



2021 Alumni Awards

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 20
6:30 P.M.**

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2021 UMBC Alumni Awards! The Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to once again host our signature event after having to pause this annual tradition in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, not only will we recognize inspiring alumni who represent fields ranging from Natural and Mathematical Sciences to Humanities as well as an outstanding faculty member and three rising stars, we will also have a special recognition of alumni who have made extraordinary contributions to the pandemic response. The leadership of our Alumni Awards committee along with the steadfast support of the Alumni Engagement team made tonight's event possible during this unprecedented time. We look forward to honoring the very best of our alumni as we celebrate the Grit and Greatness that is UMBC.



Brian Frazee '11, M.P.P. '12
President, UMBC Alumni Association Board of Directors

Welcome to the 32nd Alumni Awards. UMBC and the Office of Alumni Engagement are proud to support the Alumni Association Board of Directors in this celebration of excellence. Tonight we recognize 13 outstanding alumni and faculty who've made an impact on the local, regional, national and global stages. They are entrepreneurs, leaders, educators, creators, artists, and explorers. They've stepped forward to lead us during a time where sound leadership was required to get us through some of the most difficult days of our generation. They are UMBC! Thank you for helping us uplift these special awardees tonight. They represent the very best in our alumni community and I hope their stories will inspire and move you as they did for me.



Stanyell Odom, Director, Office of Alumni Engagement



Program

Welcome

Brian Frazee '11, M.P.P. '12

President, UMBC Alumni Association
Board of Directors

Leslie Lyles Smith '91

Chair, Alumni Awards Committee

Presentation of Awards

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biological sciences

Dr. Kaitlyn Sadtler '11

biological sciences

Dr. Kate Tracy, M.A. '01, Ph.D. '03

psychology

Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett '08, M16

biological sciences and sociology

Outstanding Alumni

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biological sciences and sociology

NATURAL & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

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chemical engineering

ENGINEERING & INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

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English, M.A. '11, education

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political science and social work

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M.F.A. '00

intermedia and digital arts

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Budget Analyst, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration

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media and communication studies

Deep Patel '19

biological sciences and
financial economics

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interdisciplinary studies

Outstanding Faculty

Dr. Michael Summers

Closing Remarks

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski

President, UMBC

Reception

Special Recognition: Pandemic Response



Dr. Letitia Dzirasa '03, M11

biological sciences

Commissioner of Health, Baltimore City Health Department

Letitia Dzirasa '03, M11, biological sciences, was appointed Baltimore City Health Commissioner in March 2019. During her short tenure leading Baltimore City's COVID19 pandemic response, she has proven that she is deeply motivated to ensure all of Baltimore's residents have equitable access to care.

Prior to the pandemic, the Baltimore City Health Department was tasked with addressing many public health crises including substance use disorder, violence prevention, and food insecurity among Baltimore City residents. As a part of the City's COVID19 pandemic response and under Dzirasa's leadership, the Baltimore City Health Department has supported mobile testing, contact tracing, food distribution to older adults, isolation and quarantine housing supports, and vaccination for Baltimore City residents. As of early October, over 60% of all eligible Baltimore residents are fully vaccinated. This has been accomplished using innovative strategies, including hiring more than 70 vaccine peer ambassadors and supporting almost 1000 mobile vaccination events across the City to date with a focus on areas in the City of lowest vaccination coverage. Dzirasa's previous experience as a pediatrician, Health Innovation Officer at Fearless Solutions, and medical director of school-based health for Baltimore Medical System are only several other examples of how she follows through on her passion of serving others.

Dzirasa continues to stay connected to UMBC through the Meyerhoff Scholars Program, gifts of time and resources, and is actively involved in hiring UMBC students.



Special Recognition: Pandemic Response



Dr. Kaitlyn Sadtler '11 **biological sciences**

*Earl Stadtman Tenure-Track Investigator,
National Institutes of Health*

Kaitlyn Sadtler '11, biological sciences, is an engineer and immunologist. In 2019, she joined the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering as an Earl Stadtman Tenure-Track Investigator and chief of the section for Immunoengineering. She has developed multiple serologic assays to detect antibodies against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and is orchestrating a 10,000-participant study at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that is looking for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in volunteers' blood, allowing the research team to estimate just how many people have been infected across the country.

