

# The President's Message

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Spring is always a difficult time to maintain one's focus. There are so many distractions. Warm weather and the great outdoors, after being cooped up inside all winter. The blooming of flowers and backyard gardens, begging you for attention. Thoughts of summer vacation.

Add to that the distractions of everyday life—world events, stalled traffic, ringing and beeping cell phones, rising prices, road construction, loud conversations—and it's hard to concentrate on the task at hand. But that's my message for today. As I said at my last Q&A session: keep your eye on the ball. Forgive me if that sounds more like an Orioles hitting coach than a University president. So much is going on around us, and the only thing we can control is our own performance. So strive to be the best student, staff member, or faculty member you can be. Do your best to help make our University the best it can be.

It was Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who said, "Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus." Or as one of my personal favorites, Vince Lombardi, once said, "The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary." So keep working hard amid the distractions. And then go tend to that garden. In addition to the University kudos that begin on Page 2, I have some personal thanks and congratulations to send out as well.

Please join me in thanking the Maryland General Assembly for providing authorization to begin planning for Health Sciences Facility III, which will begin to address our need for space to house our burgeoning research programs. I'd also like to thank the governor and the General Assembly for restoring funding to the Governor's Wellmobile Program, which has been administered by our School of Nursing since 1994.

I am pleased to report that the General Assembly's budget directs the University System of Maryland's Board of Regents to study the pros and cons of merging our campus and College Park's. (For more details, see my letter at <http://www.oea.umaryland.edu/email/2011/april/06letter/>.) In the weeks ahead, we will update you on pension changes that were made this session as well. We can discuss this and any other topics at my Q&A on April 14 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, Room 210, Ballroom B. You may ask questions at any time by visiting [www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback/](http://www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback/). Questions from the March 31 Q&A at the School of Law are on Page 5 and others from previous months are at <http://www.umaryland.edu/president/questions/index.html>.

Anonymous questions are welcomed; however, if you want a direct response, remember to include your contact information. We also encourage schools to keep us apprised of the accomplishments of your faculty, staff, and students at [kudos4perman@umaryland.edu](mailto:kudos4perman@umaryland.edu).

All The Best,

*Jay A. Perman*

# Laurels

## CAMPUSWIDE

Congratulations to the **School of Law**, the **School of Nursing**, and the **School of Medicine**, each of which showed improvement in *U.S. News & World Report's* recently released 2012 ranking of the best U.S. graduate schools. The law school's health law program dropped from second to third place, but the clinical law program rose from ninth to sixth place, and environmental law moved up from No. 10 to No. 7. The trial advocacy program entered the top 10 at No. 8. Five master's specialties at the School of Nursing—in health services leadership and management, in psychiatric/mental health nursing, and in three nurse practitioner areas (family, pediatric, and adult and gerontological)—are now ranked by the magazine, with four of those programs among the top 10. Only three of the nursing school's specialties were included during the last ranking in 2007. The School of Medicine's sponsored research ranking rose from 17th to 15th among public medical schools (it was ranked sixth by the Association of American Medical Colleges during Fiscal Year 2009). *U.S. News & World Report* does not rank dental schools. Rankings for schools of pharmacy and social work were not updated this time.

## DENTAL SCHOOL

**Patrik Bavoil, PhD**, professor and chair of the Department of Microbial Pathogenesis, was named president of the Chlamydia Basic Research Society on March 21. The organization provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of research on the basic biology and pathogenesis of diseases caused by the chlamydiae.

**Lisa Bress, MS, RDH**, clinical assistant professor, was invited to join a work group that will plan and execute Maryland's Oral Health Literacy Campaign.

**Priya Chand, MSD**, assistant professor, recently became a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics.



Jacquelyn Fried

**Jacquelyn Fried, RDH, MS**, associate professor and director of the Division of Dental Hygiene, received the 2011 Outstanding Dental Hygiene Alumni Award from her alma mater, Old Dominion University.

**Sharon Gordon, DDS, PhD, MPH**, director of graduate research education, has won the International Association for Dental Research's Distinguished Scientist Award for Pharmacology/Therapeutics/Toxicology Research.

