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Hoyer Speaks at National Conference



The annual meeting of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities was held in Washington, DC, February 3 through 6. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer was a keynote speaker at the event. Tina Bjarekull, president of MICUA, attended the

national conference along with numerous presidents of MICUA's colleges and universities. Baird Tipson, president of Washington College, was elected to the NAICU board of directors. ■

Maryland's Higher Education Community Releases Joint Publication

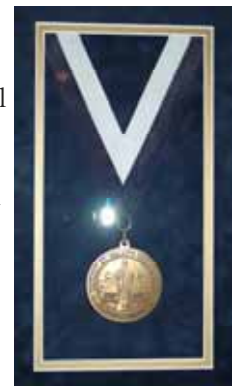
A culmination of a three-year effort by Maryland's higher education community to provide "Solutions for Maryland" came in February with the release of the joint publication, *Maryland's Colleges and Universities: United for Our Future*. Maryland boasts a highly collaborative system of higher

education, wherein colleges and universities—public and private, two- and four-year—work together to provide access and choice to a diverse student population and attract \$2.5 billion in research grants annually. To view the publication, visit the MICUA Web site at www.micua.org and go to News. ■

Mount Opens Historical Display in Miller Senate Office Building

Founded in Emmitsburg in 1808, Mount St. Mary's University celebrated the anniversary of the awarding of its original State charter February 27, 2008, with a reception following the unveiling of the historic timeline display on the third floor of the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. The Maryland legislature granted the Mount its charter to operate as an institution of higher learning on February 27, 1830. Bicentennial medals were awarded to Lt. Governor Anthony

Brown, Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton, Senator David Brinkley, Delegate Bill Frank, and MICUA President Tina Bjarekull. The exhibit will be displayed through November, and can be viewed whenever the Senate Building is open to the public. ■



ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS

MICUA Graduates Who Serve the State

Each year, MICUA's 18 private, not-for-profit colleges and universities educate over 51,000 students. This issue of MICUA Matters highlights some of our distinguished graduates: men and women who help make Maryland great. Below are snapshots of some of the many MICUA alumni who have gone on to become accomplished professionals: judges, musicians, scientists, chefs, teachers, parole commissioners, and bank presidents, to name a few.

KEVIN KORMAN
Executive Chef
Santoni's Marketplace and
Catering Company
Baltimore International College



After graduating from Baltimore International College with a degree in cooking and baking, Kevin Korman worked at several Baltimore establishments, including Harbour Court Hotel, Ritz Carlton Reynolds Plantation, and Rudy's 2900 Restaurant. Now, he is Executive Chef at Santoni's Marketplace and Catering Company in Glydon. "BIC gave me a good culinary foundation

that I have been able to build my career on," says Korman. He has worked with 15 different certified master chefs and has cooked for a 600-person banquet that included President Bush and Vice President Cheney. Korman has also cooked for numerous celebrities and has met some of today's most famous chefs.

HAROLD STINGER
CEO
SGT, Inc.
Capitol College

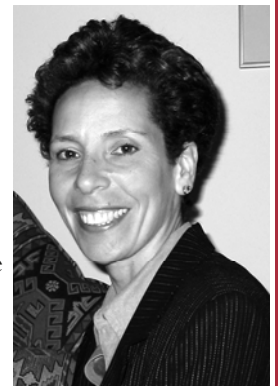


Capitol College alumni Harold Stinger and Kam Ghaffarian founded the aerospace services company SGT with 140 employees; today, the company counts more than 900 employees with an annual revenue of \$150 million. Based in Greenbelt, SGT supports 30

active contracts for several government agencies. In 2005, SGT won NASA's 2005 George M. Low Quality Award—the agency's highest honor for quality and technical performance—which is bestowed annually to only four companies in the country. In addition, the company has garnered two NASA Goddard Contractor Excellence Awards (2001 and 2005) and was a semi-finalist for the 2003 Low Award.

AUDREY CARRION
Associate Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
College of Notre Dame of Maryland

When Audrey Carrion left Puerto Rico to enroll at College of Notre Dame of Maryland, she knew she wanted to pursue a career in law. Even then, the teen was intrigued by politics and the importance of public service. At College of Notre Dame she majored in political science, took on campus leadership positions, and gave the student speech at her commencement. "If there were any leadership skills that I came with, they were honed even further at the college," she said. Today, Judge Carrion applies those skills each day in her work as a judge in charge of the family division of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Judge Carrion serves as chair of the Baltimore City Female Task Force, which addresses the needs of young, at-risk girls.



