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## The Sound and the Fury

When you spend time on the University of Baltimore campus, you get used to the sounds of the city, but *nothing* could prepare this community for the thunderous claps that generated electric excitement and a contagious case of ear covering and neck craning throughout Baltimore.

The U.S. Navy's legendary Blue Angels made several appearances in UB airspace in preparation for their show during Baltimore's Star-Spangled Sailabration, June 13-19, honoring the bicentennial of the War of 1812 with England. (It was during this war, although in 1814, that Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" following the all-night British bombardment of Fort McHenry.)

While this summer's Sailabration featured tall ships, parachutists, concerts and more and brought an estimated million visitors and military personnel from around the world to the Inner Harbor, UB enjoyed a show of its own as the Blue Angels shrieked across the midtown skies in formation (shown here to the right of the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center) during practice routines—free entertainment that many on campus quipped they'd ordered up especially for UB.





Dear UB Alumni and Friends:

If you've been following the University of Baltimore during the past five years, you know that UB is on the move, and the 2012-13 academic year is no exception.

Our fall student headcount of 6,569 represents the largest student enrollment in UB history and marks the second time in three years that we have achieved record numbers. This continues a trend of increasing numbers of students recognizing the value of a UB degree: In the decade since 2002, UB has had the second-highest growth rate in the University System of Maryland, only 0.7 percent off the highest rate.

We are realizing gains in quality as well, as 32 percent of our record 264 entering freshmen are honors eligible. As our student population grows, our campus environment and the UB Midtown area becomes a more vibrant and attractive place to study, to enjoy the city's cultural offerings and, increasingly, to live: This fall, 254 UB students live in the Varsity, a new, privately owned and operated student residential facility two blocks from the heart of campus.

Nearly 1,000 students now live in UB Midtown, representing an increase of 28 percent from last year and of 134 percent over the past five years. Now, about one in six students can walk to campus. As this trend continues, reinforcing UB's role as a major partner in the redevelopment of our city, we remain committed to the commuter, part-time and adult students who continue to compose the majority of our population.

This year, we've also appointed 19 new faculty members and welcomed two new deans [see p. 8]: Laura Koppes Bryan of the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences and Ron Weich of the UB School of Law. The most significant and enduring contribution we can make to UB's future is the addition of talented new faculty members. With our faculty growth plan and with new academic leadership in place, that future appears brighter than ever before.

The University's energy and momentum is not going unnoticed. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked UB among the top 25 public universities in the north region in its 2013 *America's Best Colleges* guide. Ranking criteria include student retention and graduation, faculty resources, peer assessment and financial resources. While I believe that how well we support our students' success will always be the best indicator of UB's collective achievement, it's gratifying to see the University recognized on a competitive, national scale.

This recognition is the direct result of our faculty and staff's talent and commitment. It is also a reflection of the contributions our alumni make, both to UB's enhanced regional and national reputation and to our recent, record-setting capital campaign.

Those of us who know UB are aware of the role this University has played in preparing thousands of UB graduates for meaningful careers and lives, an accomplishment that can never be adequately captured in a magazine ranking. And that role will continue to define UB well into the future.

Robert L. Bogomolny  
President, University of Baltimore



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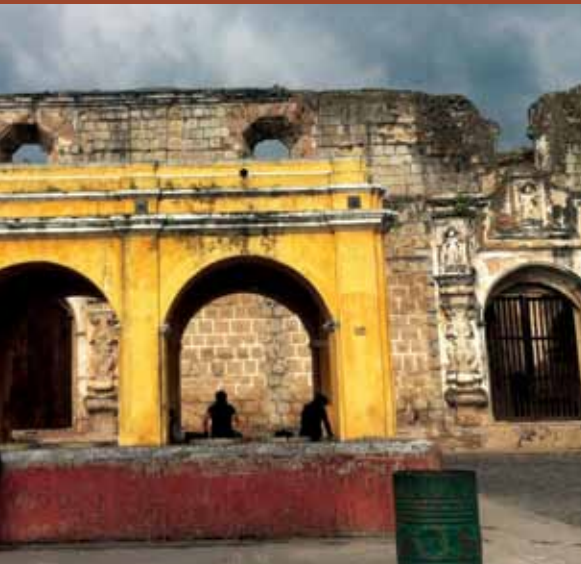
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## Our Wandering Minds

by Paula Novash

Roasting marshmallows over vents in volcanic rock and sipping tea with a U.S. consul general aren't your average classroom exercises, but when UB takes on the world way beyond Baltimore, even these extraordinary experiences define a day in the life of our students as they interact with and make positive impacts on foreign cultures. Mind wandering (and even some daydreaming) encouraged.

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## Two Can Play at This Game

by Robert S. Benchley

Go behind the scenes of the NBA and you'll find dedicated front-office personnel working hard on contract negotiations, salaries and more, all in hopes of building the next Dream Team. Just ask Michael Blackstone of the Cleveland Cavaliers and André Walters of the Charlotte Bobcats, two NBA execs who aren't afraid to go for the slam-dunk in the boardroom.



Front cover image: "The Face," designed by artist Kevin Killen and young adults from Belfast to represent the city's industrial heritage, was installed in 2010 on the Cupar Way "peace wall," which separates Protestant and Catholic regions and is a popular tourist attraction. This art initiative is an effort to repurpose peace walls and other reminders of Northern Ireland's violent history as symbols of positive social change. (photo courtesy of Joan Weber)

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# Meet a Student

## Judith Krummeck

by Stacey Marriott, M.A. '11

Judith Krummeck, student in the M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program, lends her distinctive South African accent to weekday evening drive-time programming on Maryland's WBJC classical radio station, where she's pictured here in the broadcasting studio.

**J**udith Krummeck's voice may be more familiar than her name is. As the weekday evening drive-time host on Maryland's WBJC radio station, she offers news and classical music broadcasting in her distinctive South African accent.

Krummeck has reinvented herself over the years. In 1997, she and her husband moved from her native South Africa to a town near Pittsburgh, Pa., before settling in Baltimore in 1998. She has transitioned from professional acting to lecturing, radio broadcasting, television broadcasting and now, exploring creative nonfiction as a student in UB's M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program.

### **Q: What do you consider your first passion?**

**A:** Until I started writing, acting was probably the most intensely creative thing I did. I just love the fact that you turn up at the first rehearsal with nothing but words on a page and at the end of the rehearsal period, you have this three-dimensional piece that you hope is going to move people in some way. I love the whole way of finding how to inhabit a character. Then I sort of segued into broadcasting [both radio and television, with the South African Broadcasting Corp.], and that felt very

much like a duck to water. I just loved it; I was so lucky. I had been there only 18 months before the arts editorship became available. Then allied to that was the television work that I did. Television is wonderful because it is so powerful. It was a wonderful experience, but radio has always been my first passion.

### **Q: How did writing enter into your world as the next step?**

**A:** The writing really came as quite a surprise. I was writing on-air copy for radio and television, I had adapted radio plays, but I had never thought of myself as a creative writer. ... Then I discovered creative nonfiction, and I thought, "Hey, I can do that." I was feeling a need to find a way to articulate what had happened to me coming to this country. It's such an extraordinary experience: picking yourself up in one country and putting yourself down in another.

I kept a journal, and I've always written emails and letters and things, and so I tried to correlate those into some sort of form. ... I didn't know how to set about it, and then I found this program and I thought, "Let me see if I can find a way to write about it here."

This program's helped me go off on another trajectory altogether. It has helped me to understand what makes a story. It's finding the soul of the piece and where to start it and where to build it and how to bring it alive, and I think that's just what I wasn't understanding. It's a remarkable program.

### **Q: What is the one piece of music you think everyone should hear once in their lifetime?**

**A:** This is a very personal and subjective opinion. I think the "Nocturne" for piano trio by Franz Schubert. It's a small gem. It's only about 10 minutes long, and it is just a heart-breakingly beautiful piece. It's beautifully structured. It's in rondo form, so it's got a lovely opening and then it sort of meanders away at the middle and then it comes back to that opening.

I just find if I am in any way jangled, if I listen to that, it really centers me. It is a really exquisite piece.

# Meet a Faculty Member

## Myra Waters

by Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRIS HARTLOVE



Myra Waters, adjunct faculty member and director of UB's Counseling Center, has been named to the ACC Women's Basketball Legends for her time as a Terp; she still holds some University of Maryland, College Park records.

**I**n the late '70s and early '80s, when Myra Waters played offense for the University of Maryland, College Park women's basketball team, Title IX had barely been in existence for a decade, and scholarships for female athletes were few and far between. Ohio native Waters, now director of UB's Counseling Center and an adjunct faculty member, took full advantage of the academic opportunities her athleticism afforded her and earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees as a Terp. Along the way, she helped lead the team to three Atlantic Coast Conference championships and to the first-ever NCAA Women's Final Four in her senior year. In February, she was named to the eighth annual class of ACC Women's Basketball Legends.

**Q: You left Ohio to play basketball for the University of Maryland, College Park at a time when doing so was uncommon for female athletes. Looking back, what is your perspective on making this leap?**

**A:** Now, I can see that it was a leap of faith and a bold move. Accepting an athletic scholarship to UMCP allowed me to begin pursuit of a career path in counseling psychology; to join a team of gifted, dedicated women's basketball players who had gone to the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national final game the year before; and to gain exposure to a very progressive and multicultural region of the country. The decision to attend college near the nation's capital was the best decision I have ever made.

**Q: You still hold a spot on a couple of UMCP top 10 lists (for rebounds and career steals), and you're ranked No. 14 in scoring—even 30 years later. What's your take on this?**

**A:** The women who played during my era were very highly skilled at the fundamentals of the game, very well coached and athletic. I believe that mastery of the basics is what distinguishes the great players from the average players. I still enjoy a wonderfully executed three-player fast break, a pick-and-roll play, the give-and-go or pinpoint passing from guards into the post area for an easy score. Basketball played at its best is a beautiful thing to watch.

**Q: How did you react to being named an ACC Women's Basketball Legend?**

**A:** Needless to say, I was shocked that I was selected for this honor—after all, my college career ended 30 years ago.

The ACC Legends experience allowed me to reflect on a significant part of my life that I rarely get a chance to share with others or to celebrate. It was certainly an extraordinary event for me, as a Legends inductee, to watch the Terps win [in March] another ACC Women's Basketball Championship!



# UB BY THE NUMBERS

## 301

After only 301 days of construction, the Varsity—a luxury, all-student housing facility at the corner of Biddle Street and Maryland Avenue—opened in time for the fall semester. Of its 301 residents (a pure numerical coincidence), 85 percent are UB students (the Varsity is available to *any* student from any institution), and 77 percent of these UB residents are new to the University this year.



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## 1814

When the British burned Washington, D.C., in 1814 (during the War of 1812), then-President James Madison fled the capital and sought shelter for his government. He was welcomed in the Quaker town of Brookeville, Md., where students in the accelerated course HIST 383: Community History conducted original research this past summer. They developed mini-histories about the town as they worked in archives, met and collaborated with historians, and contributed to a public-history project.



