

*Alumni*   
AWARDS 2023

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

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



**UMBC**

## Welcome

Welcome to the 2023 UMBC Alumni Awards! The Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to once again host our signature event in modern ways that enable broad participation. This year, we recognize inspiring alumni who represent fields ranging from Natural and Mathematical Sciences to Humanities as well as a rising star and distinguished service recipient. In addition to our outstanding faculty member award, we are excited to add a new award that recognizes an outstanding UMBC staff member. The leadership of the Alumni Awards committee along with the steadfast support of the Alumni Engagement team made tonight's event possible. We look forward to honoring the very best of our alumni as we celebrate our community of inquiring minds.



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

Welcome to the 35th 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 nine outstanding alumni, faculty, and staff who've made an impact at UMBC and in the communities where they live and work. Thank you for helping us uplift these special awardees tonight. They represent the very best in our UMBC 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*

**Karen Woodard '90 and**

**Sean McWilliams M.S. '16**

*Co-Chairs, Alumni Awards Committee*

## Presentation of Awards

### *Engineering and*

### *Information Technology*

**Dr. Annica Wayman '99**

**mechanical engineering**

### *Humanities*

**Dr. Aaron Ralby '05**

**English, modern languages  
and linguistics**

### *Natural and*

### *Mathematical Sciences*

**Dr. Kay Bidle '91**

**biological sciences**

### *Social and Behavioral Sciences*

**Dr. Josh Michael '10, Ph.D. '22**

**political science & public policy**

### *Visual and Performing Arts*

**James Dorsey IV '05**

**music technology and  
vocal performance**

### *Rising Star*

**Dr. Asif Majid '13**

**interdisciplinary studies**

### *Distinguished Service*

**Dr. Anwesha Dey Ph.D. '04**

**biochemistry and  
molecular biology**

### *Outstanding Faculty*

**Dr. E. F. Charles LaBerge Ph.D. '03**  
**electrical engineering**

*Professor of the Practice of Computer  
Science and Electrical Engineering*

### *Outstanding Staff*

**Rehana Shafi**

*Director of the Sherman Teacher  
Scholars Program*

## Closing Remarks

**Kevin Yang '07**

*Executive Vice-President, and  
Vice-President, Finance UMBC Alumni  
Association Board of Directors*

**Dr. Valerie Sheares Ashby**

*President, UMBC*

## Reception

## *Engineering and Information Technology*



**Dr. Annica Wayman '99**  
**mechanical engineering**

*Associate Dean and Professor of the Practice,  
College of Natural and  
Mathematical Sciences, UMBC*

Rooted in a STEM background, Dr. Annica Wayman's contributions to her industry reach diverse populations, with impact both locally and abroad. As Associate Dean for Shady

Grove Affairs in the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences at UMBC, she is responsible for directing the undergraduate Translational Life Science Technology Bachelor of Science and the Master's of Professional Studies in Biotechnology programs. She is also part of the STEM BUILD Leadership Team where she leads the career mentoring program.

Dr. Wayman has been a consistent presence in her community through numerous volunteer leadership roles and community service efforts. She led the Lambda Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as Chapter President, serves as the Board President for Passion for Learning, a member of the NIH's National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Advisory Council, and on the advisory boards of Women in Bio Capital Region and Cecil and Harford Community Colleges' biotech programs.

Dr. Wayman hadn't heard of UMBC, until former President Freeman Hrabowski offered her a Meyerhoff Scholarship. After visiting UMBC and realizing she wasn't the only minority student in STEM she knew it was exactly what she was looking for and that it would be critical to her success in engineering as an African-American woman. UMBC and the Meyerhoff Program played such pivotal roles in her life that she welcomed the chance to come back to UMBC and lead CNMS at the UMBC-Shady Grove campus.

