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Pioneer Civin Is Recruited to Lead New Stem Cell Center

where he has served since 1979. He currently leads projects totaling \$21.5 million in extramural research funding. He will bring to the School of Medicine his entire research team, including 15 postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and research technicians.

Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, who appointed Civin to his new positions, says, "With the recruitment of Dr. Civin and the founding of the new Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, the University of Maryland steps into a leadership position in the burgeoning field of stem cell research and regenerative medicine."

Reece, who is also vice president for medical affairs at the University of Maryland, and the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor of the School of Medicine, adds, "Research into stem cells and regenerative medicine will be a key frontier in medicine in the next two decades."

Civin became well-known and earned the 1999 National Inventor of the Year Award for his groundbreaking scientific discovery in 1984 of a method for isolating stem cells from other blood cells, a critical step in studying them and for transplanting these cells into patients. Discoveries from his laboratory are used today in both clinical bone marrow stem cell transplantation and leukemia diagnosis.

Civin's studies now focus on the genes expressed in stem cells. By understanding the inner mechanics of how stem cells work, he hopes to learn how to modify the key properties of stem cells in order to increase their therapeutic potential. In addition, his research includes learning how normal stem cells become cancerous.

His goals for the Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine and for the field of stem cell biology are twofold. The center will explore how to manipulate stem cells to allow for much better transplantation and transfusion therapies. Its scientists also will work to understand how stem cells contribute to diseases in order to develop ways to improve conventional treatment and prevention of these disorders.

"Our dream for the new center is to make a significant impact on curing disease," says Civin. "That's really what biomedical research is all about—providing better diagnoses, treatments, and preventions."

Partnerships with other researchers within the University of Maryland School of Medicine will be critical to achieving the goals of the scientists at the Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine.

Those scientists will include the School of Medicine researchers who already are studying stem cell biology. The School of Medicine's stem cell research encompasses more than \$2 million in extramural funding annually, including several grants from the Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund, chaired by Karen H. Rothenberg, JD, MPA, dean of the University of Maryland School of Law.

"As I complete 30 years of wonderful experience at Johns Hopkins, I'm confident I will maintain my friendships and working relationships with colleagues there," says Civin. "I want this new center and its work to have a global impact. To that end, I look forward to collaborating with colleagues at Johns Hopkins and at other prestigious Maryland institutions such as the National Cancer Institute and the rest of the National Institutes of Health, as well as other scientists around the globe."

Four Fulbrights Among UMB Community

JEFFREY RAYMOND

Four members of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) community are among the U.S. and foreign scholars who were recently awarded Fulbright Scholarship grants to lecture and conduct research abroad.

Ilene Zuckerman, PharmD, PhD, chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research at the School of Pharmacy, is spending several months in Thailand on a Fulbright Scholarship, while two overseas researchers are working as Fulbright visiting scholars at the School of Law and the School of Medicine. School of Pharmacy faculty member C. Daniel Mullins, PhD, has won a Fulbright Senior Specialist grant and will travel to Ireland in the spring.

Studies abroad are commonplace these days, but a Fulbright

remains a prestigious award for scholars. In a letter to UMB President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, Sabine O'Hara, PhD, executive director of the agency that helps administer the Fulbright Scholarships, wrote that it is important to "internationalize U.S. campuses in order to prepare students for future success in a global world and marketplace."

While at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Zuckerman will lecture and conduct research on building a global drug therapy and on health care for the elderly.

"We will examine appropriateness of care, drug safety issues, and quality of drug prescribing by taking what we know about quality of care and drug use and apply it over there,"

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Curt Civin

KAREN BUCKELEW

Curt Civin, MD, a pioneer in cancer research who is known for developing a way to isolate stem cells from other blood cells, has joined the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Civin will become a professor of pediatrics in the Division of Hematology/Oncology, as well as associate dean for research and the founding director of the School's new Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine.

The quality of the School of Medicine's faculty was a draw for Civin as he pondered joining the University of Maryland.

"I was so impressed by the recruitments the School of Medicine has made in recent years, from Dr. Robert Gallo, the co-discoverer of HIV, and his team at the Institute of Human Virology, to Dr. Claire Fraser-Liggett and her team at the University of Maryland Institute for Genome Sciences," Civin says. "I was encouraged by how happy these people were, and by the collaborative culture the School maintains for all its faculty members. I'm looking forward to working with my new colleagues."