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British capture and burning of Washington, D.C.

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Marking the fifth time since the Corporation for National and Community Service launched its list of exemplary institutions in 2006, UB has been included on the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. According to the corporation's website, the list annually recognizes "institutions that achieve meaningful, measureable outcomes in the communities they serve."

## 6,569

UB's done it again: This year, we welcomed 6,569 students to campus, marking an increase of 121 students from fall 2011 and setting a new enrollment record for the University. This headcount includes 3,426 undergraduates, 2,031 graduate students and 1,112 law students. UB's newest population, its ever-expanding freshman class, grew 38 percent from fall 2011 to a total of 264 students.

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Between this fall and next, UB will introduce three new degree programs: an M.A. in Global Affairs and Human Security (launched fall 2012), a B.A. in Digital Communication and an M.S. in Innovation Management and Technology Commercialization (both to come). In addition, UB's M.S. in Human Services Administration is now offered at the Universities of Shady Grove in Rockville, Md.

## 170

When UB alumni give back to the University, they offer their time, energy and passion in addition to providing financial support. During Fiscal Year 2012, 170 alumni volunteered to help out with initiatives like Backpack to Briefcase, provided career mentorship through programs like Savor UB and offered leadership to various boards and advisory councils. Interested in getting involved? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@ubalt.edu](mailto:alumni@ubalt.edu) or 410.837.6131.



100,000

Through a 2012 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Faculty Retirement Transitions, UB has received \$100,000 to help retired faculty members travel to conferences and receive assistance from human resources professionals. UB was one of 15 institutions nationwide recognized by the American Council on Education and the Sloan Foundation.



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Requests for membership in UB's Professional Development Institute have been overwhelming. The newest element of the recently renamed Career and Professional Development Center, the institute matches students with faculty, staff and alumni mentors to discuss career goals and develop professional plans. For the fall semester, the institute received 130 applications from prospective mentees for 80 slots. (The institute accommodated 93 students.)

To help meet demand, the institute is recruiting alumni mentors. To learn more about participating, email [pdi@ubalt.edu](mailto:pdi@ubalt.edu) or call 410.837.5440.

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In its new 2013 *America's Best Colleges* guide, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the University of Baltimore among the top 25 (at No. 23, if you're counting) public universities in the northern region. Ranking criteria include student retention and graduation, faculty resources, peer assessment and financial resources.



# Notable Quotables



**"I reshape their world, and they continually reshape mine, even as I learn from them what I could *not* learn except for the wonderful diversity they bring."**

—Joseph S. Wood, UB provost, on the students in the IDIS 301: World Cultures: Globalization in a World of Difference course he is teaching this semester (a not-so-typical task for a provost)

**"When you start thinking that other people might interfere with your privacy, you start changing your behavior—so your freedom, your liberty is affected."**

—Joshua Kassner, assistant professor in the Division of Legal, Ethical and Historical Studies, on privacy as it relates to cybersecurity, at UB's Cyber Discovery Camp, held June 18-23 in conjunction with the National Integrated Cyber Education Research Center

The camp brought students from six area high schools together with center experts and UB faculty to discuss cybersecurity issues in both the public and private sectors, to explore cybersecurity career development and to focus on training and educational opportunities in technical aspects of the field.

**"You need to teach this new generation that it's possible to be responsible by the buildings you build. So it's not only responsible because of the world we live in, but it's also a responsible teaching act."**

—Robert L. Bogomolny, UB president, on the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center and the architectural features that contribute to its extraordinary sustainability, as interviewed by Fraser Smith on WYPR, June 5



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**L**AURA KOPPEB BRYAN joined the University of Baltimore's Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences on Aug. 1 as professor and dean.

Bryan came to UB from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, where she was a tenured professor of psychology and director of the School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences. She also built and co-directed the university's Center for Applied Psychology and served as special assistant to the provost for strategic planning and resource allocation. Prior to joining that institution, Bryan served in academic positions at the University of Kentucky and at Eastern Kentucky University, and in 2004, she was a U.S. Fulbright Scholar in the Czech Republic.

"Transformational institutions require transformational leaders, and Laura Bryan has exhibited the professional and personal skills that will contribute to UB's continued growth and forward momentum," UB President Robert L. Bogomolny says. "A vital College of Arts and Sciences is at the core of undergraduate education."

Bryan shares these sentiments, indicating she will focus on defining the role and responsibility of the college as UB's center of cultural and intellectual excellence and as an integral part of the University of Baltimore of the future. She says she is also committed to emphasizing professional development opportunities for both faculty and staff, and she has conducted research on the role of leaders in fostering professional cultures that support work-life-family balance and effectiveness. She holds a Ph.D. in industrial and organizational psychology from The Ohio State University.

## UB WELCOMES NEW DEANS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES AND IN LAW

**R**ONALD WEICH, most recently the assistant attorney general for legislative affairs in the U.S. Department of Justice, began his tenure as dean of the UB School of Law in July.

Former chief counsel to both U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Weich was a longtime federal official and brings expertise in criminal justice and the legislative process to his new position. Weich has played key roles in enacting ethics reform law and amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act in addition to other significant legislation. He has advised policymakers on civil and criminal justice issues, drug control policy, patient safety legislation, constitutional amendments and other matters.

"Ron Weich is the right person to continue the growth and transformation of the UB School of Law," Bogomolny said in announcing Weich's appointment. "During this time of considerable transition in legal education and the legal profession, it is important to have leadership with integrity and vision. Ron Weich embodies those qualities."

As dean, Weich will oversee the law school's move from its current home to the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center, scheduled to open next spring at the corner of North Charles Street and West Mount Royal Avenue. He says the new building will help the school prepare students to be effective in all aspects of the law. "Our new building makes an important statement: Let's move ahead into the legal profession of the 21st century," he says. "We're teaching our students contemporary skills to solve real problems."

Weich earned a J.D. from Yale Law School and a B.A. from Columbia University.





# INNOCENCE FOUND:

## UB's Innocence Project Clinic Aids Wrongfully Convicted Marylanders

by Nicole Reagan

Only a small group of people stood outside the Wicomico County (Md.) Courthouse in Maryland on May 16, but that didn't bother Larry Lane Hугee.

He was finally free.

After nearly 10 years of being wrongfully imprisoned for armed robbery, Hугee had the opportunity to hug his grandchildren for the first time. For his stalwart attorney, Michele Nethercott, director of the University of Baltimore's Innocence Project Clinic and adjunct faculty, it was a chance to breathe.

"[His release] was such a relief," she says. "These cases weigh on you. You feel like you'll never see the end when it goes on for four, five years, and for our clients, the waiting is a form of torture."

Nethercott, a native of Canada and an attorney at the Maryland Office of the Public Defender, began working on Hугee's case even before the Innocence Project Clinic began operating in 2008. A collaborative effort between the UB School of Law and the public defender's office, the clinic not only has helped dozens of wrongfully convicted people during the past four years but also has exposed UB law students to the real world of criminal law.

Reviewing the documents in Hугee's case revealed too many discrepancies for Nethercott to ignore. According to her, "There were a lot of disclosure issues with the whole thing," including missing facts about a key witness and a lack of DNA

testing. The case against Hугee didn't make sense, so she got to work.

"There's a lot of injustice in our system," she said, "and it's difficult, because judges are reluctant to give new trials, but that's the nature of what we're doing."

During the case, Nethercott worked through the Innocence Project Clinic with numerous UB law students, who interviewed witnesses, conducted investigations, drafted pleadings and assisted Nethercott in compiling enough factual evidence to secure Hугee's freedom.

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UB's six finalists (pictured here, l. to r.: Matt Taylor, Isaac Schleifer, Jacob Goldberg, Austen Cohen, Kimberly Brownlie and Benjamin Bell) video recorded their pitches while on the bus, and a panel of business professionals judged entries from 168 finalists across Maryland and chose a "Great 8" to fine-tune their pitches for showcase Nov. 13 at the 2012 Maryland Entrepreneur Expo, sponsored by the Maryland Technology Development Corp.

Schleifer's Raffle Ready is software that assists nonprofit organizations by automating the processes of creating, promoting and managing grass-roots fundraisers; the business is in the final stages of software development. The remaining five finalists received \$250 each in seed funding from Leonard and Phyllis Attman.

## UB Entrepreneurs Clamor to Get on the Bus

It may have been an unusual, ahem, *vehicle* by which to launch their success, but six University of Baltimore student entrepreneurs boarded an imposing yellow bus Sept. 20 to pitch their ideas for new businesses to a panel of venture capitalists.

The UB stop on Startup Maryland's two-week Pitch Across Maryland bus tour and competition came about midway through the campaign, which brought the initiative—and the coach bus, done up in bright Maryland yellow and splashed with a detail of the state flag—to select business incubators, economic development agencies and educational institutions to celebrate entrepreneurship and to bring focus to Maryland's diverse businesses.

"[UB] was one of the first to jump on the bus when this idea came together (literally)," Mike Binko, Startup Maryland co-chair, said during the event.

At UB and especially in the Merrick School of Business, entrepreneurship is a highly regarded component of student learning. Johnetta Hardy, director of UB's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, says, "Our students have many ideas for businesses and want to make a contribution to their community as well as to the economy. They bring energy, imagination and know-how ... as well as a lot of great questions about what makes a business real."

The six budding UB entrepreneurs had

been selected from an original pool of 51 entries representing students from all four UB schools. They not only presented pitches to venture capitalists on the bus and video recorded them in the bus's mobile studio in hopes of advancing to the next round of the competition but also gave in-person pitches to a panel of School of Business alumni and advisory board members in front of a live audience.

The UB panel selected Yitzchok "Isaac" Schleifer's Raffle Ready as the strongest pitch and presented the undergraduate business administration student with a \$1,000 prize.




# Our Wandering Minds

**UB Students Learn (Way)  
Outside the Classroom**

by Paula Novash



A woman with short brown hair, wearing a grey jacket and a purple scarf, stands with her arms outstretched on a vast, flat, rocky landscape. The ground is covered in small, dark stones and patches of light-colored sand. In the background, there are low, rolling hills under a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene is expansive and open.

**Henry Miller said of travel, “One’s destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things,” and the UB students who recently participated in international summer programs might agree with him. Their out-of-the-classroom adventures—a creative writing residency in Northern Ireland and an honors service trip to Guatemala—featured opportunities such as performing in an international literary festival and hiking the rim of an active volcano. But being immersed in other cultures also allowed them to reflect on their own worldviews and consider new ideas, both abroad and back home.**









*opening spread:* Terri Ciofalo, Armagh program director for the Institute for Education in International Media, in Blackrock, Ireland  
*opposite page, clockwise from top left, l. to r.:* UB students Joseph Hospodor and Victoria Williams in rehearsal; UB students Kerrin Smith, Courtney Smith, Hospodor, Rachel Wooley, Williams and Sean McDonough with Ciofalo in Armagh; sheep on the Antrim Coast; Kimberley Lynne, Tony Kennedy, Williams, Joan Weber, U.S. Consul General Gregory S. Burton, Wooley, Ciofalo, McDonough, C. Smith, K. Smith, Hospodor and an intern to the consul general; Torr Head Road, Antrim County, Northern Ireland; Wooley reading her memoir at the John Hewitt International Summer School; Hospodor, C. Smith, Wooley, Williams, McDonough and K. Smith at the Municipal Arts Centre in Belfast *immediate left:* Dublin at night

## Reflecting the Voice of Northern Ireland

"After the first week, we began to say to the students, 'You look different,'" recalls Kimberley Lynne, Spotlight UB theater events coordinator who taught playwriting during the monthlong residency in Armagh, Northern Ireland's oldest city. "This was an extraordinary experience that changed their lives."

