



**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE (UMB)**

**UMB OUTREACH COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**FOR THE 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

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## University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)

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#### For the 2009-2010 School Year

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This document summarizes the major activities supported by the UMB Outreach Council during the fourth year of Council operations. The Council works in partnership with local schools to provide community children with enriched educational, health and career experiences and opportunities. Representatives from all UMB schools and campus administrative units serve on the Council, which consists of UMB students, faculty and staff. Our local partner schools include:

- George Washington Elementary (GWES);
- Diggs-Johnson Middle (DJMS); and
- Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (VTTMAA).

From the summer of 2009 through the winter of 2010, UMB Outreach Council members developed detailed planning and programming for **CLUB UMB** – (1) a free after-school youth leadership and mentoring program for George Washington Elementary School and Diggs-Johnson Middle School and (2) a pilot internship program on the UMB campus for seniors earning academic credit from Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy. **CLUB UMB** is supported by many volunteers from among the students, faculty and staff at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)

Council members participated in one of the five work groups listed below to develop **CLUB UMB** programming to address areas of need identified by our partner schools: (1) college and career opportunities, (2) science and health enrichment, and (3) family engagement activities.

#### UMB Outreach Council Work Groups For the Planning & Development of CLUB UMB 2009-2010 School Year

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- **Recruitment Work Group**
  - Co-Chairs: Meaghan George (School of Nursing) and Himedes Chicas (School of Law)
  - Members: Kelly Abbott (Dental School), Chanel Agness (School of Pharmacy), Ali-Sha Alleman (School of Social Work), Andrew York (Student Government Association), Dawn Roberts (School of Medicine)

The **Recruitment Work Group** was instrumental in initially recruiting over 65 volunteers from among the students, faculty and staff across the UMB campus to serve as mentors and presenters for the CLUB UMB youth leadership & mentoring program. Through April, 2010, more than 90 individuals volunteered for the program. The children in the program are benefiting greatly from their interaction with the mentors. The principals, teachers and staff from the schools are most appreciative of these efforts.

- **College and Career Work Group**
  - Co-Chairs: Teresa Schmiedeler (School of Law) and Allen Tran (School of Pharmacy)
  - Members: Kaia Finney (School of Nursing), Gerald Gantt (School of Medicine), Dr. Kimberly Henderson (School of Medicine), Terry Hickey (School of Law), Emily Hovermale (School of Social Work), Jessica Lee (Dental School), Katie O'Malley (Schweitzer Fellow / School of Law), Yvette Washington (Academic Affairs), Officer Renee Weems (Administration & Finance), Kalima Young (School of Medicine)

The **College and Career Work Group** developed age appropriate, interactive learning experiences relating to higher education and careers in law and healthcare for the CLUB UMB youth leadership & mentoring program. These activities have bolstered students' interest in higher education and professional careers.

- **Science and Health Work Group**
  - Co-Chairs: Dr. Miriam Blitzer (School of Medicine) and Dr. Norman Tinanoff (Dental School)
  - Members: Leila Ashkeboussi (School of Law), Michelle Foster (School of Medicine), Colin Gause (School of Medicine), Anna Kim (School of Pharmacy), Andrea Levine (School of Medicine), Homan Mohammadi (School of Medicine)

The **Science and Health Work Group** identified and developed age appropriate, interactive learning experiences relating to science, math and health for the CLUB UMB youth leadership & mentoring program. These activities heightened students' understanding and enthusiasm for basic science and math concepts and enriched their overall learning process.

- **Family Engagement Work Group**
  - Co-Chairs: Frederick Strieder (School of Social Work) and Meredith Solomon (Health Sciences and Human Services Library)
  - Members: Daria Awusah (School of Law), Kelly Bianco (School of Medicine), Marjorie Buchanan (School of Nursing), Deborah Cartee (Dental School), Sarah Saxton (Dental Museum), Dr. Nancy Lever (School of Medicine), Tom Sloane (School of Medicine), Connie Mitchell (School of Pharmacy)

The **Family Engagement Work Group** identified strategies to encourage increased participation by families in the educational process at all three of our partner schools. They identified and coordinated speakers and materials from the Enoch Pratt library, Maryland Poison Center, and Operation Diabetes and the Center for School Mental Health and University of Maryland Sight Savers Program for parent-teacher events at all three partner schools. Parents and other family members have indicated their appreciation for this support.

