No Place Like Home

How Kurt L. Schmoke Found His Way Home to Charm City ... and to UB

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More than 350,000 people sampled art, culture and cuisine in the streets surrounding UB during July’s Artscape, a weekend-long event that has grown immensely over the past three decades to become the nation’s largest free arts festival. As usual, UB joined in the fun, using the glass corner of the UB Student Center as a canvas to show off what the University has down to a fine art: providing Knowledge That Works.

The installation began as a hand-drawn, diamond-shaped doodle created by UB’s marketing partner, idfive. After being digitally scaled to thousands of times its original size, workers carefully adhered what are essentially window clings to the side of the building, level by level. Once complete, the artwork drew plenty of attention and was quite the conversation piece on social media during the festivities.

Haven’t seen it yet? Stop on by; it’ll stick around until the new year.
Dear UB Alumni and Friends:

This fall, more than 1,800 students began their educational careers at the University of Baltimore. They came to UB with determination and vision. They have clear objectives for what they hope to achieve. They undoubtedly will be challenged by their time here, just as they will enrich the campus community with their energy, curiosity and talent.

As I begin my first year as president, I find I have a lot in common with these students. Given my return to Baltimore and my arrival at UB in July, this is a time of discovery and rediscovery for me. More than once, I’ve said that I feel a bit like Rip Van Winkle—everything looks at once brand new and vaguely familiar. The city I was fortunate to serve has made great progress, and it’s clear that the University of Baltimore has played a major role in making that happen. At the same time, some things don’t change, especially the critical role that education plays in creating a vibrant and just society. I look forward to working with all of you to maintain and enhance the impact UB has on the lives of its students and on the city whose name it proudly shares.

Much as our students do, I have a lot to learn, and that education is well underway. I’ve encountered the infectious enthusiasm and loyalty of our alumni at an O’s game this summer. (Yes, it was a great year; now let’s go, Ravens!) I’m getting to know our students, whether an 18-year-old from my alma mater, Baltimore City College, a community college graduate seeking to advance her career; or one of the 200 law students who participate in our extensive clinical and externship programs every year. I’ve encountered the commitment that UB staff has to our students and to the institution. And I continue to be impressed by the accomplishments of our faculty—as teachers, researchers and leading practitioners in their fields. During the coming years, I’ll get to witness and celebrate the graduation of hundreds of students who started at UB with me this year. For some, the path to graduation may take some unexpected turns. For others, goals may change because of unforeseen opportunities or unanticipated challenges. New discoveries may alter visions of success.

In this, I hope to continue having a lot in common with our students, especially the ability to articulate a vision of a successful future yet remain open to possibilities we can’t even imagine today.

Thank you for joining our students and me in that commitment and for supporting us in that journey.

Kurt L. Schmoke
President, University of Baltimore
Meet a Student

Liam Beck

by Katherine Montgomery

Liam Beck keeps time on the snare drum for the Baltimore Marching Ravens, an organization whose history—and origin as the Baltimore Colts’ Marching Band—became the subject of Barry Levinson’s 2010 ESPN documentary, The Band That Wouldn’t Die.

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Meet a Faculty Member

Steven D. Cohen

by Katie Watkins

Steven D. Cohen, assistant professor in the Klein Family School of Communications Design, has a few tricks up his sleeve.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I grew up in Owings Mills [Maryland] to go to the stadium. ... Even before we go out onto the field, we do a parade into the stadium.

Q: How does it feel to perform in front of that many people?
A: My favorite part of the game-day experience is the third-quarter break. The drum line goes down into the end zone and plays a solo, and then [one of the drummers] leaves from the team’s center in Owings Mills [Maryland] to go to the stadium. ... Even before we go out onto the field, we do a parade into the stadium.

Q: Describe the experience of being a Marching Raven.
A: We have practice for three hours every Wednesday, and on game days we have practice before the game. It’s not a demanding schedule at all. We don’t play for away games. ... We travel to home games by coach bus—separate from the players—[and] leave from the M&T Bank Stadium [in Baltimore].

Q: What sparked your interest in music?
A: I originally played the violin in elementary school. When I was going into middle school, I signed up for band just to see what it was like. I really dove into it and loved music from there on out. I was in the percussion section in my middle school band and then went on to do it in high school.

Q: Were you nervous for the audition last spring?
A: I was mostly nervous about trying out a new method of holding the drumsticks. When you’re holding snare drumsticks, there are several different kinds of grips, and I was learning a new one for the audition called the “traditional” grip. Most marching bands use it, but my high school didn’t.

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Kids Design the Darndest Things

by Paula Novash

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New Dean Endorses the ‘Merrick Way’

by Chris Hart

With decades of experience in business and academia in his portfolio, Murray Dalziel—the new dean of the Merrick School of Business—could have started at UB by saying, “Let’s do it my way.” Instead, Dalziel is listening and taking notes. He remembers overhearing references to the “Merrick way” even before his August arrival at UB, and his initial impression of the idea, he says now, is that it’s an approach to learning how to succeed in business through hard work, applied knowledge and determination: “[It’s about] students who get things done.”

