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#### International Student Selected as Founder's Week Student of the Year

Tural Mammadli, a fourth-year PhD student from Azerbaijan, was named the Founder's Week Student of the Year because of his tremendous academic and leadership skills at the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

As the former president and a current member of UMSSW's International Student Association (ISA), Mammadli guides international students and helps them acclimate to the United States. Under his leadership, ISA has conducted events for international students from across UMB to support their professional development and celebrate their cultural diversity. He also is co-chair of UMSSW's Queer Community Alliance, working to support future LGBTQ+ social workers.

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## Environmental Justice, Human Rights, and Public Health on a Global Scale

### University of Malawi and University of Maryland Exchange Program

In August, a group of students and faculty from the University of Malawi visited Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. This trip was the culmination of the Environmental Justice, Human Rights, and Public Health course, a collaboration between the two institutions which aims to address and examine the intersection of environmental justice, human rights, and public health from international and comparative legal perspectives.

In May, students from the Carey School of Law travelled to Malawi, marking the first part of the student/faculty exchange program. The August visit to Maryland represented the second half of this exchange initiative.

The group of 12 students were accompanied by Chikosa Banda, the former dean of the University of Malawi Chancellor College Faculty of Law and co-designer and co-instructor of the course, along with Alexious Kamangila, a fellow lecturer and Manager of the Faculty of Law's Legal Clinics.



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## CVD Participates in Niger National Typhoid Conference

The [Typhoid Vaccine Acceleration Consortium \(TyVAC\)](#), led by UMSOM's [Center for Vaccine](#)

[Development and Global Health](#), works to decrease the burden of typhoid by accelerating the introduction of TCVs in high-risk countries.

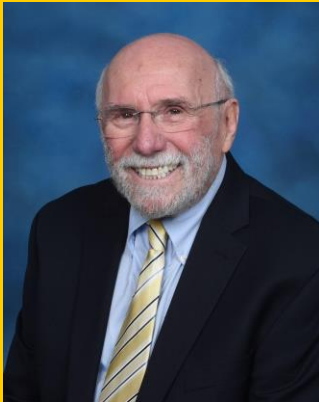
Typhoid is a public health crisis in Niger, affecting an estimated 333 individuals per 100,000 persons annually. Diagnosing typhoid is challenging in Niger due to limited blood culture capability, often leading to significant delays in treatment. As a result, many patients develop typhoid intestinal perforation (TIP), a severe and morbid complication of typhoid. Consequently, surgeons frequently identify cases of typhoid in the operating room.

On July 22, 2023, surgeons, and other medical professionals from across Niger gathered with local and international typhoid experts including from CVD and Minister of Health representatives for the first National Typhoid Conference in Niamey, Niger. The conference focused on surgical complications of typhoid and emphasized the importance of advocating for the introduction of typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) along with improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). Data from this conference will inform country level decisions on TCV introduction.



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## 30th Annual Frontiers in Vaccinology Conference

October 5 from 2-3 p.m. at UMB Leadership Hall

The 30th Annual Frontiers in Vaccinology Conference will feature keynote speaker Dr. Myron (Mike) Levine, MD, DTPH, who will speak on "Musings on Vaccines, Vaccination, Vaccinology, and anti-Vaxxers."

Dr. Levine is the Simon and Bessie Grollman Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean for Global Health, Vaccinology, and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Levine founded the Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD) and served as its director for more than 40 years. His work has played a vital role in advancing our understanding of infectious diseases and developing effective preventive strategies. Dr. Levine continues to conduct research and shape policy initiatives to combat the most threatening global health issues, including cholera, typhoid, invasive nontyphoidal *Salmonella*, and diarrheal diseases.

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## Celebrate Latinx Culture with the Intercultural Center

October 11 from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. at the SMC Campus Center

Join the Intercultural Center for a night celebrating Latinx culture! Play a game of dominoes, paint your own ceramics to represent your cultura, and of course, there will be music and dinner served!

**Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month** is a celebration of the contributions, cultures, and histories of those in the United States whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. It is observed annually from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Sponsored by the Intercultural Center and open to all.

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## Who Has the Best Jollof Rice?

October 9 from noon - 2 p.m. at School of Nursing Lawn

Nurses for Global Health and United Students of African Descent are hosting a jollof rice cookoff to decide once and for all whose Jollof rice is the best. There'll also be free food, good music, and

good vibes.

Want to enter your dish? Register [here](#) by Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. Open to all students, faculty, and staff.

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## CGE News

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### CGE Kicks Off New Year

The Center for Global Engagement kicked off the new year with a Global Kick Off Sept. 8 and had a table at the Fall Kick Off Sept. 15.

Thanks to Nathaniel McClean, president of the UMB International Student Organization, for all his help organizing the Global Kick Off.

[Learn more](#) about CGE and how to get involved this year.



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## CGE Events



### J-1 Scholar Orientation

**November 1 at 11 a.m.**

Join the Office of International Services to review the rules for maintaining J-1 Scholar status, as well as other topics about getting to know the UMB campus.

Once you register for the event, you will receive the Zoom link.

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## External Global Events & Opportunities



## Celebrate Japanese Culture at Japan Day

October 22 from 1 - 4 p.m. at UMBC's University Center

Did you know that Maryland and Kanagawa Prefecture in Japan have been in a sister state relationship for more than 40 years? The Maryland and Kanagawa Sister State Committee, the Japanese Area at UMBC, Misako Ballet, and Matcha Time Cafe welcome you to this cultural exploration event!

Experience hands-on activities by registering for flower arranging, a tea ceremony demonstration, or a tea ceremony hands-on activity. Open to all.

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## Apply for a Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowship in Public Health

Deadline October 10

[Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowships in Public Health](#) are offered through a partnership between the Fulbright Program and the Fogarty International Center of the U.S. National Institutes of Health. These awards were established to promote the expansion of research in public health and clinical research in resource-limited settings.

The program is for candidates currently enrolled in medical school or in a graduate-level program and who are interested in global health. The basic requirements and process for applying for the Fulbright-Fogarty Program are the same as for any Fulbright U.S. Student Study/Research Grant.

For the 2024-2025 academic year, Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowship placements will be available in [Ethiopia](#), [Ghana](#), [Jamaica](#), [Malawi](#), [Nepal](#), [Peru](#), [Uganda](#), and [Vietnam](#).

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