The Man With the Plan
President Bogomolny’s UB Legacy

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A Day in the Life

Some may say that time flies around here—especially when in the middle of a busy semester—but never has that been so true than in this image, which captures the University of Baltimore campus transitioning from day into night. Shot over a day’s time from the 12th floor of the John and Frances Angela Law Center and then stitched together in post-production, it looks southwest, portraying West Mount Royal Avenue and the UB Student Center in clear daylight, while North Charles Street and the east side of the William H. Thumel Sr. Business Center are a-sparkle with city lights post-dusk. And that sunset? Well, it’s worthy of riding off into.
Dear UB Alumni and Friends:

In deciding what to include in my final letter for the University of Baltimore Magazine, I faced a challenge that is likely shared by many who are approaching a milestone in their professional lives. How do you sum up your experiences without sounding self-involved? Can you share how personally meaningful your time has been without sounding trite or maudlin? Is it possible to recognize everyone who has contributed to making the past 12 years the most rewarding of your career? For me, the answer turned out to be easy, if not simple: Since 2002, I’ve been fortunate to be part of a community that is unwavering in its dedication to its students, its willingness to embrace change and its commitment to the well-being of our city and our region.

Many of UB’s accomplishments during the past decade-plus are outlined in this issue of the magazine. But another challenge during a time of transition is to avoid turning recollection and reflection into a laundry list of accomplishments. As impressive as that list would be, it would miss what I believe is the most important element of all: the people who make up the UB community.

Our community is the main reason the University of Baltimore has achieved so much in the past and why it faces a future rich with possibilities. The contributions of our more than 55,500 alumni—as leaders in their professions and in their communities—have increased awareness of the integral role that UB plays in Baltimore, in the region and beyond. And because of your generous support of our faculty, staff and particularly our students, you are entitled to celebrate with us this remarkable chapter in our University’s history.

It hasn’t always been easy; few things worth doing in life ever are. Universities are complex organizations, and UB is no exception. We’ve experienced the creative tensions that inevitably accompany change and the healthy skepticism and steadfast commitment of intelligent people. But I’ve come to appreciate that these experiences have led to smarter decisions and better outcomes, and I know that our community is stronger today because of the shared paths we’ve taken. In fact, the strength and quality of our faculty, staff, University and UB Foundation leadership teams, and alumni helped inform the timing of my decision: I leave office confident that UB is in great hands and is well positioned for continued success.

I’ve had a varied career—in higher education, government and the corporate world. I’ve participated in major litigation and transacted high-level business deals. These experiences have taught me an important career and life lesson: Ultimately, satisfaction isn’t measured by cases won or dollars gained. Professional and personal fulfillment is greatest when you are able to go to work every day knowing that you have the chance to do something meaningful. Because of the University of Baltimore, I can close this most gratifying chapter of my professional life knowing that I’ve been part of something that matters.

For that, I thank you—the UB and greater Baltimore communities. There is much to be proud of and much to look forward to as you help your University write the next chapter of the UB story. Whatever form it takes and wherever it leads, I know it will be a story of accomplishment and a story that matters, because that is the essence of the University of Baltimore.
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Walking home from the club or dancing at a wedding with tired, heel-worn feet may soon be a thing of the past thanks to Jesse Alton, a student in the Merrick School of Business’ Entrepreneurship Fellows program. As one of six initial members in this competitive program, Alton learned the ins and outs of entrepreneurship from business professionals and expert faculty.

His business, Native Flats, is working on producing fully biodegradable flip-flops, made from a cornstarch compound and soy-based inks. After six years of perfecting his concept, he launched the first round of Native Flats — made with recycled plastic to start — this spring in bars in Denver; Las Vegas; Washington, D.C.; Baltimore; and Annapolis, Maryland.

Q: Where did you get the idea for Native Flats?
A: On Dec. 31, 2008 (I remember the exact day), I was visiting the York College [of Pennsylvania] rugby team, and there was snow all over the sidewalks. I saw girls walking home from the bar without any shoes. They weren’t walking barefoot in the snow than wear their shoes anymore. And I thought to myself, “I can fix that.”

Q: Why choose to produce a biodegradable product?
A: If I want to approach (retailers), I don’t want to give them a product made of plastic. [My product] needs to have good form, good utility and good cost. If someone leaves [the flip-flops] somewhere, [they] will dissolve in the rain. People don’t have to feel bad … because they’ll go back into the earth after 30-60 days.

Even though the product is currently made of soy-based plastic, we can switch our material [to glycan, a cornstarch derivative] at any point — but biodegradable will raise the cost. Adding [that] aspect is not efficient for a startup working with virtually no capital. Before I switch, I want to first gain revenues.

Q: In what circumstance would someone buy Native Flats?
A: [The flip-flops] are meant to be a convenient purchase. Why do you order a pizza? It’s cheaper, yes, to buy all the ingredients, but it’s easier to pay a little bit more and have it delivered to you. We’ve created a high-quality flip-flop. We say they’re disposable (and they are), but people think they’re getting one for free. Customers will say, “They’re so great, why wouldn’t I get rid of them?”

Q: How has being a part of the Entrepreneurship Fellows program helped you to refine your concept?
A: Everyone has a specialty; my specialty is entrepreneurship and business models. Everyone needs a pitch guy, everyone needs a business model guy, and I can fill that. When I came here, I didn’t know what to expect, and now I’m surrounded by experts in the field. What has been best for me is how it has helped to hone my strengths.

David Lingelbach (director of the Entrepreneurship Fellows program) has taught us some really deep, deep entrepreneurial theory and really explains why entrepreneurs are the way we are. [The professors] don’t hold back. They say, “No, no, I don’t think that’s a great idea.” “Yeah, that’s a great idea” or “Maybe you need to work on it a little bit more.” They stoke our fire, and it’s awesome.

Q: How did you get involved in these hobbies?
A: I started surfing on a whim. I saw a class being taught in the water one weekend at Rehoboth Beach (Delaware) and took my first class at dawn the next day.