Sadtler's work provides equitable access and repeatability in multiple resource settings, catching the attention of the scientific community, the press, and members of President Biden's COVID-19 Task Force. Through her strides, she is making COVID-19 antibody testing more accessible to areas without access to patient-derived standards.

Sadtler has led a large team across three institutions to quantify the rate of infection in the United States and beyond. Collaborating laboratories in Mali and Cambodia already implement her work. She has also been evaluating COVID-19 trauma in patients across the country. Sadtler has worked with leadership in her institute to ensure that administrative and budget offices feel more connected to scientific research during the pandemic. She is one of the founding members of the COVID19 Special Interest Group (SIG) and helped organize the first COVID19 research festival. In addition, she has helped launch the first Biomedical Engineering SIG at NIH and established an engineering seminar series and technology demo fair to expose fellows to engineering in the biomedical sciences. Sadtler's most notable awards include the MIT Technology Review 35 Innovators Under 35, and NIH Director's Awards both for scientific achievement and mentoring. For her previous work in tissue regeneration, she was awarded a TED Fellowship and nominated to the Forbes 30 Under 30 list.

Sadtler frequently speaks at high schools and middle schools, and she continues to attend women's rugby games and give talks to undergraduates at UMBC.

*Special Recognition:
Pandemic Response*



Dr. Kate Tracy, M.A. '01, Ph.D. '03
psychology

Special Advisor to the Senior Vice-Chancellor, University System of Maryland, and Professor, Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Kate Tracy, M.A. '01, Ph.D. '03, psychology and human services, is a tenured professor in the School of Medicine at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Additionally, she is the director of Clinical Translational Research Informatics Center and vice-chair for Research Services, Epidemiology & Public Health. In April 2020, she was appointed special advisor to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs for the University System of Maryland. In this capacity, she has provided public health expertise and guidance to the USM Chancellor, his leadership team, and the 12 campus presidents on evidence-informed strategies for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tracy's research focuses primarily on women's health. She has cultivated a programmatic line of research focused on cervical cancer prevention in under-served groups of women. She has researched disparities in HPV vaccination adherence among women and young girls receiving the care at the University of Maryland Medical Center. This research highlighted an imbalance in HPV vaccination adherence for minority women and girls compared to white women and girls. In addition, through an ongoing collaboration with colleagues at UMB's Center for Vaccine Development she has worked to advance cervical prevention strategies for women and girls in West Africa.

She has led research projects on women's health and health equity, mentored dozens of young scientists, and established a cross-institutional research group in violence prevention in Baltimore City.

Tracy served as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow at UMBC during the 2019-20 academic year. She remains connected to the University by participating in various activities and events, including supporting the initiatives of the Women's Center.



Special Recognition: Pandemic Response & Outstanding Alumni



Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett '08, M16 biological sciences and sociology

Assistant Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Lead Scientist of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine team

As the scientific lead for the Vaccine Research Center coronavirus team at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and working with the pharmaceutical company Moderna, Kizzmekia Corbett '08, M16, biological sciences and sociology, led the successful effort to create a vaccine for COVID-19. Now, Corbett is an assistant professor of immunology and infectious diseases at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Corbett's viral immunology expertise was instrumental in creating new vaccine technology. The Moderna vaccine used Corbett and her team's vaccine concept, which proved to be 94.1% effective in the Phase 3 trial. This accomplishment made Corbett the first Black woman to create a vaccine.

Corbett's professional accomplishments extend even beyond her work on COVID-19. She has worked on a universal influenza vaccine for several years, which is ready for Phase 1 clinical trial. Additionally, she has 15 years of experience studying the dengue virus, respiratory syncytial virus, influenza virus, and coronaviruses. Some of her many accolades include the Franklin Institute new NextGen award, the Kaiser Permanente and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum African Americans in Health Care Awards, the Key of Life Award, and Time Magazine 100 Next lists.

