Welcome Home
Helping Veterans With Their Next Mission: Life After Service

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In Living Color
When Artscape comes to Baltimore every July, UB finds itself in the midst of the action, surrounded by eclectic art and food vendors, performance stages and the hundreds of thousands of attendees who inundate UB Midtown to partake in the country’s largest free arts festival. To say the three days of festivities are colorful is an understatement.

Not to be outshone, UB took the spotlight—literally—in 2010 and 2011. Thanks to Image Engineering’s programmable LED light displays, the Academic Center’s northern-most Charles Street side adopted a constantly shifting rainbow façade that lit up the summer nights and showed off our community spirit.
Dear UB Alumni and Friends,

By now you are aware of the overwhelming success of Uniquely UB: The Campaign for the University of Baltimore. The campaign exceeded its $40 million goal by more than $5 million, making it by far the most successful fundraising campaign in University of Baltimore history. Of course, the campaign success is really your success: The generosity of UB’s alumni and supporters has made this record-setting effort possible. On behalf of UB’s students, faculty and staff, I extend my personal thanks to the 11,000-plus donors who contributed to Uniquely UB.

The close of the campaign will inevitably lead to planning for the next one, but it’s also a chance to reflect on why we give. I’m sure there is no single answer. Some donors give to express gratitude for what UB has provided them. Others give in recognition of the University’s successful past and its bright future. Still others believe strongly in UB’s mission to teach students who may not be well served elsewhere. It may be all of these reasons and more.

The decision to give is ultimately a personal choice, informed by our values and by our experiences. My connection to UB and to the campaign is rooted in my own educational journey. When I was 16 and just beginning to think about college, my father died. He ran the family business, and so his passing could have significantly delayed—or even ended—my college dreams.

Instead, my brother Richard—three and a half years older than I and completing his sophomore year at Harvard—dropped out to take over the family business with our mother. While I went on to college, Richard kept the business going, paid the bills and completed his undergraduate education. He later attended law school at night, something that may resonate strongly with many UB graduates. Richard’s commitment was a reflection of our family’s values and is why I made my gift to Uniquely UB in honor of our parents, the children of immigrants who instilled in us the enduring value and importance of education.

I don’t know what would have happened to me without my brother’s generosity and ethic. What I do know is that not everyone is as fortunate as I was. I also know that University of Baltimore Foundation scholarships provide more than 1,000 UB students with the same type of opportunity that my brother provided me, and I am certain they’re equally grateful.

Uniquely UB is an anthology of more than 11,000 such stories, making this an aptly named campaign. Your story and support inspire all of us to continue to make the University of Baltimore the truly unique place it is.

Thank you again.

Robert L. Bogomolny
President, University of Baltimore

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What does $45 million mean to UB?
In case you didn’t hear, the University of Baltimore just completed its largest capital campaign—raising a record-setting $45 million, thanks to you.

Turn to p. 29 to find out just how much your generosity means to our University—your University.
They say you can never go home again—and that may be especially (and sometimes painfully) true for veterans of our nation’s armed forces. But there are many, including a number of UB alumni and others on campus, who focus their professional and personal efforts on easing the transition back home for service members, helping them pursue their life missions beyond the military.

Deleting just one little letter from the Dogwood Restaurant’s name leaves you with “do good,” a fitting nod to the truly great good that the Hampden locale’s owners have initiated with the help of UB’s Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship course: providing a culinary apprenticeship program to those who are transitioning from addiction, incarceration and homelessness.
Thank you for the wonderful article about Betsy Diamant-Cohen [“Librarian on the Loose,” summer 2011], a librarian par excellence. It isn’t very often that we see articles about librarians and their contributions. She is truly an asset to the University of Baltimore.

I graduated from U of B in 1969 and also became a librarian, with my degree also from Rutgers University. I retired three years ago after serving as the psychology librarian for Princeton University for the past 25 years. Previous to that position, I worked in several medical libraries, including the medical library of Baltimore City Hospitals (now Johns Hopkins Bayview [Medical Center]) the entire four years I attended the U of B, and several years afterward.

Being a librarian was an exciting and rewarding career. I saw many changes in the field. In the ’60s I would be asked to compile bibliographic searches in Medline which took several hours, if not days. In the ’90s, I was able to compile better, more comprehensive searches in less than one minute. Then the advent of end-user searching and now electronic journals and books. The field is always changing and librarians are always challenged to stay on top of the technology. Librarianship is a very rewarding career!

Thank you,

Mary (Moscato) Chaikin, B.A. ’69
Psychology Librarian Emeritus, Princeton University

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the latest edition of [the University of Baltimore] Magazine. I found the articles very interesting and informative and the layout very attractive.

You offered the reader a chance to comment, however, and I am taking the opportunity to air a pet peeve. We receive the magazine because my husband is an alumnus—he graduated many, many years ago. As a senior citizen, I want to point out that it is difficult to read light print on light paper, as on page 8 [“Notable Quotables,” summer 2011]. Also, the green boxes on pages 33-34 [“Class Notes”].

This may seem like a “picky” criticism to you and you may choose to ignore it, but I am happy for the chance to vent.

Matilda Falck

Editor’s note: Thank you so much for your feedback, Matilda. We’ve made an effort in this issue to be more conscientious about our type color choices, and hopefully all of our articles are easy to read.

Greetings.

I read with delight your lead article, “Snapshot: New Law Center Underway” in your winter 2010/11 magazine. The photograph on the second and third pages took me back a long, long time.

I was fortunate to be elected to president of the student body in 1954-55. As such, I was privy to many meetings with Dr. Wilson, who was president of UB. “Doc,” [as] we affectionately called [him], was hopeful of securing, as a donation, the northwest corner of Mount Royal Avenue and [North] Charles Street. The property was held by a car dealership.

While that hope was not realized during his tenure, so much has been since.

In my capacity, I had many meetings with Doc and I assure you that he, wherever he is, is beyond proud to see how his U of B has grown and succeeded.

In that, I take pride in joining him.

Cordially,

Lee Rudolph, B.S. ’57

Editor’s note: We’d love to include more content about the Baltimore College of Commerce, Marvin, and we invite you and other alumni to contact us with story ideas and additional information.
“Tech is something that gives us the capability to do something we weren’t able to do before. It’s not an end in and of itself.”

— Sean Carton, D.C.D. ’05, director of UB’s new Center for Digital Communication, Commerce and Culture, presenting at a fall 2011 brown-bag forum, Beyond the Digital Hype

“The American system works for the super-rich, managers and professionals, but not for the rest. ... Government is in the hands of Wall Street and other big business.”

— Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, award-winning development economist and author of The Price of Civilization: Reawakening American Virtue and Prosperity, as quoted in The (Baltimore) Sun about his presentation for the Merrick School of Business Speaker Series, Nov. 9

“The quarter-billion-dollar investment attributed to UB is extraordinary unto itself, but what’s more remarkable is that nearly half of that is private capital. As a public university in an urban center, we are uniquely positioned to leverage our economic strength. The UB Student Center, Liberal Arts and Policy Building, streetscaping and new John and Frances Angelos Law Center were significant investments made by the University that have directly contributed to attracting not only private donor support but also totally private projects like the Fitzgerald at UB Midtown and the Varsity student apartment building.”

— Steve Cassard, UB vice president for facilities management and capital planning, on the impact of UB’s construction and facilities enhancement

“Other states have already found a way to protect religious liberty, religious freedom and to protect rights equally. And it is time for Maryland to do the same.”

— Gov. Martin O’Malley on legalizing same-sex marriage in Maryland, at the UB School of Law’s public discussion on Law and Public Policy: Marriage Equality in Maryland, Feb. 7

“They think they’re taking this wacko zombie course, and they are. But on the way, they learn how literature and mass media work and how they come to reflect our times.”

— Jonathan Shorr, associate professor in the School of Communications Design, on UB’s zombie class, which is still receiving media coverage more than a year after the course was offered
Meet a Student

Janet Harrison

by Cristina-Maria Popescu, M.A. ’11

Janet Harrison, evening law student, is the first person ever to intern with the U.S. Supreme Court’s emergency applications clerk.

Though she retired as a Maryland State Police sergeant in July after 26 years of service, taking a breather wasn’t exactly on the agenda just yet for UB School of Law evening student Janet Harrison, who plans to become a criminal defense attorney after she graduates in May. Case in point: While logging her final hours on the force early last summer, she was also juggling a prestigious internship with the U.S. Supreme Court’s emergency applications clerk in Washington, D.C. Harrison quickly put her constitutional law classes to use in the newly created position as she spent three days a week researching and summarizing cases for the court’s official records.

Q. How did you learn about the internship at the U.S. Supreme Court and what was involved in securing the position?

A. I learned about the internship ... from my law professor, José Anderson, [who] is a friend of U.S. Supreme Court clerk William K. Suter. Professor Anderson asked me if I was interested [in the internship], and of course I was. I then had to apply and wait to be accepted by the federal government as an intern, pending a preliminary interview with the clerk’s office. Clerk Suter is also a friend of the University of Baltimore. His speech at [the] UB [School of Law last year was about how lawyers can improve their oral arguments before courts, such as the Supreme Court.

Q. What were some of your responsibilities as a Supreme Court intern? What do you perceive as the importance of being the first person to hold this position?

A. I shadowed the emergency applications clerk [and] assisted him by reviewing the already decided emergency petitions. My responsibilities were to spot the issues that were being challenged, summarize the holdings in one or two sentences and update a database of these cases that the Supreme Court maintains.

[As the first intern,] I demonstrated ... that UB has excellent students [who] can perform at a high level of skill and excellence. My hope is that in the future, when the Supreme Court needs another law intern, they will look first to the UB School of Law.

Q. What did you find most gratifying about this position?

A. I prepared a “Capital Case Summary” document that I later learned would be published [and] used by the clerk’s office as a guide to acclimate incoming interns [with] the emergency applications process as it relates to capital cases. ... It was gratifying to know that others could gain from my experience and that the clerk’s office would have a handy tool to use to increase productivity and reduce the orientation phase.

