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THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Maryland is the State university and the "Land-Grant" institution of Maryland.

The present University of Maryland is the result of the merger of the former privately owned University of Maryland located in Baltimore with the former Maryland State College of Agriculture at College Park. The former University of Maryland was founded in 1807 as the College of Medicine of Maryland (Chapter 53, Acts of 1807). In 1812, it enlarged its curriculum and changed its name to the University of Maryland (Chapter 159, Acts of 1812). Subsequently, it added faculties of law

(1823), dentistry (1882), nursing (1889), and pharmacy (1904).

The Maryland State College of Agriculture was founded by Chapter 114, Acts of 1856, as the Maryland Agricultural College, a private institution at College Park, and became the beneficiary of the Land-Grant Act of 1862 (Chapter 178, Acts of 1865). By Chapter 129, Acts of 1914, the State assumed complete control of the school and in 1916 the Legislature granted it a new charter, which renamed the school the Maryland State College of Agriculture (Chapter 372, Acts of 1916) The General Assembly consolidated the University of Maryland and the Maryland State College of Agriculture in 1920 and gave the name University of Maryland to the new institution (Chapter 480, Acts of 1920).

The Eastern Shore campus (UMES) had diverse affiliations and several names before becoming the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, on July 1, 1970. The institution was founded in 1886 as the Delaware Conference Academy for Negroes under the general control of what came to be known as Morgan College, then a private institution in Baltimore. By the Morrill Act of 1890 the Academy received Federal funds and became known as the Princess Anne Academy. This funding began a relationship with the then Maryland Agricultural College, although the campus continued to be a part of Morgan College. College level work began at Princess Anne in 1927. The State authorized purchase of the Academy in 1935 (Chapter 548, Acts of 1935) and, beginning in 1936, Princess Anne Academy became a division of the University of Maryland. The institution bore the name of Maryland State College from 1948 until 1970.

In accordance with 1963 legislation authorizing the University to establish a branch in Baltimore County, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus (UMBC) opened initially to freshmen students in September 1966 (Code 1957, 1975 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 77A, sec. 18).

Evening courses were offered by various departments and colleges of the University