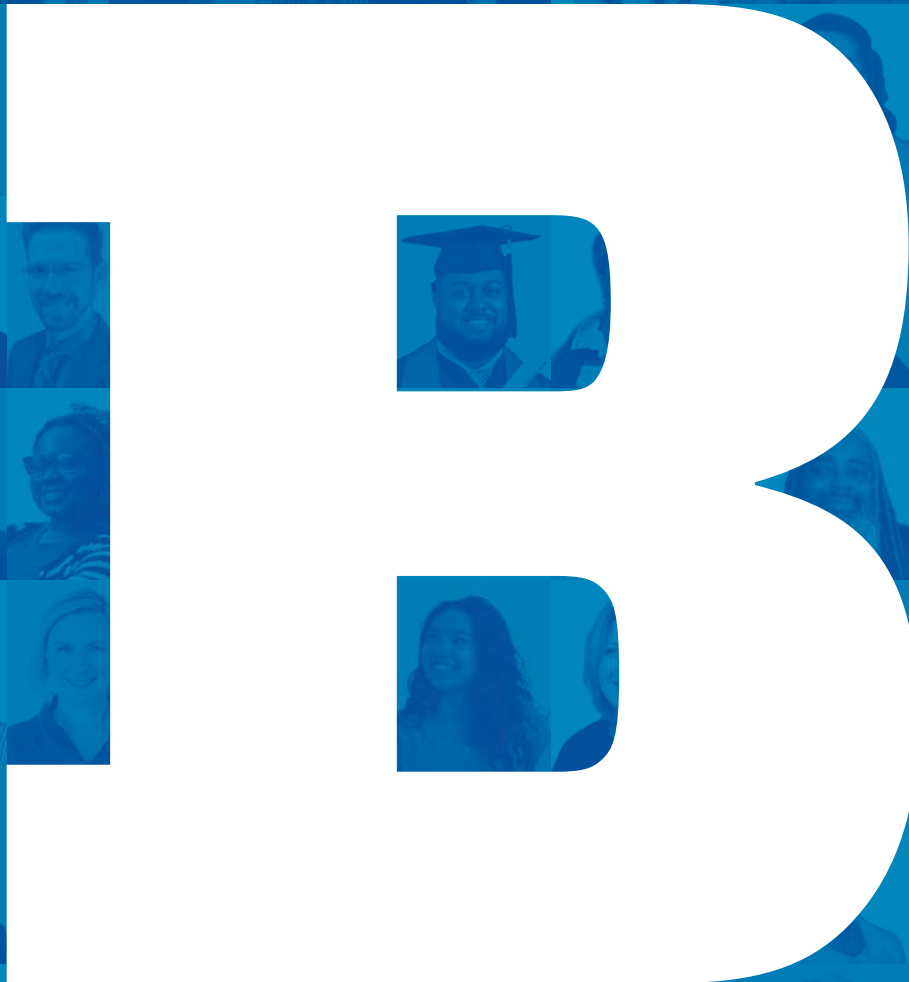


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FALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE ALL OVER AGAIN!

We closed our centennial year in spectacular style—and with a lot of balloons! We celebrated where we've been and imagined where we're going. And we were reminded over and over again of why we love The University of Baltimore so much. We see the transformative power of education and its ability to change lives. We are committed to academic excellence and delivering a real-world education to our students. And we understand our responsibility to be active and engaged citizens. Our celebrations may have ended, but our optimism has been renewed and our determination strengthened. We are ready for UBalt's second century!

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Last year was one for the history books. 2025 was a year spent celebrating, remembering, reflecting and preparing for the future of The University of Baltimore

The more people we spoke with about the University's first 100 years, the clearer it became—our alumni are our greatest legacy. They are what we're most proud of and always will be. They are our greatest achievement, our greatest resource, our greatest source of strength and our biggest inspiration.

