



30<sup>th</sup> Annual  
UMBC ALUMNI AWARDS



*Honoring alumni and faculty for their  
professional and personal achievements,  
and service to the university.*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018**

Earl and Darielle Linehan Concert Hall  
Performing Arts and Humanities Building

UMBC  
alumni  
ASSOCIATION

## WELCOME

Good evening and welcome to the returning alumni, students, and friends and families of this year's Alumni Award winners. This year marks the 30th cohort of award winners, and I couldn't be more excited to share the evening with them and the previous winners who have returned to join in the celebration. These outstanding alumni represent the fields of Engineering and Information Technologies, Humanities, Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts. We are also delighted to honor both a rising star and a member of our alumni association who has served with distinction. Finally, exceptional teaching is a hallmark of UMBC and we will honor a member of our faculty whose commitment to our students exemplifies Grit and Greatness.

Thank you for joining us in honoring these special members of the UMBC community.



— *John Becker '01*  
*President, UMBC Alumni Association*  
*Board of Directors*

## PROGRAM

### *Welcome*

#### **JOHN BECKER '01**

President, UMBC Alumni Association  
Board of Directors

#### **DR. FREEMAN HRABOWSKI, III**

President, UMBC

### *Presentation of Awards*

#### **NATURAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES**

Dr. Marks Doms '86

#### **ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Kimberly Ellison-Taylor '93

#### **HUMANITIES**

Saira Khan '09

#### **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

Dr. Mina Cheon M.F.A. '02

#### **SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

The Honorable Wanda Keyes Heard '79

#### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Mimi (Haw) Dietrich '70

#### **RISING STAR**

Zainab Alkebsi '09

#### **OUTSTANDING FACULTY**

Dr. Mariajosé Castellanos

### *Closing Remarks*

### *Reception*



*Outstanding Alumnus,  
Natural and Mathematical Sciences*

**DR. MARK DOMS '86, MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS**  
*Former Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce*

**Mark Doms '86, mathematics and economics**, has spent his career focused on public policy, particularly economic policy. Specializing in monetary policy, forecasting, labor force developments, innovation, big data, and applied microeconomics, Doms has made hundreds of presentations about the U.S. economy. Doms' research places him in the top 3% of economists as measured by citations.

After graduating from UMBC, Doms went on to pursue a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From there, Doms held positions at the Board of Governors for the Federal Reserve in Washington D.C. before transferring to the Federal Reserve in San Francisco. In 2009, Doms joined the Obama administration as Chief Economist at the Department of Commerce, advising the administration on a wide variety of issues, including trade, competitiveness, innovation, and education. In this role he oversaw and authored reports on the middle class, intellectual property, broadband adoption, productivity, and STEM education. In January 2013, the U.S. Senate confirmed Doms as Under Secretary for Economic Affairs at the Department of Commerce, a position that oversaw the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis, comprising over 10,000 staff and budgets exceeding \$1 billion.

After leaving the Obama administration, Doms worked for two years at Nomura Securities, Japan's largest investment bank. There he monitored economic developments, developed economic forecasts, and traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Asia.



*Outstanding Alumna,  
Engineering and Information Technology*

**KIMBERLY ELLISON-TAYLOR '93, INFORMATION SYSTEMS**  
*Global Strategy Director, Oracle*

As the Global Strategy Director for the Financial and Professional Services Industries for Oracle America, **Kimberly Ellison-Taylor '93, information systems**, is an influential leader in the continually evolving fields of big data, cybersecurity, and assurance and advisory services. Ellison-Taylor's shared background in accounting and information systems management has led to leadership positions in a multitude of organizations, including the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; KPMG; and Prince George's County Government, where she served as Chief Information Technology Officer.

In 2016, Ellison-Taylor made history as the first African American Chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The youngest ever to be elected and first AICPA chair from the state of Maryland, Ellison-Taylor's platform led the profession toward increased technology and globalization. She also served as the Chairman of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, an organization of more than 670,000 from 184 countries.

