

We write to you at the close of Maryland's 2024 legislative session. Every year, we say the session was a busy one. And, every year, that's true. But this year—with 3,480 bills filed; with more than 280 affecting the System directly; with our people testifying on nearly 50—we were in overdrive.

Countless colleagues across the System steered us through these hectic months, keeping a pace that proves their skill and their stamina. Our success, meanwhile, is proof of the strength of the session with grace and good humor.

One of the last bills to pass through the General Assembly—an emergency bill signed by Gov. Moore just hours after sine die—was a bipartisan measure to use rainy day funds to help Port of Baltimore workers affected by the Key Bridge collapse. The PORT Act will support workers not covered by

several areas of need: economic modeling, supply chain management, civil engineering, transportation, water and environmental impact. And should the work stoppage at the port be extended, our universities are prepared to offer education, skills development, and career services to port employees and others who need these opportunities.

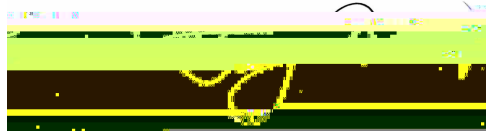
It's in times of challenge, especially, that we value the good faith and goodwill of our leaders, united in relief and recovery—united in ensuring that Baltimore and Maryland rebuild, stronger than ever.

We know that Maryland faces a significant deficit. But we know, too, that our elected leaders trust us to do the work that fortifies our strength; the work that fuels Maryland's growth and prosperity. As always, we're excited to do exactly that.

Sincerely,



Linda R. Gooden
Chair
USM Board of Regents



Jay A. Perman
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

The USM Board of Regents met at Bowie State University on April 19, with public viewing available in-person and via [livestream](#). Highlights from the meeting include:

During a special breakfast ceremony, the Board recognized the winners of the [2024 USM Regents Faculty Awards](#). This year, winners included 20 faculty members from 10 USM universities who were selected for their extraordinary contributions in the following categories: Teaching, Mentoring, Public Service, Scholarship or Research, and Creative Activity. During the breakfast, each winner received a \$2,000 prize (provided by the universities and the USM Foundation) and were congratulated by their president, Chancellor Jay Perman, and Board of Regents Chair L

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some enrollment impacts from FAFSA delays and technical glitches, these impacts Systemwide are not expected to be significant.

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





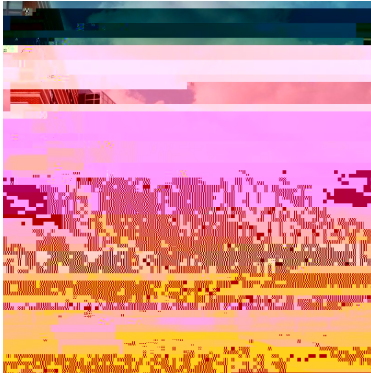
BSU will offer a new [PhD in counselor education and supervision](#). The university is the first within the USM and the third HBCU in the country to offer this degree.

President Anthony L. Jenkins was elected to the board of directors of the [Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's](#) Baltimore Branch.

The university launched the [Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute at Maryland](#) to develop the next generation of artificial intelligence education, technology, and leaders.

On March 25, the [UMES Gospel Choir](#) performed "Lift Every Voice And Sing" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the New York Knicks vs. Detroit Pistons game at Madison Square Garden in New York.

The National Security Agency has validated UMGC as a [National Center of Academic Excellence](#) for its cybersecurity programming.



USG was featured in a 30-minute edition of the national television show, [The College Tour](#).

During the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Reception, USMH was honored as [Small Business of the Year](#).

USMSM hosted an [open house](#) allowing participants to explore many different education opportunities available in Southern Maryland.

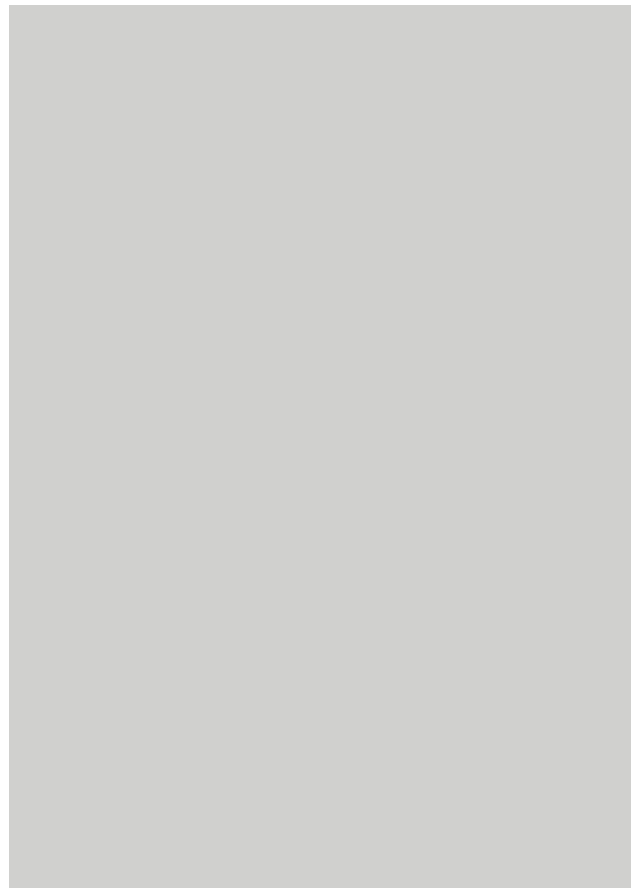
Meetings below will be virtual unless a location is listed. For the complete meeting schedule, visit:

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12:30 p.m.

11:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.



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10:30 a.m.

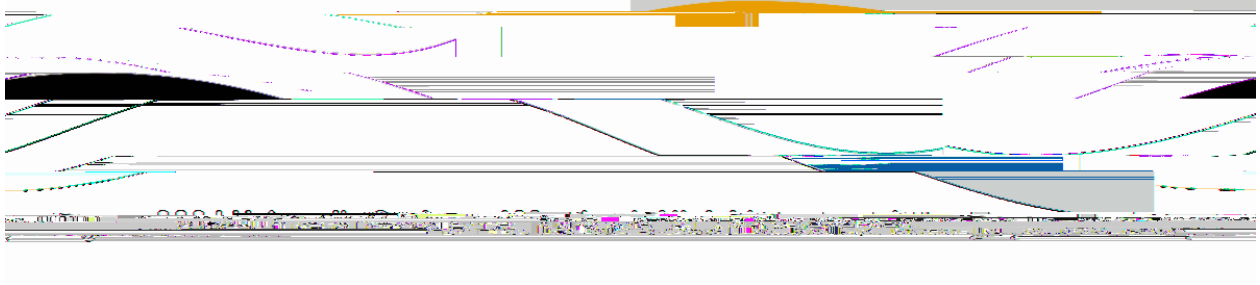
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