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How Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo Sr., J.D. '93, Has Humanized Some of Today's Most Brutal Cases

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Birds (and Bee) of a Feather

UB's beloved bee, Eubie, palled around with two of his fellow Baltimore icons—the Oriole Bird and Poe, one of the Ravens' mascots—during UB's Nov. 18 Thank-You Day. The event, sponsored by the University's Office of Institutional Advancement, gave students a chance to write messages expressing their

gratitude to donors on a banner that hung at the intersection of Mount Royal Avenue and North Charles Street until February for all of Baltimore to see. And, of course, nobody could resist making the most of the occasion and snapping photos with their favorite birds and bee.



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Schmoke addresses the UB community on Gordon Plaza at the April 29 Moment of Unity in response to the recent turmoil in Baltimore.

Dear UB Alumni and Friends:

Thank you for the warm welcome and generous support you have offered me during my first year at the University of Baltimore. I deeply appreciate the more than 1,000 people, including many UB alumni, who attended the April investiture. (See p. 12 for additional details.) It certainly is good to be home.

There have been many highlights for me during these past 11 months. Before I officially took office, I met more than 100 alumni at our annual UB Night at Camden Yards, a great event at the best ballpark in the country. Since that time, I've had the pleasure of visiting individually with more than 50 graduates who are major donors throughout Maryland and across the country in places like New York, Arizona and California. I've heard their unique UB stories and learned of the successes they have had as a result of their time here.

This spring, our story has been impacted by the unrest in our city, as we continue to be the University of Baltimore and the University for Baltimore. The issues we are dealing with today are deep seated and long lasting; many of the difficulties I faced as mayor more than two decades ago remain with us in 2015. But I am hopeful that progress can and will be made, especially when I see how the UB campus responded this spring—with generosity of spirit and with commitment to positive change.

There are countless stories to share that exemplify this. Students, faculty and staff came together for a Moment of Unity on Gordon Plaza two days after the worst of the turmoil. UB faculty experts in law, history, business and the arts have been quoted locally and nationally to lend perspective to issues that are national in scope.

As often happens, this kind of outreach brings people together in unexpected ways. While undergraduate English student Guy Valerie Bosworth was coordinating cleanup efforts throughout Baltimore, **Jim Emge, B.S. '92**, a district manager for Home Depot, saw her in her UB gear. The two began to chat, and Jim asked Guy what she needed. Soon, she had two truckloads of brooms, shovels, trash bags, trash cans, gloves and water that she was able to distribute to several locations throughout the city. Their story helps define who we are.

I want to be able to share the greater UB story—the one made up of the many individual stories of our community members—and I would like your help. That's why we have created #thisiswhoweareub—a campaign to tell the University's story by highlighting the projects, accomplishments and personal narratives that define us. Tell us your UB story by using the hashtag on social media.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kurt L. Schmoke
President, University of Baltimore

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correction: In the fall 2014
issue, we incorrectly listed
Stacy Stube's degree as B.A.
'08 instead of B.S. '08. We
sincerely regret the error.



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A Tough Cop's Soft Heart

by Dave Seminara

A series of brutal, high-profile crimes has left the seemingly idyllic college town of Charlottesville, Virginia, reeling. The ensuing investigations have thrust Police Chief **Timothy Longo Sr., J.D. '93**, onto a national stage, and he has used his own brand of policing—a tough stance on crime coupled with a no-holds-barred emotional appeal to the public—to tackle some of today's toughest cases with a sense of humanity.



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by Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

Kurt L. Schmoke's installation as UB's eighth president brought the University community, a who's who of Baltimore and hundreds of other revelers to the Lyric for an informal yet festive celebration of UB's future.



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A Mango Tree in Nicaragua

by Adnan Hameed, B.S. '14

UB graduate student Adnan Hameed looks back on a service-learning trip that gave a group of honors students the chance to plant seeds of change in Jinotega, Nicaragua.

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Meet a Faculty Member

Richard Trotter

by Libby Zay



PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRIS HARTLOVE

This scroll is Trotter's favorite piece in his collection. It's a Tibetan *thangka*, which translates as "recorded message" and is meant to serve as a teaching or meditation aid.

Trotter doesn't claim to be an art historian, but he says he can tell this statue is from Burma based on the Buddha's jeweled head and flowing, draped robe.

This statue of Buddha reaching Nirvana has origins in Thailand. Trotter found it among cowboy boots in a vintage shop in New Mexico.

While Trotter was killing time before a late flight out of Sydney, Australia, he found this ceremonial mask from Papua New Guinea.

Trotter, associate professor in the Merrick School of Business, sits in the living room of his North Baltimore home surrounded by part of his vast art collection.

Part of the fun of collecting is finding the item—and the bargain," says Richard Trotter, associate professor in the Merrick School of Business' Department of Management and International Business. Trotter's love of collecting began with coins when he was a child; as an adult, he regularly sifts through local antique stores and flea markets. "Some of the best things I've gotten have been found in Baltimore," he says.

Over time, Trotter has filled every nook and cranny in his North Baltimore home with

statues, paintings, masks, clocks, tapestries, silverware, vases and more, all of which are organized in curated displays. Even the fixtures in his home—chandeliers, fireplaces, rugs and some furniture—are items he's collected. He calls it his very own "poor man's Walters Art Museum."

Although Trotter's collection spans many centuries and places of origin, he's partial to Asian art and antiquities. "They're plentiful to buy and not prohibitively expensive," he explains, adding that he's more interested in the history and beauty of these items than in their monetary value.

His most treasured item is a Tibetan *thangka*, a large painting on a scroll, that he found in Baltimore and that hangs in his living room. "If I'm home in the afternoon, the light hits it and there's a beautiful, luminous glow," he explains.

"I actually enjoy living in this environment," Trotter continues, referring to the hundreds of items throughout his apartment. "I get a great deal of pleasure out of it."

When undergraduate criminal justice student Jeremy Ambrose saw a family friend's honey crop on Facebook last year, he "thought it was the most beautiful thing," he recalls. Ambrose asked if the friend would take him under his wing, and less than a year later, he has his own beekeeping business. But he doesn't work hard just for the money—or even for the honey.

"I do it because I'm a little afraid for our future. ... We're dangerously close to losing our bees, and without our bees we won't have fruits, vegetables and certain types of nuts. Without bees, we can't eat. That's scary to me. If I'm going to get into something like this, I want to do it for the betterment of my community and to help anybody that I can in the process. ... Imagine a grocery store if there were no bees. No bread, 'cause there'd be no wheat. The produce section would be gone. I think we'd be living off mushrooms. Could you imagine a world where we live off mushrooms?"



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Meet a Student

Jeremy Ambrose

by Libby Zay



PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRISTOPHER MYERS

King Bee: Ambrose hopes to have 10-12 hives pumping out liquid gold during the next harvest; here, he stands near his first hive, which is teeming with thousands of bees, in Glen Burnie, Maryland. So far, he's never been stung.

On the Spot

We walked around campus and put UB students, staff, faculty and alumni on the spot, asking them:

“What are you most looking forward to this summer?”

PHOTOGRAPHY: SARAH DAVIS



“[My family and I will] **BE SPENDING A WEEK IN a rather NICE VILLA** in

the south of France

—that I’m not paying for, thankfully.”

—Emanwel Turnbull, adjunct faculty, Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences

“I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING **GRABBING** AND **FISHING** THIS SUMMER.”

—Christine Wertz, undergraduate history student



“I **LOVE** going **CAMPING** during the summertime.”

—Salwa Khan, undergraduate criminal justice student



“This summer I’m studying abroad in **GREECE.**

WOOP WOOP!”

—Raven Killing, undergraduate business administration student

“I’m going to ☀️ **SEATTLE** for a **WEDDING** and to **drink coffee** ☕️ and tour the city.”



—Michelle Junot, M.F.A. '14, coordinator of computer skills and communication, Achievement and Learning Center

“I think I’m going to spend the summer **PERFECTING THE BEST CRAB CAKE ever.**”



—Michael Curry, B.S. '77, member, University of Baltimore Foundation Board of Directors

“MY wife and I are going to **THE BEACH WITH OUR SON** this summer—it’ll be his first trip— and we’re going to **teach him how to swim.**”

—Justin Codd, B.A. '08, M.A. '10

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Learn more about the UB community’s summer plans—and tell us about yours.

New College of Public Affairs Dean to Focus on 'Greater Good'

by Chris Hart

Roger E. Hartley, newly appointed dean of UB's College of Public Affairs, will arrive in July ready to hit the ground running. After his appointment was announced in January, he began visiting UB to meet faculty, staff, students and alumni. His goal: lifting the college's reputation to the next level—higher recognition, higher expectations and a greater understanding of its public value.

"The College of Public Affairs is relatively new, but it's already a dynamic force throughout the region, establishing leaders in public service, in government [and] nonprofits and on the streets," Hartley says. "We have a hard-working, thoughtful community, excited about teaching, research and making a difference in people's lives. Together, they're creating social change and building great programs. I'm excited to work alongside them."

Hartley comes to UB from Western Carolina University, where he has served as director of the Master of Public Affairs program and as professor of political science and public affairs. He also has managed student recruitment, curriculum scheduling, alumni support, accreditation and more.