I learned to slackline in Guatemala when I was taking immersion Spanish classes. A fellow student had brought his line with him from Germany, where it is apparently popular. I had never heard of it before that, but since then, I have seen it on TV. It was featured in Madonna’s Super Bowl halftime show a few years ago.

Q: What goes through your mind when you’re walking the line or riding a wave?
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Q: Most people would think surf culture and law culture are polar opposites. Are you able to find connections between your job and your hobbies?
A: Surfers come in all shapes and sizes. Some surfers are just as intense as lawyers. It takes a lot of determination, drive and commitment to get out there on the waves every day, to face the incredible power of the water.

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Meet a Student

Jesse Alton

by Nicole Reagan, M.A. ’14

Meet a Faculty Member

Jaime Lee

by Libby Zay

Jaime Lee doesn’t balk at risk-taking. Part of her job as assistant professor and director of the UB School of Law’s Community Development Clinic is to guide students in using the law to help community associations, nonprofit organizations and small businesses achieve their goals while minimizing risk. But when she isn’t navigating legal issues, Lee spends her time taking on other kinds of risks: navigating waves on a surfboard and practicing slacklining, the art of balancing on a narrow piece of webbing anchored between two points.

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UB BY THE NUMBERS

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That’s a big number reflecting huge generosity. On Oct. 24, the Office of Alumni Relations hosted A Celebration of Service to honor more than 280 alumni volunteers who had contributed more than 700 hours of service to UB-related activities during the previous year. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact the office at 410.871.6310 or alumni@ubalt.edu.

225
On Feb. 4, the John and Frances Angelos Law Center’s Moot Courtroom was transformed into a federal courtroom when the UB School of Law hosted the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The court heard four cases, primarily involving patent and trademark law, and invited students, faculty and others to observe the proceedings.

25
The University System of Maryland is celebrating its 25th anniversary by giving gifts to its fans all year. Check out the monthly contests on its Facebook page for opportunities to win anniversary prize packs, some of which feature a variety of UB goodies.

66,800
The University of Baltimore Students for Public Interest’s 20th annual auction, held Feb. 28, raised $66,800, including a matching donation from the UB School of Law. Proceeds from this always-popular live and silent auction allow the student organization, in conjunction with the Maryland Legal Services Corp. and the law school, to fund summer public-interest fellowships for UB law students.

200
Making national news, the University of Baltimore this spring introduced a new initiative, Finish4Free, that will offer incoming freshmen free tuition in their final semester if they graduate within four years. Launching with this fall’s incoming freshman class, Finish for Free directly addresses two of the most pressing issues facing higher education today: time to degree and student debt. Assuming a 3 percent annual tuition increase, the program saves $3,300 in tuition for in-state students and $9,000 for out-of-state students. Graduating in four years, and therefore taking advantage of the incentive, will save in-state students nearly $17,000 and out-of-state students $57,000 compared to six-year graduation costs.

225
The UB Professional Development Institute matches students with faculty, staff and alumni to explore career interests and set goals. Students receive one-on-one mentoring to help them develop a plan and polish professional skills. This spring, a total of 225 UB community members (79 mentors and 146 mentees) were paired to pass the way for students’ career success. Interested in serving as a mentor? Email pdi@ubalt.edu.

5,239
We’re feeling the love as the number of “likes” (at 2,339 on June 9) on our Facebook page continues to grow. Be sure to keep tabs on www.facebook.com/UBAlumniAssociation to learn about alumni-focused events, activities (including lots of free ones!) and other opportunities to get involved. You also can stay up to date on important UB news and win UB prizes through our regular contests.

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Pict Press, a student-driven imprint at the University of Baltimore, released 150 copies of its first book, Plorkology: Stories, Poems, and Essays, at the beginning of the academic year. The hand-bound work, a nod to publishing days past, features a collection of writing from students in the M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program.

60
On May 14, the University System of Maryland Board of Regents announced the appointment of Kurt L. Schmoke as president of the University of Baltimore, effective July 7. A three-term former mayor of Baltimore who held office from 1979-99, Schmoke most recently served as interim provost and general counsel at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he was also dean of the School of Law from 2003-12. Schmoke, 64, addressed the UB community the day the announcement was made. “The thing that attracted me to UB so much— not only my love for the city, the state—[but] looking at the plans, the proposals, the strategic plan, all the ideas that have been brought together about the future of the University, it just seemed to me that this University has great dreams for the future,” he said. “And it’s up to all of us [who] will be in leadership capacities to make sure that we fulfill those dreams....So I’m excited about this opportunity.”

A native of Maryland’s largest city, Schmoke graduated from Baltimore City College high school and was elected state’s attorney for the city before becoming Baltimore’s first elected black mayor. Schmoke earned his undergraduate degree in history from Yale University in 1971 before receiving his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1976; in between, he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. He is married to Dr. Patricia Schmoke, an ophthalmologist, and they have two adult children.
DIGGING FOR HISTORY

In preparation for renovations to Northeast Baltimore’s historic Clifton Mansion, UB archaeologist in residence Mechelle Kerns (left) embarked on excavations and archaeological testing last August.

Kerns returned to the mansion this spring to lead extensive excavations in search of artifacts from the mid-19th century. Work focused on a brick floor covered by concrete for more than 80 years.

Clifton Mansion was built for Baltimore merchant Henry Thompson, and the structure was completed in 1801. Thompson amassed roughly 260 acres, which he turned into a plantation worked by paid employees, indentured servants and slaves. In 1843, Johns Hopkins purchased the estate as a summer home and intended to establish a university at the site. Toward the end of the 1860s, Baltimore city purchased the estate from Hopkins and turned it into a park.

This project is the first in an effort by UB to assist the city with managing its cultural resources.

