

REGENTS REPORT



Greetings from the Board of Regents

The 2023 Maryland General Assembly session is in full swing, meaning we've had plenty of opportunities to talk with lawmakers about the University System—our impact on the state and its people.

Many of these conversations center on the resources we need to keep that impact growing. Gov. Wes Moore's FY24 operating budget proposal for the USM is \$2.1 billion, nearly 11 percent over our FY23 appropriation.

Gov. Moore talks often about how education was transformative in his own life. He talks about its power to shape a future strengthened by knowledge and discovery, service and compassion. Gov. Moore has long been a friend to public higher education, and this budget shows his support—support that will allow us to limit tuition increases and keep a USM education affordable for Maryland students and their families.

That said, we know that nearly 50,000 Maryland students have unmet financial need, and we know that these students often turn to loans to fill the cost gap. That loan debt, in turn, can delay key milestones, like buying a home or starting a family. It can keep graduates from contributing to their communities through civic engagement and service.

That's why we're especially grateful for legislation (SB0426), sponsored by Sen. Nancy J. King, that provides for the USM to establish a quasi-endowment whose income would go toward financial aid for students across the System. This aid would be a lifeline for thousands of Maryland students—some who might otherwise be unable to attend college at all, and some who might attend, even graduate, but at a financial disadvantage that keeps them playing catch-up for years.

We encourage you to champion this bill and, with it, the brilliant, talented, deserving students it's meant to help.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden
Chair
USM Board of Regents

Jay A. Perman
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

Board Actions & Decisions | February 17, 2023

The USM Board of Regents met at the [Universities at Shady Grove](#) on February 17, 2023, with public viewing available in-person and via [livestream](#). At this meeting, key actions by the Board included:

Approval of Nine New Academic Programs. After reviewing the recommendations of the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, the board approved the following new undergraduate and graduate academic programs, which will be offered pending the approval of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

- Bachelor of Science, [Applied Technology](#), University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC)
- Bachelor of Science, [Cybersecurity Engineering](#), Coppin State University (CSU)
- Bachelor of Science, [Elementary Education/Special Education](#) (Dual Certification Major), Frostburg State University (FSU)
- Bachelor of Science, [Health Services Administration](#), Bowie State University (BSU)
- Bachelor of Science, [Public Health Informatics and Technology](#), BSU
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, [Public Health Informatics](#), BSU
- Master of Arts, [Hearing and Speech Services](#), University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP)
- Master of [Environmental Management in Sustainability](#), FSU in partnership with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES)
- Master of Science in [Economic Analytics](#), Towson University (TU)

Update on the USM FY2023 Operating Budget. The Finance Committee shared an update on the status of the [USM operating budget](#) as presented in the FY 2024 Governor's Allowance. The USM budget includes revenues from state appropriations, tuition and fees, auxiliary services, federal and other contract and grants, and other revenues for a total budget of \$6.7 billion. The governor's FY 2024 proposal of \$2.1 billion in state support to the system represents a 10.8 percent increase over the FY 2023 appropriation.

Update on the USM FY 2023 Capital Budget. The Finance Committee also shared an update on the status of the [USM capital budget](#). The Governor's FY 2024-28 Capital Improvement Program includes \$993 million for the USM, representing a total increase (when compared with the Board's request) of \$56.619 million over the five years of the plan. The plan includes funds for design, renovation, and new construction projects at USM institutions, including the Interdisciplinary Engineering Building at UMCP; the Martin Luther King Jr. Communication Arts & Humanities Building at BSU; and the Health Professions building at TU. Gov. Moore added funds for several projects, including the Agricultural Research and Education Center at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES); and the Coastal Dynamics Laboratory at UMCES. The budget also includes \$17 million in Academic Revenue Bond funding for systemwide facilities renewal.

Approval of an Amendment to the Policy on Affiliated Philanthropic Support Foundations.

The board approved [several amendments](#) to Board of Regents Policy (IX-2.00) on Affiliated Philanthropic Support Foundations to clarify the responsibilities of affiliated foundations and the scope of their activities. The policy amendments include new reporting requirements for affiliated foundations to enhance their transparency and accountability.

For more information about the February Board of Regents meeting, you may view the [meeting agenda](#), [video archive](#), and [full report by Chancellor Jay Perman](#).