Earlier in his career, Hartley was an administrator and scholar at the University of



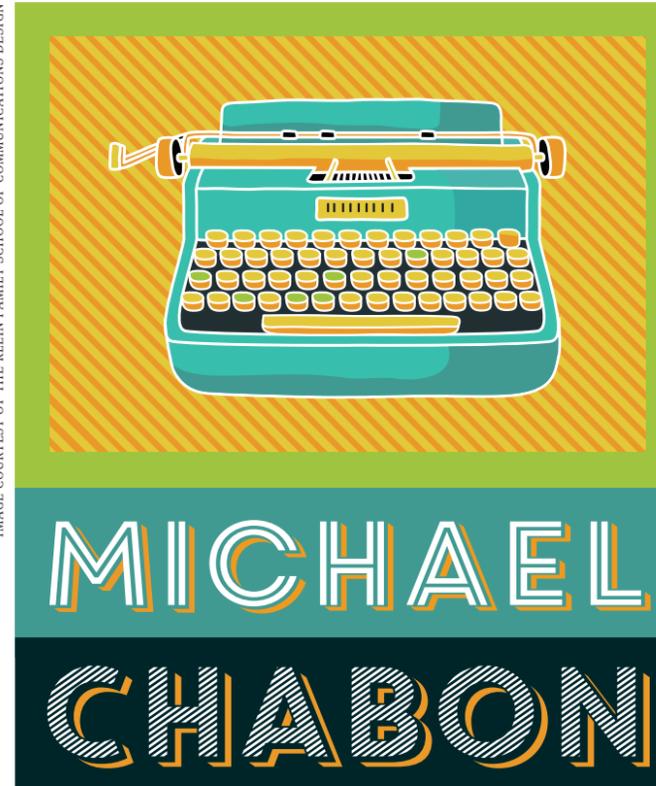
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Hartley teaches a graduate class at Western Carolina University. In July, he will begin his new post as dean of UB's College of Public Affairs.

Arizona as well as at Roanoke College, the City University of New York and others. His many accolades include Western Carolina's 2014 First Year Advocate award in recognition of his faculty work toward student success. He also recently completed a term on the executive council of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration. Hartley holds a doctorate and a master's degree in political science from the University of Georgia, and he earned a B.S. in Public Affairs from Indiana University.

Now, he's excited for his next challenge. "The people of this college take on problems facing our communities every day—they directly touch the lives of others," he says. "It demonstrates that higher education holds tremendous value for all Marylanders. I believe there are few callings higher than public service. I want to amplify what UB is doing and then help to strengthen it. I will work tirelessly so that everyone knows what the 'bees' in the college do for the greater good."

IMAGE COURTESY OF THE KLEIN FAMILY SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS DESIGN



Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Chabon Gives UB Reading

The airline may have lost his luggage on his way to UB, but it didn't douse Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Chabon's dry-but-piercing sense of humor when he spoke on two occasions to University audiences April 23.

UB's Klein Family School of Communications Design writer in residence, Chabon is an author for all seasons, having written acclaimed novels (*Wonder Boys*; *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*, for which he won the Pulitzer; *Telegraph Avenue*) and short stories across multiple genres.

At UB, the season was most decidedly summer. During an intimate, witty conversation with M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts students, Chabon recalled that his success as an author is rooted in a manuscript—mostly abandoned and rewritten—that he began the summer before he started graduate school at the University of California, Irvine. It eventually became his thesis and then his breakthrough novel, *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh*. "The most exhilarating thing that can happen," he said about the book-writing process, "is you actually know what you're doing."

In his free, public reading later that evening, Chabon—who commits to writing 1,000 words a day—recounted stories of his childhood summers growing up in Columbia, Maryland, culminating in a recitation of his short story "Switzerland Today." It recalls a sweltering Maryland summer when the protagonist, as a young boy, was "banished" to his grandparents' home only to have surprising interactions with a neighborhood boy whom he originally rejected because of a disability. "Memories are not stories," Chabon said to the standing-room-only crowd. "Stories have reasons."

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A Matter of Course



CMAT 333/ENGL 333:

Media Genres: Media Marvels

WHO: Arnold T. Blumberg, M.A. '96, D.C.D. '04, adjunct faculty, a comic book historian and former curator of Geppi's Entertainment Museum in Baltimore

WHEN: Thursdays, 5:30-8 p.m., spring 2015

WHAT: Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk, Captain America, the Avengers, Thor, Guardians of the Galaxy and more are the biographical subjects of this conversation-based, undergraduate-level course that orbits around the Marvel Cinematic Universe, the shared setting for Marvel's cast of superheroes.

Think superheroes are child's play? Not so, says the syllabus: "Why are all these colorful, crusading heroes of the Marvel Cinematic Universe more popular than ever? What do they tell us about ourselves as individuals and as a nation, from their comic book arrival in the late 1930s to their present-day incarnations on the big and small screens? ... We'll explore how and why the Marvel superheroes are some of the most powerful symbols in our world today and a modern chronicle of our high-flying aspirations and darkest fears."

While an individual class might focus on Thor, the course explores how popular culture reflects and influences people's everyday lives.

REQUIRED READING: *Marvel: The Untold Story* (Howe)

REQUIRED WATCHING (a selection):

- *Iron Man* (2008)
- *The Incredible Hulk* (2008)
- *Thor: The Dark World* (2013)
- *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* (2014)
- *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014)
- *Avengers: Age of Ultron* (2015)

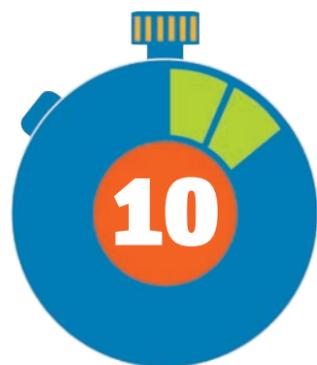
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STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA

Johannes Botes, associate professor in the College of Public Affairs' School of Public and International Affairs, traveled to South Africa for three months to teach a course on ethnic and cultural conflict at Stellenbosch University, his alma mater, in the spring. Botes is one of 60 scholars awarded a 2015 Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship, which also allowed him to conduct research on the country's National Development Plan and on the history and development of nation-building in the now 20-year-old, post-apartheid South Africa.

UB By the Numbers



minutes

was the time limit for each of 13 TED Talks-style presentations students gave on global field studies, community engagement, internships, applied research and more during UB's inaugural Experiential Learning Showcase, Feb. 3



students—along with staff members and President Kurt L. Schmoke—campaigning for higher education and met legislators during UB Student Advocacy Day, Feb. 12 at the Maryland State House in Annapolis

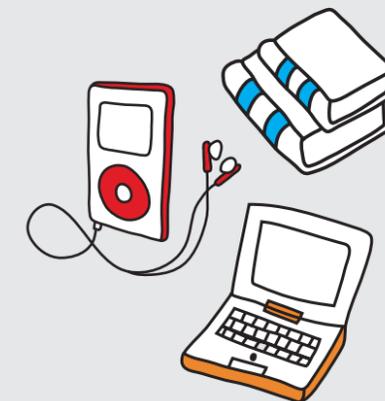


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students strapped on retro roller skates Jan. 28 for Campus Recreation and Wellness' Skate Night at the Rec

Student-Developed App Creates Safe Collegiate Marketplace

by Katie Watkins



Textbooks, laptops and iPods are a few of the items sold on Echo Trades, a new app developed by Merrick School of Business senior Alex Greif and Towson University senior Scott Knowles. Launched in January, the app provides a Craigslist-type marketplace designed to be safer and more secure because it's open only to college students.

Greif, an undergraduate student in the School of Business' competitive Entrepreneurship Fellows Program, met his business partner during a summer internship at Morgan Stanley. The pair told Technical.ly Baltimore that they had heard college students talk about scam attempts on services like Craigslist, so they implemented safety features when creating Echo Trades to combat attempts at fraud.

Echo Trades requires a student ID to register and avoids any cash exchanges through an in-app payment system. Whether users want to buy a pair of shoes, meet a roommate or find someone to fix a computer, Greif says students can feel comfortable because "It's nice to know who you're doing business with."

Greif, who manages the app's development team in India and handles both marketing and finances for Echo Trades, says he and his partner have plans to continue enhancing the app by expanding the network of participating colleges, adding features such as the ability to search by location and more.

As of May, the app is available to students at UB; Towson University; the University of Maryland, College Park; and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Download it for iPhone or Android at www.echotrades.com.



is the latest *U.S. News & World Report* ranking for the University of Baltimore School of Law's clinical program, a three-way tie with those at Harvard and Northeastern universities



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articles of used clothing were donated to Project PLASE, an organization that provides support for the homeless, after being traded for new UB apparel at the Swag Swap during Welcome Week

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years (and counting), UB has had the most alumni leading the 25 largest accounting firms in the Baltimore area, according to data compiled by the Merrick School of Business from the *Baltimore Business Journal's Book of Lists*



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student regent serves on the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, and she is UB's Sydney Comitz, an undergraduate business administration/law student and former president of the Student Government Association who begins her yearlong term this summer



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bright-blue bows covered UB's Edgar Allan Poe statue Dec. 2 for "Giving Tuesday"; each bow signified a donation given during our #bowonpoe campaign

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The Investiture of Kurt L. Schmoke, UB's Eighth President

by Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

Hundreds of blue-and-white ribbons danced in the air above the rows of red velvet seats in the Patricia and Arthur Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric as Kurt L. Schmoke accepted the medallion commemorating his role as the University of Baltimore's eighth president at his April 14 investiture. Audience members—including students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, community members, government officials and Schmoke's friends and family—waved the ribbons above their heads as Eubie, the University's mascot, led the colorful frenzy from the stage.

"I'm constantly hearing that UB is a hidden jewel in the crown of the University System of Maryland," Schmoke said. "But with all due respect, we intend to be hidden no longer. We want everyone to know who we are and why UB is so valuable." The investiture—an ancient academic tradition steeped in pageantry in which the president is vested with the garments and ornaments signifying the authority of his role—took a more informal turn, celebrating the University's progress and its focus on the future. The event revolved around a theme of UB's investment in people, community, knowledge, progress, risk-taking and possibilities and expounded on what defines UB as an institution.