**Daniel Greenbaum, DDS**, a prosthodontics resident, has received a \$6,000 grant from the American College of Prosthodontics for his project "Effect of Simulated Loading on Initially Placed and Replacement Locator Attachments, an In-Vitro Study."

**Therese Holtgrewe, RDH**, clinical instructor, completed her master's thesis titled "Oral Care and Dementia: The Nursing Aide Role" and will receive her master's degree in May.

**Marion Manski, MS, RDH**, assistant professor, wrote an article "Knowledge of Periodontal Health Issues Among Low-Income Baltimore Adults: A Pilot Study" that was published in the *Journal of Dental Hygiene*, the scientific publication of the American Dental Hygienists' Association.

**Norbert Myslinski, PhD**, professor and president of the Baltimore chapter of the Society for Neuroscience, presided over the group's annual meeting in March at the Dental School.

"Tooth Sensitivity, High Decay Rate, and Aberrant Enamel: Could This Be Celiac Disease?" an article by Dental School clinical instructor and alumna **Maura Ordozensky, RDH, BS '99**, was recently published in *Case Studies in Dental Hygiene*, presented by Oral-B Laboratories.

For the 12th consecutive year, **Howard Strassler, DMD**, professor and director of operative dentistry, has been named by *Dentistry Today* magazine as one of the top continuing education professors in the United States.

Dental School and Graduate School alumna **Sheryl Syme, MS '93, RDH, BS '88**, associate professor, received the Hall of Fame Alumni of the Year Award from the Catonsville High School Alumni Association. She was recognized for her work with Operation Smile, an organization that treats children for facial deformities.

## SCHOOL OF LAW

Faculty members featured in news media recently include Dean **Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LL.M.**; **Jane Barrett, JD**, associate professor and director of the Environmental Law Clinic; **Mark Graber, JD, PhD, MA**, professor of law and government and associate dean for research and faculty development; and **Michael Greenberger, JD**, professor, director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security, and former director at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Topics they discussed include collaboration among law schools, the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, abortion law, and regulation of speculators' involvement in commodity markets.

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Angela Brodie

**Angela Brodie, PhD**, professor, has been appointed to the scientific advisory board of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the world's largest grass-roots network of breast cancer survivors and activists. Brodie was also honored with the 2010 Jill Rose Award from the Breast Cancer Research Foundation in recognition of her

accomplishments in the development of aromatase inhibitors. The \$25,000 award was presented to Brodie during the foundation's medical symposium in New York City. Brodie also participated in a symposium panel discussion on hormones and breast cancer.



Howard Dubowitz

**Howard Dubowitz, MB, ChB**, professor, has co-written the book *International Aspects of Child Abuse and Neglect*.



Anthony Harris

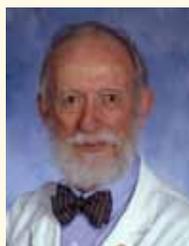
**Anthony Harris, MD, MPH**, professor, has received a two-year, \$5,661,987 grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for his work "Effect of the Use of Universal Glove and Gowning."

**Ligia Peralta, MD**, associate professor of pediatrics and director of the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine and the Adolescent HIV Program, is one of this year's six inductees into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. Peralta has performed extensive research in various areas regarding sexually transmitted disease among young people, including HIV prevention, testing, and disease progression. She has also performed research and clinical HIV work in many foreign countries including her native Dominican Republic.



Michael Shipley

**Michael Shipley, PhD**, the Donald E. Wilson Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, has received a five-year, \$2,875,343 grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders for his work "Modulation of Glomerular Function."



John Talbott

**John Talbott, MD**, professor, has been appointed editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*. Founded in 1874, the journal is the world's oldest independent monthly scientific publication in the field of human behavior.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Jocelyn Farrar, DNP, CCRN, ACNP-BC**, and **Kathryn Von Reuden, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, FCCM**, assistant professors, were recently appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Trauma Nursing*. The publication is the official journal of the Society of Trauma Nurses.

