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Dear UMB Community,

I'm pleased to announce that five University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) professors have been recognized with the inaugural designation of Distinguished University Professor. The title of Distinguished University Professor is the highest appointment bestowed on a faculty member at UMB. It is a recognition not just of excellence, but also of impact and significant contribution to the nominee's field, knowledge, profession, and/or practice.

I hope you'll join me in congratulating these exemplary faculty colleagues:

- **Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN, FAHA, ANEF**, director, Institute for Educators, and director, Teaching in Nursing and Health Professions Certificate Program, University of Maryland School of Nursing
- **James Kaper, PhD**, James & Carolyn Frenkil Distinguished Dean's Professor, vice dean for academic affairs, and chair, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)
- **Karen Kotloff, MD**, division head, Ped-Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, and professor, Department of Pediatrics, UMSOM
- **William Jonathan Lederer, MD, PhD**, director, Center for Biomedical Engineering and Technology, and professor, Department of Physiology, UMSOM
- **Vincent C.O. Njar, PhD**, head, Medicinal Chemistry Section, Center for Biomolecular Therapeutics, Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology Research, and professor, Department of Pharmacology, UMSOM

I'm extremely proud of the exceptional and transformational contributions each of these faculty members have made in support of UMB's mission to improve the human condition and serve the public good. They are excellent examples of living the UMB core values, and it is my honor to call them colleagues.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS
President

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