Presidents Emeritus H. Mebane Turner (*left*) and Robert L. Bogomolny (*right*) assist Schmoke in donning his robe, which will be worn at all official University events that require academic regalia, such as commencement. The UB seal is embroidered on the front panels.

PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRISTOPHER MYERS



Outgoing University System of Maryland Chancellor William E. "Brit" Kirwan (*left*) clasps the brass medallion, designed and created specifically for the investiture, around Schmoke's neck. The primary 3-inch medal includes the University's seal, while four smaller medals feature Eubie, UB's mascot (of whom Schmoke is a devoted fan).

PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRIS HARTLOVE



When Schmoke accepted the medallion officially commemorating his role as UB's eighth president, Eubie took the stage and encouraged the audience to wave blue-and-white ribbon wands as a surprise for the new president. Guests (*l. to r.*) **Damon Gasque, B.S. '78**; **Nina K. Yudell, B.S. '81, MBA '82**; Nancy and **James P. Nolan, J.D. '74**; and Barbara J. Ripley join in the celebration.

PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRIS HARTLOVE

Twitter was abuzz during and after the event. Want to keep the conversation going? Share your UB story on social media using hashtag #thisiswhoweareub.

Schmoke, UB's eighth president, speaks about "who we are" as a University with Baltimore City College's Knights of Jazz behind him and additional speakers to his right, including (*l. to r.*) Sydney Comitz, undergraduate business/law student, student regent and former president of the UB Student Government Association; Frank M. Reid III, member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents; Maryland Lt. Gov. Boyd K. Rutherford; Kellye Beathea, law student who sang the national anthem; **Stuart J. Silberg, B.S. '71**, chair of the UB Foundation Board of Directors; and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake. PHOTOGRAPHY: MARK DENNIS / OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF BALTIMORE

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Delve into who we are via a poignant video debuted at the ceremony.

A TOUGH COP'S Soft Heart

by Dave Seminara

In his two-decade-long law enforcement career in Baltimore, **Timothy Longo Sr., J.D. '93**, busted more than his fair share of crooks. He was the scourge of gang-bangers, drug dealers, sexual predators, violent felons—even a few crooked cops. But the mayhem that played out in Baltimore's most troubled corners in the '80s and '90s took a toll on him. So when the opportunity arose to become the Charlottesville, Virginia, police chief in 2001, Longo jumped on it. What father of four wouldn't want to raise his children in sleepy, charming Charlottesville, home to celebrities like John Grisham and Jessica Lange, not to mention Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia?

opposite page: Longo on Charlottesville's Downtown Mall, the city's pedestrian-friendly main street where UVA student Hannah Graham last was seen alive

PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRISTOPHER MYERS



No one could have predicted what idyllic Charlottesville—population 43,475—had in store for Longo. A serial rapist case that took years to crack.

The tragic death of UVA student and Baltimore native Yeardeley Love at the hands of fellow UVA student and lacrosse player George Huguey V in 2010. A frantic, headline-grabbing, 35-day search in 2014 for UVA student Hannah Graham and her abductor. *Rolling Stone's* “A Rape on Campus” story that shocked the nation earlier this year. The violent apprehension of UVA student Martese Johnson by Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control agents that sparked protest marches and national media attention in March.

“None of this stuff was in the brochure, I can promise you that,” says Longo, 52.

Longo's interest in police work started with a bad dog. The stray had bitten a few people in his family's Ten Hills, Baltimore, neighborhood, and 10-year-old Tim was impressed by the officers who responded to the call. Eight years later, Longo walked into the Baltimore police headquarters to fill out a job application. Within a few months, he was hired as a police cadet.

The Baltimore native worked his way through college while on the job, earning a bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in law enforcement from then-Towson State University in 1985. It was the same year he met Robin Mills, who worked at the hospital where he had his finger X-rayed. He broke off an engagement to another woman less than 24 hours after his first date with Mills, knowing that he'd met the love of his life. Six years and two children later, Longo decided that to really know the law, he'd have to study it. He wanted to go to the UB School of Law because the program was focused not just on theory but also on the practice of law.

Ed Pfister, a Baltimore County detective sergeant who was the only other cop in Longo's UB law class, remembers how difficult it was to balance their jobs with the rigors of law school.

Pfister also remembers that Longo's work ethic and his intellect made a big impression. And so did his hair.

“He [had] this big wave—like a pompadour of Italian black hair,” Pfister says. “Women loved it! They wanted to touch it just to see if there was a plastic framework or something holding it up.”

Longo, too, remembers the hard work and elaborate hairstyles of his UB days.

“I had like a Ricky Ricardo 'do going on,” he recalls. “If you touched it, it kind of crunched because I had so many products in it. If I had saved all the money I spent on quality hair-care products over the years, I'd have a much healthier pension.”

Longo's passion for hair—he now favors a flattop, with a touch of gel only when he

needs it—has deep roots. His grandfather on his dad's side, Dominic Longo, was a Sicilian immigrant who ran Longo's Barbershop in Baltimore for decades.

Longo chose a different path, and his star rose rapidly in the Baltimore Police Department. In 1996, while leading the communications division, Longo implemented the nation's first three-digit nonemergency number, 311—an idea that has since been deployed across the country. This and other innovations Longo spearheaded helped him advance rapidly from cadet all the way to colonel.

When Longo took the reins of Charlottesville's nearly 120-officer-strong force at age 38, there was no honeymoon. He was under pressure to solve a cold case he'd inherited—a serial rapist who had claimed at least six victims, terrorizing the city. Longo's team was accused of racial profiling and harassment after asking at least 200 black men who resembled

“The degree to which he moved the public in this case was amazing. I was with him in public at the time, and people would walk up to him crying, just wanting to touch him.” —Rachel Harmon, UVA law professor, on the Graham case

the composite sketch of the rapist to submit mouth swabs for DNA testing.

Longo rescinded the practice a week later and mended ties with the city's black community. But while that case stirred passions locally, a host of violent incidents involving UVA students in the years to come would propel quaint Charlottesville—which has had just 12 homicides in the last decade—into the national news.

“There was no way anyone could have predicted that we'd find ourselves on the international stage here in Charlottesville,” Longo says. “But in retrospect, when you have one of the world's leading universities ... the potential is there. When things happen here, people tend to look.”

The murder of Yeardeley Love at the hands of George Huguey V, her ex-boyfriend and a fellow lacrosse player also just weeks from graduation, captured the nation's attention. Details emerged related to substance abuse, stalking and domestic abuse. Huguey was charged with murder less than 24 hours after Love was found dead in her apartment and was sentenced to 23 years in prison after being convicted of second-degree murder in 2012.

What Longo has dubbed his greatest investigative challenge would come less than four years later when 18-year-old UVA student Hannah Graham vanished last September.

Longo has called the ensuing search for Graham—the largest of its kind in the state's history—the most difficult 35 days of his 34-year career.

The emotionally charged press conferences Longo led during the hunt inspired hundreds to join the search efforts. He spoke passionately, sometimes choking up, habitually jabbing his right finger in the air while challenging members of the public to come forward with tips.

“I made her parents a promise; I told them I'd find their daughter,” Longo says. “Some would say I put myself out there on a limb. But here's the deal: I have four kids. If I were in [the parents'] position, I would want to know that the person ultimately responsible for overseeing the case is going to do everything in their power to find my child.”

Those who know Longo well understood that the passion on display was real, but others critiqued him for being too theatrical, too

emotional. These criticisms and the accusation that he hadn't pursued other criminal cases as vigorously as he had the Graham investigation stung his wife, Robin Longo.

“For people to criticize whether he's being genuine and honest is the hardest thing for me,” she says. “You can't take the passion he has for life out of his job. If they knew his intentions and his heart, they would know that every case is just as important and relevant to him.”

Rachel Harmon, a UVA law professor who has known Longo for eight years, says his passionate appeals worked.

“The degree to which he moved the public in this case was amazing,” she says. “I was with him in public at the time, and people would walk up to him crying, just wanting to touch him.”

opposite page:
top: Longo holds up Graham's missing-person poster during a news conference in Charlottesville in September.

bottom: Longo wipes his eyes as he briefs the media on the discovery of remains, later positively identified as Graham's, in Virginia's Albemarle County during a news conference in October.



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Graham's body was found in a wooded area outside Charlottesville on Oct. 18. Her parents released a statement, thanking Longo for fulfilling his promise and lauding his "tenacity and determination" to bring her home. Jesse Matthew Jr., a Charlottesville man who worked as a hospital orderly, has since been charged with Graham's abduction.

Weeks later, *Rolling Stone* published a now-retracted article detailing the story of Jackie, an anonymous UVA student who claimed to have been gang-raped at the university's Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house in 2012. Longo was moved by the claim but also sensed that something in the narrative didn't add up.

"My first reaction after reading the story was it's hard to imagine how that level of violence could occur in the presence of others and nobody said anything," he says. "Anyone who witnesses something like that has an obligation as a human being to intervene."

Longo's team conducted an investigation at the request of UVA's president and concluded on March 23 that there was no evidence a rape took place on the evening in

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question at the Phi Kappa Psi house or at any other fraternity house in Charlottesville. (Although the case has been suspended, it remains open should new information arise; Longo hasn't ruled out the possibility that something bad may have happened to the victim—who declined to participate in the investigation—that night.)