Three UB undergrads and two UB graduate students developed short plays and wrote poetry during the July residency, coordinated by the Institute for Education in International Media and funded in part by Spotlight UB and by Irish Charities of Maryland. When the organization approached Lynne about piloting the program, she was intrigued by the possibilities.

"Very few international writing residencies strive to reflect the voice of the host culture," Lynne says. "Northern Ireland has a rich tradition of folklore and storytelling and a complex political history, and the students chose to explore those influences in their work."

An Armagh hostel served as home base, and the students attended classes in the Amma Centre, a modern facility built during Ireland's economic boom that features well-equipped computer labs and a recording and mixing studio.

"We would have lectures and discussion in this high-tech setting, then walk out into a little beautiful town and pass by ruins of a 13th-century Franciscan friary," Lynne recalls.

The curriculum focused intensively on The Troubles, the term used to refer to three decades of violence between elements of Northern Ireland's British/Protestant unionist and Irish/Roman Catholic nationalist

communities. Although a peace accord was signed 15 years ago, ramifications of The Troubles are ongoing: More than 90 percent of children still attend either exclusively Roman Catholic or Protestant schools, and physical walls separate neighborhoods segregated by religion. One such wall, the Cupar Way "peace wall" in Belfast [pictured on the cover of this issue], is longer, taller and older than the Berlin Wall that once separated East and West Germany.

Joan Weber, professor of arts integration at Towson University, served as the

**"There's a story  
about everything  
you see, and usually  
more than one."**

residency's second faculty member and facilitated discussion of plays by renowned Irish playwrights Brian Friel and Martin Lynch. Weber says she reflected on her own paradigms as she experienced day-to-day life in the segregated society.

"As Americans, we are intrigued by the codes that have been created to identify people as Protestant or Catholic in Northern Ireland," she says. "At home, we tell people apart by looking at them, getting many of our cues from appearance. But the Irish use things like accents, surnames, where someone goes to school or the neighborhood they live in."

Graduate criminal justice student **Courtney**

**Smith, B.S. '11**, took the title and setting of her play, *All Roads Lead to Belfast*, from the circumstances of her arrival. When Lynne and Weber picked her up at the airport, the trio got lost on back roads trying to find Armagh.

"[Lynne] kept saying, 'We don't want to go toward Belfast.' But no matter which way we turned, all the signs pointed there," Smith recalls.

The characters in Smith's play meet for the first time when Jessica, an American, comes to visit her Irish pen pal, Emma. "When Jessica asks about the time for Mass, Emma, a Protestant, realizes that her friend is Roman Catholic," Smith says. In the play, Emma shifts from being delighted to be with Jessica to feeling uncomfortable and suspicious—both "physically lost [driving Jessica] and also 'lost' in her thinking," Smith adds.

Rachel Wooley, a graduate student in UB's Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program, says the ancient sites and artifacts she saw caused her to think about ideas of identity, roots and permanence. Wooley, who focused on poetry during her time in Northern Ireland and was mentored by Irish poet Nessa O'Mahony, also found inspiration in Irish folklore.

"There's a story about everything you see, and usually more than one," she says. In her poem "The Fall of Giants," Wooley assumes the voice of a mythological creature, a giant who, according to legend, helped build the Giant's Causeway, 40,000 interlocking basalt rock formations on Northern Ireland's northeast coast.

Kerrin Smith, an undergraduate English student specializing in creative writing, says Tony

*immediate right:* a completed stove, built by Benjamin Paul  
*opposite page:* Amanda Grant in Antigua with one of three area volcanoes in the distance



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Kennedy—a specialist in cross-border issues such as Northern Ireland’s integration into the Republic of Ireland and one of the residency’s several guest speakers—particularly influenced her. Smith wrote about a young terrorist whose girlfriend has been murdered. When the ghost of his dead girlfriend returns, he begins to piece together the repressed memory of committing murder to avenge her death.

“Kennedy spoke about the inheritance of tensions and the difficulties people have addressing them face to face,” Kerrin Smith says. “My character is flawed in that he is so immersed [in his beliefs that] he is unable to grasp the complexities of the situation.”

During their stay, the students also traveled to Belfast, Londonderry and Dublin; workshoped with Hanna Slättne, literary manager of the Tinderbox Theatre Co. in Belfast; and enjoyed lunch with playwright Martin Lynch and tea with brand-new U.S. Consul General Gregory S. Burton, who had just come to Ireland from Afghanistan.

The students say they felt embraced in areas not frequented by Americans—and never

more so than at the John Hewitt International Summer School, a creative writing festival that crowned their Armagh experience in late July. In keeping with the “State of Hope” theme, Mary Robinson, the first female president of the Republic of Ireland, provided the keynote speech for the event. The UB students and faculty joined the featured workshops and also presented their 10-minute plays—or poems, in Wooley’s case—penned since arriving in Armagh for an international audience. The performances didn’t end there; Kerrin Smith, Wooley and Weber were among the 12 attendees chosen to share the additional work they developed during the festival workshops.

“Creative outlets such as the festival have served as powerful forces for reconciliation and remembrance and safe venues to explore differences,” says Weber, who coached the group of students before their festival performances. For most, it was the first time they had read their work in public.

“We were so proud,” Lynne says. “In this very prestigious setting, they were very poised and acted as art ambassadors, helping to continue conversation through theater.” And this creative initiative didn’t end once the students returned home after their monthlong immersion: Program participants performed their original works developed in Northern Ireland as part of Spotlight UB’s fall 2012 season and at the Maryland Irish Festival in early November.

Kerrin Smith sums up the program: “It was a writing class, cultural immersion, a history lesson and lots of fun.”

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## Changing Lives in Guatemala

While UB’s budding playwrights and poets were hard at work in Northern Ireland, a group of four students in the University’s Helen P. Denit Honors Program found themselves getting their hands dirty more than 5,000 miles away in Guatemala in mid-July. Created in partnership with the Phoenix Project of Global Vision International, an organization that sponsors a wide range of environmental, conservation and community development efforts in more than 25 countries, the honors program’s eight-day Service-Aboard Adventure enabled students to assist Guatemalan families in need—mainly by helping to build energy-efficient stoves in an effort to reduce widespread air pollution.

As most Mayan villagers use the equivalent of an open fire for cooking, they face huge risks: Not only is the cost of the wood a substantial financial burden, but nearly 2 million people worldwide—predominantly women and children in developing countries—die each year from indoor air pollution created by cooking fires, according to the World Health Organization. To help alleviate this crisis, programs like those of Global Vision International pair travel opportunities with service missions.

In this case, the UB students first spent time in the city of Antigua, Guatemala, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage site surrounded by three volcanoes. The group











lived with a Spanish-speaking host family; navigated markets, street fairs, a beauty pageant and historical sites; and learned conversational Spanish during 10 hours of lessons.

"We learned the equivalent of a year of Spanish in less than a week," says Benjamin Paul, a junior in UB's Community Studies and Civic Engagement program. "And the lessons were more conversation than instruction, talking with the teacher one on one about our culture and theirs—which was great, because in Antigua, pretty much our only option to communicate was to speak Spanish."

Next, the UB cohort traveled to Santa Maria de Jesus, a rural community located partway up the nonactive volcano Agua and about 45 minutes from Antigua. The students used their newly polished language skills to work alongside local families and under the direction of Spanish-speaking master masons to build new cement-and-brick stoves. According to Global Vision International, these stoves are designed to reduce smoke and carbon dioxide by roughly 70 percent—which in turn helps to increase life expectancy by 10-15 years.

A kitchen construction project was a natural fit for **Dave Edwards, B.S. '12**, a restaurant manager and chef who plans to use his business administration degree to open a sustainable, ecofriendly bed and breakfast in Costa Rica. He recalls that building the stove without modern tools and conveniences such as running water was challenging and that the multigenerational family he worked with was extremely hospitable.

"They were talking and joking with me while I was digging dirt in the yard and mixing cement on the floor," he recalls. "You have to really work to keep up when the mason gives you a task. Finally, I was smearing the cement between the bricks with my hands."

On the first day, Edwards' host family

supplied him with a Western snack: tortilla chips and a Coke. When Edwards shared his fondness for a local food—chicharrón, or fried pork rinds—they appeared on his next work break. But the family's most memorable outreach came on the final day of stove-building, he says.

"[The family] gave me a hand-knitted scarf they had made, which was a touching and surprising gift," he says.

That's just the kind of strong, cross-cultural connection that the trip's organizers hoped would result from their efforts. "UB has so many nontraditional students that we wanted to develop an alternative to the typical study-abroad model, with opportunities for scholarship, personal and leadership development and community engagement," says **Kelly McPhee, B.A. '08, M.A. '11**, program manager for the Helen P. Denit Honors Program.

The original idea for this initiative came courtesy of Amanda Grant, a UB junior who had volunteered in Bolivia on a church mission trip the summer before her freshman year. "Being in a developing country forced me to stretch myself, deal with cultural dissonance and bridge the language barrier, and it increased my passion for volunteerism," Grant says. "I thought it would be neat to create a similar international-service experience for college students."

Grant approached McPhee, who was immediately enthusiastic; the two traveled to Guatemala in summer 2011 to pilot the program. "[This initiative] was a great fit for our students," McPhee says. "They received six months of preparation, including research, planning, team-building and fundraising."

To complement the trip, the students participated in a semester-long series of Thought for Food events in the spring, exploring food and agricultural policies from a variety of perspectives, including films and lectures. In

addition, during an alternative spring break in March, they helped create a new sensory garden of highly scented and textured plants at Real Food Farm in Baltimore's Clifton Park—part of an effort to improve neighborhood access to healthy food and to "help the younger generation associate with food that doesn't come out of a package," explains McPhee, who coordinated the springtime events.

While in Guatemala, the UB students

**"This is experiential learning at its best; these students changed people's lives, and their lives were changed, too."**

dedicated the bulk of their time to community-enhancing efforts like building stoves and teaching at a local school—but they managed to squeeze in a bit of sightseeing. One of their most memorable pursuits involved climbing the active volcano Pacaya on a three-hour hike that began in a rainforest-like atmosphere that changed to bare, black surface. The students roasted marshmallows in the steam emerging from vents in the volcanic rock.

Paul recalls the spectacular view from the summit. "Seeing 360 degrees around, looking down at the city with the other volcanoes in the distance makes you feel very small," he says.

But the entirety of what the students accomplished in Guatemala was monumental, McPhee says. "This is experiential learning at its best; these students changed people's lives, and their lives were changed, too."