Newly Named School of Communications Design Recognizes Klein Family Endowment

The Klein family has a long and successful history at the University of Baltimore. Michael Klein, B.S. ’38, earned a degree in business administration, while his son Philip Klein, B.S. ’38, earned a degree in English. Michael’s daughter Rachel Klein, B.A. ’76, followed in her father’s footsteps and also earned a degree in English. Daniel Klein, Philip’s grandson and Michael’s nephew, is a member of the UB Foundation Board of Directors.

For more than two decades, the Klein Family Fund—an endowment supported by both Michael Klein and the Philip and Harriet Klein Foundation—has contributed to an ongoing reading series in the M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program that brings renowned writers, literary agents and others from the world of literature to campus for evenings of entertainment and education.

And even before the fund’s establishment, Philip Klein began supporting UB in the ’70s through personal donations.

Last fall, the University introduced the Klein Family School of Communications Design, renaming an existing school within the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences in recognition of another gift from Michael Klein and the Philip and Harriet Klein Foundation. Together, Klein and the Pikesville, Maryland-based foundation pledged a gift of $8.5 million to the school, endowed income from which will be used to support academic development.

On Oct. 10, the University celebrated the naming with the unveiling of two plaques in the lobby of the Liberal Arts and Policy Building, home to the Klein Family School of Communications Design. Michael Klein and his wife, Jennifer, attended, as did Daniel Klein, trustee of the Philip and Harriet Klein Foundation, and his wife, Anna. Rachel Klein also attended along with other family and friends.

The Klein Family School of Communications Design serves as UB’s hub for undergraduate and graduate programs in design and communications, including its Bachelor of Arts degrees in English, Digital Communication and Integrated Arts and its graduate Publications Design, Creative Writing & Publishing Arts and Integrated Design programs, as well as a master’s-level Certificate in Digital Communication.

“My goal is to save each criminal attorney and judge one hour a week. If I can do that, this thing’s worth its weight in gold.”

—Byron L. Warnken, J.D. ’77, associate professor of law at UB, referencing his three-volume treatise, Maryland Criminal Procedure, during an event celebrating its publication, Oct. 22

“I lost my constitutional faith. I see a document that is increasingly taking us over a cliff.”

—Sanford Levinson, constitutional scholar, during a discussion Oct. 25 about American Epic: Reading the U.S. Constitution by Garrett Epps, UB professor of law

“Architects are very optimistic people. They … used to deal with tracing paper and pens, now they deal with computer-aided design, but the idea is the same: They want to get up and make the world a better place, and they think they can do it.”

—M. L. “Jay” Brodie, former president of the Baltimore Development Corp., at the Merrick School of Business’ Lessons From Legends event, Oct. 8

“My title for this book was It Could Have Been Different, and I give credit to my agent and my publisher for coming up with [a] much catchier title … but I think my title actually describes a little more what the book is about, because it could have been different. There were plenty of mistakes and warning signs that were made in the lead-up to the crisis.”

—Sheila Bair, former Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. chairwoman and author of Bull by the Horns: Fighting to Save Main Street from Wall Street and Wall Street from Itself, during the Merrick School of Business Speaker Series event, Sept. 25

“We have to look forward—at least I do, so I don’t dwell on the past other than as a starting point to measure how far we’ve come and how far we still have to go.”

—Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, civil rights activist and former Freedom Rider, at the College of Public Affairs’ March 10 presentation of the documentary An Ordinary Hero: The True Story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, after which she was interviewed by Taylor Branch, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian
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There was no plan, but there were plans. When Robert L. Bogomolny, 76, stepped onto the University of Baltimore campus as its seventh president in August 2002, he didn’t do so with blueprints for his tenure rolled neatly under his arm.
W hen I looked at the job at UB, I had the sense that there were a number of things that needed to be done,” he says. “There were changes in infrastructure, changes in management and leadership styles, different kinds of activities that needed to be pursued, but I didn’t have a precise idea of what they were … I felt there was an opportunity to engage in change.”

Along the way, plans developed. A new UB emerged and surprised people—no least of whom was the president himself—about just how much it could change.

When Bogomolny arrived, he discovered an institution “where the kinds of things that were happening … had real value,” he says, but he also saw extraordinary opportunities: programs to be expanded, money to be raised, a campus footprint to define and an identity to develop. Even an entire city eager to the tenacity of the University community manifest itself earlier, but the battle for the student center began to change that.”

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But these initiatives unravelled slowly, over time, and Bogomolny addressed them as urgencies arose. “I’m not the kind of person who writes down a five-year plan,” he adds. “I’m just not that person. All of this was kind of evolutionary.”

And one of the first opportunities to pop up was the creation of the UB Student Center, which Bogomolny calls a “wonderful and interesting challenge.” He says the decision was easy. The University needed a student-oriented space, no two ways about it. Getting there was more difficult. Facing the pressure to renovate the Odorite building at the corner of Mount Royal and Maryland avenues—the subject of a long-standing impassioned debate between historic preservationists and the University—Bogomolny committed himself to the course of action that would best serve UB students. The student center opened on the site of the former Odorite building in early 2006, after three years of negotiation and construction. “(The process) enabled me to build a team around solving a problem, which involved public pressure, newspaper pressure, and University needs and community issues,” Bogomolny recalls. “By ultimately being successful with that, I think it was a statement that the University of Baltimore couldn’t settle for less.”

And it never settled again. Even when architects informed Bogomolny that funds had run out and there could be no fifth floor to the center, he stood his ground. “I simply said, ‘We’re not going to do that. This is a good place with good people, and we’re going to do the best. We shouldn’t settle for the least.’”

Perhaps the cultural change began to manifest itself earlier, but the battle for the UB Student Center was the first real testament to the tenacity of the University community during Bogomolny’s administration. He sees his role as “helping to unleash a very large group of excellent people here who needed to feel like we were actually going to do things, that we were going to change, that we could expand our vision—that we could, in fact, be ready to take on different kinds of challenges.”

“I can build buildings and I can even get a governor to give us money, but moving a culture is much harder. That’s the big challenge.”