Civin comes to the School of Medicine from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine,

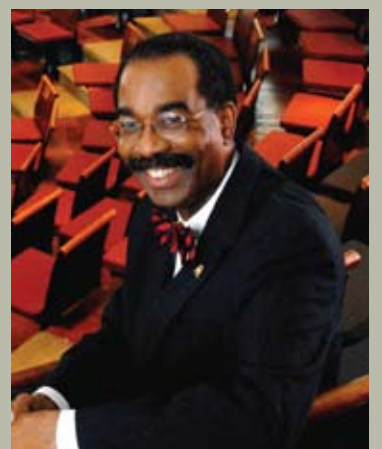
Dean Reece Named Chair of AAMC Council of Deans

JEFFREY RAYMOND

E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, University of Maryland vice president for medical affairs, John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and dean of the School of Medicine, has been named chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Council of Deans for 2008 to 2009. Reece began his one-year term at the association's 119th annual meeting in San Antonio, in November.

The AAMC Council of Deans strives for the continuing improvement of the nation's medical schools by identifying issues affecting academic medicine and developing strategies to achieve the various missions of medical schools across the U.S. As chair of the council, Reece is an advocate for the AAMC and the nation's medical schools. He also promotes the advancement of institutional management and supports fellow deans in guiding schools toward excellence in medical education, research, and patient care.

Reece, who plans to take an active role in the national health care debate during his tenure as chair, says funding for research is even more important during tough



E. Albert Reece

economic times. "Biomedical research is a proven economic engine, and investment in this sector needs to be part of any economic stimulus package," he says. Another priority will be to make the AAMC the nation's authority on medical school rankings.

The AAMC is a not-for-profit association representing all 130 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools, nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems including 68 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and nearly 90 academic and scientific societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 125,000 faculty members, 70,000 medical students, and 104,000 resident physicians.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



David J. Ramsay

“Adversity is often the rain of spring.” This Chinese proverb offers a ray of hope at a time when the local, state, national, and global economies face enormous challenges. For the last several months

the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), along with our sister campuses in Maryland and across the nation, has been dealing with an extraordinarily difficult conundrum. On the one hand, campuses like UMB are the engines of the economy—we literally generate \$16.50 in economic activity for every \$1 of state investment, and 10 jobs for every one job the taxpayers support. Together with our affiliated practice plans and hospital system, we are the second largest employer in the Baltimore metropolitan region, and the fourth largest in the state of Maryland. Most of this employment rests on the shoulders of our highly productive—and entrepreneurial—faculty.

At the same time, while UMB’s state general funds make up only about 18 percent of our nearly \$1 billion budget, they are nonetheless the lifeblood of our academic enterprise. Without this investment, UMB could not generate the remaining 82 percent of our budget, nor could we produce these

remarkable spinoff effects on the rest of the economy. Nor, of course, could we produce the research, provide outstanding public service, and, in particular, continue to graduate the health, law, and social work professionals on which our city, state, and nation are so dependent.

Further complicating this situation is the fact that funding for higher education is in the discretionary as opposed to the mandatory part of the state of Maryland’s general funds budget. While there is widespread agreement, especially by Gov. Martin O’Malley and the Maryland General Assembly, that higher education deserves protection to the greatest extent possible during budget reversals, in the current situation there are not a lot of options. While we have imposed a hiring freeze and cut the operating budgets of the schools and units, our fiscal challenges may not be over. As Abraham Lincoln commented in his

second address to the U.S. Congress in 1862, “The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present.”

As matters develop, I shall keep you informed. In the meantime, I appreciate your patience, your thrift, and your willingness to carry on in the face of fiscal uncertainty. I particularly commend your generous support of the Maryland Charities Campaign. The University of Maryland, Baltimore is the crown jewel in Maryland’s public higher education system. We have come too far in our more than 200-year history to be put off-track by an uncertain economy. Our faculty, our programs, and our alumni have given too much to this campus to have their work devalued by a declining economy. Together we must persevere and achieve our vision by continuing to build our very strong institution until it is widely recognized as one of the very best in the nation.

