

# CAMPUS LIFE WEEKLY

## *with USGA*

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### **A Statement of Support and a Time for Action**

UMB Students and Colleagues,

I write to you with a heavy heart and a continued conviction to confront individual and systemic forms of racism.

I join my colleagues at the University of Maryland, Baltimore in expressing grief and frustration about the many ways that racism continues to impact Black men, women, and children. The protests occurring locally, nationally, and globally are in response to the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and many other individuals at the hands of police officers and people driven by hate. Our nation is at a boiling point because of the senseless killing of Black lives and inequities that disproportionately affect the Black community and Communities of Color.

I know that this is a heart wrenching time for many in the Black community. Engage when and how you can. Find safe places and people who can help you through particularly tough moments. The [Student Counseling Center](#) is available to all students and has information on their website regarding the [Steve Fund](#), a 24/7 resource dedicated to the mental health of Students of Color.

For anyone who wants to be a better ally - this is the time for learning, dialogue, and action. Lean into the discomfort when it comes to learning about white privilege, racism, and being anti-racist. If you feel uncomfortable talking about race and racism due to a lack of awareness, knowledge, or skills, I challenge you to reflect on areas where you can grow and learn about the experiences of individuals who may not identify as you. I do think you will feel more empowered and less fear engaging in conversations about race when you do this work. Take care of yourself during this process, and show care for members of the Black community – this may mean asking a friend or colleague how they are doing (and knowing when to give individuals space), not asking or expecting individuals to educate you, and doing the work.

Now more than ever, a plethora of resources are being shared via social media. I would encourage you to find books, articles, films, videos, and events you can participate in to

become a better advocate and ally. Commit to lifelong learning to become more inclusive individuals and professionals. Be vigilant about interrupting incidents of bias and hate on a daily basis to create more just communities.

Let us also embrace the UMB Core Values: Accountability, Civility, Collaboration, Diversity, Excellence, Knowledge, and Leadership. We can each point to many examples of how these values are lived at UMB – in ways that make us proud to be a part of this community. For me, examples include the phenomenal scholars and leaders who participated in the [Social Justice Crisis in America Town Hall](#); the [Face-to-Face with Dr. Jarrell and Ray Lewis focused on Nurturing Baltimore's Minds, Bodies, and Spirits](#); programming offered by the [Office of Interprofessional Student Learning & Service Initiatives](#); the work of the [Office of Community Engagement](#); the establishment of the inaugural [Intercultural Leadership and Engagement Center](#); dialogue occurring among students; and statements being made by colleagues and student organizations. If we truly live these values in all aspects of our lives, we will create systemic change. Change doesn't happen over night, but we are each in a position to create more welcoming environments and just communities.

Take care,

[Patty Alvarez, PhD](#)

Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs

## Events



### [B'more Women in STEM vs. COVID-19](#)

**Friday, June 5**  
**11 a.m. - Noon | Zoom**

Come hear women scientists discuss their research & experience as a woman in STEM.



### [LGBTQ+ America: The Not-So-Straight History](#)

**Monday, June 8**  
**Noon - 1 p.m. | Virtual Webinar: RSVP for webinar link**  
Learn more about LGBTQ+ history within the United States.  
[ISLSI](#)



### [OP Heart Trivia Night](#)

**Thursday, June 11**  
**8 - 8:30 p.m. | Zoom (Password: 716874)**  
A short game show on basic heart health knowledge, hosted by UMB SOP's Operation Heart. There will be a UMB hat prize for the winner!

[Jimmy Mszanski](#)



### [LGBTQ+ Public Policy and Legal Issues](#)

**Friday, June 12**

**Noon - 2 p.m. | Virtual Webinar: RSVP for webinar link**

Come learn from a panel of legal experts about LGBTQ+ rights and the laws that surround them.

[ISLSI](#)



### [Queer Student Alliance's 1st Netflix Party of Pride 2020 \(Film TBA\)](#)

**Sunday, June 14**

**8 - 11 p.m. | Virtual: RSVP for link**

Netflix party event in honor of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

[QSA](#)



### [UMB LGBTQ+ Climate Panel](#)

**Tuesday, June 16**

**Noon - 1 p.m. | Virtual Webinar: RSVP for webinar link**

Learn more about the climate at UMB towards LGBTQ+ people and how you can help further support gender and sexual minorities.

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### [Juneteenth: Past, Present, Future](#)

**Friday, June 19**

**Noon - 1 p.m. | 2 - 3 p.m. | Webex (Virtual)**

An interactive discussion about the history of Juneteenth, the celebration of the day, and the continued journey towards black liberation.

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### [A Firsthand Look: Navigating Health Insurance as a Transgender Patient](#)

**Tuesday, June 23**

**Noon - 1 p.m. | Virtual Webinar: RSVP for webinar link**

Learn about the transgender experience as it relates to navigating the American healthcare system and affirming medical care.

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## Queer Student Alliance's 2nd Netflix Party of Pride 2020: The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson

**Sunday, June 28**

**8 - 10 p.m. | Virtual Webinar: RSVP for webinar link**

Netflix Party to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, a pivotal moment in LGBTQIA+ history.