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*opposite page, clockwise from top left, l. to r.:* Kelly McPhee cutting reinforcement steel for a stove during her 2011 trip; ruins in Antigua; Paul on Volcano Pacaya; the village of Santa Maria de Jesus; one of the Guatemalan families that received a new stove; a stove in progress *immediate left:* Dave Edwards at Cerro de la Cruz, overlooking Antigua

Plans are developing for Northern Ireland partners to work with the Institute for Education in International Media and UB on a 2013 summer residency that will include both Irish and American students. UB alumni are also welcome.

For more information, visit the residency's blog at <http://armaghproject2012.wordpress.com>, its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ArmaghProject2012](http://www.facebook.com/ArmaghProject2012) or the Institute for Education in International Media's website at [www.ieimedia.com/armagh](http://www.ieimedia.com/armagh).

New Helen P. Denit Honors Program Service-Aboard Adventures are also being considered. For more information, contact Kelly McPhee at [kmcphree@ubalt.edu](mailto:kmcphree@ubalt.edu).



# TWO CAN PLAY

- André Walters, J.D. '05
- vice president of legal affairs for the Charlotte Bobcats



# AT THIS GAME

Rookies no more, these two  
business-side players are helping their  
NBA teams rebuild for the future.

by Robert S. Benchley



· Michael Blackstone, M.B.A. '97  
· executive director of basketball operations for the Cleveland Cavaliers



The 2011-12 NBA season nearly didn't start at all. Team owners initiated a lockout in July 2011, when the league's collective bargaining agreement expired. Players and owners had not come to terms on several issues, including the structure of the salary cap—the maximum any team can spend on total player salaries. Finally, late November 2011 brought a tentative agreement—after 161 days—and league play began on Christmas Day.

Two University of Baltimore alumni and NBA executives had courtside seats for the negotiations: **Michael Blackstone, M.B.A. '97**, executive director of basketball operations for the Cleveland Cavaliers, and **André Walters, J.D. '05**, vice president of legal affairs for the Charlotte Bobcats.

Blackstone joined the Cavaliers in 2010, bringing with him a background in working with sports teams' front offices to help them improve their

*"That's the beauty of sports—there's always next year."*

## **ANDRÉ WALTERS** J.D. '05

### **On wanting to be "like Mike:"**

I played basketball and football in high school. As a teenager, I became a Michael Jordan fan, like everyone else. Now I work for him. Life is certainly full of surprises.

### **On not taking 'no' for an answer:**

I always wanted to be a lawyer. When I was a kid, I was in an Explorer Program in which you got to shadow an attorney. My TV role model was Clair Huxtable on *The Cosby Show*. It also helped that my college girlfriend, who is now my wife, wanted to go to law school.

I didn't get into Baltimore when I initially applied ... because I didn't do that well on the LSAT. But I saw that [UB] was having an orientation session for incoming law students. I decided to attend, and there was the woman who signed my rejection letter.

I had taken the LSAT again and [had] done well the second time, so I went up and spoke to her. She encouraged me to attend [UB's] Summer Institute [which offers conditional admission] and then apply for reconsideration. I did, and I was accepted.

### **On turning his love of sports into a career:**

[After graduation,] I found a law firm specializing in commercial-lending work that was looking for beginning lawyers. ... The lawyers I worked with there were passionate about their work. I realized that I needed to find something I was passionate about, too, because I knew that was the key to being a great lawyer.

I figured that I was a sports guy; I watch it and talk about it all the time, and I'm fascinated by the sports business. So I began looking for legal work in the sports field.

### **On landing the job via a case of mistaken identity:**

I read that the [Bobcats] had hired Jared Bartie as general counsel. I also saw that he had worked at Black Entertainment Television, where I had interned during law school. I called the team to get his email address but was put right through to his office, and he picked up. It turned out that he was expecting a call from another André about buying a suit. I said, "I'm not that guy, but I'm your guy." We began talking, and I was hired a few weeks later. Bartie left in 2008, and I was [then] the only lawyer on staff, handling everything. I was promoted to vice president in February 2012.

### **On the perks of his job:**

I get to be a part of the NBA at a very high level. When I watch *SportsCenter* on ESPN and they're talking about things I'm involved with, it's great. I also attend just about every home game, depending on scheduling.

### **On the highlight of his Bobcats career:**

When [General Manager] Rich [Cho] got here, one of the first things we had to do was [help] Bismack Biyombo ... get out of a deal with a Spanish team. We were able to get him free of the contract and got him on the court to play preseason games.

### **On overcoming the Bobcats' recent disappointing seasons:**

The people who work for our organization just don't have 'quit' [in them]. It starts at the top. We all embody the spirit of Michael [Jordan]. He's a champion, and we believe in his leadership. This season we have new uniforms, a new logo, a new coach and some new players. The experience of what we have gone through as an organization has brought us all closer. That's the beauty of sports—there's always next year.



negotiation strategies and processes. He came on board as the salary cap administrator just a few months after star forward LeBron James bolted from Cleveland for the Miami Heat. The Cavs finished 13th out of 15 teams in the NBA's Eastern Conference.

Walters was already on the Cats' payroll, juggling a mix of legal and other responsibilities, when the lockout began. Despite being owned by retired Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan, Charlotte compiled the worst winning percentage in NBA history: 0.106.

While both teams had disappointing seasons last year, Blackstone and Walters share the athletes' competitive spirit and are working diligently to help their teams rebound. Here, they reveal their career paths, the best perks for those on the inside and their high points in contract negotiations.



## **MICHAEL BLACKSTONE**

### **M.B.A. '97**

#### **On his UB experience:**

I got an M.B.A. because I didn't like my job chasing new business at an insurance company and knew there was something out there that was a better fit for me. I'm not a 9-to-5 guy; I don't like sitting behind a desk all day, and [I] enjoy an environment where there is a wide variety of responsibilities and opportunities. I had always wanted to go to grad school locally and I heard great things about the program. It was one of the best decisions I ever made.

#### **On finding his way into the sports industry:**

[After working] for an advertising agency ... and [co-founding] Humagination, a sales training and executive development firm that helped other companies deal with different generations in the workforce, ... I joined Shapiro Negotiations Institute. I was put in charge of managing all marketing initiatives and also conducted negotiation-training seminars around the world.

While I was at [Shapiro], I began doing negotiation training and consulting for sports teams' front offices. We helped them create better negotiation strategies and achieve better results while retaining good relationships with the sports agents. ...

When Chris Grant was promoted to [Cavaliers] general manager, he called to see if we could help him find someone to do what I do now. (I'm not a lawyer, so I'm kind of an anomaly in this position.) We sent a couple of people for Chris to interview, but they didn't work out.

Then Chris ... said, "How about you?" ... I spoke with Chris and with my wife and family and then figured, why not try a new adventure in a business that I love? Not to mention I knew I would get to be a part of building something great in Cleveland.

#### **On his favorite job perk:**

The perk is actually the job itself. Building a great team is essential for success in almost every business. But in sports, we are trying to literally build a great team, so it's incredibly rewarding. I get to work every day at something I absolutely love. I also attend every home game and a few away games. Before I came here, I was traveling all over the world, [so] not having to travel as much is another perk. I also make wonderful connections with people from all walks of life.

#### **On going with the flow:**

In general, there is no typical day. I tried my first season to get into a routine, but it doesn't work. I do try to do anything administrative in the morning so it doesn't get forgotten. The rest of the day, I end up prioritizing a laundry list of all the things that need to happen.

#### **On the highlight of his Cavaliers career:**

[It was] getting the deal done with the Clippers that ended up in us receiving the first pick in the 2011 NBA draft [Kyrie Irving]. It was the first year Chris Grant, David Griffin (vice president of basketball operations) and I were together as a front-office executive team, the first deal we did together and the very first season after LeBron left the Cavs. Being able to get that deal done [under those conditions] was an enormous success.

#### **On rebuilding the team and moving forward:**

We're all pretty competitive people. No one wants to be in the middle. People ask all the time about LeBron and [his] leaving. I wasn't here during that time, and all I care about is doing my part to help this great team and city get back to an elite winning tradition.

Now we have the opportunity to build something. The question is how you do that the right way. We want to get back on top, but not at the expense of building for the future.

*"We're all pretty competitive people. No one wants to be in the middle."*



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# Go Daddy's Parsons Encourages Digital Communication Studies With New Professorship

Facebook and Twitter have changed the world. But before it was possible to post one status update or to send a single tweet, there was the Internet, the wide road on which all of that social-media traffic moves.

**Bob Parsons, B.S. '75, D.H.L. '08**, executive chairman and founder of Go Daddy, a global leader in website hosting and domain names, knows this. It's why he made a \$1 million donation to the University of Baltimore last spring to establish a new professorship in digital communication, a growing field that brings together computer science, graphic design, entrepreneurship and related skills.

In October, UB announced that **Sean Carton, D.C.D. '05**, professor of the practice in marketing in the Merrick School of Business

and a nationally recognized expert in the design and development of interactive media, would become the inaugural Bob "Go Daddy" Parsons Professor of Digital Communication, Commerce and Culture. Carton also heads the University's new Center for Digital Communication, Commerce and Culture.

"The Internet is the heart of the new economy," Parsons said in June upon the initial announcement of his gift. "The idea behind our digital communication [initiative] is to provide real-life lessons ... to give students the benefit of what I've learned in business over the years. There is so much potential for entrepreneurs online right now."

Parsons wants to make sure that UB students don't miss out on this limitless

possibility. As part of his donation, he will provide an annual lecture at his alma mater—delivered in person or in a virtual environment—covering digital life, online marketing and entrepreneurship. He gave his first presentation Nov. 12 at UB as part of the Merrick School of Business' Lessons From Legends speaker series and also helped to kick off UB's Global Entrepreneurship Week.

"The Bob 'Go Daddy' Parsons Professorship of Digital Communication, Commerce and Culture will be an integral part of UB's focus on preparing students for success in the digital age," UB President Robert L. Bogomolny said in June. "I especially appreciate Bob's willingness to share his considerable knowledge with our students."

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## Ratcliffe Gift Establishes Entrepreneurship Fellows Program

What does it take to start your own business? And once it's up and running, what does it take to make it grow?

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The foundation's \$550,000 gift bolsters curriculum development and provides scholarships for program participants. Beginning next fall, the donation will fund its first cadre of fellows, a carefully selected group of juniors who will commit to two years of course work, specialized instruction and direct exposure to successful entrepreneurs. During this period of immersion, they will work with Maryland-based “gazelles”—expert entrepreneurs who have built young, fast-growing companies—to learn about business operations from concept to

everyday problems. Then, students will launch their own for-profit businesses to complete the program.

“It's a real evolution of our entrepreneurship model,” says **Darlene Brannigan Smith, B.S. '78, M.B.A. '80**, dean of the School of Business. “We are focused on building an entrepreneurship curriculum that launches the next generation of gazelles. Though our current teaching methods in this area are quite strong, we want to enhance them by infusing practical experience from successful serial entrepreneurs. There's nothing like getting out there and actually doing it, especially when experts are guiding you along the way.”

