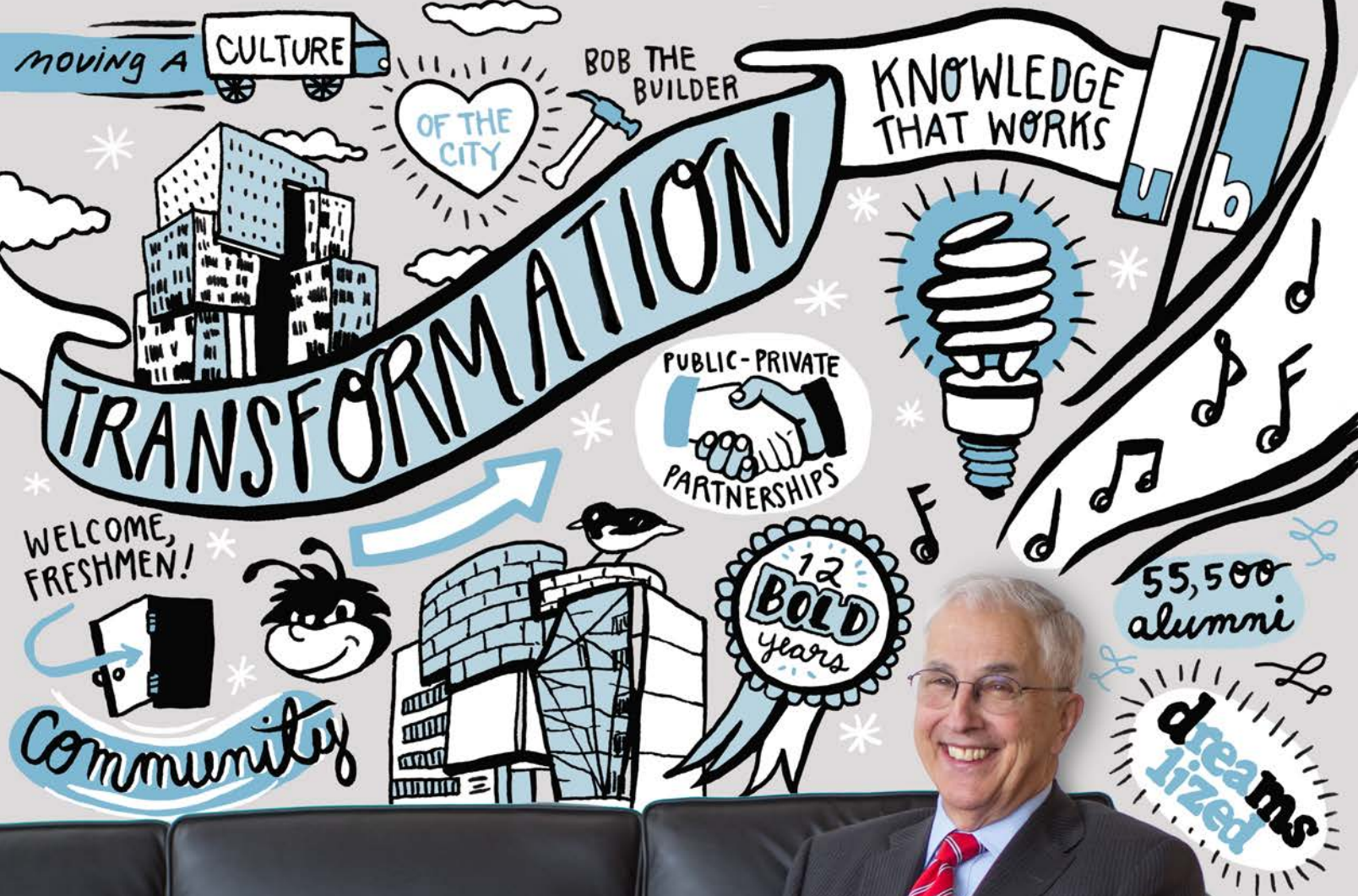


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A Day in the Life

Some may say that time flies around here—especially when in the middle of a busy semester—but never has that been so true than in this image, which captures the University of Baltimore campus transitioning from day into night. Shot over a day’s time from the 12th floor of the John and Frances Angelos Law Center and then stitched

together in post-production, it looks southwest, portraying West Mount Royal Avenue and the UB Student Center in clear daylight, while North Charles Street and the east side of the William H. Thumel Sr. Business Center are a-sparkle with city lights post-dusk. And that sunset? Well, it’s worthy of riding off into.

snapshot





Dear UB Alumni and Friends:

In deciding what to include in my final letter for the *University of Baltimore Magazine*, I faced a challenge that is likely shared by many who are approaching a milestone in their professional lives. How do you sum up your experiences without sounding self-involved? Can you share how personally meaningful your time has been without sounding trite or maudlin? Is it possible to recognize everyone who has contributed to making the past 12 years the most rewarding of your career?

For me, the answer turned out to be easy, if not simple: Since 2002, I've been fortunate to be part of a community that is unwavering in its dedication to its students, its willingness to embrace change and its commitment to the well-being of our city and our region.

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

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

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

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

For that, I thank you—the UB and greater Baltimore communities. There is much to be proud of and much to look forward to as you help your University write the next chapter of the UB story. Whatever form it takes and wherever it leads, I know it will be a story of accomplishment and a story that matters, because that is the essence of the University of Baltimore.

Robert L. Bogomolny
President, University of Baltimore

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The Man With the Plan: President Bogomolny's UB Legacy

by Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

When Robert L. Bogomolny, seventh president of the University of Baltimore, first took the helm 12 years ago, he had a sense of the opportunities the midtown campus held. But not even he could plan for the surprising changes that would contribute to UB's transformation during his tenure.

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Ready to Roll

by Libby Zay

When it comes to meals on wheels, **Robert Raber, B.S. '96**, and **David Shapiro, J.D. '84**, are on a roll. These two food truck co-owners dish on getting their businesses up and running, on some of the challenges they've faced along the way and on the road ahead.

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Meet a Student

Jesse Alton

by Nicole Reagan, M.A. '14

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Jesse Alton, a student in the Merrick School of Business' Entrepreneurship Fellows program, doesn't approach his business casually; Native Flats produces flip-flops that Alton intends eventually to be fully biodegradable (and disposable, if you can bear it).

Walking home from the club or dancing at a wedding with tired, heel-worn feet may soon be a thing of the past thanks to Jesse Alton, a student in the Merrick School of Business' Entrepreneurship Fellows program. As one of six initial members in this competitive program, Alton learns the ins and outs of entrepreneurship from business professionals and expert faculty.

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

Q: Where did you get the idea for Native Flats?

A: On Dec. 31, 2008 (I remember the exact day), I was visiting the York College [of Pennsylvania] rugby team, and there was snow all over the sidewalks. I saw girls walking home from the bar without any shoes. They would rather walk home barefoot and in the

snow than wear their shoes anymore. And I thought to myself, "I can fix that."

Q: Why choose to produce a biodegradable product?

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

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

Q: In what circumstance would someone buy Native Flats?

A: [The flip-flops are] meant to be a convenient type of purchase. Why do you order a pizza? It's cheaper, yes, to buy all the ingredients, but it's easier to pay a little bit more and have

it delivered to you. We're a super high-quality flip-flop. We say they're disposable (and they are), but people think they're getting one over on us. Customers will say, "They're so great, why would I get rid of them?"

Q: How has being a part of the Entrepreneurship Fellows program helped you to refine your concept?

A: Everyone has a specialty; my specialty is entrepreneurship and business models. Everyone needs a pitch guy, everyone needs a business model guy, and I can fill that. When I came here, I didn't know what to expect, and now I'm surrounded by experts in the field. What has been best for me is how it has helped to hone my strengths.

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

Meet a Faculty Member

Jaime Lee

by Libby Zay

PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRIS HARTLOVE

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

Q: How did you get involved in these hobbies?

A: I started surfing on a whim. I saw a class being taught in the water one weekend at Rehoboth Beach (Delaware) and took my first class at dawn the next day.

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

Q: What goes through your mind when you're walking the line or riding a wave?

A: When I first started, it was "Don't fall off." But I quickly realized that focusing on what you want—such as not falling off—is, in fact, the surest way to fall off. Instead, you need to focus on just doing what you need to do in order to stay on. It's best to simply concentrate on applying what you've learned and executing that well and to stay in the moment rather than worrying about what will happen next. It's a subtle difference in focus but an important one.

Q: Most people would think surf culture and law culture are polar opposites. Are you able to find connections between your job and your hobbies?

A: Surfers come in all shapes and sizes. Some surfers are just as intense as lawyers. It takes a lot of determination, drive and commitment to get out there on the waves every day, to face the incredible power of the water.

In my office, I have a photograph of my surf instructor [Alvaro Solano], an eight-time [Costa Rican] national champion, staring down a 15-foot wave. Challenging yourself to go outside your comfort level is an important part of the educational experience and of pushing yourself to become an excellent lawyer.

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Jaime Lee, assistant professor in the UB School of Law and a practicing surfer and slackliner, takes work-life balance literally. Here, she demonstrates the art of slacklining.

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That's a big number reflecting huge generosity. On Oct. 24, the Office of Alumni Relations hosted A Celebration of Service to honor more than 280 alumni volunteers who had contributed more than 700 hours of service to UB-related activities during the previous year. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact the office at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.



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



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

1,022

By the end of UB's Strengths Week in early March, 1,022 access codes had been distributed to students, faculty and staff to complete an online StrengthsQuest assessment to identify their five natural talents, allowing them to capitalize on their strengths to lead and succeed in their various roles. Strengths Week provided free events, workshops and activities focused on raising awareness of the free assessment tool and on developing leadership skills.

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

5,239



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

66,800

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



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



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Kurt L. Schmoke Named UB's Eighth President

PHOTOGRAPHY: AUDRA HARVEY, M.A. '11



On May 14, the University System of Maryland Board of Regents announced the appointment of Kurt L. Schmoke as president of the University of Baltimore, effective July 7. A three-term former mayor of Baltimore who held office from 1987-99, Schmoke most recently served as interim provost and general counsel at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he was also dean of the School of Law from 2003-12.

Schmoke, 64, addressed the UB community the day the announcement was made. "The thing that attracted me [to UB] so much—not only my love for the city, the state—but looking at the plans, the proposals, the strategic plan, all the ideas that have been brought together about the future of the University, it just seemed to me that this University has great dreams for the future," he said. "And it's up to all of us [who] will be in leadership capacities to make sure that we fulfill those dreams. ... So I'm excited about this opportunity." A native of Maryland's largest city, Schmoke graduated from Baltimore City College high school and was elected state's attorney for the city before becoming Baltimore's first elected black mayor.

Schmoke earned his undergraduate degree in history from Yale University in 1971 before receiving his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1976; in between, he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. He is married to Dr. Patricia Schmoke, an ophthalmologist, and they have two adult children.

FREE

UB Introduces Finish4Free to Encourage Students to Graduate in Four Years

Making national news, the University of Baltimore this spring introduced a new initiative, Finish4Free, that will offer incoming freshmen free tuition in their final semester if they graduate within four years.

Launching with this fall's incoming freshman class, Finish4Free directly addresses two of the most pressing issues facing higher education today: time to degree and student debt. Assuming a 3 percent annual tuition increase, the program saves \$3,300 in tuition for in-state students and \$9,000 for out-of-state students. Graduating in four years, and therefore taking advantage of the incentive, will save in-state students nearly \$17,000 and out-of-state students \$47,000 compared to six-year graduation costs.

"The University of Baltimore has always been about student success," UB President Robert L. Bogomolny says, "and for our population, that means being aware of cost, both in terms of money and time. As the cost of public higher education is increasingly being shifted to students and their families, we have a responsibility to do whatever we can to keep a UB education affordable."

To qualify for the incentive, students must remain enrolled full time at UB throughout their undergraduate coursework and be on track to graduate within eight semesters. Students are also required to apply for and accept any federal and state financial aid for which they qualify and are responsible for student fees. Learn more at www.ubalt.edu/finish4free.