In doing so we can indeed turn “adversity” into “the rain of spring.”

Children’s Oral Health Care Project Launched



Martin O’Malley, students at the Foundation School, and a group of oral health advocates, including UMB officials, unveil the Deamonte Driver Dental Project.

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A coalition of oral health educators, local dentists, public health officials, children’s advocacy groups, and administrators from the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) held a news conference with Gov. Martin O’Malley in November. The coalition reported on significant advances and new partnerships to ensure oral health care for underserved Maryland children in the wake of the death of a 12-year-old Prince George’s County boy.

On Feb. 25, 2007, Deamonte Driver died from a brain infection that began with an abscessed tooth. His mother could not

find a Medicaid dentist to treat him. A coalition including the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society—a chapter of the National Dental Association, based in Washington, D.C., whose mission is to address issues of access and disparities through community health education and service to the uninsured and underinsured—educators, public officials, and advocates for children has been aggressively working to prevent that from happening again.

The news conference was held at the Foundation School in Largo, Md., where Driver was a student. The coalition

announced the launch of the Deamonte Driver Dental Project. Based at the school, the program will feature a mobile van that provides oral health care to children in underserved neighborhoods.

The Maryland Dental Action Committee, chaired by Norman Tinanoff, DDS, MS, director of pediatric oral care at the University of Maryland Dental School, has been addressing the problem on a statewide policy level. Tinanoff, who has been involved in shaping oral health policy for nearly a decade, was joined at the press conference by UMB President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, who presented O’Malley with an award recognizing his commitment to dealing with the shortage of dental care for children.

The governor announced that \$2 million will be invested to help develop school-based dental initiatives and expand services under the Deamonte Driver Dental Project. The state is making an overall \$68 million investment in dental services statewide, including incentives for dentists to provide services to low-income patients.

O’Malley also announced that the state is removing bureaucratic roadblocks that prevent dental professionals from providing the full array of services at public health clinics when a dentist is not present. In effect, the state is moving toward a single, statewide dental vendor to increase efficiency, simplify the existing program, and provide greater transparency and accountability, while increasing the number of low-income young people who will receive dental service.



John Geiman

Geiman Named Acting VP for Administration and Finance

John Geiman, MPA, begins his tenure as the University’s acting vice president for administration and finance this month as James T. Hill, MPA, retires from the position.

Geiman now oversees the offices of operations and planning, human resource services, facilities management, budget and finance, police and public safety, and cost analysis and studies.

Geiman served most recently as associate vice president of the Division of Budget and Finance, where he oversaw budget and financial analysis, financial services, financial systems, and travel and conference services.

After 35 years at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Geiman looks at his new position and its responsibilities as a welcome challenge.

“I look forward to serving the campus in my new position,” he says. “I am grateful for the excellent leadership and staff that support administration and finance. In these difficult economic times, we must recognize that we are all in this together, and together we will steer the campus forward.”

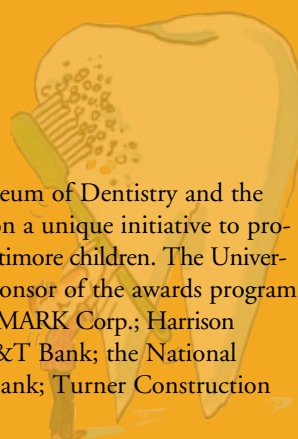
Dental School Honored for Children’s Oral Health Program

The Dental School is among the nine winners of the 2008 Mayor’s Business Recognition Awards, which were presented by Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon during luncheon ceremonies in December at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore. The 35th annual business awards program, an initiative of the Greater Baltimore Committee and the Baltimore Development Corp., honors civic leadership and outstanding community service.

The Dental School received the award for partnering with the

Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry and the Maryland State Dental Association on a unique initiative to promote the oral health of inner-city Baltimore children. The University of Maryland, Baltimore was a sponsor of the awards program.

Other award winners were the ARAMARK Corp.; Harrison Development, LLC; KPMG LLP; M&T Bank; the National Aquarium in Baltimore; Provident Bank; Turner Construction Co.; and W.W. Grainger Inc.