The recipient of numerous professional awards, Kimberly has been annually recognized by *Accounting Today* as a one of the 100 Most Influential People in Accounting since 2016, and as one of the Most Powerful Women in Accounting by CPA Practice Advisor those same years. Ellison-Taylor also serves as a member of the Robert H. Smith School of Business Advisory Board and is a former member of the UMBC Alumni Association Board of Directors. A charter member of UMBC's Sigma Gamma Rho, Ellison-Taylor remains active in the organization, serving in local, regional, and national levels over 28 years. She is also an active member of the Maryland Association of CPAs where she is a past Chairman. Ellison-Taylor is a lifetime member of the National Association of Black Accountants.

Ellison-Taylor is married to UMBC alumnus **Darius Taylor '92, Modern Languages & Linguistics**, and is the dedicated mother of two sons, Darius II and Dominic.



### *Outstanding Alumna, Humanities*

#### **SAIRA KHAN '09, ENGLISH**

*Director of Social Media, The New Yorker*

In less than a decade, **Saira Khan '09, English**, has accomplished more than some aspiring journalists achieve in their entire career. Currently the Director of Social Media for *The New Yorker*, Khan is tasked with the development, design, and execution of the publication's social media strategy. Prior to joining *The New Yorker*, Khan was a founding member of Facebook's Trending Team, providing real-time editorial insight and curation for the social media platform. As a freelance writer, Khan's work has appeared in *A Woman's Thing*, *The Atlantic*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *Bustle*, *Dawn*, *The New York Times*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *newyorker.com*. In 2018, Khan's team at *The New Yorker* was a finalist for the 2018 Ellie Award in social media.

After graduating from UMBC in 2009, Khan worked in financial publishing and freelance writing for *Dawn*, an English newspaper in Khan's native Pakistan, and *The Baltimore Sun* before moving to New York to pursue a Master of Science at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Aside from getting published in *The New York Times* (twice), Khan cites her time at Facebook as one of her greatest successes. The position also became one of her greatest professional challenges, defending the integrity of her work from misinformation. In December 2016, Khan co-founded *High-Strung*, a monthly newsletter + playlist, with fellow New York-based creatives; their work has been featured in a variety of local and national publications.



### *Outstanding Alumna, Visual and Performing Arts*

#### **DR. MINA CHEON M.F.A. '02, IMAGING & DIGITAL ARTS**

*Professor, Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)*

**Mina Cheon M.F.A. '02, Imaging & Digital Arts**, is a Korean American global new media artist, scholar, and educator. Dividing her time between Baltimore, New York, and Seoul, Korea, Cheon received a Ph.D. in philosophy of media and communications from the European Graduate School at the European University for Interdisciplinary Studies in Switzerland, an MFA in painting from the Hoffberger School of Painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), and a BFA in painting from Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea.

Cheon's political pop art, "Polipop," draws inspiration from global media and popular culture, producing work that intersects politics and pop art in evocative ways. With a thematic focus on geopolitical and contested spaces, race culture and postcolonialism, and Asia's relationship to the Western world in global media culture, Cheon has worked on North Korean awareness and global peace projects since 2004. Cheon's work has been exhibited in or is in the collection of numerous and varied museums and galleries internationally. Represented by Ethan Cohen Gallery in New York, Cheon's art is currently featured at the international Busan Biennale 2018 in Korea.

The author of *Shamanism and Cyberspace*, Cheon contributes to a variety of publications and serves on the Board of Directors of the New Media Caucus of the College Art Association. Awarded the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Unity Week Award for her efforts promoting cultural diversity within and beyond her college, Cheon is a full-time Professor at MICA and a mentor of Art-Uni-On, a global mentorship network by Hyundai Co. and the Seoul National University College of Fine Arts.



### *Outstanding Alumna, Social Sciences*

#### **THE HONORABLE WANDA KEYES HEARD '79, POLITICAL SCIENCE** *Chief Judge, 8th Circuit Court of Maryland (Baltimore City)*

In December of 2017, **Chief Judge Wanda Keyes Heard '79, political science**, was appointed Chief Judge after serving as Circuit Court judge in Baltimore City for 19 years. The first female Chief Judge in the history of the 8th Judicial Circuit, Chief Judge Heard is well known on and off the bench for her commitment to service – both to the community she serves for Baltimore City as well as to aspiring students, interns, and new attorneys.

