USM QUICK POINTS OF EXCELLENCE

ADVANCING ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE, USM:

- Boasts nine institutions ranked among the nation’s best in specific categories by U.S. News & World Report: Bowie State University (BSU); Frostburg State University (FSU); 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).

- Competed successfully for more than $1.2 billion in external grants and contracts in FY 2015, supporting vital research and development.

- Boasts three institutions among Kiplinger’s Personal Finance “Best Values in Public Colleges”—Salisbury, UMBC, and UMCP—for 2015.

- Takes pride in UMBC’s top U.S. News & World Report rankings for innovation (No. 4) and undergraduate teaching quality (No. 6) nationally.

- Celebrates UMCP’s No. 19 ranking among public research universities nationally and its recognition among the top 50 Best Global Universities by U.S. News & World Report. UMCP also is one of the nation’s top 15 public institutions with high graduation rates leading to high incomes in the U.S. Department of Education’s College Scorecard (collegescorecard.ed.gov).

- Applauds UMES (4th) and BSU (16th) rankings among the top 25 historically black institutions for graduates’ average starting salary by the HBCU Lifestyle website, and BSU and Coppin State University on their top-25 ranking among HCBUs by College Choice, an independent online publication.

- Takes pride in the Open Education Consortium’s recognition of University of Maryland University College’s (UMUC’s) commitment to open-source education and reducing student costs. Also celebrates UMUC’s No. 1 ranking among online and nontraditional colleges in Military Times’ “Best for Vets” colleges.

- Includes three universities—BSU, FSU, and UMES—in the top 10 percent of institutions ranked by “alumni earnings above expectations” (based on type, size, and location) in The Economist’s first-ever college rankings.

- Applauds UMCP, UMB, and UMBC’s rankings among the top 500 universities worldwide by the Center for World University Rankings.

- Received a $2.98 million First in World grant from the U.S. Department of Education to develop remedial mathematics courses to increase college retention and completion.

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SAVED $505 MILLION
FY 2004-2015 THROUGH USM’S EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY INITIATIVE

USING RESOURCES WISELY, USM:

- Saved $505 million FY 2004–15 through its Effectiveness and Efficiency initiative.

- Leads the state in sustainability efforts with 53 facilities constructed and/or planned as LEED-certified “Silver” or higher.

- Maintained favorable debt ratings from bond-rating agencies, including a rating of Aa1 from Moody’s Investors Service. USM is one of only 21 public higher education institutions to earn one of Moody’s top two ratings. (Latest Moody’s survey, July 2015)

- Raised more than $330 million in private support in FY 2015.

Note: For information on current rankings of all USM universities, visit usmd.edu/newsroom/USMRankings.html.
ENSURING ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND COMPLETION, USM:

- Enrolled 163,454 students in FY 2015, more than 90 percent of the enrollment in Maryland’s public four-year institutions.

- Granted 37,373 degrees in FY 2015, including more than 71 percent of all bachelor’s degrees awarded in Maryland (estimate).

- Increased the number of bachelor’s degrees by 5,693 since FY 2009.

- Improved affordability. Average undergraduate tuition for full-time, in-state students, once ranked seventh-highest, now ranks 23rd nationally.

- Increased need-based, institutional financial aid for students by nearly 138 percent in the past decade.

- Recorded 4.8 years as the average time to degree for undergraduate students.

- Enrolled more than 11,000 transfer students from Maryland community colleges each year since FY 2012.

SAVED STUDENTS $330,000 IN TEXTBOOK COSTS

FUELING THE STATE’S ECONOMY AND ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE, USM:

- Saved students more than $330,000 in textbook costs since 2013 through the Maryland Open Source Textbook initiative, a collaboration between the USM Student Council and USM’s Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation.

- Offered information to thousands of students through Way2GoMaryland (way2gomaryland.org), helping them to begin preparing for college early.

- Contributed more than a million hours of service each year to the community through cultural programs, legal and medical clinics, partnerships with public schools and the business community, and other initiatives.

- Contributed a powerful alumni base, with an estimated 70 to 80 percent of its graduates staying in Maryland.

- Won 74 Maryland Innovative Initiative grants (UMB, UMBC, and UMCP) in the past 2.5 years, totaling more than $71 million through the work of tech transfer staff and entrepreneurs-in-residence who assist USM faculty and startups with technology commercialization opportunities.

- Helped to contribute record-breaking numbers of baby oysters to the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort, thanks to the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES). UMCES also is a source for baby oysters and training for the state’s burgeoning oyster aquaculture industry.

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FACILITATED THE CREATION OF 388 COMPANIES SINCE 2011

- Houses 200 tenants and 5,950 jobs in research parks at three institutions: UMB, UMBC, and UMCP.
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