That’s an idea on which he wants to build with help from the School of Business’ community. In an Oct. 14 article on the Technical by Baltimore website, Dalziel (pronounced “D-L”) recalled that a student reporter interviewed him during his first week at UB and asked for an explanation of the “Merrick way.” “That’s my question to the faculty and alumni,” he responded.

Defining that answer is a priority for Dalziel, a native of Scotland who came to UB after serving as the director of the University of Liverpool Management School since 2007. Previously, he had held various leadership roles for the global management consulting firm the Hay Group, where his focus was leadership training and development—an area of interest that he believes has rich potential at UB.

Dalziel says there is more than Merrick’s acclaimed accreditation from AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—that sets it apart from many other business schools both here and abroad.

“Across the University, UB is truly a professional school,” he says. “We launch professionals into their careers, and we build careers or help people completely change their careers. That’s what makes us special.”

A fly fisherman and avid soccer fan in his spare time, Dalziel is intent on embracing Baltimore—including the Orioles.

“I’ve been a baseball fan since the 1975 World Series—Cincinnati Reds and Boston Red Sox,” he says. “I was living in Boston then, and I saw Carlton Fisk hit that winning home run in Game 6. Now I like what I see in the O’s.”

Dalziel likens what he sees in the School of Business, too. “We can find even more ways to help out the city and the region, with jobs, businesses and skills for this changing economy,” he says. “We want to make as big an impact as possible.”

Creating the Library of the Future

by Libby Zay

When six architectural firms competed in January to redesign and renovate UB’s Langsdale Library, the largest task at hand was catering to the ever-evolving learning styles of students. There were other goals, too: making the building more accessible and energy efficient was one, and picking a design that would mesh with the campus and surrounding neighborhood was another.

Ultimately, the design committee selected Behnisch Architekten, the firm responsible for the University’s John and Frances Angelos Law Center, to take on this next major step in UB’s campus transformation. The proposed design features a checkerboard metal-and-glass exterior, highlighted on the northwestern side by a glass atrium spanning all four levels of the building. This focal point will act as the new main entrance and, according to Lucy Holman, Langsdale director, will create a flow throughout the entire building that simply did not exist before.

But the changes aren’t only at the surface level. Inside, the library will evolve into a space more focused on learning and collaboration. The print collection is being pruned to make room for things students demand more of: workstations and lounges, a computer lab with extended hours, and spaces dedicated to multimedia production. The renovated library will also allow room for continued growth.

“We want there to be a lot of flexibility in the space for the potential of new types of uses down the road for our faculty, staff, students, alumni and the public,” says Holman, who has seen an evolution toward technology-rich libraries during her nearly two decades as a librarian. She adds that the library of the future isn’t one in which users simply consume resources—it’s one where they build and create knowledge.

The $3.4 million renovation—including $11.9 million in state funding supplemented by $7.5 million in private fundraising—will begin in February and is slated for completion within two years. Langsdale Library is temporarily housed on the third and fourth floors of the Learning Commons.

Naming opportunities are available for a number of spaces and features planned for the renovated library. For more information, contact Theresa Silanskis, M.P.A., ’91, vice president for institutional advancement, at 410.872.6838 or tsilanskis@ubalt.edu.

To actually come here, and be in the place where [the] Star-Spangled Banner flew 200 years ago, it just sends chills down my spine. … I don’t care what your political persuasions are, it is our flag. We all own a part of it, and it represents all of us.”

—Kit Hinrichs, graphic designer and collector of American flag memorabilia, at the opening of UB’s “O Say, Can You Design a Poster?” exhibition in the UB Student Center Gallery, Sept. 15

“For all those wondering just how Marvel Studios went from a hopeful newcomer with 2008’s Iron Man to making two of the most successful movies of the year with this summer’s Captain America: The Winter Soldier and Guardians of the Galaxy, don’t worry; the University of Baltimore has created a course that might explain that very thing.”

—Graeme McMillian, Hollywood Reporter blogger, on UB’s Media Genres: Media Marvels course—which also received nods in Time, The Baltimore Sun, 109, Reuters and The Guardian—Sept. 23

“I watched the way that he would elegantly answer questions on issues that would generate anger, where with great precision he would cut immediately to the practical point of the question.”

—José F. Anderson, UB professor of law, on former U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall at the Baltimore premiere of the Mr. Civil Rights documentary at the John and Frances Angelos Law Center, Sept. 19

“I must admit that I’m still partial to the Poe statue that Baltimore has on the campus of the University of Baltimore. ... As far as I’m concerned, it’s the best solid image of Poe around anywhere.”

—Jeff Jerome, curator emeritus of Baltimore’s Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum, in an Oct. 10 Baltimore Sun article on the unveiling of a new statue of the famed poet and author in Boston
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How Kurt L. Schmoke Found His Way Home to Charm City ... and to UB

by Giordana Segneri, M.A. ’07
To say Schmoke is a huge fan of the University’s lovable mascot is putting it mildly. The two are often photographed together, they’ve been spotted high-fiving around campus and Schmoke has incorporated the bee into his wardrobe, even proudly sporting a bright blue tie dotted with tiny Eubies. He’s embraced the mascot the way he’s embraced the UB community: with enthusiasm and an off-the-cuff friendliness that shone through at the president’s first-ever presentation to faculty, staff and students in mid-May when the University System of Maryland Board of Regents announced his appointment. “Just call me Kurt,” he said then, putting the community at ease over how to address the former three-term Baltimore mayor who returned to the city to take the helm of its namesake University in early July.