Q. How did you juggle three important responsibilities—your job, the internship and your classes—at the same time?

A. [It] was made possible due to my supportive family. I worked long hours during those two months and was away from home more than I was there. I took leave when I needed, worked evenings or nights when I needed and altered my work schedule around my classes and the internship.
Take one look at David Johnson, lecturer in the College of Public Affairs’ School of Criminal Justice, and you can probably guess what he does in his spare time between Thanksgiving and Dec. 24. In fact, he preps year-round for the monthlong gig that keeps him nearly constantly on camera—one, he says, that dovetails nicely with his former 25-year career with the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services System, from which he retired as chief U.S. probation officer for the U.S. District Court, District of Maryland.

“In a way, being Santa Claus is like being a probation officer,” he says with a jolly twinkle in his eye. “You have people coming to you telling you how good they’ve been—and maybe not being 100 percent truthful.”

Q: How did you get started as a Santa Claus?
A: About three years ago, my wife and I were at [the] mall, and a young lady came up to me. She said she managed the Santa concession at Arundel Mills mall and needed somebody, and she thought I’d make a good Santa. I said, “Let me think about it.” Well, I did Arundel Mills for a couple of years. ... [For this past holiday season,] the photographer who does the Santa Experience at the Shops at Kenilworth saw me and asked if I was interested, and the shops are only about 15 minutes from home. I can still get my Santa fix and teach full time.

Q: Do you own your suit?
A: Yes, the costumes I wear are from California, from Adele’s of Hollywood. She’s been making Santa suits for over 40 years. It’s a big part of her business. I have a couple of crimson suits with a seven-inch, white-fur shawl collar. You always have to have a backup if you’re a mall Santa—you never know what might happen.

Q: What are some of the most memorable wishes you’ve heard?
A: I had a little girl ask for a hippopotamus. I said, “You mean a toy?” And she said, “No, a real one.” I asked how she’d take care of it, and she said they had a swimming pool. Then there was a boy who asked for an official certificate from Santa saying he’d been good that year. ... I always have a number of kids who ask for presents for kids whose parents can’t afford to give them something, and I had one little girl who said, “I’d like to have a home”; she said she was homeless. There are the real tear-jerkers: “Can you help me get mom and dad back together?” “Can you please get mom and dad back from overseas for Christmas?”

Q: Do you believe in Santa?
A: Of course! Who do you think brings all those great presents every year? I always wish for everybody: health and happiness and world peace.
You may think there’s no such thing as a free lunch, but the Office of Alumni Relations’ SavorUB program proves you wrong. Launched in September, it allows current students and alumni to share advice and to network over a free or reduced-price meal at a local restaurant. So far, 10 partner restaurants have agreed to sponsor the program, which has already connected 10 pairs of participants. To participate in SavorUB, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@ubalt.edu or 410.837.6131.

UB’s Community Service Day brings students, alumni, faculty and staff together to lend a helping hand (or 232 helping hands in the case of the 2011 event, when 116 UB community members participated) to local, community-serving organizations. Last year, UB donated 812 volunteer hours to 15 organizations.

The College of Public Affairs’ Master of Public Administration program again passed its re-accreditation process with flying colors, receiving full accreditation—a nod to the continued high quality of the program—for the next seven years from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

In 2009, Spotlight UB introduced the Emerging Voices Project, a summer reading series designed to provide authors and playwrights in the UB community with the opportunity to stage their work and receive audience feedback. Since its inception, the project has featured 83 actors performing 18 eclectic pieces by 20 writers.

Fat Club by Kimberley Lynne, UB theater events coordinator, presented as part of the Emerging Voices Project

The UB School of Law’s Experience in Legal Organization, or EXPLOR, program provides students placement in a legal setting after completion of their first year and is a unique offering among American law schools. Students spend 16 hours per week throughout the summer in internships in both the public and private sectors. More than 65 percent of the 2010 incoming class participated in the program last year.

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In its annual report, Langsdale Library notes that users retrieved 1,388,170 items from the library’s online subscription databases (via 706,382 searches) during fiscal year 2011. Throughout the same time period, users asked 37,587 questions, including those posed to circulation and special collections experts—helped along by the library’s handy Ask a Librarian feature on its website. Read the report at http://langsdale.ubalt.edu/annualreport.

During a marathon 2,389-mile trip throughout Maryland, M.F.A. in Integrated Design student Jim Lord tasted a crab cake in each of the state’s 23 counties and in Baltimore city—all in the name of research for his book, The Maryland Crab Cake, which he produced as a final project in a Theory of Visual Communication class. Lord, his friends and his family consumed 38 crab cakes along the way.

The University of Baltimore is No. 1 in safety according to StateUniversity.com, which named UB as Maryland’s safest campus among all the state’s public colleges and universities based on 2010 crime statistics published in an FBI-issued report. Using a scale that takes into account the severity and the frequency of reported crimes (whether violent or not), the website gave UB a rating of 92 out of 100.

The UB Food Drive to Benefit the Maryland Food Bank and the Lawyers’ Campaign Against Hunger collected 10,500 canned or nonperishable food items during fall 2011, exceeding its 10,000-item goal. Throughout the semester, UB students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends donated goods at several collection points across campus and made financial gifts online.

Last semester, Leadership UB, which started life as the Leadership Certification Program in fall 2001, celebrated 10 years in the business of educating and supporting student leaders. The Rosenberg Center for Student Involvement’s program offers leadership workshops, team-development activities and community service opportunities—all focused on honing students’ leadership and community stewardship skills.
New Graduate Certificates Fill Tomorrow’s Professional Needs

A nticipating the future skills that professionals will need is no small feat, considering the world’s constantly shifting technological landscape. But UB’s focus is on what will be, providing students with a competitive edge by preparing them for tomorrow’s workplace.

With this in mind, UB has launched two new 12-credit graduate certificate programs this semester, each designed for a specific group of professionals whose changing work environments require them to adapt—and to thrive.

Certificate in Library Technologies
As libraries expand their collections and resources far beyond their physical walls, the librarians who manage them must be well versed in this ever-changing terrain to serve their users.

The certificate focuses on the use of emerging technologies and on user-centered design in library settings to enable master’s-level librarians to remain current and marketable in their profession. Students analyze the usability and audience-appropriateness of the electronic systems that allow libraries to function. They develop plans to interact with library users via social media and other electronic forms of communication, and they employ information systems and emerging technologies to plan for and implement library development and expansion—all to ensure these public institutions serve our needs as we move into a digital future.

Certificate in Digital Communication
With the world posting/blogging/tweeting/pinning and otherwise connecting around us, learning to cut through the noise to deliver a message is an invaluable skill in a digital environment. Enter this certificate, geared toward current communication professionals who need a leg up in crafting the right messages in the appropriate medium.

Students learn the benefits of various media and the best instances in which to utilize them. They delve into digital advertising and marketing (and the fields’ necessary writing prowess), social media and other digital platform options, media planning and the digital communication strategies that tie all of these tools together.

Honing a Decade Gone By

U niversity of Baltimore commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by teaching, fostering dialogue and remembering the events of that day through a Helen P. Denit Honors Program course, 9/11: Ten Years Later.

The undergraduate senior seminar, led by Arthur Magida, writer in residence in the School of Communications Design, offered a broad analysis of the attacks and their impact on life worldwide during the following 10 years.

“The 9/11 course was an eye-opener into religion, literature, politics, music and our recent history and national identity, all of which have been shaped by the horrors of Sept. 11, 2001,” Magida says. “Some students were 9 or 10 years old when al-Qaida struck; some were in their mid-20s or early 30s. The range of ages, religions, races in the classroom always led to spirited—and often sad—discussions, with everyone, I believe, coming away with a better understanding of how we reached that moment in history, how we responded to it and how it is still defining us as a people.”

A semester-long series of academic presentations open to the public, Ten Years Later: The World 9/11 Made, supported the objectives and augmented the content of the seminar and of various freshman learning community courses focused in part on Sept. 11. Sponsored by the Helen P. Denit Honors Program and the Office of the Provost, the series hosted nationally recognized guest speakers, explored Sept. 11-themed works of literature and offered students and educators an opportunity to explore how the attacks and their aftermath changed millions of lives.

“The range of speakers from across a number of disciplines enabled students to see the many different ways that the events of Sept. 11 affected and continue to affect American society,” says Brian Etheridge, honors program director and associate professor in the Division of Legal, Ethical and Historical Studies. “Using the speakers and a common reading to integrate the theme into my freshman learning community encouraged all of us to make connections we would not have made before. For example, I was surprised and gratified to see students refer to [Sept. 11] when discussing The Last of the Mohicans and The Birth of a Nation.”

A group of 20 UB students and their guides also toured various Sept. 11 sites in New York City, including the official memorial and the FDNY Memorial Wall, on Nov. 19. The trip offered students from the honors program, learning communities and beyond the chance to explore the ways that post-Sept. 11 society has been created, redefined and celebrated through artistic expression.
Alumni Benefits and Services

Don’t forget that your UB perks continue long after graduation. Your UB Alumni Association card entitles you to a long list of benefits and services, and we’re adding more all the time. Here are just a few:

- **GEICO**
  - Put the brakes on high auto-insurance costs. GEICO is dedicated to offering you 24-hour service, fast claim handling and money-saving discounts. New customers save an average of $500 when they switch over. Take a free, no-obligation rate quote to find out how much you could save.

- **Meyer and Associates**
  - Rest assured when you’re insured. Sometimes life throws unexpected curveballs, but going without insurance is risky—for your health and for your finances. Protect yourself and your family with health, life and long-term care insurance offered through Meyer and Associates and the UB Alumni Insurance Program.

- **T-Mobile**
  - Ring in the discounts. This exclusive offer from T-Mobile provides UB alumni with discounts on their wireless service, including 10 percent off qualifying monthly recurring charges, waived activation fees (a $35 savings per line), free or discounted devices with new activation and free two-day shipping; some exclusions apply.

- **VIRIDIAN ENERGY**
  - Go green and save. Thanks to energy deregulation, residents of Maryland, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania (PPL, PECO, Duquesne) and New York (Con Edison) are now free to choose their energy provider. Viridian Energy offers historically low rates and is committed to a minimum of 20 percent renewable energy. When you enroll through UB, Viridian will contribute to the UB Alumni Association every month you pay your bill.