- **Internships at VTTMAA Work Group**
  - Co-Chairs: Jonathan Cooper (School of Medicine) and Brian Sturdivant (Office of External Affairs)
  - Members: Sheila Greenwood (Administration & Finance), Juliette Dickerson (Administration & Finance), David Richman-Rafael (Dental School), Jane Shaab (Research & Development), Jeannie Shum (School of Pharmacy)

The **Internship Work Group** laid the foundation for an ongoing internship program for students from Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy by developing guidelines, contributing to training manual, recruiting internship placements across the UMB campus, supporting interviews and training of students, and orientation for volunteer UMB supervisors. Feedback from mentors and supervisors regarding this pilot program has been very positive.

## **Summary of CLUB UMB Activities 2009- 2010 School Year**

### **Program at George Washington Elementary and Diggs-Johnson Middle School**

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In September of 2009, the UMB Outreach Council implemented the formal **CLUB UMB** program, a free after-school youth leadership and mentoring program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at George Washington Elementary on Mondays and for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Diggs-Johnson Middle Schools on Thursdays. The program had been piloted in the spring of 2009, but with very limited programming and limited student participation.

Based on a competitive grant program sponsored by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), the Council was awarded a \$60,000 grant to support **CLUB UMB** at the middle school for the 2009-2010 school year. Students, faculty and staff from the UMB campus were recruited as mentors and presenters for the program. Through April, 2010, **CLUB UMB** campus volunteers have provided over 650 hours of group and individual mentoring for participants with more than 90 campus volunteers serving as mentors and presenters.

**A list of specific activities provided during the 2009-2010 school year follows.**

## **George Washington Elementary School - CLUB UMB Activities for the 2009-2010 School Year:**

- **09/28/09** - Club UMB Orientation/Kick-Off, including a “College and Career” survey, creation of Club UMB rules, and mentee training provided by Community Law In Action (CLIA).
- **10/05/09**- Program by School of Medicine on ways to stay healthy, including information about germs and vaccines.
- **10/12/09** - Students learned about everyday math applications and explored budgeting skills. Dental School students introduced career information about dentistry and dental hygiene.
- **10/19/09** – Interactive discussion about the food pyramid and the importance of reading labels. Students were able to measure sugar content in everyday food items.
- **10/26/09** – Visit to the UMB campus to learn about careers such as law, dentistry, social work, and pharmacy.
- **11/02/09** - Students learned about recycling, the environment, and the importance of hand washing.
- **11/09/09** - Students explored colleges and careers using [BeWhatIWantToBe.com](http://BeWhatIWantToBe.com) and competed in a Myth vs. Fact Environment Quiz tie-breaker.
- **11/16/09** - Students further explored career interests using [BeWhatIWantToBe.com](http://BeWhatIWantToBe.com).
- **12/01/09** – Visit to the Maryland Science Center to tour the science & health related exhibits. A scavenger hunt was provided to initiate exploration.
- **12/07/09** - Students completed their post test surveys and created “thank you” arts and crafts for Club UMB mentors. Mentors were able to complete their Club UMB program evaluations.
- **12/14/09** – Students and families participated in a festive holiday party sponsored by Club UMB.
- **02/01/10** – Officers from the UMB Police Force presented safety awareness training, featuring “McGruff the Crime Dog.”
- **02/22/10** – Schweitzer Fellows provided a hands-on demonstration regarding water quality.
- **03/01/10** – School of Medicine faculty led interactive experiments enabling students to isolate DNA from strawberries.
- **03/08/10** – School of Medicine students presented “Healthy Future” focusing on general nutrition and health issues that disproportionately affect youth in the local community.
- **03/15/10** – UMB Police shared bike safety and personal safety tips.
- **03/22/10** – Mentors supported the students in a basketball match versus another elementary school.
- **04/12/10** – Schweitzer Fellow led a presentation on environmental health, followed by tree and herb plantings for Earth Day recognition.
- **04/19/10** – UMB Police provided a Bicycle and Personal safety “Bike Rodeo” and coordinated participation by the Baltimore City Police and Fire Departments, the Breathmobile (University of Maryland Hospital for Children). A local TV station covered the event for the evening news to promote bike safety.
- **05/04/10** – **Final CLUB UMB meeting for school year** - Trip to Port Discovery planned