Each of our alumni is unique. Each of their stories is unique, with different casts, plots, chapters, themes and endings. But regardless of where they came from or where they went after their time at UBalt, and regardless of the jobs or titles they held, there is one common trait that every University of Baltimore graduate shares—each left an undeniable, indelible mark on this institution. Their contributions add to the impact of the ones that came before and will, in turn, shape the ones that come after.

Just a couple of weeks ago, as the Class of 2026 was being handed their diplomas, I realized I wasn't just proud of everyone who crossed the stage, I was grateful.

Grateful that it was *our* students who showed up and did the work.

Grateful that it is *our* alumni out there doing good and giving back.

Grateful that it is *our* community whose contributions will forge the next generation of learners, leaders, educators, innovators, entrepreneurs, mentors, helpers, protectors, creators, builders, givers, servers, doers and, pardon the pun, bee-ers.

Would that we had the time and space to tell each of their stories! Still, we can share some here and rest easy knowing that our graduates are equipped to tell their own through their words and deeds.

In another hundred years, I'm sure members of the University's Bicentennial committee will take delight in unearthing this issue of our magazine along with others from decades past. But, having just been in their shoes, I'm also confident it won't take a written record for our posterity to appreciate the impact of our legacy. We certainly didn't. We feel it every day.

Sincerely,

Kurt L. Schmoke
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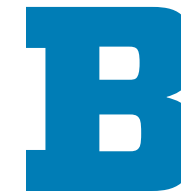
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A Century in the Making

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Opening Remarks by University System of Maryland Chancellor Jay A. Perman, MD



NICOLE MUNCHEL

Good evening, everyone. It's an honor to be a part of your Centennial Celebration. Thank you, President Schmoke. It's not surprising to see so many of our elected officials here tonight, given UBalt's abiding role in shaping the leadership of Maryland. Your support means the world.

"You serve because you are in this community, and of this community, and for this community."

JAY A. PERMAN, MD

It's not often that an organization makes it to 100 years. And so celebrating this centennial isn't just special, it actually means something extraordinary. It means that what you offer is something that people *want*, still. That people *need*, still. That people *value*, still. It means that—even as you've evolved over the years—you've stayed true to a mission that matters: accessible education that strengthens your students, your city, your state.

And when you think about how much the world has changed around us in the last 100 years—when you think of the volatility, the challenges, the progress and the setbacks—the fact that UBalt has endured is remarkable.

And that gives me *more* than hope for the next 100 years. It gives me faith in the work that unites you all. It gives me confidence that your path forward is assured. Let me be clear: that doesn't mean the path is straight or flat. It doesn't mean you won't innovate how you serve and whom. Of course you will. Because, of course, you always have.

But what I consider the very heart of UBalt—the *why* you serve—remains. You serve to improve the working lives and civic lives of your students, to meet them wherever they are on their journey, and by whatever path brought them to it. You serve to secure a more inclusive, more just, more prosperous future, knowing that solutions work for all only if they're *shaped* by all. You serve because you are in this community, and of this community, and *for* this community.

So this centennial doesn't just cap 100 years of excellence; it heralds the century to come. And that future is yours. Because UBalt's mission is more important than ever. And if you believe that, then it's a force—you are a force—that cannot, and will not, be stopped.

Congratulations on 100 years. 🎉

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SALLY REED-ARO, MBA '03

Knowledge That Works Here

Many return to UBalt to provide the support that once changed their lives



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BY SALLY FREEDMAN

Above: Dr. Jan Williams, M.S. '95

Opposite, top: Luann Edwards, J.D. '00

Opposite, bottom: Domonique Flowers, B.A. '05

Cover, Row 4, far right: Philippia Richardson, B.A. '98, M.A. '01

Page 44, 2nd photo: Sally Reed-Aro, MBA '03

Many University of Baltimore graduates have made the transition from learner to leader right on campus. When this group of alumni returned to UBalt to work, they brought more than expertise—they brought their lived experience. These former students understand the challenges their successors face because they've navigated them personally. And their commitment to the values and lessons that shaped them ensures future generations will benefit from the same hard-earned wisdom.

EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE

“I came to The University of Baltimore and I never left,” said **Philippia Richardson, B.A. '98, M.A. '01.**

She had a well-established career as a successful visual manager, decorating windows for leading retailers, when she decided to complete her degree. After earning her B.A. in English, she turned right around and got a master's in publications design.

An editor at heart, Richardson often found herself helping classmates with papers. She credited her instructors for their support and inspiration as they nurtured her natural talent as an educator. By the time she graduated, she was a full-time writing consultant at the University.

In 2017, **John Brenner B.A. '01, MBA '16**, director of Early College Initiatives, convinced Richardson to put her talents to work with a different kind of UBalt student. And until her retirement in 2025, Richardson served as administrator for the College Readiness Academy.

The high-school students in her program also inspired her to continue teaching. Richardson sharpened their writing skills while helping the teens navigate a difficult transition. “College can be overwhelming,” said Richardson. “These kids are just starting out and they're so inquisitive. I wanted to make sure they stayed motivated. “I truly value the time I spent learning and teaching at UBalt. I've learned that everyone can contribute and has something to offer. Learning is a lifelong endeavor.”

APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

Some people yawn when they see a spreadsheet. **Dr. Jan Williams,**

M.S. '95, lights up. “I loved accounting in high school. I loved it in college. I loved how the numbers came together. Everything had its place,” she said.

Williams pursued that passion as an undergraduate at Hampton University, as a master's student in taxation at UBalt, and then in a doctoral program at Morgan State University. With Ph.D. in hand, she returned to UBalt to teach accounting at the Merrick School of Business, where she has taught for 19 years.

As a student, “what I liked about the programs at the University of Baltimore was the application of the knowledge,” she said. “We had hands-on projects where we worked with data to develop tax strategies for real-world situations.”

As a teacher, “I love nurturing the students, getting to know them and helping to create that career pathway,” said Williams. And she leans heavily on that real-world focus, putting students in contact with working professionals. In that regard, she said “it's a great benefit of being an alum and a faculty member.”

“Teaching allows me to establish relationships with current and future alumni who I can invite back to talk to the students in my classes about the profession,” said Williams. “Then I can connect students with those alums when they are looking for employment opportunities later.”

ETERNALLY GRATEFUL

After earning a bachelor's degree from Indiana University Bloomington, **Luann Edwards, J.D. '00**, worked for a major public interest organization, advancing from the regional to the national level. At the organization's Washington, D.C., office,



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“I worked with and among many lawyers, and was inspired to apply to law school myself,” she said.

That passion took her to UBalt Law. “I entered as a second-career, first-generation law student,” she said, “and I'm eternally grateful to the faculty, staff and classmates that made me aware of opportunities I likely would have missed on my own.”

Edwards thrived as a student. She was a law scholar under longtime School of Law professor Charles Rees, won a national award for a paper she wrote for her copyright law class, worked as a research assistant and participated in moot court. “I deeply appreciated the luxury of thinking about things just for the sake of thinking about them,” she said.

After graduating, Edwards landed a job with a Manhattan law firm and then returned to Maryland to pursue public interest law, where she spent more than a decade shaping policy that continues to impact the lives of countless Marylanders.

In 2024, her journey came full circle when she returned to work at UBalt and now serves as assistant dean of

law career development. Edwards is honored “to be included in a law student's journey, to celebrate their successes and support them as they navigate challenges.”

I BECAME A LIFER

Sally Reed-Aro, MBA '03, was working in the human resources department at The University of Maryland, Baltimore when she got the calling to further her career. UBalt offered her the chance to pursue an MBA part-time in the evenings.