Through her judicial internship program, Chief Judge Heard has mentored more than 25 students from UMBC, along with a host of law students, interns, and new attorneys. Area elementary and middle school students still benefit from the mock trial programs Judge Heard started when her own daughter, now an adult, was young. She remains committed to legal education and access to justice for all citizens, hosting regular seminars for lawyers and serving on the Board of Directors of the Library Company of the Baltimore City Bar. While Chief Judge Heard has received numerous awards over her 36-year legal career, she cites receipt of the Thurgood Marshall Award for Judicial Excellence by the Baltimore Chapter of the NAACP in 2013 as one of her proudest accomplishments.

A 1982 graduate of the University of Maryland King Carey School of Law, Chief Judge Heard served as an Executive Assistant United States Attorney prior to ascending to the bench in 1999. An active UMBC alumna, Chief Judge Heard is a member of UMBC's 1966 Society and supporting fundraising efforts for the Second Generation Scholarship. Judge Heard is an active member of the Beta Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and was initiated through the Theta Eta chapter while a student at UMBC.



### *Distinguished Service*

#### **MIMI (HAW) DIETRICH '70, AMERICAN STUDIES** *Quilter, Teacher, Writer*

On September 19, 1966, UMBC opened its doors to students for the first day of classes in the institution's history. **Mimi Dietrich '70, American Studies**, was among those students, lured by encouragement from faculty and administrators to create new experiences. Labeled as pioneers, everything was new for students and the university alike, and everything was possible.

The pioneering spirit has continued to carry Dietrich to pursue her passion in quilting. After teaching middle school and pre-school for six years, Dietrich shifted her focus to teach needlework and quilting. For 50 years, Dietrich has traveled across the United States to teach at guilds, festivals, state conferences, cruises, and an American Studies course at UMBC. Dietrich was inducted into The Quilters Hall of Fame in 2015 and was named Professional Quilt Teacher of the Year by the International Association of Creative Arts Professionals in 2013. The author of 17 books and countless publications, Dietrich now teaches a year-long class focused on Baltimore Album Quilts. Dietrich is a founding member of The Village Quilters in Catonsville and the Baltimore Applique Society and is preparing for an exhibit of her quilts in 2019.

Alongside her professional successes, Dietrich has maintained a close relationship with UMBC. A founding member of the Fab Four, an alumni group comprised of graduates of UMBC's first four graduating classes, Dietrich took on a pivotal volunteer role engaging the earliest alumni heading into UMBC's 50th anniversary in September 2016. The Fab Four, spearheaded by Dietrich, hosted several events and continues to plan initiatives aimed at connecting UMBC's early alumni with the university. A former member of UMBC's Alumni Association Board of Directors, Dietrich was named UMBC Volunteer of the Year in 1997, an honor she shared with husband and alumnus **Robert "Bob" Dietrich '70, Biological Science**.



### *Rising Star*

#### **ZAINAB ALKEBSI '09, POLITICAL SCIENCE**

*Policy Counsel, National Association of the Deaf*

As policy counsel for the National Association for the Deaf (NAD), **Zainab Alkebsi '09, political science**, provides analysis, recommendations, and counsel to NAD on policy issues affecting deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind individuals. The daughter of Yemeni immigrants, Alkebsi is the only deaf member of her family and the first in her family to hold a law degree. Growing up, Alkebsi always knew she wanted to become a lawyer, hoping to break down barriers to accessibility for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. In her role with NAD, Alkebsi is tasked with doing just that, interfacing with government agencies, Congress, coalitions, media, and businesses on all issues affecting deaf and hard-of-hearing communities.

