



Regents Report | September 2022

Greetings from the Board of Regents

The USM Board of Regents held its first meeting of the fall semester at the University of Maryland, College Park. It was the perfect setting to celebrate a new academic year. College Park enrolls more than 40,000 students, and it was a joy to see so many of them walking to and from class, getting lunch, and enjoying a beautiful autumn day.

That same scene is replicated across the University System, and there's an energy in all of us coming back together and sharing in what we create with one another. What we create are opportunities to exchange ideas, explore challenges, innovate solutions, discover (or rediscover) personal passions, and make connections that last a lifetime. That we get to be a part of this is very special.

This year, we expect to enroll about 162,000 students across the USM. That includes 45,000 new undergraduates—traditional “first-time, full-time” students, students transferring into the USM from our community colleges, and working adult learners. Students of color continue to make up more than half of our enrollment, and nearly four in 10 undergraduates are from underrepresented groups. This diversity is no accident; it's the result of purpose-driven, intentional work to build a University System that reflects the people of Maryland, and to make sure the exceptional education we offer is accessible and affordable to all.

The education we offer *is* exceptional. While we don't measure our worth by our rankings—while we acknowledge that rankings can't fully represent or reflect our excellence—it is gratifying when they endorse what we do. On a cascade of national rankings released in recent weeks, our USM schools claimed top spots—not only for selectivity and research strength and faculty prominence, but for how affordable we are; for the value we place on public service; for how well we promote social mobility; for our success in graduating students, and our graduates' success in landing rewarding careers; for the education we provide our military service members and veterans.

It's our privilege, every day, to serve this extraordinary System, and it's going to be a terrific year.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Gooden
Chair
USM Board of Regents

Jay A. Perman
Chancellor
University System of Maryland



Board Actions & Decisions | September 16, 2022

The USM Board of Regents met at the University of Maryland, College Park on September 16, 2022, with public viewing available in-person and via [livestream](#). At this meeting, key actions by the Board included:

Presentation of the 2022 Regents' Staff Awards:

The Board of Regents recognized the achievements of the winners of the [2022 Board of Regents' Staff Awards](#) at a special breakfast celebration before the Board meeting. Awards were



presented to seven exemplary staff members in five categories: Contribution to the Institution; Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment; Public Service to the University or the Greater Community; Effectiveness and Efficiency; and Inclusion, Multiculturalism, and Social Justice.

Approval of Towson University's Expanded Mission Statement and Plans to Develop Research Doctoral Programs.

Following a comprehensive internal review, Towson University (TU) has [updated its mission statement](#) to reflect the expansion of its institutional identity and offerings. Regent Michelle Gourdine, Chair of the Regents Committee on Education Policy and Student Life, and Dr. Melanie Perreault, TU's Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, introduced the new mission statement, which acknowledges a greater emphasis on research and provides the authority to grant research doctoral degrees, paving the way for eventual reclassification as an R2 institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Following the Board's approval, TU will complete the coordination of these plans with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Update on a Proposed USM Prison Education Program. In response to the growing societal needs of cities across the state and nation, the Board of Regents began to explore the development of an [expanded prison education program](#) to provide Maryland inmates with educational opportunities while incarcerated; give them hope and employment opportunities following release; reduce recidivism; save the State of Maryland money; and grow enrollment. Since the start of 2022, an exploratory group, led by Regents Bill Wood and Robert Hur and Chancellor Jay Perman, has collected information from higher education institutions with established prison education programs, including the University of Baltimore, to determine the strengths and weaknesses of expanding prison education programs within the USM. During the Board update, Chancellor Perman announced the formation of a workgroup with representatives from USM institutions, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, MHEC, and the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to explore the potential benefits of such a program.

Approval to Rename the University of Maryland, College Park's Football Stadium as SECU Stadium.

The University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) has formed a [new partnership with the State Employees Credit Union \(SECU\)](#), which provides \$11 million in support for Maryland Athletics and a new name for the football stadium--SECU Stadium. The partnership also will include financial wellness workshops for faculty and staff, a Personal Finance Success Course open to all students, and collaboration on community service projects. SECU Stadium will replace the current name, Capital One Field at Maryland Stadium, after Capital One and Maryland Athletics mutually agreed to terminate their current arrangement. The Board unanimously approved the new stadium name, which will debut at Maryland Football's Big Ten home opener on October 1.