[QSA](#)



## Transgender Competent Care

**Tuesday, June 30**

**Noon - 1 p.m. | Virtual Webinar: RSVP for webinar link**

Join Dr. Elizabeth Lamos from the School of medicine as she shares trans-affirming healthcare practices.

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## Spanish Language Conversation Partners

**Multiple Dates and Times | Virtual**

Click link for more information.



## Virtual Social Mixer with Agape Graduate Ministries

**Wednesdays (June 3, June 10)**

**8 - 9 p.m. | Zoom**

Join with fellow UMB and UMCP grad & professional students to share ideas about how staying active and healthy. Also, hear about what the Bible says about loneliness.

[Elisa Kim](#)

# COVID-19



## Recent Guidance and Letters to the Community

### COVID-19 Exposure Concern HOTLINE

[Click here for information](#) about the steps students should take

- [UMB COVID-19 Hotline Worksheet for Students](#)
- May 21, 2020 [Travel Guidance](#)
- May 19, 2020 [UMB Research Phased Plan](#)
- May 15, 2020 [Letter regarding UMB Recovery Framework](#)
- May 15, 2020 [UMB Recovery Framework](#)

if they're experiencing symptoms of, believe they have been exposed to, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 should contact their primary care physician or the UMB Student Health Center. Students should also contact their School's Student Affairs Dean to receive support.

We encourage you to continue to review the information on [UMB's Novel Coronavirus website](#), which provides the latest updates.

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## RESOURCES FOR UMB STUDENTS

- [Division of Student Affairs/CLS Coronavirus updates](#)
- [Why Outbreaks Like Coronavirus Spread Exponentially, and How to "Flatten The Curve"](#)
- [Download Flyers & Help Stop the Spread of Disease](#)
- [Center for Global Engagement](#)
- [Student Health Center](#)
- [UMB Student Counseling Center](#)
- [Clinical, Field Placement, and Internship Guidelines for Students](#)
- [Travel Guidelines for UMB Students](#)
- [Top 10 IT Recommendations for Telework and Tele-Education](#)
- [Be Alert for COVID-19 Cyber Scams and Phishing Attacks](#)
- [3/17/20 Letter to Residents](#)

## Other Campus News



### [Announcing the Inaugural Executive Director of the Intercultural Leadership and Engagement Center](#)

After conducting a national search, we are pleased to share that **Courtney Jones Carney, MBA**, will serve as the inaugural Executive Director of the Intercultural Leadership and Engagement Center. The Center, now more than ever, will play a pivotal role in advancing our institutional values and priorities. [Click here to read more.](#)



### [The Student Counseling Center is Here for You](#)

We at the Student Counseling Center recognize that the racially unjust situation in Minneapolis (as well as the multiple instances before and since) is quite difficult and traumatizing for the black community. We stand with you and are here to support you.

As a reminder, our Crisis Support Line is available 24/7 and can be reached by dialing our number (410-328-8404) and press 7 to be directly connected to a counselor. For more crisis resources, please visit our [Crisis Resource Page](#).



### [Apply for the International Student Peer Mentorship Program](#)

Incoming international students! Receive help adjusting to the cultural, academic, and social environment at UMB with the help of currently enrolled students and trainings and events throughout the fall semester. **Mentee applications are due July 31.**



### [More Options to get Feedback at the Writing Center](#)

Make eTutoring appointments with consultants at the Writing Center. Students will receive written feedback via email by the end of your scheduled appointment. For more details, visit the Writing Center's [website on writing consultations](#).



### [Virtual Library Resources and Services Over the Summer](#)

Virtual HS/HSL services and resources will remain unchanged during the Library's Summer Session, which runs from Tuesday, May 26 - Sunday, August 16. The one exception is that there will be no Reference Service on Sundays beginning May 31 - Aug 16. For information: [hshsl@umaryland.edu](mailto:hshsl@umaryland.edu)



### [HS/HSL seeks COVID-19 Stories and Experiences from UMB Community](#)

The HS/HSL project aims to collect stories and experiences during COVID-19. Members of the campus community at all levels can participate. The HS/HSL is interested in receiving items of personal reflection or anything that documents your experiences during this time.



### [UMB Branded Zoom Backgrounds](#)

A selection of both university and school specific branded backgrounds that you can download and use during video meetings using Zoom is now available. To view and download from our selection of backgrounds, please visit: [umaryland.edu/zoom-backgrounds](http://umaryland.edu/zoom-backgrounds)



### **Presidential Core Values Award for Accountability: Financial Services Payroll Team**

The Office of Financial Services' Payroll Team (FS-Payroll) is recognized for its outstanding service to UMB, in particular for its efforts to implement a successful business protocol for payroll overpayments. [Click here to read more.](#)



### **Resource for Parents: Talking to Children After Racial Incidents**

Dr. Howard Stevenson, a clinical psychologist at Penn and founder of Lion's Story, explains why having difficult conversations with children is important, and provides strategies for approaching complex topics such as race and social justice.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

*Campus Life Weekly with USGA* is a weekly email publication to help promote campus and interprofessional programs. If you want to get the word out about an upcoming event, [submit it here.](#)

**Please note: all entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. the Monday prior to the publication date.**

Connect with us!