As she was completing her degree, a job opened up in UBalt's own HR department, and the pieces just fell into place. “I graduated in December, in a ceremony at the Lyric, and I started in the HR department three weeks later,” she said.

Reed-Aro went on to earn a master's in jurisprudence at Tulane University, and was promoted to her present role as UBalt's associate vice president and chief human resources officer. “At some point in time, I became a lifer,” she said.

From a professional standpoint, her experiences as both a UBalt student and longtime adjunct faculty

help her navigate the myriad HR issues that can arise on campus. “I certainly understand the experience of our students,” she said. “And I appreciate the University's mission, looking for opportunities for underprivileged, for disabled, for otherwise overlooked individuals.” As both student and staffer, she's seen the impact a UBalt experience can have. “Education opens up opportunities,” said Reed-Aro. “It opens up thoughts. It opens up your mind.”

'SUCCESSSES WILL COME'

Domonique Flowers, B.A. '05, came to UBalt to study jurisprudence, with an eye toward becoming a lawyer. That experience set him up for success: With a law degree from Howard University,, he now works for the Social Security Administration, reviewing appeals for disability claims.

At the same time, he's giving back to his first alma mater, UBalt. “I taught legal writing in the School of Law, and then was also hired to teach American legal history in the undergraduate program,” he said.

Flowers also relies on his master's degree in historical studies from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as an adjunct faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences. “My interest in history was always profound,” he said, and a stint teaching legal principles to high school students through the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project helped hone his skills as an educator.

As a former student, teacher and current candidate for the School Board in Baltimore, Flowers has embraced the chance to help shape how students view their world.

Take for example, his work on the subject of Edward Draper, a Black man who studied law in the mid-1800s but was denied the right to practice. Flowers recently helped advance Draper's posthumous acceptance into the Maryland Bar.

Through this experience, “I was able to tell my students about the importance of never giving up,” he said. “I try to impress upon them that it's OK to fail. That's going to happen. Success will come down the line.” **B**



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Dr. R. Alan Streett, B.A. '70

It seems like yesterday that I first stepped inside The University of Baltimore, but it has been over six decades. The main campus consisted of a single five-story building on the corner of Charles and Oliver streets that housed classrooms, library, administrative and professor offices, a cramped bookstore, and a large first-floor lounge with towering white columns where students socialized and crammed for exams. We had no cafeteria, dorms or parking lots. All students commuted and competed for a limited number of metered spaces.

Much of my college life centered on baseball. After winning a spot in the starting lineup, coach Otts Bosley offered me an athletic scholarship. Outside the classroom, I spent every afternoon on the practice field at the Mount Washington sports complex on Rogers Avenue. My dream was to sign a pro contract after graduation.

In my junior year, I discovered my academic niche. Out of curiosity, I enrolled in Abnormal Psychology taught by Professor Ralph Funkhouser, a man born to teach with a great sense of humor and a heart for those broken by the overwhelming circumstances of life. I was hooked, and immediately changed my major from history to psychology.

I participated in numerous extracurricular activities, served on the convocation committee and, as vice president and

secretary of the Varsity Club, learning management skills and the art of compromise.

My life seemed perfect until the unthinkable happened. In my last year, I injured my throwing arm so severely that all hopes of playing pro baseball melted away. I had never considered any other career path and was left downtrodden and confused. I needed guidance.

Without an appointment, I went to see Richard Simms, dean of students, and shared my anguish and dilemma. After awhile, he looked up and said, "Have you ever considered attending seminary?"

Seminary? Isn't that where they train ministers?