UB alumni also receive discounts at the Barnes & Noble at the University of Baltimore, Campus Recreation and Wellness, the Career and Professional Development Center and more. For details, visit www.ubalt.edu/alumnibenefits or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.

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Save the Date(s)

Mark your calendar for these upcoming UB Alumni Association Events:

- **May 10**: 9th Annual UB Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony
- **May 22**: 32nd Annual UB Night at Camden Yards (Baltimore Orioles vs. Boston Red Sox)
- **June 6**: Happy Hour at MaGerK’s in Harford County
- **July 12**: UB Night at the American Visionary Art Museum’s Flicks from the Hill (*Spaceballs*)
- **October 20**: UB Alumni Reunion 2012 at Northwest Baltimore Park

For more information, visit www.ubalt.edu/alumnievents.
SERVING THOSE WHO’VE SERVED

Peter Fedak, LL.B. ’65, often invites veterans for some R & R at his farm in Western Maryland, where they can fish, swim, hike and even take in a movie at his private theater.
It starts with just two words: “Welcome home.” In those two words is a wealth of meaning—a return to familiar faces and places, hope for a better future, for a chance to live again. When it comes to the ways that we treat our military veterans—how we serve those who have served—those two words can make a big difference.

by Chris Hart and Cristina-Maria Popescu, M.A. '11

FOR SEVERAL MEMBERS OF the University of Baltimore community, “welcome home” has a new significance, as veterans of the nation’s conflicts in the young century take their place alongside those who fought in earlier wars. It seems that some lessons have been learned about how veterans should be treated, and those lessons in turn are helping today’s veterans truly get back home.

We talked to several UB alumni and University staff about their contributions to improving the lives of former and current members of the military. Whether on or off campus, in or out of class, it’s the kind gestures and human touches that seem to matter most.

PETER FEDAK, LL.B. ’65

Willing to make the ultimate sacrifice: Peter Fedak, LL.B. ’65, knows that this is the right way to describe a soldier in a war zone. But this attorney and mentor recognizes that it’s also a good way to describe what people do in everyday life. Whether it’s the busy father who gives up evenings with his kids to pursue a college degree or the single mother who takes on a second job to pay for classes, a sacrifice is made. For Fedak, the acknowledgment of that sacrifice is what’s important. It’s why he started a scholarship for UB law students who’ve served in Iraq or Afghanistan and why he strives to inspire others to step up and give their all.

Fedak, a Navy veteran, says that many returning vets face having to restart their lives completely. For some, lacking adequate financial resources for college may be just one of a host of issues they encounter. Long-term physical therapy, rocky relationships, friends lost in war—all of it takes a toll on a veteran.

Opportunities like law school may lose their appeal, and passionate, talented legal minds may be, well, sacrificed.

“I hate to see a potentially great attorney not get to go to law school—it’s a waste,” Fedak says. “I’m glad to help them. Here they are, coming back from their service, starting out in law school. We need these people.”

The Rockville, Md.-based lawyer built a strong personal-injury practice after his years in the military, which included a stint in the White House during the Eisenhower administration and later as a special agent in naval intelligence. Fedak transferred to UB after completing two years of law school at Georgetown University—and he hasn’t forgotten the hardships of those times.
I was newly married, working and going to school at night,” he recalls. “I see the same thing with young men and women wrapping up their military service today. They deserve our help.”

Nowadays, Fedak mentors up-and-coming lawyers, especially those who once wore a military uniform. On his wheelchair-accessible farm near Camp David in Thurmont, Md., he also hosts veterans for some much-needed rest and relaxation. The farm gives them a chance to get out of the city and to think about what awaits them in life.

JESSI LaCosta, M.A. ’97

Coaching veterans who are readjusting to civilian life and helping them land new jobs or start their own businesses: Jessi LaCosta, M.A. ’97, describes this as a “rewarding, challenging, inspiring, energizing” part of her daily interactions with veterans. Hawk Veteran Solutions, an arm of LaCosta’s BlueRio Strategies consulting firm, pairs her expertise in coaching and personal branding with veterans’ desire to leverage military service when searching for a new career.

Based in San Diego, Calif., LaCosta works with former service members in all stages of their careers. Some served for nearly half their lives while others are barely into their 20s. Many, she says, share a common challenge: They “talk about how they proudly served the mission. ... But in doing that they did not always have the chance to design their own missions—a personal life calling,” she says.

That’s where her plan to launch an online program to certify professionals as “military transition coaches” comes in. She envisions “a cadre of well-trained, strategic and yet compassionate experts” who assist veterans.

LaCosta is gaining insight from employers who could potentially change vets’ lives; her job also entails providing support for managers and small-business owners who want to work with veterans: “I call it helping both sides of the house—helping the transitioning veteran and helping those who hire the veteran.”

The help is often necessary: “To know and believe that the veteran is capable ... and yet for some, the timing is off, the interview does not go well or the job offer was made far below the salary needed. ... It can be painful to see someone who has served our country feel ignored by the community she or he served,” she says.

But with LaCosta’s coaching, her clients show significant gains—specifically, improved confidence and a recapturing of the skills, talents and values they had before they entered the military as well as what they developed while they served.

LaCosta says that if you’re in a position to hire a veteran, you should. They are “incredibly dependable” with “great leadership capabilities” and a sense of loyalty that she calls “intense.” As she points out, they made it their business to save lives, and some of them were in charge of millions of dollars’ worth of equipment and technology.

“The talents and answers are inside the veterans; we just facilitate the uncovering of them—the unveiling of who they get to become in the next chapters of their lives,” LaCosta says.
Can music truly heal? Bart Stringham, J.D. ’81, is convinced it can. The Washington, D.C.-based attorney who serves as senior vice president and corporate counsel for the National Association of Broadcasters also plays guitar professionally on the side. He believes that wounded veterans can benefit from the fine motor skills required to fashion chords and strum the strings of a guitar as well as from the human interaction that goes along with it. Whether they learn to play well doesn’t matter much to him. It’s the healing that counts.

Stringham says he was watching the news in 2003 when it occurred to him that his love of guitar could serve others’ pressing needs. “I saw a story on returning U.S. soldiers wounded in battles in Iraq and other places,” he says. “It showed them at Walter Reed Hospital—going to the gym, playing pool, reading, hanging out, etc., while recovering from injury. When I saw that they had time on their hands, I knew that some of them would be interested in learning to play guitar.”

It took a while for Stringham to find the right person at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to help him get the practice space and promote his availability for teaching guitar, but once he overcame that hurdle, he began to make musical connections with injured vets.

“I would head to Walter Reed for one evening every week, or every other week,” he says. “After working all day, sometimes I would not be too energetic about giving guitar lessons. But once I got there, I was always glad I made the trip, even if it was just meeting with one interested soldier for a short while.”

Sometimes, a soldier would show up for only one class. Sometimes, he’d get no takers at all. But Stringham never became discouraged because, as he says, “Anyone recovering from a traumatic injury has a lot going on. Playing some guitar now and then would only be a small part of recovery.”

In 2011, Walter Reed closed its doors in Washington and merged with the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., to become the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Now Stringham is considering volunteering again there.

“I could see working at the new Walter Reed facility,” he says. “They only recently have made the transition, so once they are settled, I will probably get in touch about resuming guitar lessons.”

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Can music truly heal? Bart Stringham, J.D. ’81, is convinced it can. The Washington, D.C.-based attorney who serves as senior vice president and corporate counsel for the National Association of Broadcasters also plays guitar professionally on the side. He believes that wounded veterans can benefit from the fine motor skills required to fashion chords and strum the strings of a guitar as well as from the human interaction that goes along with it. Whether they learn to play well doesn’t matter much to him. It’s the healing that counts.

Stringham says he was watching the news in 2003 when it occurred to him that his love of guitar could serve others’ pressing needs. “I saw a story on returning U.S. soldiers wounded in battles in Iraq and other places,” he says. “It showed them at Walter Reed Hospital—going to the gym, playing pool, reading, hanging out, etc., while recovering from injury. When I saw that they had time on their hands, I knew that some of them would be interested in learning to play guitar.”

It took a while for Stringham to find the right person at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to help him get the practice space and promote his availability for teaching guitar, but once he overcame that hurdle, he began to make musical connections with injured vets.

“I would head to Walter Reed for one evening every week, or every other week,” he says. “After working all day, sometimes I would not be too energetic about giving guitar lessons. But once I got there, I was always glad I made the trip, even if it was just meeting with one interested soldier for a short while.”

Sometimes, a soldier would show up for only one class. Sometimes, he’d get no takers at all. But Stringham never became discouraged because, as he says, “Anyone recovering from a traumatic injury has a lot going on. Playing some guitar now and then would only be a small part of recovery.”

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While we expect to learn that our alumni are doing remarkable things, there’s a little extra excitement involved when researching their accomplishments involves sampling the vinous creations of five renowned wineries. Our alumni work as marketing directors, vineyard managers and winemakers throughout the country, so we rounded up some of their finest offerings and enlisted our resident wine expert to offer his take on your best options from coast to coast.

Cheers!

by Kevin Atticks, D.C.D. ’02

Our wine guy: Kevin Atticks, D.C.D. ’02, is the executive director of the Maryland Wineries Association and the author of Discovering Wineries, a series of travel guides. He also co-founded the WBJC-FM show Word on Wine. Atticks teaches publication design at Loyola University Maryland.
Barbara Sattler, B.A. ’81, is a partner at the Forestville, Calif.-based Russian River Vineyards, a sustainable winery that produces cabernet, pinot noir, rose, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and more.

If you don’t know petite sirah, you’re missing out. It’s a glassful of dark, brooding flavors, most notably blueberry compote, brambles and black pepper. Russian River Vineyards sourced the grapes from Guido Venturi Vineyard, a Mendocino, Calif., vineyard with a great reputation for high-quality fruit resulting in exquisite wines. This wine comes on strong with an incredible aroma (petite sirah lovers know this well), full-mouth feel and medium finish. Petite sirah can usually be enjoyed immediately upon release, but it is best when cellared for a few (or as many as 10-15) years. This wine would pair wonderfully with grilled meats but is superb all by itself.

