As administrators, faculty, and staff, we go to great lengths to make the learning experience at this University the best it can be for our students. Many of our efforts center on maximizing the skills taught in classrooms, laboratories, and in the field. But reinforcing a work-life balance outside of course work also is essential.

That is why I am so pleased to speak to you today about UMB’s Welcome Month. Yes, the highly successful Welcome Week program, which greeted students returning for the fall semester, has grown into a full-fledged month of activities. It’s not an overstatement to say we offer something for everyone.

If you’re into sports and fitness, there’s a cornhole contest, NFL combine competition, group exercise sessions, nutrition discussions, and a Welcome Month 5K race as well as UMB student night at Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

Do you enjoy more leisurely activities? Cooking classes, museum tours, graduate school survival sessions, on-campus job fair, farmers market, family fair and flick night, luau pool party for UMB faculty, staff, students, and their children, and a happy hour are all on tap during Welcome Month.

Does music get your toes tapping? Assorted concerts are scheduled (steel band, Latin music, string quartet). Open mic night at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center will feature crowning the University’s karaoke king or queen.

Looking to get off campus? Welcome Month includes events in Little Italy and Patterson Park and at the American Visionary Art Museum, B&O Railroad Museum, Fort McHenry, and, closer to home, the Everyman Theatre.

Of course, activities involving the University wouldn’t be complete without community service so Welcome Month also has programs to assist others. Project Jump Start involves preparing bagged lunches and delivering them to the homeless. Operation Welcome Home is planning a card-making party to present cards to returning military troops. Additionally, you can join our “Trash Mob” to help clean up Pigtown or be part of a clothing drive and/or a wetlands restoration day.

I don’t want to forget Welcome Month’s signature events. The President’s Symposium and White Paper Project begins on Aug. 26—interprofessional education is this year’s topic. Movie night is scheduled for Aug. 27, a mingling get-together with academic affairs leadership on Sept. 3, an ice cream social on Sept. 4, and our ever-popular Fall Fest, when we mark Friday the 13th with a fun-packed agenda of information, giveaways, and free snacks and drinks. Click here to take a look at last year’s Fall Fest fun. For all the details on Welcome Month 2013, visit http://umaryland.edu/campuslife/welcome.

In closing, thanks to all who make Welcome Month possible. As we welcome our students, I’d also like to thank our faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication as we set out on another semester.

All the best in the new academic year!

Jay A. Perman, MD
President
The winners of this year’s Employee Service Recognition and Community Service Awards are Kaloyan Bikov (Community Service Award), information systems engineer in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research at the School of Pharmacy; Shannon Salyer (James T. Hill Scholarship), administrative analyst in the School of Medicine’s Department of Physiology; and Theresa Washington (Cecil S. Kelly Memorial Employee of the Year Award), executive administrative assistant in the dean’s office at the School of Social Work. The winners were announced in April during a program at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor hotel.


Sara Griggs, coordinator of recreation at University Recreation and Fitness, was elected the Maryland, Delaware, and Washington, D.C., provincial director for the organization NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Residents Yacoob Al-Abwah, DDS, Qoot Alkhubaizi, MS, and Mohammed Sabti were appointed diplomates of the Academy of General Dentistry.

“Supraphysiological Doses of Performance Enhancing Anabolic-Androgenic Steroids Exert Direct Toxic Effects on Neuron-like Cells,” co-written by John Basile, DDS, DMSc, assistant professor in the Department of Oncology and Diagnostic Sciences, was published in the May edition of the journal Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience.

Joel Greenspan, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Neural and Pain Sciences, was a session moderator for the topic of functional neuroimaging during the recent Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics’ meeting in Baltimore.

“Oral Cancer Examinations Among Smokers and Moderate-Heavy Drinkers, United States, 2009,” written by Mark Macek, DDS, DrPH, and Janet Yellowitz, DDS, MPH, associate professors in the Department of Health Promotion and Policy’s Division of Dental Public Health, was published in the Journal of Dental Public Health. Yellowitz is also the director of geriatric dentistry.