DIGGING FOR HISTORY

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

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

Clifton Mansion was built for Baltimore merchant Henry Thompson, and the structure was completed in 1801. Thompson amassed roughly

260 acres, which he turned into a plantation worked by paid employees, indentured servants and slaves. In 1841, Johns Hopkins purchased the estate as a summer home and intended to establish a university at the site. Toward the end of the 1800s, Baltimore city purchased the estate from Hopkins and turned it into a park.

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

Newly Named School of Communications Design Recognizes Klein Family Endowment

The Klein family has a long and successful history at the University of Baltimore.

Philip Klein, B.S. '38, earned a degree in business administration, while his son **Michael Klein, B.A. '76**, graduated with a degree in English. Michael's daughter **Rachel Klein, B.A. '00**, followed in her father's footsteps and also earned a degree in English. Daniel Klein, Philip's grandson and Michael's nephew, is a member of the UB Foundation Board of Directors.

For more than two decades, the Klein Family Fund—an endowment supported by both Michael Klein and the Philip and Harriet Klein Foundation—has contributed to an ongoing reading series in the M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program that brings renowned writers, literary agents and others from the world of literature to campus for evenings of entertainment and education. And even before the fund's establishment, Philip Klein began supporting UB in the '70s through personal donations.

Last fall, the University introduced the Klein Family School of Communications Design, renaming an existing school within the Yale



PHOTOGRAPHY: JIM BURGER

l. to r.: Jennifer and husband Michael Klein with Anna and husband Daniel Klein at the Oct. 10 event celebrating the naming of the Klein Family School of Communications Design

Gordon College of Arts and Sciences in recognition of another gift from Michael Klein and the Philip and Harriet Klein Foundation. Together, Klein and the Pikesville, Maryland-based foundation pledged a gift of \$1.5 million to the school, endowed income from which will be used to support academic development.

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

Foundation, and his wife, Anna. Rachel Klein also attended along with other family and friends.

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

Notable Quotables

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, civil rights activist and former Freedom Rider, at the College of Public Affairs' March 10 presentation of the documentary *An Ordinary Hero: The True Story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland*, after which she was interviewed by Taylor Branch, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian

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NEW Pathways to Enterprise handweaving skills training in Doldol, a remote rice-farming village on the island of Negros

Professor Emerita's Nonprofit Organization Offers Business Opportunities for Filipinas

by Paula Novash

Although Christine Nielsen has 30 years of experience in international business, a nonprofit organization she founded in the Philippines continues to take her in new directions.

“Ten years ago, I wouldn’t imagine I’d be enabling women’s livelihood in the Philippines—from artists to sow breeders!” she says with a laugh.

Nielsen, professor emerita of international business and Yale Gordon Chair of Distinguished Teaching Emerita, is empowering women through NEW Pathways to Enterprise, which she launched in 2012 with her husband, Keith Raney. The nonprofit’s Learning to Livelihood program assists hundreds of women across the Philippines’ Negros and Samar islands to create sustainable livelihoods through businesses that include weaving, processing meat and fish and producing original artwork.

Nielsen, who recently retired from the Merrick School of Business, first heard the stories of Filipinas living in poverty during a 2006 trip she led for her church. “For many, it was the first time they had a chance to express their desire to do whatever they could to give their families a better life,” she says. “The women’s voices stayed with me.”

Nielsen came home determined to help. As she conceived NEW Pathways to Enterprise, she wanted it to emphasize a vital first step in entrepreneurship. “Idea generation is key because women in impoverished settings lack access to information about profitable livelihood choices,” she explains. “People cannot visualize businesses they have never seen or heard of.” The organization’s IdeaShop series not only exposes women to a wealth of innovative ideas but supports skills training and mentors them as they create and implement viable business plans.

“NEW Pathways is unique because it enables participants to expand knowledge horizons beyond low-return livelihoods; experience opportunities for creativity, self-expression and out-of-the-box thinking about business choices; and make decisions about profitable alternatives,” Nielsen says.

The women involved in one project to craft woven doormats have begun using similar techniques to create handbags and iPad cases. A team of UB/Towson MBA students in Nielsen’s spring 2014 Import and Export Management class elected to research how best to import the bags and market them. Team leader Jennifer Small chose the NEW Pathways project because, she says, “It does



PHOTOGRAPHY: MEGAN RANEY AARONS

Nielsen (*front right*) and volunteers preparing for the first IdeaShop on Negros island

so much good—we’re applying what we’re learning to help worthy people bring their vision to the marketplace.”

Nielsen returned to the Philippines in May to initiate IdeaShop programs in several new communities and to attend graduations of women who had completed their training, including one close to the area most severely damaged by Typhoon Haiyan in November. Nielsen visited the country in the wake of the natural disaster—a trip planned well before the typhoon occurred—to continue working with the women her nonprofit serves.

“We’re taking women from subsistence to success, and that is a wonderful thing to see,” she says.

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NEW LIBRARY COLLECTIONS SPEAK VOLUMES

by Kathryn Montgomery

The University of Baltimore’s Langsdale Library continues to enhance services to the UB and local communities by growing its collections in unexpected ways.

Fraud Library

UB is one of only two universities in the country to house a fraud library, the result of a collaboration with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners’ Maryland Chapter. Ed Kemery, associate professor in the Merrick School of Business and director of its graduate Certificate in Forensic Accounting program, helped coordinate the partnership.

The association approached Kemery about developing the library, which offers a collection of about 125 titles related to forensic accounting and donated by the association, because of UB’s investment in preparing students to combat fraud through the forensic accounting certificate and the M.S. in Forensic Science – High Technology Crime program. “The materials are a terrific resource for our students and complement materials we have as a result of being an educational partner with the national Association of Certified Fraud Examiners organization,” Kemery says. After Kemery’s

initial contact with the association, library staff continued the work to propel the project toward completion.

UB dedicated the fraud library in May 2013, about a year and a half after Stevenson University developed the state’s first such library to accompany its forensic studies program, which offers focuses in accounting and computer forensics.

Game Library

A small but growing collection of vintage and new video games and board games, Langsdale’s game library includes old consoles such as the original Nintendo, Coleco Vision and Magnavox Odyssey 2 as well as board games from the 1950s.

The library provides students with research tools and access to game-design software, critical for those in such programs as the B.S. in Simulation and Digital Entertainment. The collection has even been used by an undergraduate English class to study narratives in games.

The project began nearly two years ago thanks to a technology grant awarded through the Office of the Provost, allowing Stephen Kiel, reference and instruction librarian, to make an initial purchase including several contemporary video game systems along with two gaming computers, a few modern board games and an assortment

of current video games. “[This library] can expose [students] to games they otherwise might not have heard of or might be too young to have played,” Kiel says.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Archives

A recent partnership between UB and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center of Baltimore and Central Maryland has allowed records previously stored in the attic of the center’s former 241 W. Chase St. headquarters to be archived in Langsdale Library’s Special Collections.

Documenting the LGBT community’s history in Baltimore, the collection includes organizational records, subject files, photographs, newspapers and videotapes from the 1960s to today. “The collection complements other records in Langsdale’s Baltimore Regional Studies Archives documenting important political, social and cultural changes in the city’s modern history,” says Ben Blake, head of special collections. “This collection will be a valuable educational resource for students, scholars and the general public for generations to come.”

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UB Publishes Monograph on Iranian Politics

by Mary Medland

The UB College of Public Affairs published the University’s first monograph, *The Mujahedin-e Khalq: Shackled by a Twisted History* by Ambassador Lincoln P. Bloomfield Jr., in spring 2013. Ivan Sascha Sheehan, assistant professor in the college’s School of Public and International Affairs, penned the book’s foreword and worked closely with Bloomfield—chairman of the board at the Stimson Center, a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank focusing on global peace and security challenges—to coordinate publication.

“For those who are unfamiliar with Mujahedin-e Khalq, they are the primary opposition to clerical rule in Iran,” Sheehan says. “They renounced violence in 2001 and have emerged as a fierce critic of the Iranian regime on human rights and other matters.

“But the Iranian government persists in calling it a ‘terrorist organization.’ When one uses language designed to delegitimize,

all discussions are foreclosed. The problem is that in the academic community, we have to deal with facts, not propaganda.”

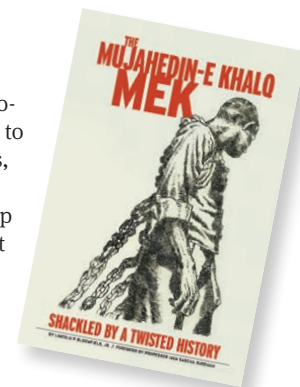
The monograph is the most convincing and compelling correction of the case against MEK that Sheehan, who focuses on Iranian politics as an area of research specialization, says he has seen. He notes that some 4,000 copies have been distributed to congressional and White House staff, those working in the intelligence community and others. Sheehan adds that over the years, he has seen a shift in the discourse in Washington, D.C., with many who were previously reluctant to pay any attention to this group now taking a second look, especially in light of the increasing frustration concerning nuclear discussions with Iran.

“Today the members of MEK are being held at a refugee camp near Baghdad and [are] repeatedly attacked,” Sheehan says.

“While the monograph’s aim was to present the facts, we are hopeful that the next step will be to protect the 3,000-plus individuals with political asylum in the United States.”

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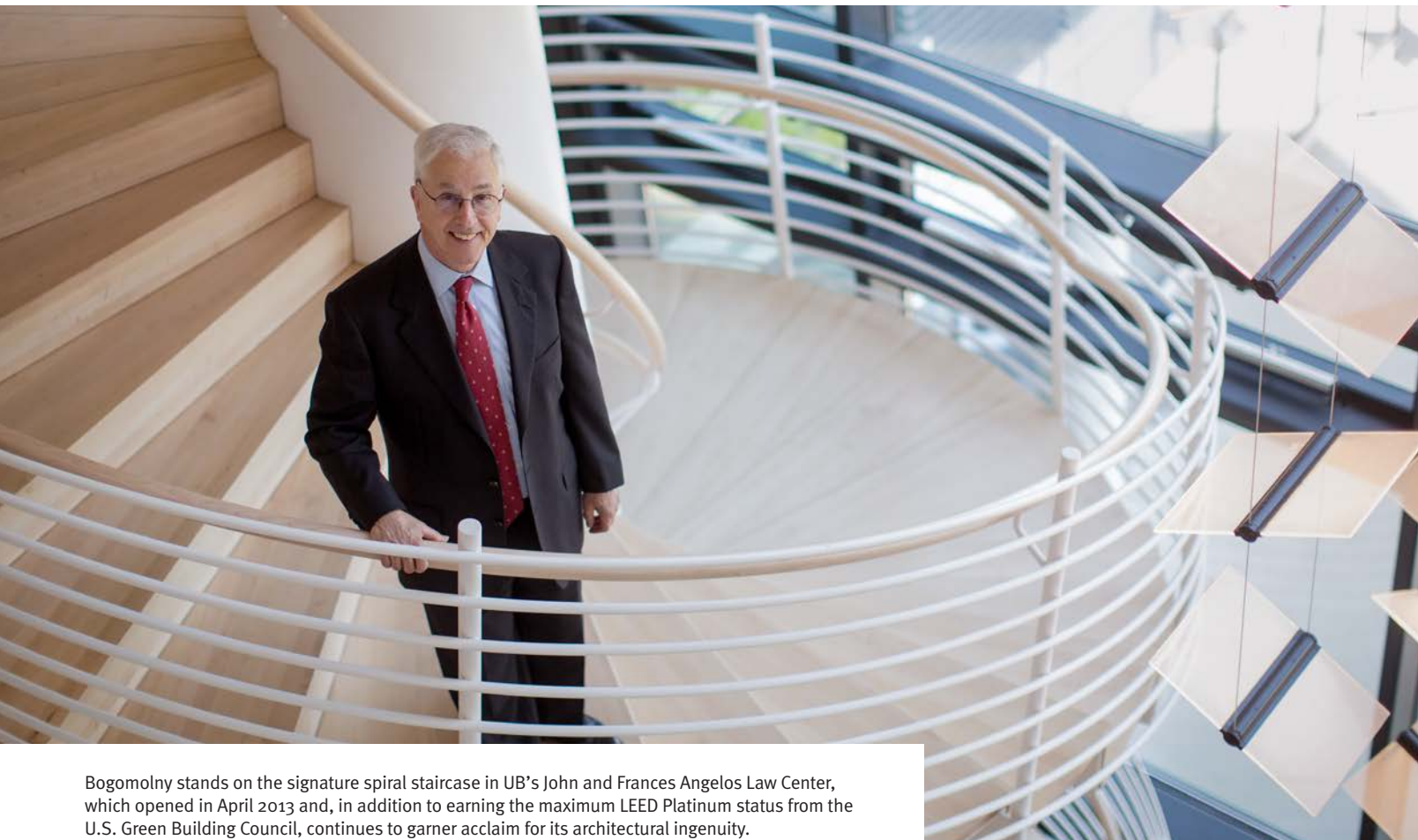
THE Man WITH THE Plan

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PRESIDENT BOGOMOLNY'S UB LEGACY

by Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

There was no plan, but there were plans. When Robert L. Bogomolny, 76, stepped onto the University of Baltimore campus as its seventh president in August 2002, he didn't do so with blueprints for his tenure rolled neatly under his arm.



