

REGENTS REPORT



Greetings from the Board of Regents

As we close out the calendar year and celebrate the holiday season, it's important we share our gratitude for your work and your partnership—for what it means and what it does.

In each of the University System's missions is the power to shape the future. Through our discovery, we solve the world's most urgent problems of health and well-being, of safety and sustainability. Through our service, we pursue opportunity for those who lack it, justice for those denied it, equity for those still waiting.

But it's in our teaching that we see our power multiplied. Because every year, we graduate more than 40,000 students who live the mission, the vision, and the values of our University System.

And in that way, we don't merely inherit this world of ours. We build it. We forge it—together with the 40,000 faculty and staff we employ, the 160,000-plus learners we enroll, the 1 million-plus USM alumni living and working around the globe.

Together, we are the architects of our future. And so we thank you for the brilliant, beautiful world you help create every day.

We wish you a joyful holiday season, restorative time with family and friends, and a new year filled with hope, happiness, peace, and love.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden
Chair
USM Board of Regents

Jay A. Perman
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

Board Actions & Decisions | December 16, 2022

The USM Board of Regents met at the [University of Maryland, Baltimore County \(UMBC\)](#) on December 16, 2022, with public viewing available in-person and via [livestream](#). At this meeting, key actions by the Board included:

Approval of New Degree Programs. After reviewing the recommendations of the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, the board approved six new academic programs, including a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). The proposed biomedical engineering (BME) program will significantly expand the capability of UMES, one of the USM's three historically Black institutions, to provide higher education opportunities that support the rural healthcare system. With expertise spanning physiology, biology, healthcare and health informatics, mechanics, and engineering, the graduates of this BME program will develop solutions that help improve patient treatment and lower the cost of care.

In addition to the BME program, the following new programs will be offered (pending approval of the Maryland Higher Education Commission):

- Doctor of Medical Science, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)
- Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising and Design, UMES
- Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics Engineering, UMES
- Master of Science in Electrical and Mechatronics Engineering, UMES
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Applied Computing and Engineering, UMES

Approval of a UMB Incubator for Small or Early-Stage Nonprofit Projects. The Board approved the creation of an affiliated business entity at UMB, which will provide small or early-stage nonprofit projects with financial, legal, and administrative services. This new incubator at UMB will seek to give nonprofits the resources they need to access funds from established foundations before the nonprofit has grown to handle such needs on its own.

Presentation of Updated USM Dashboard Indicators. Chad Muntz, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research, Data and Analytics, provided a demonstration of the updated USM Dashboard, which includes more than 200 indicators of USM progress and success. A comprehensive source of current and historical data dating back to 2001, this interactive dashboard allows users to examine changes at both the System and institutional level. A drill-down capability is included for each indicator to explain the data sources, trend data, a summary of recent performance, and any available benchmarks based on peer performance, board policy, or institutional policy.

For more information about the November Board of Regents meeting, you may view the meeting agenda, video archive, and full report by Chancellor Jay Perman.

Other News from the System



TOWSON PRESIDENT KIM SCHATZEL ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE AND USM NAMES PROVOST MELANIE PERREAULT AS INTERIM PRESIDENT

On November 30, Chancellor Perman shared the news that Towson University (TU) [President Kim Schatzel will depart the USM](#) to become the next president of the University of Louisville. Under her leadership, TU became one of the fastest growing USM institutions; experienced the largest capital investment in TU's 166-year history; accelerated its research activity; and closed the achievement gap for Black and Latinx students. [Dr. Melanie Perreault, TU's provost and executive vice president for academic and student affairs](#), has been appointed to serve as the interim president beginning on February 1.

NEW PARTNERSHIP WILL HELP ADVANCE RESEARCH ON COLLEGE TEACHING AND LEARNING

A new partnership between the USM William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation and the University of Maryland, College Park's Human Research Protection Program has led to the creation of a valuable new tool for researchers seeking to better understand the ways in which teaching and learning innovations can improve college students' academic performance. The partners have established a [systemwide Institutional Review Board protocol](#) for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), which is designed to reduce barriers for faculty at 12 system institutions engaging in SoTL studies involving human participants.

