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USM INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

Bowie State University

BSU Hosts Youth Innovators for LEGO Robotics Competition

Dozens of local youth tech innovators, building robotics devices out of motorized LEGO elements, competed in a unique display of their problem-solving skills at Bowie State University on Saturday, January 26, 2019.

Ten teams of 10 students each participated in the FIRST LEGO League competition, featuring the state's top middle and high school students who use robotics technologies to solve real-world engineering challenges. Judged by a panel of tech experts, the top teams advanced to the statewide championships.

It was Bowie State's first time hosting the event. BSU event coordinators, along with faculty and student volunteers, made it possible for the young people and their families to connect with the university community as they demonstrated their robotics skills, creativity and teamwork ability. As a host institution in Maryland, Bowie State joined a cadre of other

moderated questions. It is believed this was the first public forum of the 21st century with governors from all three states. The event was sponsored by the Greater Salisbury Committee and hosted by SU.

Towson University

TU New and Bold Identity

For the first time in more than 20 years, Towson University has a new identity -

**University of Maryland Center for
Environmental Science (UMCES)**

On November 30, 2018, UMCES hosted an Environmental Summit at IMET, our downtown Baltimore location. To kick off the event President Peter Goodwin presented an inaugural lecture to lay out his vision for Maryland's graduate university for the environment.

Year: "The Guardians and the War on Truth." In the afternoon, they stood in a packed conference room in the Philip Merrill College of Journalism as a seminar room was dedicated to the people lost in a shooting on June 28. A large plaque in the Capital Gazette Memorial Seminar Room is intended to teach its visitors about Capital Gazette and the five people who gave their lives: Gerald Fischman '79, Merrill adjunct lecturer Rob Hiasen, John McNamara '83, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters.

**University of Maryland
Eastern Shore (UMES)**

The Summit explored how we can make a difference in the grand environmental challenges facing our planet. There were a variety of presentations and panel discussions with input from faculty, students and partners. UMCES considered what actions, partnerships, innovations, and technological advances could be pursued to ensure that the vision in UMCES' recent strategic plan becomes a reality.

The UMCES Staff Council is wrapping up 2018 by preparing to host its first open forum meeting in February 2019!

**University of Maryland
College Park (UMCP)**

The University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore celebrated the launch of the Robert E. Fischell Institute for Biomedical Devices. With support from both campuses and the state of Maryland, the institute brings together engineers, clinicians, scientists and students working to design and build biomedical devices that address many of today's most pressing human health challenges. "The Fischell Institute will take cutting-edge research and create new products with the expectation that new businesses will be created potentially from this research and development," Maryland Deputy Secretary of Commerce Benjamin Wu said at the Jan. 3 event.

On December 11, 2018, the staff of the Capital Gazette accepted the second of two honors they would have rather gone without. Time magazine that morning had announced the group as part of its 2018 Persons of the

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