in May, so he was attending his first Staff Luncheon.

“UMB hosting this event shows that the University really cares about everyone working as a team and being together, and it means a lot to me to be able to meet people outside of my workspace,” he said.

Mary Maldarelli, MD, a 2019 University of Maryland School of Medicine graduate and pulmonary and critical care medicine fellow at the University of Maryland Medical Center, provided background music during each session, playing the venue’s restored 1882 pipe organ.

Maldarelli, who has a master’s degree in music from Catholic University and studied music at the Johns Hopkins Peabody



PHOTO BY MONICA MAGGIANO

UMB PRESIDENT BRUCE JARRELL GREETES EMPLOYEES OUTSIDE WESTMINSTER HALL AT THE STAFF LUNCHEON ON OCT. 16.

Institute, played the well-known theme from “The Addams Family” and more traditional classical fare.

“President Jarrell’s office invited me,” Maldarelli said. “Westminster Hall’s previous organist, Michael Britt, was one of my mentors, and he began asking me to help him with events at Westminster Hall starting in 2018. He passed away last fall, and I’ve taken over music responsibilities for Westminster Hall since. The organ world is small, so it is normal for me to be the sole organist for the instrument.”

Watch a video about the Student Cookout [at this link](#). ■

Watch a video about the Staff Luncheon [at this link](#). ■

EQUITY AND JUSTICE

NOVEMBER 2023

UMB RECOGNIZED WITH EMPOWERING WOMEN AWARD

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) was among the inaugural recipients of *The Daily Record's* Empowering Women Awards, which recognize organizations in Maryland that show a strong commitment to supporting and elevating women. The honor is designed to showcase tangible and innovative efforts by companies, law firms, nonprofits, and other organizations to advance women in the workplace and community.

“The inaugural Empowering Women Award honorees know the importance of women in the workplace and work to support and advance their leadership,” said Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, managing director of BridgeTower Media/*The Daily Record*. “These businesses support mentoring for women and other programs that are clearly aimed at helping women succeed.”

In its award nomination, UMB detailed its longstanding commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and the ways in which the University advances EDI and two of its four core values sets: Equity and Justice, and Respect and Integrity. The nomination noted that UMB regards advancing women’s representation, leadership, and development as foundational to its mission to improve the human condition and serve the public good of Maryland and society at-large.

“I am thrilled that UMB is an inaugural recipient of the Empowering Women Award,” said Jennifer B. Litchman, MA, senior vice president for external relations and founder and chair of UMBrella. “While our commitment to supporting and elevating women is well-known inside UMB, it’s incredibly gratifying to be publicly recognized for this important work.”

UMB champions leadership and professional development for women through programs such as UMBrella (UMB Roundtable on Empowerment in Leadership and Leveraging Aspirations), which advocates for women-inclusive work environments and promotes initiatives such as a coaching program, professional development, and networking opportunities.

UMB and its seven schools also are committed to strengthening and increasing representation of women in all jobs. For example, Administration and Finance has set a goal of achieving pay equity by race and gender, and the University of Maryland School of Medicine is developing unconscious bias training around gender, race, and other forms of systemic oppression for faculty who supervise students’ clinical rotations.

UMB Human Resource Services offers a suite of training and development opportunities for women that includes Career



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JENNIFER LITCHMAN (CENTER), UMB'S SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, ACCEPTS THE UNIVERSITY'S EMPOWERING WOMEN AWARD FROM THOMAS BADEN JR. (LEFT) AND SUZANNE FISCHER-HUETTNER OF "THE DAILY RECORD."

Essentials, Management Essentials, and the Emerging Leaders Program, while the Intercultural Center in the Division of Student Affairs provides anti-racism and anti-oppression programming, transgender and non-binary resources, leadership and engagement around pronoun usage, and more.

UMB also aims to increase its investment in the Child Care Grant Program, which assists working parents with taxable, need-based grants to help pay for qualifying, work-related child care.