## *Humanities*



### **Dr. Aaron Ralby '05** **English, modern languages, and linguistics**

*Founder and CEO, Linguisticator*

Dr. Aaron Ralby is the founder and CEO of Linguisticator, an online platform delivering language and memory training programs. Valedictorian of his class, Aaron went on to get his Master of Philosophy in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic from the University of Cambridge, and his Ph.D. at Cornell University where he became fascinated by the use of spatial memory techniques during the Middle Ages as tools for both remembering and composing large amounts of information. Dr. Ralby has spent the last decade working to apply these techniques to language learning.

Dr. Ralby has done ground-breaking work in language education, creating his own virtual reality software to build memory palaces and help others learn languages in a rapid and systematic fashion. His work has been rolled out by governments in such countries as Libya and Georgia. In addition to his work on language learning, Dr. Ralby has applied his linguistic training in voice over; he records voice overs for major international brands, audiobooks, and even character voices for video games.

What Dr. Ralby loved most about UMBC was how it fostered an environment that encouraged curiosity, invested in mentorship, and allowed him to interact directly with professors. "My MLL classes with Dr. May and Dr. McCray really inspired me to pursue further studies in philology."

Dr. Ralby offers pro bono language education to communities around the world, making his programs accessible to those who need to learn another language as a matter of survival. He also spoke at UMBC's 2022 Scholar Selection Day Alumni Panel and remains a visible champion of UMBC's excellence.

## *Natural and Mathematical Sciences*



**Dr. Kay Bidle '91**  
**biological sciences**

*Professor, Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University*

Dr. Kay Bidle is a Professor in the Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences at Rutgers University. He is a molecular microbial oceanographer broadly defined and has published more than 85 papers encompassing microbial ecophysiology, cell biology, marine virology, molecular evolution and ecology, carbon flux biogeochemistry, and ecosystem processes. His work on the establishment, retention and activation of programmed cell death pathways in marine microbes has changed how we view this key cellular pathway and its role in the oceans. He has placed particular emphasis on convergent, transdisciplinary approaches to understand how host-virus interactive arms races have impacted Earth's carbon cycle.

Dr. Bidle created the 'Tools of Science', an educational video series and hands-on lessons designed to help students explore the scientific process and engineering practices from the point of view of practicing scientists and the non-linear, cyclical nature of science.

Dr. Bidle has received prestigious research awards from the Association of Limnology and Oceanography, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, the Kavli Foundation and the US National Academy of Sciences. At Rutgers, Kay has been selected for a Board of Trustees Research Fellow for Scholarly Excellence, a Faculty Scholar-Teacher Award and a Research Excellence Award.

As a varsity student-athlete (soccer and lacrosse), Dr. Bidle was drawn to UMBC because of its honors focus, world-class education, high-level, Division 1 athletics programs, and nurturing environment.

## *Social and Behavioral Sciences*



**Dr. Josh Michael '10, Ph.D. '22**  
**political science and public policy**

*Executive Director, Sherman Family Foundation*

Dr. Josh Michael, the Executive Director of the Sherman Family Foundation, has always had a deep commitment to public education. His career has focused on improving outcomes in public schools through teaching and studying public policy. A former middle school mathematics teacher in Baltimore City, he came back to UMBC for his Ph.D. while working with the Sherman Scholars Program. In his role today, he helps promote education and opportunities for young people in Baltimore. Earlier this year, Governor Moore selected Dr. Michael to serve on the Maryland State Board of Education as Vice President. These two positions have allowed him to make an impact in the educational experience in Maryland.

It was his dedication to public education that brought him to UMBC. He knew its commitment to public service and community engagement, the diverse community and dedication to equity, would push his thinking and deepen his understanding of the world.

Dr. Michael is heavily involved in the community, serving on other boards such as the Advisory Board for Teach for America, the Board of Directors for Maryland Family Network, and in the position of Vice Board Chair for Cherry Hill Strong. He stays connected to UMBC through volunteering for faculty and assisting student scholars in various ways. When he's not working or volunteering, he's spending time with his wife and three children.