## **Diggs-Johnson Middle School - CLUB UMB Activities for the 2009-2010 School Year:**

- **10/01/09** – Club UMB Orientation/Kick-Off, including a “College and Career” survey, creation of Club UMB rules, and mentee training provided by Community Law In Action (CLIA).
- **10/08/09** – Tour of the new Baltimore City Community College classrooms and labs in the UMB Bio Park. Students participated in an interactive Science & Health demonstration on “Keeping Healthy” led by a Schweitzer Fellow.
- **10/14/09** - Students explored the educational website and magazine of “Be What I Want to Be.”
- **10/22 /09** – Interactive discussion about the food pyramid and the importance of reading labels. Students were able to measure sugar content in everyday food items.
- **10/29/09** – Visit to the UMB campus to learn about careers such as law, dentistry, social work, and medicine. UMB’s Office of Financial Aid presented financial literacy information and facts about education level versus average salary for specific careers.
- **11/05/09** - Students participated in an interactive hand washing experiment and a myths and facts challenge about the environment.
- **11/12/09** - Students explored [BeWhatIWantToBe.com](http://BeWhatIWantToBe.com) and magazine using a scavenger hunt.
- **11/19/09** - Students hosted a high school and college fair for all Diggs-Johnson Middle School students and competed in a College Challenge game.
- **12/03/09** - Explored various science & health related exhibits at the Maryland Science Center. Students participated in a scavenger hunt activity in touring the exhibits.
- **12/10/09** - Students creatively illustrated their appreciation for their mentors by crafting thank you cards. Students and mentors completed Club UMB post-surveys to evaluate the program.
- **12/17/09** - Students again explored colleges and careers using [BeWhatIWantToBe.com](http://BeWhatIWantToBe.com). Students & parents participated in the Club UMB Holiday Celebration.
- **02/18/10** – Students began preliminary work in developing a Career Plan, including an overview of a worksheet to use in starting to develop a career plan, students met one-on-one with mentors representing different careers.
- **02/25/10** - Schweitzer Fellows led an interactive water quality demonstration.
- **03/04/10** – School of Medicine faculty led interactive experiments enabling students to isolate DNA from strawberries.
- **03/11/10** – School of Medicine students presented “Healthy Future” focusing on general nutrition and health issues that disproportionally affect youth in the local community.
- **03/18/10** – Students explored college and careers using [BeWhatIWantToBe.com](http://BeWhatIWantToBe.com) and discussed career planning.
- **3/25/10** – Students created a first draft of an individual college and career plan
- **04/08/10** – Visit to the UMB campus, including interactive discussions with Schools of Medicine and Law faculty on career options in public health and local schools that offer law and advocacy programming. They also participated in a mock trial led by students from Community Law in Action (CLIA).
- **04/15/10** – Field trip to Living Classrooms for interactive lessons on environmental health of local ecosystems.
- **04/22/10** – Campus visit for interactive discussion regarding careers in pharmacy and presentation by UM Law School student on the “importance of a back-up plan” for students considering careers in sports.
- **05/06/10** – **Final CLUB UMB meeting for school year** – 2- 4:30pm - Visit to the Shock Trauma Center for PHAT (Promoting Healthy Alternatives for Teens) Program featuring presentations on hospital-based careers and a tour of Shock Trauma. 5-6 pm - Return to DJMS for participants to present Individual College/ Career Plans to families and friends.

## **Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy - CLUB UMB Internship Program for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Beginning in the fall of 2009, the UMB Outreach Council piloted an internship program for seniors from Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (VTTMAA). The UMB campus hosted nine student placements during the fall semester and seven during the spring semester. Students worked under the guidance of volunteer UMB mentor/supervisor(s) on the UMB campus three afternoons each week. The program requires each intern to create and present a PowerPoint summary of their internship experience at the end of the semester. The following reflects 2009-2010 placements.

