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Even after his passing months before the COVID-19 pandemic would emerge and reinvigorate broad public support for the field of virology in the fight against emerging viral diseases, Charles G. Smith of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., cemented his own legacy in the advancement of virological research for years to come, thanks to an endowed professorship at the University of Maryland School of Medicine's (UMSOM) Institute of Human Virology (IHV) that now bears his name.

Smith's posthumous gift of \$1.26 million to IHV, a portion of which was matched by the Maryland E-Innovation Initiative Fund Authority, was inspired by a June 2001 appearance on CNN by IHV director and co-founder Robert Gallo, MD, which highlighted Gallo's work to detect and treat HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Gallo's words from 20 years ago continue to ring true today for what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught much of the world about the complexity of battling a new virus.

Remarking on the initial years after HIV was discovered, Gallo told CNN: "There were ... all kinds of conspiracies, not really understanding the patient population very well, and the patients not understanding the scientists, either."

Although much is now understood about the HIV patient population and successful treatments like PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) have been developed, Smith's gift to fund the Charles Gordon Smith Endowed Professor for HIV Research allows IHV to advance diagnostics and therapeutics for HIV, COVID-19, and other viral and immune disorders.

“We are beyond grateful for Charles Smith’s contribution to IHV’s mission and his longstanding support of HIV research and education,” says Gallo, who also is the Homer and Martha Gudelsky Distinguished Professor in Medicine at UMSOM. “His gift will enable us to continue our work in the discovery and application of new treatments and technologies, and to train the next generation of virologists to expand the field in innovative ways.”

At the time of his passing, Smith could not have known how the timing of the gift would ultimately advance HIV research, but his contribution will continue to have an impact in a way that Gallo himself articulated on-air to an audience of millions, including Smith, all those years ago: “We put our money where our voice is.”

To learn more about IHV’s work, [click here](#). For further information about contributing your own lasting legacy through a range of planned giving opportunities across the University of Maryland, Baltimore, [click here](#).

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Conway Scholar Alexis Burton, BSN, celebrates her School of Nursing graduation in May 2019.

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The University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) has received a \$13.83 million commitment from Bill and Joanne Conway through their Bedford Falls Fund to create an additional 345 Conway Scholarships across all degree programs. These scholarships will cover in-state tuition, fees, and — at the undergraduate level — books. The gift also includes \$1 million to support renovation of the nursing building at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) in Rockville, Md.

This transformational gift, the largest in UMSON's history, is the fourth donation to the school from the Conways, who have pledged nearly \$30 million over the past six years. This new pledge will support students from fall 2022 to fall 2027.

In addition to supporting the continuation of UMSON's Conway Scholars Program, the gift helps to facilitate UMSON's expansion at USG. The school offers its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program and its Doctor of Nursing Practice Family Nurse Practitioner specialty at USG; to provide space for these programs' growth, USG's Building I has been designated solely for UMSON. The renovation will allow for significant expansion of the simulation labs, create a student success suite, and provide an administrative suite.



Bill Conway and School of Nursing Dean Jane M. Kirschling visited with Conway Scholars in February 2020 at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, Md.

As a sign of gratitude for the Conways' ongoing generosity, the UMSON deanship now carries the Conway name, becoming "The Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing" in December 2020.

"As we face the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for nurses is especially acute," said University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS. "The Conways' extraordinary generosity continues to help meet that need and propel the University of Maryland School of Nursing forward. Countless lives will be positively impacted because of their support. I'm especially pleased that the deanship will now be associated with these incredible and generous people."

In April 2015, the Conways made their first pledge — \$5.24 million over five years — to UMSON to expand enrollment in the entry-into-nursing BSN Program and to increase opportunities for registered nurses to obtain their BSN degrees. Less than two years later, they pledged another \$2 million to provide scholarships for master's and doctoral students and to support the launch of the Family Nurse Practitioner specialty at USG. And, in April 2018, they pledged an additional \$8.2 million to continue the Conway Scholars Program.

