When I returned to the University in July 2010, one of the many goals I set for myself was to promote naming opportunities around campus. In particular, I knew that the superior work being done at our six professional schools, not to mention our Graduate School, would engender interest in naming opportunities by those who could make transformational gifts.

One person who recognized the tremendous opportunity is William Polk Carey, founder of the W. P. Carey Foundation. His family foundation has been supporting educational leadership and philanthropy for more than 20 years and the Carey ties to our School of Law go back many more decades. That is why I was so delighted when the Careys recently agreed to donate $30 million to what will be the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Francis Carey was W. P. Carey's grandfather and a graduate of our law school (Class of 1880).

Seeing alumni give back to their schools with their time, their talents, and their dollars (increments of less than $30 million are welcomed, too) is one of the rewarding parts of this commencement season. The seats in front of me at 1st Mariner Arena on May 20 will be filled with graduating students, but they will also be partners—future research colleagues, preceptors, professors, perhaps University presidents.

We pass along our talents to younger people so that they can pass the skills and knowledge along to others. There is a great Hebrew term: *dor l’*dor*. It means generation to generation. That’s what we are doing at commencement, and what Mr. Carey is doing with his family’s magnificent gift: giving to others so that the future will be a better place to live.

This feeling of togetherness carries over to my next topic—the branding campaign that we so proudly kicked off on May 12. If you missed it, visit [http://vimeo.com/23806636](http://vimeo.com/23806636) for the festivities. I’m most proud to be collaborating with Jeffrey Rivest, president and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), on this initiative. It’s not the first time the University and the medical center have teamed up in this way. UM and UMMC shared a logo and an identity until the medical center was privatized by the Maryland General Assembly in 1984. Now we’re back together, where we should be. I salute my partners at UMMC and the many people who made this collaboration possible.

In closing, allow me to mention one bookkeeping item. Many of you know the General Assembly in its recent session made alterations to some of our state employee pension plans. There are numerous pension and other retirement plans in which employees at this University are enrolled. To clarify the situation, ALL of you—whether your plan changed or not—have received a letter from Human Resource Services. More information is available at [http://www.hr.umaryland.edu/](http://www.hr.umaryland.edu/) or 410-706-7600.

Our Q&A sessions are on hiatus for the summer, but you may ask me questions at any time by visiting [www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback/](http://www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback/). To submit laurels about student, staff, and faculty accomplishments such as those that begin on Page 2, please send them to kudos4perman@umd.edu.

All The Best,

Jay A. Perman
Laurels

CAMPUSWIDE
Ronald Dubner, DDS, PhD, professor at the Dental School, and Asaf Keller, PhD, professor at the School of Medicine, have received a five-year, $3.38 million National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant for study of the central mechanisms of orofacial pain maintenance after injury.

DENTAL SCHOOL
“Altered Developmental Expression of Polymorphic Membrane Proteins in Stress-induced In Vitro Persistent Chlamydia Trachomatis,” written by Patrik Bavoil, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Microbial Pathogenesis, and members of his lab, was published in the journal Cellular Microbiology.

Karen Garber, DMD, clinical associate professor, has been appointed director of the screening clinic in the Department of Oncology and Diagnostic Sciences.

Ru-ching Hsia, PhD, director of the Core Imaging Facility, received a $420,683 NIH equipment grant to fund a cryo upgrade for the facility.

Radi Masri, PhD, MS, assistant professor, wrote the chapter “Chronic Pain Following Spinal Cord Injury” for the book Frontiers in Spinal Cord and Spine Repair, which will be published in June.

Janet Weber, RDH, MEd, assistant professor, has been elected the Maryland Dental Hygienists’ Association delegate to the American Dental Hygienists’ Association. She will begin a one-year term in June.

DR. SAMUEL D. HARRIS NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DENTISTRY
Scott Swank, DDS ’89, curator and Dental School alumnus, has been chosen for fellowship in the American College of Dentists, the country’s oldest national honorary organization for dentists. Swank will formally be inducted into the college during a convocation ceremony in October.

SCHOOL OF LAW
Jane Barrett, JD ’76, associate professor and director of the Environmental Law Clinic, presented “Holding Scofflaws Accountable for Violent Business Crimes” during a conference in Houston sponsored by the Environmental & Energy Law & Policy Journal.