Joseph Phelps has earned a reputation among wine lovers as one of the best of the best of California’s premium wine producers, offering cabernets, red blends, sauvignon blancs and estate-grown olive oil. Mike McEvoy, M.B.A. ’97, is vice president and director of sales and marketing.

There are few labels that get big-time wine lovers more excited than does Insignia by Joseph Phelps. Known as one of Napa Valley’s greatest wines, Insignia lives up to every expectation. It’s big, deep and full of concentrated red- and black-fruit flavors with aromas of coffee, pencil shavings and cream—impacted by 24 months of aging in new French oak. While clearly a cabernet sauvignon, its structure is bolstered by 7 percent petit verdot and 4 percent merlot.

I opened it and realized immediately that I had committed a crime; it needs to be aged many more years before reaching its peak. The Wine Advocate, which rated this wine 97 points, noted, “Ideally, the 2008 should be purchased by those who can be patient; it is not a wine for those seeking immediate gratification.”
Boordy Vineyards
Hydes, Md.
www.boordy.com

Phineas Deford, M.B.A. ’11, works with his family at Boordy Vineyards just north of Baltimore, where he is the wine club manager. The winery makes 20 wines in a variety of styles, from premium Landmark wines and Icons of Maryland wines to its Just for Fun series.

Boordy Vineyards is Maryland’s oldest winery, founded in 1945 by Philip Wagner. Though it started as a vine nursery, Boordy developed a following for its unique varieties and small-batch wines. Now it’s an industry leader, deploying the latest vineyard and winery techniques to create excellent wines.

Fermented in French oak and aged on the lees, Boordy’s chardonnay is rich, creamy and full bodied—a sometimes surprising quality for a white wine. There’s some citrus zest initially and tropical fruit and melons rounding out the long finish. At this price, it’s a steal.

Chardonnay 2010
Baltimore County, Md.
$13.99

Snow Farm Vineyard
South Hero, Vt.
www.snowfarm.com

Harrison Lebowitz, J.D. ’84, founded Snow Farm Vineyard in Vermont with his wife, Molly. The winery makes nine wines, from riesling to baco noir (a light-red French-American hybrid) to late-harvest vignoles.

Perhaps it’s the process to create it or maybe it’s just the price we pay for that process, but there are few treasures in the wine world like ice wine. The grapes hang on the vine until frozen and then are delicately pressed to collect the honeyed juice. The water in the grapes is frozen as well; thus, the remaining juice is super concentrated and very sweet.

Snow Farm’s Vidal Blanc Ice Wine has a golden hue and slow-rolling legs (indicating the sweetness). It’s redolent of tropical fruit, particularly mango and lychee—plus a striking flare of white pepper. This wine would make for a great dessert all alone or paired with nuts and dried fruit.

Vidal Blanc Ice Wine 2008
Vermont
$45/375ml

Four JG’s Vineyards
Colts Neck, N.J.
www.4jgswinery.com

Four JG’s Vineyards, co-owned by attorney John A. Giunco, J.D. ’78, is situated on a historic farm in Monmouth County, N.J. The winery makes seven wines in a variety of styles.

From the start, this wine is a mix of serious and fun. First, the serious: It’s a cabernet franc, one of the noble Bordeaux varieties. It’s garnet in the glass and exudes leather and dark cherry aromas. It fills your mouth with soft, broad tannins and has a medium finish of raisins and dried cherries; it was aged in American oak for nine months. Cabernet franc has begun to stake a claim as one of the best grapes from Maryland to the Finger Lakes (N.Y.). This example earned a medal in the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

Next, the fun. The label has a green dinosaur with a birthday hat running at a fast clip, clearly late for the party.

Celebration Cabernet Franc 2008
Outer Coastal Plain, N.J.
$17.99
Realizing Dreams Through Social Good

by Paula Novash

Galen (left) and Bridget Sampson, owners of the Dogwood Restaurant in Hampden, blend their business with social enterprise, a concept that a UB course helped to shape.
Among the fanciful murals that decorate the Dogwood Restaurant in Hampden are a bright blue dog nestling beneath a flowering, purple tree and giant crimson tomatoes that seem to spill off the walls onto diners’ plates. Created with the help of community-based program Rebuilding Through Art, the images are dreamlike.

And Dreams, Realized, are a large part of what makes the Dogwood so special. Featuring fresh, organic foods locally sourced whenever possible, the restaurant is the fulfillment of a lifelong goal for owner and chef Galen Sampson and his wife and business partner, Bridget.

Through a culinary apprenticeship program, the Sampsons provide training and employment to people who are transitioning from addiction, incarceration and homelessness. It’s a double bottom line: financial and social returns on investment through transformed lives.

“We’re staking our restaurant business on the hope that people can change,” Galen says.

The apprenticeship program is supported through business revenues and employs seven people for one to two years. In addition to food preparation and kitchen techniques, apprentices learn life skills necessary for success. “When people apply for a job, we want them to have real-world experience to succeed as professionals,” Galen says. “Our employees deal with stress and pressure and learn how to think on their feet and work together.”

The Sampsons are longtime activists in Baltimore. When they met in 2003, Bridget, a writer and university professor, was an Open Society Institute Baltimore Community Fellow teaching a family literacy program at the Women’s Detention Center. “I saw women and their children wanting a better life but lacking practical skills to achieve that,” she recalls.

Galen, then executive chef at Baltimore’s Harbor Court Hotel, had seen some of his coworkers struggle with poverty, family issues and available transportation to get to and from work. After they met, the couple teamed up on projects such as reading and swimming programs and Christmas tree sales to benefit families in transition—but they wanted to do more.

To help shape their vision, the Sampsons participated in 2007 in UB’s Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship course, which they had learned about through the Open Society Institute. The class pairs nonprofit organizations with teams of business students to identify needs and goals, conduct financial analysis and market research, and develop viable business plans.

“We’ve had many participants with wonderful results, and the Dogwood is one,” says J.C. Weiss, who teaches the course in the Merrick School of Business. Weiss, who came to UB after 30-plus years in banking and venture capital, says that many nonprofit entrepreneurs are passionate about their mission but struggle with the details of creating a workable entity. “We give them organizational help, and the students get experience working with real clients,” Weiss says. “It’s an excellent school-and-community partnership.”

Through the course, UB students helped the Dogwood simplify its original plans to ensure a tenable business model that also provided an intensive and practical training program. “We started out to create a nonprofit but ultimately wound up with a restaurant that could help people—a model that could sustain itself,” Galen says.

As the Dogwood’s apprenticeship program has evolved, it has produced unexpected benefits. “We had not anticipated the support system that has been created among the staff,” Bridget explains. “When people have been through similar experiences, they understand each other.”

Now, Galen and Bridget continue to mentor their former employees as they move on to other jobs.

“Seeing people succeed is very special—better than I could have imagined,” Bridget says. “For us, the journey is the dream.”

Galen was named a CNN Hero in 2008, and the couple and their employees were recently featured in an hourlong Turning Point documentary on PBS.
What’s the story behind this UB photo?
We stumbled upon an archive of old, unlabeled UB photos that prompted us to do a little sleuthing, and we need your help. Do you know the people pictured in this image? Do you know when or why this photo was taken?
Fill us in: Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.
And the Story Behind the Last Photo Is …

The old photo featured in our last issue generated several responses, not to mention a lively debate about the identity of the now-famous backflipper. Our thanks to everyone who weighed in; we hope you’ll share more stories about future photos.

Read on to take a quick trip back in time to the UB of the ’70s, courtesy of your fellow alumni.

From E. Stewart Friant III, B.S. ’77, via e-mail:
During my years at the “Hive,” 1972-77, near the end of the spring semester, a block party was held. The drinking age was 18, the Vietnam War was winding down and most of our college social life revolved around events off campus. The Famous Ball Room, soccer, lacrosse and baseball at Speer Field on the “Mt. Washington Campus,” the unofficial frat above the Wigwam on Charles Street and “Spar’s” (the old and real Mt. Washington Tavern) were all used for social events by students, athletes, co-eds from other schools and fans.

The block party was the only nonathletic event that brought students together, en masse. This spring block party, ’73 or ’74 (?), was held on the closed Lanvale Street between Maryland Avenue and Charles Street, directly in front of the famous campus eatery, Little Caesar’s. Notice the fence preventing our students from wandering into the Jones Falls Expressway traffic.

In the background is the old post office motorpool facility. Another year, the block party was held on the “Goodyear” lot, which was behind the motor pool. The Goodyear lot was notorious for illegally parked student cars that led to classroom disruptions as the “towing on the Goodyear lot” alert was sounded throughout the campus.

The cars in the background on Maryland Avenue were strategically parked for free as the motorcycle cop left his perch at 8:55 a.m. on one side (parking from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.), in time for students to park and make the 9 a.m. class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Same for the other side, but it was only helpful on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the 9:30 class (parking from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.)—no undergrad student would ever give up sleep and arrive a half hour early on [a] Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

I recognize Mike Cosgrove of the 1975 college division national champion soccer team; he’s behind, closest to the right of the flipping #12 (tallest, dark hair, long pants). It’s very possible the flipping student is Jerry Meyers of the same championship team. Jerry and his brother Charlie were both known for their acrobatics in celebrating goals and victory.

Those were good times. Thanks for stirring the memories.

From Ron Demski, B.S. ’79:
Pictured far right with beer in hand is Leon Mach of the UB NCAA soccer championship team 1975. Next to him is Gary Ignatowski (J.D. ’81) (JHU); next to him is Mike Cosgrove (B.S. ’77), also of the NCAA team in ’75. Doing the flip is John Koenig from UB’s ’75 championship team (a guess).

And again from Olkowski:
The guy doing the flip is not Charley Myers’ brother, but I think it is “Worm,” Jerry Schmith’s brother. It looks like a UB block party. The guy sitting on the curb with the sunglasses looks like Bill Woodard, who eventually became the sports information person at UB for quite a few years.

