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To the UMB Community:

I am pleased to announce the recipients of the second annual Presidential Core Values Awards. The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Core Values Awards recognize faculty, staff, and students who exemplify UMB's core values: accountability, civility, collaboration, diversity, excellence, knowledge, and leadership.

Individuals and/or teams who demonstrate outstanding contributions to the UMB community through the exemplary incorporation of one of the core values were nominated for an action, special project or initiative, exemplary service, or achievement that occurred during calendar year 2020. The Core Values Awards Selection Committee judged how the nominee integrated the core value into their duties, studies, and/or activities at UMB.

Presidential Core Values Award for Accountability

Charles Schelle

Senior Media Relations Specialist, UMB Communications and Public Affairs

Presidential Core Values Award for Civility

Violeta Rus, MD, PhD

Professor, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine

Presidential Core Values Award for Collaboration

Joint Vaccination Site Team

UMB, University of Maryland Medical Center, and Faculty Physicians, Inc.

Presidential Core Values Award for Diversity

"A Brief History of Oppression and Resistance" Course Team

School of Social Work

Presidential Core Values Award for Excellence

Intercultural Leadership and Engagement Center

UMB Division of Student Affairs

Presidential Core Values Award for Knowledge

Abree Johnson, MS, MBA

Director, Pharmaceutical Research Computing Center, School of Pharmacy

Presidential Core Values Award for Leadership

Nivedita Hegdekar

Student, Graduate School and Francis King Carey School of Law

Thank you to the members of the [Core Values Awards Selection Committee](#) for their efforts in selecting these extraordinary examples of UMB living its core values.

I am so grateful to be able to highlight these remarkable colleagues and their dedication to the UMB core values. I offer each winner my heartfelt thanks and congratulations.

To learn more about the Presidential Core Values Awards and find out who received honorable mention, [visit here](#). The website will be updated in the coming weeks with stories about the winners.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS

President

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