Bill Conway said he and his wife focus their philanthropy on nursing schools because the workforce need is ever-present. "In the beginning, we wanted to make a charitable contribution, one that would enable people to have better lives, to be able to take better care of themselves, of their families, and eventually, to take care of the rest of us," Conway said. "We also thought, 'There will always be a need for nurses, so nurses will always be able to find a job.' "

Conway cites the relationships he develops with Conway Scholars and the personal and professional progress he sees in them as the most rewarding part of their philanthropy. "I've gotten to know some of the scholars over several years," he said. "I can see their confidence level increase by leaps and bounds and get the sense that they are well-equipped to face any nursing challenge put before them. I have great respect for them, and I'm proud of them.

"I've also been impressed by hearing many of them say that they fully intend to continue their nursing education. I hope that our Conway Scholars will not be burdened by education-related debt — I want them to be able to pursue the kind of jobs they are truly interested in, not be limited to those that might pay the most. To coin a phrase: Free to be all that they *can* be. And that is all the reward that Mrs. Conway and I could want."

With this latest gift, the Conways will have funded more than 830 Conway Scholarships at UMSON.

“This enormously generous gift from Bill and Joanne Conway is just the latest in a series of gifts from them that have transformed education access for nursing students,” said University System of Maryland Chancellor Jay A. Perman, MD, who served as president of UMB through December 2019. “That access is vital to population health at all times, of course, but during a deadly pandemic — when you see every day the life-saving impact of a robust and well-educated nursing workforce — gifts like the Conways’ are especially meaningful.

“Bill and Joanne have been among the most generous donors in UMSON’s history, and their philanthropy will reshape health care in Maryland, benefiting all citizens for generations to come. Their extraordinary legacy is assured.”

Representing UMSON’s Diversity

The demographics of Conway Scholars represent the diversity of UMSON’s student body, with 59 percent of scholars from minority and underrepresented populations (32 percent Black/African American, 12 percent Asian, 10 percent Hispanic, 5 percent other/more than one race) and 11 percent male. The scholars range in age from 18 to 52. In addition to full scholarships, Conway Scholars receive valuable coaching and mentoring services from faculty mentors through UMSON’s Student Success Center.

“We are incredibly grateful for this latest gift from Bill and Joanne Conway. It allows us to continue meeting the critical need, in Maryland and nationally, for improving access to care and patient outcomes by increasing the number of nurses educated at the baccalaureate degree level or higher. Maryland has grown the percentage of BSN-prepared nurses in our hospitals and health care organizations to 60 percent, but we are still short of the national goal of 80 percent,” said Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, the Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

“In addition, the increasing need for primary care throughout our state means that education of advanced practice nurses is essential. Through the Conways’ ongoing scholarship support, we are continuing to expand access to nursing education at all levels and with it, our nursing workforce. These Conway Scholars are critical to providing the caliber of nursing care our patients, their families, and our communities require and deserve; they will help ensure that we can meet health care needs in all parts of our state, now and in the years to come. The Conways’ extraordinary support for nursing is truly a game-changer.”

The Conways’ gifts have provided unprecedented opportunities to UMSON students while enabling the Conways to make progress toward realizing their philanthropic goal of providing scholarships for 10,000 nursing students.



Dean Jane M. Kirschling (far left) poses for a photo with Conway Scholars outside the School of Nursing in Baltimore in March 2020.

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Thanks to the generous support of a small group of visionary donors, two students in the University of Maryland Graduate School's [Master of Science in Health and Social Innovation Program](#) have been selected to receive \$2,500 seed stage grants that serve as a pilot project designed to support their innovative student social impact ventures. These grants represent the first phase of a greater investment in early-stage social entrepreneurship by individual and institutional donors in Baltimore and beyond.