Since then, Schmoke has cemented this approach to his leadership, attending events (he’s been spotted dancing on Gordon Plaza with the deans and cheering on the O’s with alumni) and mingling with students. Responding to WBAL-TV news anchor Stan Stovall’s on-air nomination, Schmoke even allowed Eubie to douse him with freezing water (in addition to donating to the cause) for the summer’s viral philanthropy craze, the ALS Association Ice Bucket Challenge. “I’m really looking forward to meeting with students, … to getting to hear their vision of UB,” Schmoke, 65, said shortly after his arrival.

Connecting with students is nothing new for Schmoke, who came to UB directly from Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he served as dean of the university’s law school from 2003-12 and then as general counsel and interim provost. But his interest in education—and specifically in leading an institution of higher education—long predates his tenure at Howard. “During

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his own legacy in Baltimore, as city state's attorney and its first elected black mayor, afforded him opportunities to get to know some previous UB leaders, but he says he hadn't kept up with the growth of UB and its neighborhood since leaving office in the late '90s.

"This location was quite challenged in 1999; there were low-income communities nearby, a downtown area that was still struggling, and this midtown area was trying to get a distinctive identity," he says. "Now this is a much stronger neighborhood, more vibrant. It's very attractive, a real magnet for activity, and so that has been a very positive, important change. ... This major change happened after I was mayor so I can't take credit for it, though I might try!" When Schmoke laughs, it spreads across his entire face.

Schmoke indicates, though, that there's no time to rest on his—or anyone else's—laurels; there's work to be done, challenges to be faced. The president has quickly carved out priorities into which he's thrown himself wholeheartedly:

• He's committed to boosting scholarship funding, and he's set the pace by initiating the Murray Alexander Schmoke Jr. Scholarship (see sidebar for more information) for students in the College of Public Affairs. "It's very important that we do everything we can to keep this [institution] as affordable as possible, and that means working with the alumni and the UB Foundation in raising funds for scholarships that help students that UB has always helped," he says.  

• To promote UB as a destination for transfer students from the state's community colleges, he's been meeting with community college presidents across Maryland and at McDaniel College.

Schmoke addressed the campus community during his first UB Convocation, Sept. 16.

In late August, responding to a nomination from WBAL-TV's Stan Stovall, Schmoke accepted the ALS Association Ice Bucket Challenge, donating to the cause and allowing Eubie to douse him with freezing water. (There are no hard feelings.)

Excluding marrying a wonderful person, I'm hoping that [my] best achievement is yet to come."

A Legacy of Learning
Kurt Schmoke's brother, Murray Alexander “Alex” Schmoke Jr., was 20 years his junior, a big gap where siblings are concerned. “Alex came into my life while I was in college, but over the years we became very close,” Schmoke says, explaining that his parents had divorced and remarried.

“He went to the same high school that I attended, and I had a jacket from high school that I decided to put my last name on instead of my first name, so he wore my jacket when he was at Baltimore City College high school,” Kurt Schmoke recalls. By the time Alex graduated in 1987, that jacket was vintage. Kurt had graduated two decades earlier.

After graduating from Morehouse College, Alex turned to his older brother for guidance. “It was … when he started thinking about what he wanted to do with his life that we had very, very long, detailed conversations,” Schmoke says. “He at first wanted to pursue a finance career because so many of his friends were going into that area, but his heart really belonged to education and public service.” Eventually, Alex’s passions took him to South Africa to teach at a private, parochial school in a city northeast of Pretoria. There, in 1994, at the age of 25, he died in a car accident.

To honor his brother and to highlight efforts to enhance fundraising for University scholarships, Kurt contributed $25,000 in July to establish the endowed Murray Alexander Schmoke Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides annual need-based financial support to a College of Public Affairs junior or senior who is a graduate of a Baltimore-based public high school. The student must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average to be eligible and must also maintain that GPA or higher for the life of the scholarship.

“I just thought when I got here and had the opportunity that I would do something in [Alex’s] honor to assist the students and to also bring attention to our College of Public Affairs—and then to send the signal to our friends and alumni that I wasn’t just going to ask them for donations, that I was willing to step up to the plate myself,” Schmoke says.

If you would like to contribute to this or another University of Baltimore Foundation scholarship fund or if you’re interested in endowing your own scholarship in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Theressa Shlimmke, M.B.A. ’97, vice president for institutional advancement, at 410.877.6838 or tsullivan@ubalt.edu.
Maryland. "I'd like to see us be able to draw on the great student population throughout the state and internationally," he says. "I want to make sure they know UB is a welcoming place. We want them to transfer after getting their (associate) degrees, and I want the whole state to see UB as not just a city institution but a state institution and [for] others to view it as a regional and national institution."