Civil Rights Laws Offer Hope for Victims of Cyber Attacks

JEFFREY RAYMOND

Online threats and attacks in the virtual realm often have real consequences in the flesh-and-blood world, and Danielle Citron, JD, associate professor at the School of Law, says federal law must address this dangerous problem.

“We should think about these online attacks, which are largely against women—but also racial, religious, and other minority groups—as a civil rights problem,” says Citron, an expert in privacy and cyberspace law. Potential solutions, she adds, lie in amending the federal Violence Against Women Act to allow for civil remedies against online harassers, and in allowing courts to force Internet service providers to trace online harassers to their real-world sources.

After working on the paper “Cyber Civil Rights,” Citron was busy last fall speaking

about the need to address the organized, targeted use of lies, threats of violence, and denial-of-service attacks that knock Web sites offline. Victims are frequently forced to at least mute their online speech or, at worst, alter their lives to protect their safety. Citron spoke at Yale University, at an Anti-Defamation League conference on Internet hate in Washington, D.C., and during a conference at the University of Chicago on speech, privacy, and the Internet.

Though women who blog and have online discussions have been subjected to inflammatory responses that lead to problems including loss of career opportunities and threats of violence, Citron says too few mainstream voices believe that these attacks—frequently perpetrated by

anonymous “cyber mobs”—are a genuine and widespread menace. But she believes graphic, violent, and slanderous online postings are “like a cross burning on your lawn.”

“We need to see this as a systemic problem,” she says. Citron hopes that conferences such as those she addressed last fall will help build momentum for nationwide reform. The robust, freewheeling exchanges that are characteristic of online communities are chilled when women and minorities are subjected to harassment, she says: “It’s a less exciting Web if we don’t have women and minorities and gays. It’s less diverse.”

Citron believes the court system can protect free speech while reducing Internet users’ fear of harassment. But, she cautions, “This is a long-term project.”

UMB Helps Create Public Health Institute in India

ROSALIA SCALIA

What started as a small research project in 1997 has grown into an international first. The Asian Institute of Public Health (AIPH)—India’s first comprehensive public health school—is the result of a partnership among the Indian government, its top physicians, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

Dedicated to public health and opened in Orissa in November, AIPH serves as a resource center for scholars, medical officers, personnel from international and national health agencies, district health managers, social workers, social scientists, and corporate sector visitors. These partners are all interested in transforming what are now rudimentary public health systems in India and the surrounding region.

“What we’re establishing is really for the benefit of the next generations who will inevitably live in the world without borders. AIPH will play a key role in assuring that there will be equitable distribution of precious health resources available to mankind,” says David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, UMB president. Ramsay traveled to India for the launch of AIPH.

The institute—the brainchild of Pinaki Panigrahi, MD, PhD, an associate professor of pediatrics and epidemiology and preventive medicine in the School of Medicine’s Division of Neonatology—will provide an array of teaching, training, and project-related programs, all aimed to strengthen existing health systems and to address the enormous number of public health issues in India. These include disease surveillance, occupational health, elderly health, traffic accidents and trauma, health issues related to smoking and other behavioral diseases,



Pinaki Panigrahi

and disaster preparedness and handling of a crisis, such as the recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

Panigrahi, with the help of grants, including a large one cofunded by the National Institutes of Health and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, began researching infant mortality in India, where 60 out of every 1,000 infants die, compared to about seven per thousand in the U.S.

Once Panigrahi arrived in Orissa, however, he learned that he had to establish a small public health research infrastructure, which was almost nonexistent then. There were no trained personnel in public health, and Orissa’s medical institutions lacked automated blood culture and other disease surveillance systems.

Panigrahi’s success led to discussions with India’s leading medical and government officials and UMB leaders, particularly Ramsay, and the concept of establishing a school of public health was born.

“The AIPH with its world-class U.S.-based faculty, in partnership with Indian counterparts, will strengthen the technical and management capacity of human resources in public health,” says N.K. Ganguly, MD, DSc, FRC Path, longtime director general of the Indian Council of Medical Research and now the president of the AIPH board. “This will bring immediate health care benefits to the people of Orissa and India and address the many unmet public health needs as well as bring formal training. AIPH will surely be a landmark training and research institution in Asia.”

Adds Ramsay: “The platform Dr. Panigrahi created will serve as a role model as we build different centers of excellence under the AIPH umbrella, and this will open new doors to future collaborations with UMB faculty in the fields of nursing, medicine, and social work.”