“If I were a successful entrepreneur, I would be excited to be involved in this new vision for entrepreneurship,” Smith says. “It means you're a believer in the power of the self-starter, and you're sharing your insights and experiences with the next generation of entrepreneurs.”

“We're going beyond business-idea generation to creating and launching successful student-led ventures,” she adds. “It's going to be a Merrick [School of Business] calling card and a leading example of how entrepreneurship can be applied to business teaching in the 21st century.”



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**Carol L.R. Roberts, B.S. '07, M.P.A. '10**

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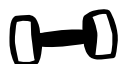
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## And the Story Behind the Last Photo Is ...

The photo featured in our last issue prompted a few alumni to email us with clues that helped us solve the mystery. We thank them for weighing in, and we look forward to hearing from more alumni about the photo included in this issue.

### From Michael Qualls, M.S. '77:

Well, the only person I really recognize is Major Tom Middleton, front and center of the photo. I know that I have changed since then, but I believe that the stocky guy (the second person behind Middleton in [that] row) may be me. I have lost some weight over the years but do still have the mustache and glasses. I could not find the binder that has my notes from my classes then, but I believe that the professor was Dr. Lombardo—an excellent instructor, as I remember.

This was taken in one of the classrooms we used on Fort Meade. The classes were for the Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. The time [is] 1975/76. I completed the requirements for graduation in the summer of '76 and was on my way overseas to Germany at the time the graduation was held Dec. 22, 1976.

### From Joseph S. Jenkins Jr., M.S. '78:

I am the person in the far right in the back. The picture was taken at Fort Meade, Md., circa 1976. It was a criminal justice class.

### From Kathryn J. (Harrington) McCloud, M.S. '77:

The picture on p. 22 is of students [in] UBalt's criminal justice master's program, taught (at that time) at Fort Meade, Md. The picture would have been taken in 1976 or 1977; the handsome guy in the center of the picture is Major Thomas Clinton Middleton Jr.

Did our old photo mystery get you in a nostalgic mood? Take a virtual walk down memory lane by visiting Langsdale Library's recently expanded online archives at [www.ubalt.edu/specialcollections](http://www.ubalt.edu/specialcollections). And the next time you're at Langsdale, make sure to check out new services and tools like iPad kiosks, the Langsdale on the Go! mobile site and more.

## Around the States in 30 Days

After graduating with a degree in business administration with a specialization in marketing, **Melissa Chen, B.S. '11**, drove around the entire continental United States for 30 days in July 2011, racking up nearly 10,000 miles on a rented minivan.

"I drove the entire excursion, despite being accompanied by my cousin, who does not possess a driver's license," Chen says. They started in New Jersey, where Chen's cousin Sean lives; the trip was funded in part by a grant Sean received from Princeton University, where he had just completed his sophomore year, to photograph Americans while driving across the country.

"A few of my key memories include visiting the Facebook office in Austin, Texas; spotting director Kevin Smith in Los Angeles and 'planking' [on] the sky deck in [Chicago's]



Willis Tower," Melissa Chen says, but she points to their time backcountry backpacking in Yellowstone National Park as the highlight of the trip.

The cousins made it to Seattle on the 11th day of travel, where they visited the top of the Space Needle. "This road trip made a

great impact on my life," says Chen, who now heads the marketing department for a prospect research company, DonorSearch, which requires her to travel twice monthly. "It gave me a literal and figurative road to self-discovery."



## To Ukraine, With Lviv

**Oleh Voloshyn, M.S. '99**, traveled back to his hometown of Lviv, Ukraine, in June while on business promoting Covalent Energy International, for which Voloshyn serves as vice president of finance and country manager for Ukraine.

"Lviv is my birth city, and it is always in my heart," Voloshyn says. "If you visit Lviv once, you will never forget it. It is a jewel of Eastern Europe." The historic city center, called Ploscha Rynok (the Market Place), where Voloshyn is pictured, is on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's World Heritage List.

"Because of the city's romantic atmosphere

with always-surprising buildings, narrow streets, small balconies in [bloom] and many coffee shops and small restaurants, Lviv is nicknamed the 'Little Paris of Ukraine,'" Voloshyn explains.

Lviv was selected to host three games of the 2012 Union of European Football Associations' European Football Championship this past summer—a big deal on the soccer-adoring continent across the Atlantic. In preparation for the event, Lviv received several new facilities and facelifts for many historic sites. And the statue of Neptune in Ploscha Rynok got into the spirit with a Ukrainian national soccer team jersey.

Have you traveled around the nation or 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](mailto:alumni@ubalt.edu). (And next time you head overseas, don't forget to wear your UB apparel.)



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# Where Are They Now?

**Melvin Bandell, A.A. '56**, Baltimore College of Commerce graduate

by Nicole Reagan



Then



Now

*l. to r.:* Bandell at Fort Richardson, outside of Anchorage, Alaska, in 1952; Bandell and his wife, Evelyn, at their Nottingham, Md., home in 2007

**THEN:** Up until the day he was drafted in 1951, **Melvin Bandell, A.A. '56**, worked at his local A&P food store. After being stationed in Alaska for a year and a half during the Korean War, the U.S. Army veteran and Maryland native returned home and enrolled through the G.I. Bill in the accounting program at the Baltimore College of Commerce.

"When I came back, I didn't have any skills and I didn't know what to do," he says. "I took a test ... as a G.I. to figure out what I wanted to do, and they suggested I try accounting."

"I had been away from the books for so long. But ... [the college] helped me to plug through."

Established in 1909 as part of the YMCA school system, the Baltimore College of Commerce was located on the corner of Franklin and Cathedral streets in the

former YMCA building, which now serves as the Mount Vernon Hotel. In the late '60s, the small college and its programs—bachelor's degrees in accounting, business management and marketing; six associate degrees; and a certificate in accounting—moved to a new campus in Mount Washington before merging with the University of Baltimore in 1973.

"[The college] had what I thought would help [me] do what I needed to do with my future," he says. "It was a good location, and ... 99 percent of the classes were [filled with] G.I.s. You had young ones and old ones."

After graduating, Bandell literally married the girl next door and joined the accounting department at Martin Marietta (now Lockheed Martin). Twenty years and several companies later, Bandell turned a booming "side" tax business into his full-time job.

**NOW:** After four decades as an accountant, Bandell retired to a schedule of occasional tax work, extensive travel (his family has gone on an African safari and on a cruise to Alaska) and full-time grandparenthood. His eldest granddaughter recently married, and the younger two are working toward bachelor's and master's degrees.

"I have known clients [who] have never wanted grandchildren, and I can't imagine my life without them," says Bandell, who volunteered for 10 years at his granddaughters' elementary schools. "They are the reason that I get up in the morning."

While Bandell misses the face-to-face interactions of his longtime accounting career, he appreciates the quiet life he now leads in Nottingham, Md., with his wife of 55 years, Evelyn.

"We [have] lived a simple life, but I've been very happy," he says.

*Nicole Reagan is a graduate student in the Publications Design program.*



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UB Alumni Association Spring Happy Hour featuring the deans: April 4, 2012



UB Night at Camden Yards: May 22, 2012

## Events and Photos

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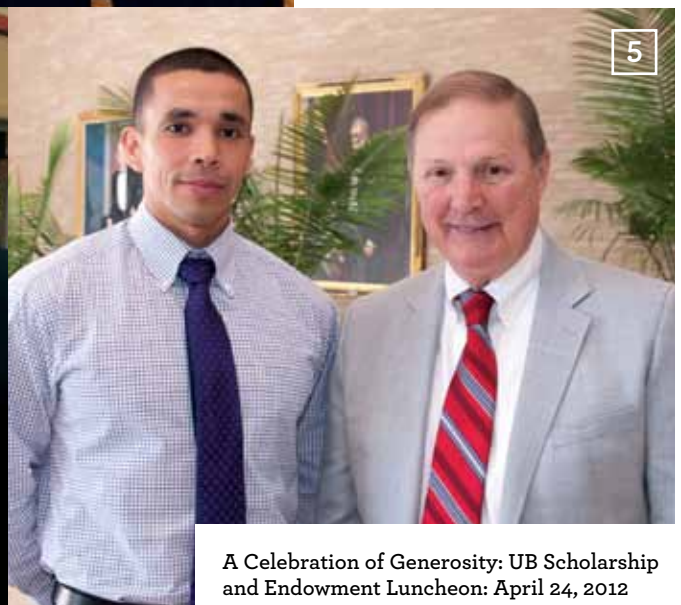
1. Darlene Brannigan Smith, B.S. '78, M.B.A. '80, dean of the Merrick School of Business
2. Lelani L. (B.S. '12) and Jerry Hill
3. Edward Meerholz, B.A. '71, M.P.A. '78; Sally H. (B.S. '83) and Wendall B. Leimbach, surrounded by costumed revelers
4. George F. Politz, B.S. '61; Marvin L. "Hank" Majewski, B.S. '61; and Frank A. Szymanski, M.S. '77
5. Steven Sanchez, graduate student, Accounting and Business Advisory Services program, and Thomas L. Milan, B.S. '65



Uniquely UB Roaring '20s Soiree: May 17, 2012



9th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Wakefield Valley Golf Club: May 10, 2012



A Celebration of Generosity: UB Scholarship and Endowment Luncheon: April 24, 2012





University of Baltimore Alumni Association  
Happy Hour in Harford County: June 6, 2012



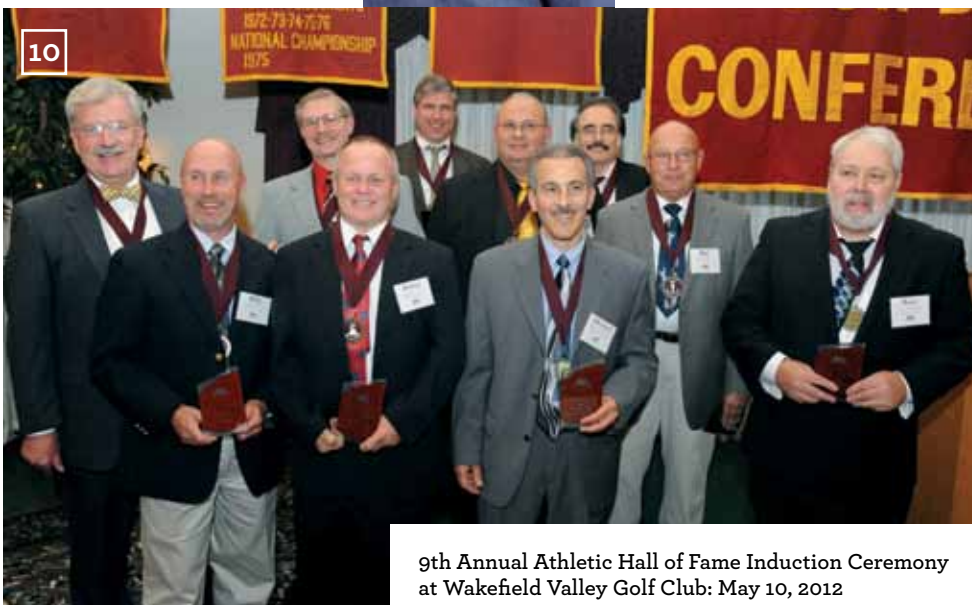
2nd Annual Goodbye and Hello Reception  
for New Graduates: April 19, 2012