Mark Reynolds, DDS, PhD, MA, has been named interim dean of the School. He joined the University in 1996 as assistant professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Periodontics. Since 2001, he has served as director of the advanced dental education program in periodontics, and he has chaired the Department of Periodontics since 2005. Succeeding Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent, who became dean of the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in New York and senior vice president of Columbia University Medical Center on Aug. 1, Reynolds will serve as interim dean until a national search is concluded and a new dean is named.
“Dentin Hyper-sensitivity,” written by Harlan Shiau, DDS, DMedSc, assistant professor and director of predoctoral periodontal education in the Department of Periodontics, was published recently in the *Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice.*

**FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW**

“The Unfinished Journey: Education, Equality, and Martin Luther King Jr. Revisited,” written by Taunya Lovell Banks, JD, the Jacob A. France Professor of Equality Jurisprudence, was published in the *Villanova Law Review.*


The following faculty members presented a variety of papers and participated in multiple panels during the Law and Society Association’s recent annual meeting in Boston: Karen Czapanskiy, JD, the Francis and Harriet Iglehart Research Professor of Law; Peter Danchin, JSD, LLM, LLB, professor and director of the International and Comparative Law Program; Deborah Thompson Eisenberg, JD, associate professor and director of the Center for Dispute Resolution; Martha Ertman, JD, the Carole and Hanan Sibel Research Professor of Law; Mark Graber, JD, PhD, MA, professor and associate dean for research and faculty development; David Gray, JD, PhD, MA, associate professor; Michelle Harner, JD, professor and co-director of the Business Law Program; Robert Koulish, PhD, lecturer; Robert Percival, JD, MA, the Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and director of the Environmental Law Program; Shruti Rana, JD, MSc, associate professor; and Marley Weiss, JD, professor.


**Jerome Deise, JD,** professor, was invited to become a fellow at the Pound Civil Justice Institute, a national legal think tank in Washington, D.C.

Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice, written by Larry Gibson, LLB, professor, won the 2013 International Book Award for biography. The book was also a finalist in the category of law. Sponsored by *USA Book News,* the International Book Awards honor excellence in independent and mainstream publishing. **Barbara Gontrum, JD, MS,** professor and associate dean for library and technology, was published in the International Legal Technology Association magazine *Peer to Peer.*

“State and Federal Emergency Powers,” a book chapter written by Michael Greenberger, JD, professor and director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS), and Arianne Spaccarelli, JD ‘07, alumna and former CHHS staff attorney,
is now available through Digital Commons@UM Carey Law, a service of the School’s Thurgood Marshall Law Library. Additionally, Greenberger’s article “Closing Wall Street’s Commodity and Swaps Betting Parlors: Legal Remedies to Combat Needlessly Gambling Up the Price of Crude Oil Beyond What Market Fundamentals Dictate” was published in The George Washington Law Review, and he presented “Due Process and the Next Influenza Pandemic: Reconciling the Need to Protect Our Citizens From the Deadly Flu With Imperfect Medical Countermeasures” during the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics’ annual Health Law Professors Conference, held in Newark, N.J., in June.

“Teaching Business Law Through an Entrepreneurial Lens,” written by Michelle Harner, JD, professor and co-director of the Business Law Program, was published in the School’s Journal of Business & Technology Law.

Peter Holland, JD, MA, clinical instructor and head of the Consumer Protection Clinic, was a featured panelist during the joint Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau roundtable “Life of a Debt: Data Integrity in Debt Collections,” held recently in Washington, D.C.

“One Small Step for Legal Writing, One Giant Leap for Legal Education: Making the Case for More Writing Opportunities in the ‘Practice-Ready’ Law School Curriculum,” written by Sherri Lee Keene, JD, assistant professor and associate director of the Legal Writing Program, was accepted for publication in the Mercer Law Review.


“Waiting for Leviathan: A Note on Modern Wo’er Trading Co Ltd v Ministry of Finance of the People’s Republic of China,” written by Daniel Mitterhoff, JD, LLM, MA, managing director of the Maryland Carey Law-Central University of Finance and Economics China Law Cooperative Program, was published in the Public Procurement Law Review.


Michael Pinard, JD, professor and director of the Clinical Law Program, will continue to serve as one of the three co-editors-in-chief of the Clinical Law Review. Pinard also was appointed to the Southeastern Association of Law Schools’ Mentor Committee for 2013-14.

“Touched by Greatness,” written by Shruti Rana, JD, MSc, associate professor, was published in the Montana Law Review.

“The Tort Foundation of Duty of Care and Business Judgment,” written by Robert Rhee, JD, MBA, the Marbury Research Professor of Law and co-director of the Business Law Program, was published in the Notre Dame Law Review.