After graduating from UMBC, Alkebsi attended the University of Baltimore School of Law where she was a policy intern for the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and volunteer Rule 16 student attorney for the Innocence Project Clinic. After receiving a degree from the Baltimore School of Law, Alkebsi clerked for the Honorable Alexandra Williams before becoming Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. As deputy director, Alkebsi developed bills for introduction in Maryland's legislative session, monitored state and federal legislation, conducted legal research analysis, and developed training presentations for law enforcement, hospitals, and other key agencies and organizations that interact with the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

Lending her advocacy efforts to current UMBC students, Alkebsi serves as a guest lecturer in a class focused on the deaf community and its culture. She also serves on the Board of DeafVISA, which partners with UMBC's Signs of Life ASL Club for deaf-friendly events on campus.



### *Outstanding Faculty*

#### **DR. MARIAJOSÉ CASTELLANOS**

*Senior Lecturer and Undergraduate Program Director  
Chemical, Biochemical, and Environmental Engineering*

As senior lecturer and undergraduate program director in the Department of Chemical, Biochemical, & Environmental Engineering, Dr. Mariajosé Castellanos' reach extends far beyond the classroom. From core undergraduate to advanced graduate coursework, Castellanos serves as "a doorway into our department," and "doorway from our department into the world," according to UMBC Professor and Department Chair Dr. Mark Marten.

Notably, Castellanos transformed Thermodynamics, a challenging departmental core class, from a traditional lecture style course to a flipped-learning and team-based class in an effort to improve student outcomes. She applied the same principles to revamp the senior level capstone design class, again implementing a team-based learning approach incorporating soft skills rarely learned in class yet critical to success beyond graduation.

A 2013 Hrabowski Innovation Fund seed grant recipient, Castellanos has advised 24 undergraduate independent study projects, participates in the Faculty Development Center and professional conferences focused on pedagogy and college-level teaching, and contributes to numerous campus committees and initiatives outside of her department.

Yet Castellanos' most compelling endorsements come from her students, whose feedback helped Castellanos earn the department's only exceptional instructor rating from a recent ABET evaluation. Additionally, over 30 former students provided feedback in support of Castellanos' outstanding faculty award nomination. "Dr. C was the first professor who truly showed me the value in working a problem that I wasn't sure how to proceed with," notes nominator **Jeremy Drew '17, chemical engineering**. **Cody Kendig '17, chemical engineering**, adds "Dr. C cares about the well-being of her students, and adapts to each of their individual needs in order to bring them the most comprehensive education possible."



## **GIVING TO THE ALUMNI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The **UMBC ALUMNI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP** allows you to transform lives with a simple gift. With our combined support, students are able to pursue internships and research, enroll in enriching courses, and build confidence knowing their alumni community believes in them.

This year, seven deserving students were awarded General and Legacy scholarships through this fund.

**Rachel Mansir '19**, social work

**Alexia Petasis '19**, interdisciplinary studies

**Jessica Davis '18**, information systems

**Jumina Ito '20**, biochemistry

**Julie Homans '19**, history

**Araby Kaba '19**, political science

**Ifeoma Azinge '19**, biology and psychology

We celebrate them and honor their success tonight by giving to support the next generation of Retrievers. Our UMBC legacy depends upon the strength of their accomplishments.

Help us transform the lives of even more students by helping us reach our goal of raising \$35,000 this year for the endowment.

Make a gift at the registration table or online at:

**[gritstarter.umbc.edu/p/alumnischolarshipfund](https://gritstarter.umbc.edu/p/alumnischolarshipfund)**.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of UMBC's alumni awards gave us the opportunity to reach out to previous award recipients. Updates included are from previous honorees in attendance tonight.

**DR. CHARLES "CHUCK" BEVINS '76,**  
BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR  
BIOLOGY, PH.D. '86, BIOCHEMISTRY  
*1998 Recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus  
of the Year*

Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, School  
of Medicine — University of California, Davis

**DR. SHELDON BROEDEL, M.S. '84,**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE, PH.D. '90,  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

*2005 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumna  
of the Year Award in the Natural and  
Mathematical Sciences*

Chief Executive and Science Officer, AthenaES;  
Assistant Director and Adjunct Professor,  
Graduate Programs in Biotechnology, UMBC

**JON S. CARDIN ESQ. M.P.S. '96,**  
POLICY SCIENCES

*2009 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus in  
the Social and Behavioral Sciences Award*

Practicing law in Baltimore and partners  
with Johnny Olszewski, Sr. at CO-Operation  
Strategies, a Government Affairs consulting firm  
(previous 11th district rep — Maryland House  
of Delegates, 2003-2014).