Perhaps just as important as her scientific accomplishments, Corbett has burst onto the public stage as the face of a diverse and rising generation of talented scientists who will transform the world. She is a stellar science communicator, explaining the vaccine and the virus in highly accessible ways to media outlets, her family, two U.S. presidents, and more. She is an inspiration to children who may now imagine becoming scientists.

Outstanding Alumni



Dr. Scott Banta '97
chemical engineering

*Professor of Chemical Engineering,
Columbia University*

ENGINEERING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Scott Banta '97, chemical engineering, is currently professor and vice-chair for the Department of Chemical Engineering at Columbia University, where his research program focuses on protein engineering, metabolic engineering and synthetic biology.

The Banta lab at Columbia has published more than 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts, holds nine U.S. patents, and has given seminars around the country and internationally. Banta co-founded the start-up Ironic Chemicals LLC and the company went on to receive two grants from the National Science Foundation.

Banta's dedication to his field is clear. He served as program chair of the Bioengineering Area of the Food, Pharmaceutical, and Bioengineering Division for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). Last year he also delivered a Plenary Award Lecture for the Division. He is an associate editor for the Biochemical Engineering Journal and part of the Editorial Advisory Board for the AIChE Journal. He is also heavily involved in the Biochemical Technology (BIOT) division at the American Chemical Society. Banta served as the program chair for the National Meeting and eventually served as the chairman of the BIOT Division and is currently a long range program coordinator. Additionally, he was inducted into the College of Fellows by the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE).

Through Banta's many professional roles and accomplishments, he continues to contribute to the discussion around critical issues at the undergraduate and graduate levels to help improve engineering educational programs.



Outstanding Alumni



Sean Pang '09 **English, M.A. '11, education**

*Educator and English Teacher,
Montgomery County Public Schools*

HUMANITIES

Sean Pang '09, English and creative writing, M.A. '11 education, is an exemplary teacher, which led to him being recognized at the local, state and national level with awards like the Rockville Teacher of the Year, The Washington Post Teacher of the Year, and Claes Nobel National Educator of the Year.

As an educator, he has worked with low-income and at-risk students with a 100% graduation rate, sponsors five extracurricular clubs, coaches volleyball teams, advises the award-winning literary arts magazine, mentors new educators, and presents research and best practices to teachers and administrators. Working with Montgomery College, Pang provides free SAT prep and college essay writing skills to minority students and those first in their families to attend college. He is a frequent speaker for Universities at Shady Grove and Montgomery College. PBS and WETA alike have interviewed Pang for his educational expertise.

He founded the Fringes Initiative, volunteered for the NICU department, created a documentary to highlight hidden pockets of poverty, and raised over \$4,000 to give back to low-income students. Pang also serves as the Delegate for the Maryland State Educators Association and an ambassador for Montgomery County Public Schools.

Pang's ties to UMBC are still strong. He was a frequent guest speaker for TESOL classes, presented at the 2017 GRIT-X, and was the keynote speaker for the 2018 department of education graduation ceremony.

Outstanding Alumni



Theresa Bruce '09
political science and social work

*Secondary Social Studies Teacher,
KIPP Harmony Academy*

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Theresa Bruce '09, political science and social work, teaches social studies to Baltimore City middle schoolers. She is a champion of student voice, educational equity and teacher wholeness. Her role as an educator has made evident her care for her students. To inspire the love of reading she has facilitated a school wide Literacy Buys Lunch Initiative as well as implemented a quarterly Starbooks program. Additionally, she piloted the roll-out of Chromebooks in her school beginning in 2014, has written grants to pilot new online education platforms, and collaborated with Wide Angle Youth Media to embed photography into her class.

A Sondheim Scholar, Bruce was runner up for the 2020 Baltimore City Teacher of the Year. Her other recent accomplishments include serving as a 2020 Modern Classrooms Fellowship recipient, 2021 Maryland Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year, 2021 Abolitionist Teaching Fellow and 2021 Future of School Resilience District Prize winner.

