

Founders Week 2012

# Gala

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# Welcome



Dear Friends:

I am honored to welcome you to the 2012 Founders Week Gala. This week, which is set aside each fall to celebrate the history of the University and to honor its alumni, faculty, staff, and students, is always special.

But this year we mark an occasion that is true cause for celebration—Davidge Hall's 200th birthday! Named after Dr. John Beale Davidge, who led a group of physicians in establishing what became the founding campus of the University System of Maryland in 1807, Davidge Hall remains the oldest medical school building in continuous use for medical education in the Western Hemisphere.

As the University's signature structure, Davidge Hall is more than a medical building. Sure, grand rounds are still held there, but so are ceremonial events involving all seven University schools, such as the School of Dentistry's White Coat Ceremony. Innumerable advances in medicine, patient care, and interdisciplinary research planted their roots at Davidge Hall. So it is fitting that as part of this week's festivities, we will be replanting a seedling of the Davidge elm, the majestic tree that, before its death a decade ago, stood for nearly 200 years outside Davidge Hall. In addition to our past, Founders Week also is about our present and our future, so now this Davidge seedling can grow along with the University.

Tonight we also celebrate our Founders Week award winners, sensational people in teaching, research, entrepreneurship, and community service. The five winners represent collaboration—a hallmark of today's University—in its finest sense. Read about them in the pages that follow.

We are also proud of *MPowering the State*, our structured partnership with the University of Maryland, College Park. A collaborative school of public health as well as UM Ventures, a joint institute to promote tech transfer and commercialization, are just two recent accomplishments.

And then, of course, there is the "Making an Impact Worldwide" capital campaign. With \$87 million raised in Fiscal Year 2012, the finish line in the \$650 million campaign draws near—a momentous achievement!

Recruiting and retaining the University standouts you will hear about tonight is only possible because of you, the University's friends and supporters. Thank you for all you do for the University of Maryland. Have a wonderful evening.

Jay A. Perman, MD  
President, University of Maryland

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# *Tonight's Events*

*6 p.m.*

COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

*7 p.m.*

PROGRAM AND DINNER

SPECIAL WELCOME

*7:15 p.m.*

FIRST COURSE

*7:40 p.m.*

AWARDS

RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR

*8 p.m.*

DINNER

*8:30 p.m.*

AWARDS

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

ENTREPRENEURS OF THE YEAR

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT


THE HON. FRANCIS X. KELLY JR.

*8:55 p.m.*

CLOSING REMARKS

*9 p.m.*

DESSERT SOCIAL

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# Menu

## Cocktail Reception

### PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

Celery remoulade with lobster medallion and chervil cornets  
Spicy rare tuna on a spoon with pickled ginger and wasabi aioli  
Pear and almond in phyllo  
Miniature shepherd's pie with blueberry syrup

### TAPAS STATIONS

Goat cheese-stuffed baby bell peppers with tabbouleh and balsamic drizzle  
Traditional paella

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## Dinner

### FIRST COURSE

Individual antipasto display: Cured meats, hummus, stuffed grape leaves, lemon  
and basil marinated feta, black olives, roasted bell peppers


### ENTRÉE

Herb-crusted beef tenderloin marinated with butter, olive oil, parsley, garlic, thyme,  
sea salad, and cracked black pepper  
*and*  
Horseradish-scented halibut with a chunky shiitake and morel sauce, caramelized shallot  
mashed potatoes, asparagus, and baby carrots  
  
Vegetarian option: Individual lasagna roll

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## Dessert Social

Cannolis, rich chocolate milkshakes with amaretto,  
chocolate cheesecake, chocolate dipped strawberries,  
port poached pear with Stilton and walnuts

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# UMB Foundation



It is my privilege to serve as chair of the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc. (UMBF) and to be a part of the remarkable transformation of the University of Maryland.