Uniquely UB Roaring '20s Soiree:  
May 17, 2012



UB Alumni Association Spring Happy  
Hour featuring the deans: April 4, 2012



9th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
at Wakefield Valley Golf Club: May 10, 2012

*pictured, l. to r.:*

6. Holly Russell and John H. Hennessey, B.A. '74
7. Kate Lawless, M.A. '12; Alicia Kenny, M.A. '12;  
and Hannah-Love Shibley, M.A. '12
8. Yasmin N. Harris, M.S. '83, and  
Lillian J. Carter, B.S. '99
9. Loretta D. Brown, B.A. '00, and Latoya B.  
Green, B.S. '08
10. UB's 1973 wrestling team: *back row:* Patrick  
Clisham and Ray J. Armillei, B.A. '76; *middle*  
*row:* James G. Hebbel Sr., B.S. '74; Bob Long,  
B.S. '76; Vonnie Brewer, B.S. '76; and Ray  
Haney (coach); *front row:* Billy D. Weber,  
B.S. '76; Bruce Bagley, B.S. '75; Michael T.  
Tsottles, B.A. '77; and Rory Cunningham

# class notes

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**1950s** **Bernard J. Sevel, J.D. '57**, received the Alfred M. Porth Memorial Award from the Maryland Workers' Compensation Educational Association for his "outstanding commitment to the fair and honest administration of the Maryland workers' compensation system" in November 2011.

**Michael I. Gordon, J.D. '59**, was selected as a 2012 Maryland Super Lawyer for estate planning and probate law by *Maryland Super Lawyers* magazine in January. Gordon also was named to the 2007-11 Super Lawyers lists.

**1960s** **Rudolph W. Kozojet, B.S. '60**, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his wedding to Rose Marie Kozojet on June 7.

**Norman R. Stone, J.D. '60**, was honored by Gov. Martin O'Malley in March for having served 50 years in the Maryland General Assembly.

**Frederick D. Godman, B.S. '64**, retired in December 2011 as senior vice president of *The Daily Record* after a 67-year career at the newspaper.

**John S. Landbeck, J.D. '65**, was inducted into the Aberdeen (Md.) High School Hall of Fame in March for his commitment to his community and his career with the FBI.

**Ronald J. Belinko, B.A. '66**, received the 2011 Frank Kovalski Professional Development Award from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in fall 2011.

**W. Roland Knapp, LL.B. '67**, retired as director of the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation Board earlier this year. He served as an adjunct criminal-justice professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County from 2004-09 and has taught at Towson University since 2000. Also this year, he was appointed by Gov. Martin O'Malley to the Maryland Handgun Permit Review Board.

**G. Darrell Russell Jr., J.D. '67**, joined Parker, Pallett & Slezak in Bel Air, Md., in January.

**William R. Ferguson, B.S. '69**, was named controller at Choptank Electric Cooperative in Denton, Md., in December 2011.

**1970s** **Augustus F. Brown, J.D. '74**, received the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser and Outstanding Business Philanthropist awards from the Association of

Fundraising Professionals of Maryland—Harford County Chapter at the sixth annual Harford County Celebration of Philanthropy in April.

**Louis J. Kozlakowski Jr., B.S. '70, J.D. '74**, was selected as a 2012 Maryland Super Lawyer for construction/surety law by *Maryland Super Lawyers* magazine in January.

**Jennifer B. Bodine, J.D. '75**, published *Bodine's City*, a book of A. Aubrey Bodine photographs, in October 2011.

**Michael C. Hodes, J.D. '75**, opened a new, eponymous law firm in May, with offices in Towson, Columbia, Cambridge and Salisbury, Md.

**Hugh W. Mohler, M.B.A. '75**, joined Columbia, Md.-based Employee One Benefit Solutions as a consultant in March.

**J**oseph J. Mucha, B.S. '58, chairman of the board of Forman, a Baltimore-based predistribution firm that handles food-service disposables and sanitary maintenance products, celebrated 60 years with the company in May.





**Alvin D. Blake, B.S. '77**, retired in August 2011 from the U.S. Department of Commerce—Bureau of Economic Analysis in Washington, D.C., after 29 years of service. He teaches economics part time at Baltimore City Community College and works with a global economics and education consulting group.

**Victor A. Broccolino, B.S. '77**, received the Senator James Clark Jr. Medal from Howard Community College in Columbia, Md., in May for his longtime service to the college and to the community.

**Kevin J. Kelehan, J.D. '77**, received the Trustees' Award for his outstanding service to Howard Community College in Columbia, Md., in April.

**Michael C. Linn, J.D. '77**, received the 2011 Chief Roughneck Award from U.S. Steel Corp. in November 2011.

**Raymond L. Bank, J.D. '78**, was named chair of the Baltimore Community Foundation board of trustees in March.

**James F. Farmer, J.D. '78**, became a certified member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum in November 2011. The forum recognizes attorneys who have won million-dollar verdicts, awards and settlements.

**Steven S. Manekin, CERT '78**, served as a featured speaker at the D.C. Bar Association's Business Law Training Series, the American Immigration Lawyers Association's "Business School for Immigration Lawyers" conference and the Baltimore County Bar Association's "Basic Accounting for Lawyers" program.

**Theodore M. Flerlage Jr., J.D. '79**, was named a 2012 Influential Marylander by *The Daily Record* in January.

**Howard A. Janet, J.D. '79**, was the 2012 Lawyer of the Year for plaintiffs' personal injury litigation in Baltimore, as published in *Best Lawyers in America* in November 2011.

**1980s** **Donald C. Fry, J.D. '80**, was named a 2012 Influential Marylander by *The Daily Record* in January.

## Baby Bee Announcements

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

Share the buzz about your new Baby Bee with us at [410.837.6131](tel:410.837.6131) or [alumni@ubalt.edu](mailto:alumni@ubalt.edu).



Aiden Chase Maheridis was born Dec. 1, 2011, to **Erin S. (J.D. '04)** and **Pete P. Maheridis, J.D. '04**.



Joshua Kaan Karsli was born Jan. 24 to **Marcela Garcia-Karsli, B.A. '05**.



Hailey Young was born March 3 to **Elizabeth (Dunn) Young, B.S. '07**, and Jordan Young.

**Catherine G. Kodat, B.A. '80**, was appointed dean of the Division of Liberal Arts at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pa., in July.

**Barbara A. Knox, M.B.A. '80**, was promoted to vice president of product management at Harrisburg, Pa.-based Keystone Peer Review Organization in June 2011.

**Michael D. Ziemba, B.S. '80**, joined McLean, Koehler, Sparks & Hammond in Hunt Valley, Md., as a senior manager of accounting and auditing services in October 2011.

**Brian P. Darmody, J.D. '81**, was appointed university director of corporate relations at the University of Maryland, College Park in February.

**John J. Griffin, J.D. '81**, gave a presentation about President Barack Obama's American Jobs Act at the Democratic Women's Council of the Conejo

Valley's champagne brunch in Westlake Village, Calif., in October 2011.

**David M. Meadows, J.D. '82**, received the Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager designation from the American Bankers Association's Institute of Certified Bankers in June.

**DeWayne Wickham, M.P.A. '82**, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Black Journalists in March.

**Arthur E. Flach, M.S. '83**, was appointed vice chairman of the Junior Achievement of Central Maryland board of directors in November 2011.

**David A. Goldner, M.S. '83**, was appointed to the board of directors of BKR International, a global association of independent accounting and business advisory firms, in October 2011.

**F. Carter Heim, M.S. '84**, was elected vice chairman of the board of directors of the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (Md.) Chamber of Commerce in April.

**Timothy K. Michels, J.D. '84**, was promoted to chief operations officer of the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund in Towson, Md., in October 2011.

**Jeanette G. Partlow, J.D. '85**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**Regina K. Shea, B.S. '85**, received the 2012 Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs Teaching Excellence Award for the Eastern Council region in June.

**Linda S. Woolf, J.D. '85**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**Patricia M.C. Brown, J.D. '86**, president of Johns Hopkins HealthCare in Baltimore, received a Brava! award from *Baltimore SmartCEO* magazine in July. This award celebrates "women business leaders who combine their irrepressible entrepreneurial spirit with a passion for giving back to the community."

**Stephen A. Endres, B.S. '86**, was appointed chief financial officer of Mid-Atlantic Properties, a Towson, Md.-based development and property management firm, in late 2011.

**Laurie McKinnon, J.D. '86**, is running for the Montana Supreme Court.

**Mary C. Chalawsky, J.D. '87**, received the Presidential Award at the Bar Association of Baltimore City's 17th Annual Past Presidents' Luncheon in November 2011 and was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**John A. King, M.S. '88**, former police chief of Gaithersburg, Md., and a former assistant chief with the Montgomery County (Md.) Police Department, was hired to lead the Baltimore City Police Department's education and training division in December 2011.

**Thomas A. Byers, M.S. '89**, was promoted to director of the estate tax planning and compliance group at Ellin & Tucker in January. He works in the firm's Baltimore office.

**I**sabel Cumming, M.B.A. '89, J.D. '93, married Don McCarthy in June in a ceremony held on the Chesapeake Bay in Lusby, Md. Cumming is the assistant inspector general of investigations/counsel for the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.



**John E. Kutchey, B.S. '89**, former deputy director of the National Credit Union Administration Office of Examination and Insurance in Alexandria, Va., was promoted to deputy executive director and chief operating officer in January.

**Margaret A. Mead, J.D. '89**, received the Margaret Brent-Juanita Jackson Mitchell Award at the Bar Association of Baltimore City's 17th Annual Past Presidents' Luncheon in November 2011.

**Marie Van Deusen, J.D. '89**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**1990s** **William E. Esham III, J.D. '90**, was elected to the board of directors of Norfolk, Va.-based Shore Bank in November 2011.

**Kenneth M. Eyler, B.S. '90**, was named a member of Arthur Bell CPAs in Hunt Valley, Md., in January. He is the chief financial officer and member in charge of the firm's family office services.

**Toni-Junell J. Herbert, J.D. '90**, joined Venable's Washington, D.C., office as a partner in January.

**Connie Kratovil-Lavelle, J.D. '90**, received the Judicial Branch Excellence Award from the Maryland Access to Justice Commission in April.

**Colleen L. LoPresto, B.S. '90**, executive director of Oak Crest Retirement Community in Parkville, Md., was appointed to the board of directors of Baltimore's MedStar Franklin Square Hospital Center in November 2011.

**Jeffrey A. Bateman, B.S. '91**, joined Baltimore-based Barcoding, a leader in enterprise-wide mobility solutions, as controller in September 2011.