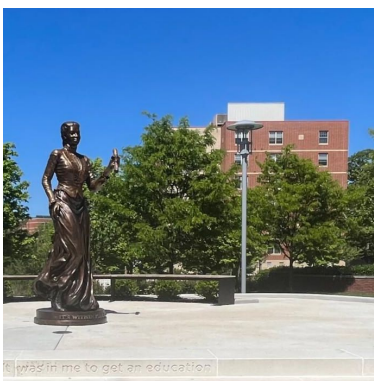
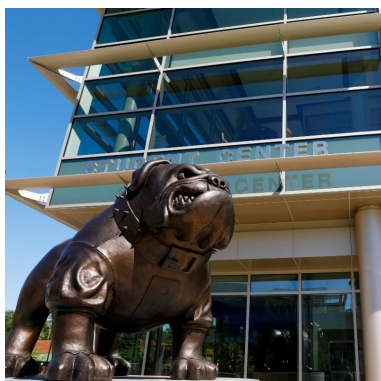
THE USM OFFICE WELCOMES NEW LEADERS IN OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

This week, Chancellor Perman announced that [Dr. Alison Wrynn will join the USM](#) as the next senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, following the retirement of Joann Boughman early next year. Dr. Wrynn currently serves as associate vice chancellor for academic programs, innovations, and faculty development in the California State University's chancellor's office. She will lead the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, which earlier this month also [welcomed Dr. Candace Caraco as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs](#). Dr. Caraco comes to the USM office from the University of Baltimore, where she served as associate provost.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE "MY HEALTHY MARYLAND" STUDY

The "My Healthy Maryland Precision Medicine Research" study is a research study aimed at advancing understanding of the genetic and molecular basis of rare and common health conditions to develop better ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat both rare and common conditions. A joint initiative of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the University of Maryland Medical Center and University of Maryland Medical System, the study will analyze genetic, health, lifestyle, and environmental data from 250,000 volunteers. Adults ages 18 and older who live in Maryland can [sign up to join the study](#).

News from USM Institutions



BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Prince George's County native Kevin Durant and the Durant Family Foundation have announced a major donation to support BSU's athletic programs and facilities upgrades.



COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY

CSU has received a \$3.7 million federal grant for its Pathways to Professions teacher-training program as part of the nationwide effort to reverse the teacher shortage.



FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

FSU's College of Education was recognized for its excellence as one of 55 providers to receive accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.



SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

SU has announced a 21% increase in merit scholarship funding for those enrolling for the 2023-24 academic year.



TOWSON UNIVERSITY

TU's business engagement center—home to its StarTUp program—was honored with one of eight Sustainable Communities Awards issued by Maryland Department of Planning.



UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE

UBalt's RLB Tutoring Program—also known as the Academic Success Programs—has been awarded the highest level of certification by the College Reading and Learning Association.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE

The University of Maryland School of Nursing has established two new organized nursing research Centers of Excellence: the Placebo Beyond Opinions Center and the SYNAPSE Center.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY

UMBC was named a Top Workplace by *The Baltimore Sun*, the only higher education institution to receive this honor.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Five researchers from UMCES have just returned from a two-month expedition to the North Pole as part of the international Synoptic Arctic Survey.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

The university was recognized by the *Princeton Review* and *Entrepreneur* magazine with a Top-10 ranking among the best schools for entrepreneurship studies.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

UMES President Heidi Anderson was elected Chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities at the association's annual conference.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS

During its winter commencement, UMGC will celebrate a major milestone: 100,000 alumni living in Maryland.

News from USM Regional Centers



UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE

The Universities at Shady Grove hosted its first Open House in three years, welcoming hundreds of prospective students.



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND HAGERSTOWN

The University System of Maryland at Hagerstown's 2022 Elizabethtowne Feaste & Frolic gala raised more than \$43,000 for scholarships.



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND AT SOUTHERN MARYLAND

USMSM has joined with the National Society of Black Engineers Jr. to bring STEM education opportunities to local students.

Dates to Remember

Meetings below will be virtual unless a location is listed. For the complete meeting schedule, visit: www.usmd.edu/regents/meetings/

JANUARY 10, 2023

Committee on Education Policy and Student Life

9:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Committee on Governance and Compensation

8:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Committee on Finance

10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

12:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Committee on Advancement

Useful Resources and Contacts

Regents Meeting Video Archive: [View](#)

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11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Board of Regents Meeting

Universities at Shady Grove

8:30 a.m.

MARCH 13, 2023

**Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and
Student-Athlete Health and Welfare**

2:00 p.m.

MARCH 27, 2023

Committee on Audit

10:00 a.m.

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