The release of these findings might have been the talk of Charlottesville if the city hadn't been jolted by a St. Patrick's Day incident in which Martese Johnson, a 20-year-old, black UVA student, sustained injuries while being apprehended by Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control agents after being denied entrance to a bar. Students held large demonstrations, holding up signs reading "Black Lives Matter." Suddenly, the same police brutality discussion that had made headlines in Ferguson, Missouri; Staten Island, New York; and a host of other places—including, eventually, Baltimore—had arrived in Charlottesville.

UVA law professor Rachel Harmon says that if anyone can improve police-community



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above: a photo from Longo's days in the Baltimore Police Department; a framed version adorns his office in Charlottesville

relations—not just in Charlottesville but around the country—it's Longo. "He has helped me imagine what policing and good police leadership can be," she says. "He is deeply committed to building community trust, and he is amazingly progressive in looking for ways to encourage people to see the police as partners rather than as invaders."

Now, when police-community relations may be strained more than ever, Longo reflects on the positive role that law enforcement plays. "[Cops] tend to be more cynical than the average person," he says. "We see the worst of society. But ... even in bad times, you can bring comfort to people by doing your job well."

Longo acknowledges that the misconduct of officers in some parts of the country threatens the legitimacy of police departments everywhere. He says it's a tough time to be a cop anywhere in America and that he is heartbroken over the volatile situation in Baltimore in late April following Freddie Gray's death from injuries sustained while in police custody.

Longo also admits that the tough cases in his own career—the years of waking up before 4 a.m. because he can't turn his brain off—have him pondering his future. He would like to retire in Charlottesville but is open to other professional opportunities. "More so in my career than ever before, I'm thinking, 'How much longer can I maintain this?' Not just physically but emotionally," he says.

"I'm at a point ... where I think I can be helpful ... not just in this community but at a broader level, as a consultant or at a law school, perhaps," he continues. "That might be the next step. Whether that's tomorrow or not—it depends on what tomorrow deals me."

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What It Takes to Be Chief of Police

Timothy Longo Sr.—who has served as the chief of police in Charlottesville, Virginia, since 2001—is a bit of an anomaly. "Fourteen years is a long time to be a police chief," says Jeffrey Ian Ross, professor in UB's School of Criminal Justice, citing the stress, the long hours leading to burnout and the burden on one's family that often encourage a chief to remain in the position for just two to four years.

The role can take a toll on the chief's health due to habits surrounding sleeping, eating and general unwinding, Ross says—and particularly for Longo, who has become emotionally invested in high-profile cases over the past few years, it can be tough. "He genuinely does care [about the victims]; that can be both a blessing and a curse," Ross explains.

Someone eyeing "chief of police" as a dream job, Ross says, needs to be prepared to commit to graduate school. Many candidates might complete an undergraduate degree like UB's B.S. in Criminal Justice (in which students can prep through a course called Police Administration) and continue on to a graduate program like the University's corresponding M.S. degree (in which prospective chiefs might take Managing Police Organizations), its Master of Public Administration or the UB/Towson MBA. Getting a law degree, like the one Longo earned at the UB School of Law, is unusual for a future police chief, Ross says, but he adds that it "doesn't hurt."

Ross says major qualifications for the top position within a police department generally include experience working as an officer and moving up through the chain of command as well as having a master's degree, which he indicates is "increasingly the norm." He recommends taking classes in a variety of specializations such as juvenile justice, corrections, courts and more and to be familiar with related research, which can inform policy development. "I walk students ... through research that's been done—personnel management, budgeting, finances—from a scholarly perspective," he says.

—Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

Ross takes your questions about Longo's approach to policing—or about the late-April turmoil in Baltimore following the death of Freddie Gray—on Twitter at @jeffreyianross; use hashtag #longoqs.

A Mango Tree in Nicaragua

by Adnan Hameed, B.S. '14

When people think about study abroad, they may think first of France or Italy. But I like to challenge myself, take risks and explore. I have learned that this fosters creativity, confidence and better learning. I also have a profound affinity for traveling, and I wanted other UB students to have an opportunity to travel, too; I think it helps people to see things as they are and not as how they think they might be. So I proposed a service-learning trip to Nicaragua for UB students.

I had previously traveled to Nicaragua on a service trip with Outreach360, an Arizona-based organization that focuses on education and community health in disadvantaged communities. I taught English and literacy to underprivileged children in the town of Jinotega, and it was a life-changing experience. I wanted other UB students to have similar experiences.

With the support of UB's Helen P. Denit Honors Program and the mentorship of **Kelly McPhee, B.A. '08, M.A. '11**, the program's manager, I planned a rigorous service-learning trip for Denit scholars to Nicaragua. Not only did the honors program assist us in preparing for a successful trip, it also provided all five participating students with Denit Service Abroad Adventure Awards to help cover program fees, so we had to pay only for our own airline tickets and travel insurance. After months of planning, coordinating with students and getting approval from faculty advisers and then weeks of pre-trip meetings, the idea finally became a reality.

In January, Elizaveta Nikonorova, an undergraduate business administration student in the honors program, and I led three undergraduate Denit scholars—David Sebastiao, a government and public policy student; Paxton Tibbins, a freshman; and George Zelenka Jr., a forensic studies

student—on a trip back to Jinotega, again with Outreach360. We spent a week immersed in Nicaraguan culture to step out of our comfort zone.

Clifton Fadiman, an American author and media personality, once said, "When you travel, remember that a foreign country is not designed to make you comfortable. It is designed to make its own people comfortable." Our entire trip was designed to encourage students to adapt to new situations, prepare for challenges and adopt a spirit of adventure.

We joined about 40 other college students also participating in service learning through Outreach360, and we all stayed at the organization's guest house and ate our meals (covered in the program fees) at El Tico restaurant, a half-mile from the house.

The first day brought an intense orientation at the volunteer center and tours of both the organization's learning center, where volunteers teach local children, and

Jinotega. We also had a chance to attend Sunday Mass at Catedral San Juan de Jinotega.

From Monday to Thursday, we participated in a learning camp for city students. During camp, we worked with about 120 local children daily, and our group led story time and drama; each day, we read a book such as *The Princess and the Frog* in Spanish and in English and then acted out the story. Our students treated us, their teachers, with the utmost respect and clearly had a burning desire for learning. On the last day, all the schoolchildren with whom we worked signed their names and drew their impressions of Eubie [the University of Baltimore's mascot] on a thank-you banner for UB President Kurt L. Schmoke.

When we weren't with the children, like during siesta time, we learned about Nicaraguan history, culture and geography. In the evenings, we attended screenings of documentaries that helped us understand the country's social and cultural issues.

We also did a lot of walking—30 miles in seven days. We climbed about 900 steps to Peña de la Cruz, a hill in Jinotega from which we saw the majestic beauty of the city from above. In the evening, we went to Sopexxco Coffee Co-op, where we saw firsthand how coffee is tasted and graded. Another excursion took us to a local pottery co-op run by 11 women and to Selva Negra, a sustainable coffee estate and ecolodge where they grow coffee in innovative ways.

Before we left, we planted a mango tree on behalf of the University of Baltimore. The idea is that we planted a seed by making a difference in the lives of the people of Jinotega, and one day—*poco a poco*—the support from volunteers like us will bear fruit.

Adnan Hameed, B.S. '14, is a student in the graduate *Negotiations and Conflict Management* program.

clockwise, l. to r.:

1. Zelenka, Hameed, Sebastiao, Nikonorova and Tibbins showing off the thank-you banner that local students created for Schmoke
2. Nikonorova helping local students read *Perro Grande ... Perro Pequeño/Big Dog ... Little Dog* in class
3. Nikonorova blowing bubbles with local students
4. a local student reading *Perro Grande ... Perro Pequeño/Big Dog ... Little Dog*
5. local students during the final class
6. a local student and Tibbins celebrating after singing "The Bear Went Over the Mountain"

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It began with a \$25 gift in 1978. **Adolphus W. Emmons III, M.S. '76**, made his first contribution to the University of Baltimore just two years after earning his master's degree in finance.

That \$25 would become the start of a decades-long tradition of quietly supporting his alma mater. As the years passed, Emmons—a U.S. Army veteran who worked as a banker and manager until retiring in 2000—contributed faithfully to the University, primarily focusing on the Merrick School of Business. In 2013, he increased his annual contribution to \$500.

While Emmons died in 2014 at the age of 68, that \$500 wasn't his last gift

to UB. In August, Emmons' nephew, Randy, contacted UB's Office of Institutional Advancement to convey his uncle's admiration for UB and the fact that Emmons had included a \$20,000 gift to the University of Baltimore in his will. After meeting with UB staff, Randy chose to honor his uncle's wishes by creating the Adolphus William Emmons III Scholarship Fund.

Beginning in fall 2016, the University of Baltimore Foundation will award this scholarship to eligible juniors and seniors enrolled in the Merrick School of Business, with special consideration given to first-generation college students and to Baltimore City College graduates.

"For many students, scholarship assistance is often the difference between completing a UB degree and putting that dream on hold," says **Caroleigh Haw, M.S. '01**, associate vice president for the Office of Institutional Advancement. "We are incredibly grateful for Mr. Emmons' annual support over the years and are proud to honor his memory through the Adolphus William Emmons III Scholarship Fund. His legacy of generosity will continue for years to come."

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Speaking in Code

Gretchen LeGrand, M.S. '10

by Koren Wetmore

The idea came to 6-year-old Justice while walking the family dog: Wouldn't it be cool to have a computer app that pulls together matching outfits from the contents of your wardrobe?

"First, you need to take pictures of all of your clothes, then you need an algorithm that finds matches so you don't have to do it yourself," she explained to her mother, **Gretchen LeGrand, M.S. '10**, who just happened to know how to bring the idea to life.

Justice's idea is no mere child's fantasy; the app is now being developed by LeGrand and her daughter, who has been learning to code since last year.