According to *The Daily Record*, the Empowering Women Award honorees have demonstrated a record of hiring and promoting women; supported programs to mentor women in their organizations and address inequalities; shown a strong record of women on the company’s board or in C-suite positions; and established diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs and philanthropic efforts to support women. Judges reviewed each nominee’s application and letters of reference and evaluated the information relative to the company’s resources.

The award winners were celebrated Oct. 25 during the Women’s Leadership Summit at UMB’s SMC Campus Center. The event brought together *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women, Leading Women, and other women professionals from across Maryland to learn from one another and build a network to create change.

— Lou Cortina



The UMB **PULSE**
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NOVEMBER EPISODE

Breaking Barriers for a Healthier City: Spotlight on the West Baltimore RICH Collaborative

GUEST: Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, NNP, FNAP, FAAN, Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing

This episode delves into the transformative work of the West Baltimore RICH Collaborative, a partnership of 15 community organizations dedicated to tackling hypertension, social determinants of health, and social isolation in four West Baltimore ZIP codes. Dean Ogbolu discusses how this collaborative — which stands for Reducing Isolation and Inequities in Cardiovascular Health — is making a significant impact in Baltimore.

Episode dropped Nov. 3.

Learn more at umaryland.edu/pulse.

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UMB STAFF SENATE

ARCH ARTISTRY: NEW GALLERY FEATURES PIECES FROM THIRD ISSUE OF '1807'

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) continues to beautify its campus with the artwork of its students, employees, alumni, retirees, and community members with the latest outdoor gallery inspired by *1807: An Art & Literary Journal*.

The new Arch Gallery, completed in September and located on the west side of UMB's Pearl Street Garage adjacent to Arch Street, features artwork from the third issue of *1807*, published in autumn 2021. Work from the first two issues of *1807*, an initiative of the UMB Council for the Arts & Culture, is displayed on Pearl Street.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW D'AGOSTINO

THE ARCH GALLERY, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PEARL STREET GARAGE, INCLUDES THE WORK OF 31 ARTISTS FROM THE THIRD ISSUE OF UMB'S ART AND LITERARY JOURNAL.

"Having the opportunity to create beautiful outdoor spaces in tandem with our publications brings the art to life in a special way," said Dana Rampolla, UMB director of integrated marketing, creative director/managing editor of *1807*, and part of the gallery planning team. "The chance to collaboratively design outdoor environments truly breathes life into the art.

"The artwork is depicted in larger-than-life size, and the colors and types of art blend seamlessly as you move along the walkway," Rampolla added. "It is truly fulfilling to commemorate art at UMB in such a prominent and inclusive manner."

Jennifer Litchman, MA, senior vice president for external relations, UMB, and founder and chair, Council for the Arts & Culture, says she's pleased to celebrate the artists of *1807* in another display that helps beautify the UMB campus.

"UMB is an urban university — we don't have a lot of green space — and now we've added all of this gorgeous art to our campus," she

said. "We now have one more place to go where we can feel a sense of community and just take a moment to breathe and see beauty in our day-to-day life."

Arch Gallery features the work of 31 artists in the categories of visual arts (painting, drawing, illustration, digital art), photography, varied media (sculpture, clay, metal, glass, textiles, jewelry, wood), and the written word. The artwork includes the cover of the issue, a photograph depicting sunrise over the remains of a pier in Nags Head, N.C., by Christopher Frisone, MSN, a certified registered nurse anesthetist and alumnus of the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

The gallery area is complemented by a curved walkway, new accent lighting, and information to access an online copy or order a hard copy of the art journal that inspires it. Rampolla worked on the gallery with Adam Weidenhammer, project manager, Office of Design and Construction, and Anthony Consoli, MArch, University architect, as well as Sykesville-based AP Graphics.

UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, calls the gallery "a very special addition to this wonderful Arch Street thoroughfare."

"In addition to the hanging plants and the beautiful landscaping, we now have art on the wall," he said. "There are beautiful pieces here for people to see as they walk by, and it shows you just how many talented people there are at this University with respect to art."