### **Internship Placements - Volunteer Mentor/ Supervisors - Fall 2009**

- UM Dental School (Simulation Labs) – Gary Hack / Jerome Hillard
- Adm. & Finance, Human Resources – Michelle Mahan
- UM School of Medicine (University Physicians Inc.) – John Rafalides
- UM School of Medicine (Medical Research Technology) – Joanne Manning
- UM School of Medicine (Pathology) – Diane McMahon
- UM School of Medicine (Policy and Planning) – Kimberly Henderson
- UM School of Nursing (Dean's Office) – Jillian Aldebron
- Office of External Affairs – Sharon Wright, Nancy Gordon, Sydney Costello,
- UM School of Pharmacy (Pharmaceutical Sciences) – Peter Butko/ Kerrick Nevels
- Adm. & Finance, Public Safety – Chief Cleveland Barnes
- UM School of Medicine (Human Research Protections Office) – Kimberly Mathis
- UM School of Medicine (Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine) – Pamela Demartino

### **Interns – Fall 2009**

- Jerkia Gross
- Reginald Henderson
- Ebony Jones
- Darren Lewis
- Taron Mangum
- Ayanna Nesbitt
- Kimberly Noel

### **Internship Placements / Supervisors - Spring 2010**

- UM Dental School (Simulation Labs) – Gary Hack / Jerome Hillard
- UM Adm. & Finance, Human Resources – Michelle Mahan
- UM School of Medicine (University Physicians Inc.) – John Rafalides
- UM School of Pharmacy (Pharmaceutical Sciences) – Peter Butko / Kerrick Nevels
- Research and Development – Michael Rollor/ Stacey Boyd
- UM School of Pharmacy (Pharmaceutical Health Services Research) - Karen Morales
- UM School of Pharmacy (Poison Center) - Connie Mitchell
- UM School of Medicine (Human Research Protections Office) – Kimberly Mathis
- UM School of Medicine (Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine) – Pamela Demartino

### **Interns – Spring 2010**

- Princess Dingzon
- Reginald Henderson
- Darren Lewis
- Shenise Lucas
- Shani Miller
- Ariel Spence
- Antoine Tomlin

## Special Outreach Council Volunteer Activities Summer 2009 and 2009-2010 School Year

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### Ongoing Activities:

- **School Family Council/Family Engagement** – UMB representatives participate in the School Family Council and Family Engagement Subcommittees. UMB representatives are available for George Washington Elementary School (GWES), Diggs-Johnson Middle School (DJMS), and Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (VTTMAA).
- **Parent Support** – UMB representatives participate in meetings and make arrangements for speakers primarily from UMB. Job vacancy postings and other community resources are provided to each partner school for Parent Group meetings. College and Career information provided to parents attending family engagement activities at DJMS.
- **Support for Summer Research Program** – The UMB President’s Office sponsored this summer, 2009 program, led by Dr. Jordan Warnick, School of Medicine. This was a 6 to 8 week research program for VTTMAA students. The UMB Outreach Council assisted in recruiting mentors and supported life-skills training workshops for participants. Information about the program was provided to parents.
- **Breathmobile** – The UM Hospital for Children’s Breathmobile visits GWES providing asthma education and prevention services and screenings.
- **Mental Health Services** – Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS), part of the UM School of Social Work, provides mental health interventions for non-special education students at GWES.
- **Mental Health Support** – The UM School of Medicine’s Center for School Mental Health provides mental health interventions for non-special education students at DJMS and supports DJMS’s in-school suspension program by providing weekly interventions for suspended students.
- **Parent Chit Chat Sessions** – The UM School of Medicine’s Center for School Mental Health promotes parental involvement through parent chit-chat sessions held once a week during the Thursday Lunch Hour. Refreshments are provided. These sessions are supported by the CLUB UMB School-Based Liaison.
- **Youth Science Enrichment Program** – School of Medicine’s Youth Science Engagement Program led by Colin Gause, student at the UM School of Medicine, provides a weekly science enrichment program for George Washington Elementary Students during the school day.
- **Science Fair Support** – Dr. Mimi Blitzer, School of Medicine, coordinated weekly volunteers (faculty and students from the School of Medicine) during December 2009 and January 2010 to help DJMS students develop science fair concepts and projects.
- **Schweitzer Fellows - Environmental Awareness** – Leila Ashkeboussi and Kathleen O’Malley, students at the UM School of law, partnered with CLUB UMB to increase environmental awareness among GWES and DJMS students.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Partner Art Expo and Fund Raiser - 01/29 to 02/19/10** – UMB hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> art expo at the Weiss Gallery in the HS/HSL, featuring artwork from students at GWES and DJMS. Families, friends, students, art teachers, and UMB faculty, students and staff participated in an opening and closing reception. More than \$1400 was raised via silent auction of the artwork during the display period.