Barbara Bezdek, JD, LLM, professor, presented “Learning From Each Other: China and U.S. Legal Education and the Production of Human Legal Capital” during a recent conference in Changchun, China, on cultural communications.

Danielle Citron, JD, professor, has been appointed to the advisory board of Without My Consent for 2011.

Student Saul Ehrenpreis won first place in the American Bankruptcy Institute’s third annual Law Student Writing Competition. Ehrenpreis’ winning paper is titled “Trademark Licenses in Bankruptcy.”
Student Abraham Gitterman was recently awarded a scholarship to attend the Healthcare Compliance Certification Program at Seton Hall University School of Law this June. The program includes instruction about laws, regulations, industry codes, and compliance standards applicable to the life sciences industry.

Sherrilyn Ifill, JD, professor, has been named board chair of U.S. programs for the Open Society Foundations, an organization that supports democracy, justice, education, public health, and independent media.

Paula Monopoli, JD, professor and founding director of the Women, Leadership and Equality Program, presented “Remaking the Academy In Our Own Image: Feminism, the University and Civil Society” at the University College Dublin in Ireland.

Robert Percival, JD, Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and director of the Environmental Law Program, presented “What the World Health Organization Can Do to Protect Global Public Health From Environmental Harm” during the International Conference on Environmental and Occupational Determinants of Cancer: Interventions for Primary Prevention, sponsored by the World Health Organization and held recently in Gijón, Spain.

Lawrence Sung, JD, PhD, professor and director of the Intellectual Property Law Program, presented “Frontiers in Stem Cells in Cancer” during a recent conference on intellectual property held in Washington, D.C.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Edson Albuquerque, MD, PhD, professor, received a four-year, $2.4 million grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for his work “Neurotoxicity of Organophosphorus Pesticides in Developing Guinea Pigs.” Albuquerque also received a two-year, $1.5 million grant from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency for “Galantamine and Anticonvulsants in the Treatment of Nerve Agent Toxicity.”

Dawn Alley, PhD, and Michelle Shardell, PhD, assistant professors, are two of the three writers of the article “Can Obesity Account for Cross-National Differences in Life Expectancy Trends?” published by the National Academies Press.

Michael Pinard, JD, professor and co-director of the Clinical Law Program, was a panelist during the conference Offender Reentry: The Challenges for Law Enforcement and the Community, held at St. Louis University in April. Pinard was also a participant in the recent Access to Justice Forum at Stanford Law School in Palo Alto, Calif.

Joana Carneiro da Silva, PhD, and Michelle Gwinn-Giglio, PhD, assistant professors, organized a tour recently of the Institute for Genome Sciences for 20 advanced biology students from the Institute of Notre Dame, a college preparatory high school for girls in Baltimore. Ten women from the genome sciences institute spoke to the students about opportunities for women in scientific careers.
“Occupant and Crash Characteristics for Case Occupants With Cervical Spine Injuries Sustained in Motor Vehicle Collisions,” an article co-written by Patricia Dischinger, PhD, professor, was published in The Journal of Trauma.

“Hepatitis C Virus Infection During Pregnancy and the Newborn Period—Are They Opportunities for Treatment?” an article co-written by Samer El-Kamary, MB, ChB, MPH, assistant professor, was published in the April issue of the Journal of Viral Hepatitis.

“Binge Alcohol Drinking Is Associated With GABAA {Alpha}2-regulated Toll-like Receptor 4 (TLR4) Expression in the Central Amygdala,” an article written by Ahmed Elnabawi, PhD, assistant professor, Istvan Merchenthaler, MD, PhD, DSc, professor, and others, was published in the March issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. “Staphylococcus Aureus Infections in US Veterans, Maryland, USA, 1999-2008,” an article by professors Anthony Harris, MD, MPH; Patricia Langenberg, PhD; and Mary-Claire Roghmann, MD, MS; Jon Furuno, PhD, MS, assistant professor; and others, was published in the March issue of the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases. “Decreased Mortality Resulting From a Multicomponent Intervention in a Tertiary Care Medical Intensive Care Unit,” an article co-written by Harris, was published in Critical Care Medicine. “Increased Mortality With Accessory Gene Regulator (agr) Dysfunction in Staphylococcus Aureus Among Bacteremic Patients,” an article written by Harris, assistant professors Furuno, Jennifer Johnson, PhD, Michelle Shardell, PhD, and Kerri Thom, MD, and others, was published in the March issue of the journal Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy.

