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**USM Quick Points of Excellence**

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USM Overview

- **Undergraduate Students:** 53,342
- **Graduate Students:** 41,934
- **Part-time Faculty:** 7,237
- **Total Faculty:** 8,776
- **Full-time Faculty:** 3,939
- **Staff (various categories):** 23,281
- **Buildings:** 500+ including 20 libraries
- **Facilities:** 100 sites
- **Buildings:** Nearly 1,000— including 20 libraries
- **Operating Budget:** $5.48 billion (FY 2018)

**System Office Headquarters**

- University System of Maryland at Hagerstown
- Frostburg State University
- Regional higher education centers
- System office headquarters
- Universities at Shady Grove
- Towson University
- Coppin State University
- University of Baltimore
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland, Baltimore
- University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Headquarters
- Salisbury University
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore

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ENSURING ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND COMPLETION, USM:

- Enrolled nearly 95 percent of students attending Maryland’s public, four-year institutions, with a total enrollment of 175,176 students in FY 2017.
- Granted nearly 75 percent of all bachelor’s degrees in Maryland, with 40,303 total degrees (associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate) awarded in FY 2017.
- Awarded 6,743 undergraduate financial aid packages for students by nearly 140 percent since 2004.
- Increased USM’s underrepresented minority (URM) student population to 42 percent of all USM students in FY 2016, exceeding the percentage of URM groups represented in Maryland’s population overall.

ADVANCING ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE, USM:

- Boasts 10 institutions ranked among the nation’s best in specific categories by U.S. News & World Report: Bowie State University; Coppin State University; Frostburg State University; Salisbury University (SU); Towson University; University of Baltimore; University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB); University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC); University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP); and University of Maryland Eastern Shore.
- Celebrates UMCP’s No. 22 ranking among public research universities nationally and its recognition among the top 50 Best Global Universities by U.S. News & World Report.
- Takes pride in University of Maryland University College’s (UMUC) No. 1 ranking among online and nontraditional universities on Military Times’ “Best Colleges 2018” list.
- Competed successfully for more than $1.29 billion in external grants and contracts in FY 2017, supporting vital research and development.

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- Increased undergraduate STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) degrees in FY 2017, enhancing Maryland’s ability to thrive and compete in these high-demand fields.
- Continued to improve affordability, Average undergraduate tuition for full-time, in-state students, once ranked sixth highest, now ranks 21st nationally.
- Increased need-based, institutional financial aid for students by nearly 140 percent since 2004.
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FUELING THE STATE’S ECONOMY AND ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE, USM:

- Houses 275 tenants and 9,800 jobs in research parks at three institutions (UMB, UMBC, and UMCP).
- Facilitated the creation of 589 companies since 2011.
- Won 112 Maryland Innovation Initiative grants (UMB, UMBC, UMCP), totaling $11.6 million, in the last 4.5 years to assist USM faculty and startups with technology commercialization opportunities.
- Awarded $1.2 million to a UMCP-born startup company via the Maryland Momentum Fund, USM’s venture capital fund to provide critical early funding for USM-affiliated start-up companies.
- Contributes a powerful alumni base, with an estimated 70 to 80 percent of its graduates living in and contributing to communities in Maryland.
- Provides early funding for USM-affiliated faculty and startups with technology commercialization opportunities.
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- Maintained favorable debt ratings since 2004, including one of Moody’s top two ratings.
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- 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.

The University System of Maryland is a major educational, research, economic, and social engine for the state. Working with partners statewide, we build on these strengths to improve student success, foster academic and research innovation, advance economic and workforce development, and improve quality of life. We strive to serve our students and our state effectively, efficiently, and with excellence.

USM Chancellor Robert L. Caret