## One-Time Events Sponsored by the UMB Outreach Council

- **DJMS Summer Program Career Seminar - 07/07/09** - Representatives from the UM Schools of Nursing, Medicine, Law and the Dental School provided career presentations for students involved in Diggs-Johnson Middle School's (DJMS) summer program.
- **DJMS Summer Program Health Seminar - 07/09/09** – Representatives from the UM School of Medicine, IHV and the Center for School Mental Health, provided health related programming at DJMS.
- **Field Trip to Maryland Science Center - 07/21/09** – Dr. Mimi Blitzer, UM School of Medicine, made arrangements for up to 40 students involved in the summer school program at DJMS to visit the Maryland Science Center (MSC) with transportation provided by the MSC.
- **Parental Engagement Barbeque @ Diggs-Johnson Middle School - 07/24/09** – UMB Outreach Council members participated in a Family Barbeque event. UMB participants used the event to get to know the students and families and to promote CLUB UMB for the coming semester.
- **DJMS Spruce-Up Days - 07/27 to 07/31/09** – Volunteers from the UM School of Pharmacy took part in the DJMS Spruce-Up Day, by painting lockers and classrooms.
- **Open House Participation - 08/11/09**-UMB staff participated in VTTMAA Open House for incoming freshmen and their parents by promoting campus-based internship opportunities.
- **Club UMB Mentor Training - 09/21 & 09/24/09** – CLIA representative from the UM School of Law provided training to Club UMB mentors in positive methods of mentoring.
- **Professional Development Training 9/24 to 9/30/09** – A number of UMB faculty and staff (Human Resources, School of Medicine, School of Law, Public Safety, and External Affairs) provided professional development training for VTTMAA students who enrolled in the CLUB UMB Internship program for the fall semester. Training included email etiquette, proper dress, resume writing, HIPPA/lab safety, campus safety, presentation skills, critical thinking, getting ready for college and a tour of the UMB campus.
- **Girls Night Out - 09/25/09** – School of Medicine, UM School of Nursing and UM School of Law students presented brief descriptions of their career and academic path for DJMS students participating in back to school sleepover for young girls.
- **School of Law Day of Service @ DJMS - 09/26/09** – Representatives from the UM School of Law volunteered as painters at the school and donated painting materials for beautification projects.
- **Maryland Poison Center at GWES, DJMS & VTTMAA - 10/07, 10/09 & 10/21/09** – Representatives from the UM School of Pharmacy's Maryland Poison Center presented at Family Engagement events (inaugural PTA meeting, Parent Luncheon and Parent Empowerment Sessions) about what the Poison Center does, how to avoid poisoning, statistical data, and more. Brochures, stickers, and magnets were distributed.
- **Sneak Preview of the Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) Life Sciences Institute - 10/08/10** – Students from VTTMAA and DJMS took part in a CLUB UMB sponsored sneak-preview of the new BCCC state of the art life sciences facility housed in the University of Maryland BioPark Building.
- **AmeriCorps Day of Service - 10/12/09** – Representatives from the UM School of Social Work and AmeriCorps Public Allies program volunteered at DJMS to assist with reading and exploration of BeWhatIWantToBe.com.
- **Student National Dental Association Presentation - 10/12/09** – Students from the UMB Chapter of the Student National Dental Association presented to CLUB UMB students at GWES on dental health and careers in dentistry.
- **Campus Tours/Career Awareness - 10/26 & 10/29/09** - UMB faculty, students and staff provided campus tours and presentations on careers in nursing, dentistry, law and medicine for approximately 25 GWES students and 35 DJMS students.