**Gregory S. Hood, B.S. '91**, was named principal of Thoreau Middle School in Vienna, Va., in January.

**Oren D. Saltzman, J.D. '85, LL.M. '91**, was named the 2012 Maryland Attorney Advocate of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Baltimore District Office in March.

**Charles B. Anderson, J.D. '92**, was appointed U.S. magistrate judge for the Maryland District Court in Salisbury, Md., in March.

**Mark Buren, M.B.A. '92**, was hired as a director of Baltimore-based AloStar Business Credit in November 2011.

**Diane M. Couchman, M.B.A. '92**, was promoted to vice president of clinical services at Calvert Memorial Hospital in Prince Frederick, Md., in April.

**Kristen L. Mahoney, J.D. '92**, joined the U.S. Department of Justice as the deputy director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance in Washington, D.C., in June.

**William J. McCarthy, J.D. '87, LL.M. '92**, was named a 2012 Influential Marylander by *The Daily Record* in January.

**Katie Ryan-Lekin, M.A. '92**, was appointed president of the board of trustees of Catholic Charities in Baltimore in February.



**Johnny C. Whitehead, B.S. '92**, was selected as the new chief of police and director of public safety for Rice University in Houston, Texas, in March.

**Kathleen A. Beck, B.S. '93**, was elected to the board of the Community Foundation of Harford County (Md.) in October 2011.

**Charles A. Borek, J.D./M.B.A. '93**, joined Howard County, Md.-based Davis, Agnor, Rapaport & Skalny as of counsel in March.

**Adam C. Burton, M.B.A. '93**, was honored as a donor and volunteer of the year at St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore's annual celebration award dinner at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore in May.

**Karen Pecora-Barbour, M.B.A. '93**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**Donald A. Rea, J.D. '93**, joined Saul Ewing's Baltimore office as a partner in October 2011.

**James M. Timmerman, J.D. '93**, joined Tydings & Rosenberg in Baltimore as a partner in November 2011.

**Maria E. Chavez-Ruark, J.D. '94**, joined Saul Ewing's Baltimore office as a partner in the firm's bankruptcy and restructuring practice in May.

**Caroline D. Ciraolo, LL.M. '94**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**Debra M. Davis, J.D. '94**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**Lisa Y. Settles, J.D./M.P.A. '94**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**Robert A. Freedman, M.B.A. '95**, joined the board of directors of the Hunt Valley, Md.-based United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland in January.

**Lisa R. Harlow, B.S. '95**, was appointed senior account executive for Clapp Communications in Lutherville, Md., in March.

**Matthew J. Murcko, J.D. '95**, was promoted to of counsel at Richmond, Va.-based Troutman Sanders in its real estate finance practice group in January.

## In Memoriam

Maurice F. Penn, LL.B. '38

Mildred C. Attman, A.A. '42

June V. Koch, B.S. '44

George S. Everly, A.A. '47

John M. McGeady, B.S. '49

John G. Underwood, LL.B. '50

Edward M. Budelis, B.S. '51

Alexander Yankelove, LL.B. '51

William T. Barnes, A.A. '52

Harold I. Buskirk, A.A. '52

Harry P. Owings, B.S. '52

Fred M. Gloth, J.D. '53

William A. Long, B.S. '53

John W. Moyer, LL.B. '54

William R. Goodman, J.D. '55

Leonard H. Lockhart Sr., A.A. '53, J.D. '55

Webster C. Dove, LL.B. '56

Eric R. Happel, LL.B. '58

Norman Sylvester, B.S. '58

Marion D. Ford, LL.B. '61

Barbara L. Goldberg, LL.B. '61

John B. Walker, LL.B. '61

Harry T. Fitzhugh, J.D. '62

Donald G. Mitchell, B.S. '62

John W. Glenn, J.D. '63

Wallace E. Warner, B.S. '63

Joseph L. Bohlen, LL.B. '64

Ryland S. Chesser, B.S. '64

George W. Mix, J.D. '64

Frank A. Mucha, LL.B. '64

Edward G. Phoebus, J.D. '64

Stuart L. Buchwald, B.A. '66

Abbey V. Kovens, B.S. '67

Charles A. Merson, B.S. '68

Steven J. McEntee Sr., B.S. '69

William A. Seal, B.A. '69

Charles G. Taylor, LL.B. '69

John J. Dwyer, J.D. '70

Eric G. Hoskins, B.S. '70

William B. Levin, B.S. '70

Jerome K. Kappes, B.S. '72

Marilyn B. Miles, B.A. '72

Irvin Mordes, B.A. '72

Bruce D. Royster, B.S. '72

Dennis Powers, J.D. '73

Malcolm N. Stewart, J.D. '73

Timothy M. Flynn, B.S. '74

Robert L. Skillman, B.S. '74

Robert L. Kramer Jr., B.S. '76

Thomas R. Lindos, B.S. '77

Jeffrey J. Plum, J.D. '79

Bryan J. Akman, J.D. '80

Clinton E. Mowen, B.S. '80

James R. Sparks, B.A. '80

Thomas W. Matthews, M.S. '81

Harold D. Norton, J.D. '81

Ruth B. Gans, B.A. '77, M.P.A. '83

Edward C. Rouillard, B.S. '83

Adam D. Metz, J.D. '86

Karen K. Dabney, J.D. '87

W.W. Cookson, J.D. '88

Dawn D. Sonntag, B.S. '89

Melissa Y. Hoffman, B.S. '93

John P. Petrovick, J.D. '10

R. Michael Canjar, former professor, Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts

Ron Lippincott, former associate professor, Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts

George L. Mitchell, former lacrosse coach

**Jan L. Williams, M.S. '95**, was promoted to associate professor with tenure at the University of Baltimore in June.

**Charles J. Acquisto, J.D. '96**, released an e-book titled *Tap Room Tales: A Clambake Collection from Golf's Greatest Pro-Am* in January.

**Lawrence E. Angle, J.D. '96**, was honored with a resolution of appreciation for his service in Afghanistan from Hagerstown Mayor Robert E. Bruchey II and the Hagerstown (Md.) City Council in June.

**Gregory M. Derwart, M.A. '96**, joined the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts as its new chief operating officer in March.

**Mohammed B. Kashem, M.S. '96**, an associate professor of sociology at National University in Bangladesh, spoke at the University of Baltimore in April about the Bangladeshi criminal justice system and how it compares to the U.S. justice system.

**A.L. Lundy Jr., LL.M. '96**, received the Grahovac Award from Meritas Law Firms Worldwide in May for his outstanding service, leadership and dedication.

**Judy L. Smith, M.B.A. '96**, was appointed to the board of directors of Women in Aerospace, based in Washington, D.C., in January.

**Howard B. Soypher, J.D. '96**, was elected a fellow of the Chicago, Ill.-based American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in November 2011.

**Kevin B. Coyne, M.S. '97**, president and chief operating officer of the telecommunications company FiberLight in Alpharetta, Ga., was nominated for the Atlanta Telecom Professional of the Year Award in October 2011.

**Cathy P. Leaning, M.A. '97**, was named senior director of marketing for Bozzuto Homes in Greenbelt, Md., in July 2011.

**Gina M. Zentz, J.D. '97**, joined Venable's Baltimore office as of counsel in March.

**Ashley A. Anders, M.S. '99**, was named a board member of the Professional Women's Roundtable, a Philadelphia, Pa.-based

nonprofit that provides networking, leadership, educational and personal-growth opportunities to emerging women business leaders, in May.

**Jennifer J. Stearman, J.D. '99**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**2000s** **Kimberly S. Grimsley, J.D. '00**, became a partner at Bowie & Jensen in Towson, Md., in January.

**Vasilios Peros, J.D./M.B.A. '00**, was named president and general counsel of triCerat, a software development company in Columbia, Md., in January.

**Andrew H. Segall, M.B.A. '00**, joined Saul Ewing's Baltimore office as special counsel in the firm's business and finance, corporate and real estate practices in June.

**Buthaina Shukri, M.S. '00**, joined the Washington, D.C.-based George Washington University's School of Engineering and Applied Science as the senior director of school alumni programs in April.

**Paul D. Rose, J.D. '01**, joined Miles & Stockbridge in Frederick, Md., as an attorney/counsel in February.

**Gabriel J. Batstone, M.B.A. '02**, was promoted to chief executive officer of NGRain Corp. in Vancouver, B.C., in December 2011.

**Jerry E. Beard, M.S. '02**, was named chair of the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants' State Tax Committee in June.

**Rivka Bier, B.S. '02**, is a tax manager at Hertzbach & Co. in Owings Mills, Md.

**Suzette E. Brann-Cephas, J.D. '02**, graduated with a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minn., in March.

**Valerie L. Ervin, M.P.A. '02**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women in March.

**David J. Hodnett, M.S. '02**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2011 VIP list of very important professionals age 40 and under in August.

**Kevin J. Allis, B.S. '99, J.D. '03**, was appointed executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Native American Contractors Association in February.

**Benjamin J. Biard, J.D./M.B.A. '03**, was promoted to partner at Wilson Elser. He works in the law firm's Miami, Fla., office.

**John S. Butler, B.A. '03**, was appointed deputy chief of the Howard County (Md.) Department of Fire and Rescue in June.

**Richard R. Chambers, J.D. '03**, was accepted as a fellow of the Maryland State Bar Association's 2012-13 Leadership Academy in May.

**Mollie G. Caplis, J.D. '04**, was named a Rising Star in family law by *Maryland Super Lawyers* magazine in December 2011. An associate at the Baltimore-based firm of Wright, Constable & Skeen, Caplis has been named a Rising Star since 2009 and was also designated as a Top Northeast Lawyer for Divorce by Avvo.com in 2011.

**Adam S. Zarren, J.D. '02, M.B.A. '04**, joined Saul Ewing's Baltimore office as a partner in the firm's business and finance department and corporate group in December 2011.

**Abigail L. Baker, J.D. '05**, joined Ober|Kaler's Baltimore office as an associate in January 2012.

**James F. Kosalek, M.B.A. '05**, was promoted to director of Turbo Machinery, in York, Pa., in May.

**Jason R. Potter, J.D. '05**, was named a Rising Star in business litigation by *Maryland Super Lawyers* magazine in December 2011. An associate in the Baltimore-based law firm of Wright, Constable & Skeen, Potter also was named a Rising Star in construction/surety law in 2011.

**David A. Reiss, D.C.D. '05**, was promoted to associate professor at Towson University in Towson, Md., in October 2011.

**Charles R. Athey, J.D. '06**, joined the law firm of Charles T. Capute in Easton, Md., as an associate in April.

**Sara M. Bruszewski, M.B.A. '06**, received *The Daily Record's* 20 in Their Twenties award in April.



**Allison R. Ernst, B.S. '04, M.A. '06**, assistant director of creative services for the Community College of Baltimore County in Catonsville, Md., won three 2011 American Graphic Design Awards: two for performing arts posters and one for a publication that the college sends to accepted students.

**Mark R. Holtzman, B.S. '06**, was appointed acting police chief of the Hagerstown (Md.) Department of Police in April.

**Emily G. Miller, J.D. '06**, joined Ballard Spahr's Baltimore office as an associate in the business and finance department and as a member of the mortgage banking and consumer financial services groups.