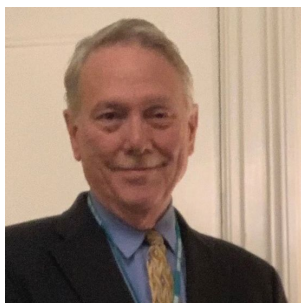
For more information about the June Board of Regents meeting, you may view the [meeting agenda](#), [video archive](#), and [full report by Chancellor Jay Perman](#).

New Faces and New Roles on the USM Team



Dr. Michele Masucci, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development. [Dr. Masucci, who joined the USM on September 6,](#) previously served as professor of Geography and Urban Studies, director of the Information Technology and Society Research Group, and vice president for Research at Temple University. As vice chancellor, she will be responsible for developing a resource center for supporting the research, development, and commercialization efforts of USM institutions and developing strategic research and business partnerships among the USM campuses, state and federal government, laboratories and agencies, corporations and industry, and other public and private higher education institutions. Masucci is also a professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Systems at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC).

Mike Ravenscroft, Managing Director of the Maryland Momentum Fund. Last week, [Mike Ravenscroft joined the USM as managing director of the Maryland Momentum Fund,](#) which supports early-stage companies affiliated with USM institutions. He will oversee the Fund's portfolio, which currently includes 27 companies, and handle vetting of prospective companies. He will work with [UM Ventures](#) and leaders across the USM to provide business development support to the USM's entrepreneurial community. He previously worked for Dreamit Ventures, where he managed a national network of enterprise healthcare partners and venture funds.



Dr. Lawrence Weill, Interim Executive Director of the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. Dr. Lawrence Weill has been named as the [Interim Executive Director of USMH,](#) following the retirement of Mark Halsey, who served for more than a decade. Dr. Weill worked in higher education for more than 40 years. Most recently he was the interim vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at the State University of New York – Sullivan. From 2002 until 2010, he was the president of Gordon State College in Barnesville, GA.

Dr. Anupam Joshi, American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow. [Selected as one of just 46 ACE Fellows nationwide,](#) Dr. Joshi will spend the full academic year with the USM, shadowing both USM Chancellor Perman and President Bruce Jarrell of the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Dr. Joshi is the Oros Family Professor and Chair of the Computer Science and Electrical Engineering Department at UMBC. The [ACE Fellows](#) program is an intensive, cohort-based leadership development program designed to prepare faculty and staff for senior positions in college and university administration.



Dave Mosca, Vice Chancellor for Accountability. A long-serving USM employee, Dave Mosca was recently named vice chancellor of accountability after leading the Office of Internal Audit since 2005. His office conducts financial, operational, compliance, investigative, and information systems reviews of USM institutions to ensure that they are operating effectively, efficiently, and in accordance with applicable policies, standards, regulations, and laws. Mosca's elevation to the USM's executive leadership council reflects the critical oversight he provides to the USM.

The Fall Semester Begins with New Leaders, Initiatives, and Milestones. As the fall semester commenced, all USM institutions were fully open and prepared to welcome about 162,000 students. Several institutions reported exciting enrollment trends, including Bowie State University, which has had an annual enrollment growth of 3 percent since 2017, and UMBC, which welcomed the largest incoming class in the university's history. Two institutions began the new academic year with new presidents at the helm: President Valerie Sheares Ashby at UMBC and President Carolyn “Lyn” Ringer Lepre at Salisbury University. New systemwide initiatives include the new Langenberg Legacy program, which will support student-led civic engagement projects, and the USM strategic plan, [Vision 2030: From Excellence to Preeminence](#). Read more about the fall USM enrollment trends and initiatives in the [Fall 2022 News Release](#).

The USM Ranks in the Top 20 of Patent-Earning Institutions Worldwide. Last week, the National Academy of Inventors and Intellectual Property Owners Association released a report on the [top producers of patents among higher education institutions worldwide](#). In 2021, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued 98 patents to five USM institutions, earning the System a ranking of 20th in the world and 10th among U.S. public institutions. The University of Maryland, College Park led the way with 65 patents.

