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Report to the USM Board of Regents
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Thank you, Chair Gooden. Today is a day of many firsts: Our first board meeting of the new year, my first board meeting as chancellor, and our first board meeting since Darryll Pines was named the next president of the **University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP)**, effective July 1. Dr. Pines—dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering—has been a member of the College Park family for 25 years. He arrived in 1995 as an assistant professor, later became chair of the Department of Aerospace Engineering, and then was named dean and the Nariman Farvardin Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the Clark School. In every key metric—retention, graduation rate, student success, faculty achievement, fundraising, and more—Darryll Pines has shown unparalleled leadership.

Let me also acknowledge College Park President Wallace Loh. While we will certainly have several chances to honor him in the weeks and months to come, I want to commend him on his decade of tremendous, transformative leadership. UMCP has grown physically, programmatically, and reputationally over the last 10 years. Dr. Loh’s vision and leadership have been at the heart of that progress.

It is also the first official board meeting for Regent Meredith Mears. Regent Mears is a graduate of Salisbury University and lives in Salisbury, where she is the chief development officer of Gillis Gilkerson Construction and Development Company. I’m pleased to note that she will be a member of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology Commercialization. Regent Mears, welcome and thank you for your willingness to serve.

Let me also thank our host this morning, the **University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)** and President Freeman Hrabowski. As Freeman outlined in his presentation, these are exciting times for UMBC:

- UMBC Training Centers have been selected by the U.S. Army to develop a novel cybersecurity curriculum to train soldiers for a new, cyber-based military role.
- The university has won a major grant from the National Institutes of Health to empower breast cancer survivors to better manage complex medication schedules.
- A new partnership with the **University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)** establishes the two institutions as Maryland’s first “age-friendly” universities.
- UMBC was recognized as a Fulbright Top Producing Institution and was honored by the Carnegie Foundation as a leading community-engaged university.
- And Freeman, himself, was just honored with the World Trade Center Institute’s 2020 Governor’s Award, given to a Marylander who exemplifies what this state has to offer the world.

Freeman, congratulations to you and the entire UMBC family on these tremendous accomplishments.

While it has only been two months since the board's last meeting, I have to say it has been a remarkably packed two months—and not just for me. There has been impressive news from across the system.

Salisbury University (SU) joins UMBC in being awarded the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification, recognizing the campus-wide commitment to engaging with and impacting the greater community. In addition, SU also joins UMBC among the nation's top producers of Fulbright Students.

The **University of Baltimore** (UB) is welcoming the Baltimore City Police Education and Training Center. As part of its commitment to the City of Baltimore, UB will support the Baltimore Police Department as it emphasizes education, professionalism, and public service. Over the spring 2020 semester, the central recruitment and training center will move into dedicated facilities on the UB campus. Also, at UB, the Winter 2020 issue of *preLaw* magazine ranks the

In news from our Regional Higher Education Centers:

- The **Universities at Shady Grove** just held an International Night last night celebrating the diversity on campus, and next month is holding an Undergraduate Expo.
- The **University System of Maryland at Hagerstown** (USMH) is on track for downtown campus expansion. In addition—right across from the USMH main building—a bank building has been renovated into a hospitality center to house the newly-added Hospitality and Tourism Management program offered through UMES.
- And on Friday, April 17, I will be joining Governor Hogan, President Loh, Dean Pines, and others at the **University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland** to celebrate construction progress for the academic and innovation facility.

There are also a few USM Office items I would briefly like to highlight:

- ARMR Systems, a medical technology engineering company, became the Maryland Momentum Fund's 11th investment in a USM-related venture.
- The Maryland Open Source Textbook initiative (M.O.S.T.)—a priority project for the USM's Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation—has launched M.O.S.T. Commons, a collaborative, online space designed to support use of open educational resources.
- *Black Engineer* recently ran an extensive profile of Linda Gooden in which she reflected on the legacy of the Black Engineer of the Year Award—an award she received in 2006—on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.
- I have had the honor of being named one of the Power 10
CEOs and one of 2020 Influential Marylanders.
 - Also represented in *The Daily Record* 2020 Influential Marylander awards:
Lucy Dalglish, dean of the UMCP Philip Merrill College of Journalism
Dr. Heidi Anderson, UMES president
And Jane Murphy, director of UB's Juvenile Justice Project
- And we recently updated our USM Points of Excellence brochure as a companion piece to the Annual Report. I have copies here with me.

Two issues I want to quickly update you on . . .