Beyond providing a long-awaited space dedicated to students—where they can study, relax, gather and take advantage of events and cultural opportunities—the student center set the ball rolling on something else: It began to define the UB campus and, in turn, the heart of the city. “I insisted that the building be a statement building,” Bogomolny says. “If you know the number of people who drove down Maryland Avenue every day and didn’t even know the University was there ... the presence of the student center began to change that.”

Every other capital project since then—from the renovation of the Liberal Arts and Policy Building at Charles and Preston streets to the streetscaping throughout campus to the construction of the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center—has supported that goal. And for Bogomolny, each one has been enjoyable. “At some level, I live in those projects that we’re building rather than those projects that we’ve built,” he says. “So every time we do a new project or a new initiative, that’s the most fun thing I’m doing. Changing the whole atmosphere of the school has been great. But [so has] helping people understand that aspirations can be met.”

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Bogomolny has led a charge to expand academic offerings, resulting in 35 new programs, an initiative he says was meant “to change the way people were thinking about what was happening here.” And just in the past year, he has spearheaded a comprehensive refocusing of institutional efforts surrounding student success. Most recently, the debut of UB’s Financing Fee option—which covers the last semester’s tuition for incoming freshmen who finish in four years—has gained national attention for its goal of reducing student debt while increasing four-year graduation rates.

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But Bogomolny’s biggest surprise, he says, isn’t how much has been accomplished during his tenure but how much he loves the job. “I would’ve thought that would be a very arrogant thing to say yes to. I would’ve said, ‘I can’t do this at 13 than at my age,’” Bogomolny says. “It wasn’t so much that I didn’t think I could do something to make the place better,” Bogomolny says. “I never had an idea that we could do so much transformational stuff. If you had asked me, could I come in and transform the University, I would’ve thought that would be a very arrogant thing to say yes to. I would’ve said, ‘I can’t come in and try to make it better.’”

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Q: Do you think Bob has changed as a result of his presidency, and if so, how?
A: I’d relate this to your earlier question, and it’s tied to being someone who’s committed to what he’s doing. While this may not be exactly about change, the job has allowed him to bring all of his skills and his experiences to bear, which is a rare opportunity and a privilege that few of us get to experience in our professional lives. His engagement in the greater Baltimore community has also increased during his tenure, which is again a measure of how invested he’s become here.

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One food truck business was forged by friends over a poker game, the other when an entrepreneur laid all his cards on the table.
Robert Raber, B.S. ’96

“Hello? ... The onions should be in the truck. ... The mayonnaise? I don’t know. If it’s not there, we’re out. ... Alright. Bye.”

Robert Raber, B.S. ’96, co-owner of the Kommy Pig food truck, says it doesn’t take a genius to make coleslaw—but for his recipe, you do need mayonnaise.

Raber and I sat chatting in a tavern a stone’s throw away from where his partner, Russian native Andre Chitikov, is finishing preparations for lunch service. Sans mayonnaise, it seems.

“His food is like Bibi Aid sells mayonnaise,” says Raber, smirking and shaking his head after he hung up the phone. “Even though he’s been here 20-some years, he gets clueless sometimes.”

When the pair first met in 1991, Raber had just finished serving with the U.S. Army after a six-month tour in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. Chitikov had been in the Russian military, and there was admittedly a little tension between the two.

“We didn’t exactly get along at first,” Raber explains. “He was dating my sister. They broke up, but we remained friends.”

For decades, Raber had fast-forwarded 20 years to a poking game at which Raber and Chitikov were lamenting their current jobs. Raber was toiling in a bank, while Chitikov owned a mortgage business and was facing a fast-deciding industry. Raber, who had been watching shows like The Great Food Truck Race on television, tossed out the idea of starting a truck together. By the end of that half-hour chat with a chef, Chris Cherry, who was willing to put the sweat equity into it. Shapiro gave the industrious chef his card and told him to “call him someday.” The next day, Cherry picked up the phone to continue the conversation, and within a week they had decided to go ahead with the idea.

Shapiro’s partner, prepares food on the go

But most [important is] the fact that the school is a living school that can deliver students—while they’re still students—and inject them into the marketplace.

“To have an internship or to work at the courts, work in business—it’s really what an institution of higher education should be. What it is meant to be, that even before you got out of school you had a taste of what your profession would offer you or what you could offer the profession.”

On juggling various ventures:

“It’s not as impossible as one may think from afar. But as my wife always tells me, ‘Don’t give up your day job’; I practice law full time, I’m in court virtually every day of the week. That’s my profession, and that’s how I really earn the majority of my income in order to sustain all of those other businesses.”

On advice to someone dreaming of starting a food truck:

“I would have them sit down with someone who is doing it now and really understand all of the dynamics of the business and really question if this is something they want to do. I can’t tell you how many people pull me aside, particularly in court. Some of my lawyer friends, they say, ‘You know, I really want to open up a restaurant’ or ‘I really want to open up a food truck,’ and I try to dissuade them. If they do harrow dissuade them five or 10 times and they’re still excited about it, then they possibly have the making of somebody who can go forward.”

On future plans:

“Baltimore’s Sun Food Truck Finder, a desktop and mobile application that uses an interactive map to locate nearby food trucks. The project shifted into gear thanks in part to Adam Marton, M.A. ’09, The Sun’s senior editor of interactive design. As the newspaper began to review food trucks more regularly, Marton and the other designers and developers at The Sun got their hands on a comprehensive food truck schedule, and the team saw value in mapping the data.

“The way we evaluate data and how we’re going to visualize it is [by thinking about] how people would most likely interact with the data on a day to day basis that would be most useful to them,” Marton explains, adding that the team thought through several ways to present the data before landing on a map.

For the initial launch of the Food Truck Finder, Marton designed the logo and created the user interface. “I would literally say every single thing about creating this came from wanting to do it at UB,” says Marton, an alum of the graduate Publications Design Program. He and classmate Thomas R. Smith, M.A. ’06, who was a design manager at The Sun, met while working together on a class project. Smith was so impressed with Marton’s work that he ended up hiring him.