The “Making an Impact Worldwide” capital campaign is providing opportunities for alumni, friends, foundations, corporations, and others to support the University’s strategic vision and goals. The campaign enhances the University of Maryland’s standing as an internationally acclaimed campus with biomedical expertise that is attracting clinicians, health care scientists, legal experts, and social workers from around the world. The University is committed to identifying and expanding promising multidisciplinary global opportunities and partnerships in research, education, and service activities.

I want to thank you for your commitment and generosity, which have significantly increased the philanthropic support of the University. I am proud to report that the University once again surpassed its annual capital campaign goal by raising more than \$87 million in Fiscal Year 2012.

Please join me and the other members of the UMBF Board of Trustees in sustaining the commitment to enhance the University of Maryland’s philanthropy. Together, we can “make an impact” and augment the University’s ability to maintain its momentum in delivering excellence and innovation in research, education, public service, patient care, technology, homeland security, and economic partnerships.



Janet S. Owens  
Chair, UMBF Board of Trustees

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# Campaign Update



As we celebrate another year of extraordinary achievements at the University of Maryland, it's fitting that we also acknowledge the 200th birthday of the University of Maryland's founding building: Davidge Hall. Since it opened its anatomical and dissecting rooms in 1812, this remarkable building has stood as witness to so much.

For instance, the 25-hour bombardment of Fort McHenry in 1814 was visible from its front porch. In 1824, the Marquis de Lafayette received the first honorary doctorate bestowed by the University of Maryland there. Since then, there have been innumerable advances in medicine and patient care made by those who have passed through its doors.

Indeed, in its 200 years, Davidge Hall has witnessed the remaking of this campus and this University. The education, research, patient care, and public service provided by the University's schools and the health care delivery system have transformed Baltimore, Maryland, and the world.

But our work is far from finished. To continue this innovative quest to produce groundbreaking research and to train the leaders of tomorrow requires funding. Privileged to serve as chair of the "Making an Impact Worldwide" capital campaign, I am pleased to announce that it has been another successful year. In spite of the continuing sluggish economy both here and abroad, we have continued to produce remarkable fundraising results. This year we raised more than \$87 million, once again exceeding our fiscal year campaign goal.

It is particularly gratifying to see exceptional support from so many generous donors. More than 22,000 people have participated in the campaign, including contributions from nearly 13,000 alumni.


To date, we have received an enviable array of gifts: 83 gifts of \$1 million or more totaling \$420 million; 430 gifts between \$100,000 and \$999,999 totaling \$117 million; and 1,221 gifts of between \$10,000 and \$99,999 totaling \$30 million. In total, we have raised in excess of \$604 million.

So we are well on our way to reaching the campaign goal of \$650 million. As we continue to work together, we anticipate celebrating the successful conclusion of the campaign on Dec. 31, 2012, making it a Happy New Year indeed.

Thank you for your generosity and have a great evening.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis X. Kelly Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honorable Francis X. Kelly Jr.  
Campaign Chair  
Member, University System of Maryland Board of Regents

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# Past Founders Week Award Winners

## 1996

### Reach for Excellence ✧ *Location: Harbor Court Hotel*

Researcher of the Year	Myron M. Levine, MD, DTPH	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	Marshall Rennels, PhD	School of Medicine
Public Servant of the Year	Lu Ann Marshall	School of Law

## 1997

### Invest in Excellence ✧ *Location: Sheraton Inner Harbor*

Researcher of the Year	Robert Schwarcz, PhD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	James L. Hiatt, PhD	School of Dentistry
Public Servant of the Year	Susan P. Leviton, JD	School of Law

## 1998

### Invest in Excellence ✧ *Location: Hilton Baltimore & Towers/Lord Baltimore*

Researcher of the Year	Lewis J. Rubin, MD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	Karen L. Soeken, PhD	School of Nursing
Public Servant of the Year	Samia A. Elias, DDS	School of Dentistry


## 1999

### Can You Imagine ...

### Celebrating the Possibilities ✧ *Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore*

Researcher of the Year	Ronald Dubner, DDS, PhD	School of Dentistry
Teacher of the Year	Michael L. Fisher, MD	School of Medicine
Public Servant of the Year	Pfc. Shirleen Berry*	University Police