• Drawing on his political roots, he's working to create a "UB caucus" across party lines to support the institution. "I'm meeting with elected officials who are UB graduates," he says. "I know they have to vote on higher-education matters affecting the entire state, but I also hope they would be strong advocates for us. ... They are enthusiastic in their support of the University, and they have great stories about how the University actually changed their lives."

• He's exploring a more targeted freshman program closely aligned with UB's career-oriented academics. Schmoke hasn't shied away from asking plenty of questions—even the tough ones—since his arrival, one being about the efficacy of the freshman program. "I was away from the city when the decision was made to accept freshmen and sophomores again... and I know that has presented the University with some challenges," Schmoke says. "We'll have to continue to address those challenges, particularly now that the overall population of students graduating from high school has decreased."

Subsequent discussions with faculty in part prompted the idea of a freshman program tailored to students whose career goals match the University's strengths. That concept is slated for future research and evaluation. Other expanded student services include a "one-stop shop" of advising and student support services launched this fall and a residential life program for freshmen at the Varsity, private student housing just two blocks from campus on Biddle Street, that will be piloted next fall.

And that's just the start. Schmoke says he also hopes to increase grant funding for faculty work and to garner more nationwide attention for UB's academic programs and for student and faculty accomplishments. "Just to give you an example," he says, "we have an immigration law center. I think some national leaders are paying attention to the work that's being done here at the University of Baltimore on the immigration issue." He also points to UB's strengths in forensic studies, where graduates are making significant impacts in law enforcement agencies on a national level. "I'd like us to be considered an important think tank for major public-policy problems," he says.

Public policy issues are of particular interest to Schmoke, given his political past. "I find myself reading biographies of elected officials or histories about public policy and political matters." But the man who dubbed Baltimore "The City That Reads" can hardly be called a one-dimensional bookworm. He's a self-proclaimed J.K. Rowling fan, having read all of the books in the Harry Potter series.

As a student, Schmoke also excelled on the athletic field, leading Baltimore City College to a 1965 Maryland Scholastic Association A-Conference football championship as its quarterback and then playing defensive back at Yale during his undergraduate years. Now, he prefers the decidedly less contact-heavy sport of kayaking. "We kayak on a creek that leads into the Chesapeake Bay," Schmoke explains, noting that while he and his wife, Patricia—an ophthalmologist who practices in Baltimore—have a house in Annapolis, Maryland, they'll be living in Baltimore during the academic year.

"My wife prefers to go solo, so that we don't get into arguments," he says. "I mean, that laugh again. "It's peaceful, and it's a lot of fun."

Schmoke is clearly proud of his marriage and of his two grown children, Gregory and Katherine, both graduates of the Baltimore School for the Arts high school. "Excluding marrying a wonderful person, I'm hoping that the best achievement is yet to come," he says.

And that crowning achievement just might take place at UB. "I hope to be a forward-looking president who is inclusive in style and collegial in manner. ..."
’Tis the Season to Shop UB

If you don’t know what to get that hard-to-please person on your holiday shopping list, don’t panic. You still have time to spread cheer while supporting entrepreneurial UB students and alumni.

by Libby Zay
There’s something for everyone on this list: Your foodie friend and your sports-obsessed relative are covered, and there are a couple of things for the little ones, too. Who knows? You might even find a special treat for yourself.

1 | APPLE SAUCE: Handcrafted hard cider by Curtis Sherrer, J.D. ’98, and Kyle Sherrer, business administration student, Millstone Cellars ($16, find a store at www.millstonecellars.com)  
3 | FLOWER POWER: Custom hair clips (sorry, Eubie Bee not available for purchase) by Nicole M. Maskell, B.S. ’05, Sweetie Beads ($5 each, www.sweetiebeads.com)  
5 | OUT OF THIS WORLD: Cosmo gold and silver earrings by Jennifer L. King, B.S. ’93, Jennifer King Designs ($88, www.jenniferkingdesigns.com)  
8 | ALL AFLUTTER: Butterfly place cards by Emily Arrison, M.A. ’07, Timeless Paper ($1 each, www.timelesspaper.com)  
9 | COME AND GET IT: Private, hands-on cooking class with Ben Tehranian, B.S. ’80, Cook With Ben ($95, 15 percent off for UB alumni, www.cookwithben.com)
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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.

• **Alumni Calling Night**
  Join alumni, student, faculty and staff volunteers in making “thank you” calls to UB’s generous donors.

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

• **Commemoration 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.

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

• **Professional Development Institute**
  Mentor students and guide them to achieve educational and professional success. This program pairs you with a student to explore interests and set career goals.

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

• **Speed Networking Event**
  Lend your career expertise to UB students and young alumni in this event’s fun, fast-paced environment and offer tips on making a good first impression.

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Making a planned gift to UB also will qualify you for membership in the Turner Society—named in honor of President Emeritus H. Mebane Turner—which recognizes those who are deeply committed to the University and who have made a planned gift to UB through their will or through another planned gift. If you’re interested in giving to UB through a bequest, contact Caroleigh McCloy Haw, M.S. ’01, assistant vice president for major gifts, at 410.837.6217 or chaw@ubalt.edu or visit [www.ubalt.edu/turersociety](http://www.ubalt.edu/turersociety).