One of those artists is police officer Roosevelt Hammett, whose photo of the Inner Harbor skyline, "Harbor View," taken with a 35 mm camera, is among the Arch Gallery artwork.

"It brings me joy to see my pieces up on the wall," Hammett said, noting the satisfaction artists get when their art is prominently displayed. "It takes a lot of hard work getting your art done, but stick with it and continue to enjoy doing what you're doing."

Kathy Strauss, research specialist, University of Maryland School of Medicine, whose graphite drawing "Caged" is on the Arch Gallery wall, added, "Some of these pieces are really profound, and people don't pay attention to art until it's presented like this. The gallery makes it totally accessible, and I think that's really important."

— UMB Staff

Watch a video about the Arch Gallery [at this link](#). ■

LEADERSHIP

NOVEMBER 2023

NOTED EDUCATOR, RESEARCHER NAMED SCHOOL OF PHARMACY DEAN

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) stayed close to home in hiring a new dean for the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP), naming Sarah L.J. Michel, PhD, to the position in October after a national search.

The step up to dean is a natural progression for Michel, a distinguished educator and researcher who has been a professor at the school for 19 years, served as interim dean for 4½ months, and is a former chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC) and associate dean for graduate studies.

“Dr. Michel brings an immense wealth of experience and knowledge to the role as dean,” UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell said. “In her long tenure at the School of Pharmacy, she has not only supported the school in an academic manner but also has been fully committed to involvement in UMB campus life.”

During her UMSOP career, Michel has been intricately involved in all of the school’s educational aspects, including PhD and MS programs and the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program, where she redesigned the core biochemistry course to emphasize clinical applications to pharmacy and led the development of the PharmD research pathway.

She has mentored dozens of PhD and PharmD students and has a keen understanding of the pharmacy profession as well as the many roles and career opportunities for today’s UMSOP students.

“I am thrilled to take on the role of dean of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, where I have spent my entire professional career,” said Michel, who succeeds Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP. “I look forward to working closely with our remarkable faculty, staff, and students and leading the school in excellence as we train the pharmacists, pharmpreneurs, and health scientists of the future and engage in cutting-edge, innovative research, practice, and community outreach to improve the human condition.”

Judy L. Postmus, PhD, ACSW, dean of the University of Maryland School of Social Work, co-chaired the search committee.

“Dean Michel’s energy and enthusiasm, along with her knowledge about the School of Pharmacy and UMB, will strengthen the

school’s research, teaching, and community engagement,” Postmus said. “I look forward to ways for us to collaborate across our schools and with other schools on campus.”

Michel is an internationally recognized leader in the field of metals in medicine, and her work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), and U.S. Army Research Labs for investigating the roles that metals play in the regulation of chronic inflammation, cancer, and neurodegenerative diseases.

She also has been active in clinical research through U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) grants and closely involved with the Maryland Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation. Notably, a recent FDA clinical trial headed by Michel led the FDA to issue new guidance on how generic nanomedicines should be evaluated for approval. In addition, she is part of an FDA-funded team of researchers investigating the safety of electronic cigarettes.

Michel also is committed to cultivating the next generation of health professionals.

As an assistant professor, she developed “Spring into Maryland Science” with funding from NSF to provide research experiences

to students from groups underrepresented in science. As director of the school’s PhD in PSC Program, she was instrumental in partnering with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County’s Meyerhoff Scholars program, which led to the successful application in 2022 of an NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Development T32 grant to train students from groups underrepresented in health-related sciences.

On the UMB level, Michel served as president of the Faculty Senate from 2015 to 2017, where she worked with colleagues from the Staff Senate and Graduate Student Association, as well as UMB leadership, on the UMB Statement of Shared Governance. She also testified in the Maryland General Assembly on behalf of the UMB faculty on legislation that led to the formation of the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership: *MPowering the State* collaboration with the University of Maryland, College Park.

— Emily Bleiweis



SARAH MICHEL BEGAN HER TENURE AS DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY ON OCT. 15.