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Mei Xu, MA, who founded the companies [Yes She May](#), Blissliving Home, and Chesapeake Bay Candle, and serves as a University of Maryland, Baltimore Foundation (UMBF) trustee, has provided financial support dedicated to establishing the Yes She May Award, which funds women entrepreneurs. Thanks to Xu's generosity, Alishia Parkhill, MS '21, was selected as the inaugural Yes She May Award recipient for her social venture, [Upholdu](#). Upholdu provides patient advocacy, health coaching, and end-of-life doula services to support, equip,

and empower women and femmes diagnosed with serious chronic illnesses in order to improve their quality of life and produce the best possible health outcomes.

“As someone who has faced a serious illness and who works in serious illness policy, I can say that the critical piece of the puzzle that is missing is nonmedical, community-based support of all kinds,” Parkhill says. “Coupled with the disparities in health care that women face, it can be quite difficult to know how to advocate for yourself. I am so proud to receive funding from a donor who centers on women.”

Additional support provided by Luke T. Cooper Jr., JD, MBA, Baltimore entrepreneur and UMBF trustee; the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation; and Donald Manekin, founding member of Seawall Development Company, will enhance UMB’s Student Social Venture Fund Pilot capacity. All four donors share UMB’s commitment to stewarding the next generation of leaders in the social impact space and a pledge to fostering sustainable solutions to complex social problems.



The second 2021 implementation grantee is Falilu “O.P.” Agbaje, a second-year student in the MS in Health and Social Innovation Program. Agbaje is the founder of [Aolat Treatment Place](#), a psychiatric rehabilitation program and outpatient mental health center in Baltimore that serves individuals age 6 or older who have been diagnosed with mental health disorders.

“I applaud the donors for their generous support,” Agbaje says. “We are now one step closer to achieving our goal toward making Baltimore City a more accepting and supportive front in the battle against mental health issues.”

The UMB Student Social Venture Fund Pilot is the first step in a five- to seven-year plan to foster social entrepreneurship that aims to set a national standard for structured funding support to promising social ventures through an incubator model. Through degree-level coursework, tailored coaching, and individualized mentoring, students in the program gain critical skills in business development, market and customer discovery, and community engagement as part of a unique, long-term investment in innovative projects working for social change.

“By promoting social entrepreneurship, we have the opportunity to not just improve Baltimore, but also to improve society and the human condition at large,” says Jim Kucher, DPA, MBA, program director, MS in Health and Social Innovation. “The Student Social Venture Fund situates UMB as setting a national standard in educating social innovators and has the potential to make a difference in the lives of citizens of Baltimore, citizens of Maryland, and citizens of the world.”

UMB’s multiyear approach to funding social ventures seeks to counteract the trend toward shorter-term social enterprise development programs, which often fail to address chronic issues and complex, systemic challenges that stand in the way of lasting social change.

UMB sees a substantial opportunity to build a pipeline to support sustainable social purpose ventures, designed to meet the social enterprise at each stage of its development, from grant

to equity, as the enterprise evolves. Your support of this effort will go a long way toward helping to build these student ventures.

To donate to UMB's Student Social Venture Fund Pilot, please [click here](#). For more information or to discuss specific ways of giving to the fund, contact the Graduate School's chief development officer, Kyle Locke, MS, by phone at 410-706-0182 or by email at klocke@umaryland.edu.

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Recognized as one of Baltimore’s “40 Under 40” business leaders by the *Baltimore Business Journal* and an Entrepreneur of the Year finalist by Ernst & Young, Luke Cooper is a lawyer, serial entrepreneur, speaker, author, and trusted advisor to business, academic, and government leaders.

After raising \$7 million, he became the first Black founder in Baltimore to lead a company to a successful “tech exit,” capturing 11x revenues for Fixt, Inc., an on-demand mobile device support and repair company that allows customers to schedule local and onsite repairs of mobile devices. It was acquired by Assurant in 2020.

