Report to the USM Board of Regents

Chancellor Jay A. Perman September 10, 2021

Thank you, Chair Gooden. It s wonderful to see all of you back together again. And it s gratifying to know that because of the hard work of the entire USM community reunions like this one are taking place on our campuses across Maryland.

Let me also thank Dr. Haynes for his presentation. the national spotlight is shining brightly right now on this HBCUs. It sour job to make sur0 g m)/(E)

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underscoring its leadership in the virtual space, the Innovation recently hit 1 million cumulative enrollments on the edX platform.

Our universities have also received impressive grants, forged new partnerships, and strengthened economic impact.

Last month, the NSF announced that it is establishing five I-Corps Hubs, each funded at \$15 million over five years. These hubs will help scale up the National Innovation Network and provide experiential entrepreneurship training to academic researchers across all fields of science and engineering. The Mid-Atlantic I-Corps Hub will be led by UMCP. Also at UMCP, Stephanie Lansing in the Department of Environmental Science and Technology has been awarded \$6 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to establish a consortium of scientists and industry partners to develop sustainable products—like biofuels from food waste. And just this week, UMCP announced a \$20 million partnership with quantum computing startup lonQ to create the National Quantum Lab at Maryland—or Q-Lab—to facilitate research and innovation in this emerging field.

Earlier this summer, UMBC joined the University Innovation Alliance, a select consortium of public research universities committed to boosting student success by sharing and scaling approaches that work, especially among students from vulnerable groups. UMBC and North

programsthat	focus on small business	
development and fostering entrepreneurial activity in underserved communities		

The Washington Post featured an extensive (and glowing) profile of UMCP president Darryll Pines reflecting on his first year in office his successes as well as the challenges that remain.

The Daily Record's list of 2021 Influential Marylanders features BSU President Aminta Breaux and TU President Kim Schatzel.

And UMES President Heidi Anderson was invited to testify before a congressional committee earlier this summer, where she stressed the importance of a federal commitment to long-term investments in HBOUs, especially historically Black *land-grant* institutions.

Finally, USM institutions distinguished themselves through outreach and community service.

USG welcomed Montgomery County public summer school students to its Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Building for a STEM summer program. Thousands of elementary and middle schoolers took part in the program intended to jumpstart post-pandemic learning.

UB hosted a free COVID vaccination dinic for city residents.

SU leadership and local VIPs celebrated the opening of brand-new Newton Community Center. helped with the initial operation, and will continue to be a partner moving forward. In addition, all thrilled that Sea Gull Century bike ride is returning as an in-person event on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Likewise, the Spirit Run at the University System of Maryland, Hagerstown (USMH) is

We all know we have to *work* together to *be* together. And I can tell you that our students want to be exactly where they are on campus and in classrooms.

Madame Chair, this concludes my report. Thank you.

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