

Report to the USM Board of Regents

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Thank you, Chair Gooden @ to see you all in person to often getting together the way we used to.

And we *are* getting together. Over the last several weeks, I building dedications and groundbreakings at Towson, UMB, and the USM at Southern Maryland @ town halls at UMBC and right here at Salisbury. I joined the Coppin and UMB communities in inaugurating their presidents. And let me just say that celebrating with you in person is so much better than through a screen.

I join Chair Gooden in acknowledging Veterans Day.

o history, marked by the new College of Health and Human Services, the Center for Equity, Justice and Inclusion, and the endowment of the Glenda Chatham and Robert G. Clarke Honors College. @) ‡ elevate Salisbury

I am also thrilled to note that it looks like FSU and the USM at Hagerstown (USMH) will *not* be annexed by West Virginia any time soon. That is great news, since next month USMH hosts its Elizabethtowne Feast & Frolic. That is one of the most highly anticipated events, so...

The Schaefer Center for Public Policy this month marked the 100th birthday of William Donald Schaefer and I had the pleasure of presenting the 2020 Schaefer Award for Public Service to Sister Helen Amos, executive c...

have studies examining booster safety and efficacy. Dr. Kirsten Lyke, PI on the latter study, presented her findings last month to the FDA.

Many of us were together *again* last month at the 8th president. In one of his first acts following his formal installation, Dr. Jenkins announced a \$1,200 tuition credit for *all* Coppin students who register for the spring 2022 semester. The credit directly reduces tuition and fee balance. And BGE recently announced partnerships with both Coppin State and Bowie State, with each institution receiving \$200,000 to support 15 BGE Scholars – full-time STEM majors from the two local communities.

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) recently hosted the 9th annual induction ceremony for the Montgomery County Business Hall of Fame, raising nearly \$200,000 for USG scholarships. Since the Hall of Fame was established in 2012, USG has received over \$1.5 million in scholarship funding. Additionally, USG recently welcomed members of the Maryland Senate Budget and Taxation Committee for a tour of the state-of-the-art Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Building.

I want to end my remarks on two items featuring students we do. First, the Student Regent nomination season. We know our schools are home to the best and brightest – just look at the two student regents they produced *this* year so we hope to see a great crop of candidates. The deadline for nominations is the end of this month, Nov. 30, and the governor will make his appointments next spring. I thank all of our vice president students to our attention.

And finally, I want to introduce you to Julia Mohr, a second-year student right here at Salisbury University. Julia is our fall 2020 Kelly Regent Scholarship award winner, which is a merit award given by the Board of Regents. Julia is a double major, psychology and biology, and she plans to pursue either medical school or a physician assistant program.

Julia is a member of the Student Military Veterans Association. She is an active Army Airborne Reservist stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and so she drives round-trip during the week for her reservist responsibilities. Turn out your phones; that's a 6½-hour drive each way. She also works in the Veterans Affairs Office at Salisbury.

So, with that, I formally end my own report and ask Julia to come to the podium. Julia?

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