## Visual and Performing Arts



### **James Dorsey IV '05** music technology and vocal performance

*Artist and National Board-Certified Educator,  
Prince George's County Public Schools and  
State of Maryland*

James Dorsey is an artist and educator from the Maryland/DC area, serving as an elementary vocal/general music teacher in

Prince George's County Public Schools. He also currently teaches music education classes at UMBC. Dorsey engages students of varying ages to investigate life-based concepts through a creative process. His impact can be seen throughout the state, having facilitated courses on cultivating creativity with UMBC, Loyola University Maryland, University of Maryland, College Park, and Towson University, as well as leading collaborative curriculum/project planning with Prince George's, Queen Anne's, and Baltimore City Public Schools.

Because of his work, Dorsey was awarded grants from Crayola, LLC and Bowie State University for arts integration implementation and action research. He was also recently recognized as an Outstanding Music Educator by the Maryland Music Educators' Association. Dorsey has established himself as a definitive voice in creativity in the classroom, believing that everyone deserves opportunities to respond to the world creatively and has been changing the lives of both young people and the people who teach them.

The affirmation and connection he found in sharing his story during his interview is what led him to choose UMBC. He knew it was an environment where he could pursue his personal mission, and thanks to the Linehan Artist Scholarship, he could do that along with a cohort of peers who had similar interests.

Dorsey stays connected to UMBC by serving as an adjunct professor. He teaches a critical course in music education and is continuing his work with the UMBC Wind Ensemble and conductor Professor Brian Kaufman in creating original works centered on social issues.

## *Rising Star*



### **Dr. Asif Majid '13** interdisciplinary studies

*Assistant Professor of Theatre and  
Human Rights, University of Connecticut*

Dr. Asif Majid is Assistant Professor of Theatre and Human Rights at the University of Connecticut, while also doing work as an artist, educator, researcher, and consultant in the areas of creative and racial justice.

His performance credits include work with the Kennedy Center and the Royal Exchange Theatre, and his publications span a range of academic and popular media outlets. He has received funding through The Wallace Foundation, The Mellon Foundation, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, and the Open Society Foundation. Dr. Majid's latest book, *Making Muslimness: Race, Religion, and Performance in Contemporary Manchester*, will be published by Routledge in 2025.

Dr. Majid has used his various artistic talents by volunteering within his community such as working with Center D.C., a Muslim community organization and serving as a judge for Maryland's History Day and Poetry Out Loud competitions. Dr. Majid has volunteered as a percussionist in various ensembles, ranging from Capital City Symphony in Washington, D.C., and Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra in Farmington, CT, to Straight Up Tribal in Baltimore and the Manchester International Roots Orchestra in Manchester, UK.

Choosing to attend UMBC provided Dr. Majid with the ability to carve out his own path. Being named a Sondheim Public Affairs scholar gave him the assurance that UMBC was a place that would nurture both his educational and personal growth. Since leaving UMBC, he has come back to teach in both the INDS and Global Studies departments, which confirmed his love for teaching.

## *Distinguished Service*



**Dr. Anwesh Dey, Ph.D. '04**  
**biochemistry and molecular biology**

*Director and Principal Scientist, Genentech*

As a director and distinguished scientist in the Discovery Oncology Department at Genentech, Dr. Anwesh Dey directs a large group of senior and principal scientists across a wide range of disciplines. She has championed two programs as Biology Lead that are now in the early oncology phase of investigation and has one program undergoing early-stage immunology studies. In addition to this work, Dr. Dey has published more than 30 research articles on the basic biology of cell differentiation, cancer, and cell death. For these and other contributions at Genentech, she was awarded Genentech's Emerging Leader Award in 2022.

Since 2014, Dr. Dey has served on Genentech's postdoc outreach and mentoring committee, where she has worked to increase representation by women and minorities historically underrepresented in the science labs. She also helped initiate a new program aimed at recruiting individuals from diverse backgrounds into upper management - and their first ever hire was an African American woman from UMBC's Meyerhoff Graduate Fellows Program.

Dr. Dey was drawn to the strong research community at UMBC, traveling to Baltimore from Singapore. Here she spent six months immersed in research where the inspiring lab, science, and community solidified her passion for pursuing a career in this field. Thanks to the encouragement of one of her mentors, Dr. Michael Summers, she soon applied to UMBC for graduate school. She says that UMBC provided a nurturing and collaborative environment for scientific research, enabling personal development and scientific growth. Dr. Dey regularly visits UMBC to inform undergraduate and graduate students about internship and career opportunities in the biotechnology sector.