LeGrand is the executive director of Code in the Schools, a local nonprofit—co-founded with her husband, Mike, a game developer—that teaches computer science to underserved and underrepresented kids from pre-kindergarten through high school.

"Kids have no preconceived notion about how things are supposed to be done, so they just try things until they get it," LeGrand says. "As soon as they know how to use a tool, they start making stuff, solving problems and creating algorithms."

It's a scenario she's seen countless times in classrooms across Baltimore since launching the organization in 2013 in response to parallel gaps the LeGrands noted in the job and education sectors. Employers need workers with coding skills, but few schools offer the kind of training that allows kids even to consider computer science as a career option. As a result, the industry lacks skilled workers.

What's more, LeGrand says, "Women and minorities are hugely underrepresented.

"One of the biggest reasons for this is that computer science is not taught in the primary and secondary grades," she continues. "So you're not likely to be exposed to [it] unless a family member or someone in the industry introduces you to it."

"We want to see [computer science] taught to every student and ... help increase the industry's diversity."

The daughter of a network engineer, LeGrand grew up around information technology and, with her dad's help, built her own computer prior to college. Later, Mike taught her how to code, and together they created video games for fun.

Now, LeGrand's approach to teaching coding includes games, hands-on projects and coding blocks—drag-and-drop instructions that allow students to develop basic algorithms before having to write actual code.

Through partnerships with schools, libraries and recreation centers, LeGrand and her fellow instructors have established programs at 15 sites across Baltimore.

"We want to see [computer science] taught to every student and ... help increase the industry's diversity," she says. "Most of all, we hope to see more of Baltimore's youth employed in these awesome jobs."

David Dunlap, a fifth-grader at Baltimore's Liberty Elementary School, works with LeGrand to try his hand at using block-based code via Microsoft's Kodu Game Lab, a visual programming language developed specifically for creating games.

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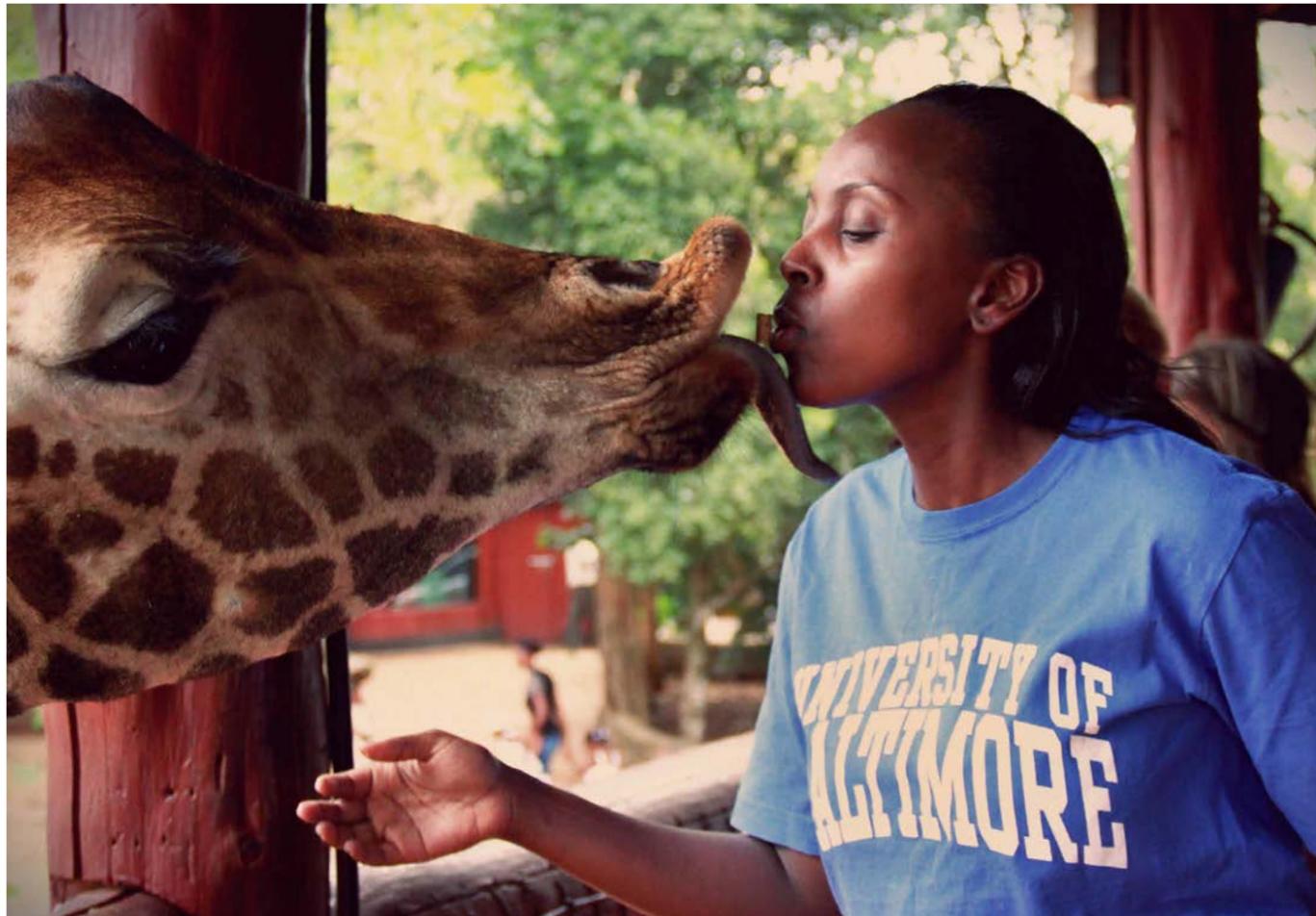
Go behind the screen as LeGrand coaches kids through coding.



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Kenya Feel the Love?

by Emily Brungo



Karita gets some face time with one of several giraffes at Nairobi's popular Giraffe Centre as she feeds the animal a pellet from an elevated observation platform.

What does it take to be named among the Top 40 Women Under 40—in Nairobi, Kenya? **Catherine Karita, MBA '07**, says one of the keys to the annual honor—bestowed by Kenya's *Business Daily* newspaper in 2014—is a solid education.

After earning a bachelor's degree in information systems at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, she came to UB for "its urban environment, student diversity and friendly teaching faculty," she says, citing as standouts the classes she took with professors Joel Morse and Steven Isberg. "That knowledge [gained in those classes] opened up lots of opportunity for me in capital markets."

She embarked on a post-graduation career at Bank of America, but her native Nairobi beckoned after nine years in the States, and she returned home in 2009.

Today, she is the general manager of NIC Bank Group's brokerage business, and she sits on a local school board and mentors students in her free time. This is all in addition to studying law at the University of Nairobi.

Despite her demanding schedule, Karita still makes time to enjoy some of Kenya's highlights, including the Giraffe Centre in Karen, a neighborhood in western Nairobi. "[You're] allowed to feed the giraffes and take photos," she says of the feeding platform inside the sanctuary, run by the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife, "and it has an area where one can learn more [about] giraffes and other animals."

"It's a place of diversity in the suburbs of Karen," she adds. "A nice environment with lots of green and breathtaking views of the city from the feeding deck."

As happy as she is to be back in Kenya raising her 4-year-old son, Nathan, she admits to some nostalgia for her former life in Maryland. "I miss the aquarium and the Inner Harbor—and the Baltimore Ravens," she says. "I loved football season and my football Sundays."