UMB IN THE NEWS

The **Dental School’s** role in expanding access to dental services for children in Prince George’s County was covered by seven TV stations, The Associated Press, and several newspapers including *The Washington Post*.

Norman Tinanoff, DDS, MS, director of pediatric oral care at the School, was interviewed. Also, the School received coverage by *The Daily Record* for winning a 2008 Mayor’s Business Recognition Award for civic leadership and outstanding community service for promoting the oral health of inner-city Baltimore children.

Jamie Luskin McCourt, a **School of Law** alumna who is now president of the Los Angeles Dodgers, returned to speak at the School, drawing coverage from *The Baltimore Sun* and *The (Baltimore) Examiner*. First-time takers of the Maryland Bar Exam from the School have scored a 90 percent passage rate, which **Karen H. Rothenberg, JD, MPA**, dean of the School, told *The Daily Record* was “extremely gratifying.”

India’s national newspaper, *The Hindu*; *U.S. News & World Report*; and *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* were among those reporting on the findings of the **School of Medicine’s William Blattner, MD**, and **Kevin Cullen, MD**, that patients with HIV have a much higher risk of developing certain cancers, and that a cancer epidemic among this group could be coming. A study by **Michael Miller, MD**, that found listening to stressful or disturbing music can be bad for the heart resulted in stories in British, Canadian, and U.S. newspapers. The School’s **Marcia Driscoll, PharmD**, received media coverage in the U.S. and Canada for her work with lip balm addiction.

The Washington Post reported on the **School of Nursing’s** expansion at the Universities at Shady Grove. *The (Baltimore) Examiner* spoke to **Jane Kapustin, PhD, RN, CRNP**, about how patients diagnosed with “prediabetes” can take steps to stave off the often deadly and increasingly common disease.

In separate stories, *The Baltimore Sun* spoke to the **School of Pharmacy’s Jason Noel, PharmD, BCPP**; to **Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, BCPS, CDE**; and **David Roffman, PharmD**, about the variety of job opportunities for pharmacists. **Linda Simoni-Wastila, PhD**, did a “3-Minute Interview” with *The (Baltimore) Examiner* about a possible surveillance program to help stop teens from finding their next high in the family medicine cabinet.

The **School of Social Work** is embracing the concept of “financial social work,” which has resulted in news stories on CNN, in *The Los Angeles Times*, and on Baltimore radio station WBAL. **Dick Cook, MSW**, executive director of SWCOS, the School’s outreach service in Baltimore, was interviewed. **Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW**, dean of the School, wrote an Op-Ed in the *Chicago Tribune* on abandoned children in the aftermath of a new open-age safe-haven law in Nebraska.

May 15, 2009—The most important day of our academic year!

This year, expect the extraordinary. A special Commencement 2009 Web site is on its way with up-to-date information on events; accommodations within walking distance of the University, convocation venues for each School, and the Commencement ceremony at the 1st Mariner Arena; and area attractions, including tours of Camden Yards, to help make Commencement 2009 memorable for graduates and their families.

The Web site will also list special hotel rates, discounts at area attractions, and easy parking. Stay tuned for the Commencement 2009 Web site, to be posted soon on the University of Maryland, Baltimore home page (www.umaryland.edu).

LAURELS

DENTAL SCHOOL

Dentistry Today named Dental School faculty member **Howard Strassler, DMD**, one of its 2009 Top Clinicians in Continuing Education in its December 2008 issue. According to the magazine, the 11th annual directory "spotlights the many professional educators leading the way in continuing education."

SCHOOL OF LAW

Out of 60 best law schools for public interest law listed in *The National Jurist* magazine's November 2008 issue, the **School of Law** was ranked seventh. Rankings were based on student involvement, curriculum, and financial factors.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor, was awarded the Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award at the 61st Gerontological Society of America's Scientific Meeting. This prestigious award recognizes a nurse researcher who has provided outstanding and sustained contributions to geriatric nursing research.