From Mike Cosgrove, B.S. ’77:
This was on Oliver Street by Little Caesar’s at a block party, either fall or spring (not sure of the year). Jerry Myers (B.S. ’70) is performing the flip. Brother Charlie (without shirt) is watching big brother. Directly to Charlie’s left is Hopkins student and soccer player Gary Ignatowski. Left of Gary is me. The eyes over Charlie’s shoulder are Ron Schmith (B.S. ’76), also a U of B grad. Charlie, Jerry Myers, Ron Schmith and [I were] members of the 1975 national soccer championship team.
Efrain Solis, B.S. ’11, student in the M.S. in Health Systems Management program, traveled with his wife, Sherra, to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in November to represent the Johns Hopkins Hospital Department of Surgery at the World Hospital Congress. While there, he toured the Tawam Hospital, a Johns Hopkins Medicine International affiliate, in Al Ain, and managed to squeeze in a visit to Bruj Kalifa, the tallest building in the world, which Solis calls “truly a marvel of engineering.”

Solis and his wife also visited the top of Jebel Hafeet, the highest point in the country. “This day was Eid al-Adh, also known as a festival of sacrifice, somewhat similar to Christmas for the Muslim faith,” Solis says. “While we were up there, we saw a group was dancing to some music. It was clear many had walked from afar to be there. ... It was obvious they didn’t have much, but they were all so happy just to be with one another. I will never forget that.”

You say Hello, I say Dubai!

Have you traveled abroad recently and snapped a photo of yourself proudly sporting your UB gear? Send your photos to the UB Office of Alumni Relations, 1130 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201 or to alumni@ubalt.edu. (And next time you head overseas, don’t forget to wear your UB apparel.)

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“UB was instrumental in helping me to discover my talents and overcome obstacles. As an adult student returning after a hiatus, I was comforted by the fact that there were students there who were just like me. My closest friendships and networks have been obtained through my undergraduate and graduate experience.

“I give to UB because I feel that every student should have the opportunity not only to receive a quality education but [also to] develop those needed social skills to adapt to the world outside of college life. It’s this experience that keeps me coming back to stay involved with a school that I love!”

Carol L.R. Roberts, B.S. ’07, M.P.A. ’10
administrative officer, Veterans Health Administration

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Quick now: Who has had the greatest effect on shaping your life? Your parents? A historical figure? A teacher?

None of the above, says Time senior writer Jeffrey Kluger, J.D. ’79, in his new book, The Sibling Effect: What the Bonds Among Brothers and Sisters Reveal About Us. The journalist best known for co-authoring Apollo 13: Lost Moon (on which the 1995 blockbuster movie Apollo 13 was based) posits that our siblings mold us most, and hopefully in positive ways.

Kluger is well equipped to tackle the subject of siblings: He has three full brothers and twin half-siblings; he also had two stepsisters prior to a divorce in the family. His complex family history coupled with a 2005 issue of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology devoted to siblings spurred Kluger to write his latest book.

“The biggest thing I learned is the profound way that siblings shape one another,” he says. “What goes on in the playroom is recapitulated on the playground and in the boardroom, which makes sense.

“Children learn how to test-drive life with siblings before they actually have to get on the road.”

Those valuable lessons, he explains, include understanding conflict resolution, empathy, when to stand up for oneself and the importance of listening. He likens parents to doctors, who see patients briefly before moving along, and siblings to nurses, who are there around the clock.

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In his youth, Kluger dreamed of finding work as a freshman senator in Washington, D.C. When that career path didn’t pan out, he enrolled at the UB School of Law.

“Although I finished law school, I knew that what I really wanted to do was to move to New York and work as a journalist,” Kluger says. “Journalism came to me more naturally than law did, and though my legal education did help me become a better researcher and reporter, I still seemed better suited toward the kind of research a reporter does.”

So, only days after his final law exams, Kluger headed to Hoboken, N.J., with one of his brothers. “My first job was as a staffer for the SoHo Weekly News, which aspired to be a competitor to the Village Voice,” he says.

The confessed “popular science junkie” continued his career at Science Digest and Discover as well as at Family Circle—where, as he puts it, he was the “most unqualified person possible to be a women’s health editor, but it was a great place to meet young, single women”—before landing at Time in 1996.

Along the way, he’s authored eight books.

Despite the research he highlights in his latest tome, Kluger advises only children not to worry; contradicting traditional wisdom from as recently as 60 years ago, contemporary research shows that singletons tend to do just fine.
Events and Photos

pictured, l. to r.: 

1. Snehal B. Pulivarti, B.S. ’06, and Nichelle Bolden

2. Lauren F. Jones, J.D. ’09, and Sarah B. Sherman, J.D. ’08

3. Amanda Grant, Jesse M. Pulliam, B.S. ’10, and Melissa A. Chen, B.S. ’11

4. Jessie Lyons Crawford; J. Randall Carroll; Joan Davenport, B.A. ’80, J.D. ’95; and Kim D. Parker, J.D. ’93

5. Melissa J. Townsend, J.D. ’07; Patricia V. Calomeris, J.D. ’09; and Lizzy Cowan, J.D. ’10

UB Night at Camden Yards: July 20, 2011

UB Alumni Reception at the American Visionary Art Museum: April 20, 2011

Goodbye and Hello Celebration/Class of 2011 reception at red Maple: April 7, 2011

UB Alumni reception at the American Visionary Art Museum: April 20, 2011

Fall 2011 Alumni Happy Hour at Union Jack’s: Nov. 16, 2011
pictured, l. to r.:

6. Marcia Dean, Tiffany Parkman and Phyllis Smith

7. George T. Reams, B.S. ’69; Carol L.R. Roberts, B.S. ’07, M.P.A. ’10; and Chris Pollard

8. Lucy B. and Vernon H.C. Wright, B.S. ’69

9. James and Bess Casey and Thomas E. “Goose” Kaiser

10. Vincent D. Pfeifer, B.S. ’84; Thomas P. (B.S. ’84) and Kimberly K. McDonnell

A Day at the Races With Dean Larry Thomas at Pimlico Race Course: April 29, 2011


Lucy and Vernon Wright Theater Dedication: June 8, 2011

8th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: May 12, 2011
Well, I did think about being an astronaut for a little bit when I was young,” laughs Judy L. Smith, M.B.A. ’96, when asked if childhood dreams had any bearings on her career in aerospace, “but I wear glasses, so I had to go in a different direction.” That direction, however, has still been straight up, and the heights to which her business career has taken her have caused her to break any number of proverbial glass ceilings.

Still, from her lofty perch as vice president of business development for defense industry powerhouse ITT Exelis, she gives much of the credit to mentors who helped her along the way. It’s also why Smith tries so hard to help others in the early stages of their careers. “You can’t just take,” she says. “You also have to reach back and pull up.”

Smith began her career as an engineer, and it was during her summer internships at Northrop Grumman while an undergraduate engineering student at The Johns Hopkins University that she first encountered the power of mentorship. “I was placed in a department with someone who was very caring about my career,” she recalls. “He made sure I was placed in the right job every summer, and then they offered me a position when I graduated.”

Focused on technical prowess, Smith sought out progressively harder assignments. “But in the old days there was a big distinction between engineering and business,” she says. “I thought I wanted to run a business at some point.” She joined consulting giant Booz Allen “because they had an entrepreneurial model that combined engineering with business” and spent nearly two decades there.

It was while she was at Booz Allen that Smith realized she needed a formal education on the business side, too. That brought her to the University of Baltimore’s M.B.A. program. “Engineering is black or white,” she says. “The M.B.A. courses taught me the gray.”

Smith’s best advice for those starting their careers? “What are needed today are people with the right skills,” she says, “so be proactive and take charge. Throughout my career, not doing something was not an option for me. I thought I could do anything I set my mind to.” So far, she’s been right.
Thank you.

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Because of you, UB has substantial new funding to support scholarships for deserving students, to attract and retain first-rate teachers and scholars, and to improve its facilities and technology. Overall, the campaign’s success will allow UB to continue serving as a leading-edge, 21st-century university and to meet the needs of both current and future students.

But we don’t want just to express our thanks. We’d rather show you exactly what that $45 million can do and the unquestionable impact it has already had and will continue to have on the University community. Turn the page to see what we mean.
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1950s

Herbert S. Garten, A.B.A. ’53, a longtime cantor with Baltimore’s Chizuk Amuno Congregation, received the lifetime achievement award from the Cantors Assembly in November at a tribute concert held in his honor.

1960s

Stephen F. Meszaros, B.S. ’64, was named executive vice president/regional manager of Yerman, Witman, Gaines & Conklin Realty in February 2011. He oversees day-to-day operations and management of the company’s three Baltimore offices.


Elliott L. Oppenheim, B.A. ’65, retired as the head baseball coach at the Community College of Baltimore County, Dundalk, in June after 24 years. He has spent 49 years coaching various Maryland college teams.

Ronald M. Sharrow, J.D. ’65, released The Sword of Justice: A Lawyer’s Revenge in February 2011. The book is about an aggressive young lawyer whose determination for revenge against his client is overcome by his compulsion to win.

Stein Steiner, J.D. ’67, retired as president of SUNY Geneseo Community College in Batavia, N.Y., after the 2010-11 academic year; he served in that position for more than 37 years. He also received the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce’s first Lifetime Achievement Award in April 2011.

1970s

Bernard A. Raum, J.D. ’70, was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences’ Jurisprudence Section in February 2011. He also acted as counsel and as a forensic-science trial consultant to the Orange County (Fla.) State’s Attorney’s Office in the case of the State of Florida v. Casey Marie Anthony.

William S. Kelly, B.S. ’71, was named to Baltimore magazine’s 2011 list of Five-Star Wealth Managers in February 2011.

Lenore R. Gelfman, J.D. ’73, was appointed an administrative judge for the Howard County (Md.) Circuit Court in July. She is responsible for policy decisions and for the administration of the court.

Brian A. Goldman, CERT ’73, was elected president of Baltimore-based Jewish Community Services in July.

Larry D. Unger, B.S. ’73, was promoted to president and chief executive officer of Maryland Public Television in Owings Mills, Md., in May 2011.