As for the Food Truck Finder, Marton says The Sun considers it a success. See for yourself at www.baltimoresun.com/foodtrucks.
Nov. 11, 2013, marked perhaps the most memorable and widespread Veterans Day celebration in recent history at UB. The campus community honored UB’s military students, faculty, staff and alumni with not only “I Love UB vets” pins and thank-you banners but also the grand opening of the University’s first-ever veterans center, courtesy of a $1 million gift from Bob Parsons, B.S. ’79, D.H.L. ’08, GoDaddy founder and board member.

The Baltimore native and Vietnam veteran visited campus for the festivities and shared with the standing-room-only crowd his vision for the new facility: “[The Bob Parsons Veterans Center] will be a special and nurturing haven for veterans, to help them reintegrate back into civilian life and enter our education system so they can be the success that they deserve to be.”

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In addition to the center, Parsons’ gift funds two forthcoming veteran-oriented initiatives: The Bob Parsons Veterans Psychology Clinic and The Bob Parsons Veterans Advocacy Clinic.

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Alumni support means the world to UB, but don’t just take our word for it.

“I believe that once out of school, each person blazes [his] own career, but [he needs] a solid foundation to really succeed. The education I received from the University of Baltimore was second to none. I enjoyed the classwork, the professors and the services offered by UB. When I graduated, UB was there for me, helping me with my resume and honing my interview skills.

“As an alumnus, I feel we all owe something to the University that helped us advance our careers. I volunteer for programs that help students prepare for career success. I have also signed fundraising letters that discuss my experiences at UB and encourage alumni to make financial contributions to the University. Alumni are a vital part of the UB community. It is important for us to give back, stay connected and help today’s students.”

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GoDaddy’s Parsons Funds New Veterans Initiatives

by Emily Brungo

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What’s the story behind this UB photo?
We stumbled upon an archive of old, unlabeled UB photos that prompted us to do a little sleuthing, and we need your help. Do you know the people pictured in this image? Do you know when or why this photo was taken?
Fill us in: Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.

And the Story Behind the Last Photo Is …
The old photo featured in our last issue generated several responses; our thanks to everyone who weighed in. We hope you’ll share more stories about future photos.

From Kevin G. Robinson, J.D. ’87:
The picture is from the mid-1980s and was taken at a University of Baltimore alumni event on a river near Annapolis. The individual seated front center is [me]. [I] was working for the University of Baltimore Foundation at the time and attending UB Law School at night. For the last 21 years, [I] have been the business law professor at Mount Saint Mary’s University and a Pennsylvania and Maryland attorney based in Gettysburg, Pa. The individual standing behind [me] in the striped sweater is Sheldon Caplis [B.S. ’76], who was the head of the foundation. Seated two seats to the right of [me] is Kay Redington, who was the director of alumni relations.

Now for the rest of the story: The individual seated to the right of [me] is Lynne Phelan Robinson. At the time the picture was taken, Lynne was pregnant with [our] first child, James Phelan Robinson. Twenty-six years later, James Phelan Robinson graduated cum laude May 20, 2013, from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

From Margaret Matheny, former manager of the University of Baltimore Educational Foundation:
Kevin Robinson is in the center of the picture featured on page 24 of the current UB Magazine. He worked in the development office under Sheldon Caplis, and Kay Redington was the alumni director. [I] don’t know where it was taken or why.

From Diane Aull, former UB budget analyst:
Not sure where this was taken, but I’m almost positive that the person standing with the striped, long-sleeve polo shirt is Sheldon Caplis. He was vice president for institutional advancement at UB, now regional director of community relations for [OneMain Financial]. This would have been taken sometime in the mid-’70s.

From Donna Romoser, M.A. ’83, who phoned in this information:
It was an alumni event in the 1980s, possibly at an alumnae’s home on the Severn; the man in the white sweater facing forward is Kevin Robinson, former director of institutional advancement. The man behind him in the striped sweater is Sheldon Caplis, former VP of the foundation.
Annual Giving Committee
Help UB say “thank you” to its generous donors. As a committee member, you’ll work with fellow alumni, student, faculty and staff volunteers for two evenings of donor-appreciation calls each year.

Backpack to Briefcase
Return to the classroom to share your professional experiences and advice with students who are interested in pursuing careers in your general field.

Commencement Reception
Help the Office of Alumni Relations treat UB’s newest alumni, their family and friends to food and refreshments at an on-campus reception following the undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies.

Community Service Day
Join hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni for a day of volunteering throughout the Greater Baltimore region. Typical opportunities include beautifying neighborhoods, rehabilitating houses, mentoring young people and providing food to those in need.

Fuel for Finals
Give stressed-out students a much-needed boost during exam week by serving free snacks and beverages at various campus locations.

Professional Development Institute
Equip students with a competitive edge in the job market and help them reach their full educational and career potential by serving as a mentor. This one-on-one formal mentoring program pairs you with a student to explore his or her interests and set career goals.

Savor UB
Share great conversation and provide valuable advice over a meal at a local Baltimore restaurant. Savor UB connects UB students with alumni who have similar professional goals and social interests.

Speed Networking Event
Put your expertise to good use as you work with students to polish their professional skills. And don’t forget to share tips for making a good first impression in a fast-paced environment.

Block Party
Lend a hand at this semiannual UB tradition and help raise money toward the UB Alumni Association Scholarship Fund while interacting with students for a fun, lively afternoon.

GIVING YOUR TIME IS GIVING BACK.
UB alumni volunteers can share their time and talent how and when they choose. We’ve highlighted some of the various ways in which you can get involved, but if you’re not sure where to begin, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu. We’ll be happy to help find the best fit for you.

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The State of UB Alumni
It’s no surprise that most UB alumni have stayed relatively close to Charm City, but did you know that there are 10 UB graduates living in Alaska? Nearly 600 alumni are basking in the California sun, while another 44 made a beeline for Louisiana. Check out the map below to see the full state-by-state breakdown of where your fellow UB Bees call home.