Deborah Sherman, PhD, APRN, ANP, BC, ACHPN, FAAN, assistant dean of research and professor, is the recipient of the 2009 Leading the Way Award from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. The award recognizes a nursing leader who has made a significant impact on hospice and palliative nursing.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Dongyi Du, a graduate student in the School of Pharmacy's Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, was selected for the Food and Drug Administration Commissioner's Fellowship Program, which provides a two-year opportunity for health professionals and other scientists to receive training and experience at one of the world's most prestigious regulatory agencies.

Lynn McPherson, PharmD, a professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been named vice chair of education in the School of Pharmacy's Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science.

Peter Swaan, PhD, a professor of pharmaceutical sciences and director of the Center for Nanomedicine and Cellular Delivery, has been named editor-in-chief of the journal *Pharmaceutical Research*, the official journal of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Amy Cohen-Callow, PhD, MSSW, has been selected as the recipient of the Gerontological Society of America's Civic Engagement in an Older America Project Junior Scholar Award for her research "Factors Related to Older Adult Volunteer Behaviors: Testing a Model of Volunteer Sustainability."

Professor **Lee Cornelius, PhD**, has been appointed to the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Center for Health Statistics by the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



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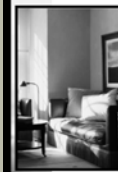
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER SHARRON GRAVES

Written by Ronald Hube

When applicants to the medical school's Program in Molecular Medicine visit the University, they spend a lot of time with Sharron Graves. Working 12- to 14-hour days, Graves greets them with breakfast, gives them walking tours of the campus and downtown Baltimore, schedules their faculty interviews, and arranges their meals and evening events.

She does a great deal for the applicants before their campus visits too, including arranging—and rearranging, when needed—their travel to the University.

Performing these and other duties so well has earned Graves, the Program in Molecular Medicine's academic coordinator, the University's Employee of the Month Award for November 2008.

"In my opinion, the success of the molecular medicine graduate program is due largely to her efforts. ..." wrote Dudley Strickland, PhD, in nominating Graves for the award. Strickland is the director of the Program in Molecular Medicine.

Created in 2005, the large interdisciplinary program has about 150 faculty and 70 students in multiple departments in the schools of medicine and dentistry and at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute. Graves, who has been the program's academic coordinator for more than two years, "has done an outstanding job in what I consider to be a very challenging position," Strickland wrote, adding that she interacts with people "in such a pleasant manner that students and faculty are immediately put at ease." Strickland and others also credit Graves' "human investment" in recruiting students with attracting high-scoring and extremely talented candidates.

University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, surprised Graves with the Employee of the Month Award during a presentation in the Graduate Program in Life Sciences office at the School of Medicine in the fall.

"I was elated and honored to receive the Employee of the Month Award," Graves says. "I really enjoy being a part of the University and the molecular medicine program. I can honestly say that I look forward to each workday and the challenges and rewards that come along with my position."



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she says. Zuckerman is the founder and executive director of the Pharmaceutical Research Computing center at the School of Pharmacy, and a director at the School's Peter Lamy Center for Drug Therapy and Aging.

In March, Mullins will travel for three weeks to the National University of Ireland at Galway, where he will help develop a program in health technology assessment. Mullins, whose specialty is pharmacoecconomics, is associate director of the School of Pharmacy's Center on Drugs and Public Policy.

Fulbright visiting scholars include Emmanuel Kasimbazi, PhD, LLM, former dean of the law school at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. He is researching environmental law courses and curriculum development at the University of Maryland School of Law and has consulted on environmental law for the World Bank, African Development Bank, and the United Nations Environmental Programme, among others.

The second visiting Fulbright scholar is Oliver Maddocks, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow at Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland. He is spending a year at the School of Medicine to research the role of enteropathic *E. coli* in the development of colon cancer.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

School of Pharmacy, Medical Center Form Partnership for Training

The School of Pharmacy and the University of Maryland Medical Center's Department of Pharmacy have joined forces to create a combined residency program to enhance the training of pharmacists.

The new University of Maryland Pharmacy Residency and Fellowship Program brings together resources to broaden patient care training in many specialty areas including intensive care, trauma, cardiology, and transplantation. The program also offers expanded training opportunities in research and pharmacy management.

Under the agreement, residents are also involved in teaching, usually in their area of expertise or interest. All residents are required to attend pharmacotherapy rounds and management seminars, and they must design and complete a research project and present the findings.

