

The President's Message

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Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural edition of The President's Message newsletter!

As you know, I place a special emphasis on communicating with the University community. This new monthly electronic newsletter will allow me to share with you some of my key thoughts and observations, provide you with updates on important campus initiatives, and allow me to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff.

This newsletter also will serve as a vehicle for me to announce new opportunities to enhance communications. For example, I am pleased to announce two such vehicles for this month. On Monday, Sept. 20, I will host the first "Town Hall" question and answer (Q&A) session at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 349. These monthly sessions are open to the entire campus community. Everyone is welcome and sincerely encouraged to attend. Here you will have an opportunity to ask me questions or to discuss issues that you find important. Each month, I will travel to a different site across campus for these informal Q&A sessions to learn firsthand what is really on your mind. I know that many of you have a limited amount of time that you can get away from the responsibilities of your work and that is why I encourage you to bring your lunch.

The other communications initiative I want to announce is an online vehicle for you to submit questions directly to me in anonymous format. This can be done by visiting www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback. Here, you can submit questions to me in a private, confidential way that you might otherwise not feel comfortable asking or discussing in a public forum. I assure you that your anonymity will be protected. Answers to questions submitted in this format will be provided in future newsletters, at the Town Hall Q&A sessions, as well as online where I'll have a section of frequently asked questions (FAQs) with answers.

Again, I cannot stress enough the importance and the value of open and direct communications. I encourage you to submit news and information about awards and achievements by those whose work makes this University such a special place. Please forward these details to kudos4perman@umaryland.edu.

I hope you can join me on Sept. 20 at noon. These Q&A sessions are a great way for us to get to know each other. Even if you do not have a specific question or topic to discuss, I would personally welcome the opportunity to meet you and to get to know you.

All The Best,

Jay A. Perman



Laurels

DENTAL SCHOOL

Ronald Dubner, PhD, DDS, professor and pain research pioneer, was inducted recently into the Wall of Distinction at his alma mater, James Madison High School in New York City. Others inducted include former Baltimore Orioles outfielder Cal Abrams and TV personality and former judge Judy Sheindlin.

Student **Sarah Knoll** worked with Jovany Andrade of the School of Pharmacy on a Schweitzer summer project intended to help children at risk for being overweight.

SCHOOL OF LAW

Dean **Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LL.M.**, is the winner of the 2011 Great Teacher Award from the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT). Haddon will receive the honor, which recognizes teaching excellence that is combined with a passion for social justice, during SALT's annual dinner in San Francisco in January. Haddon's long academic career includes teaching courses on race and ethnicity. She also has written extensively on equal protection, academic freedom, and diversity, and has served on commissions examining race and gender bias in the Pennsylvania court system.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Benjamin Lawner, DO, clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine, received the George J. Koenig Jr. Service Award from the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation during the organization's annual conference in Baltimore earlier this year. The award recognizes Lawner's commitment to campus-based emergency medical services and to the education of prehospital care providers.

Philip Mackowiak, MD, MBA, professor and vice chair of the Department of Medicine, was surprised during a meeting of the Maryland chapter of the American College of Physicians with the naming of an annual student award in his honor. The inaugural Philip

A. Mackowiak Student Award, which recognizes outstanding student leadership, was presented to School of Medicine alumnus Thomas Reznick, MD '10.

Darryn Potosky, MD, a visiting instructor, will be featured as an up-and-coming star physician in *Sun Magazine*.

Donna Shaw, MS, MT (ASCP), instructor of medical and research technology, received the 2010 Mid-Atlantic Region Member Award from the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Eight regional awards are presented annually to recognize members throughout the U.S. for their commitment to the profession and for outstanding service in support of local ASCP activities.

Kevin Sheth, MD, assistant professor, will be featured as an up-and-coming star physician in *Sun Magazine*.

Alan Shuldiner, MD, a professor of medicine and director of the Program in Genetics and Genomic Medicine, has been awarded an \$11.4 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to lead a multi-center study to gauge the effectiveness of treating cardiac patients with anti-platelet drugs to prevent blood clots, based on their genetic makeup.

Edward Weinman, MD, professor, received the William S. Middleton Award—the Department of Veterans Affairs' highest award for research—during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Weinman, a clinician and investigator with the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System for more than 27 years, is a pioneer in research on areas including kidney function and kidney stones.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Jocelyn Farrar, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN, assistant professor, has been named a founding member of the Maryland-1 Disaster Medical Assistance

Team (MD-1 DMAT), which provides rapid response medical care during an event that overwhelms the health care system. MD-1 DMAT is a member of the National Disaster Medical System in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Jane Kapustin, PhD, MS, FAANP, CRNP,

associate professor and assistant dean for the master's program, was recently recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for excellence in diabetes care. NCQA, in partnership with the American Diabetes Association, developed the Diabetes Recognition Program to publicly identify clinicians who provide the highest level of diabetes care. Kapustin is a nurse practitioner at the University of Maryland Medical Center's Joslin Diabetes Center.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Student **Jovany Andrade** worked with Sarah Knoll of the Dental School on a Schweitzer summer project intended to help children at risk for being overweight.

Thomas Dowling, PharmD, PhD, associate professor, has been named a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and **Jeffrey Gonzales, PharmD,** assistant professor, has been named a fellow of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Dean **Natalie D. Eddington, PhD,** has been named a fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. Fellow status is based on a documented sustained level of superior and distinguished professional achievement and contributions to pharmaceutical science.

The following School of Pharmacy faculty members, students, and alumni won awards during the Maryland Pharmacists Association (MPhA) convention in June: alumnus **David Fulton, BSP '81,** received the Wyeth-Ayerst Bowl of Hygeia Award for nonpharmacy community leadership; faculty member **Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD,** received the Innovative Practice Award; faculty member **Christine Lee-Wilson, PharmD,** won the Pharmacists Mutual Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award; student **Julie Mathias** won the Maryland Student Scholars Award; Board of Visitors

member **Gina McKnight-Smith, PharmD,** won the MPhA Mentor Award; and faculty member and alumnus **Matthew Shimoda, PharmD '84,** received the Seidman Distinguished Achievement Award.

Stuart Haines, PharmD, professor and vice chair for clinical services, has received the Education Award from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to clinical pharmacy education at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Raymond Love, PharmD, associate dean of curriculum, instructional design, and technology, has been named chair-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's ethics special interest group.

Gerald Rosen, PhD, JD, Emerson Professor, has been named Maryland Chemist of the Year by the Maryland section of the American Chemical Society. The award is considered the state group's most prestigious honor.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dean **Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW,** was the keynote speaker at the conference New Worlds of Adoption: Linking Research With Practice, held earlier this year at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Barth's address was titled "Toward Evidence-Informed Pre- and Post-Adoption Practice."

Sara Montag was named MSW Social Work Student of the Year and **Carrie Vick, LCSW-C,** was named Field Instructor of the Year by the Maryland chapter of the National Association of Social Workers during the group's annual conference earlier this year. Also honored were School of Social Work alumni **Vincent DeMarco, JD, MA,** who was one of two Public Citizen of the Year honorees; **Jeff Singer, MSW, LCSW-C,** who was named Social Worker of the Year; and **Jean Tucker-Mann, ACSW, LCSW-C,** winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award.