Alumni by State (as of June 2014)

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A Ruin With a View

Living in Baltimore’s historic Fells Point neighborhood, says Rodrigo Figueroa, B.A. ’13, “is like going back in time.” But he and his wife, Isabel Bedoya, journeyed even further into the past in summer 2013 when they visited the ancient city of Machu Picchu in Peru. The ruins at Machu Picchu (the name means “old peak”) date from the mid-1400s; scholars believe the site was both a royal residence and a religious sanctuary.

“Seeing those first sun rays light up the city is amazing,” says Figueroa of the couple’s early morning outing to the terraced hillside. Then the pair ascended Huayna Picchu (“young peak”), the tallest of the forested Andean mountains that anchor the site. Hiking to an elevation of 9,000-plus feet is “no joke,” Figueroa says. “It’s a tough climb, and there’s a tunnel at the end that you have to go through to get to the very top.” But Figueroa says the views from the summit were one of the highlights of their journey.

This summer, the couple’s travel plans include Italy and the Greek Isles. And after having his Baltimore apparel recognized in Barcelona, Spain, among other locations, Figueroa says, “I encourage people to travel in the name of UB.”
Events and Photos

1. Rodrigo Figueroa, B.A. ’13, Isabel Bedoya and Karen Rhodovi, associate director of donor relations
2. Kendra Kopelke, director, M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program, and Mary Alice K launch Yokey, M.A. ’05
3. Steven B. Goldberg, B.S. ’76, Thomas J. Jones, J.D. ’99, Darren Margolis, B.A. ’95, Marshall Childs, undergraduate student, Digital Communication program; Ken Weaver, graduate student, Public Administration program, and Tobi Hollander, undergraduate student, Business Administration/Accounting program
4. Denise McGowens; Valerie Johnson, B.S. ’07, M.S. ’10; India Thomas, B.S. ’03, MBA ’06; Kate Grinstein, assistant vice president of alumni and donor services; Andrew Ingo, B.S. ’05; Alex Blum, M.S. ’06; Raymond and Pamela Butler, M.B.A. ’15; Josh Caplis, J.D. ’09; Alan Lazerow, J.D. ’10; Rhodovi; Justin Codd, B.A. ’08, M.A. ’10; and Giordana Segneri, M.A. ’10, associate director of communications and marketing
5. Tyler Barker, MBA ’13, and Quenisha Turner, B.S. ’12

Speed Networking: Nov. 7, 2013

Young Alumni Reception at Mustang Alley’s: Sept. 19, 2013

Alumni BBQ in Alexandria, Virginia: Sept. 28, 2013

GOLD Dinner at Blue Hill Tavern: Oct. 15, 2013

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UB Alumni Association Spring Happy Hour at the Owl Bar: April 1, 2014

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She also released the book "Bodine's Industry: A. Aubrey Bodine exhibit at the Baltimore Museum of Industry" curated by the BMoI in July 2013.

I. William Chase, B.A. '69, J.D. '74, received the Daily Record's 2013 Leadership in Law award in November.

Harry Bosk, M.A. '83, was named chair of the Eastern Shore region of the University of Maryland Alumni Association.

Denise Stevenson Parker, B.S. '84, is employed as a manager at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

1960s

Ronald A. Starr, B.S. '69, retired from the Baltimore City Police Department in May 2013 after 38 years of service.

1970s

R. Alan Streett, B.A. '72, produced Sleepless in Seattle—The Musical, which played from late May to late June, at the Pasadena Playhouse in Pasadena, California.

Rebecca Eloise Pearlman was born Feb. 21, 2013, to Andrea French, B.A. '04, and Daniel Hering, B.S. '11.

1980s

William Fitzpatrick, B.S. '80, formed the business advising and accounting firm of Fitzpatrick, Leary & Starko in Timonium, Maryland, with Mary-Ray Leary, M.S. '88.

Clarence H. Hampton, J.D. '86, was appointed director of civil rights compliance and business opportunities for the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Scott Becker, B.S. '91, was named senior research partner at the Baltimore Business Journal as being part of a "CEO/CFO Dream Team of Baltimore" in July 2013.

Brian Darmody, J.D. '81, joined the University of Maryland as associate vice president for corporate and foundation relations in July 2013.

Wendy Rothstein, J.D. '82, was named partner for Saul Ewing in Baltimore.

Douglas Deschner, B.S. '84, was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in July 2013.

Susan S. Schwartz, J.D. '84, promoted to partner at Ingber & Horwitz in Baltimore in July 2013.

Robert DeAlmeida, M.S. '83, CEO of Towson's Volunteer Service Award in December 2012.

Edward J. Hanko, B.S. '83, was named special agent in charge of the FBI's Philadelphia Division in March 2013.

James List, J.D. '85, received The Arc Baltimore's Volunteer Service Award in May 2013.

Reid Roberts, MBA '83, was named partner in the accounting firm of Gross, Mendelson & Associates in Baltimore.

### Class Notes

Let your fellow UB alumni know where you are and what you've been up to. Submitting a Class Note is easy; just visit www.ubalt.edu/ubmag or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.

1960s

Theresa Nolan, J.D. '75, married Tom Dugan on July 1, 2013.

Clayton E. Hunting, J.D. '76, partner at the Morris James Personal Injury Practice Group, was named one of Delaware’s Top Trial Lawyers by the American Trial Lawyers Association.

Susan B. Watson, J.D. '76, received the Daily Record's 2013 Leadership in Law award in November.

Joseph Cassilly, J.D. '77, received The Daily Record's 2013 Leadership in Law award in November.

Harold L. Higgins, B.S. '77, was promoted to chief administrative officer of Worcester County (Maryland) in June 2013.

Kevin Kelehan, J.D. '79, married Gregory J. Melnick on Nov. 9, 2013.

Don Bales, B.S. '79, recently retired as an adjunct faculty member after 30 years at the University of Baltimore School of Management.