**Terry Laidlow, DNP, RN**, clinical instructor, and her team at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore have won a 2011 Nursing Information Technology Innovation Award from *Health Data Management* magazine. The national award recognizes excellence and inventiveness in the use of nursing information technology to directly improve patient care and safety.



Rosemarie Satyshur

**Rosemarie Satyshur, PhD, RN**, assistant professor, earned a certificate of completion from the inaugural Microsystem Academy, presented by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice. Satyshur also has been invited to serve on the academy's founding advisory board.



Rebecca Wiseman

**Rebecca Wiseman, PhD, RN**, assistant dean of the nursing program at the Universities at Shady Grove, presented "Overview of Worksite Wellness and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" during the National Nurse Centers Consortium conference, held March 16 in San Antonio.

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The School's Pharmacy Hall Addition just achieved a Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system that gives points to a structure based on the criteria it meets regarding water and energy efficiency, use of sustainable materials, indoor environmental quality, and sustainable site usage.



Maria Maunz

**Maria Maunz**, a first-year pharmacy student, has been accepted into the School of Medicine's Health Professions Student Training in Aging Research Program.



Meghan Sullivan

**Meghan Sullivan, PharmD**, assistant professor, has been named to the editorial advisory board for the American Pharmacists Association publication *Pharmacy Today*.

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Following a nationwide search, **Pamela Clarkson Freeman, PhD, MSW**, and **Junqing Liu, PhD**, have joined the School as research assistant professors.



Howard Palley

**Howard Palley, PhD, MS**, professor emeritus, co-wrote "Examining Private and Public Provision in Canada's Provincial Health Care Systems: Comparing Ontario and Quebec," which was recently published in the *International Political Science Review*.

## UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BIOPARK

**Carolane Williams, PhD**, president of Baltimore City Community College, is among the winners of the sixth annual Maryland Bioscience Awards, which were presented during a ceremony at the University of Maryland BioPark on March 29. Williams was given the award in recognition of the community college's **Life Sciences Institute**, which opened at the BioPark in 2009. The Life Sciences Institute offers associate degree programs in science, biotechnology, and environmental science. Internships for the students are available at the University and with companies in the BioPark.

# Questions and Answers

EXCERPTS FROM MARCH 31 Q&A SESSION  
CEREMONIAL MOOT COURTROOM,  
SCHOOL OF LAW

President Perman began the session with a statement regarding the proposed merger of the Baltimore and College Park campuses. Perman said he was approaching the situation as a staunch advocate for the University, as he was sworn to do at his November inauguration, but also as a responsible advocate, which requires being a statesman and watching his words. He expressed disappointment that the language in the original state Senate amendment was to “plan a merger” instead of to “plan a study.” He said the researchers in the room would understand that when you have a “predetermined conclusion” the science hasn’t been done properly. In closing, Perman said nobody needs to convince the University of the importance of collaboration. But as he said in his inaugural speech, collaboration—effective partnering—does not require the dissolution of proud, independent entities. We are totally committed to studying a well-crafted question, properly studied, and without the solution imposed in advance.

The president then answered several questions from the floor about the proposed merger. We will pick up here with questions on other topics, both from the floor and from messages sent to the president’s Q&A e-mail line, <http://www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback/index.html>.

## QUESTION:

Do we have a liaison with the city who I can speak with about the scheduling of the jackhammering in the middle of the night directly outside student housing? When I approached them on my own, I got the impression that there hadn’t been any contact with the University to let us know this was happening and for them to understand the impact this would have on our students. Now that final exams are coming around again, I’m hoping they don’t start jackhammering all night long again!

## RESPONSE:

I had the same situation when I was living at the Zenith shortly after I returned to Baltimore! Bob Rowan (associate vice president for facilities and operations) is the liaison. We’ll see that Bob is aware of your concerns. We know why they need night work, but it’s very disturbing.



## QUESTION:

To what extent does the University support sustainable energy initiatives? Is there active campus interest and strong UM funding?

