

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.

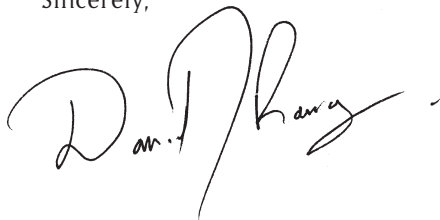
Our graduate and professional schools continue to garner national rankings and attract substantial competitive research funding. In fact, we are among the fastest growing universities in the nation for annual sponsored research dollars awarded.

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, I extend to you my heartiest wishes for a successful, happy, and enriching experience here at UMB.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Ramsay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small horizontal line at the end.

David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil
President