Impressively, he’s done it twice. Cooper is recognized as a prominent voice advocating for more equitable participation of underrepresented communities in entrepreneurship. His latest venture — No Mud, No Magic — seeks to bridge the gap between high-potential Black startup founders and technical training, investors, and merger-and-acquisition options.

In addition to a JD from Syracuse University, Cooper holds an MBA degree from Babson College and was a scholarship basketball player at Adelphi University. He has been a University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Foundation trustee since 2019.

SPOTLIGHT: Can you tell us about your experiences as a tech entrepreneur? What challenges did you face and how did you overcome them?

LUKE COOPER: There are so many things that come with a tech startup — raising money, building a team — but I think culture dictates everything, and it is probably the most important

thing you can focus on as a founder. At various times during our journey, we were met with things that challenged our cultural foundation. For example, we decided to speed up our product development efforts, so we hired a six-person team from a different company who had previously worked together. They only cared about quick, easy revenue; they thought about teamwork differently; and they weren't grounded in our mission or core values, making it tough to merge our cultures. Culture unified each team separately. We learned how important protecting your culture is when hiring new people or working with outside teams.

How has education shaped your journey?

It has given me a wider lens to see the playing field as I navigate the daily activities related to building a company. Lawyers are a lot like engineers, contracts are like code, and the ability to think that way is important when you're trying to create a product for a market. In creating a thing that wasn't there before, those analytical skills allow you to draw useful distinctions between existing products and what you want to build.

However, education is much broader than just schools and universities. We stopped looking at education as a critical factor for success when hiring and started looking at things like demonstrations of autonomous leadership, data-driven decision-making, and a matching of values. This shaped up nicely for us, and in the end 50 percent of our workforce was Black and Latinx.

What do you find special about Baltimore as a place to start a business?

Baltimore is pretty low burn. It's the kind of place where you can get off the ground really quickly. I come from New York, which is a tough place to do anything. It's so competitive, and while I love competition, I want to thrive, and in New York it was very difficult to even figure out how to start a company. Baltimore has a lot of the critical elements — university assets, the talent is here, and I think it's an evolving community that can take a leadership position on guiding companies, organizations, and institutions to take more equitable actions. Baltimore holds that moral ground, just given the history of the city and what it's been through and what it represents, from Freddie Gray to Thurgood Marshall.

Why is fostering an entrepreneurial spirit in students, particularly UMB students, important to you?

Because the world needs it. There is no dearth of ideas, but there are few people who can paint clouds and make it rain; UMB students are well-equipped to do both. They are getting the training in an incredible environment and they have great ideas. When those ideas take shape and get off the ground, they can reform society for the better.

How can emerging entrepreneurs make diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) a central tenant of their business plan, regardless of industry?

You make it a core value. I think a lot of people misconstrue what DEI really is. Yes, it focuses on equitable opportunities across teams, genders, and ethnicities. Yes, it means diversifying the ethnic makeups of your teams, but it also means diversity of thought, background, experience, and age. It also means making your internal culture the foundation of who the company is. If you make inclusion and equity a core feature of your business and weave it into everything you do, it will naturally lead to more diverse outcomes.

It is well-documented over many years and many industries that companies that have more diversity perform better financially. At Fixt, by the time we exited, 50 percent of our workforce was Black/Latinx, and half of our leadership team was led by Black males. We were intentional about that, and it led us to an 11x outcome.

What are the biggest challenges facing student entrepreneurs today and what is your advice to them?

Myopia. To some extent students are in this predefined ecosystem that may prevent them from seeing an accurate understanding of the problem. They fall in love with their solution as opposed to treating it like an experiment. We say nothing interesting ever happens at the office. You have to get out of the office and gain more proximity to the problems you are trying to solve.

Why do you give to UMB?

Because I believe in UMB's commitment to Baltimore. I believe it to be a crucial vehicle for delivering not only much-needed resources, but also hope. It's the young doctors, dentists, nurses, social workers, lawyers, pharmacists, etc., who walk across Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and the young Black boys and girls who can see that future for themselves. It helps open their eyes and make that a real possibility for youth in West Baltimore. That's why I'm committed.