"It's also a place where you can find yourself," he replied, "and possibly discover a new direction for your life." And then added, "At UB, we have several faculty with seminary degrees including myself and our Provost Mebane Turner." Without saying another word, he picked up the phone and called the registrar at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

I took Dean Simms's advice. After seminary, I served a stint as a minister before moving into higher education. For the past 40 years, I have served as a professor at a private college in Texas. When I graduated from UBalt in 1969, I never imagined I would eventually earn two Ph.D.s and write seven books, both academic and popular. **B**

BIO

DR. R. ALAN STREETT

- B.A. '70, Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts
- Senior distinguished professor emeritus of biblical theology, Criswell College
- Author
- Elected member of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (The Society for New Testament Studies)



Finding Their Niche

Providing specialized service led to success for these alums

BY ADAM STONE

In elementary school, someone probably asked what you wanted to be when you grew up. Depending on your generation, you might have said doctor, teacher, firefighter or, more recently, something like Instagram influencer.

In real life, people find themselves working in jobs they never imagined, or even knew existed. Caregiver consultant, accountant for tattoo artists, equine lawyer—who knew?

For some, a University of Baltimore education has opened doors to unexpected opportunities. They're finding personal and professional satisfaction in little-known niches, where their expertise and passion have a chance to shine.

THE INK BIZ

Neither **Stephen Friedman, B.S. '08**, nor his brother, **Jason Friedman, B.S. '09**, had a tattoo-related profession in mind when they came to The University of Baltimore.

Stephen had taken accounting classes in community college and wanted to continue those studies. Jason had worked in restaurant management but saw accounting as being more stable.

Today, the brothers, both certified public accountants, are jointly Friedman Tax. Founded in 2022, this isn't your typical accounting



firm. Working from Pennsylvania (Stephen) and Carroll County, Maryland (Jason), the brothers support the needs of the tattoo and piercing industry nationwide.

Jason didn't have a single tattoo when his daughter turned 18 and declared she wanted to get one. (Maybe she was inspired by Uncle Stephen, who is heavily inked. He has 57 tattoos from a single artist.) Father and daughter got matching images: a dog on a skateboard wearing a bed sheet like a ghost, to honor their dog Casper.

They also got talking to the artist about her taxes, and

found her lacking even basic knowledge. So they reached out to other artists and owners of tattoo parlors. "They had all had horrible experiences with previous accountants," Stephen said. "The industry is seen as being on the outskirts, and people wouldn't take them seriously. We saw a real need there."

They started making their pitch at tattoo shops. "We would map out an area and just go door to door, introducing ourselves," Jason said. Their grassroots marketing strategy worked, and the brothers have never looked back.

Stephen Friedman, B.S. '08, left, and Jason Friedman, B.S. '09



For Jason (now at about 30 tattoos and counting), a niche career is all about helping people—and that goes beyond just preparing taxes for individuals. “We go to tattoo conventions and do Q&A sessions, letting all the artists ask us whatever tax and business questions they have,” he said.

The UBalt experience was the foundation for all of this. “It was the teachers. Accounting is not fun to learn, especially in a classroom, but they all brought this passion to it,” Jason said. And Stephen adds, “They literally taught me everything—how to interact on a professional level, how to build Excel sheets. Everything that I utilize on a daily basis, I can track back to the University of Baltimore.”

CREATIVE CAREGIVING

In the thick of his degree program at UBalt, **Aaron Blight, MPA**

’00, suddenly found himself a caregiver, a role for which he was utterly unprepared.

“I was getting my Master of Public Administration degree while working full time at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, for the federal Medicaid program, in the disabled and elderly health programs group,” he said.

Despite his professional involvement in senior health care, Blight’s personal experience of what it meant to be elderly or disabled when his mother-in-law received a brain tumor diagnosis and moved into our home, and we were thrust into this family-caregiving role.”

Blight encountered a steep learning curve. “I knew absolutely nothing, and I was really not a very good family caregiver. It

upended our family. It was an incredibly difficult time for us,” he said. Maybe he did something right, though, since his mother-in-law outlasted her six-month life expectancy by about four and a half years. “She was a miracle.”

By then, Blight had finished his master’s degree and opened his own home care company. He returned to school for a doctorate and did his dissertation on caregiving. From there, he founded Caregiving Kinetics, which advises families and professional caregivers.