JOHN STODDART
Musician/Producer
Columbia Union College

John Stoddart has contributed to the albums of numerous Grammy/Dove and Soul Train nominees and winners, and recently marked his first major label debut as a solo artist on Reprise Records. While at Columbia Union College he performed at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, launched his own production company, and held positions as artist-in-residence and conductor at a number of



Maryland churches and universities. Stoddart has produced, arranged, performed, and contributed songs for some of the top names in gospel, urban, and pop, including Celine Dion, Al Jarreau, Diana Ross, and Patti Austin.

ODETTE RAMOS
President and CEO
Strategic Management Consulting
Goucher College

A social justice major, Odette Ramos graduated with honors from Goucher and went on to earn a master's in public policy and public administration from Rutgers University. She worked as a lobbyist and fundraiser for Senator Barbara Mikulski's 1998 campaign before founding the nonprofit Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators

Alliance, a group that provides local organizations with the data they need for grants and programs. In 2005, Ramos founded and still serves as president and CEO of Strategic Management Consulting, a Baltimore-based firm that helps community groups, nonprofits, businesses, and public agencies operate strategically to improve the quality of life for all of the City's residents.



PATRICIA CUSHWA
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
Hood College

Patricia Cushwa, who earned a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in contemporary government from Hood College, has served on the Maryland Parole Commission for 12 years. Seven of the 12 years she spent as chairwoman of the commission, becoming the first woman to be named chair of parole in Maryland. Under her jurisdiction, the commission developed its first risk assessment instruments. In 2002, she worked with Chief Judge Robert Bell to start a publication to inform the Maryland judiciary on parole matters. Commissioner Cushwa served as a Maryland State Senator in 1990, was nominated to the United States Parole Commission by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2004, and served as a member of Governor Martin O'Malley's transition team in 2006.



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LISA COOPER
Professor of Medicine
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
Johns Hopkins University



Lisa Cooper, a Liberian-born Johns Hopkins internist and epidemiologist, conducts landmark studies designed to understand and overcome racial and ethnic disparities in medical care and research. She has focused primarily on doctor-patient relationships in the United States, but, with the help of a \$500,000 MacArthur Foundation “genius grant” she received in 2007, hopes to extend her focus to individuals in economically or socially disadvantaged

communities throughout the world. “I grew up around people from a lot of different backgrounds,” she said. “Throughout my career, I’ve strived to understand how patients and physicians from different racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds can learn to relate and work with each other to achieve better care.”

MARY ANN SCULLY
President, Chairman, and CEO
Howard Bank
Loyola College in Maryland

Mary Ann Scully has served as chairman, president, and CEO of Howard Bank since its founding in 2003, when it became the first new bank to open in Howard County in 15 years. In



addition to her leadership at Howard Bank, Scully chairs the Howard County United Way Partnership board and serves on the board of the United Way of Central Maryland. She is also a board member of UMBC’s Alex Brown Center for Entrepreneurship. Scully was formerly a trustee of the Howard Community College Foundation Board and

served on the board of advisors for Loyola College’s Sellinger School of Business. Scully was recognized as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record* in 2002 and 2005, was one of the Baltimore Business Journal’s 2004 “Enterprising Women,” and was recognized as an honoree in the Howard County Women’s Hall of Fame in 2007.

RON ROBERTSON
Vice President of Academic Affairs
Howard Community College
Maryland Institute College of Art

Ron Robertson received a masters of fine arts from the Hoffberger School of Painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art. A post-baccalaureate Fulbright Fellowship to study art history at the University of Louvain in Belgium convinced him of the value of a global perspective, leading Robertson to serve as an art history lecturer

and a drawing and painting instructor on study tours of Italy. Since 1989, Robertson has worked at Howard Community College as professor of art, chair of the division of humanities, and, currently, vice president of academic affairs. He has served as vice president of the Howard County Arts Council and chair of the Maryland State Arts Council. In 2003, he was honored by the Howard County Arts Council with a Howie Award for the Outstanding Business/Community Supporter of the Arts. Most recently he has been involved in developing international articulations and faculty and student exchanges in Mexico, Estonia, Denmark, Turkey, Macedonia, Scotland, and the People’s Republic of China.



ALVA “BUZZ” BAKER
Executive Director
Copper Ridge Institute
McDaniel College

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McDaniel alumnus Dr. Alva “Buzz” Baker is a pioneer in the treatment and care of people with all forms of dementia. This certified geriatrician and expert in hospice and palliative medicine is the director of the newly founded Center for the Study of Aging at McDaniel College

and executive director for the Copper Ridge Institute, a world-renowned research and education center in Sykesville for patients with all forms of dementia. His work makes a difference here in Maryland—and touches lives around the world. “Our philosophy is that of an active treatment model in which we honor what’s left instead of what’s lost,” Baker says of the elderly patients who have Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. Geriatrics is a field that is exploding as baby boomers look down the road to retirement, old age, and a one-in-three chance of developing Alzheimer’s by the time they celebrate their 80th birthdays.

