

Letters to the UMB Community

UMB Welcomes New Police Chief

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Dear Colleagues:

I'm delighted to announce that Alice Cary, MS, will join the University next week as chief of the UMB Police Force. Chief Cary's selection to oversee public safety on campus follows a nationwide search that yielded many impressive candidates.

Most recently, Chief Cary served with the University of Oregon Police Department (UOPD), where she was promoted through the ranks to patrol operations captain. In that position, she had responsibility for the department's patrol and investigative officers and led the planning, deployment, and response to major events and emergencies.

Before moving to UOPD, Chief Cary spent four years in Oregon as a criminal investigator with the Lane County District Attorney's Office. She began her law enforcement career in Flint, Mich., and later served as a state trooper with the Wyoming Highway Patrol, as deputy sheriff in Fremont County, Wyo., and as a police officer in Riverton, Wyo.

As you know, protecting UMB's students, faculty, and staff is my foremost priority, and I'm confident that Chief Cary's considerable experience and accomplishments at the city, state, and university levels will enable her to maintain the high standards of safety that our community demands and deserves. Throughout the hiring process, Chief Cary has emphasized the importance of treating every member of our community with respect and care, offered great ideas for enhancing communication at every level, and expressed a willingness to openly examine and confront areas of our operations that need improvement.

I'm deeply grateful, of course, for the exemplary and dedicated service of UMB Interim Police Chief Martinez Davenport, MS, who has ably protected the University's students, faculty, staff, and visitors during this past year.

Chief Cary takes the helm of the UMB Police Force on June 11 and reports directly to Chief Business and Finance Officer and Vice President Dawn Rhodes, MBA. I know Ms. Rhodes looks forward to introducing her to the University community soon thereafter.

Sincerely,

Jay A. Perman, MD

President