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Bogomolny stands on the signature spiral staircase in UB's John and Frances Angelos Law Center, which opened in April 2013 and, in addition to earning the maximum LEED Platinum status from the U.S. Green Building Council, continues to garner acclaim for its architectural ingenuity.

“When I looked at the job at UB, I had the sense that there were a number of things that needed to be done,” he says. “There were changes in infrastructure, changes in management and leadership styles, different kinds of activities that needed to be pursued, but I didn’t have a precise idea of what they were. ... I felt there was an opportunity to engage in change.”

Along the way, plans developed. A new UB emerged and surprised people—not the least of whom was the president himself—about just how *much* it could change.

When Bogomolny arrived, he discovered an institution “where the kinds of things that were happening ... had real value,” he says, but he also saw extraordinary opportunity: programs to be expanded, money to be raised, a campus footprint to define and an identity to develop. Even an entire city eager to be anchored by its namesake university.

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

And one of the first opportunities to pop up was the creation of the UB Student Center, which Bogomolny calls a “wonderful and interesting challenge.” He says the decision was easy: The University needed a student-oriented space, no two ways about it.

Getting there was more difficult. Facing public pressure to salvage the Odorite building at the corner of Mount Royal and Maryland avenues—the subject of a long-standing impasse between historic preservationists and the University—Bogomolny committed himself to the course of action that would best serve UB students. The student center opened on the site of the former Odorite building in early 2006, after three years of

negotiation and construction.

“[The process] enabled me to build a team around solving a problem, which involved public pressure, newspaper pressure, and University needs and community issues,” Bogomolny recalls. “By ultimately being successful with that, I think it was a statement that the University of Baltimore couldn’t settle [for less].”

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

Perhaps the culture change began to manifest itself earlier, but the battle for the UB Student Center was the first real testament to the tenacity of the University community during Bogomolny’s administration. He sees his role as “helping to unleash a very large

“... every time we do a new project or a new initiative, that’s the most fun thing I’m doing.”

group of excellent people here who needed to feel like we were actually going to do things, that we were going to change, that we could expand our vision—that we could, in fact, be ready to take on different kinds of challenges.

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

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

Every other capital project since then—from the renovation of the Liberal Arts and Policy

Building at Charles and Preston streets to the streetscaping throughout campus to the construction of the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center—has supported that goal. And for Bogomolny, each one has been enjoyable.

“At some level, I live in those projects that we’re building rather than those projects that we’ve built,” he says. “So every time we do a new project or a new initiative, that’s the most fun thing I’m doing. ... Changing the whole atmosphere of the school has been great fun. But [so has] helping people understand that aspirations can be met.”

And the fun hasn’t been limited to bricks and mortar. During Bogomolny’s 12 years at UB, the student and faculty headcounts have both increased by nearly one-third. The student body includes growing freshman and sophomore populations after the reintroduction of four-year undergraduate education in 2007, kicking off with the bang of free first-year tuition for the inaugural freshman class.



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The Art of Presidency

In addition to working to construct or entirely renovate multiple buildings on UB’s campus, President Robert L. Bogomolny has been committed to filling those buildings (and existing ones) with notable artwork.

From the Liberal Arts and Policy Building to the UB Student Center to the overhauled Offices of Admission space in the Academic Center, Bogomolny has brought such artists as Robert Motherwell, Frank Stella and Robert Rauschenberg to the University of Baltimore, infusing the campus not only with color but also with culture.

“I am relatively sensitive to my physical environment, and I think it actually makes a difference to the way you feel and the way you think about yourself,” Bogomolny says. “So adding art to your life and saying there’s a space for it is almost [showing] a respect for humanity. That sounds too grand, but I really do think about it that way.”

And art isn’t limited to walls. With the construction of the student center in 2006 came a space dedicated to performance, and Spotlight UB was born to oversee performing arts and cultural programming on campus. The Wright Theater is home to a Steinway concert grand piano, which acclaimed Russian-born pianist Yefim Bronfman selected specifically for UB.

“I know from experience that some of our students have never been to a museum, they’ve never been to the theater, they’ve never been to a classical concert,” Bogomolny says. “If I were to stay, I’d continue [growing UB’s cultural offerings]. We’re talking about starting a black box theater. I’ve talked with [the dean of the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences] about starting a choral group. But that’s what art means to me in terms of the University.”

While the president may be leaving campus, the art will stay. The University owns it, save the pieces in the president’s office—some of which Bogomolny, as owner, will take with him and some he’ll contribute to the University.

While we know that UB’s hallmark has always been quality over quantity, it doesn’t hurt to point out when the numbers add up in your favor. Take a look at some of the statistics that reflect the Bogomolny presidency.

32.8%

increase in student headcount

33.1%

increase in faculty headcount

50%

increase in campus square footage

\$275 million

of capital investment brought to midtown Baltimore

12.5%

beyond goal raised in UB’s most successful capital campaign

1,000

students now living in the UB Midtown area, meaning 1 in 6 students can walk to campus

Claes Oldenburg’s *Floating Three-Way Plug*, in the UB Student Center lobby, is one of Bogomolny’s favorite pieces of art on campus.

Bogomolny has led a charge to expand academic offerings, resulting in 31 new programs, an initiative he says was meant “to change the way people were thinking about what was happening here.” And just in the past year, he has spearheaded a comprehensive refocusing of institutional efforts surrounding student success. Most recently, the debut of UB’s Finish4Free option—which covers the last semester’s tuition for incoming freshmen who finish in four years—has gained national attention for its goal of reducing student debt while increasing four-year graduation rates.

And this barely brushes the surface of the significant, community-altering changes that have defined the past decade-plus: public-private partnerships that have symbiotically benefited both the University and the city, bringing a bustle to midtown Baltimore—UB Midtown—that never existed before; an overall greening of campus, resulting in a 35 percent reduction of the University’s carbon footprint; and a subtle but growing shift away from

“... if I had set goals, they would’ve been much more modest. And as a result of that, we haven’t limited ourselves.”

commuter-campus status, as approximately one in six students can now walk to campus.

Bogomolny seems to brush it off. “When I got to know what it was like around here and got a little support, I figured we could do it,” he says. “You don’t start these initiatives unless you feel you can succeed with them.”

But Bogomolny’s biggest surprise, he says, isn’t how much has been accomplished during his tenure but how much he loves the University—and “how much fun this job has been. ... I’m a different president now than I was in 2002.”

And perhaps the personal changes are more profound than those he worked so hard to plan in his professional life. Since taking the helm at UB, Bogomolny has become a fan of both the Ravens and Orioles (“much to my surprise,” the Cleveland, Ohio, native says); has come to appreciate how easy it is to live in Baltimore, which he likens to his hometown;



Bogomolny and Toran often stop at Artifact Coffee in Hampden for a pick-me-up after working out nearby.

and has become an avid spinner, as in the exercise you do on a stationary bike. Because of this workout routine, he’s even expanded his musical tastes to include reggae. And the January commencement ceremony marked his first graduation “selfie” thanks to a student who, while crossing the stage, pulled out his cell phone and caught Bogomolny and himself in a self-portrait.

In 2008, he married Janice Toran, whom he’d known for years. His marriage has been one of the driving forces behind his retirement, announced in September. “When my wife and I got married five-plus years ago, we had talked about my finishing up here and ... having the next chapters of our life with a lot more freedom to spend pursuing interests together,” he says. In the meantime, they’ve filled their lives with music—Toran playing piano and ukulele and Bogomolny recently trying his hand at the notoriously challenging

classical guitar. “It would’ve been better to be doing this at 13 than at my age,” Bogomolny quips. “But I’m really loving it, and I intend to keep doing it. My wife got me a new guitar for my 75th birthday. It’s a great instrument.”

They also enjoy spending time in Lenox, Massachusetts, where they have a house and can take advantage of the music, theater and dance that characterize the Berkshire region. It’s the summer home of the Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival and of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. (Bogomolny is a committed supporter of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra as well.) “And as it turns out,” Bogomolny says, “I like small towns. I like being able to walk to the restaurants and the markets, and I like walking into a store and being recognized as a resident; there’s a certain friendliness about it that’s different than it is in cities.”

As the man who has so embraced and engendered change on the UB campus



Toran and Bogomolny recently downsized to a new condominium in the city.

prepares for what might be the biggest change of his personal and professional life, he reflects on the “rapid transformation” that *The Baltimore Sun* cited in a Sept. 4 editorial: “UB is no longer a sleepy commuter campus with a fourth-tier law school but a dynamic institution that plays an integral role in the state’s effort to train a 21st-century workforce.”

“I envisioned I could do something to make the place better,” Bogomolny says. “I never had an idea that we could do so much transformational stuff. If you had asked me, could I come in and transform the University, I would’ve thought that would be a very arrogant thing to say yes to. I would’ve said, ‘I can come in and try to make it better.’”

“And we’re so much beyond trying to make it better,” he adds. “In 2002, I had no ability to understand how much we could do over these 12 years. And in a way, it was good.

Because if I had set goals, they would’ve been much more modest. And as a result of that, we haven’t limited ourselves.”

So he’s confident that he’s leaving the University in good shape for incoming president Kurt L. Schmoke, who takes the helm in early July.

“It wasn’t so much that I didn’t think there wasn’t another several years of work to do, because I can tell you what I’d do for the next five years if anybody cared [to hear it],” he says. “And No. 1 on that list would be student success. But it seemed to me that we had reached a point where a lot had been accomplished and it was a good moment, because the University is healthy, it’s thriving. We’re turning over a strong institution to the next president, and it is a good moment to step aside.”

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UB’S FIRST LADY:

A Q-and-A With Janice Toran

When we wanted a little bit of insight into UB President Robert L. Bogomolny’s time at the University from someone other than the president himself, we went to the person who knows him best: his wife. But Janice Toran isn’t simply the first lady; she’s also a devoted UB supporter and fan: She’s been spotted proudly sporting her University of Baltimore sweatshirt while around town on weekends.

Q: Any ideas about what you’ll do, now that you’ll both have more free time?

A: We’ll definitely enjoy having more time to spend with family and friends, which is something we’re looking forward to. We’ve always been into music, so we’ll continue to enjoy that in Baltimore and in Lenox, [Massachusetts,] which have such rich musical scenes. We’ll also play music ourselves, which we both started doing at a young age. And I suppose everyone in this position is expected to talk about their travel plans. Although we like to travel—and I suspect we will at some point—we don’t have any concrete ideas about that just yet.

Q: Is there anything that has surprised you about Bob’s time at UB?

