Report to the USM Board of Regents
Chancellor Jay A. Perman
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Thank you, Chair Gooden. And thank you, Dr. Masucci, for your presentation and for spotlighting

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but even rarer. Just 32 educators were honored nationwide, and Mr. Jones’s alma mater, Coppin
State, has every reason to be proud.

Pivoting to academic news, UMES is unveiling academic programs in fashion merchandising,
data science and analytics, electrical and mechatronics engineering, and applied computing.
Salisbury will launch a new health education minor this fall—geared to education majors outside
of public health fields. And I congratulate SU’s nursing students, who’ve once again recorded the
highest licensure pass rates among all BSN-granting colleges in Maryland. More than 89 percent
passed the NCLEX.

Frostburg is offering two new nursing programs

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with the country’s historically Black institutions. The Department of Defense is funneling $90
million to this Air Force-sponsored effort in tactical autonomy.

The Department of Energy has awarded College Park $4.86 million for a project focused on
electric vehicle batteries—increasing their charge and discharge capability, energy density, and
operating temperature. College Park is collaborating on two more grants in that 12-project
solicitation, and leads the nation in ARPA-E awards with $111 million since the agency’s
inception.

UMES announced $1.5 million in federal support for its Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center,
which helps small and minority businesses get off the ground. And new language included in the
HBCU RISE Act will mean millions in Defense Department dollars supporting UMES’s pursuit of
R1 status. President Anderson, congratulations.

Towson is one of five institutions collaborating on a three-year, $3.2 million NSF grant
supporting science teacher education. TU’s work involves avatar-based simulations that help
pre-service teachers practice engaging students in scientific argumentation.

And at College Park, the Center for International Development and Conflict Management is
being supported with $4.2 million from USAID to thwart terrorism in West Africa. The project
reinforces a sense of community and shared values among different groups in northern Ghana
to keep terrorist factions out of the region.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SERVICE
I’m grateful for our universities’ commitment to community-engaged scholarship and service. I’ll
share just a few examples of the impact of this work.

Coppin State won a $3.9 million grant from the Department of Commerce to close the digital
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