If you have already included the University in a bequest or have made a planned gift of any other kind, please let us know so we can properly recognize your generosity. If you prefer to remain anonymous, we respect your wishes but still encourage you to contact us on a confidential basis, as it supports our future planning.

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“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 alumus, 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.”

JEFFREY C. GLOCK, B.S. ’88
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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 David Juppe, M.P.A. ’88, D.P.A. ’11:
I cannot identify the event, but the man who is speaking (in the wheelchair) is David Thompson, an equity specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education. He and I were in the M.P.A. program in the mid-1980s. I think he graduated about the same time as me, in 1988.

From Francis D. Polk, J.D. ’66:
The man who has his fist in his face may be Professor Vincent Chillemi of [the Community College of Baltimore County, Dundalk]. I worked with Vince at Dundalk during the 1980s. I do not know what his U of B connection may have been.

From Erica Cryor, J.D. ’78:
I believe that the [fifth] person from the left is Eric Byrd, who is now deceased. The gentleman in the wheelchair worked at the University during the mid-’70s. He was in the front lobby of the building across from the train station on Charles Street. I can’t remember his name. The last time I saw him was before 2006.

From Deborah Verbeck, B.A. ’78 (by phone):
The man in the wheelchair is David Thompson. He recently passed away, but Verbeck believes he was an instructor at UB or giving a symposium at the time the picture was taken.

From Gerald Tich, B.S. ’62 (by phone):
He believes the meeting had to do with affirmative action. The man in the wheelchair is David Thompson, and to Thompson’s left is Vincent Chillemi, former director of the Single Step Program at the Community College of Baltimore County, Dundalk. At the end of the table, the man writing is Kali Mallik, a longtime director at Alliance who [later worked] for the Maryland State Department of Education in the Division of Rehabilitation Services.

From Beatrice (Madison) Kinyua, M.P.A. ’84 (by phone):
The third man to the left of the woman in the black jacket is Kinyua’s cousin, Eric L. Byrd, who was an administrator at Baltimore City Community College and at Morgan State University.
Hail to the Chief

Victoria Gruber, J.D. ’97

by Paula Novash

The idea of a “typical” workday doesn’t really apply to Victoria Gruber, J.D. ’97, chief of staff to Maryland Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr. “You think you know where things are going, and then they head in a different direction,” she says. Gruber’s day might include fielding questions from reporters, testifying before a committee, meeting with state senators and staff, and gathering policy data.

“Annapolis [Maryland] is always a dynamic place, but it’s especially busy January through March, during the legislative session,” she explains. “Our session is only 90 days long, so there’s a clear end to the process.” However, she adds, there’s also “a lot of motivation to keep things moving year-round, establishing and focusing on priority issues so we can accomplish our goals during session.”

Gruber’s involvement in government began with an internship with the Maryland General Assembly during her undergraduate studies. After college, she worked on a gubernatorial campaign and became a lobbyist before moving to Maryland’s Department of Legislative Services. There, she says, she gained experience in drafting legislation involving civil law, domestic violence and the then-nascent Uniform Commercial Code for computer transactions.

“Working for [the department] helped me develop the ability to ... give everyone a chance to feel heard,” she says.

Gruber, who was named one of The Baltimore Sun’s 50 Women to Watch in 2013, considers it an “incredible opportunity” to work with Miller. “He brings seasoned stability and a collegial atmosphere to the Senate,” she says. “There are many different ways to reach public policy goals, and it’s especially interesting to figure out how to put forth the best possible options to get the best possible results.”

Even after leaving the office for the day, Gruber is still hard at work. She and husband Tom Lewis—who served as chief of staff for Michael Busch, Maryland’s speaker of the House of Delegates, for 11 years—have two young sons, and helping them with homework inspired another current project: a book for young children about the legislative process. (Her son’s textbook, she says, “didn’t explain how things really happen.”)

She’s also proud of helping to reinstate a government-focused Maryland School Assessment Test to gauge high school students’ knowledge of the subject. “It’s great to have technology and computers,” Gruber says, “but teaching government is just as important.”

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Fashion for a Cause
by Karen Wetmore

Fashion designer Stacy Stube, B.A. ’89, returned to her Bali, Indonesia, birthplace in April 2013 to pursue a dream. Equipped with her international business-focused degree from UB, a master’s in fashion entrepreneurship from the London College of Fashion and 13 years of industry experience, she founded the Elsa Fitzgerald clothing line. Her brand currently focuses on eveningwear that merges European design with traditional Balinese handcraft lace techniques and relies upon a business model that may save an art form and raise Indonesian women out of poverty.

“Handcraft skills are dying out in Bali as a result of tourism,” says Stube, who works with local artisans to produce her hand-sewn fashions. “The younger women work in spas and minimarkets instead of learning these techniques. I’m bringing these women back to the village and teaching these techniques. I’m bringing European design with traditional Balinese handcraft lace techniques and relying upon a business model that may save an art form and raise Indonesian women out of poverty.”

Although she arrived with a deadline-driven Western mindset, Stube soon embraced Bali’s gentler pace. She spent time in local villages and says she marveled at the interactions among the people.

“Whole families come together to prepare for their ceremonies, and they make art—all the decorations you see in the streets,” she says. “Then the women sit together and chat, and you don’t talk about business, you talk about life.”