## *Outstanding Faculty*



### **Dr. E. F. Charles LaBerge, Ph.D. '03** electrical engineering

*Professor of the Practice of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, UMBC*

Dr. Chuck LaBerge is Professor of the Practice of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering and teaches in the undergraduate Computer Engineering and graduate Electrical Engineering programs at UMBC. His teaching draws heavily on his 33 years of experience in the aerospace research and development organizations of Bendix, AlliedSignal, and Honeywell. In addition to the professional practice courses, he regularly teaches a variety of quantitative courses in probability, linear systems, error correcting codes, and communications theory, and has supervised more than 150 Capstone projects.

Dr. LaBerge has been recognized for his work, receiving awards such as the 2018 COEIT Award for Excellence in Teaching, the 2020 University System of Maryland Board of Regents Award for Teaching Excellence, the 2021 CWIT Outstanding Mentor Award, and the 2022 Diane M. Lee Teaching Award, as well as multiple technical awards from national and international standards-setting organizations.

One of the many things Dr. LaBerge does for his students is to make his teachings accessible. His depth of knowledge and professional experience helps students apply what they learn to real life situations. He makes himself available to students for both class-related questions and career advice, with students often stopping by his office to talk something through. Dr. LaBerge's approachable and friendly personality allows students to feel comfortable taking on challenges, which helps them develop the confidence they need both in and out of the classroom.

## *Outstanding Staff*



### **Rehana Shafi**

*Director of the Sherman Teacher Scholars Program, UMBC*

Rehana Shafi is the inaugural director of the Sherman Teacher Scholars Program, and in her seventeen year tenure with Sherman, she grew the program in both size and scope, supporting UMBC students, undergraduate and graduate, from across majors who want

to teach PreK-12 and who are currently teaching while working toward full certification. She also led the establishment of UMBC's partnership with Lakeland Elementary Middle School, seeding the current landscape of the Sherman School Partnership work to support educators and school communities in their academic missions. This partnership work now includes the Lakeland Community and STEAM Center (LC+SC), UMBC Math Project, and early childhood initiatives. Her previous roles at UMBC include Program Coordinator of Service-Learning and K-12 Partnerships at the Shriver Center and Caseworker with the Choice Middle Schools Program. Shafi has made her mark on campus outside of her job responsibilities by previously serving as president of UMBC's Professional Staff Senate, and serving on numerous campus committees, including as an inaugural member of UMBC's Title IX Board, Inclusion Council and Implementation Team, Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion, and Belonging (i3b), and the Sherman Center for Early Learning in Urban Communities Campus Advisory Committee

As a staff member, Shafi has had a profound impact on students and alumni. Her personal experiences and professional knowledge helps her connect with students of all backgrounds. She meets them where they are, as they are, and provides support through both their successes and challenges. She is committed to helping them find their way, both while as a UMBC student, and long after.

No matter the situation, Shafi shows up for her students, alumni, and colleagues by leading with humanity, humility, and authenticity.

# UMBC alumni ASSOCIATION

UMBC's Alumni Association is a non dues-paying organization and is led by a 39 member volunteer Board of Directors. The leadership is comprised of the executive committee that includes officers and committee chairpersons. The committees of the board are the *Alumni Awards, Governance, Nominating, Public Relations, Scholarship, and Strategic Initiatives.*

## Mission

The UMBC Alumni Association is a growing and global network, rooted in Maryland, consisting of all UMBC graduates from diverse backgrounds and specialties. The Association nurtures the individual and community foundations shaped at UMBC by strengthening connections between alumni, future alumni, friends, and partners. The Association champions the UMBC institution, initiatives, and values in order to continue building a lasting legacy of grit and greatness.