Stuart M. Goldberg, B.A. ’70, J.D. ’74, received an Unsung Heroes Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ Maryland Chapter in November in recognition of his volunteer efforts with both the University of Baltimore Foundation and the UB Alumni Association.

Kenneth O. Hassan, J.D. ’74, was appointed to the advisory board of Florida Atlantic University’s Jupiter Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter, Fla., in September.

Carolyn H. Thaler, J.D. ’74, joined the firm of Tumbl, Nicholson & Sanders in Towson, Md., in February 2011.

Brian B. Dembeck, B.S. ’75, was appointed to the board of directors of the Y of Central Maryland in June.

Michael C. Hodes, J.D. ’75, of Hodes, Pessin & Katz in Towson, Md., was named to Baltimore magazine’s 2011 list of Five-Star Wealth Managers in February 2011.

Susan B. Watson, J.D. ’76, celebrated 26 years as a senior attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service in Lanham, Md. She is currently with the Small Business Division Counsel Headquarters staff.

Joseph I. Cassilly, J.D. ’77, was honored in August as the 2011 Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year by the Disabled American Veterans at its national convention in New Orleans, La.

Michael L. Curry, B.S. ’77, was selected by U.S. Men’s National Soccer Team coach Jergen Klinsmann to serve as a goalkeeper’s coach.

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for the team’s Aug. 10 match against Mexico in Philadelphia, Pa.

Ellen M. Lazarus, J.D. ’77, was appointed to the advisory board of Florida Atlantic University’s Jupiter Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter, Fla., in September.

Harry W. Wilson Jr., B.S. ’77, joined Cook Associates Executive Search in Charlotte, N.C., as a managing director in September; he supports the company’s financial services and insurance practice.

Donald W. Biles, B.S. ’78, was named chief financial officer of the Arc Baltimore in August.

Therese A. Schoen, B.A. ’78, owner of Mythic World Tours in Denver, Colo., has expanded her company’s tours beyond Europe to include South Africa and the Amazon.

Jeffrey Van Grack, J.D. ’78, was elected to serve as dean of the national College of Community Association Lawyers for 2011 and 2012. He founded and co-chairs Lerch, Early & Brewer’s community association practice in Bethesda, Md., and is an active member of the Community Associations Institute.

1980s

Barry M. Chasen, J.D. ’80, founder of Chasen Boscolo Injury Lawyers, of Greenbelt, Md., marked his firm’s 25th anniversary in March 2011. He also was appointed to the board of directors of the University of Baltimore Foundation in June. His son, Ben, is a second-year student at the UB School of Law.

G. Lawrence Franklin, B.S. ’80, was appointed to the board of directors of the University of Baltimore Foundation in June.

Donald C. Fry, J.D. ’80, was appointed to the board of directors of the University of Baltimore Foundation in June.

Janis M. Leftridge, J.D. ’80, was named the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s first diversity officer in June. She oversees and facilitates the Harrisburg, Pa.-based association’s efforts to improve diversity internally and within the state’s legal profession.

Bruce L. Schindler, B.S. ’80, president of Baltimore’s Bob Davidson Ford Lincoln, was named to a number of national Ford Motor Co. committees, including the dealer product advisory committee and the Baltimore Washington Ford Dealer Advertising Fund Board.

Darlene B. Smith, B.S. ’78, M.B.A. ’80, dean of UB’s Merrick School of Business, was elected to the board of directors of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship’s Baltimore affiliate in July. She will serve a three-year term.

David N. Pessin, J.D. ’81, a member of Hodes, Pessin & Katz, was named to Baltimore magazine’s 2011 list of Five-Star Wealth Managers in February 2011.

William M. Feeley, B.S. ’82, was inducted into the board of directors of the Maryland Society of Accountants as second vice president in July.

Wendy G. Rothstein, J.D. ’82, was appointed to serve on the Long-Range Planning Committee of the Montgomery County (Md.) Bar Association in April 2011.

Mark A. Shapiro, B.A. ’82, released Dream Catcher, an album of acoustic and indie rock, in May 2011.

Louise A. Lock, J.D. ’83, was installed as president of the Columbia, Md.-based Maryland Association for Justice in May 2011.

Ronald D. Rudich, B.S. ’68, M.S. ’83, is the director of business valuation and litigation support services at Gorfline, Schiller & Gardyn in Owings Mills, Md.

Mark G. Allen, B.S. ’81, M.S. ’84, is the director of security forces for the Air Force District of Washington, D.C., and is a civilian employee. In September, he returned from a six-month deployment as the deputy provost marshal for the U.S. Forces–Afghanistan.

Richard C. Bittner, J.D. ’84, was reappointed by Gov. Martin O’Malley to the Maryland Board of Physicians for a four-year term in February 2011.

Kevin F. Bress, M.S./J.D. ’84, a member of Hodes, Pessin & Katz in Towson, Md., was named to Baltimore magazine’s 2011 List of Five-Star Wealth Managers in February 2011.

Raymond E. DiBiagio Jr., J.D. ’84, retired from the Bankruptcy Judges Division of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and opened his own law firm, Raymond DiBiagio, Attorney at Law, in Glen Burnie, Md., in August. He concentrates on bankruptcy law.

Francis C. Heim, M.S. ’84, was appointed to the board of trustees for the Annapolis, Md.-based Chesapeake Bay Trust in September.
E. Kenneth Hensch, B.S. ‘76, M.P.A. ‘84, was an assistant director in the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland in Annapolis, Md., in May 2010.

Stuart D. Kaplow, J.D. ‘84, was nominated for Corridor Inc.’s 2010 Person of the Year for his work creating and advancing the emergent body of law that is green building and sustainable business law.

Barry F. Levin, J.D. ‘84, was named chair of Saul Ewing’s business and finance department in Baltimore. He oversees more than 90 lawyers and others who advise public and private companies, nonprofit businesses and other entities and individuals around the world.

Gregory J. Morgan, B.A. ‘84, works as an account manager in the commercial and facility services division of Brothers Services Co., a roofing and exterior renovations company in Hampstead, Md.

Carolyn M. Peoples, B.S. ’83, M.B.A. ’84, president and chief executive officer of Jeremiah Housing in Randallstown, Md., was honored in February 2011 with the 2010 LifeSpan Network Member Service Award for her outstanding services in the community.

Barbara A. Rishel, B.S. ‘82, M.B.A. ‘84, joined the Baltimore investment firm of Hardesty Capital Management as an investor in July.

Robert A. DeAlmeida, M.S. ’85, was elected to the executive committee of the Annapolis, Md.-based Maryland Bankers Association in July and will serve as vice chairman.

Edward J. Hanko, B.S. ’85, was named special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Cincinnati (Ohio) Division in July.

James A. List, J.D. ’85, founding partner of the Law Offices of James A. List, of Towson, Md., was named to Baltimore magazine’s 2011 List of Five-Star Wealth Managers in February 2011.

Carol M. McGowan, J.D. ’87, was honored for 38 years of service with Baltimore-based Maryland New Directions in a November ceremony at the Mount Washington Conference Center.

Laurie G. Precht, M.A. ’87, is at McDaniel College, working on what will be her third master’s degree in liberal arts. She has worked as the library media specialist at the Hannah More School in Reisterstown, Md., since 2003.

Robin C. Jones, M.S. ’88, celebrated 26 years with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in Towson, Md., in April 2011.

Lawrence F. Maykrantz, B.S. ’80, M.B.A. ’88, was named president of St. John Properties in Baltimore in March 2011. He oversees all day-to-day operations, including all phases of development, asset management, marketing, leasing and financial operations.


Jonathan S. Beiser, J.D. ‘89, joined the board of directors of Baltimore-based Kids’ Chance of Maryland in August.

Janice Bledsoe, J.D. ’89, a criminal defense attorney, heads the Police Integrity Unit within the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City.

Jeffrey B. Gould, CERT ’89, was elected secretary of the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters, based in Potomac Falls, Va., at its annual meeting in June.

1990s

Kathryn D. Claypoole, B.A. ’90, joined the Baltimore-based law firm of Al Betz & Associates as firm administrator in September.

Stephen A. DaRe, B.S. ’90, was named chief financial officer of Access MediQuip in Lake Mary, Fla., in July.

Jeffrey A. Bateman, B.S. ’91, was named controller of Barcoding in September. He manages the Baltimore company’s financial operations.

Renee B. Battle-Brooks, J.D. ‘91, was appointed a member of the board of trustees for Adventist HealthCare in Rockville, Md., in April 2011.

Richard E. Guida, J.D. ’91, was appointed a federal administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration in Wilkes Barre, Pa., in 2010.

Oren D. Saltzman, J.D. ’85, LL.M. ’91, a member of the Baltimore law firm of Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf & Hendler, began a two-year term as board chair of Learning, a nonprofit organization that provides at-risk adolescents in Baltimore with academic and life skills.

Mark F. Scurti, J.D. ’91, received the Maryland State Bar Association Consumer Bankruptcy Section’s Belsky Award in 2010 and 2011 in recognition of his extraordinary support of the section.

Ray M. Shepard, J.D. ’91, joined Smith, Gildes & Schmidt in Baltimore in August. He practices in the areas of complex civil, administrative and criminal litigation.

Joan Worthington, B.S. ’84, M.B.A. ’91, was appointed to the board of directors of the University of Baltimore in June.

Robert D. Cole Jr., J.D. ’92, opened the Law Office of Robert D. Cole Jr. in Baltimore in September. He practices in the areas of criminal defense and civil litigation.

Christine M. Curtis, B.S. ’92, was hired in July by Rice County, Minn., as the director of community corrections; she oversees all probation, parole and juvenile services.

Geoffrey P. Friedman, B.A. ’92, is the owner of Quarry Bagel & Cafe in Pikesville, Md.

Cynthia H. Jones, J.D. ’92, joined the Maryland Labor Department’s Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation as assistant commissioner of enforcement and consumer services in April 2011. She directs the office’s investigative and enforcement staff and supervises the handling of consumer inquiries and complaints.

Christopher K. Kyanko, B.S. ’92, started a new business, Cirrus Valuation Services, in August. His Westminster, Md.-based firm provides business valuation and litigation support services to attorneys, accountants, business owners and fiduciaries.