William Keller, MD, resident, is the recipient of the 2011 Clinical Trials Psychiatric Research Fellowship Award from the American Psychiatric Association (APA). One resident is chosen annually for the fellowship, which provides protected time for research and $45,000. Keller will receive the award during the APA’s annual meeting in Honolulu in May.

“Environmental Chemicals in Breast Milk” and “Human Exposure Assessment for DBPs: Factors Influencing Blood Trihalomethane Levels,” articles co-written by Judy La-Kind, PhD, associate professor, were published recently in the Encyclopedia of Environmental Health.

“Numbers and Types of Nonbladder Syndromes as Risk Factors for Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome” and “Sexuality and Reproductive Risk Factors for Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome in Women,” articles co-written by Patricia Langenberg, PhD, professor, were published in the journal Urology.

Judy La-Kind, PhD, associate professor, received a five-year, $11,843,303 grant from the National Institutes of Health for his work “Community Ambulation Following Hip Fracture.”

“Identifying Children at High Risk for a Child Maltreatment Report,” an article co-written by Laurence Magder, PhD, professor, was published in Child Abuse & Neglect.

Rebecca Brotman Miller, PhD, MPH, assistant professor and scientist at the Institute for Genome Sciences, is the recipient of the 2011 Young Investigator Award from the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association. The award, which will be presented during the scientific meeting of the International Society for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Research in Quebec City in July, recognizes Miller’s research achievements regarding bacterial vaginosis, vaginal microbial communities, and reproductive health outcomes.

“Association Between Depression and Contact Precautions in Veterans at Hospital Admission,” an article co-written by Daniel Morgan, MD, assistant professor, was published in the March issue of the American Journal of Infection Control.
Andrew Pollak, MD, professor and chief of the Division of Orthopaedic Traumatology, recently became president of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association. The worldwide organization provides scientific forums, supports research and education, and serves as a source of information on prevention and treatment of musculoskeletal injury.

Michael Garofalo

The Department of Radiation Oncology’s Preclinical Radiobiology Laboratory, led by Thomas MacVittie, PhD, MS, professor, and Ann Farese, MS, MA, research associate, received a five-year, $51,017,445 contract from Aeolus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to further develop and test a lead compound for treatment of potentially fatal radiation-induced lung injury. The principal investigator of the study, Michael Garofalo, MD, assistant professor, will lead development and testing of the drug.

Charlene Quinn, PhD, MS, RN, assistant professor, was a principal investigator with the Baltimore health care company WellDoc, which has been named the Outstanding Incubator Graduate Company of the Year by the National Business Incubation Association. The announcement was made during the association’s annual conference in San Jose, Calif., in April.

“Persistent Staphylococcus Aureus Colonization Is Not a Strongly Heritable Trait in Amish Families,” an article co-written by O. Colin Stine, PhD, MS, associate professor, was published in the April issue of the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases. “Genetic Diversity of O-Antigen Biosynthesis Regions in Vibrio Cholerae,” also co-written by Stine, was published in the April issue of the journal Applied and Environmental Microbiology.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Marjorie Fass, MA, assistant dean for student and academic services, received an award in April for service to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s Graduate Nursing Admissions Professionals (GNAP). The award recognizes best practices in graduate nurse recruiting and expertise with colleagues. Fass was honored with the award during a GNAP meeting in Pittsburgh.

Robin Newhouse, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, has been named chair of the School of Nursing’s Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health. Newhouse has been a member of the School’s faculty since 2007 and has served as associate professor, assistant dean for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and co-director of the Developing Center of Excellence in Health System Outcomes.

“Diarrheagenic Pathogens in Polymicrobial Infections,” an article co-written by O. Colin Stine, PhD, MS, associate professor, was published in the April issue of the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases. “Genetic Diversity of O-Antigen Biosynthesis Regions in Vibrio Cholerae,” also co-written by Stine, was published in the April issue of the journal Applied and Environmental Microbiology.
A Merit Presentation Award was earned from the American Pharmacists Association for a presentation made at the association’s annual meeting by Nicole Brandt, PharmD, associate professor and a director at the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging; Melanie Hare, a fourth-year student; and Hoai-An Truong, PharmD, MPH, assistant professor.