"Our goal with this extended partnership with the medical center is to be a national model of collaboration between schools of pharmacy and university-based health centers," says Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy. Eddington describes the agreement as "a unique and innovative relationship between the School of Pharmacy and its affiliated hospital." "This will provide a strong foundation for residency experiences at the School," she says.

Emergency Management Team Announces Test of New Web Alerts System

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Emergency Management Team conducted a test of the new Web alerts system

during the holidays. The test was clearly indicated on the home page (www.umaryland.edu) as it took place.

Previously, users could access the Web alerts system from a link on the UMB home page during a crisis or weather-related emergency. Under the new system, in addition to this link, the Web alerts can be made available in a box on the home page, or, in an extreme emergency, Web alerts can replace the home page with an emergency alerts home page.

"It is the hope of the Emergency Management Team that this system is one more step in our efforts to communicate efficiently and quickly with the whole campus community," says Robert Rowan, MS, assistant vice president for facilities management and chair of the Emergency Management Team.

Stronger Business Practices Encouraged Among Pharmacists

Visiting lecturer Daniel Buffington, PharmD, MBA, issued a wake-up call last fall to an audience of about 150 School of Pharmacy students and their instructors: "You have to embrace business principles."

Buffington, president and CEO of Clinical Pharmacology Services in Tampa, Fla., delivered the 2008 Francis S. Balassone Memorial Lecture. Described by Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, dean of the School, as an excellent role model for pharmacy students who want to succeed in a profession with expanded health care roles, Buffington advised the students to become business savvy and profit more from services such as patient education, drug regimen review, and disease management.

"Why are pharmacists always on the Guinness listing of most trusted professions?" Buffington asked. "One of the reasons is that we give everything away." Buffington said that a national billing model is evolving to make it easier for pharmacists to obtain insurance reimbursement.

The Francis S. Balassone Memorial Lecture is named for an honored 1940 University of Maryland School of Pharmacy graduate who was considered a leader in the profession. Balassone was a recipient of the Harvey W. Wiley Award, the nation's highest honor in the field of drugs, food, and cosmetic law.

Annapolis Advocacy Events, Courier Service Planned

University students, faculty, staff, and alumni can meet members of the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis and participate in advocacy events on the following dates during the legislature's 2009 session:

- Jan. 15: School of Medicine Advocacy Day
- Feb. 11: Maryland State Dental Association Advocacy Day
- Feb. 12: Maryland Pharmacy Coalition Advocacy Day
- Feb. 25: School of Nursing Advocacy Day
- Feb. 26: National Association of Social Workers Advocacy Day

For more information, call the University's Office of Government and Community Affairs in Annapolis at 410-269-5087.

A one-way courier service from the Office of Government and Community Affairs to the Baltimore campus is operating during the General Assembly session until April 10. Mail

is picked up from 44 West St., Annapolis, and delivered to the Baltimore campus mailroom. Although subject to change due to legislative activity, the mail is scheduled to be picked up at noon Tuesdays and Fridays and delivered by 1:45 p.m.

For more information on the courier service, contact Diane Lopez or Melanie Moore in Annapolis at 410-269-5087; Aaron Molock in Baltimore at 6-3700; or Larry Butler in Baltimore at 6-6619.

Inclement Weather Policy

The fastest ways to obtain the most accurate information regarding the status of the University during inclement weather are to call the campus emergency hot line at 410-706-8622 or visit the Campus Alerts page of the University's Web site (www.umaryland.edu/alerts).

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CALENDAR

Jan. 9-23: Diggs-Johnson Middle School Art Project. A public exhibit of student artwork. Weise Gallery, Health Sciences and Human Services Library.

Jan. 15: School of Medicine Advocacy Day. (See page 7.)

Feb. 5: Meeting of the School of Pharmacy's Board of Visitors. 8:30 a.m., Health Sciences Facility II, 6th floor conference room.

Feb. 6: Give Kids a Smile Day. Dental School students offer dental screenings and referrals for follow-up care for children at George Washington Elementary School in Washington Village. Transportation is provided. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., The Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry. For more information, call Marc LaVeau at 410-396-1445.

Feb. 11: Maryland State Dental Association Advocacy Day. (See page 7.)

Feb. 12: Maryland Pharmacy Coalition Advocacy Day. (See page 7.)

