



As the state's public higher education system, the University System of Maryland (USM) enhances the quality of life for an increasing number of students and citizens. USM provides access to a wide range of opportunities; maintains excellence in leadership, academic and research activities, resource stewardship, and community service; and fuels economic and workforce development. In so doing, USM plays a critical role in advancing the state of Maryland. Following are examples of how USM is helping to power Maryland forward.

USM Quick Points of Excellence



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INSTITUTIONS

Bowie State University
Coppin State University
Frostburg State University
Salisbury University
Towson University
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Maryland University College
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

REGIONAL CENTERS

Universities at Shady Grove
University System of Maryland at Hagerstown

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- Marking University of Maryland University College's (UMUC's) 70th community college alliance (including agreements with all community colleges in Maryland), providing community college students with seamless access to UMUC four-year degree programs.
- Offering nearly 40 courses redesigned to increase student retention and success.

ADVANCING EXCELLENCE

ENSURING ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES

- Enrolling more students statewide than ever—more than 155,000 in fall 2011.
- Granting more than 32,000 degrees annually, including more than 70 percent of all bachelor's degrees awarded in Maryland.
- Increasing by 25 percent the number of students transferring from Maryland community colleges to USM institutions (FY 2005 to FY 2011).
- Offering more affordable tuition: Once the nation's sixth highest, USM's average undergraduate tuition for full-time, in-state students is now 25th highest (fall 2011).
- More than doubling need-based, institutional financial aid since FY 2005.

MORE THAN **155,000** STUDENTS ENROLLED STATEWIDE in FALL 2011, HIGHEST TOTAL EVER

Worldwide and Nationwide Rankings

- Taking pride in University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), once again ranked among the world's top universities, placing 38th in the Shanghai Ranking Consultancy's 2011 Academic Ranking of World Universities (13th among U.S. public universities).
- Boasting eight institutions—Bowie State University (BSU); Salisbury University (SU); Towson University (TU); University of Baltimore (UB); University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB); University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC); University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP); and University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES)—ranked among the best in specific categories by *U.S. News & World Report's* 2012 America's Best Colleges.
- Applauding UMBC for its third consecutive No. 1 "Up and Coming National University" ranking by *U.S. News & World Report*.

UNIVERSITIES RANKED AMONG THE BEST in **QUALITY** and **VALUE**

- Noting that UMCP has 71 of its undergraduate and graduate programs ranked among *U.S. News & World Report's* current top 25 programs.
- Boasting three institutions—SU, UMBC, UMCP—among *Princeton Review's* 2012 "Best Colleges" and four institutions—SU, TU, UMBC, and UMCP—among *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's 2012 Top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges."
- Applauding Towson University as No. 1 among regional universities that produce the most U.S. Fulbright Scholars according to the Institute for International Education.

Leadership

- Recognizing that USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan and UMBC President Freeman Hrabowski were among the small group of university leaders invited to the White House in December 2011 to discuss college affordability with President Barack Obama.
- Honoring UMBC President Hrabowski, recipient of the 2011 TIAA-CREF Theodore



M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence and one of two 2011 Carnegie Corporation's Academic Leadership Awards.

- Applauding Donald Boesch, president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES), appointed by President Obama to serve on the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.
- Honoring UMCP President Wallace Loh, recipient of the American Immigration Council's 2011 Immigration Achievement Award.
- Acknowledging *The Gazette of Politics and Business'* naming BSU President Mickey Burnim and Stewart Edelstein, executive director of the Universities at Shady Grove, among "The 25 CEOs You Need to Know for 2011."
- Taking note of UMB President Jay Perman's and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Secretary Joshua Sharfstein's creation of the Institute for a Healthiest Maryland to help guide statewide efforts to combat chronic diseases in Maryland.
- Recognizing Frostburg State University President Jonathan Gibraltar as one of only 10 members of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's College Presidents Working Group.

Resource Stewardship

- Competing successfully for external contracts and grants funding—\$1.3 billion in FY 2011—supporting vital research and development and helping

\$250 MILLION in SAVINGS THROUGH *the* EFFECTIVENESS and EFFICIENCY INITIATIVE

to position Maryland as an innovative economy leader.

- Achieving more than \$250 million in direct cost savings in the past seven years through the USM Effectiveness and Efficiency Initiative.
- Joining institutional resources to serve the state better, including the Coppin State University-UMCES partnership to advance environmental science funded by a \$27.5 million National Science Foundation grant.
- Attracting more than \$1.7 billion in private support through the Federated Capital Campaign.
- Maintaining very favorable debt ratings from all three bond-rating agencies—Moody's, Standard & Poor's, Fitch—saving millions in interest expenses.

FUELING THE STATE'S ECONOMY AND ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

- Awarding nearly two-thirds of the degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) disciplines granted in Maryland.
- Working to triple the number of STEM teachers who graduate from USM universities.
- Fostering innovation, creating jobs, and pumping millions of dollars into the state's economy through research parks affiliated with USM institutions and a wide range of other activities.



- Leading the state in sustainability efforts with more than 40 facilities constructed or planned as LEED-certified facilities; University of Baltimore's new law center, opening in 2013, will be USM's first-ever LEED Platinum facility.
- Donating countless volunteer hours to better the lives of Marylanders, thanks to committed students, faculty, and staff.
- Taking pride in more than 450,000 alumni of USM institutions living or working in Maryland.

Looking Ahead

- Developing the UMB-UMCP strategic alliance, a structured collaboration between the two universities to enable USM to serve students and the state even better.

RECEIVED \$1.3 BILLION in EXTERNAL CONTRACTS and GRANTS FUNDING IN FY 2011