“Standards for Pharmacy Practice,” written by student Christina Dang, was published in Pharmacy Practice News. “Antibiotic Stewardship: Perspective on Clinical Decision-making,” written by Dang and student Tuan Huynh, was published in Drug Topics. Dang also co-wrote “Public Health Approaches in Ethnically Diverse Populations,” which was published in Drug Topics as well.

Student Sarah Dutcher received an award for excellence in research on aging from the University’s Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research Program and from the Center for Research on Aging at the School of Medicine.

Student Franklin Hendrick was the winner during the informatics/policy/social sciences poster session of the University’s Graduate Research Conference, held at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center in April. Student Jeremy Yap received the Basic Science Award.

Student Birdie Nguyen has been chosen to participate in the annual Paul Ambrose Scholars Program, a three-day public health leadership symposium in Washington, D.C., in June.

Eberechukwu Onukwugha, PhD, assistant professor, has been named the 2011-2013 chair-elect of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research’s Student Chapter Faculty Advisor Council.

Frank Palumbo, PhD, JD, professor and executive director of the Center on Drugs and Public Policy, has been installed as president of the American Society for Pharmacy Law.
Charlotte Bright, PhD, MSW, and Nalini Negi, PhD, MSW, assistant professors, are two of the three writers of the article “The Chain Has to be Broken: A Qualitative Investigation of the Experiences of Young Women Following Juvenile Court Involvement,” which was published in the journal *Feminist Criminology*.

“Attitudes, Behavior, and Social Practice,” an article by Harry Chaiklin, PhD, professor emeritus, was published in the *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*.

Bronwyn Mayden, MSW, assistant dean for continuing professional education and executive director of the Promise Heights program, was elected vice chair of the National Crittenton Foundation’s board of trustees for the next three years. The foundation supports empowerment, self-sufficiency, and the end of destructive behavior among girls, young women, and their families.

The 2011 award winners recently announced by the National Association of Social Workers’ Maryland chapter include alumnus Stanley Weinstein, PhD, MSW ’68, chair of the School’s Board of Advisors. Weinstein won the award for lifetime achievement. Other alumni receiving awards were John Herron, MSW ’75, MBA, who was named Social Worker of the Year, and Debra Ramsey, MSW ’77, LCSW-C, who was chosen as Field Instructor of the Year. Students Adrianna Overdorff and Pamela Parnell each were named MSW Student of the Year, and Stacie Hering, from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County social work program (which is part of the School of Social Work), was named BSW Student of the Year.
President Perman began the session with a statement about the study of a possible merger between the University and the University of Maryland, College Park that came out of the recent General Assembly session. The University System of Maryland Board of Regents has been asked to study the idea of a merger with a report due by Dec. 15.

Perman voiced support for the regents’ study, lauded the University moving forward with its strategic plan, and renewed his call for collaboration that dates to his becoming University president on July 1.

“We were well on our way to enhancing collaboration with College Park and all the College Parks of the world. Recently Dr. Wallace Loh, the president at College Park, and myself convened all the deans from both universities to talk about the things we are already doing together but more importantly all the things we COULD do together.”

After a question or two from the floor about the merger study, Perman read the following question, which came in on the president’s Q&A e-mail line, http://www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback/index.html.

QUESTION:
I am a law student at UMD Baltimore. I appreciate your updates on the proposed study of the UMD College Park and UMD Baltimore merger. However, I believe you have failed to adequately represent the potential benefits and the potential disadvantages of a merger. Instead, your implied support seems to be in the interest of maintaining your administration, without detailing the consequences for students, who after all are the primary clients. I urge you to provide more detail to the University public on this matter. … So, please explain the disadvantages of merger, with the exception of self-preservation.

RESPONSE:
With all due respect to the writer, who has every right to say and ask this, I am not trying to belittle the question. … When the time comes to give our input, I will give my ideas on our behalf and you can do that individually or in groups.