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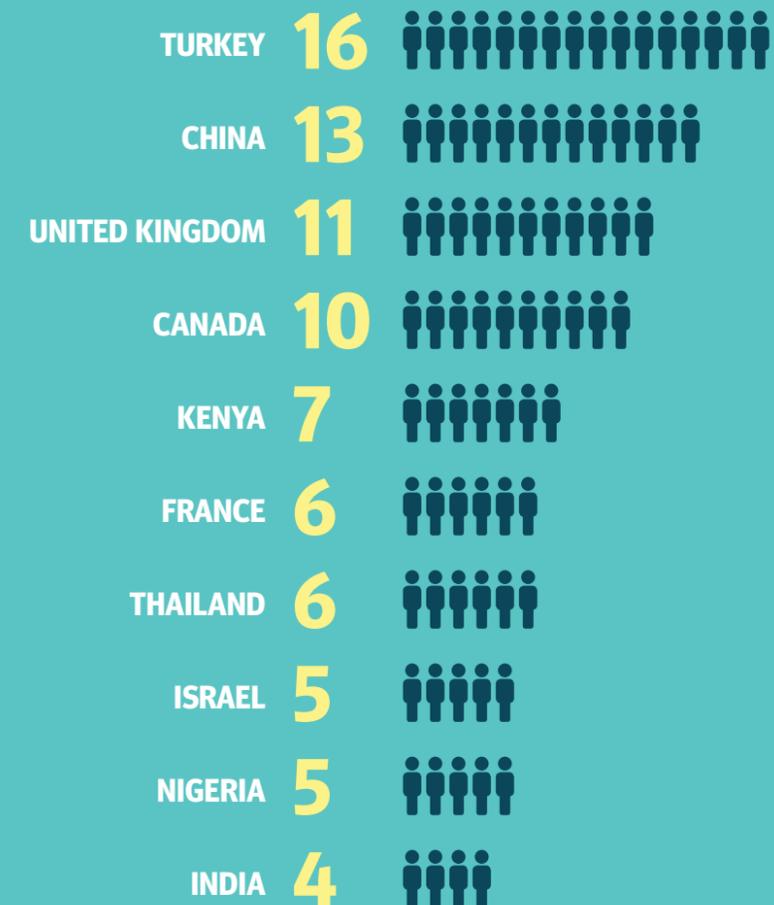
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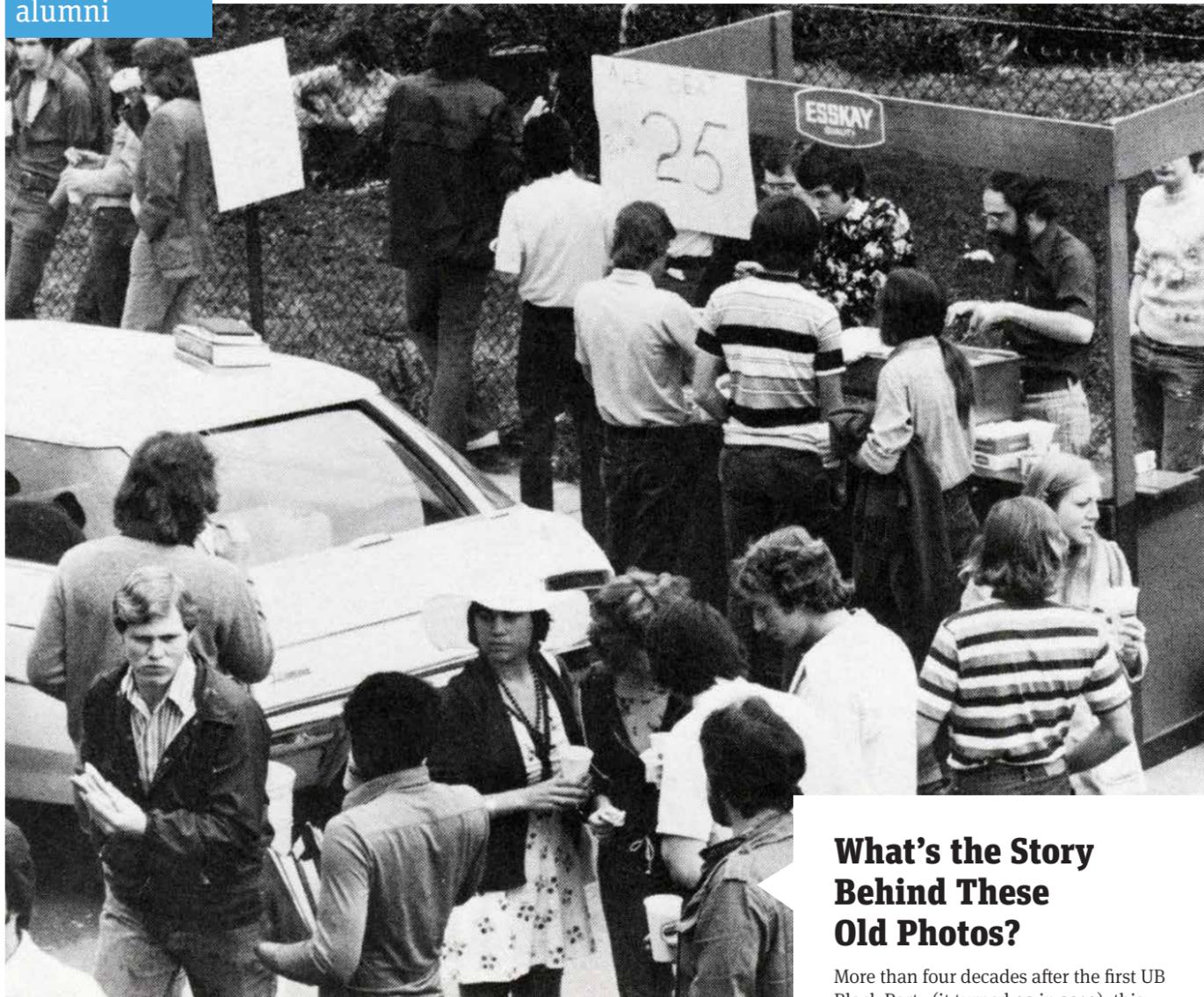
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Alumni by Country: Top 10 Countries (as of February)



You might also be surprised to know that according to our records, a single alumnus carries the UB torch in a number of other countries worldwide, including:

- Azerbaijan
- Brazil
- Costa Rica
- Indonesia
- Mali
- Norway
- Romania
- Sierra Leone
- Taiwan



What's the Story Behind These Old Photos?

More than four decades after the first UB Block Party (it turned 40 in 2014), this favorite campus event is still going strong, drawing fun-loving, dancing, game-playing throngs of students, faculty and staff to Gordon Plaza. For this issue of the *UB Magazine*, we're switching things up a little with a photo comparison of an early block party, 40 years ago in 1975, and the most recent one, in April.

But wait, there's more!

We still need you to weigh in on the old UB Block Party photos and tell us if you recognize anyone. And we also want your stories. Think back to your UB days and tell us, in a few sentences, about your favorite block party memory. We hope to collect and compile these brief stories for a future issue.

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@ubalt.edu or 410.837.6131 to identify the people pictured in the old photos or to share your own block party memories.



BLOCK PARTY!

Hold onto your hats! Check out this Block Party ride (and more) in motion.

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UB Alumni Association Spring Happy Hour at The Owl Bar: April 1, 2015



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Speed Networking: Nov. 12, 2014



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Happy Hour for On-Campus Alumni at Ryleigh's Oyster: Feb. 25, 2015



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Block Party on Gordon Plaza: April 16, 2015

Events and Photos

pictured, l. to r.:

- Vacarro M. Williams, MBA '08; Carol L. Roberts, B.S. '07, M.P.A. '10; Daprena W. Boyd, B.A. '02, M.S. '05; and Veronica Johnson, M.P.A. '10**
- left, front to back:* Lakeisha Mathews, director, Career and Professional Development Center; **Stanley D. Brown, M.A. '00;** *right, front:* Dawn Lemon, undergraduate business administration student
- Stacey Marriott, M.A. '11,** business analyst and technical writer, Office of Technology Services; Karyn Schulz, director, Center for Educational Access; and **Claire Petrides, CERT '85, M.P.A. '97,** business analyst, Office of Technology Services
- Lady J. Angel, B.S. '14,** and Kassim Medina

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Winter Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement Reception: Jan. 8, 2015



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UB Alumni Association Fall Happy Hour at Kelsey's Restaurant and Irish Pub: Nov. 5, 2014



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8th Annual UB Night at the Vienna Inn: Jan. 25, 2015



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President's Welcome Reception in Annapolis, Maryland: March 25, 2015

pictured, l. to r.:

- Rustam Abakaev, B.S. '12,** and **Mark Longhurst, B.A. '13,** administrative assistant, Office of Undergraduate Admission
- Ray Frederick, B.S. '95, MBA '97, M.S. '01, CERT '02, M.S. '04,** academic program coordinator, Merrick School of Business; **Ed Meerholz, B.A. '71, M.P.A. '78;** **Matt Fox, J.D. '06;** and **Stuart Goldberg, B.A. '70, J.D. '74,** member, UB Foundation Board of Directors
- Lamont S. Bryant, M.S. '08,** and **David C. Butler Jr., M.A. '09**
- Michelle W. Cole, J.D. '98;** **Lillian J. Carter, B.S. '99;** and **Steve DeGross**
- Lawrence E. and **Shawan D. Patterson Jackson, M.S. '88;** **Kurt L. Schmoke,** UB president; and host **Jana Howard Carey, J.D. '76**

(Olive) Oil Baron

Dimitri Komninos, B.S. '11

by Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

“Keep Calm and Press Olives,” says a plaque by the cheerful, olive-colored front door to DEVOO, 1 W. Biddle St., across from the Varsity at UB. The 6-month-old Greek deli and specialty market is the brick-and-mortar retail arm of Dimitri Olive Farms, which will import 15 tons of golden, unfiltered extra virgin olive oil this year directly from family farms near Sparta, Greece. **Dimitri Komninos, B.S. '11**, owns the company—and now the market—along with his stepfather (who also happens to be named Dimitri). As a small-business owner, Greek-born Komninos does a little bit of everything to advance the company, meaning his days are anything but calm.

7ish a.m.: Komninos is up, thanks to his “alarm,” an 8-year-old shih tzu named Piper. “I’ll wake up in the morning and eat a spinach pie straight out of the fridge, cold,” he says. If it’s a weekend, the wakeup call comes before dawn, so Komninos can make it to the farmers markets in time to set up before the crowds move in.

8 a.m.: He heads to the warehouse in Greektown to do inventory and pick up oil for wholesale deliveries in Baltimore; Washington, D.C.; and Philadelphia and to prep online orders for shipment. He delivers to clients weekly; locally, they include top-ranked restaurants such as Gertrude’s, The Food Market, Birroteca and The Prime Rib—and even the Orioles’ team chef.

10 a.m.: Together with his stepfather and another employee, Komninos preps DEVOO (Dimitri Extra Virgin Olive Oil) to open at 11. “I do a lot for my business, but without my family’s help on a daily basis, I wouldn’t be where I am today,” he says.

He might head out again, stopping at the bank, making a delivery, meeting with his accountant or connecting with a new wholesale client. “You can find me peeling

potatoes in here or at the bank counting money; it depends on what day of the week and what time of day it is,” he adds.

11:50 a.m.: Back at DEVOO, Komninos chats with a customer turning a bottle of roasted chili pepper-infused oil over in her hands. “Do you like spicy stuff?” he asks. “I can let you taste it.”

12:35 p.m.: Handwriting lunch orders as they fly at him, Komninos takes payments via iPad. He also wipes down the counter, makes sandwiches and fills out the deli display case, but he remains a businessman to the core: “If you’re coming to get a sandwich, I’d like you to buy two sandwiches with a spinach pie on the side,” he says.