Earl Stoddard III, PhD, MPH, public health program manager at the Center for Health and Homeland Security, presented “One County’s Experience in Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning” during the National Homeland Security Conference, held in June in Los Angeles. Stoddard also presented “The Nature of Infectious Disease” during Public Health Law and Science: A Seminar for Maryland Judges, held in June.
“Justice Eludes Tenants: In Baltimore, System Is Stacked Against the Poor and in Favor of Landlords,” an Op-Ed written by Deborah Weimer, JD, LLM, the Carole and Hanan Sibel Research Law School Professor, was published in The Baltimore Sun.

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Richard Alexander, MD, professor, and Elena Klyushnenkova, PhD, assistant professor, both in the Department of Surgery, received a U.S. patent for “Prostate-Specific Antigen-Derived MHC Class II Restricted Peptides and Their Use in Vaccines to Treat or Prevent Prostate Cancer.”

Transplant surgeons at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) recently performed a liver transplant on a patient with hilar cholangiocarcinoma, marking the first time in Maryland this protocol was used to treat this type of bile duct cancer. Physicians involved include Rolf Barth, MD, associate professor in the Department of Surgery and director of liver transplantation at UMMC; Steven Hanish, MD, associate professor in the Department of Surgery and director of hepatobiliary surgery at UMMC; Margit Horiba, MD, MPH, assistant professor in the Department of Medicine; and Navesh Sharma, DO, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Maureen Black, PhD, the John A. Scholl, MD, and Mary Louise Scholl, MD, Professor in Pediatrics, received the National WIC Association’s Leadership Award for her career-long commitment to the welfare, health, and well-being of children, and as a champion of the federal Women, Infants, and Children program and its mission. The award was presented during the association’s recent annual meeting in Little Rock, Ark.

Raymond Fang, MD, clinical associate professor in the Department of Surgery, and director of the Center for the Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, received a Heroes of Military Medicine Award from the Center for Public-Private Partnerships at the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine.

Institute for Genome Sciences faculty members W. Florian Fricke, PhD, also an assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and Michelle Giglio, PhD, also an assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, co-led the workshop Do-It-Yourself Microbial Genome Sequence Analysis during the American Society for Microbiology’s recent annual meeting in Denver.

James Galen, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Medicine, received a five-year, $1,726,875 research grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for “Mucosal Live Vector Vaccine Against Recurrent Clostridium Difficile Infections.”

Scott Jerome, DO, assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, was chosen as the nuclear/PET (positron emission tomography) board of directors’ president-elect for the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission.

Misbah Khan, MD, MPH, clinical professor in the Department of Pediatrics, will receive the 2013 Job Lewis Smith Award, which recognizes lifelong outstanding service in community pediatrics, during the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition in Orlando, Fla., in October.

Alberto J. L. Macario, MD, and Everly Conway de Macario, PhD, adjunct professors in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, are among the co-authors of the book The Chaperonopathies: Diseases With Defective Molecular Chaperones.

Sandra Mooney, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics, was elected to the advisory board for the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Study Group for two years starting in June. She also began serving a four-year term July 1 as a standing member of the National Institutes of Health Neurotoxicity and Alcohol Study Section.
William Regine, MD, the Isadore and Fannie Schneider Foxman Endowed Chair in the Department of Radiation Oncology, was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR) at the organization’s recent annual meeting and chapter leadership conference in Washington, D.C. It is among ACR's highest honors.

In the largest study of its kind, physicians from the Department of Surgery and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center determined that outcomes for traumatic injury in patients with organ transplants are not worse than for nontransplanted patients. Joseph Scalea, MD, a surgeon at the Shock Trauma Center, was the lead author of the study, whose findings were published in June's *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*.

Thomas Scalea, MD, FACS, the Francis X. Kelly Professor in Trauma Surgery in the Department of Surgery and physician-in-chief at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, received the Outstanding Medical Alumnus Award during the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine's recent reunion event celebrating the school’s 175th anniversary.

LYNN SCHRIML

Lynn Schriml, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health and the Institute for Genome Sciences, chaired the 15th Workshop of the Genomic Standards Consortium, held recently at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda.

J. Marc Simard, MD, PhD, professor in the Department of Neurosurgery, and former student Mingkui Chen, MD, PhD, were issued an Australian patent for “A Non-selective Cation Channel in Neural Cells and Methods for Treating Brain Swelling.”