In addition to her fashion work, Stube teaches English at a local orphanage and mentors Indonesian women. She also has plans to fund a community garden to teach sustainable agriculture and nutrition to local youth and to develop an art village where local artisans can gather and work.

“One person can change the world,” she says. “You just have to have love, a passion and an authenticity behind it.”

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Stube poses in front of the Tanah Lot temple, built roughly 500 years ago on a rock and surrounded by the sea. Accessible only at low tide, this sacred temple is one of Bali’s most popular landmarks and tourist destinations, particularly at sunset.

Then
In 1976, Baltimore was abuzz with excitement. The Division II basketball rivalry between the Towson Tigers and the UB Bees was at a fever pitch as the two teams made their mark on Baltimore’s collegiate basketball history. (A 2007 Press Box Online article called the Bees of the ‘70s “central to changing campus.”)

Though UB’s athletic program dissolved in 2003, the now-retired Szymanski and Pinchback were inducted into the University of Baltimore Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007, and both continue to keep tabs on their alma mater and the ever-changing campus.

Szymanski remembers eating lunch at Les Gals, a restaurant by day and a gentlemen’s club by night. “But now there’s the most dynamic, beautiful building (here),” he says of the John and Frances Angelos Law Center.

Where Are They Now?
Frank Szymanski, M.S. ’77, and George Pinchback, B.S. ’78, of UB’s 1976 basketball team

Now
The Mason-Dixon Conference no longer exists, and today’s UB basketball team no longer competes at the NCAA level. But for Szymanski and Pinchback, the game has remained a large part of their lives.

One of those kids was George Pinchback, B.S. ’78, who started off as the team’s small forward and later transitioned to guard. “I could have gone somewhere else, but Frank made a really good sales pitch,” Pinchback says. He enrolled as a freshman and would go on to become a team standout and to receive All-Mason-Dixon Conference honors.

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3. Courtney Matthews-Bey, undergraduate business administration student; Michael L. Curry, B.S. ’77; Jennifer Kelly, undergraduate business administration student; and Tobi Hollander, B.S. ’16
4. Kayla Cordes, B.A. ’14, graduate Creative Writing & Publishing Arts student, and Courtney L. Smith, B.S. ’11
5. Neil Meyerhoff and Hazel Love, CERT ’14
6. Salwa Audi, Syed Ali, B.S. ’14, and Salwa Khan
8. Victoria Gosurek, B.A. ’81, and Stuart J. Silberg, B.S. ’71, chairman of the University of Baltimore Foundation Board of Directors
9. Tuku Samateh, B.S. ’14; Syed R. Ahmed, B.S. ’08; Brunnia L. FIGUEIREDO, B.S. ’16; and Samilminna BALDE, B.S. ’16
10. Kurt L. Schmoke, UB president, and Douglas A. Kulp, B.S. ’74
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1960s

J. Allan Cohen, J.D. ’61, was honored at the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service’s October 2013 Celebrate Pro Bono awards reception for his commitment to providing pro bono legal services.


Alvin Katz, B.S. ’63, was elected to the board of directors for the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools in July.

James Cusack Jr., B.S. ’65, was named a 2014 Influential Marylander by The Daily Record in March.

Francis D. Pollk, J.D. ’66, retired as dean and provost of Ocean County College in New Jersey, after 25 years.


Dennis C. Check, B.S. ’68, retired from Bredy Transportation in September 2013 and now lives outside of Wilmington, North Carolina, with his wife, Carolyn.

1970s

Richard B. Jacobs, B.A. ’70, was recognized by Best Lawyers magazine as the 2013 Lawyer of the Year for family law mediation in Baltimore.

Barry Bondroff, B.S. ’71, received a 2014 Outstanding Director Award from the Baltimore Business Journal in March.

Stuart J. Silberg, B.S. ’71, was appointed to the board of directors of the University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation in February.

John H. Price Jr., J.D. ’73, was named a Volunteer of the Year by Senior Legal Services and the Bar Association of Baltimore City in May.

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Meyer Simon, J.D. ’74, recently joined the law firm of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford in Colmar, Pennsylvania.

John G. Peters Jr., B.S. ’75, received an M.A. in Education from California State University, San Bernardino and obtained a California designated teaching credential. He also co-authored a research study on the Wrap restraint system used by criminal justice professionals.

Frank Borzymowski, B.S. ’77, was named controller for property accounting at Baltimore’s Colson International in February.

Victor Breccolino, B.S. ’77, retired as president and chief executive officer of Howard County General Hospital in January after 24 years.

Leonard Moodispaw, J.D. ’77, received a Maryland International Business Trade Award from Baltimore’s World Trade Center Institute in March and was a 2014 finalist for EY’s Maryland Entrepreneur of the Year honor.

Anita D’Armand, B.S. ’78, owns Winburn and Wyche Tree Farms in Jackson, Mississippi, and also has opened a historic preservation consulting firm.

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Andrew Norman, J.D. ’78, joined the Baltimore law firm of Silverman, Thompson, Shroff & White in April.