A: I would say it’s how he has totally committed himself to the work. I’ve seen him in other professional settings, and while he’s always been successful, I haven’t seen him put himself on the line the way he’s done at UB. He’s just really loved this job and this University at a level that I think has surprised him, too.

Q: Do you think Bob has changed as a result of his presidency, and if so, how?

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



2003
presidential investiture,
April 25



2006
UB Student Center
opening, April 17



2007
freshmen return to UB for the
first time in 32 years



2008
the Fitzgerald at UB
Midtown construction



2010
Eubie’s debut at the spring
block party, April 22



2010
John and Frances Angelos Law
Center groundbreaking, Aug. 26



2012
capital campaign celebration,
May 17



2013
John and Frances Angelos
Law Center opening, April 30



2013
The Bob Parsons Veterans
Center opening, Nov. 11

**Robert Raber,
B.S. '96**

**co-owner,
Kommie Pig**

**launched:
May 2012**

**top seller:
pulled pork**

**favorite celebrity chef:
Alton Brown**

*near right: Robert Raber, co-owner of
Kommie Pig, holds his top seller, a
pulled-pork sandwich; below, top to
bottom: smoked ribs with baked beans
and collard greens; the menu*



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READY TO ROLL

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by Libby Zay

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

**David Shapiro,
J.D. '84**

**co-owner, Charm
City Gourmet**

**launched:
August 2012**

**top seller:
smoked-Gouda lobster
macaroni and cheese**

**favorite celebrity chef:
Robert Irvine**

*near left: David Shapiro, co-owner of
Charm City Gourmet, with a seared-
scallop entree; below, top to bottom:
the truck's top seller, smoked-Gouda
lobster macaroni and cheese, being
prepared; the menu*



Robert Raber, B.S. '96

Kommie Pig

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

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

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

“He asked me if Rite Aid sells mayonnaise,” says Raber, smirking and shaking his head after he hangs up the phone. “Even though he’s been here 20-some years, he gets clueless sometimes.”

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

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

For decades, even. Fast forward 20 years to a poker game at which Raber and Chitikov were lamenting their current jobs. Raber was tired of being a boss after working in management for more than 15 years at companies including AT&T, FedEx and Hertz, while Chitikov owned a mortgage business and was facing a fast-declining industry. Raber, who had been watching shows like *The Great Food Truck Race* on television, tossed out the idea of starting a truck together. By the end of the game, they had decided to join forces and make that idea their next mission.

They had little restaurant experience between them—just the drive to do something new.

On naming the truck:

“It was a tongue-in-cheek kind of thing. We spelled it differently. Everybody kind of gets that it’s a joke.”

On divvying up the roles:

“[Chitikov] does all the paperwork and the bookings. I do most of the cooking and cleaning. I let [him] talk, ’cause he has the gift of gab. He had a mortgage business for 12 years, so he knows how to wheel and deal. I’m definitely the man behind the scenes. Not that he loves the limelight, but that’s just his personality. He’s the A type, I’m the B type.”



On day-to-day challenges:

“Weather is a big issue. This winter killed us—all food trucks. It hurt a lot of the restaurant industry, but if it’s really cold, we can’t go out. If the truck decides not to start, that day is done. That’s the main challenge.”

On focusing on the food:

“You have to have something to brag about. Otherwise, why are you going to buy a sandwich from me for seven or eight bucks when you can go to McDonald’s and get eight sandwiches? I’ve eaten off of just about every truck in the city, and because it’s a labor of love and the menus tend to be smaller, I find that the food is generally good quality. When I open up a menu at a restaurant and it is too big, I know that not all the food is fresh. You don’t get that with food trucks. We don’t even own a freezer.”

On slow cooking barbeque:

“If you’re lookin’, it’s not cookin’. ... When you’re slow cooking stuff, don’t keep looking at it. ... You have to slow cook to bring the flavors out and soften the meat and let things break down. It’s not an art, it’s just a long process.”

On his UB experience:

“What I really liked about U of B ... [many] of the professors basically had day jobs, and



they would come teach at night. They weren’t full-time professors, so we got a lot of real-world knowledge. They would give a lot of examples from their daily lives.”

On future plans:

“A fleet of trucks. We’re working on it. We’ll be off the trucks, hopefully managing them.”

David Shapiro, J.D. '84

Charm City Gourmet

As a full-time lawyer with two side projects on his plate already, **David Shapiro, J.D. '84**, wasn’t exactly planning to start another business.

“I was in Restaurant Depot, which is a wholesale food operation,” Shapiro explains. He was purchasing supplies for Shapiro’s Cafe, a restaurant in a rowhouse on Preston Street across from UB’s Liberal Arts and Policy Building. Above the cafe, he runs a bed and breakfast called the Mount Vernon Inn.

“I was dressed in my suit because I had just gotten out of court and I was pushing around this large cart with all kinds of bulk quantities of food,” he says.

As the story goes, a man came up to Shapiro and guessed he was either a lawyer or an accountant.

“Guilty as charged on both counts,” replied Shapiro, who studied accounting and



economics as an undergraduate at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Soon, a two-second conversation grew into a half-hour chat with a chef, Chris Cherry, who dreamed of running a food truck.

Shapiro gave the industrious chef his card and told him to “call him someday.” The very next day, Cherry picked up the phone to continue the conversation, and within a week they had decided to go ahead with the idea.

“I figured it was a good combination,” Shapiro explains. “I had the interest and the capital, and Chris had the knowledge and was willing to put the sweat equity into it. We forged this equal partnership.”

On the recipes:

“A lot of trucks have just one product. We wanted to have—across the board—gourmet fare served out of a food truck. ... I think all of it is excellent, but I would say lobster macaroni and cheese is the most popular, particularly in the summertime. If people can’t go to Maine for their lobster, they come to Charm City Gourmet for their lobster macaroni and cheese.”

On his UB experience:

“For me, it was a great experience. I enjoyed it. I gained a lot. [The UB School of Law has] really blossomed ... with the brand-new building, great administration and fabulous academic scholars who are teaching there.

Kommie Pig: *top row, l. to r.:* hungry patrons line up for lunch; plentiful options to top off your sandwich include hickory barbecue and hot sauces

Charm City Gourmet: *bottom row:* a stop in downtown Baltimore; a New England lobster roll; Cherry, Shapiro’s partner, prepares food on the go

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

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

On juggling various ventures:

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

On advice to someone dreaming of starting a food truck:

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

On future plans:

“I have three children who are now all in college. I’d love for one of them to come back and express interest in law or the hospitality businesses. The verdict is still out on that, but these are all ventures that I certainly could do as I start scaling back a little bit. ... I think it’d be a lot of fun.”

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What’s for Lunch?

The food truck trend has taken off in Baltimore, where dozens of trucks now rove the streets. Luckily, hungry locals and visitors aren’t left wondering how to find meals on wheels with *The Baltimore Sun’s* Food Truck Finder, a desktop and mobile application that uses an interactive map to locate nearby food trucks.

The project shifted into gear thanks in part to **Adam Marton, M.A. '09**, *The Sun’s* senior editor of interactive design. As the newspaper began to review food trucks more regularly, Marton and the other designers and developers at *The Sun* got their hands on a comprehensive food truck schedule, and the team saw value in mapping the data.

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

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

As for the Food Truck Finder, Marton says *The Sun* considers it a success. See for yourself at www.baltimoresun.com/foodtrucks.

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above, l. to r.: U.S. Navy Lt. **Steven R. Collins, M.S. '13**, former president of the Military Veterans of the University of Baltimore, presents Parsons with a memento at the grand opening celebration of The Bob Parsons Veterans Center in November; below: Parsons addresses the crowd.

GoDaddy's Parsons Funds New Veterans Initiatives

by Emily Brungo

Nov. 11, 2013, marked perhaps the most memorable and widespread Veterans Day celebration in recent history at UB. The campus community honored UB's military students, faculty, staff and alumni with not only "I love UB vets" pins and thank-you banners but also the grand opening of the University's first-ever veterans center, courtesy of a \$1 million gift from **Bob Parsons, B.S. '75, D.H.L. '08**, GoDaddy founder and board member.

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

That transition from soldier to civilian is often difficult, says Anthony Moll, the University's coordinator of military and veteran student services. His knowledge comes firsthand: Moll joined the U.S. Army at 18 and traveled the globe for eight years of active duty before settling in Maryland in 2007. "Military life has its own language and values, which [are] different from the

language and values of civilian life," he says. "It's rough going from living like a superhero to ordinary, everyday life."

The center offers counseling and career advising and allows UB's approximately 300 military and veteran students to connect with each other. Although veterans centers are a growing trend at universities across the country, Moll says UB's center stands apart because it offers a dedicated space for military and veteran students (a seven-room suite in the Academic Center) and a five-person staff.

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

In cooperation with the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences, The Bob Parsons Veterans Psychology Clinic will be dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment and research of post-traumatic stress disorder, brain trauma and other mental-health issues that often affect veterans.

The Bob Parsons Veterans Advocacy Clinic will open this fall under the leadership of U.S. Air Force Maj. Hugh McClean, who—until he begins his position at UB—serves as special counsel in the Air Force's Office

of the General Counsel at the Pentagon. As part of this joint venture between The Bob Parsons Veterans Center and UB's Clinical Law Offices, student attorneys will provide counsel specifically tailored to veterans' legal concerns, such as disability benefits and discharge upgrades. The clinic also will tackle law reform in this arena.

Moll hopes this holistic approach to addressing the needs of military and veteran students can become a national model and will help establish UB "... as the type of military-friendly institution that [these] students flock to and one [in which] they succeed."

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Flexible Grant Program Fuels Creative Thinking

Ask around campus for a definition of the University of Baltimore Foundation's Fund for Excellence, and you can take your pick of answers.

In the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences, it's defined as new equipment to give faculty and student researchers in the Environmental Sustainability and Human Ecology program precise water-quality readings. And then it's defined again as an innovative course on civil rights and Martin Luther King Jr., taught by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch.

In UB's Career and Professional Development Center, it entails the launch of Be Ready workshops to help students hone vital professional development skills.

In short, it depends on whom you ask. But the idea behind the Fund for Excellence grant program, created in 2012, is to provide UB faculty and staff with as much as \$25,000 in supplemental funding to establish new initiatives, enhance existing programs and support one-time projects throughout the University. In its two years of existence, the fund already has provided 26 grants throughout each of UB's four schools and colleges as well as to several administrative and student-support offices.

"Fund for Excellence grants give UB's faculty and staff the ability to create experiential opportunities for teaching and learning," says **Marie Van Deusen, J.D. '89**, chair of the Fund for Excellence Committee, which reviews proposals and ultimately awards the grants. "It allows them the freedom to nurture new ideas and grow programs outside of their operating budgets. I have been impressed with the quality and variety of the program proposals and enjoy seeing the funded programs at work." Projects also include a global field studies program, the Savor UB mentoring program, a cloud-computing project and a publication on the history of women lawyers in Maryland.

The Fund for Excellence is the direct result of annual contributions from alumni and friends. "We have [numerous] tangible examples of how private donations directly support UB's faculty and students," Van Deusen says. "Our graduates and partners can feel good knowing that their donations are hard at work and benefiting our students."

For more information about the Fund for Excellence, contact the Office of Annual Giving at 410.837.6271 or annualgiving@ubalt.edu.