News from USM Institutions

Bowie State University. BSU is one of seven HBCUs nationwide selected for the first cohort of the [HBCU Pre-Accelerator Program](#). Through the program, BSU students will grow as innovators, develop a business leader mindset, and have access to resources needed to build sustainable businesses.

Coppin State University. The U.S. Department of Education awarded Coppin State and Frostburg State significant [funding to help diversify the educator workforce](#). Coppin State is one of three HBCUs—and the only Maryland HBCU—to receive such funding.

Frostburg State University. FSU received a \$750,000 grant from the Maryland Energy Administration for the installation of a [clean energy microgrid](#) on campus, which will feature solar arrays, thermal storage, and advanced heat-exchange systems in order to power a community emergency shelter, mitigate the impact of power outages, and meet the FSU's sustainability goals.

Salisbury University. SU's 3-year [“We Are SU”](#) campaign came to an end this past summer, surpassing the \$75 million goal and becoming the most successful fundraising initiative in campus history.

Towson University. *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine profiled [TU's remarkable success in closing the graduation gap](#) between white students and students of color. The piece held TU up as a model, highlighting TU's student success programs that incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The University of Baltimore. UBalt has issued a request for proposals seeking ideas as it [expands its campus](#). Converting a former postal facility into a mixed-use, student-centered development will grow UBalt's footprint by 2.5 acres while adding to a thriving city center.

University of Maryland, Baltimore. UMB announced the creation of the [UMB Center for Violence Prevention](#), launched with a \$2 million gift from Betsy Sherman and the Sherman Family Foundation. The Center will coordinate research and clinical activities of the Schools of Medicine, Law, and Social Work, along with the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center, to explore the causes of violence and advocate for anti-violence programs and policies.

University of Maryland, Baltimore County. UMBC has received a \$10 million National Science Foundation grant to expand a successful initiative developing underrepresented postdocs in STEM to boost [diversity in academia and support faculty diversity](#) in the biomedical sciences across the USM.

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Last month, Governor Larry Hogan led a ceremonial oyster planting to mark the milestone of [10 billion oysters planted in the Chesapeake Bay](#)—all of them grown at UMCES's Horn Point Oyster Hatchery—a key component in restoring the Bay.

University of Maryland, College Park. President Darryll J. Pines and George Mason University President Gregory Washington wrote an [opinion piece in The Baltimore Sun announcing the 120 Initiative](#), a consortium of 17 area colleges and universities focused on developing and [advancing actionable, research-based solutions to reduce gun violence](#).

University of Maryland Eastern Shore. UMES has launched a wide-ranging [rebranding effort](#) with an updated logo—a hawk soaring upward in UMES’s trademark maroon and gray—and a new tagline—Soar Above and Beyond—which will be full implemented by Homecoming in November.

University of Maryland Global Campus. UMGC ranked highly in three major categories of the [2022 Military Times’ Best for Vets: Colleges](#) rankings: first among online universities; fourth among public universities; and fifth overall among the 300 universities that participated in the survey.

News from USM Regional Centers

Universities at Shady Grove (USG). USG has joined with Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College to launch [The Talent Ready program](#) to increase bachelor's degree attainment and career success for student groups who are historically underrepresented in the IT field.

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH). [Dr. Lawrence Weill has been named as the Interim Executive Director](#) of USMH, following the retirement of [Mark Halsey, who served for more than a decade](#). A national search to fill the position will be conducted this fall.

University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland (USMSM). USMSM hosted a [free summer program](#) at its new Southern Maryland Autonomous Research and Technology (SMART) building to provide local high-school students with experiential learning opportunities in coding, electronics, and engineering.

Dates to Remember

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Committee on Education Policy and Student Life

9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 21, 2022

Committee on Audit

10:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 25, 2022

Committee on Advancement

11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 26, 2022

Committee on Governance and Compensation

8:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 26, 2022

Committee on Finance

10:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 26, 2022

Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

12:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11, 2022

Board of Regents Meeting

University System of Maryland at Southern

Useful Resources and Contacts

Regents Meeting Video Archive: [View](#)

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8:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

**Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and
Student-Athlete Health and Welfare**

2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

**Committee on Education Policy and Student
Life**

9:00 a.m.

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