



INAUGURATION OF
ROBERT L. CARET

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

INAUGURATION OF ROBERT L. CARET AS THE FOURTH CHANCELLOR

University System of Maryland

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Columbus Center

Baltimore, Maryland

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Prelude Andrew T. Poxon, guitarist
Towson University

Processional Towson University Brass Ensemble

National Anthem *The Star Spangled Banner*
Jenny Anne Flory, mezzo-soprano
University of Maryland, College Park Opera Studio

Invocation Rev. Dr. Frank M. Reid, III
University System of Maryland Board of Regents

Greetings James L. Shea
Chair, University System of Maryland Board of Regents

The Honorable Boyd K. Rutherford
Lieutenant Governor, State of Maryland

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates

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Maryland State Song *Maryland, My Maryland*
Andrea Holdclaw, mezzo-soprano
Coppin State University

Greetings

Virletta C. Bryant, Ph.D.
Coppin State University
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Towson University
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Donald F. Boesch, Ph.D.
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Environmental Science

Video Tribute**Remarks**

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Senator, United States Senate

Academic Address

Martha J. Kanter, Ed.D.
Distinguished Visiting Professor of Higher Education
New York University

Presentation of the Medallion

James L. Shea

Inaugural Address

Robert L. Caret, Ph.D.
Chancellor, University System of Maryland

Closing Remarks

James L. Shea

Recessional

Bowie State University Concert Band

Reception

Martin J. Griffin, guitarist
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

THE MEDALLION

The medallion is the symbol of the office of the chancellor of the University System of Maryland (USM). The centerpiece of the medallion is the USM seal. It is supported by a chain that is highlighted by the seals of each of the USM's 12 institutions.





ROBERT L. CARET joined the University System of Maryland as its fourth chancellor on July 1, 2015. No stranger to Maryland, Dr. Caret was president of Towson University from 2003 to 2011, where he also served as a faculty member, dean, executive vice president, and provost during his 29-year tenure there.

During his 20 years of public higher education leadership, Dr. Caret has earned respect for his successful work in several areas, most notably promoting access to affordable, high-quality, higher education; encouraging the effective and efficient use of resources; stressing the importance of completion by getting students through to graduation more quickly; and – in partnership with the business community – supporting workforce development, dynamic university-based research, and technology transfer as economic engines.

Before joining the USM as chancellor, Dr. Caret was president of the University of Massachusetts System (UMass) from 2011 until 2015. Throughout his UMass tenure, he emphasized efficiency, cost-saving initiatives, and productive working relationships with Massachusetts government and business leaders. His successful pursuit of a 50-50 funding formula for UMass resulted in the state and students contributing equally to the university's general education program and a 22 percent increase in the base budget for two years. The funding allowed UMass to freeze tuition and mandatory fees for in-state undergraduate students for two consecutive years.

At Towson, Dr. Caret was instrumental in creating partnerships with regional business, non-profit, and civic organizations; raising student graduation rates; and leading a capital fundraising and building campaign to support campus infrastructure improvements. He oversaw an increase in the university's online courses and expanded the availability of Towson courses at regional higher education centers. He was instrumental in establishing Towson University in Northeastern Maryland, which offers transfer students the flexibility to pursue a four-year degree after completing an associate's degree at a community college.

From 1995 to 2003, Dr. Caret served as president of San Jose State University, successfully presiding over a period of significant growth and several major initiatives, including the construction of the only library in the nation shared by a major university and a large city.

Dr. Caret is an active figure in the national higher education community, serving on the boards of the National Association of System Heads, the Business-Higher Education Forum, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and as a member of the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board and the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable.

Dr. Caret holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of New Hampshire and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Suffolk University in Boston. He and his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Zoltan, have four children and one grandchild.



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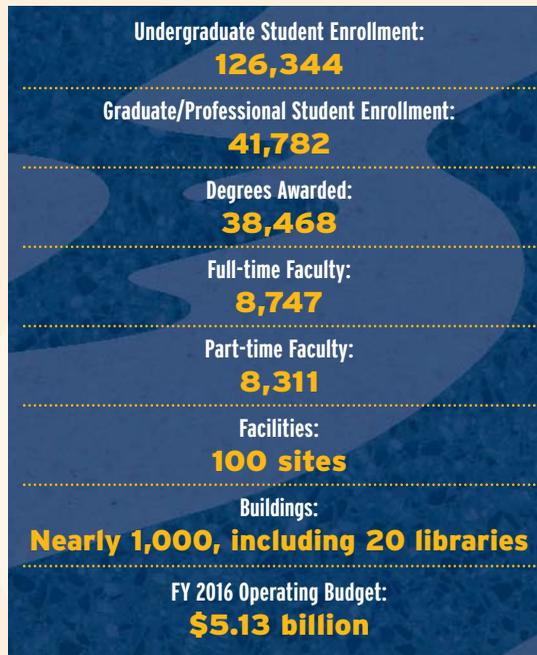
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND

In 1988, the five University of Maryland campuses and the six campuses of the State University and College System merged to become what is now known as the University System of Maryland. Since then, the USM has grown to include 12 institutions, two regional higher education centers, one system office, and *countless* opportunities for individuals, communities, businesses, and organizations.

A model for higher education systems across the country, the USM has spearheaded key initiatives such as academic transformation, effectiveness and efficiency, and workforce development. Thanks to these efforts, the USM has reduced tuition costs, improved access to quality education, and invested significantly in research and development to power Maryland's economic engine.

The USM's impact on Maryland is significant: nearly 80 percent of all undergraduate degrees awarded in Maryland are granted to students at USM institutions. Of that number, 70 to 80 percent of those graduates stay in Maryland after completing their degrees, contributing considerably to Maryland's economy. The USM's impact in Maryland communities is also profound: each year USM students, staff, and faculty contribute more than a million hours of service through cultural programs, legal and medical clinics, and partnerships with public schools and the business community.



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