Martin Calambo, B.S. ’80, became managing director, civilian sales, at Force 3, a leading technology integrator in Crofton, Maryland, in December 2013.

Donald C. Fry, J.D. ’80, became a member of the Baltimore-based Center Club’s board of governors in June.

Kevin Cook, MBA ’81, became chief financial officer and treasurer at Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Virginia, in July.

Dennis McKernan, B.S. ’81, became chief return on investment officer at Renegade Communications in Hunt Valley, Maryland, in January.

Donald J. Neukam, B.S. ’81, joined Advanced Disposal as vice president of business development and strategic planning in July.

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Kenneth D.L. Gaudreau, J.D. ’83, was recently appointed president of the executive director of the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore.

Rose Pulliam, B.A. ’83, retired in August 2012 from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command after 30 years of federal service.

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Nancy Grodin, MBA ’83, J.D. ’90, was appointed deputy insurance commissioner for the Maryland Insurance Administration in July.

Carolyn Malinowski, J.D. ’90, received the Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award from the Maryland Legal Services Corp. in December 2013.

Kathy Tilmghan-Kluge, M.A. ’90, published the historical novel Slaves to Freedom in April as an Amazon Kindle book.

Conan Conlon, B.S. ’91, was named divisional vice president and area manager of the Maryland region for Northwest Savings Bank.

Patricia Denny, B.A. ’91, is a licensed massage therapist and director of the MBS Research Foundation, headquartered in Towson, Maryland.

Louis C. LaPenna, B.S. ’78, MBA ’91, joined the Howard County Economic Development Authority in Columbia, Maryland, as chief financial officer in October 2013.

Marie Nuthall, B.S. ’91, named to The Daily Record’s 2014 list of Maryland’s Top 100 Women in February.

Barbara Bechberger, B.A. ’91, J.D. ’97, was named to The Daily Record’s 2014 list of Maryland’s Top 100 Women in February.

Melissa M. Boyd, J.D. ’99, was named vice chair of the Montgomery (Pennsylvania) Bar Association’s Family Law Section in November 2013.

Anna S. Ismay, J.D. ’99, joined the Leder Law Group, where she will be litigating toxic tort matters.

Thomas J. Jones, J.D. ’89, is an international/operational law attorney at the Navy’s International and Operational Law Division at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Robert C. McLean, J.D. ’99, was awarded a Maryland Pro Bono Service Award by the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service in June.

Larry Feldman, J.D. ’97, was honored at the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service’s 2014 Pro Bono awards reception.

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Stuart Rienhoff, MBA ’92, was appointed senior director of Cushman & Wakefield’s Baltimore brokerage-services practice group in March.

Robert Graybill, B.S. ’93, was a 2014 finalist for EY’s Maryland Entrepreneur of the Year honor.

Karen Pecora-Barbour, MBA ’93, was named one of The Daily Record’s 2014 Most Admired CEOs in Maryland.

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The Daily Record Magazine
Congratulation to the following alumni:

2000s
Anita Brightman, M.A., ’00, is assistant publisher of Annapolis Afternoon and editor in chief of The Life of an American.

2010s
Lisa Sparks, B.A. ’05, J.D. ’07, received an Adjunct Faculty Award from the University of Baltimore School of Law in April.

Caren A. Bracero, M.P.A. ’09, was named to The Daily Record’s 2014-2015 list in June.

Jin Lueo, B.S. ’02, MBA ’10, was promoted to assistant manager of taxes and corporate disbursements at the New York Life Insurance Co. in February.
Nicole Soraruf, J.D. ’10, joined O’Kelley in Baltimore as an associate in the finance group in July.
Susan Francis, J.D. ’11, was promoted to deputy director at the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service in Baltimore in May.
Victoria Garcia, B.A. ’09, M.P.A. ’11, was appointed as the new property manager of the Morris H. Blum Senior Apartments by the Housing Authority of Annapolis, Maryland, in December.

2020s
Love was in the air at UB for Cindy (D.K. ’97, M.A. ’06) and Jeff Schuster, B.S. ’86, who first met as undergraduate Merrick School of Business students in Professor Gene Milbourn Jr.’s Organizational Management class in 1986. The couple celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Nov. 18. Cindy also is a business administrator in UB’s Office of Technology Services.
Alumni Serve on State Bar Association Board of Governors

The 2014-15 Maryland State Bar Association Board of Governors roster again includes a number of UB alumni.

Robert W. Lazzaro, J.D. ’78
Pamela J. Brown, J.D. ’79
Harry C. Stone, J.D. ’79 (secretary)
Thomas L. Kemp, J.D. ’80
Thomas J. Dolina, J.D. ’84
Debra G. Schubert, J.D. ’87 (president)
Mark F. Scurti, J.D. ’91
Bryon S. Bereano, J.D. ’99
Gregory P. Simeno, J.D. ’99, B.A. ’06
David Andrew Burkhouse, J.D. ’07
Carl S. Silverman, J.D. ’10