Outside of the work that she does for her school, she is a curriculum writer for the Baltimore City Public Schools Social Studies BMore Me program. In addition, she is confirmed to the Baltimore City Mayoral Trauma Informed Care Task Force. The task force directly reports to Mayor Brandon Scott's office of Children and Family Success.

When it comes to UMBC, Bruce previously served as a lead teacher for the Humanizing Pedagogy course on top of volunteering her time any chance she gets to speak with Sherman Scholars and first-year Sondheim Public Affairs scholars.



Outstanding Alumni



Tewodross Melchishua Williams M.F.A. '00

intermedia and digital arts

*Associate Professor and Chairperson,
Department of Fine and Performing Arts;
Program Coordinator, Visual Communications
and Digital Media Arts, Bowie State University*

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Tewodross Melchishua Williams, M.F.A. '00, imaging and digital arts, is an associate professor and program coordinator of visual communication and digital media arts program at Bowie State University. He also serves as the chairperson of the department of fine and performing arts. His passion for the visual arts, film, animation, hip hop studies, and Afrofuturism has become evident with his many accomplishments.

Williams received a Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Fellowship that allowed him to travel to Senegal and Morocco and he also has participated in research projects with high school students in Israel. Most recently he visited Ethiopia with students and faculty in the School of Business at Bowie State University to focus on African and African American business, and trade and investment opportunities. He presented his work at the DC Black Film Festival, African World Film Festival, and more. Among his awards are the SONY Innovator's Award in Animation and Paul Robeson Award in Film & Video. Williams founded the film and digital media studio collective Visual Jazz, illustrated a children's book *Shango's Son*, and has been presented as a featured artist at multiple venues. Williams was the production designer for the feature-length film *The Available Wife*. Additionally, he has created Maryland's first and only minor in hip hop studies and visual culture. Currently, he is working on feature-length and short film and animation productions through his film and digital media studio collective, Visual Jazz.

Williams volunteers with Joe's Movement, where he trains and mentors high schoolers. He reviews grants as well as being a resource for UMBC's IMDA students.

Rising Star



Michael Berardi '19
media and communication studies

*Co-Founder and General Manager,
OCA Mocha*



Deep Patel '19
biological sciences and
financial economics

Co-Founder and Co-Owner, OCA Mocha

Michael Berardi '19, media and communication studies, and Deep Patel '19, financial economics and biological sciences, have shown their entrepreneurial spirit through their work with OCA Mocha and as ambassadors at UMBC. Their collaboration with classmates, along with campus and community leaders, has demonstrated the impact of community engaged partnerships.

Over the past few years, the pair was heavily involved in the planning, budgeting, designing, and construction of OCA Mocha. They helped hire and manage staff and effectively created another bridge between campus and the Arbutus community through Opportunities for Community Alliances (OCA). Berardi and Patel are heavily involved in community engagement outreach at the Catonsville Co-Op market and the Greater Arbutus Business Association. They partner with UMBC's Student Government Association, Graduate Student Association, Student Events Board, the i3b office, and personnel from Student Affairs, Institutional Advancement, and many more.



Rising Star



Christine Osazuwa '11 **interdisciplinary studies**

Strategy Director, Pollen

Christine Osazuwa '11, interdisciplinary studies, uses her skills to highlight the intersection of diversity, music, marketing, and technology.

Osazuwa designed her INDS major to focus on music entrepreneurship and journalism and has flourished in her field. In a relatively short time, she has led street teams, ran a magazine, created a documentary, and received a grant as an undergrad research award scholar. She has worked with various start-ups, venues, festivals, radio stations, and labels bridging the gap between data and business.

In October 2021, Osazuwa joined live music and travel startup, Pollen, as their Strategy Director to curate unique music experiences. In past roles at Warner Music Group and Universal Music Group, she used data from Spotify, Apple, Youtube, and social networks like Instagram and Facebook to identify and amplify the next global superstar. She was also co-chair of Warner Music Group UK's people of color Employee Resource group, which works toward diversity, inclusion, psychological safety, and philanthropy. Her service extends to other areas as well—she is currently on the advisory board for a start-up, a mentor for Correlation One's Data Science for All program, and she created a free hybrid event called Measure of Music.

