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In the News



Three hundred forty-four UMSON graduates received degrees at the 2015 Convocation ceremony, held May 15 at Royal Farms Arena. [Click here to read more and view the photo gallery.](#)

UMSON Simulation Labs Receive Accreditation

UMSON's Debra L. Spunt Clinical Simulation Laboratories recently received accreditation in teaching and education from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH).

UMSON is one of only two simulation laboratories in the Mid-Atlantic region accredited by SSH, an organization that seeks to improve performance and reduce errors in



patient care through the use of simulation. [Click here to read more.](#)

Commission on Collegiate Nursing (CCNE) Grants 10-Year Accreditation to UMSON Programs

The CCNE Board of Commissioners recently granted 10-year accreditation to UMSON's Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs, and the post-graduate APRN certificate program, extending to June 30, 2025. [Click here to read more.](#)



UMSON Receives Commitment to Community Award

UMSON was honored with the Paul's Place 2015 Commitment to Community Award at ceremonies held earlier this spring at the Center Club in Baltimore. Paul's Place is a comprehensive community outreach center serving individuals and families throughout Southwest Baltimore. The award is presented annually to those who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to Paul's Place and to the Baltimore community.



Photo: UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD; William J. McLennan, executive director, Paul's Place; Dean Jane Kirschling; Kelly Flannery, PhD, RN, assistant professor; Pat McLaine, DrPH, RN, assistant professor; and Karen Kauffman, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, associate professor and chair, Department of Family and Community Health

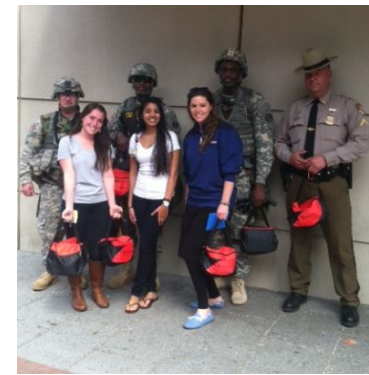
Friedmann Named Associate Dean of Research

UMSON Professor **Erika Friedmann, PhD**, has been named associate dean of research at UMSON. She has served as interim associate dean since November 2014. [Click here to read more.](#)



NSGA and CulinArt Cafe Team Up to Provide Lunches for Patrolmen

UMSON's chapter of the Nursing Student Government Association (NSGA), in collaboration with CulinArt Cafe at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, showed their appreciation to Maryland State Troopers and members of the National Guard by providing complimentary boxed lunches and coffee to officers and guardsmen patrolling the area around UMSON during the recent time of unrest in Baltimore. The officers were very appreciative of the kind gestures.



Welcome New Faculty and Staff

Randi Barclay, BA, PHR, has joined the Office of Administrative Services as Human Relations Manager. Randi previously served as Director of Human Resources at the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. She also worked as Director of Human Resources at Health Care for the Homeless. Randi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Virginia and is certified as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

Joanna Kozlowski, BS, has joined the Department of Organizational Systems as an Epidemiologist Assistant II. She previously worked at Harbor Boating, Inc. and had an internship at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she assisted the principle investigator with the global obesity prevention program, B'More Health Communities for Kids. Joanna holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Systems Management from the University of Baltimore.

Tonia Sofoluke, BS, has joined the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health as an Epidemiologist Assistant II. Tonia comes to UMSON from Radnet, Inc. Advanced Radiology, where she worked as a patient service representative. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

EVENTS

Readiness for Practice: What's Trending?

June 12, 2015

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

UMSON

Participants will learn about aspects of preparing students and life-long learners for competent, safe practice.

[Click here for more information.](#)

2015 Alumni Reunion

Sept. 19, 2015

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

UMSON Lobby & Auditorium

If your DIN or BSN graduation year ends in a "5" or a "10," or if you earned a master's degree in the Clinical Nurse Leader option in 2005 or 2010, mark your calendar for UMSON's 2015 Alumni Reunion. [Click here for more information](#), or contact Cynthia Sikorski at sikorski@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0674.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Karen McQuillan, MS '86, BSN '81, RN, CNS-BC, CCRN, CNRN, FAAN, will assume the presidency of the American Association of Critical-Care Nursing on July 1. She has served as president-elect for the past year. [Click here to read more.](#)



RADM Sylvia Trent-Adams, DNP, MS '99, has been recommended by the U.S. Surgeon General to serve as the next Deputy Surgeon General of the U.S. beginning in October 2015. Trent-Adams began her career in the United States Public Health Services (USPHS) in 1992 and is currently serving as the Chief Nurse Office in the USPHS.



Deborah C. Kennedy, MS '84, BSN '79, RN, hospital operations administrator, Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, and **Robin Prothro, BSN '79**, founding CEO of Komen Maryland, were named to the Daily Record's Circle of Excellence, honoring those who have been named to the Daily Record's Top 100 Women three times. They were honored at the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Top 100 Women Awards, held May 4.

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ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

Alumni Career Resource Web Page

Students and alumni can access professional career services through UMSON's Student Success Center. Services include a job posting website, an annual career fair, assistance in writing resumes and cover letters, career workshops, mock interviews, and online resources. [Click here for more information.](#)

FACULTY KUDOS

Congratulations to the following faculty members who were recently promoted:

Susan Dorsey, PhD '01, MS '98, RN, FAAN - professor with tenure

Marian Grant, DNP '10, RN, CRNP - associate professor

Debra Scrandis, PhD, RN - associate professor

Congratulations to **Blanche Brown, DNP '15, RN, PNP**, clinical instructor, who completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice scholarly project at UMSON, and **Jana Goodwin, PhD, RN, ANPC**, clinical instructor, who successfully defended her PhD dissertation at Villanova University.

Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN, associate professor and assistant dean for the PhD program, and **Kristin Seidl, PhD, RN**, assistant professor and director of quality and safety at the University of Maryland Medical Center, presented, "Using Statistical Process Control Charts for Outcome Measurement and Evaluation," at the Maryland Organization of Nurse Executives' spring meeting, held in April.

Lyn Murphy, PhD, MBA, RN, associate professor and program director, Health Services Leadership and Management, received the University of Maryland School of Nursing Colleague award from the University of Maryland Medical Center at ceremonies on May 8. Murphy was honored for her professionalism and interaction with colleagues.

Barbara Resnick, PhD'96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor and Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology, is president-elect of the Gerontological Society of America. She will assume office at GSA's annual meeting in November. [Click here to read more.](#)

Mary Pat Ulicny, MS, MHA, RN, CNE, clinical instructor and clinical simulation lab director for UMSON's program at the Universities at Shady Grove, has been selected for the Health Resources and Services Administration's Nurse Faculty Loan Program. The program's purpose is to address the nursing workforce

shortage by increasing the number of qualified nursing faculty in the classroom. [Click here to read more.](#)

Kathryn T. Von Rueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM, associate professor at UMSON and clinical nurse specialist at the University of Maryland Medical Center's R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, was one of 25 nursing professionals recently honored with the 2015 American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Circle of Excellence Award. AACN recognized the award winners at its National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition, held May 18-21 in San Diego. [Click here to read more.](#)

Susan Wozenski, JD, MPH, assistant professor and vice-chair, Department of Family and Community Health, received the Master of Public Health Teaching and Mentoring Award at the University of Maryland School of Medicine Department of Epidemiology and Public Health's Convocation Ceremony, held May 15.

IN THE NEWS

Subject: What to Look for in a Medical Alert System

Source: *ConsumerReports.com* - May 2015

Summary: **Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP**, professor and Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology, was mentioned in the article, "What to Look for in a Medical Alert System; They Offer Peace of Mind-For a Price."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: Health Professionals on the Move

Source: *baltimoresun.com* - May 29

Summary: **Kathryn T. Von Rueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM**, associate professor, was mentioned in the news brief, "Von Rueden Receives AACN Circle of Excellence Award."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: Von Rueden Receives AACN Circle of Excellence Award

Source: *citybizlist.com* - May 26

Summary: **Kathryn T. Von Rueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM**, associate professor, was mentioned in the article, "Von Rueden Receives AACN Circle of Excellence Award."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: First Black UMB Nursing Grad Receives Honorary Doctorate

Source: *Baltimore Times* - May 22

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted and **Esther McCready, DIN '53**, was featured in the article, "First Black UMB Nursing Grad Receives Honorary Doctorate."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: UMSON Receives Gift of \$5.2 million to Fund Scholarships for 157 New Students
Source: *Nurse.com* - May 21

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** and UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD, were quoted in the story, "UMSON Receives Gift of \$5.2 million to Fund Scholarships for 157 New Students."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: UMSON Instructor Chosen for HRSA's Nurse Faculty Loan Program

Source: *Nurse.com* - May 20

Summary: **Mary Pat Ulicny, MS, MHA, RN, CNE**, clinical instructor and director, clinical simulation laboratories, UMSON program at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG), and Rebecca Wiseman, PhD, RN, chair, UMSON program at USG, were quoted in the *Nurse.com* article, "UMSON Instructor Chosen for HRSA's Nurse Faculty Loan Program."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: USG Graduates' Careers Take Cue From Life

Source: *Gazette.net* - May 13

Summary: **Desiree Colvin**, a student in UMSON's program at the Universities at Shady Grove, was featured in the article, "USG Graduates' Careers Take Cue From Life."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: Stress of Baltimore Unrest Could Stay With Residents for a While

Source: *governing.com* - May 12; *baltimoresun.com* - May 10

Summary: **UMSON** was mentioned in the article, "Stress of Baltimore Unrest Could Stay with Residents for a While."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: Governor's Wellmobile Offers Resources for Penn North Residents

Source: *Baltimore Brew* - May 7

Summary: **Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN**, professor, was quoted in the story, "Governor's Wellmobile Offers Resources for Penn North Residents."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: Wellmobile in Penn-North Neighborhood

Source: *Daily Record* - May 6

Summary: **UMSON** was mentioned in the article, "Wellmobile in Penn-North Neighborhood."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: Pharmacy Reopens on North Avenue Following Riots

Source: *abc2news.com* - May 6

Summary: **Susan Antol, MS, RN**, assistant professor, was interviewed in the WMAR-TV story and video, "Pharmacy reopens on North Avenue following riots."

[Watch the story.](#)

Subject: College of Southern Maryland, UMSON Reach Agreement on Dual Admission BSN

Source: *Nurse.com* - May 5

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted in the article, "College of Southern Maryland, UMSON reach agreement on dual admission BSN."

[Read the article.](#)

Subject: UMSON Mentioned in "America's Top Donors" and "Private Giving"

Source: *Philanthropy.com* - May 4 and *Chronicle of Higher Education* - May 8

Summary: **UMSON** is mentioned in "America's Top Donors" and "Private Giving."

[Read the article.](#)

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