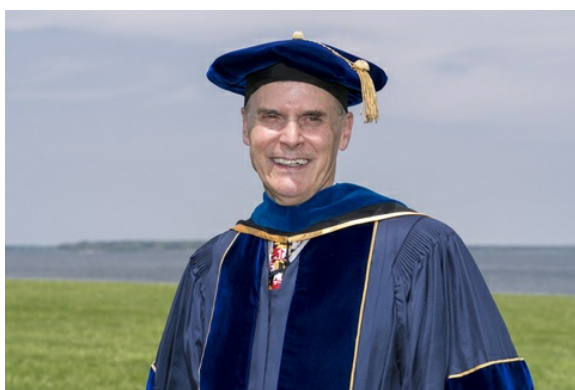
Other News from the System

THE USM SAYS FAREWELL TO THE QUINTESSENTIAL USM LEADER, JOANN BOUGHMAN, SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS



Trailblazing scientist. Gifted administrator. Policy wonk. Logistics czar. Student ally. Advocate. And a lifeline. These are just some of the roles listed as [Chancellor Jay Perman paid tribute to retiring Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs](#), Dr. Joann "Jo" Boughman during the Board of Regents meeting last Friday.

She was appointed by Chancellor Emeritus William E. Kirwan in 2012 and retired last month after more than a decade of inspiring leadership and tireless service to the USM. She championed initiatives to improve student success; strengthen the P-20 pipeline; advance diversity and inclusion; and ensure access and affordability. She led the USM's COVID response, ensuring the safety and well-being of all on our university campuses. Her contributions to the USM span nearly 40 years, as she served as both a faculty member and administrator at UMB, making [contributions too far-ranging](#) to list in this newsletter, and her legacy will continue through the [Student Voice Legacy Trust](#), which she established and endowed.



UMCES PRESIDENT PETER GOODWIN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

After serving as president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science for nearly six years, Dr. [Peter Goodwin announced that he will retire](#) at the end of the academic year. Under his leadership, UMCES has expanded the USM's interinstitutional graduate program in marine and environmental science and produced pioneering research that allows scientists,



USM ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ADVOCATE FOR THE SYSTEM IN ANNAPOLIS

Last Wednesday, members of three USM [advisory councils](#) - the University System of Maryland Student Council, the Council of University System Faculty, and the Council of University System Staff - as well as representatives from the USM Women's Forum, visited Annapolis for USM Advocacy Day. Before heading out in small groups for a day of meetings with Maryland legislators, these USM

business leaders, educators and policymakers to better understand, protect, and restore Maryland's natural resources. He held an integral role on the Governor's Chesapeake Bay Cabinet and served as lead science advisor on the Maryland Commission on Climate Change.

representatives gathered with Chancellor Jay Perman and Vice Chancellor for Government Relations Patrick Hogan to discuss the System's strategic priorities, funding needs, and support for Gov. Moore's proposed budget for the USM.

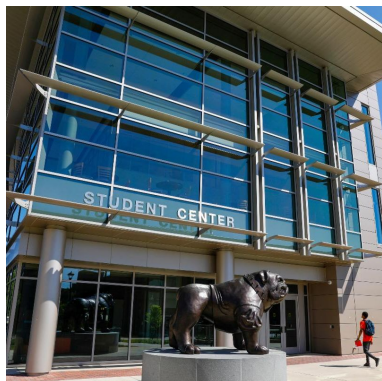
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH IS UNDERWAY AT TOWSON UNIVERSITY

The TU Presidential Search and Screening Committee has begun the work of identifying the university's next president and held its first Town Hall last week. The committee is chaired by Regent Ellen Fish, who previously served on the TU Foundation Board of Directors. She is joined on the committee by Regent Hugh Breslin and nearly two dozen students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other stakeholders from the TU community, who will be responsible for developing a short list of the most qualified presidential candidates for the Board of Regents to consider.

THE MARYLAND MOMENTUM FUND INVESTS IN MARINALIFE, A TECH COMPANY WITH TIES TO TWO USM INSTITUTIONS

Last month, the USM Maryland Momentum fund announced that it had joined the Series A funding round for Marinalife, a Baltimore-based technology company delivering solutions that allow boaters and marinas to easily connect and manage transactions, supporting the state's valuable boating industry. Snag-A-Slip, a Marinalife company—was founded by Dan Cowens, an alumnus of both Salisbury University (SU) and the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business.

