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On Feb.10, 2022, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, announced that Luke T. Cooper Jr. JD, MBA would serve as UMB's President's Distinguished Scholar.

As the President's Distinguished Scholar, Mr. Cooper will dedicate his time to helping UMB design a strategy to strengthen our engagement with and support for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), particularly in the West Baltimore community. He also will engage and advise faculty, staff, and students on key Universitywide entrepreneurial activities.

About Luke T. Cooper Jr., JD, MBA

Luke T. Cooper Jr., JD, MBA, is an entrepreneur, growth leader, mergers lawyer, partner at San Francisco-based Preface Ventures, and the founder and CEO of Latimer, a \$250 million venture fund with the mission of helping underrepresented founders reach outcomes. In 2021, Cooper founded Latimer with the aim to elevate the experience of Black tech entrepreneurs, provide training curriculum and advisory services to founders who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color, and facilitate strategic connections between investors, Fortune 1000 acquirers, and high-growth companies.

Cooper sold his previous venture, Fixt, to Assurant for more than 11x revenue.

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