## RESPONSE:

The University takes sustainability seriously. There is an active Campus Sustainability Steering Committee that measures and takes steps to reduce our carbon footprint. We also have created an “Opportunity Assessment” fund that invests \$600,000 a year in various energy conservation projects that help reduce our energy consumption. Recent projects include installation of variable frequency drives that allows electric motors to run at the minimum speed required for the application, replacement of all of the T-12 fluorescent bulbs in the MSTF building with more efficient T-8 bulbs, and the replacement of a gas-fired incinerator with a microwave sterilizer for our hazardous waste.



**QUESTION:**

With the cost of gasoline heading higher, does the University have any plans to implement a crisis scenario whereby it might consider, test, and allow staff members to work at home if they could accomplish tasks from home? Or can the University allow staff to work reduced days, shortening the driving time or somehow to compensate for the extra difficulty being caused by the extra cost of gasoline?

**RESPONSE:**

The University is exploring the expansion of “teleworking,” flexible schedules such as four 10-hour days, and possible use of floating holidays to create four-day workweeks. These initiatives need to be balanced against the work that needs to get done and how it needs to get done.

**QUESTION:**

The carpool spaces in my garage are always empty. Why don't we give the priority parking to hybrids, Vespas, Segways, and bicycles ... carpooling is not catching on at UMB.

**RESPONSE:**

Participation in the carpool program is slowly increasing. Our TDM (Transportation Demand Management) coordinator continues to add perks to increase interest in carpooling. We are planning to convert a few of the carpool spaces into spaces for hybrid vehicles. We have the city's first enclosed bike cage located at the Pratt Garage. Please check the Parking and Transportation Services website (<http://www.parking.umaryland.edu/index.cfm>) for information on signing up. There are also bike racks located in the Pratt, Lexington, and Saratoga garages and a few bike slots in the Baltimore Grand garage. With the recent spike in gas prices, we are hoping to see an increase in participation in our TDM programs.

**QUESTION:**

I believe that more pressing than just parking of smaller vehicles, the question also is how can the University be supportive of our use of public transportation? Are we in those conversations? Are we thinking creatively of supporting solutions like the rabbit bus from York, Pa.?

**RESPONSE:**

We are represented in the discussions related to the proposed Baltimore Red Line. We are also members of the Maryland Transportation Alliance, which is an organization of large employers that has as its mission to increase the use and comfort of public transportation. Yes, we are at the table of these discussions. Is it enough? I don't know.

**QUESTION:**

Can we also subsidize commuter passes like some of the other state agencies do?

**RESPONSE:**

Kathy Byington (vice president of administration and finance): We do have a subsidized commuter pass program—there are about 400 employees who use it. It is not subsidized to the degree that the state program is. Yes, we are continuing to look at all of that subsidy, as well as the cost of parking here on campus and trying to balance those things against being ecologically friendly, utilization of gasoline, and the costs for our employees. Information about the subsidized program is on the parking and transportation website (<http://www.parking.umaryland.edu/index.cfm>).



**QUESTION:**

Any chance of promoting an informal gathering of University accountants, since administrators have the RAC to discuss mutual problems experienced here at UMB? The accountants might have some contributions to offer management on how things could be improved that might help administrators see information from a different perspective. It certainly couldn't hurt.

**RESPONSE:**

You raise an interesting idea. I believe we must rely on everyone's expertise if we are going to be, and operate, like a pre-eminent University. Accountants are a profession that see many aspects of University business practice and operations, and can make contributions through discussing common issues and sharing of ideas. To me, this speaks to how our University community functions. Given that the University community is a major focus in our strategic plan, I am recommending the work group focusing on this take your suggestion under advisement. They are discussing similar ideas as well.

**QUESTION:**

Can a postal drop box be placed in the lobby of the Saratoga Building at the guard's station for mail needing to be delivered to Financial Services upstairs?

**RESPONSE:**

If something is urgent enough to be walked across campus for immediate delivery, it doesn't make sense to then put it in a mailbox that might not get checked more than once a day. If it is not urgent, it can be placed in campus mail. If it is urgent, I suggest it be delivered directly to the department involved.

