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AWARDS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Earl and Darielle Linehan Concert Hall,
Performing Arts and Humanities Building, UMBC

WELCOME


Good evening and welcome to the returning alumni, students, and friends and families of this year's Alumni Award winners. Each year, the UMBC Alumni Association honors alumni who have made a difference in their communities and throughout their careers. These outstanding individuals 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 a Rising Star in their field and a member of our faculty, whose commitment to our students exemplifies our characteristic Grit and Greatness.

Looking back on the past decade that I've been involved with the Alumni Awards, it is amazing how this, our signature event, has grown. With the thought and leadership exhibited by our Alumni Awards committee and the tireless support of the Alumni Engagement staff, we have enjoyed significantly increased exposure and recognition for the talented and accomplished alumni we honor.



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

Welcome to the 31st Alumni Awards! UMBC and the Office of Alumni Engagement are proud to support the Alumni Association and its board of directors in this annual celebration of excellence. The outstanding group of award winners we honor tonight are leading the way for others and making an impact on all facets of our society and on the local, national and global stages. They exemplify the best qualities of a UMBC education — they are intellectually curious, creative, entrepreneurial, innovative, committed to making a difference and passionate and proud of their UMBC. They represent the very best in our alumni community and I hope their stories will inspire you as they did for me.



— *Stanyell Odom, Director,
Office of Alumni Engagement*

PROGRAM

Welcome

JOHN BECKER '01

President, UMBC Alumni Association Board of Directors

GREG SIMMONS, M.P.P. '04

Vice President, Institutional Advancement

Presentation of Awards

ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Paul Mangus '86

HUMANITIES

La Jerne Cornish, Ph.D. '05

NATURAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Vice Admiral Jerome Adams '97, M4

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Kim Shelsby '85

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Kimberly Patrick '08

RISING STAR

Kelsey Krach '14

OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Beverly Bickel, M.A. '94, Ph.D. '05

Closing Remarks

DR. FREEMAN HRABOWSKI

President, UMBC

Reception

immediately following upstairs in the Dance Cube



Paul Mangus '86,
Information Systems Management
Co-Founder and Chairman
of the Board, B&A, Inc.

Outstanding Alumnus,
Engineering and Information Technology

For over 30 years, **Paul Mangus '86, information systems management,** has specialized in software development, leadership, and strategic planning. Mangus has worked with companies of various sizes, and learned that combining what large corporations and smaller organizations have to offer is critical to success. He has embraced the belief that every decision counts, especially the difficult ones, and that those decisions are what position a leader and their company to compete more effectively.

Not long after graduating from UMBC, Mangus started his own software solutions company, Bart & Associates, now B&A. B&A having recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, developed many of the security systems we have in place today, from the chips in our passports to facial recognition at airports. As the creator of the Advanced Passenger Information System, the Land Borders and Airport Primary Query System among other programs, Mangus' work is the foundation of many Homeland Security border protection systems.

Though he is often short on time, Mangus always makes time to help others. He is the president of the Greater Olney Newspaper which provides local news to over 19,000 homes within the Olney Maryland community, and is the co-founder of the Mary Mangus Hospice House which provides housing for families dealing with end-of-life care for their loved ones. He is also a long term supporter and volunteer at Rebuilding Together Montgomery County, has served as an Eagle Scout Project Coach, and volunteers as the webmaster for the Sandy Spring Civic Association.



*La Jerne Cornish,
Ph.D. '05,*

*Language, Literacy, and Culture
Provost and Senior Vice President,
Ithaca College*

*Outstanding Alumna,
Humanities*

La Jerne Cornish, Ph.D. '05, language, literacy, and culture, an education administrator with a strong record of helping students and faculty achieve success, is the provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Ithaca College. Cornish spent the first 15 years of her career as a teacher and administrator in the Baltimore City Public School System. In 1998 she joined the faculty at Goucher College, where she had earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in education, as an instructor in the education department. While teaching full time at Goucher, Cornish earned her Ph.D. in the LLC program at UMBC, a program that changed her professional trajectory.

In her role as Chief Academic Officer, Cornish plays a significant role in strategic planning and implementation. In her first year as provost she created *Imagining Ithaca*, a plan to make Ithaca a model for student success, engagement, and well-being, helping students to develop their unique potential. Committed to educational issues locally and globally, Cornish helped establish Future Educators Associations in five Baltimore City middle schools. She also took Goucher students to South Africa for a month-long program teaching English and math to students in grades five through seven. Inspired by that experience, Cornish is planning to create a study abroad course in South Africa for Ithaca College students.