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

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

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

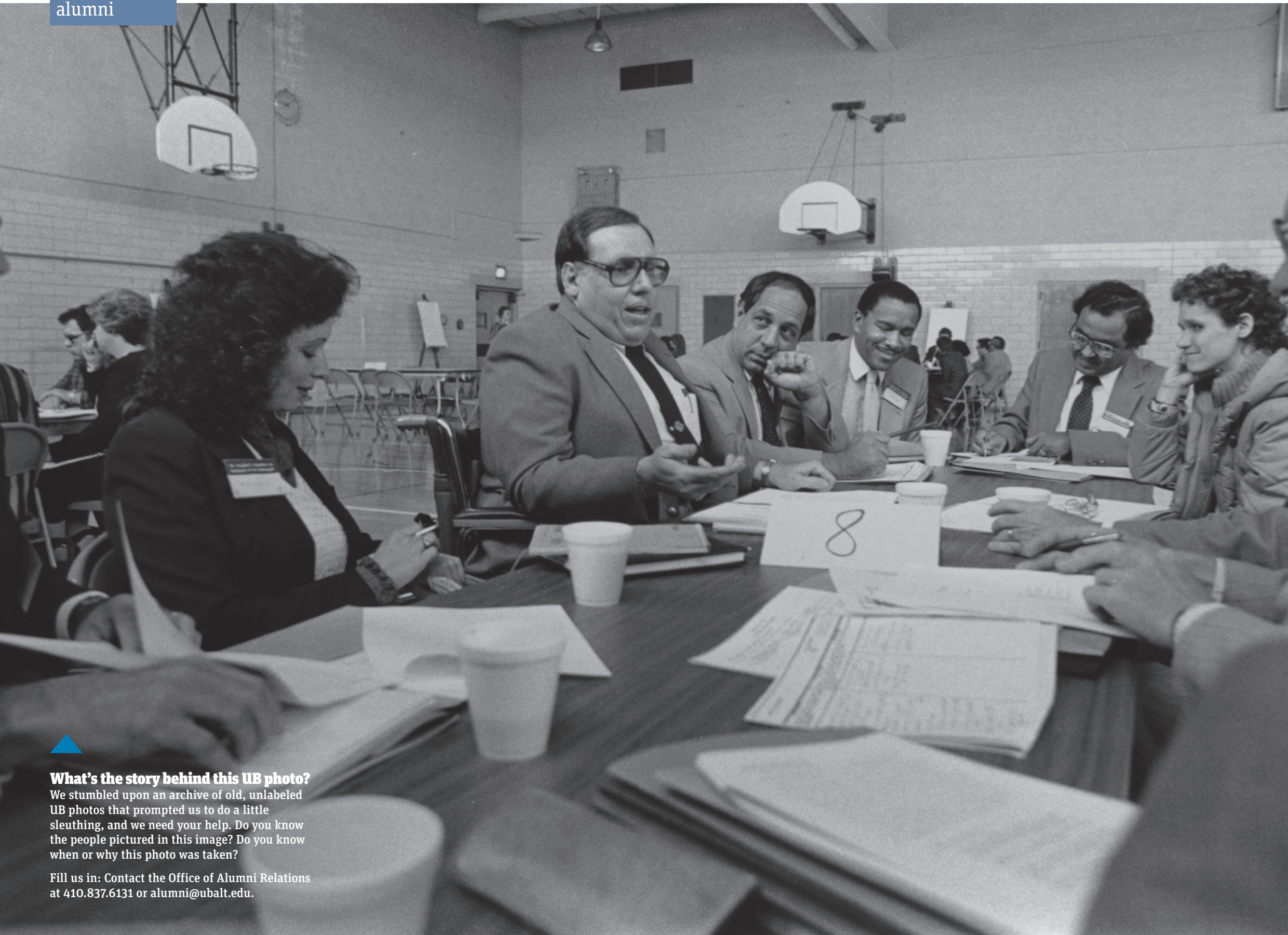
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Alumni contributions to the University of Baltimore Foundation provide educational opportunities and more to today's UB students. Please show your support by making an annual gift or by volunteering your time.

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What's the story behind this UB photo?

We stumbled upon an archive of old, unlabeled UB photos that prompted us to do a little sleuthing, and we need your help. Do you know the people pictured in this image? Do you know when or why this photo was taken?

Fill us in: Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.



And the Story Behind the Last Photo Is ...

The old photo featured in our last issue generated several responses; our thanks to everyone who weighed in. We hope you'll share more stories about future photos.

From Kevin G. Robinson, J.D. '87:

The picture is from the mid-1980s and was taken at a University of Baltimore alumni event on a river near Annapolis. The individual seated front center is [me]. [I] was working for the University of Baltimore Foundation at the time and attending UB Law School at night. For the last 25 years, [I have] been the business law professor at Mount Saint Mary's University and a Pennsylvania and Maryland attorney based in Gettysburg, Pa. The individual standing behind [me] in the striped sweater is **Sheldon Caplis [B.S. '72]**, who was the head of the foundation. Seated two seats to the right of [me] is Kay Redington, who was the director of alumni relations.

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

From Margaret Matheny, former manager of the University of Baltimore Educational Foundation:

Kevin Robinson is in the center of the picture featured on page 24 of the current *UB Magazine*. He worked in the development office under Sheldon Caplis, and Kay Redington was the alumni director. It was probably around 1983 or 1984.

[I] don't know where it was taken or why.

From Diane Aull, former UB budget analyst:

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

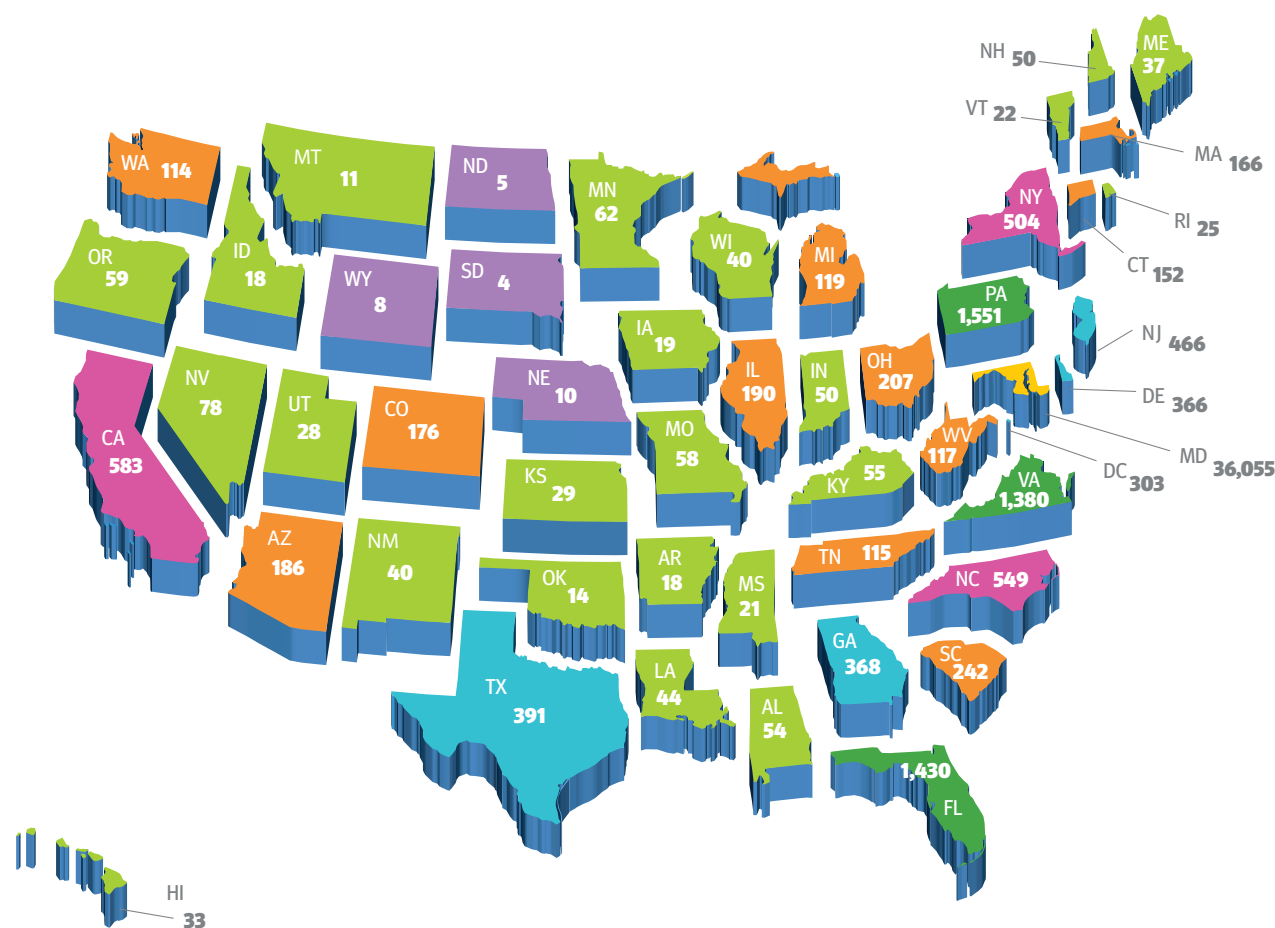
From Donna Romoser, M.A. '83, who phoned in this information:

It was an alumni event in the 1980s, possibly at an alumnus' home on the Severn; the man in the white sweater facing forward is Kevin Robinson, former director of institutional advancement. The man behind him in the striped sweater is Sheldon Caplis, former VP of the foundation.

The State of UB Alumni



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



Alumni by State (as of June 2014)



GIVING YOUR TIME IS GIVING BACK.

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

- Annual Giving Committee**
 Help UB say "thank you" to its generous donors. As a committee member, you'll work with fellow alumni, student, faculty and staff volunteers for two evenings of donor-appreciation calls each year.
- Backpack to Briefcase**
 Return to the classroom to share your professional experiences and advice with students who are interested in pursuing careers in your general field.
- Commencement Reception**
 Help the Office of Alumni Relations treat UB's newest alumni, their family and friends to food and refreshments at an on-campus reception following the undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies.
- Community Service Day**
 Join hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni for a day of volunteering throughout the Greater Baltimore region. Typical opportunities include beautifying neighborhoods, rehabbing houses, mentoring young people and providing food to those in need.
- Fuel for Finals**
 Give stressed-out students a much-needed boost during exam week by serving free snacks and beverages at various campus locations.
- Professional Development Institute**
 Equip students with a competitive edge in the job market and help them reach their full educational and career potential by serving as a mentor. This one-on-one formal mentoring program pairs you with a student to explore his or her interests and set career goals.
- Savor UB**
 Share great conversation and provide valuable advice over a meal at a local Baltimore restaurant. Savor UB connects UB students with alumni who have similar professional goals and social interests.
- Speed Networking Event**
 Put your expertise to good use as you work with students to polish their professional skills. And don't forget to share tips for making a good first impression in a fast-paced environment.
- Block Party**
 Lend a hand at this semiannual UB tradition and help raise money toward the UB Alumni Association Scholarship Fund while interacting with students for a fun, lively afternoon.

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A Ruin With a View

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

"Seeing those first sun rays light up the city is amazing," says Figueroa of the couple's early-morning outing to the terraced hillside. Then the pair ascended Huayna Picchu ("young peak"), the tallest of the forested Andean mountains that anchor the site.

Hiking to an elevation of 9,000-plus feet is "no joke," Figueroa says. "It's a tough climb, and there's a tunnel at the end that you have to go through to get to the very top." But Figueroa says the views from the summit were one of the highlights of their five-week trip, which included spending time with his Peruvian family in Lima, eating local delicacies cuy (guinea pig) and llama and visiting Lake Titicaca.



This summer, the couple's travel plans include Italy and the Greek isles. And after having his Baltimore apparel recognized in Barcelona, Spain, among other locations, Figueroa says, "I encourage people to travel in the name of UB."

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. (And next time you head on vacation, don't forget to wear your UB apparel.)

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Where Are They Now? **H. Wayne Norman Jr., B.A. '76, J.D. '80** by Mary Medland



l. to r.: Norman in the late '70s; Norman today

< Then

Now >

THEN: It all started in the early 1970s, when a former UB dean spotted **H. Wayne Norman Jr., B.A. '76, J.D. '80**, wearing his firehouse jacket in the campus bar, the UB Rathskeller. Once the dean learned his jacket wasn't just for show—Norman was not only a firefighter but also had received EMT training and ridden with the local ambulance—he made Norman an offer.