“When I think about what’s achievable for Baltimore, I think about all the talent that lives here. We can unlock so much more potential for UMB and Baltimore by empowering the communities surrounding the University. If we can drive connections between what have been historically extractive institutions and evolve into an inclusive environment, we can produce so much more in Baltimore.”

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Mei Xu is a Chinese American entrepreneur and international businesswoman who has built a multimillion-dollar company and become a credible voice in global consumer business and women’s leadership development. She is the founder and CEO of three global companies, [Yes She May](#), Blissliving Home, and Chesapeake Bay Candle.

Xu is now focused on helping women-owned consumer product companies grow and prosper with the Yes She May product platform. She holds a BA degree from Beijing Foreign Studies University and an MA from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has been a member of the UMB Foundation Board of Trustees since 2018.

SPOTLIGHT: In your new book “Burn,” you say your story is the modern American dream. Can you tell us more about the obstacles you faced in starting a business as an immigrant?

MEI XU: When I graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, it was a hard time to find jobs, especially as an immigrant in D.C. where the opportunities were mostly in government work. So I moved to New York and ended up starting my own business. I was not trained as an entrepreneur, but sometimes people don't have a choice. I think that is why you see a lot of immigrants become entrepreneurs. It is very hard to find a job in a new culture and new country, so they have to create an opportunity for themselves; they have a unique lens to evaluate things that are familiar to someone else — such as candles — and apply innovation to make them better and more beautiful. I think that immigrants and entrepreneurs have a lot in common: It takes courage, optimism, and a certain resolve to abandon something you're so familiar with and pursue a passion that is unknown and unguaranteed.

I noticed a disconnect between modern clothing with clean, powerful designs and home goods that were still so out of date. I thought, "Why would a modern woman come home to a space decorated like her grandmother's house?" And I set out to change that. I was able to study the American market and provide firsthand insight. I knew that to close the gap between the fashion market and home décor market, design had to be a top priority.

We also knew that the 1990s were a golden moment for export from China. So even without knowing the American consumer landscape, I was able to take advantage of China's export business. Many of my friends from school went to work for foreign trade organizations, and having that network immediately put us at a competitive advantage.

Now that your work is focused on helping women-owned companies, what challenges do these small businesses face that people should know about?

I've worked with a lot of retailers, and even the biggest retailers have fickle consumers. During the pandemic, I heard from a lot of small business owners that their consumer base dried up, particularly in countries where the travel industry was disrupted. That is how I had the idea to connect these small international companies to the U.S. market, which is the largest open, single-language, single-currency market.

Yes She May was launched in June 2020 and is one of the few platforms that is exclusively for international women brands. We now have over 60 to 70 brands from 20 countries and continue to grow. Yes She May is not a flea market or bazaar, it elevates women-owned businesses by exposing them to more consumers.

Not only is it socially great to support women, it is economically great. Big brands don't always take into consideration what their consumers want because there is no representation on their boards or executive level. I am very confident that when demand returns, people will give women founders a chance because they will connect with their stories and feel connected through their purchases.

What is your advice for consumers who wish to support diverse businesses or mission-driven companies?

I'm very fond of the idea of using your own power to support a group of people who can benefit. I am very inspired by the idea of impact investing. Social and impact investing is becoming more and more acceptable, and companies that practice good social values are often rewarded financially.

What gaps do you see in the entrepreneurial process?

I feel that a lot of students have great skills, but there needs to be more real-life market research. Sometimes you just have to try it, see the dynamics of how it works, and learn from

the experience. Wanting to succeed so much and being afraid of failure can make people hesitant to take that first step, but it has to be done. No amount of money can replace that.

Why do you give to UMB?

I graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, so Maryland has been my home. One of the most important things you can do is to help the people who are close to you. I also see so much potential in the BioPark. I see the humming of the businesses there, and there is so much potential to bring manufacturing jobs back to the surrounding area. Higher education contributes to the entrepreneurship ecosystem and can inspire new businesses across industries. Baltimore used to be a big manufacturing town, and I would like to see us make things again.

You can read more about Xu's entrepreneurial journey, which began in 1991 when she arrived at Washington's Dulles Airport, in her memoir "Burn: How Grit, Innovation, and a Dash of Luck Ignited a Multi-Million-Dollar Success Story," which is available at www.meixu.com.

“Entrepreneurship is a mentality that is best fostered in an educational setting, and we have so much opportunity: Why can't the Baltimore/D.C./Virginia region become the Silicon Valley of the East Coast? We have the right ecosystem. We have the land. We have a well-educated, diverse workforce and opportunities for employment. We have investors. We just need a little more push toward creating an economy that is inclusive, which is very important for our future.”

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UMB graduates who weathered the pandemic celebrated at virtual and in-person events in May. (Photo by Matthew D'Agostino)

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The COVID-19 pandemic has sparked a renewed push to support students through philanthropic funds as they continue to face unexpected emergencies and deal with the challenges they pose to their degree completion.

At the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), the Office of Philanthropy's Annual Giving team remains busy as it continues to retool the University's Student Emergency Fund in anticipation of a post-pandemic future in which many of the crises facing students — from sudden job or housing loss, to food insecurity, emergency bill assistance, and beyond — will continue to occur in some students' lives.

"When COVID-19 hit, things really fell apart for a lot of students," Stephanie Weber, MSW '20, said in a [recorded thank-you to donors](#) at UMB's 2020 Founders Week Gala. "In my situation, I lost my job and had no communication with the unemployment office, so by getting emergency funds from UMB, I was able to make sure I had food and I had rent covered. I was able to complete my degree, and that was the biggest accomplishment of my life."

Before the pandemic, plans also were underway toward founding a food pantry at UMB for students facing food insecurity. With the creation of the Student Emergency Fund and an additional Student Food Insecurity Fund, UMB will be able to pursue a holistic approach toward helping students with emergency needs. The Student Food Pantry is set to open in the fall 2021 semester and will be open to all students in need. Some pop-up events have already been held to deliver food to students who need it.

As the pandemic eases and students come back to campus in the fall, the Student Emergency Funds across the University are actively seeking additional contributions to enhance the institutional support of students for years to come.

Created early in the pandemic as part of the University's emergency response, the Student Emergency Fund is now part of UMB's annual solicitations to donors. After noticing an uptick in new gifts earmarked for the fund and that many of UMB's existing annual donors were inspired during the pandemic to contribute a second gift as a result of their existing philanthropic relationship with the University, the Office of Philanthropy quickly mobilized to partner with UMB's schools to systematize the fund to support their students' particular needs.

"What this showed us was that donors find it important for their gifts to make an immediate and tangible impact," says Lisa Vuolo, director of annual giving in the Office of Philanthropy. "Highlighting ways to connect donors' values to the urgent needs of our students and our University is an important inroad to forging new relationships built on trust and sound stewardship in times of need."

The Student Emergency Fund connects students with documented, unmet needs to an application process administered by their school as well as a general application process for the University's overarching fund. As students can draw upon emergency funds from their school and funds available through the greater University community, the role of private philanthropy is integral to shoring up support before acute challenges emerge.

"The pandemic has taught us the importance of having an infrastructure in place to support students facing a crisis," says Isabelle Garcia, annual giving officer for the University of Maryland School of Social Work. "Pandemic or no pandemic, unforeseen emergencies — whether an accident, a health emergency, a death in the family, etc. — will continue to affect people, including our students. The support of our alumni, donors, and friends is absolutely critical in providing a helping hand for students during their moment of crisis."

To contribute to the Student Emergency Fund for a specific school, or to support the University's overarching emergency fund for students, you can [learn more here](#).

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