News from USM Institutions



BOWTIE STATE UNIVERSITY

With a \$2.1 million National Science Foundation grant, BSU will launch the Bulldog Cyber Scholarship for Service Program, helping to increase the number and diversity of individuals entering the government cybersecurity workforce.



COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY

Through a \$3.9 million Department of Commerce grant and CSU's ConnectEagle Nation program, West Baltimore neighborhoods will gain access to affordable broadband internet access and technology training.



FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

The university will receive \$1.25 million in federal funding to support both the FSU Regional Science Center and the FSU Maryland Accelerates Program.



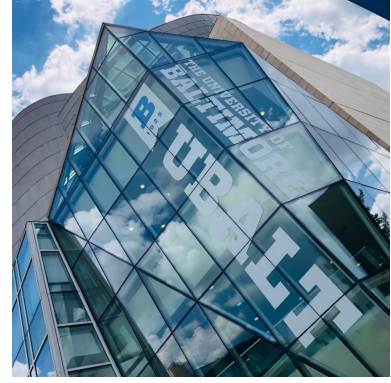
SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

Salisbury University was unveiled as the nation's top producer of Fulbright Students among master's institutions for 2022-23, with nine awards offered.



TOWSON UNIVERSITY

TU is one of five institutions collaborating on a three-year, \$3.2 million NSF grant supporting science teacher education.



UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE

UBalt President Kurt Schmoke was profiled by Peter Beilenson in a *Baltimore Magazine* edition titled The Bold and the Brilliant: Six Baltimoreans Who Changed Everything.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE

UMB's School of Medicine has been tapped to manage a \$46.4 million research project to develop a shelf-stable artificial blood product that could be used for transfusions. Funding comes from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY

Christopher Slaughter, a UMBC computer engineering student, has won a Gates Cambridge Scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. in electrical engineering at the University of Cambridge. Only two dozen of these scholarships are offered to students from the United States every year.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

UMCES researchers studied the history of water quality in the Chesapeake Bay to shed light on how the estuary has responded to nutrient reduction efforts and why improvements have remained a major challenge.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

Seven UMCP faculty members were recently announced as fellows by the American



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

UMES announced \$1.5 million in federal support for its Entrepreneurship and



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS

UMGC has announced a new partnership between its Europe division and the USO. Under the

Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general scientific society.

Innovation Center to help small and minority businesses grow and thrive.

agreement, UMGC Europe staff will join USO employees in providing support in select Europe, Middle East, and Africa locations.

News from USM Regional Centers



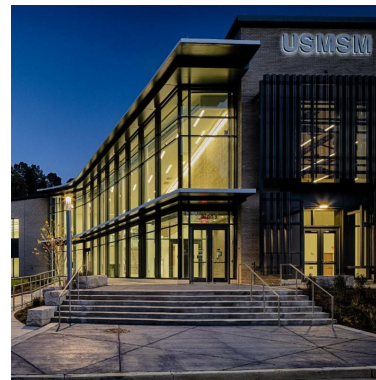
UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE

Last week, USG announced a \$500,000 partnership with Google to build pathways to degree completion and career opportunities for non-traditional students.



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND HAGERSTOWN

USMH partnered with Washington County Public Schools to hold a high school student art show reception at USMH's Hospitality Center.



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND AT SOUTHERN MARYLAND

USMSM is reaching out to local students, both those attending the College of Southern Maryland and local high school juniors and seniors, as they chart their pathways from college to career.

Dates to Remember

Meetings below will be virtual unless a location is listed. For the complete meeting schedule, visit: www.usmd.edu/regents/meetings/

MARCH 13, 2023

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare

2:00 p.m.

MARCH 14, 2023

Committee on Education Policy and Student Life

9:30 a.m.

MARCH 27, 2023

Committee on Audit

10:00 a.m.

MARCH 29, 2023

Committee on Advancement

11:00 a.m.

MARCH 30, 2023

Committee on Governance and Compensation

8:30 a.m.

Useful Resources and Contacts

Regents Meeting Video Archive: [View](#)

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Office of Research & Economic Development

MARCH 30, 2023

Committee on Finance

10:30 a.m.

MARCH 30, 2023

**Economic Development and Technology
Commercialization**

12:30 p.m.

APRIL 14, 2023

Board of Regents Meeting

Coppin State University

9:00 a.m.

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