**Kurt E. Nachtman, J.D. '06**, and **Jeremy M. Eldridge, J.D. '06**, founded the Baltimore-based Law Offices of Eldridge and Nachtman. They both previously worked for the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City.

**Olivia K. Smith, J.D. '06**, celebrated her second year as a solo practitioner in Cincinnati, Ohio, in May. Her firm focuses solely on family law.

**Emily Arrison, M.A. '07**, had her work included in an art exhibit featuring alumni from the visual arts department of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., in October 2011.

**Walter Nolley, M.S. '07**, began his first term as a member of the University of Baltimore Alumni Association's Board of Governors in July.



*Clockwise from top: a rehearsal for *It's Finally Here*, EMP Collective's late-night talk show performance, in June; *The Genesis Project*, EMP's multimedia show at the Fridge in Washington, D.C., in July; steel pan composer Adam Grise performs in *The Genesis Project**

In 2010, **Brad Cartwright, M.F.A. '12**, **Katy Dubina, M.B.A. '09**, and Maggie Villegas, a student in UB's M.F.A in Integrated Design program, joined forces and founded the Baltimore-based nonprofit arts organization EMP Collective. Only two years later, the group is already receiving plenty of local media attention—including achieving “Best Collective” status in the *Baltimore City Paper's* Best of Baltimore issue in September. And in 2011, an Operation Storefront grant from the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore enabled the collective to open its first gallery and performance space on Redwood Street as part of a West Baltimore revitalization program.

How to describe the collective? “EMP’s niche is everything,” Cartwright says.

The group produces films, written works, theater performances, music, gallery shows and more, all to give artists of different backgrounds and styles the opportunity to experiment, collaborate and show new works.

Not surprisingly, EMP Collective has already outgrown its original digs; the group moved to 307 W. Baltimore St. in October.

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**Lauren M. Dodrill, J.D. '08**, received *The Daily Record's* 20 in Their Twenties award in April.

**Derek J. Howell, J.D. '08**, taught Biblical View of American Law and Government at Faith Theological Seminary in Baltimore in the spring. This is the first seminary or college in the United States to offer this course on the U.S. Constitution for credit.

**Ryan E. McQuighan, J.D. '08**, and his wife, Sara, welcomed son Declan Gibbons McQuighan on March 7.

**Holly D. O'Shea, J.D. '08**, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2011 VIP list of very important professionals age 40 and under in August.

**Joseph A. Pulver, J.D. '08**, joined the Baltimore law firm of Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler as an associate in June.

**Danielle L. Sutton, B.S. '06, M.A. '08**, received her master's degree in forensic studies from Stevenson University in May 2011 and began her studies in the law and public policy doctoral specialization at Walden University in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Scott N. Thornton, B.S. '05, B.S. '08**, was named head coach of the women's golf program at Delaware State University in Dover, Del.

**Ibrahim S. Dabo, B.S. '09**, launched his own website, [www.ibtalkonline.com](http://www.ibtalkonline.com).

**Tiffany S. Franc, J.D. '09**, received *The Daily Record's* 20 in Their Twenties award in April.

**Hilary T. Geisbert, B.S. '09**, was named style editor of *Baltimore* magazine in January.

**Gregg A. Iskra, J.D. '09**, was named a supervising engineer in the Baltimore office of Parsons Brinckerhoff, an infrastructure consulting, planning, engineering and program/construction management firm, in November 2011.

**Talley H. Kovacs, M.B.A. '09**, joined Pessin Katz Law's Towson, Md., office as an associate in October 2011.

**Suzanne Vetter, J.D. '09**, received *The Daily Record's* 20 in Their Twenties award in April.

**Whitney A. Mour, B.A. '11**, began a year of volunteer service in May 2011 with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest at Abused Women's Aid in Crisis in Anchorage, Alaska.



**2010s Robert E. Gillespie, M.A. '10**, joined Eye Byte Solutions in Baltimore as a creative designer in November 2011.

**Andrew T. Hepworth, J.D. '10**, is an associate attorney with Resnick & Schwartzman in Baltimore.

**Valerie J. Johnson, B.S. '07, M.S. '10**, began her first term as a member of the University of Baltimore Alumni Association's Board of Governors in July.

**Emily D. Jolicoeur, J.D. '10**, joined Crosswhite, Limbrick & Sinclair in Baltimore as an associate in April.

**Justin P. Jones-Fosu, M.B.A. '10**, presented his book, *Finding Your Glasses*, in March at Baltimore's Enoch Pratt Free Library. The book is a practical process for finding your prescription in life by achieving success according to your core values.

**Lorena de Leon, B.S. '10**, opened Decals, a retail store offering peel-and-stick wall murals and other personalized decorations, in Reisterstown, Md., in May.

**Joseph M. Maher, J.D. '10**, joined the family law firm of Weinberg and Schwartz in Columbia, Md., as an associate in October 2011.

**Carol L.R. Roberts, B.S. '07, M.P.A. '10**, began her first term as a member of the University of Baltimore Alumni Association's Board of Governors in July.

**Anastasia M. Salter, D.C.D. '10**, presented an invited talk at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Md., as part of its CYBERLINX2

Cybersecurity Conference in May. She spoke on "Playing with Data: Visual Interfaces and Games" and was part of a panel on insights from games and behavioral analyses as applied to current network data challenges.

**Kimberley A. Savel, B.A. '10**, welcomed son Brody Savel Ransom on Feb. 14.

**Katharine S. Shaffer, M.S. '09, CERT '10**, served as the second author of a research paper on "A Revised Model of the Career Development of Women in Academia: Traversing the Leaky Pipeline." Co-author Courtney Gasser, clinical assistant professor at UB, presented a poster based on the paper at the 34th Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in January.

**Jeremy C. Wyatt, J.D. '10**, joined Kramon & Graham as an associate in the firm's Baltimore litigation group in February.

**Ty Hobson-Powell, B.A. '11**, served as the keynote speaker at Voorhees College's convocation in Denmark, S.C., in March. He also began classes at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, N.C., in August 2011 at age 16.

**Kristen M. Lohmeyer, J.D. '11**, joined the Business & Technology Law Group in Columbia, Md., as an associate in February.

**Pamela C. Ng, M.B.A. '11**, began her first term as a member of the University of Baltimore Alumni Association's Board of Governors in July.

**Masika W. McCoy, B.S. '06, B.S. '12**, welcomed daughter Camille McCoy on May 16—the day of Masika's UB commencement ceremony.





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## Sylvia Allen, B.S. '00

by Emily Brungo

When asked which filmmakers have inspired her, Los Angeles-based filmmaker **Sylvia Allen, B.S. '00**, has difficulty naming any. "There are so few African-American female filmmakers," she says. "There's really no one to look up to."

"Do I have to be my own inspiration?" she asks with a laugh.

Ironically, it was her own experience that prompted her to write and produce *I Want a Man*, an Indie Fest award-winning short film recently selected for the 2012 International Black Film Festival of Lille Metropole (France).

Following her graduation from UB's Corporate Communication program—where she discovered her passion for video production—Allen turned a film trailer she produced as an undergraduate into a feature-film screenplay she describes as being about "love, revenge, betrayal and murder." While she says the original script is more of a "suspense thriller," her subsequent short-

film adaptation focused more on domestic violence, a topic that was all too familiar to Allen in her teenage years. "In hindsight, it is still an unknown why I stayed [in an abusive relationship]," she says. "But I was in love."

Later, in 2002, it was her love of motion

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pictures that spurred her to move to Los Angeles to pursue a career in film. While earning her certification in producing from the New York Film Academy and working 40 hours a week as a clerk typist at Los Angeles International Airport, Allen decided to take her short-film script from page to screen.

As the executive producer of an independent film project, she was responsible for

everything from financing, location scouting and hiring cast and crew to post-production editing, music selection, sound design and marketing.

Allen hopes that her short film initiates more dialogue on domestic violence and conveys the idea that "both sides of the relationship are responsible and need to be understood."

"Nobody talked about [the abuse]," she says of her own experience. But, she adds, "I do not consider myself a victim. I moved on. I'm still here."

Allen, who also owns and runs Sylvideo Productions, LLC—the Future, has submitted *I Want a Man* to various major film festivals for consideration and is now working on securing funding to create a full-length feature film. When asked about her prospects, Allen is optimistic. "I'm from Baltimore," she says. "I'm tenacious."

# All in the Family:

Dan Nagle, B.A. '11

Susan O'Neill, B.A. '91, M.P.A. '93

Kathleen Skullney, B.A. '91, J.D. '93

Three family members.  
Five degrees. One campus.

by Mary Medland

**B**lame it on **Kathleen Skullney, B.A. '91, J.D. '93**. She started the University of Baltimore ball rolling for two of her four children, and given the family's positive reactions to their experiences here, there may very well be another generation enrolled as students in the not-too-distant future.

Originally from Illinois, Skullney moved to Baltimore as a single mother primarily because of an extensive network of aunts, uncles, grandparents and other relatives in the area. After earning her undergraduate degree in jurisprudence in 1991 and her J.D. in 1993, both from UB, she spent a number of years working for nonprofit Maryland Legal Aid before retiring. Today, she is of counsel at Williams & Santoni in Towson, Md.

"My current husband and I met when we were living in the same townhome community and my children used to play with his dog," Skullney says. "Bill, who had a career as an aerospace engineer, asked me what I wanted to do with my life. I thought about that and said [that] I wanted to finish my college degree."

Working with a UB admission counselor, Skullney was able to transfer credits she had received from Loyola University Chicago and from the Maryland Institute College of Art, and she began at UB as a junior. After completing her jurisprudence degree, she marched right on to the UB School of Law.

While Kathleen was in law school, her teenage son, **Dan Nagle, B.A. '11**, now the University's associate director of auxiliary enterprises, grabbed the bus from his high

school to UB and waited for his mom to finish classes so they could carpool home to western Baltimore County.

"Although I started at Howard Community College before transferring here, UB had me hooked from the start," says Nagle, who earned his undergraduate degree at UB in government and public policy. "I used to wait for my mom in Poe's Publick House (the former cafeteria in the basement of the John and Frances Angelos Law Center) where I would often have a burger and fries. Even though I was a bit younger than most [of the students around], no one seemed to mind, and I just remember feeling comfortable."

Although her time at UB did not overlap with her brother's, **Susan O'Neill, B.A. '91, M.P.A. '93**, and her mother were on campus together for a good part of their college education. "I was not happy with the school I was attending, so my mother suggested transferring to UB," says O'Neill, who is now the economic development manager for the town of Perryville, Md. "I instantly fell in love with the school."

She cites the faculty's enthusiasm, attentiveness and knowledge and UB's manageable campus and small class sizes as motivation. "In spite of everyone being older, I could really understand my fellow students," says O'Neill, who began at UB when she was 20; at the time, UB's average student age was higher because it offered upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses only. "Because the classes were held in the evenings and people were working during the day, the students had work experience and they were focused on their education, not on partying."







*l. to r.:* Skullney, Nagle and O'Neill

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