As the state’s public higher education system, the University System of Maryland (USM) advances the quality of life for its students and the state’s residents. Comprising 12 institutions and two regional centers, the system is a recognized leader in many areas, including academic and research excellence, the innovative leveraging of technology to transform courses for more student success, and the effective and efficient use of resources.

Furthermore, USM is a key driver of the state of Maryland’s economic development. The university system continuously aligns its academic programs with the state’s workforce needs. And it is increasing activities in the areas of technology transfer and commercialization to help boost the state’s economic growth and opportunities.

Celebrating 25 years of cultivating communities and opportunities; empowering students and other individuals, businesses, and organizations; advancing research and discovery; and providing access to valuable resources, USM strives for excellence in everything it does. Following are a few examples of how USM is helping to power the state of Maryland forward.
• Increased the number of juniors and seniors enrolled in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) courses by 72 percent from FY 2007 to FY 2014.

ENSURING ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND COMPLETION

• Boasts nine institutions—Bowie State University; University of Baltimore; University of Baltimore, College Park (UMCP); University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC); University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP); University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB); University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; Salisbury University; Towson University; and the USM Student Council.

• Saved more than $462 million through its effectiveness and efficiency initiative.

Advancing Academic and Research Excellence

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University of Maryland: MPowering the State is an innovative and structured collaboration between the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP). This collaboration leverages the resources of the two universities to serve students better; attract more exceptional faculty and researchers; and boost research, technology transfer, and commercialization. Launched in 2012, MPowering the State not only enables UMB to better address Maryland’s workforce needs; it helps attract more research funding to the state and creates opportunities to commercialize the substantial research the two institutions produce.

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