SCHOOL OF NURSING

The following faculty members were awarded a state Nursing Educator Doctoral Grant for practice and dissertation research: Susan Antol, MS, RN, assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Health (FCH), and director of the Governor’s Wellmobile Program and School-based wellness programs; Lily Fountain, MS, RN, CNM, assistant professor, FCH; Jana Goodwin, PhD, MS, RN, ANPC, clinical instructor in the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health (OSAH); Naomi “Bea” Himmelwright-Lamm, EdD, RN, assistant professor, OSAH; Shannon Idzik, DNP, MS, CRNP, CCRN, assistant professor, OSAH, and director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program; and Megan Lynn, MS, MBA, RN, FNE-A, assistant professor, OSAH.

Student Sabrina Bielfeldt was awarded a $10,000 graduate scholarship in cancer nursing practice for 2013-14 from the American Cancer Society. Bielfeldt recently completed her first year in the Health Services Leadership and Management master’s specialty program with a 4.0 grade point average.

Janice Hoffman, PhD, RN, assistant professor in the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, and assistant dean in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, will be inducted as a fellow in the National League for Nursing’s Academy of Nursing Education during the league’s annual Education Summit, to be held in September in Washington, D.C.

Regina Twigg, DNP, RN, assistant professor, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, received the School’s Colleague Award during the recent Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony at the University of Maryland Medical Center. The award recognizes a faculty member for excellence as a mentor and educator.
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

William Cooper, MBA, senior associate dean for administration and finance, was named the Eastern Region member-at-large of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s Administration and Finance Special Interest Group.

Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, CGP, BCACP, FAPhA, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, was named the School’s associate dean for student affairs.

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, CPE, professor and vice chair for academic affairs in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, and Jill Morgan, PharmD, associate professor in the department, were each chosen by the graduating Class of 2013 as a Teacher of the Year.

C. Daniel Mullins, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, is the winner of the 2013 Dr. Daniel B. Savage Memorial Science Award from the Association of Black Cardiologists.

Francoise Pradel, PhD, associate professor and graduate program director in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, and James Trovato, PharmD, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, were chosen by the School as its American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Teachers of the Year.

Toyin Tofade, PharmD, MS, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, was named the School’s assistant dean for experiential learning.

Candice Yong received a Best Student Podium Presentation Award during the annual meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, held recently in New Orleans.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The Field Education Office was recognized by the Baltimore County Commission on Aging as its Legacy Partner of the Year. The award was presented to Dean Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, by Kevin Kamenetz, JD, county executive.

Nalini Negi, PhD, MSW, assistant professor and National Institute on Drug Abuse fellow, received $10,000 in pilot funding from the University of Michigan for her study on the drug use patterns and social service needs of Latino immigrant day laborers in Baltimore.
MOBILE APP IS NEARLY READY TO GO

With the implementation phase of the University’s 2011-2016 strategic plan moving along, we have some success stories to report. Look for more of them in upcoming months in The President’s Message.

The tag line “put UMB in your pocket” is hard to believe. It would take one massive pocket to fit the University’s 65 buildings stretched across 71 acres. But that is precisely what the free UMB mobile web application achieves. By downloading the UMB app from the Apple app store or Google Play to their smartphone or tablet, students, faculty, staff, visitors, and neighbors—or anyone for that matter—who interact with UMB’s campus and community will be just a touch away from University news, events (through a much-anticipated common calendar), campus maps, neighborhood dining options, UM shuttle schedules, parking information, videos, UMB social media, the online Elm site and all its offerings, and much, much more.

“Say you are sitting in a meeting and the group decides it needs to reserve a room at the Campus Center,” says Amir Chamsaz, senior web developer in the Office of Communications and Public Affairs. “Now, without leaving the meeting, you can call up the form and reserve the room on your phone or tablet.”

The UMB mobile app, a collaborative effort of UMB’s Office of Communications and Public Affairs, UMB’s Center for Information Technology Services, and external vendor Modo Labs, is compatible with Android and Apple iOS operating systems.

Though the app is only in its initial stages, Chamsaz revels in its launch and has high hopes for its potential. “We can publish new mobile content on the fly, and we have a lot of flexibility in how it can grow,” he says. “In the future, we hope students can use it to check their grades and follow their schedules. Registering for classes by using the UMB mobile app could one day be possible. The app allows you to see all kinds of University information on the go. We’re very proud of it.”

Enhanced two-way communication is a fundamental element in the University strategic plan. The mobile app fits into the second goal to “increase and enhance internal communications to foster more collaborative relationships and build an internal sense of community.”

“The strategic plan has challenged us to rise to the next level with our communications, both internal and external,” says Jennifer B. Litchman, MA, chief communications officer, vice president, and special assistant to the president. “Creation of the UMB mobile app is just one of many innovative initiatives we look forward to sharing with the University community in the coming months.”