

Joint Acknowledgement of Resolution

Today, the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) and its former Director of Athletics, Brian M. Barrio, announce their mutual resolution of a dispute arising from Mr. Barrio's departure from the University in April 2024.

A March 2024 U.S. Department of Justice report identified certain misconduct by former UMBC Swimming and Diving Coach Chad Cradock between 2015 and 2020. Mr. Barrio's tenure at UMBC overlapped with Mr. Cradock's between January and November 2020, a period in which UMBC athletics were largely suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In November 2020, student athletes reported misconduct by Coach Cradock to Mr. Barrio, and Mr. Barrio responded appropriately to those reports. UMBC subsequently made changes in the Athletics Department and, as part of those changes, decided to move forward with new leadership. Mr. Barrio's contract was not terminated for cause and neither the DOJ nor UMBC identified any action or omission by Mr. Barrio that contributed to the misconduct by Mr. Cradock.

UMBC wishes Mr. Barrio well in his future endeavors in athletics administration.