**ELI EISENBERG '86,**  
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

*2007 Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award*  
President of VPC, Inc. a national special events  
production and engineering company.

**SANDRA GEEST '72, ENGLISH**

*1990 Recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award*

Retired, Geest and Associates Meeting Planning  
and currently serving on the UMBC Fab Four  
alumni committee, member of the University  
System of Maryland Alumni Association  
International (past president) and past president  
of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**WILLIAM GLOVER '90,**  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS

*1995 Recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award*  
Chief Information Officer, Archdiocese of Baltimore

**DR. TIFFANY HOLMES M.F.A. '99,**  
IMAGING & DIGITAL ARTS

*2016 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumna  
Award in the Visual and Performing Arts*

Vice-Provost for Undergraduate Studies,  
Maryland Institute College of Art

**DR. MARY LOEKEN, M.S. '80,**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

*2013 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumna  
Award in the Natural and Mathematical Sciences*

Research Investigator in the Section on Islet  
Cell and Regenerative Biology at the Joslin  
Diabetes Center and Associate Professor in the  
Department of Medicine at Harvard Medical  
School in Boston, MA, studying birth defects  
caused by diabetic pregnancy.

**GIB MASON '95, ECONOMICS**

*2014 Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award*

Founder, Center for Leadership & Innovation and  
Graduate Program Director, Entrepreneurship,  
Innovation & Leadership at UMBC

**DR. KEVIN MAXWELL, PH.D. '02,**  
LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND CULTURE

*2008 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus  
of the Year Award in the Humanities*

Five years as CEO and Superintendent of the  
Prince George's County Public School System;  
40 years working in Maryland State public  
schools (retiring, October 2018).

**DR. YVETTE MOZIE-ROSS '88,**  
HEALTH SCIENCE AND POLICY

*1996 Recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award*

Vice-Provost, Enrollment Management and  
Planning, UMBC

**DR. JOSEPH MCCLOSKEY M.S. '81,**  
MATHEMATICS, PH.D. '83,  
MATHEMATICS

*2007 Recipient of the Outstanding  
Alumnus of the Year in the Natural  
and Mathematical Sciences*

Deputy Technical Director of the Research  
Directorate of the National Security Agency,  
recently celebrating 50 years of service at NSA.

**JACK NEIL '77, AMERICAN STUDIES  
& POLITICAL SCIENCE**

*1997 Recipient of the Alumni Community  
Leadership Award*

Establishing the consulting firm JACK NEIL  
& ASSOCIATES, LLC in 1985, Jack Neil  
provides political lobbying and strategic  
advisory services for client interests at state  
and federal levels, with practice sectors in  
government finance and tax policy; renewable  
energy; environment; health delivery finance  
systems; and government procurement.

**ROBERT SEASONWEIN '71, HISTORY**  
*1999 Recipient of the Distinguished Alumna  
of the Year Award*

Consulting with financial services companies  
on security matters; retiree - including 31 years  
government service, eight years on the legal staffs  
of Ford Motor Company and Volkswagen of  
America, and five years with the DC Office  
of a New York law firm.