I want to take some other points from this submission. One of the things it said students are primary clients. Are students primary? Are they important? Absolutely! But UMB is a public good. There are other primary clients. We have a four-way mission. Education—that brings us back to the students. What needs to be asked in this merger debate is will a merger help education or hinder education? Will a merger improve our equally engaging mission of engaging in research (the mission to improve the human condition)? Third mission is service. We take care of patients. We take care of clients. Would that mission be as well served if this were a merged, mega-institution? Fourth mission is public service. What would a merger mean in our ability to pay attention and to care about the community we are in—West Baltimore? Let’s hope that the study is well done and that it is not politicized.

After another question or two from the floor about the merger study, Dr. Perman moved on to other questions.
QUESTION:
Hello, I am an evening law student. I have class until 8:30 two nights, and class until 9:30 one night, and 8 p.m. another night. I work full time. The gym closes at 10 p.m. By the time I am able to get to the gym from class, and change out of my work clothes, I usually have less than an hour. I used to try going early in the morning, but I study late. I noticed many more people later than earlier. Can we cut earlier hours from the gym and have it stay open later?

RESPONSE:
The Southern Management Corporation Campus Center is only in its second year of operation, but we constantly re-evaluate the service delivery model for each operational unit within it, including University Recreation and Fitness. Our goal is to use the building’s resources as efficiently and responsibly as possible to provide quality and accessible services to our students and others in the University community. We are particularly sensitive to the issue of building and operational hours. We are currently in the process of benchmarking our services and hours against our peers and evaluating our usage data with an eye toward establishing a schedule that is convenient for as many of our students as possible. We expect to complete our assessment by the end of the spring semester and will likely announce a new schedule for the entire SMC Campus Center for the new academic year.

QUESTION:
I often have to drive to work and pay the reduced rate in the Saratoga Garage. Is there a way to put a flat dollar amount on my account so that I can swipe my badge when I leave? I currently have to pay directly with cash or credit card. These are minor inconveniences, but sometimes I leave late and have to wait in a long line to get out of the garage (particularly stressful when I am picking up my children).

RESPONSE:
We are currently working with our vendor to provide this option. We are also hoping to provide the ability to link your access card to a credit card for daily payment or to debit and replenish a predetermined amount. We are hoping to have at least the debit feature available for your access card within six months.

QUESTION:
I am an avid motorcycle rider, seeing that I can get 70 miles to the gallon! I am from D.C. where there is an enormous amount of free or reduced parking for motorcycles. There is not one motorcycle parking area outside at the University currently and the parking fee inside a garage is the same exact price as a car. Can something be done about this?

RESPONSE:
Currently we allow motorcycle parking in all of our garages at our existing rates. In addition there are “motorcycle only” spaces in Saratoga, Lexington, and Plaza garages. We are updating our motorcycle parking procedure to include specific procedures motorcycle riders should follow when entering our garages. A discounted fee for motorcycle riders will be offered, whereby payroll deduction will be at half price should they decide to ride their motorcycle year-round. We hope to have the details worked out for the discounted program sometime in May 2011.
QUESTION:
Operationally and logistically, how will the Baltimore Grand Prix affect the campus?

RESPONSE:
Bob Rowan, associate vice president for facilities and operations: We have groups meeting with the Baltimore Grand Prix Committee. Their representative was here on campus with us yesterday. It looks like the campus will close Friday of the race [Sept. 2] because of concerns about traffic, clinics will probably close, University Physicians Inc. also maybe—we are not sure yet. There will be more details forthcoming. A website will be up in a week or so regarding the campus concerns during the Grand Prix and that information will be changing as plans get finalized.

Brian Browne, MD, chair of Emergency Medicine: The actual course comes down Russell Street and turns on Pratt Street. Edge of the course is by the Paca-Pratt Building. It’s a two-mile course, running all day long for three days over Labor Day. Access to the campus will definitely be affected, particularly from the southeast. Medically, I’m meeting with the director of the Grand Prix next week.

QUESTION:
There are numerous rumors about the Office of Development, specifically that development operations will be centralized under the Office of External Affairs. Is that the case? What is the timeline for any pending changes? How will those changes be implemented?

RESPONSE:
The answer is that nothing has been decided, because I need help. I use outside consultants judiciously because it is expensive. But I think that development and fundraising is so important to our future, particularly in difficult times, that I’ve put out requests for proposals, which have been received and are now being reviewed. The final decision is mine; I do not have to follow what the consultant says. I will do what I feel is best for the University.