## Vision

The UMBC Alumni Association fosters lasting connections by increasing engagement and developing deeper relationships among the global UMBC community. We leverage technology and innovation to expand our reach and amplify the value of UMBC around the world. As ambassadors for UMBC, we stand up for justice and take part in civic dialogue to strengthen communities where we live, work, and serve.



*Board members pictured with President Sheares Ashby at the 2022 Awards.*

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

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

Jennifer Herson '99\*  
*Vice President, Operations*

Kevin R. Yang '07  
*Vice President, Finance & Executive Vice President*

Karen Woodard '90  
Sean McWilliams, M.S., '16  
*Alumni Awards Committee, Co-Chairs*

Laura Howell '86  
*Governance Committee, Chair*

Lisa Nissley-Titman '01  
*Nominating Committee, Chair*

Kisha Parker '00  
*Public Relations Committee, Chair*

Monique Cephas '92  
*Scholarship Committee, Chair*

Gabriel Spiro '12  
*Strategic Initiatives Committee, Chair*

Brian Bailey '07  
Maria Bruno '19  
Zoscha Bomhardt '93  
Michael Collins '14  
Nathaniel Dissmeyer '07  
Kedren Crosby, M.P.R. '95  
Damian Doyle '99, M.S., '16  
Neal Karkhanis '09, MS '11  
Matt Kalkbrenner '11  
Niels Kasch, Ph.D. '12

Nathaniel Kim '11  
Bobby Lubaszewski '10  
Robbin Lee '13  
Dann Malihom '10, M.A. '16  
Jeremy Nevitt '08  
Vanita Murray '95  
Michael Novotny '09  
Kisha Fields Powell '03  
Jeremy Reed '08, M.A. '10\*  
Gary Sever '06  
Michael Slaughter '13, M.S. '19  
Nancy Chiles Shaffer '09  
Leslie Lyles Smith '91  
Marian Saunders White '87\*  
Manpreet Suri '14, M.S. '15  
Anita Turner Wilkins '79\*  
Bryan Wilkinson '09, Ph.D. '17  
Mariam Yaldram '20  
Brigid Zuknick '09

*\*current Board members who serve on the Alumni Awards committee*

*With special thanks to the following individuals for serving on the awards selection committee with Alumni Awards Committee members:*

Jason Grant '10  
*Chapter of Meyerhoff Alumni/Meyerhoff Alumni Advisory Board representative*

David Herron '71  
*Founding Four representative*

Karndeeep Singh '18  
*Young Alumni representative*

# *Giving to the*



**Alumni  
Endowed  
Scholarship**  
– Established 1996 –

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.

**Zoe Bond '25**

public health

**Olivia Giuliano '24**

psychology

**Nick Grempler '24**

history, political science; minor modern languages and linguistics

**Casey Jillson '24**

psychology, social work

**Terra Miley '25**

chemical engineering

**Susanna Park '25**

English

**Cristina Salas '24**

political science

**Jenna Schechter '24**

psychology; minors emergency health services & social welfare

**Jessica Turner '24**

computer science

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 continue to transform the lives of students by donating and supporting our fundraising goal of \$50,000 this year for the endowment.

Make a gift at the registration  
table or online at



## *Alumni Endowed Scholarship Donor Recognition*

**Thank you to ALL of the donors who contributed to the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund in Fiscal Year 2023 (7/1/22 - 6/30/23) and 2024 (7/1/23 - 9/30/23).**

It is through your generosity that we are able to continue the legacy of support established by the UMBC Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1996 and help students pursue their dreams of attaining a higher education. The list below reflects donors who made gifts of \$250 or more.

### **Retriever Believer (\$2,500-\$4,999)**

Kevin R. Yang '07 & Katelyn Y. Niu '05

### **True Grit (\$1,000-\$2,499)**

Loane Brothers

David Clickner, Jr. '01

Kara Freeman '91

Janelle Martin '00

Sean McWilliams M.S. '16 & Christina McWilliams

Ray C. Mitzel, Jr. '73

Sharon E. Murphy '78

Kisha Fields Powell '03

Verna B. Robinson '72 & Gregory Robinson '73

William M. Vincent '10

If you have questions about the Alumni Endowed Scholarship or about other ways to support UMBC, please contact Kim Robinson, Director of Major Gifts, at [trowbrid@umbc.edu](mailto:trowbrid@umbc.edu) or 410-455-3700.