UB's basketball coach, the dean explained, needed someone to look after the players and to generally manage their locker room, which came equipped with a whirlpool, a few gurneys and plenty of miscellaneous athletic equipment. What's more, the University wanted to recruit someone for a couple of hours a day to run an adjacent warm-up area as it morphed into

a "health center." The compensation for taking on both duties entailed a break in tuition and a small stipend.

Naturally, Norman grabbed the bait. "I was pretty much the first school 'nurse,' or the guy who would stop the bleeding until the ambulance arrived," he says. He kept the position throughout his undergraduate career and through his first year of law school, adding that the University hired a "real" nurse eventually.

NOW: Norman went on to establish his own law practice in Bel Air, Maryland, and for the past seven years has served as a Republican member of the Maryland House of Delegates for District 35A (Harford County). Originally appointed by

Gov. Martin O'Malley to fill a vacancy, Norman subsequently ran for election in 2010 and won.

That position, he says, is a true test of his persuasive skills. "As a lawyer, you only have to convince a jury of 12 people or a judge that your position is the right one," he says. "In the House of Delegates, you have to convince a majority of 141 other individuals that you are right."

"But I love the challenges that come with this work."

As for his years at UB? "I am very proud of my time there," he says. "It was well spent and my two degrees well earned. My UB education has always been a great asset."

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

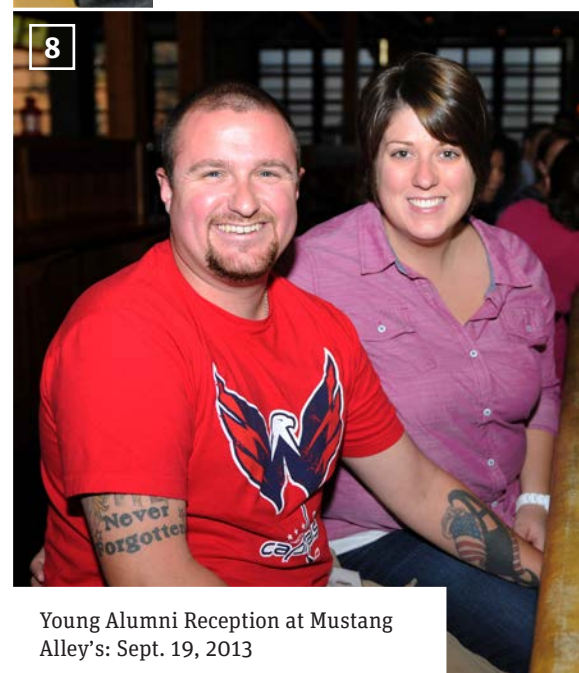
Events and Photos

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1. **Rodrigo Figueroa, B.A. '13**, Isabel Bedoya and Karen Rhodovi, associate director of donor relations
2. Kendra Kopelke, director, M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program, and **Mary Alice Fallon Yeskey, M.A. '05**
3. **Steven B. Goldberg, B.S. '76**; **Thomas J. Jones, J.D. '99**; **Darren Margolis, J.D. '95**; Marshall Childs, undergraduate student, Digital Communication program; Ken Weaver, graduate student, Public Administration program; and Tobi Hollander, undergraduate student, Business Administration/Accounting program
4. Denise McGowens; **Valerie Johnson, B.S. '07, M.S. '10**; **India Thomas, B.S. '03, MBA '06**; Kate Crimmins, assistant vice president of alumni and donor services; **Andrew Ingalls, B.S. '05**; **Alex Blum, M.S. '06**; Raymond and Pamela Butler, **MBA '11**; **Josh Caplan, J.D. '07**; **Alan Lazerow, J.D. '10**; Rhodovi; **Justin Codd, B.A. '08, M.A. '10**; and **Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10**, associate director of communications and marketing
5. **Tyler Barker, MBA '13**, and **Quenisha Turner, B.S. '12**



Speed Networking: Nov. 7, 2013



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



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



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6. Robert Hewes and **Simone Christian, B.S. '07, M.A. '10**
7. Yvonne and **Bernard A. Wallace Jr., B.S. '79, MBA '89**, and host **Clif Brown, J.D. '78**
8. Christopher Hollenbach and **Sarah Vittek, B.S. '11**
9. Yvonne Herndon, **MBA '83**, and **Alexandra Kosmides, MBA '80**
10. **Brittany Trombly, B.S. '11**; **Heather L. Young, B.S. '11**; **Sonya Sadjadi, B.S. '11, M.A. '13**; **Jesse Pulliam, B.A. '10, M.A. '12**; and **Alan Tsao, B.S. '11**

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classnotes

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

1960s **Ronald A. Starr, B.S. '69**, retired from the Baltimore City Police Department in May 2013 after 38 years of service.

1970s **R. Alan Streett, B.A. '70**, was named senior research professor at Criswell College in Dallas, Texas.

David H. Shor, B.S. '72, produced *Sleepless in Seattle—The Musical*, which played from late May to late June, at the Pasadena Playhouse in Pasadena, California.

John Bartkowiak, J.D. '73, wrote *Bardzo Dobry: East Baltimore's Community (1870-1950) and the Family Bartkowiak*, a story of East Baltimore's Polish community, which was published in October.

Jim Astrachan, J.D. '74, received *The Daily Record's* 2013 Leadership in Law award in November.

I. William Chase, B.A. '69, J.D. '74, was appointed chair of the Baltimore County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board by Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley in July 2013.

Jennifer B. Bodine, J.D. '75, curated an A. Aubrey Bodine exhibit at the Baltimore Museum of Industry from October to February. She also released the book *Bodine's Industry: Dignity of Work* in February 2013.

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

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

Susan B. Watson, J.D. '76, is an adjunct professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law and coaches the Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Team.

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

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

Kevin Kelehan, J.D. '77, received a 2012 Howie Award from the Howard County (Maryland) Arts Council in March 2013 for his contributions to the arts in the area.

John W. Debelius III, J.D. '78, a Montgomery County Circuit judge, was elected vice chair of the Maryland Conference of Circuit Judges in April 2013.

Steven Manekin, CERT '78, CPA and director in the audit, accounting and consulting department at Ellin & Tucker, was named one of Baltimore's 2013 Five Star Wealth Managers in the Business Planning/Tax Adviser category by Five Star Professional in

Baltimore magazine's February 2013 issue. He also became a member of the Equal Justice Council of Maryland in October.

David Plymyer, J.D. '78, was named county attorney of Anne Arundel County (Maryland) in April 2013.

Thomas G. Ross, J.D. '78, Queen Anne's County Circuit judge, was elected chair of the Maryland Conference of Circuit Judges in April 2013.

Daniel Anderson, J.D. '79, married Gregory J. Melanson on Nov. 9 in Washington, D.C.

Don Bales, B.S. '79, recently retired as an adjunct faculty member after 30 years at Hagerstown Community College in Maryland.

Johnnie A. Brown, M.P.A. '79, received a 2013 Teaching Recognition Award for the Undergraduate School from the University of Maryland, University College.

Douglas M. Canter, J.D. '79, joined the law firm of Post & Schell in its Washington, D.C., office and recently published his second personal essay.

Mark Smolarz, B.S. '79, was recognized by the *Baltimore Business Journal* as being part of a "CEO/CFO Dream Team of Baltimore" in July 2013.

Harry Storm, J.D. '79, received *The Daily Record's* 2013 Leadership in Law award in November.

1980s **William Fitzpatrick, B.S. '80**, formed the business advising and accounting firm of Fitzpatrick, Leary & Szarko in Timonium, Maryland, with **Mary-Kay Leary, M.S. '08**.

Clarence H. Hampton, J.D. '80, was appointed director of civil rights compliance and business opportunities for the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Scott Becker, B.S. '81, was recognized by the *Baltimore Business Journal* as being part of a "CEO/CFO Dream Team of Baltimore" in July 2013.

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

Wendy Rothstein, J.D. '82, was honored by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* as one of its 2013 Women of Distinction Award winners in November.

Harry Bosk, M.A. '83, formed The Write Image, a photography and public relations business, in Baltimore in summer 2012.

Arthur Flach, M.S. '83, was appointed chair of the board of directors for the Junior Achievement of Central Maryland in September.

James K. Frese, M.S. '83, joined the faculty of Penn State Worthington Scranton as a professor in October.

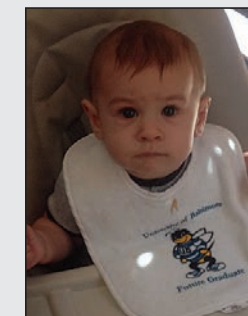
Samuel C.P. Baldwin, J.D. '84, was honored as one of St. Mary's Ryken High School's 2013 Pillars of the Community in February in Leonardtown, Maryland. This honor recognizes individuals who are or have been champions of a consistent ethic of life that embodies the school's vision and ideals.

Russell P. Butler, J.D. '84, was named chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Victims Advisory Group in December 2012.

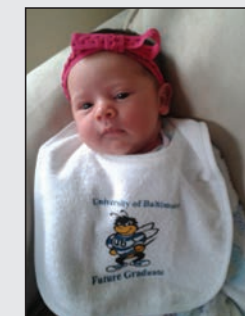
Baby Bee Announcements

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

Share the buzz about your new Baby Bee with us at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.



Jackson Timothy French was born Feb. 21, 2013, to **Andrea French, B.A. '04**.



Natalie Joanne Hering was born April 29, 2013, to **Daniel Hering, B.S. '11**.



Eloise Rose Pearlman was born Aug. 3 to **Rebecca Celotto, J.D. '09**, and **Seth Pearlman, J.D. '09**.

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

Susan R. Gainen, J.D. '84, had a solo show of "The Lost Cave Paintings of Saint Paul" at Hopkins, Minnesota's Hopkins Center for the Arts in summer 2013.

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

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

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

Aaron S. Schwartz, J.D. '84, was promoted to partner at Ingerman & Horwitz in Baltimore in July 2013.

Robert DeAlmeida, M.S. '85, CEO of Towson's Hamilton Bancorp, became chair of the Maryland Bankers Association in June 2013.

Edward J. Hanko, B.S. '85, was named special agent in charge of the FBI's Philadelphia Division in March 2013.

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

Reid Roberts, MBA '85, was named partner in the accounting firm of Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates in Baltimore.

Martin Wong, J.D. '85, joined Think Finance in Ft. Worth, Texas, as the chief integrity officer in May 2013.

Patricia M.C. Brown, J.D. '86, is the new board chair of the United Way of Central Maryland.

Robert N. Grossbart, J.D. '86, was elected to the board of directors of the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service in April 2013.

James W. Hagen, B.S. '86, was appointed inspector general of audit for the National Credit Union Administration in June 2013.

James S. Litsinger, B.S. '86, vice president and chief financial officer of nonacute services for Adventist HealthCare in Rockville, Maryland, was recognized for 10 years of employment and service to the company.

Neal J. Patterson, B.A. '86, co-authored (with Kathy Wielech Patterson) the book *Food Lovers' Guide to Baltimore*, published in May 2013.

Meryl Burgin, J.D. '87, was promoted to executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of CareFirst in January 2013.

David M. Drake, MBA '87, joined Gilchrist Hospice Care, based in Hunt Valley, Maryland, as director of development in May 2013.

Daniel Guy, J.D. '87, was sworn in as special trial judge of the U.S. Tax Court in May 2012.

Fred S. Hecker, J.D. '87, received the Pro Bono Resource Center's Lee A. Caplan Pro Bono Award at the Maryland State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in June 2013.

Douglas Doerfler, CERT '77, B.S. '88, is the president and chief executive officer of MaxCyte in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and the new chair of the Tech Council of Maryland.

Phil Phillips, MBA '88, was appointed president and chief executive officer of

Patapsco Bancorp and the Patapsco Bank in August.

Karen Stout, MBA '88, was named a national co-chair of the Implementation Steering Committee of the American Association of Community Colleges' 21st-Century Commission.

Colleen McKenna-Slavin, M.A. '89, was elected vice president of programming for the board of directors of the American Marketing Association's Baltimore chapter in April 2013.

Robert Santoni Jr., B.S. '89, was named a 2013 Innovator of the Year by *The Daily Record* in August.

