

Report to the USM Board of Regents
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In a separate ranking from _____, the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) tops their list of colleges that enroll the most transfer students. UMGC enrolled more than 9,500 new transfer students in fall 2020, significantly more than its nearest competitor. And

UMCES has launched a NOAA-funded study of microplastics moving through Maryland's waterways—tracking where the plastics come from and where they end up. With marine debris a significant ecological problem, UMCES's work will provide the science that lawmakers need to take meaningful action.

UMBC has won a Beckman Foundation Award to launch a Beckman Scholars Program for high-achieving students interested in graduate study in the biological or chemical sciences. Only 14 institutions across the country are new recipients of these three-year awards, totaling \$2.1 million. At UMBC, the program will support six students aspiring to the MD/PhD degree, and each will be paired with a mentor. Plus, with a \$900,000 grant from the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals, UMBC will develop a short-term biomanufacturing training program to meet critical workforce needs.

At College Park, Professor Emeritus Michael Brin, his wife Eugenia, and the Sergey Brin Family Foundation are establishing the Brin Mathematics Research Center. Their \$4.75 million gift will seed a center that expands math and statistics research and education programs, and supports visiting scholars, workshops, and symposia. The goal is to foster interactions between mathematicians at College Park and those around the world.

And in a well-deserved recognition of UMCP's pathbreaking leadership, Analytics Insight ranked

restore the \$93.8 million cut to the USM's base budget made by the Board of Public Works in July 2020, and allow us to moderate tuition increases next year for in-state students.

The budget includes \$22 million in new funding for our three HBCUs—the first installment of the \$577 million settlement that Maryland finalized last year. It includes \$14 million to support the MPower partnership between UMB and College Park; \$7 million to support UMB's critical care services—funding that's especially important in terms of strengthening rural health care in Maryland—and \$3.7 million to help offset operating expenses associated with some of our