

Report to the USM Board of Regents

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Thank you, Chair Gooden. Let me also thank our host this morning, President Anderson. There's so much happening here at UMES, and I'm thrilled that we're all here to see it first-hand. I know the governor got out ahead of us by a couple of days, but it's only right that UMES is winning so much attention.

Today's remarks—and the written report included in your materials—serve as my Annual Report to the board, my third since becoming chancellor. It's an honor to be able to recap the accomplishments of our institutions and the people who bring them to life. Given that this is a year

centered university—reflect those of SU. Her experience, priorities, and collaborative leadership style are a perfect fit for Salisbury. I'm indebted to SU President Chuck Wight for giving Dr. Lepre such a solid foundation on which to build.

This past year saw an incredibly productive legislative session, particularly in terms of our resources. Just last meeting, I shared that our operating budget fully restores the deep cuts we suffered early in the pandemic and provides millions of dollars in new money—for our HBCUs,

institute at UMES will provide local high schoolers research and job-shadowing experience at Wallops.

Just last month, UMES and four fellow HBCUs announced a partnership with Princeton University and the United Negro College Fund to promote research between HBCU faculty and their Princeton counterparts.

The University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) had a year that proved its leadership in innovation. Last summer, the NSF awarded College Park \$15 million to lead the Mid-Atlantic Innovation Hub, training science and engineering researchers in entrepreneurship so they can advance U.S. global leadership in innovation.

Last fall, UMCP announced a \$20 million partnership with quantum computing startup IonQ to create the National Quantum Lab at Maryland, facilitating quantum research and cementing Maryland as the worldwide hub for quantum innovation. This spring, the university dedicated the E.A. Fernandez IDEA Factory, a \$67 million building designed to foster tec601.42 Tm0 g0 Gthe E.A.

students. It will enrich the Bob Parsons Veterans Center at UBalt, which offers 300 veteran and military-affiliated students a place to study and socialize.

Earlier this year, UBalt officially launched its Center for Criminal Justice Reform. Made possible by a generous donation from School of Law alumnus Sam Rose, the center aims to fix a broken criminal justice system burdened by mass incarceration, inequitable prosecution, juvenile justice failures, and rising violence. Last December, UBalt celebrated the first graduate of its Second Chance College Program: James Ruffin III began his college career at the Jessup Correctional Facility and ended it five years l

Earlier this year, SU celebrated its incredible Fulbright success as one of just five institutions nationwide recognized as a top producer of both Fulbright students and scholars. In the 2022–23 round of awards, a record nine SU students and alums were named Fulbright winners.

The University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) spent another year growing its partnerships and its reputation around the world. The year began with a new five-year contract with the U.S. Department of Defense to educate our troops on military installations overseas. UMGC added academic partnerships with community colleges in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago, and California. The university also initiated and expanded industry partnerships with the online learning company Springboard, upskilling platform Guild Education, ed-tech company VictoryXR, and Amazon.

In terms of rankings, named UMGC the top employer for veterans among all U.S. education institutions, and ranked UMGC No. 1 in conferring IT

Pharmacy celebrated 50 years providing life-saving triage, treatment, and prevention services to Maryland citizens and health providers. The center handled 37,000 exposure cases last year alone.

And last month, UMB hosted a very special graduation ceremony. The inaugural class of UMB CURE Scholars—17 high schoolers from West Baltimore—are making history as they head to college this fall. I should note that two of them are coming right here to UMES. President Anderson, please take good care of them.

SYSTEMWIDE SUCCESS

Pulling back a little, I want to emphasize that it's been an extraordinary year for the System as a whole: Our institutions are nationally acclaimed, all of them ranked in the most-cited publications. We earned strong support in Annapolis. We maintained our outstanding bond rating. Our universities are more diverse than ever before. We continue to keep our tuition affordable and our quality excellent.

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