John M. Stouffer, B.S. '89, started a new position as warden of Roxbury Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, Maryland, in October.

1990s John C.M. Angelos, J.D. '90, was appointed to the board of directors of The Baltimore Station in January 2013.

Brian Schwartz, B.S. '90, joined PwC in Baltimore as a partner in the risk assurance practice in August.

Michael C. Smith, M.S. '90, financial manager at the Maryland Department of Housing, married Susan L. Lexer on April 20, 2013.

G. Matthew Immler, B.S. '79, J.D. '91, retired as chief of the Boynton Beach, Florida, Police Department in July 2013 and is now the Boca Raton (Florida) Police Department's legal adviser and training administrator. He also recently published the book *Survey of Law for Florida Police Chiefs and Command Officers*.

Catherine Curran O'Malley, J.D. '91, District Court of Maryland associate judge, was named to *Sun Magazine's* 2013 list of 50 Women to Watch. These women were selected as "the most intriguing, powerful and memorable

personalities making an impact on the Baltimore region."

Mark Scurti, J.D. '91, was appointed by Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley as a Baltimore City District Court associate judge.

Anthony Kevin Shea, J.D. '91, was appointed administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in June 2013.

Robert Anbinder, J.D. '92, became vice president of the Bar Association of Baltimore City in May 2013.

Christopher Benzing, B.S. '92, was promoted to business manager of KidzTable and senior director of FoodShare/Mobile Clothing Bank at St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore.

Colleen Ferg Helmlinger, B.A. '86, J.D. '92, became partner with the Bel Air (Maryland) law firm of Snee, Mahoney, Lutche & Helmlinger in January 2013.

Casey L. Jones, B.A. '92, joined Standard Parking Corp. in July 2013 as vice president of institutional services.

Sheldon H. Laskin, LL.M. '92, cycled 145 miles from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, Maryland, on the annual Rails to Trails Conservancy Allegheny Passage in summer 2013.

William J. McCarthy Jr., J.D. '87, LL.M. '92, was recognized by the *Baltimore Business Journal* as being part of a "CEO/CFO Dream Team of Baltimore" in July 2013.

Brett Newberger, B.S. '92, was promoted to partner at Glass, Jacobson & Associates in Owings Mills, Maryland, in August.

Paul Purdum, B.S. '92, was appointed assistant director of purchasing at the Community College of Baltimore County in April 2012.

Jonathan Brice, B.A. '93, began a new position as deputy assistant secretary in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education for the U.S. Department of Education in October.

Barry Flax, J.D. '93, is a principal and an executive vice president/executive committee member with the public adjusting firm of Goodman-Gable-Gould/Adjusters International in Baltimore.

David Gildea, J.D. '93, managing partner of Smith, Gildea and Schmidt in Towson, Maryland, received *The Daily Record's* 2013 Most Admired CEOs award in July 2013.

Mark A. Steinberg, B.S. '93, became a stockholder at Hertzbach & Co. in Owings Mills, Maryland, in March 2013.

Deborah E. Swarey-Hudson, MBA '93, was promoted to deputy county administrator for Charles County (Maryland) in August.

Thomas P. Dwyer, J.D. '94, joined Pepper Hamilton in Philadelphia as a partner in the firm's corporate and securities practice group in July 2013.

William C. Holzman, J.D. '94, was promoted to vice president of retail leasing for Baltimore's St. John Properties in May 2013.

David Hruda, J.D. '94, joined the board of directors of the College of Southern Maryland Foundation in February 2013.

Kevin Dunbar, MBA '95, president and CEO of the Dunbar Cos., received *The Daily Record's* 2013 Most Admired CEOs award in July 2013.

William Dunn, J.D. '95, received *The Daily Record's* 2013 Leadership in Law award in November.

Teresa Mallonee, B.S. '95, was promoted to assistant vice president of operations for Baltimore's St. John Properties in June 2013.

Cynthia Rosenberg, B.A. '80, M.S. '82, J.D. '95, was elected chair of the Washington, D.C.–Maryland–Virginia Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association in July 2013.

Robert A. Scott, J.D. '95, was elected president of the board of directors of the Loading Dock, a nonprofit building-materials reuse center in Baltimore, in May 2013.

Bruce M. Ambler Jr., J.D. '96, is the chief operating officer for Grosvenor Fund Management in Philadelphia.

Lawrence J. Dulski Jr., MBA '96, received the 2012 Finance Leader of the Year honor for Marriott International's Eastern Region.

Rodney E. Hill, J.D. '96, was named chief of internal affairs for the Baltimore Police Department in May 2013.

In Memoriam

Basil A. Thomas, LL.B. '35
John Pahr, A.A. '41
Charles McEvoy, LL.B. '47
A. Samuel Cook Jr., A.A. '49
William S. Snyder, A.A. '49
Lois Fox, A.A. '50
Robert Hart, B.S. '50
Jerome Kaplan, A.A. '50
Harry A. Kunkel Jr., B.S. '50
William J. Rosenthal, LL.B. '50
Vernon Neilson, LL.B. '51
Jerome Dashner, J.D. '52
Robert Foote, LL.B. '52
Roland Walker, LL.B. '52
Albert Losch, B.S. '53
Howard Rosenburg, B.S. '53
Richard Stallings, LL.B. '53
Louis Schmidt, LL.B. '54
Herbert Forrester, B.S. '56
J. Thomas Kemmer, B.S. '58
Robert E. Stephens, J.D. '60
Edward Bird, B.S. '63
Gerald Curran, J.D. '63
William Rutkowski, J.D. '63
Robert Sloan, LL.B. '63
Emil Wehberg, B.S. '63
Luke Burns, J.D. '64
Melvin Good, B.S. '64
Joseph Emerson, J.D. '65
Walter J. Hackett, B.S. '65
Darrell L. Henry, LL.B. '65
Jerry Greer, B.S. '68
Joseph A. Miklasz, J.D. '68
Charles Freitag, B.S. '69

Donald R. Griffin, B.S. '69
Walter Price, J.D. '69
Louis Lezzi, B.S. '70
Raymond Ramirez, J.D. '70
Lindsay Dryden, J.D. '72
John Moran, J.D. '72
Leila Fitch, B.A. '73
Nicholas Gounaris, J.D. '73
Dennis Kreiner, J.D. '74
Louis Weis, J.D. '75
Michael Lamana, B.S. '76
Edward Novack, B.S. '76
Dan Osterhout, B.S. '76
Michael Rinn, J.D. '76
Richard Tully, B.S. '77
Dionne DeVeaux, B.S. '80
Edward Trail Mathias, MBA '80
Daniel Paul, A.A. '49, B.S. '80
Susan Ciotta-Rogers, B.A. '84
Ellen Timmerman, B.A. '84
Kenneth Barnes, B.S. '85
Kirk Osborn, J.D. '85
Ronald Hogg, J.D. '77, LL.M. '89
Linda Mahin, CERT '82, M.S. '89
Mary Lou Thomas, B.A. '92
Tom Geoghegan Jr., B.S. '95
Jennifer Conyers, M.S. '06
Mark D. Sokolik, B.A. '06
John R. Minderhout, J.D. '13

Paul M. Baker, former
UB basketball coach
Jaya Moily, former professor
in the Merrick School of Business

Longterminal, a documentary produced and directed by **Kristin Royer, M.F.A. '13**, was screened at the Eighth Annual Atlanta International Documentary Film Festival in October. The short film chronicles the stories, challenges and hopes of four patients who have defied the odds and are living—much longer than expected—with incurable cancer. In her director's statement, the first-time filmmaker explains, "I thought capturing stories like [this] could ... raise awareness about metastatic cancer as a chronic illness rather than a death sentence."



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On behalf of the University of Baltimore Alumni Association, we remember with gratitude and fondness the service and dedication of **Howard P. Fink, B.S. '63**. Fink was a longtime volunteer photographer who documented many alumni events, and his photographs frequently have appeared in this magazine; he died Jan. 25. The staff and alumni with whom he interacted throughout his years of service miss him greatly.

UB Alumnae Named
Among Maryland’s
‘Leading Women’

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

2013 Honorees

Theresa M. Adams, J.D. ’86

Sheryl Davis Kohl, M.P.A. ’86

Tonja Ringgold, M.S. ’88

Donna Van Scoy, J.D. ’88

Kimberly Wagner, J.D. ’88

Victoria L. Gruber, J.D. ’97

Meisha Grimes, J.D. ’01

L. Content McLaughlin, B.A. ’00, J.D. ’03, LL.M. ’05

Mary Helfrich, B.S. ’06

2014 Honorees

Nicole Egerton Taylor, J.D. ’00

Sherita Thomas, M.A. ’02

Katrina Dennis, J.D. ’04

Mothyna James-Brightful, M.S. ’07

Kimberly Neal, J.D. ’07

Lydia Hu, J.D. ’09

Sara Paraniлам, M.P.A. ’09

Ronald Holinsky, J.D. ’96, joined Lincoln Financial Group as vice president and chief compliance officer in September.

David A. “Skip” Prichard, J.D. ’96, was named chief executive officer of OCLC in Dublin, Ohio, in July 2013.

Jeffrey Pruitt, B.S. ’96, founded Baltimore’s J S Pruitt Builders in 2005.

Eduardo M. Simoniello, MBA ’96, was promoted to vice president of Greif’s Latin American operation in August 2012.

Martin Dorsey, J.D. ’97, was appointed by Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley as a Baltimore City District Court associate judge.

David Ellin, J.D. ’97, was named to *The Daily Record*’s 2013 VIP List of very important professionals age 40 and under in June 2013.

Victoria L. Gruber, J.D. ’97, chief of staff to Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, was named to *Sun Magazine*’s 2013 list of “50 Women to Watch.”

Adam T. Sampson, J.D. ’97, joined Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf & Hendler as special counsel in October.

Jovi B. Bohan, B.S. ’99, was elected a director of Invotex in Baltimore in October.

Melissa M. Boyd, J.D. ’99, served as one of the commentators for the Superior Court of Pennsylvania en banc session in October.

Thomas B. Giannini, J.D. ’99, is the chief executive officer of Ampslam, an independent music-sharing community that provides musicians a free platform to promote and share their music.

Stephen S. Haigley, M.S. ’99, is executive director of Baltimore’s Native American Lifelines, a nonprofit dedicated to providing substance abuse prevention, mental health treatment, case management, outreach services, health education, disease prevention and dental services to Native Americans.

David Huff, B.S. ’99, was honored at the Spirit of Service Recognition Ceremony in May 2013 for his service to the U.S. Department of Defense’s Office of the Inspector General as well as for his support of various community endeavors.

Greg P. Jimeno, B.A. ’96, J.D. ’99, became the 82nd president of the Anne Arundel (Maryland) Bar Association in June 2013.

Scott A. Shail, J.D. ’99, was named partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein in June 2013; he works at the firm’s Charlotte, North Carolina, office.

Jason Vettori, J.D. ’99, was named partner at Smith, Gildea & Schmidt in Towson, Maryland, in March 2013.

2000s Stanley D. Brown, M.A. ’00, retired in November 2012 as dean of the academic support and learning resources division at Baltimore City Community College and recently participated on a panel at the college on Academic Success Strategies for African-American Male College Students.

Jonas Jacobson, J.D. ’00, formed the government relations firm of Perry, White, Ross & Jacobson in Annapolis, Maryland, with three of his colleagues in July 2013.

Andrew C. Katz, B.S. ’00, was hired as assistant administrator of Beth El Congregation in Baltimore in November 2012.

Nicole Pastore Klein, J.D. ’00, was appointed by Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley as a Baltimore City District Court associate judge.

Andrew H. Segall, MBA ’00, was named to *The Daily Record*’s 2013 VIP List of very important professionals age 40 and under in June 2013.

James Wellschlager, B.S. ’00, was promoted to managing director at Cassidy Turley in Baltimore in August.

Barbara J. Wilkins, J.D. ’00, was appointed government relations officer for Anne Arundel County (Maryland) by Laura Neuman, county executive, in July 2013.