Feb. 23: School of Nursing's Black History Month panel discussion. 4-5:30 p.m., School of Nursing auditorium. For more information, call 6-3767 or visit www.nursing.umaryland.edu/events.

Feb. 25: School of Nursing Advocacy Day. (See page 7.)

Feb. 26: National Association of Social Workers Advocacy Day. (See page 7.)

Call for Names!

The new building at 620 W. Lexington St., which houses the Offices of Academic Affairs, Administration and Finance, CITS Web Development, External Affairs, Human Resource Services, Research and Development, and the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc., is in need of a name.

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The new name will be announced in the March issue of the *VOICE*.

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Library's Domestic Violence Exhibit Draws Crowds



University President David J. Ramsay visits the photographic exhibit *A Line in the Sand* at the Health Sciences and Human Services Library's Weise Gallery during the opening reception in November. The traveling exhibit chronicles Maryland's fight against domestic violence and the people who have joined in this cause.

Conceived of and organized by the House of Ruth Maryland, the exhibit features 20 interpretive portraits and essays of people who have been influential in the fight against domestic violence. Fine art photographers throughout the U.S. were invited to contribute. *A Line in the Sand* closed at the Weise Gallery on Dec. 1. Visit www.alineinthesand.org for the exhibit's schedule through May.

GREEN CORNER

NURSING, HEALTH, AND THE ENVIRONMENT MEET IN ARIZONA DESERT

Professor in the Department of Family and Community Health, Barbara Sattler, DrPH, MPH, RN, FAAN, and representatives from the environmental health nursing program at the School of Nursing organized a group of nursing leaders representing a range of nursing organizations from across the country to meet in December in Oracle, Ariz. The group is interested in the relationship between the environment and human health and how it relates to individual nursing practices and the nursing profession as a whole.

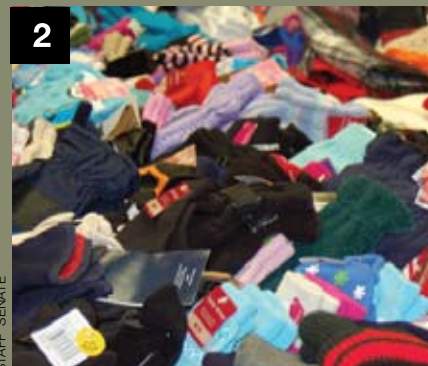
On the heels of the newly established Environmental Health Principles for Nursing, this group developed a

strategic plan to help guide the integration of environmental health into nursing education, nursing practice, research, and advocacy/policy work.

There was a collective recognition that many of the symptoms and diseases that nurses see in patients—increases in asthma, autism, neurological disorders, and cancers—are related directly or indirectly to environmental exposures in homes, workplaces, schools, and communities.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Sattler said, "There was great enthusiasm for the work ahead and an ambitious new strategic plan to help guide our activities."

AROUND CAMPUS



1. Students, faculty, staff, and friends from six University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) schools gathered at Booker T. Washington Middle School for the 19th annual "Project Feast," a Thanksgiving dinner for homeless and disadvantaged persons in West Baltimore. The event is sponsored by UMB, the University Student Government Association, the Medical Alumni Association, and the School of Medicine Student Council. In addition to serving a hot Thanksgiving meal,

students collect clothing, toiletries, and nonperishable goods to be distributed at the dinner. More than 100 students participated and approximately 400 people were served this year. **2.** This holiday season, the Community Outreach Committee of the UMB Staff Senate sponsored a fundraiser to benefit the clients of Our Daily Bread—Maryland's hot meal program that serves more than a quarter million meals to the hungry of Baltimore each year. Brand new winter hats, mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves were collected from the various schools and facilities on campus for both adults and children. Approximately 400 items were received for distribution. **3.** The School of Nursing's 2008 nurse anesthesia graduates were surprised with a sweet graduation evening. Not only did the 25 students celebrate the completion of their master's program, but they were surprised with a cake shaped like an anesthesia gas machine and crafted by renowned Chef Duff Goldman of Baltimore's Charm City Cakes. The Food Network learned about the unique cake design and showed up to tape the arrival of the giant confection for one of its future *Ace of Cakes* segments.



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