J. SCOTT WILFONG
President and CEO
SunTrust Bank
Mount St. Mary’s University



Scott Wilfong graduated from Mount St. Mary’s University with a degree in economics, and claims the school played a key role in his way of thinking. “What the Mount does extraordinarily

well is help you develop a core foundation of values and beliefs . . . which helps define your idea of success.” Wilfong’s success can be measured in the time and talent he has given to a wide variety of Maryland organizations and activities in addition to serving on the board of trustees at

Mount St. Mary’s University. He has served on the boards of the Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Catholic Charities, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond-Baltimore Branch, Greater Baltimore Alliance, and Mercy Health Services Inc. In addition, Wilfong has served as chairman of the American Heart Walk and was named Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year by the Maryland Association of State Fundraising Professionals.

STEVEN HOLLAND
Chief, Laboratory of Clinical Infectious Diseases
NIAID, NIH
St. John’s College

After receiving his bachelor’s degree from St. John’s College, Steven Holland went on to earn a medical degree from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He stayed at Hopkins as an intern, resident, and chief resident in internal medicine, followed by a fellowship in infectious diseases. He joined the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in 1989 to study the molecular biology of HIV, and in 1991 moved to the Laboratory of Host Defences, NIAID, to study phagocytes and phagocyte immunodeficiencies. His work centers on understanding the pathophysiology and treatment of infections in patients with congenital and acquired immune defects affecting the phagocytes. NIAID supports basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose, and treat infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, influenza, tuberculosis, malaria, and illness from potential agents of bioterrorism. NIAID also supports research on basic immunology, transplantation and immune-related disorders, including autoimmune diseases, asthma, and allergies.



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PEGGY ANDERSON
Chief Operating Officer
Ridge 103, LLC Community and
Outpatient Mental Health Clinic
Sojourner-Douglass College



Peggy Anderson earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and management from Sojourner-Douglass College. She is now chief operating officer at Ridge 103, LLC Community and Outpatient Mental Health Clinic. Anderson has been committed to the mental health community for the past 14 years. She serves on several boards at the local and State level; her titles include president for the State of

Maryland National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); executive board member of Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc.; advisory council president for Sheppard Pratt Health System; member of the National Association for Female Executives; and advisory member of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Administration for family psycho-education evidence-based practice.

DONNA CROUCHER MORRISON
Senior Executive Assistant
Baltimore County Administrative
Office
Villa Julie College

Donna Croucher Morrison was named by The Baltimore Business Journal as one of the 2007 Top 100 Women in Maryland and was named Villa Julie College's 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Both awards recognized her distinguished 30-year career in Baltimore County government, as well as her volunteer work with professional and nonprofit organizations. Morrison is one of the founding members of the Fuel Fund of Maryland. For 25 years, the Fuel Fund

has been keeping families and their homes safe by helping them pay their energy bills. The organization assists seniors and people with disabilities living on fixed incomes, families and individuals earning the minimum wage, and people weathering hardships like job losses or medical emergencies.



APRIL TODD
2007 Maryland Teacher of the Year
Somerset Intermediate School
Washington College

April Todd, a Washington College graduate, received the 2007 Maryland Teacher of the Year Award. Todd, who teaches language arts at Somerset Intermediate School, says that the creative thinking skills she mastered at Washington College enabled her to develop a dynamic teaching philosophy. As a sixth and seventh grade language arts teacher, her passion is developing technology projects that inspire reluctant readers and writers. She has authored reading strategies that have been implemented in two Maryland counties, in addition to taking on State leadership roles working with the Maryland School Assessments, the Voluntary State Curriculum, and the Maryland Toolkit, as well as presenting at state-wide conferences. ■



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IN THE 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Del. SUSAN AUMANN
College of Notre Dame



Del. CHARLES BARKLEY
McDaniel College



Del. JON CARDIN
Baltimore Hebrew University



Del. JILL CARTER
Loyola College in Maryland



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Sojourner-Douglass College



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Del. WILLIAM FRANK
Johns Hopkins University, Mount St. Mary's University



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Washington College



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On February 7, more than 150 college and university students and leaders traveled to Annapolis for Maryland Independent Higher Education Day. Each year, MICUA organizes a day of visits with legislators to thank them for their support of the Sellinger Program—the vehicle for providing support for independent institutions for 35 years—and to ask for their continued support. Students and school officials also expressed their appreciation for State funding of capital projects on campuses around the State. ■



Left to right: Students from College of Notre Dame of Maryland with Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, the keynote speaker on Maryland Independent Higher Education Day; Delegate John Olszewski with Goucher President Sanford Ungar and Senator Ulysses Currie.

MICUA has launched a new Web site. We invite you to take a look! Please visit the site at www.micua.org for the latest news about independent higher education in Maryland.