People are often thrust into caregiving roles, and he takes special satisfaction in being able to help them navigate their new responsibilities. “I provide knowledge, tools and information that can help family caregivers think differently about their role,” he said. “I help them to adjust their mindset to the changing circumstances of their lives.”

Whether he’s working for the government, running a home care company or leading a caregiving consultancy, Blight credits his UBalt education with preparing him for each of his roles: “The University of Baltimore provided me with a great foundation in leadership and administration. It is knowledge I have used throughout my career.”

BACK TO HER ROOTS

Kathleen J.P. Tabor, J.D., ’03, when considering which law school to attend, walked into the University of Baltimore’s School of Law and stopped before a kiosk advertising a brown bag lunch on the topic of equine law. Originally planning to focus on education law, she decided this was an opportunity for her to immerse herself in a field of law (at the time barely

Kathleen J.P. Tabor, J.D. ’03

Bottom left: Aaron Blight, MPA ’00

Bottom right: Mary Naugle, CERT ’84, MBA ’86, left, and Michael Naugle, B.S. ’71, M.S. ’77



recognized by the American Bar Association) that would embrace her life-long passion for horses.

This farmer’s granddaughter, originally from rural Michigan, pursued her dream of practicing law, but with an emphasis in the equine and agriculture industries, areas she already had practical knowledge and skills.

Her experiences at the law school’s Community Development Clinic enhanced her business development skills. She earned a concentration in Public and Government Service and credits the quality of her professors in developing her advocacy skills. UBalt Law prepared her to step out on her own upon graduation with confidence, and she immediately opened her own firm.

Now, Tabor provides a variety of clientele with a wide range of services, including providing guidance to individuals on estate planning;

assisting nonprofit organizations in their formation and operations; and counseling agricultural and equine businesses on contracts, liabilities and regulations.

“My life experiences, along with my legal training, enable me to assist clients on a myriad of issues,” she stated. “My favorite motto is ‘a goal without a plan is just a wish.’ I love empowering and inspiring my clients in attaining their goals!”

Tabor has wholeheartedly embraced her adopted state of Maryland, serving 19 years on the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Horse Industry Board. She co-authored the book *Maryland Equine Law* and, along with another prominent female attorney, co-founded the Maryland State Bar Association’s Agricultural Law Section. She has proudly represented Maryland as a speaker at numerous conferences,

symposiums and other industry gatherings. Tabor loves offering leadership in various equine organizations and sharing her knowledge of agriculture and equine industries with the skills UBalt Law honed.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Michael Naugle, B.S. ’71, M.S. ’77, came to UBalt hoping to play basketball, but his skills were lacking. “My dreams of playing in the NBA quickly vanished,” he said.

However, it was an assistant basketball coach who secured Naugle his first job with what is now the League for People with Disabilities. That grew into a 42-year career in therapeutic recreation (recreation adapted for people with disabilities), with 22 years of that spent as the director of therapeutic recreation with Baltimore’s Department of Recreation and Parks.

“My career objective was always to provide adapted recreation opportunities to kids and adults with disabilities that would enhance the quality of their life.”

MICHAEL NAUGLE, B.S. ’71, M.S. ’77

In the early days of his career, the world was not accommodating toward people with accessibility needs. “I would lift non-ambulatory players and their wheelchairs into the back of the van,” he explained. “Many places we played at that time weren’t even physically accessible.”

Things changed in 1990 with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Naugle was able to bring opportunities for equal play to city parks.

“My career objective was always to provide adapted recreation opportunities to kids and adults with disabilities that would enhance the quality of their life. Those opportunities included summer camps, wheelchair sports and inclusive theater programs. For me, success was always ‘raising the expectations’ of program participants.”

It is worth noting that Naugle did take a “break” from therapeutic

recreation for two years, joining his wife and fellow alum, Mary “Cass” Naugle, CERT ’84, MBA ’86, for a turn with the Peace Corps in Niger.