Joyce Chalmers, J.D. '80, was named senior research partner at the Morris James Personal Injury Practice Group on July 1, 2013.

Mark Smolzar, B.S. '80, was appointed to partner at Ingerman & Horwitz in Baltimore.

Douglas Deschner, B.S. '84, had a solo show of "The Lost Cave Paintings of Saint Paul" at Hopkins, Minnesota's Hopkins Center for the Arts in summer 2013.

Barry F. Levin, J.D. '84, was elected managing partner for Saul Ewing in Baltimore.

James MacAllister, J.D. '84, received The Daily Record's 2013 Leadership in Law award in November.

### Baby Bee Announcements

UB proudly welcomes the newest members of our University family—Baby Bees! Moms- and dads-to-be, let us know when your little one arrives, and we’ll send you a Baby Bee bib, courtesy of the UB Alumni Association. We look forward to receiving more photos of your new additions proudly sporting their Baby Bee bibs and will include them in the magazine as space permits.

Share the buzz about your new Baby Bee with us at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.
was appointed MaxCyte in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and the president and chief executive officer of

Fred S. Hecker, J.D. ’87, received the Pro Food Lovers’ Guide to Baltimore (with Kathy Wielech Patterson) the book co-authored Neal J. Patterson, B.A. ’86, retired as chief of the Boynton Beach, Florida, Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, Maryland, in August. Martin Wong, J.D. ’85, was named a board chair of the United Way of Baltimore Alumni Association, Maryland, received The Daily Record’s 2013 Most Admired CEOs award in July 2013. Mark A. Steinberg, B.S. ’93, became a stockholder at Horbach & Co. in Owings Mills, Maryland, in March 2013. Deborah E. Swayer-Hudson, MBA ’93, was promoted to deputy county administrator for Charles County (Maryland) in August.

Pennsylvania State University in Ft. Worth, Texas, as the chief integrity officer in May 2013. James W. Hagen, B.S. ’86, was appointed inspector general of audit for the National Credit Union Administration in June 2013. James S. Litsinger, B.S. ’86, vice president and chief financial officer of nonacute services for Adventist HealthCare in Rockville, Maryland, was recognized for 10 years of employment and service to the company.

Neal J. Patterson, B.A. ’86, co-authored (with Kathy Wielch Patterson) the book Food Lovers’ Guide to Baltimore, published in May 2013. Meryl Burgin, J.D. ’87, was appointed to executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of CareFirst in January 2013. David M. Drake, MBA ’87, joined Gilchrist Hospice Care, based in Hunt Valley, Maryland, as director of development in May 2013. Daniel Guy, J.D. ’87, was sworn in as special trial judge of the U.S. Tax Court in May 2012. Fred S. Hecker, J.D. ’87, received the Pro Bono Award from the Los A. Caplan Pro Bono Award at the Maryland State Bar Association’s Annual Meeting in June 2013. Douglas Doerfler, CERT ’77, B.S. ’88, is the president and chief executive officer of MaxCyte in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and the new chair of the Tech Council of Maryland. Phil Phillips, MBA ’88, was appointed president and chief executive officer of PatapSCO Bancorp and the PatapSCO Bank in August.

Karen Stout, MBA ’88, was named a national co-chair of the Implementation Steering Committee of the American Association of Community Colleges’ 21st Century Commission. Colleen McKenna-Slavin, M.A. ’90, was elected vice president of programming for the American Marketing Association’s Baltimore chapter in April 2013. Robert Santoni Jr., B.S. ’89, was named a 2013 Innovator of the Year by The Daily Record in August. John M. Stouffer, B.S. ’89, was named to the board of directors of the Maryland Foodshed Alliance in April 2013. Kristin Royer, M.F.A. ‘13, was screened at the 35th Annual Atlanta International Documentary Film Festival in October. The short film chronicles the stories, challenges and hopes of four patients who have defied the odds and are living—much longer than expected—with incurable cancer. In her director’s statement, the first-time filmmaker explains, “I thought capturing stories like [this] could...
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2013 Honorees

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UB Alumnae Named Among Maryland’s ‘Leading Women’

Congratulations to the University of Baltimore alumnae named among Maryland’s ‘Leading Women’ by The Daily Record. This honor recognizes women age 40 or younger for their professional experience, community involvement and commitment to inspiring change.

2013 Honorees

Theresa M. Azere, J.D. ’86
Sheyd Davis Kohl, M.P.A. ’04
Tonja Ringold, M.S. ’08
Donna Van Scoy, J.D. ’80
Kimberly Wagner, J.D. ’88
Victoria L. Gruber, J.D. ’97
Mehisa Crim, J.D. ’01
L. Content McLaughlin, B.A. ’00, J.D. ’03, LL.M. ’05
Mary Helfrich, B.S. ’06

Nicole Egerton Taylor, J.D. ’00
Sheilla Thomas, M.A. ’02
Katrina Dennis, J.D. ’04
Mothyna James-Brightful, M.S. ’07
Kimberly Neal, J.D. ’07
Lydia Hu, J.D. ’09
Sara Pauzunian, M.P.A. ’09

2014 Honorees

Abi Oyewole, J.D. ’09, was sworn in as the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship,

Young Alumni Making News

A number of UB alumni were named among the Daily Record’s “20 in Their Twenties” in April 2013. This annual honor “celebrates the most talented and brightest under 30 who may not have yet earned their first million but whose creativity and spirit already are contributing to a new energy in Maryland.”

Alumni (CLASS NOTES)

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Lauren E. Berry, B.S. ’10, is a crime scene investigator with the Prince George’s County (Maryland) Police Department.

Elizabeth Cowan, J.D. ’10, married Brandon Mourees, J.D.’09, on April 6, 2013.

Michael R. Dodg, J.D. ’10, was named to The Daily Record’s 2013 VIP List of very important professionals age 40 and under in June 2013.