- **GWES Haunted House - 10/30/09** – Representatives from the UM School of Nursing assisted with the Annual GWES Haunted House. UMB staff from OEA also donated candy and decorations for the event.
- **Operation Diabetes at DJMS - 11/18/09** – Students from the UM School of Pharmacy’s Operation Diabetes program provided a Diabetes Fair for students and parents at DJMS during the school’s math night event. Students facilitated activities at tables with games to teach parents and student about diabetes. Information regarding healthy eating, proper health care and increasing awareness of diabetes also were covered.
- **DJMS High School and College/Career Fair - 11/19/09** – Representatives from UMB supported American Education Week by helping to facilitate a CLUB UMB student hosted college fair. CLUB UMB students shared information with their fellow students on local high schools, community colleges and 4-year colleges and universities in the area, including UMB, BCCC, CCBC, Morgan, UMBC, UMCP, Towson and UB. A representative from Towson University and the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) also participated in the Fair at the invitation of UMB.
- **DJMS Mock Career Interviews - 11/19/09** – UMB students, faculty and staff participated in mock interviews with the students at DJMS. Each student presented his or her resume and was asked a series of questions as though they were in a formal interview. At the end of the interview, the student was given feedback on the interview (things they did well and things they should improve upon for future interviews). All DJMS students participated in the activity.
- **Financial Donation - 12/09** – The Office of External Affairs collected over \$400 over the 2009 holiday season for donation to GWES.
- **School of Medicine Center for School Mental Health at GWES & DJMS - 12/02 & 12/17/09** – Representatives from the School of Medicine Center for School Mental Health presented to PTA attendees, regarding how family member mental health issues can affect student performance. They also engaged parents in a relaxation visualization activity and discussed other ways for parents to deal with stress effectively.
- **Intern Presentations – 12/18/09** – Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy interns gave presentations regarding the internship experience on the UMB campus.
- **Dental Hygiene at GWES, VTTMA & DJMS - 01/13, 01/20 and 01/27/10**– Faculty from the Dental School’s Dental Hygiene program shared information regarding dental issues for children and promoted Sealant Saturday and Give Kids a Smile Day.
- **AmeriCorps Public Allies Program at DJMS 1/18**– Social Work students from the Public Allies Program volunteered to re-arrange a book room at Diggs-Johnson Middle School.
- **Maryland Science Center @ VTTMAA - 01/19, 01/20 & 01/21** – Students from VTTMAA attended a 3-day exercise provided by the Maryland Science Center. The exercise used a crime scene investigation activity to focus on genetics and DNA.
- **Professional Development Training 1/25 to 1/29/10** –A number of UMB faculty and staff (Human Resources, School of Medicine, and External Affairs) provided professional development training for VTTMAA students who enrolled in the CLUB UMB Internship program for the spring semester. Training included such topics as proper dress, resume writing, HIPPA/lab safety, and a UMB campus tour.
- **Sight Savers Program at GWES – 03/24/10** – Students from the UM School of Medicine’s Sight Savers Program presented information regarding glaucoma to parents at GWES monthly PTA meeting. A Phillips Sonic Care toothbrush, donated by the Dental Hygiene Program at the UM Dental School, was awarded in a free raffle.
- **Intern Presentations - 5/5/10 (Final Activity for School Year)** – 1 pm (2111- Lex. Bldg) - VTTMAA interns will give presentations regarding the internship experience on the UMB campus.
- **Give Kids a Smile Day - 5/14/10** - Students, staff and faculty from the UM Dental School will partner with the Maryland State Dental Association to offer dental education and apply fluoride varnish for students from GWES. Students will participate in fun educational activities that include a presentation from “George Washington” regarding his “wooden teeth”.

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotional Ceremony for Diggs-Johnson Middle School – 6/10/10** – Diggs-Johnson Middle School held their 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotional ceremony in the Medical School Teaching Facility (MSTF) Auditorium. UMB Government and Community Affairs Staff made arrangements for Senator Verna Jones, who represents the 44<sup>th</sup> legislative district to be the keynote speaker for this event.

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