*\*Deceased*

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# Past Founders Week Award Winners

## 2000

**Fast Forward** ✨ *Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore*

Researcher of the Year	Carol A. Tamminga, MD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	Amal Mattu, MD	Maryland Psychiatric Research Center
Public Servant of the Year	Norbert R. Myslinski, PhD	School of Dentistry

## 2001

**Founding Visions** ✨ *Location: Baltimore Marriott Waterfront*

Researcher of the Year	Larry L. Augsburg, PhD	School of Pharmacy
Teacher of the Year	Gary D. Plotnick, MD	School of Medicine
Public Servant of the Year	Stanley S. Herr, JD, PhD*	School of Law

## 2002


**No Limits** ✨ *Location: Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

Researcher of the Year	Mordecai P. Blaustein, MD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	R. Gary Hollenbeck, PhD	School of Pharmacy
Public Servant of the Year	Cpl. William A. Griffin	University Police

## 2003

**Making an Impact** ✨ *Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore*

Researcher of the Year	Barbara M. Resnick, PhD, CRNP, FAAN	School of Nursing
Teacher of the Year	Bruce Jarrell, MD, FACS	School of Medicine
Public Servant of the Year	Enrique E. Cudas, MSW	School of Social Work

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# Past Founders Week Award Winners

## 2004

### Defining a Decade ✧ Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore

Researcher of the Year	Diane DePanfilis, PhD, MSW	School of Social Work
Teacher of the Year	Joseph P. Kao, PhD	School of Medicine
Public Servant of the Year	Carolyn Pritchett	Student Financial Aid

## 2005

### Gifts of Time -

### Volunteers Shaping the Future ✧ Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore

Researcher of the Year	Alan Shuldiner, MD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	John Belcher, PhD, MSW, MDiv	School of Social Work
Public Servant of the Year	Barbara Bezdek, JD, LLM	School of Law

## 2006



### Illustrious Alumni ✧ Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore

Researcher of the Year	Angela Brodie, PhD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	Larry Anderson, PhD*	School of Medicine
Public Servant of the Year	Rebecca Wiseman, PhD, RN	School of Nursing
Entrepreneur of the Year	Alessio Fasano, MD	School of Medicine

## 2007

### Opening Night ✧ Location: Hippodrome Theatre

Researcher of the Year	J. Marc Simard, MD, PhD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	Robert V. Percival, JD, MA	School of Law
Public Servant of the Year	Robert A. Barish, MD, MBA	School of Medicine
Entrepreneurs of the Year	Gary David Hack, DDS	School of Dentistry
	Leonard J. Litkowski, DDS, MS	School of Dentistry

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# Past Founders Week Award Winners

## 2008

### Making an Impact ✧ Location: Hilton Baltimore

Researcher of the Year	Jane A. Lipscomb, PhD, RN, MS, FAAN	School of Nursing
Teacher of the Year	Frank M. Calia, MD, MACP	School of Medicine
Public Servant of the Year	Kenneth E. Fahnestock, MAS	School of Medicine
Entrepreneur of the Year	J. Marc Simard, MD, PhD	School of Medicine

## 2009

### Making an Impact ✧ Location: Hilton Baltimore

Researcher of the Year	Alessio Fasano, MD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	Donna Harrington, PhD	School of Social Work
Public Servant of the Year	Connie O. Mitchell	School of Pharmacy
Entrepreneur of the Year	Myron M. Levine, MD, DTPH	School of Medicine

## 2010


### The Inauguration of President Jay A. Perman Leadership by Collaboration ✧ Location: Hilton Baltimore

Researcher of the Year	Bartley Griffith, MD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	David Roffman, PharmD, BCPS/Cardiology	School of Pharmacy
Public Servant of the Year	Yvette Rooks, MD	School of Medicine
Entrepreneur of the Year	Cedric Yu, DSc	School of Medicine

