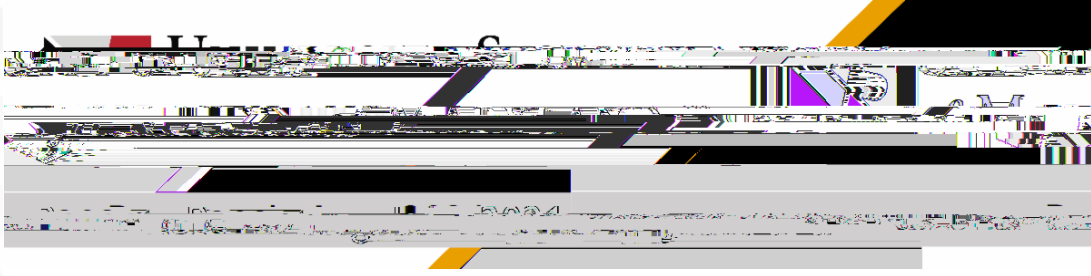


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Greetings from the Board of Regents

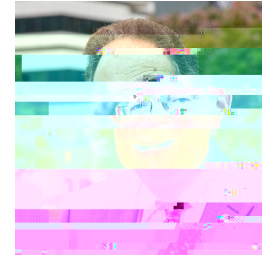
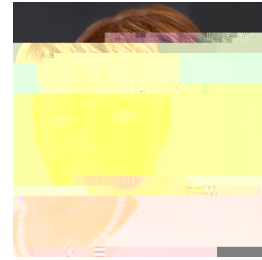
We have so much more to celebrate as we end this academic year than we did when we ended the last. Nearly three-quarters of Maryland adults are at least partially vaccinated against COVID. Positivity rates are at an all-time low—under 1 percent. New cases are trending under 100 per day. COVID-related hospitalizations are at their lowest since March of 2020, the same month we pivoted to remote instruction and ushered in a year like no other.

It is, of course, vaccination that accounts for these falling cases, the falling infection rate, the falling death rate. And it's vaccination that is *still* our way out of this pandemic. Because the crisis isn't over. We're particularly troubled by the fact that unvaccinated people are being hospitalized at the same rate they were during the very worst months of the pandemic. Young people now make up a growing share of COVID cases and hospital admissions. The COVID variants we're seeing are dangerous and concerning.

And so, as our USM institutions plan for students and employees to be safely back on campus this fall, we're grateful for the vaccines that make our return possible.

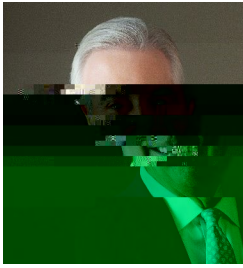
We're grateful, too, of course, for the USM Class of 2021, who showed extraordinary grit and grace during this most difficult year. Many of our students earned their degrees while also taking care of their children, their parents, their partners, their neighbors. Many worked long hours in hard jobs so they could afford a college education. Many suffered COVID's collateral damage: isolation, anxiety, stress, loneliness, loss. Some buried friends and family who succumbed to the disease.

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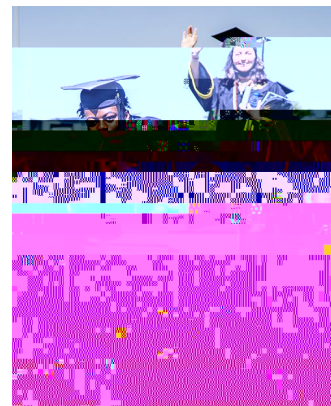
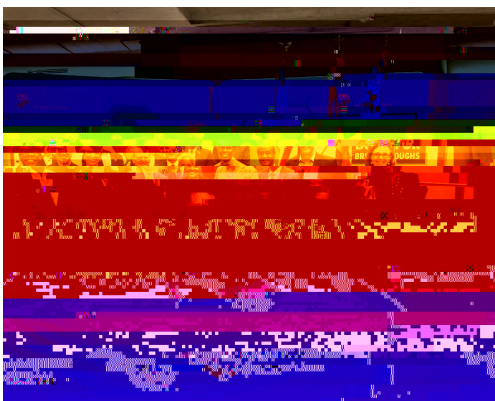


Welcome and Farewells



The USM Welcomes Gary Gill as the Newest Regent.

Gary Gill was appointed and confirmed as a member of the Board of Regents in April 2021. Mr. Gill currently serves as the chief executive officer of MacKenzie Ventures, LLC, a full-service real estate company. An alumnus of T





University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The university marked the half-way point of construction on its new \$90 million School of Pharmacy with a "[Hard Hat Day](#)".

University of Maryland Global Campus. The university has announced alliances and corporate partnerships with [Uber](#), [SAIC](#), [Anne Arundel Community College](#), and the [Kentucky Community and Technical College System](#).

News from USM Regional Centers

Universities at Shady Grove. USG and the Maryland Tech Council hosted a [life sciences industry roundtable](#) to address workforce issues in key sectors like biological research, diagnostics, and manufacturing.

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH). The first cohort of Frostburg State students in the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown's [Physician Assistant program](#) celebrated their graduation at the USMH Hospitality Center.

University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland (USMSM). Dr. Eileen Abel, the inaugural executive director of USMSM, is positioning the higher education center to meet the [growing higher education and research demand](#) in Southern Maryland.

Dates to Remember

Meeting locations will be determined and announced at a later date. For the full schedule of meetings, please visit the USM website at:

www.usmd.edu/regents/meetings/

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Committee on Governance and Compensation

8:30 a.m.

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Committee on Finance

10:30 a.m.

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Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

Board of Regents Meeting

University of Maryland Global Campus
9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Committee on Education Policy and Student Life

9:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 25, 2021

Committee on Audit

10:00 a.m.

Useful Resources and Contacts

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