1:20 p.m.: He rings up an order of lentils, chickpeas, rustic bread, oregano, cheese, cookies, meats and olive oil for a customer who had called asking for directions to DEVOO after it was mentioned in *The Baltimore Sun*.

3 p.m.: Lunch rush over, Komninos rolls up his sleeves for catering orders and deliveries. As he preps, he snaps photos on his phone for DEVOO’s active social media accounts.

5:30 p.m.: Sometimes, customers stop in after work to refill their olive oil bottles (discounted from the first-time purchase price) and pick up dinner. Along with a couple of employees, Komninos runs the shop until it closes at 7 p.m. He wraps food and puts it away, pays the bills and makes sure the register is reconciled before heading out.

9 p.m.: Komninos arrives home near Patterson Park, bringing food with him from DEVOO or from Jimmy’s Famous Seafood (whose owner was the best man in Komninos’ 2014 wedding). “I like cooking,” Komninos says, “but now with the store, I’m tired. I don’t feel like cooking.”



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Don't watch this video on an empty stomach.



class notes

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1950s **Leon Albin, B.S. '51**, owned 17 Lee Sports stores in the Maryland area before selling the business in 1985. He also was the Baltimore County liquor board commissioner from 1982-86 and a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1986-95.

1960s **Bernard J. Thomas, B.S. '63**, serves on the scholarship committee of the Wayne, Illinois-based Midwest Association of Rail Shippers.

William Turc Sr., J.D. '69, was inducted into Glen Burnie (Maryland) High School's Wall of Honor in October for going above and beyond in his career and in community service while demonstrating superior character and integrity.

1970s **James L. Sherbin, J.D. '70**, retired as circuit court judge of Garrett County, Maryland, in February.

R. Alan "Al" Streett, B.A. '70, was named senior research professor at Criswell College in Dallas.

Dennis E. Minni, J.D. '71, was elected president of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Labor & Employment Relations Association for 2014.

James R. Blount, B.A. '72, retired from the Defense Language Institute English Language Center in San Antonio in January.

Stuart M. Goldberg, B.A. '70, J.D. '74, was appointed Mid-Atlantic Conseiller Gastronomique Provincial by the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs in October.

Bernard J. Haske Jr., B.A. '74, published his first book of poetry, *The Color of Humans*.

Meyer Simon, J.D. '74, was appointed chairman of the Montgomery County (Pennsylvania) General Practice Committee for 2015. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery County Bar Association.

James R. Chason, J.D. '76, was recognized by *Best Lawyers* magazine as the 2015 Lawyer of the Year for professional malpractice law—defendants in Baltimore.

James H. Barnes Jr., B.S. '77, joined Len the Plumber as general manager and was elected to the board of governors of the Hunt Valley (Maryland) Golf Club.

Joseph I. Cassilly, J.D. '77, was sworn in for his ninth term as Harford County (Maryland) state's attorney in January.

Sheldon L. Freed, B.A. '73, M.P.A. '77, has been named to *Baltimore* magazine's list of Baltimore's Top Dentists for the past five years.

Louis S. Pettey, J.D. '77, was installed as president of the Rockville, Maryland-based American College of Mortgage Attorneys for the 2014-15 year.

1980s **Barbara B. Waxman, J.D. '80**, received the Women's Law Center's Dorothy Beatty Award in October for her significant contributions to women's rights.

Richard C. Bittner, J.D. '84, was appointed to the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Committee for Anne Arundel County, Maryland, by former Gov. Martin O'Malley.

Richard C. Brown, MBA '84, is serving as a missionary at the United Church of Bogota (Colombia), the area's only English-speaking church.

James A. Poulos III, J.D. '84, co-breeds and owns thoroughbred racehorses with his wife, Gail. Their horse Sweet Soliloquy won at Laurel Park in Laurel, Maryland, in December.

David DeChant, MBA '85, published his book, *The Silence of the Fallen*, in May 2014.

James A. List, J.D. '85, received The Arc Baltimore's 2014 President's Cup in August for his exemplary service as a board member.

William DePaola Jr., MBA '86, joined PeoplesBank as vice president, business banking officer, in November.

Darryl J. Madden, B.S. '86, was appointed by President Barack Obama as a member of the Rockville, Maryland-based Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin in November.

Harold A. English, J.D. '87, was re-elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 30th District, serving Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Michelle Barnes, J.D. '88, opened the reUP Home Furnishings and Finds home goods boutique in Baltimore in October.

Anthony J. Deluca, B.S. '89, was elected as city councilman in the Town of Ocean City, Maryland, in November.

1990s **Harry E. Hopkins, CERT '90, M.P.A. '91**, was appointed by Harford County (Maryland) executive Barry Glassman as the county's director of emergency services.

Catherine "Katie" Curran O'Malley, J.D. '91, was honored by Playworks Maryland at its November Soiree for Play fundraiser for her antibullying work.

Stephen A. Kreitner, J.D. '92, was hired as associate general counsel for the Kalispell Regional Healthcare System in Kalispell, Montana, in March 2014.

Frank Turney, J.D. '92, received the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service's Ten-Year Volunteer Award at the Celebrate Pro Bono Awards Reception in October.

Lauryne Wright, J.D. '92, published the nonfiction book *Raising Questions: Daring to Denounce the Religious Right to Defend Our Civil Rights*—which covers law, politics and religion—in September.

George Nemphos, J.D. '94, was named both a member of the inaugural advisory committee for media and data company The

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.



Aubrey Jean Bannon was born June 24, 2014, to Jack Bannon, B.S. '92, and Jennifer Bannon, MBA '12.



Hailee Cataleya Lacy Jackson was born Nov. 18 to Marcus A. Jackson, B.A. '10.

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Deal and a 2014 Power Player by *Baltimore SmartCEO* for his leadership, accomplishments, innovation and success.

Richard B. Benenson, MBA '95, was appointed to the board of directors for the Global Livingston Institute in Denver in November.

Valentine Brown, J.D. '95, was named pro bono partner at Duane Morris in Philadelphia in January.

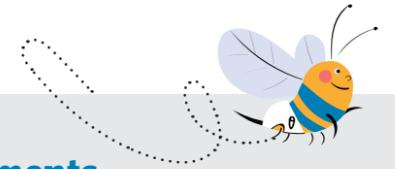
Charles J. "Chuck" Acquisto, J.D. '96, published the book *Wisdom for a Young Golfer* in February.

Victoria R. August, J.D. '97, was appointed associate commissioner for compliance and enforcement at the Maryland Insurance Administration in Baltimore.

Barbara Culotta, B.S. '98, received a graduate certificate in accounting from Southern New Hampshire University in November.

Jessica Southwick, M.A. '98, is the author of the children's book *The Mitten: A Classic Pop-Up Folktale*, which *Parents* magazine named one of 2014's best children's books in December.

Mark Echols, B.A. '99, earned his Ph.D. in Human Behavior from Capella University.



'Leadership in Law' Award Honors Several UB Alumni

A number of UB graduates received *The Daily Record's* 2014 Leadership in Law Award in November in recognition of their dedication to their occupation and to their communities.

Thomas Meachum, J.D. '78

John McCarthy, J.D. '79

Meryl Burgin, J.D. '87

Debra Schubert, J.D. '87

Isabel Mercedes Cumming, MBA '89, J.D. '93

Donna Mandl, J.D. '98

John M. Putman, B.A. '99, is the editor/writer in the Howard County (Maryland) Public School System's public information office.

Lori Sherwood, J.D. '99, joined Advantage Engineers in Columbia, Maryland, as the business development director in October.

Jonathan Zhu, MBA '99, joined Heidrick & Stuggles in Shanghai, China, as partner

within the global life sciences and government affairs practices in November.

2000s Basil R. Loucas, B.A. '96, M.A. '00, received a bronze award in the reference nonfiction category of Dan Poynter's 2014 Global Ebook Awards for his book, *LSAT the Loucas Way*, in August.

Kathleen Peiffer, J.D. '00, joined the Arundel House of Hope in Glen Burnie, Maryland, as development director in September.

Vasilios Peros, J.D./MBA '00, was a finalist for *Baltimore SmartCEO's* 2014 Power Players Awards.

Eric M. Suttly, J.D./MBA '00, and his team at the Wilmington, Delaware, law firm of Elliott Greenleaf received the Turnaround Management Association's Large-Company Transaction of the Year Award in September for the firm's work with AgFeed Industries.

Andres Zapata, M.A. '00, received a 4 Under 40 Marketing Emerging Leaders Award from the American Marketing Association's Marketing Insight Council in October.

Darrell S. Cherry, B.A. '01, was promoted to business development manager for J.E. Berkowitz Architectural Glass for the Ohio Valley.

Anita Griner, MBA '01, joined Cognosante in McLean, Virginia, as chief performance officer in November.

Kimber L. Shearer, J.D. '01, became counsel and vice president for strategic initiatives at the International Republic Organization, based in Washington, D.C. She also welcomed a baby girl in August.

Jaime W. Luse, J.D. '02, was appointed to the Law Institute of the Chicago-based Defense Research Institute in October.

John S. Butler, B.A. '03, was named chief of the Howard County (Maryland) Department of Fire and Rescue Services in January.

Ilana Cohen, J.D. '03, joined the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as the director of coverage and reimbursement policy and was appointed to serve a three-year term on the Commission on Health for Montgomery County, Maryland.

Christopher P. Dean, J.D. '04, was elected principal of Baltimore's Ober|Kaler in January.

Georgette Kiser, MBA '04, was named partner, managing director and chief information officer at The Carlyle Group in Washington, D.C., in January.

Nathan M. Seidman, M.S. '04, became the assistant to the regional director of the National Labor Relations Board in Los Angeles.