## 2011

### Making an Impact ✧ Location: Hilton Baltimore

Researcher of the Year	Gary Fiskum, PhD	School of Medicine
Teacher of the Year	Kathleen Holtz Deal, PhD, MSW	School of Social Work
Public Servant of the Year	Jean Marie Roth	School of Medicine
Entrepreneur of the Year	Scott Strome, MD, FACS	School of Medicine

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# Founders Week 2012


# Award

# Winners



In keeping with tradition, the University community once again recognizes outstanding accomplishments among its talented faculty and staff with awards for Public Servant of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Researcher of the Year. Tonight's honorees are chosen by their peers in a formal committee process and then forwarded to the University president for final approval. Highly competitive and compelling nominations detailing lifelong contributions and achievements were collected. Glowing endorsements from current and former students, peers, associates, and collaborators were arduously reviewed and the most deserving candidates for each category rise to this coveted circle of excellence. Congratulations to our Public Servant, Entrepreneurs, Teacher, and Researcher of the Year.

*Photographs by Tracey Brown*

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## Public Servant of the Year



DICK COOK, MSW

A humble man who has helped groups around the corner and around the world with his professional and volunteer community service for more than 40 years, Dick Cook doesn't see what all the fuss is about.

"I have never really understood the separation between work, home, community, and family," says Cook, director of the Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS) at the School of Social Work since 1995. "Whatever we make better in the community makes it better for me and my family."

Certainly his wife of nearly 48 years, Karen, understands. They attended the University of California, Berkeley in the 1960s and were among the first Peace Corps volunteers, serving in Venezuela. Their two sons have done community service and a granddaughter's school report spoke of how "Grandpa met [civil rights activist] Rosa Parks."

Aside from SWCOS, where Cook has become known as "Mr. Baltimore" for his outreach initiatives and local tours for new faculty, the organizations he has helped fill a page, crossing all racial and institutional divides.

"We are all connected," says Cook, who coordinated a School of Social Work experience in El Salvador in January. "We need to learn others' cultures so we can communicate. When our students left for El Salvador, few spoke Spanish. Ten days later, all were asking our hosts to converse in Spanish."

School colleague Kristen Pope lauds Cook's "selfless spirit. For many years alongside my grandmother, the late Irona Pope, Dick participated in committees all created to help the people in our city who could not help themselves. He is truly a noble man."

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# Entrepreneurs of the Year



WILLIAM BLATTNER, MD




ROBERT REDFIELD JR., MD

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is the largest public health program in global history, now operating with a budget of \$48 billion. William Blattner and Robert Redfield Jr. are being jointly honored in recognition of their success in building the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine's PEPFAR program in Africa and the Caribbean.

Each of these scientists, who are associate directors and co-founders of the IHV and professors in the Department of Medicine at the School of Medicine, has brought enormous credit to our University. But it is their entrepreneurship in global HIV/AIDS care, treatment, and prevention that distinguishes them for this award.

Blattner and Redfield have demonstrated impressive entrepreneurial capacity, creativity, and energy as pioneering experts in providing antiretroviral therapy to millions of patients and training thousands of health care providers in nine countries.

Carrying out their global projects required the development of new structures, operating processes, and attitudes on the University campus. The results of their work are historic: In addition to the nearly 500,000 patients placed on antiretroviral treatment, more than 800,000 have received care and support services and close to 3 million have received prevention interventions and HIV testing.

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In uncharted waters, Blattner and colleagues in the IHV established the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) not for profit corporation as the mechanism that allowed \$294 million in grant funding to the University in the last nine years.


The impact of this effort is best measured in the clinical care, treatment, and prevention services to 944,004 Nigerians who were counseled and tested for HIV; 896,555 mothers who were screened to prevent infections of their babies; 139,857 patients who received antiretroviral therapy; and 22,639 health care workers who were trained.