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## **Black & Gold (\$500-\$999)**

Zoscha Bomhardt '93 & Christopher R. Bomhardt, Jr. '90, M.S. '97  
Monique E. Cephas '92  
Michael P. Collins, Jr. '14  
Kedren Crosby M.P.R '95  
Zhongli Ding M.S. '01, Ph.D '05  
Damian M. Doyle '99, M.S. '16  
GE Foundation  
Brian W. Frazee '11, M.P.P. '12 & Angela Frazee '11, M.A. '14  
Niels Kasch Ph.D. '12  
Google, Inc.  
Leslie Lyles Smith '91  
Donald P. Miner '06, Ph.D. '10  
Kevin M. Pritchard M.S. '11, Ph.D. '20  
Kaitlyn Snyder '14 & Hamza Siddiqui '19  
Heidi Taylor '92  
Kisha Watkins '00  
Marian D. White '87  
Richard A. Windle '05  
Karen D. Woodard '90  
Chien-Min Yao M.S. '85  
Work Wisdom at Urban Place

## **Retriever (\$250-\$499)**

Nancy S. Chiles-Shaffer '09  
Cara J. duCellier '99  
Brian D. Cuthie '84, M.S. '94  
Nathaniel Y. Dissmeyer '07 & Sena Dissmeyer '08  
Robert Dietrich '70 & Mimi Dietrich '70  
Jason T. Gerber '07  
C. Scott Hayek '76  
David R. Herron '71  
William R. Koch & Karen J. Koch '86  
Dann Malihom '10, M.A. '16  
Cheryll Ratzsch  
Jeremy J. Reed '08, M.A. '10  
Stephen A. Savoy, Jr. '94  
Anne Schoenherr  
Matthew D. Sheriff '00  
Tzongshyan G. Sheu M.S. '82  
Chi-Chung Wong '96  
Velvet E. Wright '09  
Kenneth Wu '05

## *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. Since 1988, awardees have been acknowledged in these categories: *Alumni Community Leadership, Distinguished Graduate of the Year, Distinguished Service, Outstanding Graduate Engineering and Technology, Outstanding Graduate Humanities, Outstanding Graduate Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Outstanding Graduate Social and Behavioral Sciences, Outstanding Graduate Visual and Performing Arts, Outstanding Faculty, Outstanding Staff, Outstanding Graduate Social Work, Volunteer of the Year, and Young Alumni Rising Star.*

### 2022

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McKenzie Chinn '06  
Josiah Dykstra, Ph.D. '13  
Dr. Keith Elder, Ph.D. '02  
Dr. Carolyn Forestiere\*  
Benjamin Garmoe '13  
Dr. Joy Haley, Ph.D. '01  
Stefanie Mavronis '12  
Karsonya (Kaye) Wise Whitehead,  
Ph.D. '09

### 2021

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Dr. Scott Banta '97  
Michael Berardi '19  
Theresa Bruce '09  
Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett '08, M16  
Dr. Letitia Dzirasa '03, M11  
Dr. Michael Hassett, M.P.P. '17, Ph.D. '19  
Christine Osazuwa '11  
Sean Pang '09, M.A. '11  
Deep Patel '19  
Dr. Kaitlyn Sadtler '11  
Dr. Michael Summers\*  
Dr. Kate Tracy, M.A. '01,  
Ph.D. '03 psychology  
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M.F.A. '00

### 2019

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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

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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

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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

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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

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\*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

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

## 2013

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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

## 2005

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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

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

## 2002

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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

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

## 2000

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

## 1999

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

## 1998

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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

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

## 1996

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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

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

## 1994

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

## 1993

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

## 1992

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

## 1991

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

## 1990

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

## 1989

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Dr. Robin West '76

## 1988

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Dr. Winston Griner '74

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