Thomaisina Poirdt, J.D. ’10, received MyCity’s 2013 SpHoned Woman Rising Award in September. This award honors women ages 21-35 who are starting to make their mark on the Baltimore community and/or on the world stage.

Adam Robinson, M.F.A. ’10, received the Baltimore City Paper’s Best Publishing Company honor in September for his company, Publishing Genius.

Erica Marie Strausno, J.D. ’10, member of the Maryland bar and associate attorney at Lessans, Fracy & McCormick, is engaged to Jeremy John Ernst.

Marie Fabinne, J.A. ’11, works for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a health policy analyst for Medicaid recipients in the Office of Eligibility Services.

Emily Chiarizia, J.D. ’11, received MyCity ’s 2013 SpHoned Woman Rising Award in September.

Adam D. Shutz, B.A. ’11, and his partners received the Baltimore City Paper’s Best Little Magazine honor in September for their literary magazine, Artichoke Haircut.

Phillip R. Dawal Jr., D.P.A. ’11, was interviewed for the online magazine ElderBunch about his dissertation on the collaboration between emergency managers and people with disabilities in planning and responding to disasters.

Dexter A. Dickey, D.P.A. ’12, was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee, in February 2013.

Abby Ferrell, M.F.A. ’12, received the 2012 MLK Community Service Award from Johns Hopkins Medicine in January 2013 at its 31st annual commemoration of the civil rights leader.

Tricia M. Ghent, B.A. ’12, was married in September 2012.

New UB Board Members

The University of Baltimore welcomes the following new board members:

UB FOUNDATION

Stuart S. Silberg, B.S. ’71 (chair)
Clifton L. Brown Jr., J.D. ’78
Cynthia B. Jones, J.D. ’92
Daniel J. Klein

UB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Anne A. Bubnis Kang, J.D. ’10
Alex D. Tremble Jr., M.S. ’11
Eri-Lee Hairton, M.S. ’11, CERT ’12
Paul Rodriguez, M.A. ’12

Louis Diggs, B.A. ’79, M.P.A. ’82

by Andrew Clark

While he was working as a substitute teacher in Catonsville, Maryland, more than two decades ago, Louis Diggs, B.A. ’79, M.P.A. ’82, taught students at Catonsville High School how to research their roots in the local community. But the assignment upset some of the African-American students because they couldn’t find any information.

“They were disappointed,” Diggs recalls. “They asked ‘Can you help us find our history?’”

“This is 90 or 100 years old, to have them sit with me and bare their lives,” says Diggs, whose research has offered him a wealth of information.

Every time I do one interview, I can’t wait to go do another one.”

Over the past 20 years, the Baltimore city native has become one of the most authoritative voices on Baltimore County’s African-American history. The author of nine books—with a 10th on the way—Diggs has taken his photo collection on the road and put it on display for the public at a number of locations, from local malls to nursing homes. He’s even had people recognize old photos of relatives.

“People need to know their history,” he says, simply.

Through his years of research, Diggs became an authority on local African-American history and amassed a collection of roughly 8,000 photographs—some dating as far back as the days of slavery. In past years, Diggs has published the law review article “Robosigning Foreclosures: How It Violates Law, Must Be Stopped, and Why Mortgage Loan Reform Is Needed to Ensure the Certainty and Values of Real Property” and co-authored an article on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act for the November/December Maryland Bar Journal.

It’s such a thrill to listen to someone who is 90 or 100 years old, to have them sit with me and bare their lives.”

Their biggest project to date: the Louis S. Diggs Research Center for African-American History. The longtime historian estimates that he’s conducted hundreds of interviews over the past two decades.

“Every time I [do] an interview, I [can’t] wait to go do another one.”

“Hands on History” by Chris Hartlove
How do you make change happen?
If you’re Holly Gray, B.A. ’12, the answer is one cup of coffee at a time.

Combining a desire to help at-risk youth with what she says is a “serious addiction” to the caffeinated brew, Gray and her husband, Brian, opened the nonprofit Creating Unlimited Possibilities (CUPs) Coffeehouse in Hollins Market, a slowly up-and-coming Baltimore neighborhood, in August 2012. There, the couple teaches their employees, ages 16-24, professional and life skills to help them succeed in whatever careers they choose.

“Our mission is to empower our employees and help them become independent leaders in their communities,” says Gray, a Northern Virginia native who often took on leadership roles in school. “I was painfully shy,” she explains. “I realized that if I wasn’t running something, I wouldn’t be doing anything.”

During her 14 years in retail management with New York and Co., she and Brian moved to Hollins Market to work with local youth, who, she explains, had “few opportunities and lots of challenges.”

After leaving the retail industry, Gray decided to finish her undergraduate degree and conceived the prototype for CUPs in a Nonprofit Management class at UB. “Our assignment was to develop a business plan for a nonprofit that we would like to work in,” she recalls. She and Brian then made her class project a reality when they signed the lease on the shop during the same week in which she graduated.

The Grays employ 12 or so associates at the coffeehouse and as many as 15 others in CUPs’ catering arm. They are required to “invest in themselves,” Gray says, through monthly volunteering projects and weekly enrichment classes on topics such as resume writing. Every Friday, CUPs holds free community events like poetry readings, art exhibits and music nights.

A partnership with UB’s Henry and Ruth Blaustein Rosenberg Center for Student Involvement and the Maryland DC Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA program pairs 20 CUPs associates and other youth from the neighborhood with one-on-one mentors.

“Our goal is to have a location in every major city.”

“The kids love it—they’re always telling me about what they do with their mentors,” Gray says.

And another venture with Episcopal Community Services of Maryland, an organization that provides training for formerly incarcerated individuals, is working to create CUPs Coffeehouse and Kitchen, which will expand the current catering service. This social entrepreneurship initiative allows both entities to provide opportunities for more employees.

Gray is happy that CUPs is thriving—“Our goal is to have a location in every major city,” she says—but the investment in her associates is most important to her. One employee recently handed her a prom picture with a message on the back: “Thank you for ... changing my life.”