Andres Zapata, M.A. ’00, was named to *Baltimore* magazine’s 40 Under 40 list in October. This honor recognizes up-and-comers in the fields of business, tech, nonprofit, politics, science and the arts.

Ronald J. Allen, J.D. ’02, joined SuperReview in Houston, Texas, as regional sales director.

H. Briggs Bedigian, J.D. ’02, was named 2012 Maryland Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Maryland Association for Justice in March 2013.

Nancy Grimm, J.D. ’02, and **William H. Dorrill, J.D. ’74**, recently formed the Law Office of Grimm and Dorrill in Timonium, Maryland.

Scott Handwerger, M.S. ’02, was named partner at the accounting firm of Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates in Baltimore.

Jessica K. Hensley, M.A. ’02, joined Systems Alliance in Hunt Valley, Maryland, as a user experience architect and designer in August.

Chad Kornke, M.S. ’02, was promoted to vice president of accounting and finance for Algeco Scotsman in May 2013.

Dennis M. Robinson Jr., J.D. ’02, was named to *The Daily Record*’s 2013 VIP List of very important professionals age 40 and under in June 2013.

Edwin Harrison Stone Jr., J.D. ’02, joined ConnectYourCare as general counsel in July 2013.

Lindsay Buscher, M.P.A. ’03, was named to *Baltimore* magazine’s 40 Under 40 list in October.

Joseph Koff, MBA ’03, was named vice president of training and development for Sinclair Broadcast Group in Baltimore in November.

Jeannette M. Pessaro, B.S. ’00, M.S. ’03, is a teacher and internship manager for the Baltimore Liberation Diploma Plus alternative school in Baltimore.

Joseph C. Rosalski, B.A. ’03, is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Baltimore and taught the history of Baltimore in fall 2013.

Granville Templeton III, J.D. ’03, founded 1sqbox, an educational software and hardware development firm in Baltimore.

Alana Alsop, M.A. ’04, is the senior marketing manager for technical publications at Pepco Energy Services in Arlington, Virginia.

Tracey Barbour-Gillett, M.P.A. ’04, was elected president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority’s Rho Xi Omega Chapter in Baltimore for 2013.

Katrina J. Dennis, J.D. ’04, was named partner at the law firm of Kramon & Graham in Baltimore in July 2013.

Chrysovalantis Kefalas, J.D. ’04, began a detail as deputy speechwriter for U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. in September.

Dean Merritt, J.D. ’04, was installed as secretary of the Bar Association of Baltimore City in May 2013.

Marta Pincheira, MBA ’04, was appointed by Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to the Indiana Commission for Women in October.

Gregory Garrett, J.D. ’05, was named partner at Tydings & Rosenberg in Baltimore in January 2013.

Bruce Hammonds, B.S. ’71, D.H.L. ’05, joined the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County in Vero Beach, Florida, in August.

Allison R. Baumbusch-Ernst, B.S. ’04, M.A. ’06, was recognized by the *Baltimore Business Journal* in October for her two project designs that won Certificates of Excellence in *Graphic Design USA*’s 2013 American Graphic Design Awards competition.

Bonnie Faust, MBA ’07, was named vice president for patient care and chief nursing officer for CaroMont Health in Gastonia, North Carolina, in July 2013.

Patricia Langley, B.S. ’07, is an accounting manager with Corman Construction in Annapolis, Maryland.

Jim Liang, J.D. ’06, LL.M. ’07, was named to the Lawyers of Color Inaugural Hot List in July 2013.

Kimberly Neal, J.D. ’07, was named to *The Daily Record*’s 2013 VIP List of very important professionals age 40 and under in June 2013.

Matthew D. Porter, J.D. ’07, is managing member of Patuxent Financial Partners, a comprehensive financial planning and independent investment advisory practice he opened in Columbia, Maryland, in 2010.

Tara K. Shoemaker, J.D. ’07, and her law firm, Tara Shoemaker & Associates, received the Small Firm Award at the Maryland Pro Bono Service Awards in July 2013.

Gregory Skipper, MBA ’07, joined the board of directors of Blue Water Baltimore in February 2013.

Lisa D. Sparks, B.A. ’05, J.D. ’07, joined Wright, Constable & Skeen in Baltimore as an associate in April 2013.

Emily Cheng, B.S. ’08, joined Invotex in Baltimore as a senior consultant in its insurance practice in November.

Derek J. Howell, J.D. ’08, is the current chair of the Republican Central Committee of Harford County, Maryland, and is running for the Maryland Senate for 2014.

Michael R. Hudak, J.D. ’08, was installed as chair-elect of the Bar Association of Baltimore City’s Young Lawyer’s Division in May 2013.

Jeffrey Lawson, M.S. ’08, was appointed to Towson University’s Accounting Advisory Board in September.

Tracy Sorzano, LL.M. ’08, was named to *The Daily Record*’s 2013 VIP List of very important professionals age 40 and under in June 2013.

Frank van Vliet, MBA ’08, was appointed by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, Baltimore to its board of directors in August.

Ashley (Wetzel) Bashur, J.D. ’09, was promoted to the position of senior associate at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C., where she is a member of the securities litigation and enforcement practice group.

Karen Ellsworth, LL.M. ’09, joined the board of the Coalition of Geriatric Services in Ellicott City, Maryland, in January 2013.

Megan Goffney, M.P.A. ’09, became the director of homeless services for the Community Assistance Network in Baltimore in May 2013.

Monica Kushner, B.A. ’09, is employed with People Encouraging People in Baltimore and is working on her licensure for addiction counseling.

Cristine M. McCubbin, M.S. ’09, joined Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates in Baltimore as a senior accountant in July 2013.

Abioye Oyewole, J.D. ’09, was sworn into the Washington, D.C., Bar in May 2013 and has been collaborating on a special project for the Register of Copyrights to revise the *Compendium of Copyright Office Practices*.

Ersin Sezmis, MBA ’09, moved to Istanbul, Turkey, to continue his career as a senior export sales specialist for Borusan Mannesmann, the country’s leading steel pipe manufacturer.

Adam Trice, MBA ’09, performed in an integrated concert with his band, Red Sammy, and with UB Professor Steve Matanle at UB in April 2013.

Young Alumni
Making News

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

Alan C. Lazerow, J.D. ’10
Benjamin Meredith, J.D. ’10
Thomasina Poirot, J.D. ’10
Michelle Amick Prikhodko, J.D. ’11
Abby Ferretti, M.F.A. ’12

2010s **Lauren E. Berry, B.S. '10**, is a crime scene investigator with the Prince George's County (Maryland) Police Department.

Elizabeth Cowan, J.D. '10, married **Brandon Mourges, J.D. '09**, on April 6, 2013.

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

Daniel D. Phillips, J.D. '10, welcomed son John Daniel Phillips on May 9, 2013.

Thomasina Poirot, J.D. '10, received MyCity4Her's 2013 Spirited Woman Rising Award in September. This award honors women ages 21-35 who are starting to make their mark on the Baltimore community and/or on the business world.

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

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

Marie Fabienne J. Amisial, M.S. '11, works for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a health policy analyst for Medicaid recipients in the Office of Eligibility Services.

Emily Chiarizia, J.D. '11, received MyCity4Her's 2013 Spirited Woman Rising Award in September.

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

Phillip R. Dawalt Jr., D.P.A. '12, was interviewed for the online magazine *ElderBranch* about his dissertation on the collaboration between emergency managers and people with disabilities in planning and responding to disasters.

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

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

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

Christine R. Hogan, J.D. '12, is a new associate attorney at Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf & Hendler in Baltimore.

Joseph Koehler, M.S. '12, joined Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates, in Baltimore as a semisenior accountant.

Emily Margolis, B.S. '12, is an associate account executive at Renegade Communications in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

Gregg H. Mosson, J.D. '12, published the law review article "Robosigning Foreclosures: How It Violates Law, Must Be Stopped, and Why Mortgage Law Reform Is Needed to Ensure the Certainty and Values of Real Property" and co-authored an article on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act for the November/December *Maryland Bar Journal*.

Jeffrey Peyton, J.D. '12, joined Ober|Kaler's finance group in Baltimore as an associate in November.

Jana L. Ponczak, J.D. '12, recently opened the Law Office of Jana L. Ponczak in Pikesville, Maryland.

Erica Ritchie, J.D. '12, married Arthur Redmond on Feb. 15, 2013, after winning WBFF Fox 45's Wedding in a Week contest.

Deanna Robertson, B.S. '12, is working as a licensed sales associate at Koch Allstate Insurance Agency in Baltimore.

Rachel Severance, J.D. '12, joined Niles, Barton & Wilmer in Baltimore as an associate in the litigation department.

Adam Smith, J.D. '12, joined the law firm of Hyatt & Weber in Annapolis, Maryland, as an associate.

Tina H. Smith, B.S. '12, joined the Maryland Department of Health of Mental Hygiene as the equal employment opportunity compliance officer in February 2013.

Efrain Solis, B.S. '10, M.S. '12, after a year in Singapore, moved to Los Angeles to start a new role with Cedars-Sinai Hospital as a lead performance improvement facilitator.

Keenen Geter, B.A. '13, was appointed to the board of directors for the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship in Baltimore in October.

Jessica C. Moore, M.F.A. '13, recently joined Holland & Hart in Denver as a graphic designer.

Jordan R. Watts, B.S. '13, was named outreach coordinator for the International Book Bank in Baltimore.

New UB Board Members

The University of Baltimore welcomes the following new board members:

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

UB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Anne A. Rubins Kang, J.D. '10
Alex D. Tremble Jr., M.S. '11
Erin-Lee Hairston, M.S. '11, CERT '12
Paul Rodriguez, M.A. '12



HANDS ON HISTORY

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Louis Diggs, B.A. '79, M.P.A. '82

by Andrew Clark

Diggs in front of the historic building slated to house the Louis S. Diggs Research Center for African-American History

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

"They were disappointed," Diggs recalls. "They asked 'Can you help us find our history?'"

"That's when I began my quest." Over the past 20 years, the Baltimore city native has become one of the most authoritative voices on Baltimore County's African-American history. The author of nine books—with a 10th on the way—Diggs has aimed to help the African-American community know and understand its roots. He has made it his mission to tell the story of the 40 African-American communities within Baltimore County.

"People need to know their history," he says, simply.

Through his years of research, Diggs became an authority on local African-American history and amassed a collection of roughly 8,000 photographs—some dating as far back as the days of slavery. In past years, Diggs has taken his photo collection on the road

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

and put it on display for the public at a number of locations, from local malls to nursing homes. He's even had people recognize old photos of relatives.

These days, Diggs is largely focused on his biggest project to date: the Louis S. Diggs Research Center for African-American History. While the center—which offers monthly genealogy classes—currently is housed within the Historical Society of

Baltimore County's Cockeysville, Maryland, headquarters, Diggs is working to raise funds to renovate and repair an adjacent historic building donated by the society. Once completed, the building will serve as the new home for the center and will enable Diggs to share his research know-how more thoroughly with the community.

He says this research has offered him experiences that will stick with him forever.

"It's such a thrill to listen to someone who is 90 or 100 years old, to have them sit with me and bare their lives," says Diggs, whose most recent interviews include Baltimore County residents with ancestors who served in the Civil War.

The longtime historian estimates that he's conducted hundreds of interviews over the past two decades.

"Every time I [do] an interview, I [can't] wait to go do another one."

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CHANGE IS BREWING

Holly Gray, B.A. '12

by Paula Novash

How do you make change happen? If you're **Holly Gray, B.A. '12**, the answer is one cup of coffee at a time.

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

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

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

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

The Grays employ 12 or so associates at the coffeehouse and as many as 15 others in CUPs' catering arm. They are required to

"invest in themselves," Gray says, through monthly volunteering projects and weekly enrichment classes on topics such as resume writing. Every Friday, CUPs holds free community events like poetry readings, art exhibits and music nights.

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

**"Our goal is
to have a location in
every major city."**

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

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

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



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