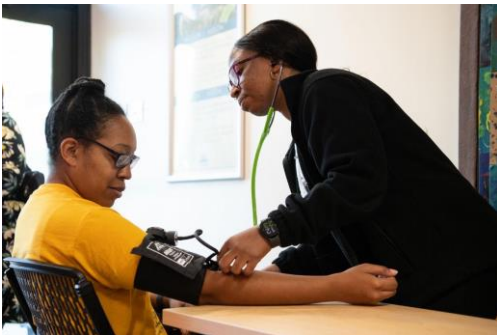


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### UMSON turns a page in public health.



UMSON and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) in Maryland have partnered to launch an initiative that places entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing students in the PGCMLS Greenbelt Branch Library to provide health screenings, light physical activity programs, and educational presentations while gaining critical clinical experience. It expands upon work that began last spring when UMSON students were placed in multiple branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library throughout Baltimore in a partnership that was the first of its kind in Maryland.

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**UMSON received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award ... again!**



For the **sixth** year in a row, UMSON has received the Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. It is the only national honor recognizing health schools and centers that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion across their campuses. More than 60% of UMSON students identify as racially and ethnically diverse, and 14% of the student body is male — both figures that are above average for schools of nursing nationwide.

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### **An UMSON nurse researcher has been awarded a \$1M+ R01 research project grant to address shared decision-making in maternity care.**



Rachel Blankstein Breman, PhD '18, MPH, RN, assistant professor, has received a \$1.06 million, three-year RO1 research project grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Healthcare and Research Quality to provide a metric for measuring shared decision-making (SDM) from the pregnant person's perspective during their prenatal and intrapartum hospital care. Through SDM, the care preferences and personal values of the patient are directly integrated into the clinical decision-making process with the health care team.

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**UMSON's BSN program is ranked No. 10 nationwide.**



In *U.S. News & World Report's* 2024 "Best Colleges" Best Bachelor of Science (BSN) Programs, our BSN program ranked No. 10 in the nation (tied), out of the more than 650 accredited nursing schools ranked. Among public schools of nursing, UMSON is tied at No. 3 in the nation.

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**A renowned nurse researcher has been named associate dean for research.**



Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor; Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology; co-director of the postdoctoral program; and University of Maryland, Baltimore Distinguished University Professor, has been named UMSON's associate dean for research. She is nationally and internationally recognized for her research and scholarship on the care of older adults and optimizing health, function, and physical activity; exploring the impact of resilience and genetics on function and physical activity; and testing dissemination and implementation of interventions in real-world settings, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

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