**KAREN JOHNSON SHAHEED, ESQ. '85,**  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

*2001 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumna  
of the Year Award*

Executive Vice President, General Counsel  
and Chief of Staff, Bowie State University

**PATRICIA SMITH, ESQ. '74,**  
ANCIENT STUDIES

*2007 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumna in  
the Humanities Award*

Director of Legal Services for the Department of  
Public Safety and Correctional Services; adjunct  
professor at the University of Baltimore School  
of Law

**JOHN "JACK" SUESS III, '81,**  
MATHEMATICS, M.S.'95,  
OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

*2000 Recipient of the Volunteer  
of the Year Award*

Vice President and Chief Information Officer,  
Division of Information Technology, UMBC

**DR. CRYSTAL WATKINS-JOHANSSON  
'95, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE**

*2009 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumna  
of the Year Award in the Natural and  
Mathematical Sciences*

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral  
Sciences and Director, The Memory Clinic in  
Neuropsychiatry at Sheppard Pratt

**THE HONORABLE RICARDO ZWAIG  
'77, SPANISH**

*2013 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus  
in the Humanities Award*

Associate Judge, District Court of Maryland  
for Howard County

**BRIGITTE WINTER '05, ACTING**

*2013 Recipient of the Outstanding Alumna of the  
Year Award in the Visual and Performing Arts*

Professional writer and artist, co-founder of No  
Discipline Arts Collective, and the Executive  
Director of Young Playwrights' Theater, a DC  
nonprofit that inspires young people to realize the  
power of their voices through creative writing.

**THE HONORABLE DAVID YOUNG '74,**  
SOCIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

*1992 Recipient of the Outstanding  
Alumnus Award*

Pastor of Oak Street AME Church in Baltimore;  
Senior Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City

# PAST ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

The alumni and faculty below represent a distinguished group who've exemplified grit and greatness in their field, their service to UMBC, and in their personal lives. Over the last 30 years, awardees have been acknowledged in these categories: *Alumni Community Leadership, Distinguished Alumnus/a of the Year, Distinguished Service, Outstanding Alumnus/a, Outstanding Alumnus/a Engineering and Technology, Outstanding Alumnus/a Humanities, Outstanding Alumnus/a Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Outstanding Alumnus/a Social and Behavioral Sciences, Outstanding Alumnus/a Visual and Performing Arts, Outstanding Faculty, Outstanding Alumnus/a Social Work, Volunteer of the Year, and Young Alumni Rising Star.*

## 2017

Dr. Kafui Dzirasa '01  
Dennis Williams '14  
Dr. Kate Laskowski '06  
Dr. Alejandro Cremaschi '93  
Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, Ph.D. '06  
Dr. Steven Storck '08  
Lauren Mazzoli '15, M.S. '17  
\*Dr. Marc Zupan

## 2016

Henry Baker '78, Ph.D. '84  
Vince Calhoun, Ph.D. '02  
Dr. Tiffany Holmes, M.F.A. '99  
Joseph Jones, Jr. '06  
Ruby Lu '94  
Galina Madjaroff '08, M.A. '11  
\*Dr. Kimberly Moffitt  
Dr. Ian Ralby '02, M.A. '02  
Thomas Sadowski '89

## 2015

\*Dr. Tara Carpenter  
Nicole DeBlase '06  
Andre Gudger '99  
Bryan Kelly '92  
Yoon-Ho Kim, Ph.D. '01  
The Hon. Allan Kittleman '81  
Dr. Lisa Urkevich '86

## 2014

Michael Adelstein '96  
Isaac Kinde '05  
Donna Lewis '86  
Gib Mason '95  
Kaliopé Parthemos '93  
Dr. Claudia Pearce, M.S. '89, Ph.D. '94  
Hadieh Shafie, M.F.A. '04  
\*Dr. Anne Spence

## 2013

Dr. Mary Loeken, M.S. '80  
Brigitte (Pribnow) Winter '05  
Dr. Sherece West-Scantlebury, Ph.D. '07  
Jeehye Yun '97  
The Hon. Ricardo Zwaig '77

## 2012

Greg Cangialosi '96  
Stephanie C. Hill '86  
Deborah Randall '94  
Elizabeth Rossman '85  
Dr. Kimani A. Stancil '94  
Christopher Valentino '02, M.S. '06

**Special Recognition—**  
Freeman A. Hrabowski, III

## 2011

Delali Dzirasa '04  
Jamie Smith Hopkins '98  
Dr. Ronita L. Marple, Ph.D. '05  
Dr. Ralph Semmel, Ph.D. '92  
Dr. Jeffrey P. Wilkinson '89  
Garrett Wright '01