Phillip Dawalt Jr., D.P.A. ’12, was promoted to full professor at Ivy Tech Community College in Anderson, Indiana, in May 2013.
Phineas M. Deford, MBA ’12, married Nicole McCarus June 21 in Baltimore.
Joshua M. Greenfeld, J.D. ’12, was named to The Daily Record’s 2014 list of forty Under 40 honorees.
Joseph H. Joyce, MBA ’12, received SmartCEO’s 2014 Baltimore Executive Management Award in March for his work at United Sertation Solutions.
Gregg H. Mosson, J.D. ’12, completed his first year as an associate attorney at Lebaw & Neuhower, where he practices plaintiff-side employment law and Social Security disability. He also published an article on “Maryland’s Law for Unpaid Wages Law” in a special 2014 issue of the Maryland Association of Justice’s Trial Reporter.
Melissa M. O’Toole-Loureiro, J.D. ’12, joined Goodell DeVries in Baltimore as an associate.
Colleen Callahan, MBA ’12, joined Gevko in Baltimore as a digital analyst in November 2013.
Rachel M. Severance, J.D. ’12, was named to The Daily Record’s 2014 list of Twenty Under 20.
Michael R. Bealefeld, B.A. ’13, was awarded a 2014 James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation in June.
Charles Lamari, B.A. ’08, J.D. ’13, joined Lerch, Early & Behr in Bethesda, Maryland, as a community associations attorney in May.
Robert W. Landolt, J.D. ’13, opened a solo practice in Columbia, Maryland, focusing on family law, personal injury and criminal defense.
Dalene A. Radcliffe, M.A. ’08, J.D. ’13, joined Niles, Barton & Wilmer in Baltimore as an associate in the litigation department in December 2013.

Carla Jean Valluzzi, M.F.A. ’13, was one of 78 poets from seven countries selected to participate in the Found Poetry Review’s OULIPOST project in April.
Timothy R. Wagner, J.D. ’13, joined Ober, Kake, Ober, Kake in December 2013 as an associate in the tax group.
Brett A. Weil, M.S. ’13, was promoted to vice president at geospatial analytics firm in Columbia, Maryland, in February.
Dustin Fisher, M.F.A.’14, published his first book, Daddy Issues: Tales of an Average Guy and His Daughter Learning How to Raise Each Other, in May.
Solomon Scott, B.A. ’14, joined the Baltimore advertising firm ifive as a Web developer in July.

Mike Weglein, B.S. ’95

Picture a room filled with gummy candies in every color of the rainbow—candy bears, sour worms, miniature cola bottles—plus a variety of marshmallows and licorice. It sounds like a Candyland game come to life, but it’s actually the sample room at confectionary giant Haribo’s Baltimore-based U.S. headquarters.

Mike Weglein, B.S. ’95, Haribo’s information technology manager, occasionally stops by the sample room himself and appreciates the excitement the company name generates among candy connoisseurs worldwide.
“I love the fact that when I tell people where I work, their faces light up.”

It’s a nice change to not be awakened in the middle of the night when a hotel is having trouble with its Wi-Fi.”

Weglein and his staff are responsible for the computer systems that support Haribo’s U.S. sales and purchasing, distribution, packaging, inventory and more. And there are lots of products to track: The company estimates that every day it produces more than 100 million gummy bears.
Some Haribo varieties, he notes, are available only in Europe—like a Gold Bear “You really do taste especially good when they’re so fresh,” he notes.

When the opportunity at Haribo arose in late 2013, he was intrigued. “It’s customer service in a new way,” he explains. “I’ve enjoyed learning more about the food industry—plus
Cameras roll for the live media event at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Marty the porcupine crawls among the fall decorations atop a table as his handler stands gently holding his tail. All seems perfect until Jane Ballentine, M.A. ’91, the zoo’s director of public relations, gets an urgent text message from her coworker: “Tell Marty to stop eating the decorations.”

She and the handler halt Marty’s feast—but not before he has gnawed a few large holes in the pumpkin.

Ballentine chalks it up as another adventure that’s just part of the job. “When I was a kid, I always wanted to work at the zoo,” she says. Her duties include garnering pre-event publicity, arranging media tours and doing the occasional TV appearance (including the likes of Good Morning America and The Tonight Show). Yet much of her work is behind the scenes. “When I ask a colleague to speak to a reporter, I want them to be the expert,” she says. “I’m there to make sure they’re comfortable or to help them remember key points.”

She also shapes and shares the zoo’s stories—even the sad ones. Last year, Badu the lioness was pregnant with the first lion cubs to be born at the zoo. Ballentine drafted a press release in preparation for the birth but arrived one morning to alarming news: Two healthy cubs had been born, but Badu was in distress. Veterinarians then delivered a pair of stillborn cubs via C-section, and Badu died four days later.

“It was such a high to know she was going to have cubs and then this happened,” she says. “And here’s the hard part: I had to put all of it down in writing.”

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In time, the focus eventually shifted to a celebration of the surviving lion cubs with the help of media and community support, says Ballentine, who first landed a job at the zoo in April 1991 during her final semester at UB. She served as its public relations coordinator for the next three years, followed by 13 years at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and a brief tenure with an environmental group before returning to the Maryland Zoo in 2008.

“We call it something similar to malaria,” she says with a laugh. “You get bit by the bug and you might go away for a few years, but then you miss everything about the zoo. So you go back and are hooked for life.”