Her research interests include new teacher induction, culturally responsive teaching, and campus responses to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Dr. Jerome Adams '97

*Biochemistry and Molecular
Biology and Psychology*

*Surgeon General, U.S. Department
of Health & Human Services*

Outstanding Alumnus, Natural and Mathematical Sciences

Jerome Adams '97, M4, biochemistry and molecular biology, psychology,

is the current Surgeon General of the United States, whose job is to advance the health of the American people. Dr. Adams is committed to strengthening relationships with all members of the health community and forging new partnerships with members from the business, faith, education, public safety, and national security sectors.

As Surgeon General, Dr. Adams holds the rank of Vice Admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. In this capacity he oversees the operations of approximately 6,500 uniformed health officers who serve in nearly 80 locations around the world. During his tenure, Dr. Adams has created several initiatives to tackle our nation's most pressing health issues, including the opioid epidemic, oral health, and the links between community health and both economic prosperity and national security. Additionally, Dr. Adams is focused on building a culture of health and prevention in all sectors. As part of those efforts, he has commissioned a Surgeon General's Report to explore the connection between private sector investments and public policies leading to healthier communities and advancing business and community prosperity.

As an alumnus of the Meyerhoff Scholars Program, Dr. Adams continues to promote UMBC and the Meyerhoff Scholars Program wherever he can. He also feels his toughest, but most important, job is being a father to two teenage boys, Caden and Eli, daughter Millie, and dog Bella.



Kim Shelsby '85,

Geography

*Director, Supply Chain Solutions,
Chemonics International*

*Outstanding Alumnus,
Social Sciences*

With more than 25 years of experience in international business, business development, and program management, **Kim Shelsby '85, geography,** is a director of supply chain solutions for Chemonics International. He has experience in over 40 countries and holds masters' degrees in applied cultural anthropology and business administration.

Over the last 25 years, Shelsby has worked in international business development, served as a management consultant for Ernst & Young, worked for several startup companies, and implemented several United States Agency for International Development (USAID) projects to foster economic growth and improve public health in developing countries. In 2011, during the turbulent Arab Spring revolution, Shelsby was responsible for managing the evacuation of 50 staff and family members from Egypt.

For the past 11 years, Shelsby has been with Chemonics International managing USAID projects in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Caribbean. From 2015 - 2018 he served as the startup manager and managing director for the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program, a \$9.5 billion project which delivers medicines to millions of people in over 60 countries. Locally, Shelsby has been a guest lecturer in classes at UMBC, as well as at University of Maryland College Park, Princeton University, the World Bank, and the U.S. Institute for Peace.



Kimberly Patrick '08,

Music

*Sound Editor, Skywalker Sound,
Lucasfilm, Ltd.*

Outstanding Alumna, Visual and Performing Arts

Kimberly Patrick '08, music, is an Emmy-nominated sound editor and foley artist for film and television. At UMBC, she was a Linehan Artist Scholar, worked as concert staff for music department concerts and events, and played trumpet in several UMBC ensembles, including the Down and Dirty Dawg Band. After graduating from UMBC, with a concentration in music technology, Kim worked as an intern at Walt Disney World in Orlando. In 2009, she moved to Los Angeles and began classes at the USC Cinematic Arts graduate film program. While at USC, she became an Annenberg Graduate Fellow and teaching assistant for undergraduate and graduate level courses in sound, and received her MFA in Film and Television Production with an emphasis in sound in 2012.

After completing her masters, Kim worked as a freelance sound editor and production sound mixer in L.A. Thanks to a recommendation from a professor, she was hired as an intern at Skywalker Sound, a division of Lucasfilm Ltd. where she worked with sound designer Randy Thom for over a year. Since then, Kim has worked as an assistant sound editor, foley artist, foley editor, sound effects editor, supervising sound editor, and re-recording mixer on a variety of films and television. She's worked on such films as *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, *Thor: Ragnarok*, *Captain Marvel*, and, most recently, *Toy Story 4*. In 2015, Kim was a co-winner of a Golden Reel Award for Outstanding Sound Editing for *Star Wars Rebels* and again in 2019 for her work on *Next Gen*.

Kim currently lives in the San Francisco Bay Area working with industry-leading sound editors, sound designers, and filmmakers from around the world.