Paul R. Purdum, B.S. ’92, is the branch controller at LVI Demolition in Gaithersburg, Md.

David L. Thurston, J.D. ’92, was sworn in for a three-year term as a member of the Baltimore County (Md.) Board of Appeals in May 2011.

Brian A. Boone, B.S. ’93, was promoted to chief operating officer for Ameresco BioFuels Corp. in Phoenix, Ariz., in March 2011.

Kimberly M. Burns, J.D. ’93, was named president of Maryland Business for Responsive Government in Towson, Md., in March 2011. She oversees the nonprofit organization’s daily operations.

Mary Beth Robinson, M.B.A. ’93, was promoted to director of underwriting at the Baltimore Life Cos. in Owings Mills, Md., in June.

Dario J. Broccolino, J.D. ’70, LL.M. ’94, was elected president of the Maryland State’s Attorneys Association in June. He is responsible for the association’s business affairs.

Caroline D. Ciraulo, LL.M. ’94, a partner at Rosenberg/Martin/Greenberg in Baltimore, was selected as a member of Network2000 in February 2011. The organization advocates and monitors women’s progress in becoming leaders and offers a mentoring program in the metropolitan Baltimore business community.

Callista M. Freedman, J.D. ’94, joined the Baltimore firm of FSirward Law as a principal in September 2010. She specializes in the areas of employment, general business services, arbitration and real estate.

Ann K. Goodman, J.D. ’94, joined the Easton, Md., firm of Parker Counts & Melton in summer 2011 as a partner. She focuses on estate planning, elder law and estate administration.

William C. Holzman, J.D. ’94, was promoted to assistant vice president, retail leasing for St. John Properties in Baltimore in July.
Sara B. Long, B.A. ’91, M.S. ’94, was named dean of instruction for Monarch Academy’s Baltimore campus in July.

George J. Nemphos, J.D. ’94, was appointed to the board of directors of the University of Baltimore Foundation in June.

Annette C. Quigley, B.S. ’94, program director/financial consultant with Baltimore County Savings Bank Financial Services, was named to Baltimore magazine’s 2011 list of Five-Star Wealth Managers in February 2011.

Jocelyn C. Carter, J.D. ’95, was named president of the United Healthcare Community Plan in Ridgeland, Miss., in September.

Dianna N. Fornaro, M.A. ’95, received a 2011 Bronze Anvil Award of Commendation in August from the National Public Relations Society of America. She was recognized for superior performance in the design and execution of an individual public relations tactic within a broader campaign.

Heidi Salow, J.D. ’95, joined Greenberg Traurig’s intellectual property practice in Washington, D.C., as a shareholder in January 2011.

Robert A. Scott, J.D. ’95, became a partner with the Baltimore firm of Ballard Spahr in July.

Tamika L. Tremaglio, M.B.A. ’95, was named chair of the National Aquarium’s Washington, D.C., board in April 2011. She leads the board’s involvement in the continued growth of the aquarium’s D.C. venue.

Gregory M. Derwart, M.A. ’96, was named to The Daily Record’s 2011 VIP List of very important professionals age 40 and under in September.

Todd A. Feuerman, M.B.A. ’96, was awarded the certified construction auditor credential by the National Association of Construction Auditors in September.

In Memoriam

Samuel R. Layton, B.S. ’36
James N. Phillips, LL.B. ’43
Gunther R. Borris, B.S. ’49
Jay D. Connor, J.D. ’49
Albert Hyman, B.S. ’49
Calvert R. Bregel Sr., J.D. ’50
Edward B. Hopkins, CERT ’50
Morton I. Meyers, LL.B. ’50
John J. Bishop Jr., J.D. ’51
Charles W. St. Clair, A.A. ’51
Harold I. Buskirk, A.A. ’52
John W. Moyer Sr., LL.B. ’54
Aaron Smelkinson, J.D. ’54
Norton Naviasky, B.S. ’55
John R. Polyniak, A.A. ’55
Konstantine J. Prevas, LL.B. ’55
Milton R. Beever, LL.B. ’56
John J. Kaufman, B.S. ’58
Philip E. Giannino, B.S. ’59
Kenneth F. Wisner, B.S. ’59
John W.S. Hudson, B.S. ’60
Theodore A. Shulka, B.S. ’60
David I. Abramson, CERT ’62
William A. Kroh, A.A. ’57, J.D. ’62
Harry R. Jones, B.S. ’63
Walter P. Hammond, B.S. ’65
Garylee Cox, LL.B. ’66
Allan M. Schwartzman, B.S. ’66
Theodore J. Rohleder, B.S. ’68
Richard G. Hill, B.S. ’69
Sondra Elise B. Dailey, CERT/M.S. ’80
Linda J. Quimby, B.S. /M.S. ’80
Michael S. Radcliffe, B.S. ’80, J.D. ’83
Frank G. Charshdee, M.P.A. ’96
James J. O’Neill III, J.D. ’97
Thomas R. Berger, B.S. ’05
Richard Walton Jr., B.A. ’09

Thomas F. Cardegna, former professor, Merrick School of Business
 Walter A. Rafalko, former professor and associate dean, UB School of Law

In Memoriam: Peter Lynagh, Professor

Last fall, the University lost a treasure when Peter Lynagh—Pete, Dr. L.—passed away. Our students lost a mentor and a friend, our professors lost a valued and respected colleague and UB lost a point of pride.

The best measure of Pete’s impact was the response from his students and colleagues. His students remembered his classes and how he made marketing interesting. They valued how he helped their careers by inviting business leaders to campus to share their expertise and to help prepare them for the real world.

Ultimately, his students valued his friendship and sincere concern for them. Pete was a perennial faculty marshal at graduation. He delighted in calling all business students to rise and walk to accept their diplomas. For him, it was a joy.

His colleagues in the business school gave Pete the highest marks for civility, scholarship and collegiality, in part because he was renowned for his inclination to volunteer to help others.

On the day of Pete’s funeral, Ven Sriram, his close friend and fellow professor, delivered a remembrance that abated some of the sorrow. He recounted stories about Pete’s love of golf—despite his terrible golfing skills. Still, Ven and his golfing partners enjoyed Pete’s company and looked forward to the next game. Professor Mike Laric also shared many of Pete’s academic achievements and spoke of Pete’s love of family.

There was only one Pete Lynagh. He’ll be missed.

—Dennis Pitta, professor and chair, Department of Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Merrick School of Business

In Memoriam: Peter Lynagh, Professor
Kirk J. Halpin, J.D. ’96, was selected in April 2011 to serve a three-year term on the board of the Baltimore-Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce, based in Laurel, Md.

Joseph T. Kearney, M.B.A. ’96, was appointed director of client solutions at TrustPoint International in Washington, D.C., in September.

Ali Agan, M.B.A. ’97, was nominated for the Business Leader’s Award to Fight Human Trafficking in December 2010. He is the chief executive officer of Azercell Telecom, which contributed to an awareness-raising campaign in Azerbaijan and helped establish a shelter for homeless children.

Victoria A. August, J.D. ’97, accepted a position with West, Thomson Reuters, in Washington, D.C. She works with companies to maximize their legal research, due diligence and outside counsel budgets.

Alexander M. Giles, J.D. ’97, was elected to the board of directors of the Maritime Law Association of the United States in May.

Aaron J. Greenfield, J.D. ’97, was appointed to the lawyers committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., in May. The committee aims to foster study of the Holocaust’s legal ramifications through ongoing professional development initiatives for judges, lawyers, law students and professors.

David C. Matukaitis, B.A. ’97, was named program director of Jewish Recovery Houses in Baltimore in February 2011. He is responsible for all aspects of resident and family recovery programs.

Christina J. Pappas, B.A. ’94, J.D. ’97, was promoted in May 2011 to of counsel in the real estate practice of DLA Piper’s Baltimore office. She practices in the area of real estate development and finance.

Adrienne L. Bennett, J.D. ’98, a candidate for state delegate in Virginia’s 21st district, was endorsed by the Farm Team, an organization committed to recruiting, supporting and electing Democratic women to all levels of elected office in Virginia.

Alex J. Brown, J.D. ’99, joined the Baltimore firm of Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin & White as a member in March 2011.

Peter C. O’Malley, J.D. ’99, joined the Baltimore office of Venable as a partner in its government relations practice in April 2012.

Jennifer J. Stearman, J.D. ’99, was appointed chair of the board of visitors for the University of Maryland Children’s Hospital in June. She leads the board in continuing its support of capital campaigns and awareness initiatives benefiting the hospital.

Deborah J. Weider-Hatfield, J.D. ’99, has been working as an assistant attorney general for Missouri since February 2006. She is in the Financial Services Division and represents the Family Support Division of the Missouri Department of Social Services.

Renee B. Ades, B.S. ’74, J.D. ’00, opened the Law Offices of Renee Bronfein Ades in March 2011. She focuses on matrimonial and family matters.

John C. Berkley, M.B.A. ’00, was named Man of the Year by the Second District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at its 63rd annual conference in April 2011 in recognition of his notable contributions to society.

Clayton A. Mitchell Sr., J.D. ’00, was appointed to a fourth six-year term as an associate member of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board of Appeals in June. He was also appointed to the Maryland Region 1 Selective Service Board by President Barack Obama.

Donna H. Williams, M.B.A. ’00, joined Waltham, Mass.-based Actifio as vice president of global services and support in February.

Dorine C. Andrews, D.C.D. ’01, was appointed to the board of directors of the University of Baltimore Foundation in June.

Mariusz Dabrowski, M.S. ’01, was named vice president of Web effectiveness consulting for Systems Alliance in Hunt Valley, Md., in April 2011. He is responsible for managing and growing the company’s Web consulting practice.

Dale K. Cathell, J.D. ’01, became a partner with the Baltimore firm of DLA Piper in May 2011.

Darrell S. Cherry, B.A. ’01, and the company he works for, I.E. Berkowitz in Pedricktown, N.J., are manufacturing the windows for the Varsity at the University of Baltimore and the interior glass for UB’s new John and Frances Angelos Law Center.


