

Welcome to the campus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and congratulations on your admission to one of the nation's finest universities. You are joining a student body that is among the very best in the world, excelling not only in academic pursuits but also in service to society. Here at the University we are known for the many ways we apply new knowledge to the problems of the community and society at large.

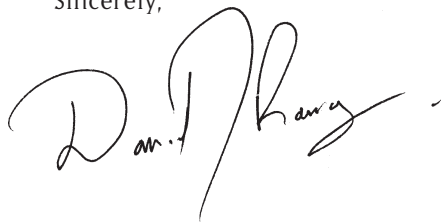
Our graduate and professional schools continue to garner national rankings and attract substantial competitive research funding. In fact, we are among the fastest growing universities in the nation for annual sponsored research dollars awarded. In 2006, we celebrated three milestones: the approval of a new school of public health, the re-accreditation of our University by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and the initial stages of construction of our new Campus Center.

You will find our faculty dedicated not only to nurturing leaders and scholars, but also to fostering service to humanity. I hope you will make the most of the opportunities available to you by joining with faculty in your discipline in both their scholarly pursuits and their service initiatives.

Another opportunity open to you is to participate in the time-honored tradition of student governance—one of the most important tools for ensuring the University's strength and vibrancy. I urge you to share your ideas about how the University should go forward. I also urge you to get involved in student government in your professional schools and in the University Student Government Association.

As we start this exciting new year, we are also celebrating the bicentennial year of the founding of our institution. Started as the College of Medicine of Maryland in 1807, the Baltimore campus of the University of Maryland is the founding institution of the University System of Maryland. I extend to you my heartiest wishes for a successful, happy, and enriching experience here at UMB.

Sincerely,



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Photos on front cover (from left to right):
Top: Campus centennial, World War I nurses, World War II dentists, aerial of campus in 1941, 1890 nursing students on the ward, pharmacy lab, Anatomical Hall, social work class, Maryland College of Pharmacy students, library building where Davidge Hall now sits. Bottom: BioPark Building One, Student Center demo, HS/HSL Library, 2006 skyline of campus, 2007 bicentennial photo of Davidge Hall taken by Tracy Boyd, new Dental School, HSFII, construction of BioPark Building Two, School of Law, rendering of new Campus Center.