The partnerships developed with the IHVN and multiple Nigerian universities position the University of Maryland, the Institute of Human Virology, and the School of Medicine for sustained benefit to our global research, clinical, and educational mission.

Since 2004, the IHV's Division of Clinical Care and Research, under the leadership of Redfield, has been awarded more than \$189 million for the development of a consortium known as AIDSRelief. Redfield has built dedicated teams of more than 200 faculty and staff who are providing emergency response training, building local health care capacity, and strengthening key institutional partners in Ethiopia, Guyana, Haiti, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

These teams are committed to making a sustainable impact on current global health priorities, providing care and treatment for more than 500,000 people, making a significant overall contribution to the U.S. PEPFAR program. Based on the success of this business model, Redfield's teams have been awarded 24 additional international grants.

"Drs. Blattner and Redfield have branded the University of Maryland and the Institute of Human Virology in all nine countries," says Joseph O'Neill, MD, MS, MPH, director of the University of Maryland Office of Global Health and former director of the U.S. PEPFAR program. "They have built a reputation among the Ministries of Health and local in-country universities in all of these countries, as the expert in global infectious diseases: HIV, TB, and malaria."

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# Teacher of the Year



## MARY LYNN MCPHERSON, PHARM.D, BCPS, CPE

*“She presents her material in such a way that really makes learning fun.”*

The words “learning” and “fun” don’t often appear in the same sentence, but Mary Lynn McPherson, professor and vice chair of academic affairs in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the School of Pharmacy, somehow bridges the gap.


The post-course evaluation comment above is one of many where students gush about McPherson’s hands-on approach, anecdotes, dedication, and accessibility, even giving out her cellphone number.

Says Kshelle Lockman, Class of 2013, “Sometimes, when I receive a 2 a.m. email from her in response to a question, I think she must work around the clock on our behalf.”

But teaching is hardly McPherson’s only duty. She has developed and redesigned many courses. An international expert in palliative care and pain management, McPherson and Sharon Gordon, DDS, MPH, PhD, director of graduate research education at the School of Dentistry, were recently awarded a Center of Excellence in Pain Education grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Outside the University, McPherson is an in-demand speaker and her book *Demystifying Opioid Conversion Calculations: A Guide for Effective Dosing* has been sold in 20 countries. The University received 30 letters recommending her for Teacher of the Year.

“Even though winning this award is truly a once-in-a-lifetime, amazing event,” says McPherson, “I think the letters of support moved me even more. It is an extremely humbling experience to realize ‘I guess I really HAVE made a difference.’ Making a difference—in my family, my students, my patients—is part of my personal mission statement.”

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# Researcher of the Year



## ALEXANDER MACKERELL JR., PhD

School of Pharmacy colleague Andrew Coop, PhD, calls him “a world leader in the area of computational chemistry.” James L. Hughes, MBA, chief enterprise and economic development officer and vice president, adds he is “one of the University’s greatest assets.” B. Montgomery Pettitt, PhD, director of the Institute of Molecular Design at the University of Houston, says “his contribution to the basic science of health care is critical to literally thousands of others in laboratories worldwide.”

Alexander MacKerell Jr. has made quite an impact in his 20 years at the University of Maryland. He created and directs the Computer-Aided Drug Design (CADD) Center, the School of Pharmacy’s first organized research center in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC), where he is the Grollman-Glick Professor.

Widely cited (one paper more than 4,500 times) and funded (\$9 million by the National Institutes of Health alone) and the holder of various patents, MacKerell is known worldwide. But on campus he finds time to mentor graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and assist researchers.

“I’ve been lucky to have a collection of very bright and diverse scientists in my lab as well as colleagues throughout the world,” MacKerell says. “These people, as well as the School and University administration and staff, have laid the foundation for the successful research program we’ve developed.”

MacKerell and Coop, PSC chair, recently announced the discovery of a small molecule that decouples proteins that contribute to a form of cancer known as diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. “Given their success,” MacKerell says, “it is likely that our compounds will be therapeutically beneficial.”

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