G. James Benoit, J.D. ’02, was nominated for Corridor Inc.’s 2010 Person of the Year.

John S. Butler, B.A. ’03, chief administrative officer with the Howard County (Md.) Department of Fire and Rescue Service, completed the leadership in crisis program in April 2011.

Patricia Ann Cotten, B.S. ’83, M.S. ’85, D.P.A. ’03, director of the University of Baltimore’s Schaefer Center for Public Policy, is president of the Southern Consortium of University Public Service Organizations for 2012-13.

Mary E. Quick, M.A. ’03, launched Mary Quick Designs, her new business venture as a surface designer; she designs prints to be licensed for commercial application.

Beverly E. Richards, B.S. ’03, was elected to the board of directors of the Hearing and Speech Agency of Baltimore in September.


Vincent M. Garufi, M.S. ’04, organization development director for Adventist Midwest Health in Bolingbrook, Ill., received the company’s regional pillar award in January 2011 for his commitment to helping enhance the company’s culture.

Arun Subhas, M.S. ’04, became a partner with Ernst & Young’s tax practice in Baltimore in July.

Brenda N. Taylor, B.S. ’91, J.D. ’04, and Dawn A. Nee, B.A. ’00, J.D. ’03, formed Family Law Assistant in Manchester, Md., in May. The company focuses on assisting family law practitioners and individuals with family law matters.

Barbara D. Thompson, B.A. ’04, joined Franklin & Prokopik in Baltimore in August. She practices in the area of workers’ compensation defense.

Byron B. Warnken, J.D. ’04, opened a financial advisory practice handling insurance and investments with Wells Fargo Advisors in Hunt Valley, Md., in September.

William F. Burnham, J.D. ’05, received a 2011 Maryland Pro Bono Service Award from the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland at the Maryland State Bar Association’s annual meeting in June.

Albert J. Hannan, B.A. ’66, J.D. ’05, celebrated 25 years as a professor of economics at Notre Dame of Maryland University in May 2011.

Heather A. Mewshaw, B.S. ’05, was appointed president of the Potomac Chapter of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, which serves Maryland and Washington, D.C., in August.

Mark P. Samuel, B.A. ’05, completed his M.B.A. studies at the University of Maryland University College in September.

Aimee V. String, J.D. ’05, was named as the senior criminal justice planner for Delaware’s Domestic Violence Coordinating Council in Wilmington, Del., in May 2011.

Imoh E. Akpan, J.D. ’06, joined Franklin & Prokopik in Baltimore in August; she concentrates her practice in the area of general liability defense.

Ari N. Larc, J.D. ’06, joined the Towson, Md., law firm of Berman, Sobin, Gross, Feldman & Darby, in May 2011. He represents injured workers throughout the state.
Rosa M. Linnear, B.S. ’06, was hired as project manager for IndiSoft in Columbia, Md., in September.

Erin McCarthy Naylor, J.D. ’07, joined the Office of Financial Regulation in Baltimore under a Department of Justice grant to work on criminal mortgage and fraud prosecution.

Carol C. Shepherd, B.S. ’07, was promoted to senior accountant at UHY Advisors Mid-Atlantic of Columbia, Md., in September.

Lisa D. Sparks, B.A. ’05, J.D. ’07, joined the Towson, Md., law firm of Bowie & Jensen as an associate in its construction practice in May 2011.

Adam P. Di Palma, M.A. ’08, is the lead graphic designer of the Nutramax Laboratories’ veterinary division in Lancaster, N.C.

Sarah R. Dorsett, J.D. ’08, accepted a commission in November 2010 with the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the U.S. Navy and has been assigned to the Navy Legal Services Office at the Bangor Trident Base in Silverdale, Wash.

Thomas E. Dunlap, J.D. ’08, joined the Bethesda, Md., firm of Budow & Noble. He concentrates on civil litigation.

Hana R. Kondratyuk, J.D. ’08, joined the Baltimore firm of Rosenberg Martin Greenberg as an associate in April 2011.

Edward F. McNally, J.D. ’08, is the executive director of Baltimore’s Franciscan Center, a nonprofit organization serving the poor and homeless.

Ronni H. Monaghan, J.D. ’08, was named director of development for St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Md., in September.

Paul E. Nesterovsky, M.S. ’00, M.S. ’08, was promoted to vice president–tax of Sinclair Broadcast Group in Hunt Valley, Md., in August.

David D. Nowak, J.D. ’08, opened the Law Office of David D. Nowak in Towson, Md., in 2010. He focuses his practice on family law and workers’ compensation cases.

Sarah B. Sherman, J.D. ’08, joined the Towson, Md., office of Bodie, Dolina, Smith & Hobbs in February 2011. She focuses her practice on general litigation, particularly toxic tort defense.

Daniel B. Wechsler, J.D./M.B.A. ’08, works at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, Md.

Paul B. Beaulieu, B.S. ’09, is president of Harrison Marketing and managing partner of Open Air Lighting in Abingdon, Md.

Julie S. Harada, J.D. ’09, joined the Baltimore office of Gorman & Williams as an associate in September. She concentrates her practice on intellectual property and health-care law.

Lucy D. Holman, D.C.D. ’09, began her term as president of the Maryland Library Association in Baltimore in June.

Heather L. Winkel, M.A. ’09, was named one of Folio magazine’s Rising Stars: Ten Under 30 in November 2010. She is an art director and graphic designer for Network Media Partners in Hunt Valley, Md.

Matthew J. Youssesf, J.D. ’09, received The Daily Record’s 20 in Their Twenties Award in April 2011.

2010s

David E. Bauer, J.D. ’10, joined Global Automakers of Washington, D.C., as the state relations manager in July.

Simone J. Christian, M.A. ’10, joined the Baltimore Community Foundation as the communications officer for integrated design in February 2011.

Scarlett M. Corso, B.A. ’07, J.D. ’10, joined Franklin & Prokopik in Baltimore in August. She concentrates her practice in the area of general liability defense.

Jin Luo, B.S. ’02, M.B.A. ’10, joined the New York Life Insurance Co. in Columbia, Md., as a financial services professional in May 2011.

Ryan M. McConnell, J.D. ’10, was elected to the board of directors of Chesapeake-Potomac Spina Bifida in April 2011.

Michael E.J. Merod, J.D. ’10, joined the Baltimore law firm of Ingerman & Horwitz in August. His practice areas include automobile torts and personal injury claims.

Trang T. Phan, M.S. ’10, joined Stoy, Malone & Co. in Towson, Md., as an accountant in October. She works in auditing and assurance services and tax preparation.

Timothy R. Polanowski, B.S. ’03, M.B.A. ’10, was promoted in July to president and chief executive officer of the Kornblatt Co. in Baltimore.

Luke D. Smith, B.S. ’10, was promoted to senior accountant at UHY Advisors Mid-Atlantic of Columbia, Md., in September.

Matthew M. Somers, J.D. ’10, is an associate with Chason, Rosner, Leary & Marshall of Towson, Md. He focuses on business litigation, insurance litigation, medical malpractice, personal injury, products liability, professional liability and complex civil litigation.

Bradley A. Wasser, J.D. ’10, married Sherri Weiss on April 9, 2011, in North Brunswick, N.J.

Kathleen L. Wright, J.D. ’10, was admitted to the New York Bar Association in March 2011 and is an associate at the Long Island, N.Y.-based law firm of Miranda, Sambursky, Stone, Sklarin, Verveniotis. She married Daniel Wright in October 2010.

Jonathan E. Yoffe, J.D./M.B.A. ’10, was sworn into the Maryland Bar Association in June. He is an associate attorney at Ezrine, Castro & Stavisky in Baltimore and focuses his practice on personal injury law, workers’ compensation and small-business matters.

Martin D. Coleman, B.S. ’11, enrolled in the University of Maryland University College’s graduate program in cybersecurity policy.

Christopher M. Craig, B.A. ’06, M.A. ’11, works as a sales associate for Bisco Industries in Glen Burnie, Md.
From a very young age, Jennifer Morrison, M.S. ’08, was concerned with the well-being of others. At just 5 years old, she made an agreement with her father that if he quit smoking, she would run with him every day. Today, Jennifer still enjoys running—and her father has never smoked again.

So it’s no surprise that in 2007, as a graduate student, she founded UB's Wellness Center. As part of the larger facility now known as Campus Recreation and Wellness, the center provides programs that promote physical, social, environmental, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual health—including an anti-smoking plan.

It was through her work at the center that she met her future husband (and UB’s assistant director of intramurals and sports clubs), Dustin Fisher. Though they were acquaintances while she attended UB, it wasn’t until she and Dustin reconnected at an alumni happy hour that sparks flew. In May 2011, she returned to the gym once again for their wedding reception. “We could’ve had [it] anywhere,” she says. “However, the gym is symbolic to us—it connected our lives.”

Before she arrived at UB, Morrison worked with the Peace Corps in Nicaragua, where she noticed that the aid efforts of other organizations sometimes devolved into mere handouts. “In some ways, [they] did more harm than good,” she says, attributing the problem to a lack of communication between organizations and volunteers. Morrison saw the need for more thoughtful and structured communication and hoped an eventual M.S. in Negotiations and Conflict Management would help her facilitate that change.

Now, as the employee relations manager at Washington, D.C.-based Chemonics International, she leads the Staff Care program, which assists employees working in war zones abroad. The program provides resiliency training, monitors the mental well-being of Chemonics’ workforce and assists with the organizational effectiveness of the company’s projects with the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Morrison is also involved in crisis management. Her most trying moment came after a bombing wounded and killed numerous members of Chemonics’ Afghan staff, and she had to attend to the needs of the team members there, those at the home office and the families of those killed. “There was a lot of emotion,” Morrison says, and she admits that she is not unaffected. “It can be hard to always separate work from home.”

But ultimately her job is worth it, she says. “It’s great to have someone come to me crying but leave smiling—whether through me listening or addressing simple needs like good food and water. I guess it’s sort of like raising kids—we’re all scared, mad, tired, hungry—but at the end of the day, if I’ve made someone’s life just a little better, it’s really rewarding.”
Vietnam veteran and graduate student Chikongola Linton, B.A.’11, is on the front lines of UB’s efforts to support veterans and active-duty service members. Read more about Linton online.