Hers was another remarkable career spent in service to people with specialized needs. She became the first executive director of the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association in 1986. When she retired in 2020, she’d gone from being the sole employee to overseeing a staff of 29 and increasing their budget by 250% to grow support services for thousands of individuals with Alzheimer’s and their families in the Baltimore region.

While both Naugles credit UBalt for providing them with the skills and connections to succeed, it’s clear that the real credit goes to them for their decades of service to those in need. **13**



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“Art is supposed to spark a conversation. Art is supposed to make us think.”

ANDRÉ MAZELIN, B.S. '16

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B.S. '16

Guardians of the Legacy

Alumni arts leaders are protecting culture from the vultures

BY ANNA RUSSELL



Above: Jeremy Goldman, J.D. '09

Right: Amanda Morell, B.S. '13

The arts are a central expression of society and our values. Today's changing cultural landscape depends on strong leaders who are sensitive to those shifting needs and able to develop strategies that maintain stability and sustain growth. The arts require exploration not only in the act of creation but by those who enable that creative journey.

The University of Baltimore has spent a century developing leaders across a variety of fields who can quickly adapt and weather changes to our environment and economy. By helping students master finance, law, management and critical thinking, UBalt empowers its graduates to expand the reach and impact of the arts. These leaders don't just support the arts; they develop flexible frameworks that preserve artistic legacies and ensure their future.

'EVERY SHOW IS AN OPPORTUNITY'

Jeremy Goldman, J.D. '09, caught the bug early, performing in a children's theater group in Ellicott City starting at age 10. From there, he went on to play various roles at Toby's Dinner Theatre; attended the University of Maryland, College Park, on a theater scholarship, appearing in several shows; and acted around the region, including at the Kennedy Center. But with age came the desire for a steady income.

He took temp work at D.C.-area law firms between shows, eventually

pausing his performing to become a paralegal. "I was great at typing. It was my number one skill other than acting and singing," Goldman joked. He found the work enjoyable enough that he decided to pursue a law degree.

Goldman began working full time at Northrop Grumman (where he now serves as senior manager for compliance) while attending UBalt's School of Law at night and started a family. (His son was born during his first year of law school, his daughter during his last.)

But theater stayed in his blood, and when his high-school drama teacher reached out, asking him to audition for the first time in a decade, he jumped at the chance. A year after taking the stage again, Goldman was asked to take the helm of Silhouette Stages, Howard County's premier community theater.

He became the award-winning, volunteer-led company's second president in 2015 and its first executive director in 2023, leading the troupe into a new era where the community is as vital as the "theater."

"Every show we do is an opportunity for people to feel a little more connected to the world, maybe help them not feel alone," he said. "I raised my kids in Howard County and still live here now, so ensuring that the arts community remains strong—as supportive as it is supported—is really important for me."

"Regardless of who's in charge, the arts always seem to be first on the chopping block," Goldman said,

noting that even Howard County—usually a beacon for arts and culture in the state—has cut some elementary school arts programming. "It feels like it's just easiest to say, 'We don't really need that.'"

As a steward of artistic and cultural legacies, Goldman understands the importance of keeping these programs alive, especially through difficult times. His legal training (particularly "writing and critical thinking," he notes) from UBalt provides him with the analytical and advocacy skills necessary to navigate challenges and make the case for continued investment in the arts.

BUILDING PATHWAYS FOR ARTISTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Amanda Morell, B.S. '13, came to her career in arts advocacy through a deeply personal realization. As a student at Baltimore School

for the Arts, she received a robust performance education. "I did realize how fortunate I was to have an arts-enriched education," she said. "Any child, any youth who wants that opportunity should be able to have that."