## 2010

Dean Alexander '88  
Chad Cradock '97  
Michael George '87  
Aaron Merki '05  
Dr. Michael Nishimura '80, M.S. '84, Ph.D. '89  
Gene Trainor '86  
Vikki Valentine '96

## 2009

The Hon. Jon S. Cardin M.P.S. '96  
Dr. James P. Clements '85, M.S. '91, Ph.D. '93  
Jeffrey "Duff" Goldman '97  
Gustavo Matheus '90  
Laura Pasquini '98  
Dr. Crystal C. Watkins-Johansson '95  
Alicia Wilson '04

## 2008

Eric Conn '85  
Kara Lee Corthron '99  
The Hon. Marcella Holland '80  
Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Ph.D. '02  
Stephanie Reel '85  
Dr. Reid Thompson '85

## 2007

Eric Carlton '91  
Eli Eisenberg '86  
Sheila Lopez '92  
Robert Marshall '88  
Dr. Joseph McCloskey, M.S. '81, Ph.D. '83  
Patricia Smith '74

## 2006

Lisa Dickerson '78  
Dr. Steven Eidelman '73  
The Hon. Diane Jones, M.S. '88  
Billy Kemp '95  
Michael Oster '74  
Donna Stevenson '87

## 2005

Sheldon Broedel, M.S. '84, Ph.D. '90  
Dr. Sean Carton '90  
Brian Dannelly '97  
Dr. Renato DiPentima, Ph.D. '84  
Walter Kerr '96, M.S. '97  
Dr. Yue (Joseph) Wang, Ph.D. '95

## 2003

Robert Baruch '89  
Diane Bell-McKoy '73  
Emily Byrne '70  
The Hon. Adrienne Jones '76

## 2002

Dr. Paul Behrens, M.A. '80, Ph.D. '83  
Elsa Collins '95  
Dr. Ram Mohan, Ph.D. '92  
Michael Rowe '78  
C. Emmerson Small '74

## 2001

Gary Brooks '79  
Richard Chisolm '82  
Karen Shaheed Johnson '85  
Scott Weber '85  
William Whiteford '80

## 2000

Dr. Cheryl Burke-Schwarz '82  
Jennifer Anne Cooper '94  
Dr. Tayebeh Pourmotabbed '86  
Jack Suess '81, M.S. '95

## 1999

Dr. James P.M. Atsaides '71  
Roosevelt Hairston, Jr. '87  
Maureen McCormick '91  
Robert Seasonwein '71

## 1998

Charles Bevins '76, Ph.D. '86  
Dr. Diana Fertsch '82  
Dr. George Thomas Grace '77  
Anita Jackson '80  
Stephen Rice '79  
Rev. Karin Wagner Walker '85

## 1997

Richard Foster '73  
Rick Moreland '83  
Jack Neil '77  
Dr. Charles Taylor '73

## 1996

The Hon. Thomas Dewberry '73  
Dr. Kimberly Joseph '83  
Dr. Richard Lytel '75  
Dr. Yvette Mozic-Ross '88  
W. Jack Mullen '72  
Dr. Lauren Schnaper '71  
Lori Smith-Watson '85

## 1995

Dr. Jo Ann Argersinger '74  
William Glover '90  
Dr. Scott Rifkin '81  
Dr. Michael Zollicoffer '80

## 1994

Nathan Chapman, Jr. '80  
Dr. Blair Grubb '76  
Michele Hayes '85  
Bobby Richardson '89

## 1993

James Andercyk '88  
José Barata '79  
The Hon. Dana Levitz '70  
Ruth Williamson '77

## 1992

Tyrone Bullock, Sr. '84  
Dr. Stephen Vicchio '73  
The Hon. David Young '74

## 1991

Dr. Rita Berndt '71  
Edward Hodges '82  
Lawrence LaMotte '71

## 1990

Mary Beth Engelbride '84  
Sandra Geest '72  
Dr. Paula Grabowski '76  
James Wiggins '75

## 1989

Dr. Robin West '76

## 1988

Dr. Winston Griner '74

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