Zhanna Goltser, MBA '05, joined McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland, as financial aid director in December.

David A. Reiss, D.C.D. '05, is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, working locally as the Codorus Valley Flotilla 19-06

public affairs officer. He also was promoted to the Coast Guard's Auxiliary National Training Directorate as a program assistant.

Kevin A. Wisniewski, M.A. '05, is a 2014-15 residential fellow at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's Drescher Center for the Humanities. He also is managing editor of Roving Eye Press, an editorial board member of San Diego State University's Calypso Editions and an adjunct professor at Stevenson University.

Gregory P. Care, J.D. '06, became a partner at Brown, Goldstein & Levy in Baltimore in January.

Erik C. Coyne, J.D. '06, was assigned as the staff judge advocate (general counsel) for the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base in Japan.

Seth Kossman, LL.M. '06, was elected principal of Ober|Kaler in Baltimore in January.

Brian Lichter, B.S. '05, M.S. '06, joined ClearView Group in Hunt Valley, Maryland, as a manager within its tax and advisory practice in August.

Lauren Seldomridge, J.D. '05, MBA '06, joined Rollins, Smalkin, Richards & Mackie in Baltimore as an associate in June 2014.

Ramon A. Arreola, J.D. '07, joined the law firm of Messa & Associates in Philadelphia as an associate in January.

Eric Best, MBA '07, was elected chairman of the National Beer Wholesalers Association in Alexandria, Virginia, in September.

Maria McKenna, J.D. '07, was named a Leading Lawyer in the May 2014 issue of *What's Up! Annapolis* magazine.

Paul W. Smail, J.D. '08, is the staff litigation attorney at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Annapolis, Maryland.

Christopher T. Johns, B.S. '09, is a semi-senior accountant at Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates in Baltimore; he earned the CPA designation in January.

Tanya Powers, J.D. '09, facilitated a presentation about Pulitzer Prize-winning author Sonia Nazario's book *Enrique's Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined*

In Memoriam

Mildred H. Arthur, B.S. '39
Clinton C. Emich, B.S. '39
William E. Schaufele, A.A. '41
John E. Bankert Jr., A.A. '42
Stephen I. Fellner, J.D. '45
Ralph D. Beam, A.A. '48
John K. Burkey Jr., LL.B. '48
Edward Chandlee, A.A. '49
Richard W. "Dick" Hall, B.S. '49
Elwood W. Michael, A.A. '49
Robert J. Ford, B.S. '50
George P. Bowie, J.D. '51
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Henry P. Bergmann, B.S. '61
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Laudine Appel, LL.B. '62
George M. Lang Jr., J.D. '62
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George N. Manis, J.D. '63
John V. Quinn, J.D. '64
Dennis G. Wicklein, B.S. '64
Robert K. Boyd, LL.B. '65
Joseph G. Vincent, J.D. '65
Calvin G. Winterstein, B.S. '65
Harry H. Yost, LL.B. '65
Michael V. Albergo, J.D. '66
William L. Atwell, J.D. '66
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Charles Daniel Held, LL.B. '67
Richard G. McLaughlin, LL.B. '68
Robert M. Mort, B.S. '68
Edward M. Rempfer, B.S. '68
Robert T. Barclay, B.S. '69
David Chambers, B.S. '69
Dennis J. Healy, B.S. '71
Jerry S. Carbaugh, B.S. '72
David B. Smith, J.D. '72
Ernest S. Cross, B.S. '73
Dale E. Geiman, B.S. '73
Alexander Skopetz, J.D. '73
Edwin O. Wenck, J.D. '73
Salvatore "Joe" Fioriglio, B.S. '74
Mary Ann Stepler, J.D. '74
Michael J. Schaefer, J.D. '75
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Kimmarle A. Traeger, B.S. '95
Pamela J. Arthur-Gerlach, J.D. '97
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Sage Carissa Repass, B.A. '02



Model Citizens

A January *Baltimore Sun* article focused on 94-year-old **Bill Tamburrino, B.S. '51**, and the replica of his Fallston, Maryland, home that he has spent 30 years crafting as a gift for his wife, 82-year-old **Dorothy, A.A. '52**. According to the article, "The retired Baltimore City Public Schools teacher and administrator has been working on the model since the late 1970s."

The Tamburrinos, married for 63 years, met as UB students and purchased their home in 1967. With the help of son William and grandson Dante, the elder Tamburrino created a model that features detailed reproductions of cabinetry and other design elements, all on a 1-to-10 scale. The three crafters are now working on making furniture for what Bill calls the "baby doll house."

UB Alumnae Named 'Leading Women' for 2014

The *Daily Record's* annual list of Leading Women, announced each December, recognizes women age 40 or younger for their career accomplishments; nominees are judged on professional experience, community involvement and a commitment to inspiring change. The 2014 honorees included the following alumnae:

Marla Zide, J.D. '01

Amanda K. Walker de Rodriquez, J.D. '07

Lisa D. Sparks, B.A. '05, J.D. '07

Jessica Emerson, J.D. '13

to *Reunite with his Mother* in November at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, North Carolina.

2010s Nathaniel Albright, M.S. '10, joined the Y of Central Maryland as chair of the Harford Community Leadership Board in November.

Jeremy R. Bedford, J.D. '10, published the article "Eligibility for VA Disability Compensation and Health Care Benefits for Army National Guardsmen Discharged with an Other Than Honorable Discharge" in *The Army Lawyer* in July 2014.

Len E. Clark, D.P.A. '10, retired from the Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management in New Jersey after a 25-year career and now works as emergency manager at Saint Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.

Craig Forbes, B.S. '10, joined *Baltimore* magazine as a Web graphic designer in December.

Laurie Goon, J.D. '10, was recognized by Baltimore's Living Classrooms Foundation as one of its Rising Stars for 2014.

Rita Classen, B.S. '11, MBA '13, was honored as one of Mennonite Economic Development Associates' 20 Under 35 at the organization's 2014 convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Elisabeth E. Cunningham, B.S. '13, earned her Maryland Real Estate Salesperson license and joined the University of Maryland, University College as an academic adviser.

Charlene C. Faison, B.S. '13, became the education director for the Maryland Real Estate Committee of the Maryland State Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing in May 2014.

Leonard D. Knight, B.A. '13, joined Seabury Resources for Aging in Washington, D.C., as program manager.

Molly M. Martin, M.P.A. '13, was promoted to director of constituent services for U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski.

Jason Wasserman, J.D. '13, joined Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler in Baltimore as an associate.

Game Changer

In December, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America named Pete A. Caringi Jr., B.A. '80, the 2014 Division I Coach of the Year. Caringi is the longtime head coach of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County men's soccer team. His 2014 squad—ranked No. 4 in the association's national Division I postseason poll—made UMBC's record books by turning in the greatest season in the school's varsity athletics history before being defeated by the University of Virginia in the NCAA College Cup semifinals.

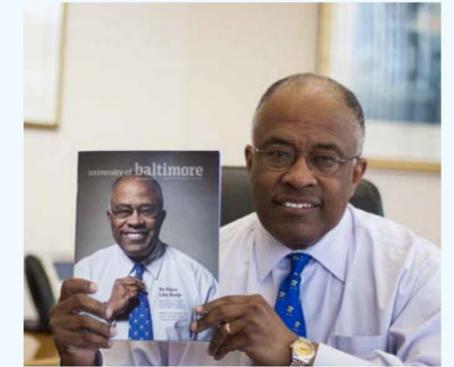


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Don't watch while hungry: Dimitri Komninos, B.S. '11, takes you on a video tour of DEVOO, his new Greek deli.



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Job Security

Stacy Rodgers, M.P.A. '99

by Paula Novash

Stacy Rodgers, M.P.A. '99, has a mission statement: “to help people and to serve.” In her role as personal adviser to the acting commissioner of the U.S. Social Security Administration, Rodgers has ample opportunity to fulfill that mission.

“[We provide] benefits for retirees and those who are most vulnerable, including disabled adults and children and families who receive survivor benefits,” she says. The organization is a touchstone “from the cradle to the grave,” she adds. “We issue Social Security numbers at birth, administer benefits throughout individuals’ lives, keep track of earnings for millions of workers throughout their careers and ... maintain the registry of deaths in the United States.”

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A 2011 appointee of President Barack Obama who has held positions at every level of government—local, state and federal—Rodgers also is the organization’s chief of staff and White House liaison. “Part of my job is to ensure efficient ... operation, and I work with many other agencies to advance the priorities of the president,” she says.

The western-Pennsylvania native describes herself as “a coal miner’s daughter and the

great-granddaughter of a ‘Rosie the Riveter.’” (One of her most prized possessions is her great-grandmother’s U.S. Steel identification badge.) She moved East to attend college at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and worked in higher education before finding her passion in human services.

Rodgers is particularly passionate about the Social Security Administration’s new “Someday” campaign—designed to educate the public about the importance of retirement savings—and recalls her own “a-ha!” moment when she realized she needed to double up on the amount she was saving for retirement. “The idea is that ‘someday’ will come sooner than we think, and we need to be prepared,” she explains. (For more information and to sign up for a free My Social Security account to plan and track your retirement benefits, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.)

Calling herself “a dedicated Bee,” Rodgers says she loves interacting with UB students through the Backpack to Briefcase program, in which alumni visit undergraduate classrooms to discuss their experiences and share their expertise. “I like to share the analogy of planting shade trees that [the next generation will] sit under—what will be your legacy, to show that you have been there and made a difference?”

“I am profoundly honored to be in public service, helping to influence national public-policy and business practices that better serve people,” she continues. “That’s my lasting difference that will be there long after I am.”



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