

Founders Week

Schedule of Events



STAFF LUNCHEON MONDAY, OCT. 21

The [Staff Luncheon](#) at Westminster Hall is always a Founders Week highlight. More than 6,000 employees of the University are invited, including executives, managers, program directors, and staff. While waiting in line for the buffet, guests are greeted by President Perman and served hors d'oeuvres by the vice presidents.



RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION TUESDAY, OCT. 22

The [Researcher of the Year](#) award highlights the work of a faculty member exhibiting excellence in truly innovative research. Invitations are extended to University faculty and industry affiliates for the lecture and the reception following.



ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

Our [Entrepreneur of the Year](#) award winner is invited to host a presentation demonstrating the impact the entrepreneurs' research has on the community and UMB. Other leading UMB researchers also are recognized. Invited guests include Maryland-based CEOs of bioscience companies, leaders in the technology and economic development spheres, and the University's

outstanding faculty research community.



STUDENT COOKOUT
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

Invitations are extended for this [popular event](#) to nearly 6,500 students from our six professional schools and interdisciplinary Graduate School. Students are served by the president, deans, and vice presidents. This festive event offers partners a marvelous opportunity to extend their visibility and name recognition to the students and University leadership.



UMB COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
THURSDAY, OCT. 24

Join us for the groundbreaking of the new UMB Community Engagement Center. This historic, fully renovated building in the Hollins Market neighborhood will allow us to continue to offer free programming for our community neighbors, including workforce services, fresh produce markets, exercise classes, and our UMB Police Athletic/Activities League for local middle school children.

Elected officials, business leaders, and UMB leadership will be among the invited guests.



GALA
SATURDAY, OCT. 26

This year, the [Founders Week Gala](#) celebrates our generous supporters and the University's teamwork, accomplishments, and achievements of 2019. Invitations are sent to prominent business and community leaders and elected officials, alumni, donors, and all faculty and staff. More than 500 guests will attend this event.