Kelsey Krach '14,

Cultural Anthropology

*Product Manager & Designer,
Fearless*

Rising Star

After graduating from UMBC, **Kelsey Krach '14, cultural anthropology**, went to Madrid where she received an MA in Visual and Digital Media from the IE Business School. Studying anthropology provided Krach with the critical thinking skills and an understanding of human relationships that she now uses to analyze how people interact with technology and create products that solve their problems. She's worked with 15-plus social enterprises across the U.S. and Europe to build their brands, as well as in the healthcare field to support patient-centered product design. Last year, Krach worked with the Baltimore City Health Department to build tools that allowed them to determine people's social determinants of health. These tools improved access to community services for residents in need. Krach enjoyed the challenge of aligning multiple visions and ensuring that everyone involved in the process was heard. Krach currently works as a product manager and designer for Fearless, a Baltimore-based, UMBC alumni-owned business.

Outside of her daily work, Krach runs her own independent consulting business where she works with clients on product design and branding strategy, and is a founding member of Techladies, a women's employment networking group and online community. Krach volunteered as a Brigade co-leader with Code for Baltimore, and works in food advocacy having helped to establish the Mera Kitchen Collective, a worker-owned cooperative build for and by refugees and immigrants in Baltimore, and Chefugee, a cultural food storytelling program in Madrid for refugee and asylum seeker cooks. She continues to stay engaged with the UMBC community, playing a special role in the mentorship, recruitment, and support of Sondheim scholars.



Beverly Bickel, M.A. '94,
Instructional Development Systems,
Ph.D. '05 Language, Literacy & Culture
Clinical Associate Professor, Language,
Literacy, & Culture, and Affiliate Associate
Professor, Gender and Women's Studies

Outstanding Faculty

Beverly Bickel, M.A. '94, Instructional Development Systems, Ph.D. '05, Language, Literacy, and Culture, is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Language, Literacy, and Culture Doctoral Program and Affiliate Associate Professor of Gender, Women's Studies + Sexuality Studies and the Imaging Research Center. In her many roles on campus, Dr. Bickel has engaged, inspired, and supported generations of students and helped UMBC develop its scholarly and civic voices. Her approach to education challenges students to be the active agents of their own education. She encourages students and their mentors across the campus to recognize and support social justice, critical diversity and equity within our communities on campus and beyond. Dr. Bickel's work crafts the skill set necessary for our academic scholars to become deep-thinking and publicly engaged scholars.

Aside from her teaching, Dr. Bickel has committed herself to UMBC by serving as the campus liaison to the Imagining America national consortium; working as a member of numerous advisory committees, including for the Shriver Center, the Public Humanities minor and the Community Leadership MPS; and participating in interdisciplinary projects including the UMBC BreakingGround civic agency initiative, the Digital Storytelling working group, and the Imaging Research Center's Art of Transformation project. Her investment in UMBC and its students shows up in everything she does, making her an inspiring role model and mentor. She is the person to whom people turn when there is a need for steady, compassionate, unselfish leadership in uncertain times.

Dr. Bickel's work is a true representation of the mission of UMBC, demanding inclusive excellence in research, while also ensuring that we maintain open hearts and curious minds in the service of and for our communities.

*We would like to recognize the
Alumni Association Board of
Directors for their continued
leadership and support of UMBC.*

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

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

Martin Ensor '19, *chemical engineering*

Chandra Koy '20, *English with communication technology minor*

Jennifer Kuhlman '20, *biological sciences with chemistry minor*

Jessica Kweon '21, *biological sciences with psychology and writing minors*

Jasmine Kweon '21, *psychology*

Anne Saba '20, *mathematics with computer science and music minors*

Peter Shultz '20, *biology*

Abida Sohail '19, *psychology*

Shea Walsh '20, *biological sciences with Spanish minor*

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:

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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.*

2018

Zainab Alkebsi '09
Mimi (Haw) Dietrich '70
Kimberly Ellison Taylor '93
Saira Khan '09
Mark Doms '86
Wanda Keyes Heard '79
Mina Cheon M.F.A. '02
*Mariajosé Castellanos

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, M.S. '09, Ph.D. '14
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. Tayebah Pourmotabbed '86
Jack Suss '81, M.S. '95

1999

Dr. James P.M. Atsoides '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 Mozie-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 Anderczyk '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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