Osazuwa maintains a relationship with the INDS program by mentoring students, participating in UMBC panels, attending alumni events, and helping students work toward full-time careers.

Distinguished Service



**Dr. Michael P. Hassett, M.P.P. '17,
Ph.D. '19**

public policy

*President and Co-Founder,
Friends of Tonga, Inc.*

*Budget Analyst, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration*

Michael Hassett, M.P.P. '17, Ph.D. '19, public policy, is a budget analyst for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the President of Friends of Tonga, Inc. (FoT).

FoT is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization that partners with local Tongan organizations to support and enhance educational opportunities in the Kingdom of Tonga. As a founding member of FoT, Hassett and the organization actively collaborate with community leaders and the Tongan Ministry of Education to design and implement projects including, building kindergartens and increasing literacy rates. FoT's efforts have been recognized both internationally and domestically; it was awarded the 2020 Loret Miller Ruppe Award by the National Peace Corps Association and this year was selected by the Library of Congress as a Library of Congress Literacy Award Best Practice Honoree.

To add to his professional accomplishments, Hassett was selected as one of a five-member cohort accepted into the NOAA honors program. During his time at NOAA, he has developed innovative budget formulation and allocation methodologies, as well as supported cloud implementation plans.

Hassett has found many ways to put service first. He served in AmeriCorps twice, as a Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) in the Kingdom of Tonga, and was a Shriver Peaceworker Fellow at UMBC. During his time as a Peaceworker, he worked both in the Baltimore City Public School system as a college access coordinator and for St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore as a research specialist, which targeted issues surrounding homelessness.

For UMBC, Hassett makes sure he stays involved with the community. He is the point of contact for NOAA at the UMBC industry day/career fairs, sends job openings to the career center, has given tips for hiring, mentored students, and collected data for UMBC.



Outstanding Faculty



Dr. Michael Summers

Robert E. Meyerhoff Chair for Excellence in Research and Mentoring, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, UMBC; Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Center

Michael Summers is the Robert E. Meyerhoff Chair for Excellence in Research and Mentoring and Distinguished University Professor at UMBC. He is also an Investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Summers has taught and led research at UMBC for over 30 years, studying retroviral RNA packaging in retroviruses. He and his students showed that the HIV-1 leader has important structural and functional implications in protein binding and RNA packaging. This, and other work from his lab, has been published in over 160 research papers, including some with President Hrabowski.

Despite Summers' many accomplishments—or maybe because of—he never fails to keep his students at the forefront of all his actions. His laboratory helps students to learn protocols, biochemical and mentoring experiences, and presentation skills. Within his lab, he provides undergraduate students the opportunity to conduct authentic research. Many of his students are underrepresented minorities (URM) who are pursuing degrees and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Before COVID-19, Summers' lab had 40 undergraduate students conducting full-time research during the summer and 20 undergraduates working part-time during the academic school year. He's had 15 post-doctoral fellows in his laboratory, and over 200 undergraduate students have had the opportunity to conduct research with him.

He believes in the power of mentorship and exemplifies that in his work. Summers keeps an open-door policy and has worked with many Meyerhoff and U-RISE (Undergraduate Research Training Initiative for Student Enhancement) Scholars at UMBC. He has also helped develop Meyerhoff-like programs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Pennsylvania State University. The Summers lab runs a virtual journal club for undergraduate and graduate students to learn how to understand and criticize research papers and be familiar with previous publications from the lab.

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2019

Vice Admiral Jerome Adams '97, M4
*Beverly Bickel, M.A. '94, Ph.D. '05
La Jerne Cornish, Ph.D. '05
Kelsey Krach '14
Paul Mangus '86
Kimberly Patrick '08
Kim Shelsby '85

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
*Maria José 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. Emerson 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 Suess '81, M.S. '95

1999

Dr. James P.M. Atsides '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

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