But Morell's path wasn't straightforward. She spent seven years completing her degree, initially talking herself into pursuing something other than the arts. "After floundering through my first three years of college, I found my way to the University of Baltimore," she said. There, she made a strategic decision: if she couldn't get an arts degree, she would get the next best thing—a business degree tailored for nonprofit work.

"I knew I wanted to be in the nonprofit space," Morell explained. "But I figured that I would still need finance,

accounting and marketing. These organizations still have budgets that need to be balanced." That practical grounding in business fundamentals proved essential.

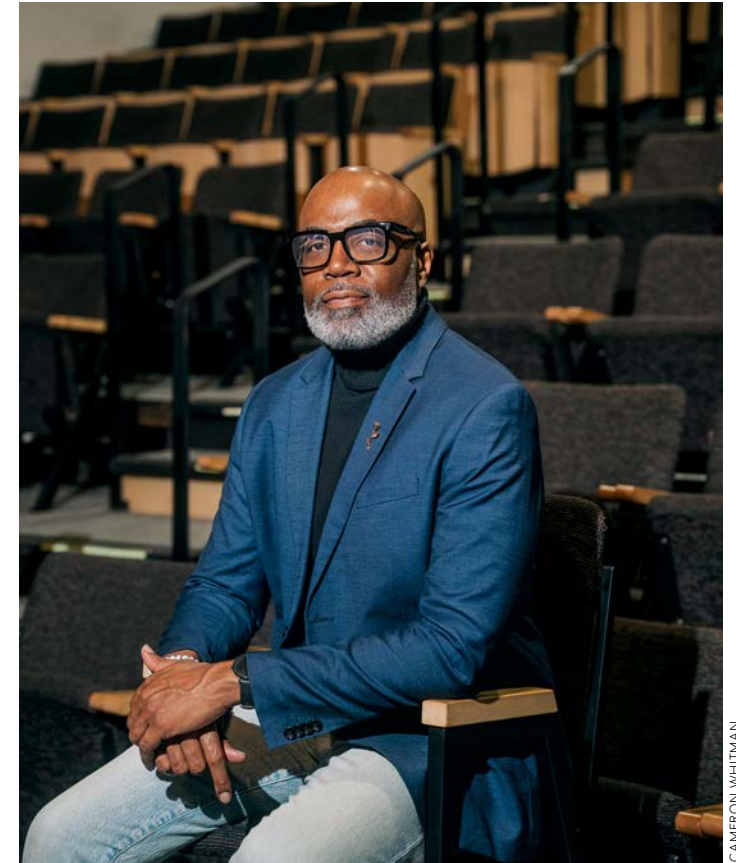
After graduation, Morell joined the Urban Arts Leadership Fellowship through the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance, which placed her as a program manager at the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County. "I was introduced to this whole ecosystem that exists in Maryland," she explained, referring to the State Arts Council, county arts councils, and advocacy organizations focused on public investment in the arts.

Today, Morell serves as deputy director of Maryland Citizens for the Arts, which represents over 300 arts organizations and 24 county arts councils. In this role, she advocates not just for organizations but for artists themselves. "There are very real reasons I became an arts administrator. So now, I get to practice my art independently of doing it to pay my bills," she said. "But people who want to make a living at it should be able to. That's why this work is important."

This is an uneasy time in the arts, which face political scrutiny and funding challenges. Yet Morell stands firm on the basics. "Art is supposed to spark a conversation. Art is supposed to make us think," she said. Her UBalt education gave her the tools to advocate effectively: "How can we as an advocacy organization ensure that there are pathways to sustaining yourself as an artist?"

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS

For **André Mazelin, B.S. '16**, his career direction was never in question. "I always knew that I



CAMERON WHITMAN

wanted to be in the arts," he said. An early foray into hip-hop led him to Baltimore, where a friend had a record label. When performing didn't pan out, he moved to New York City and took a job with Tower Records. "I learned about jazz, I learned about classical, I learned about rock at that job, and I met more musicians," he said. He started producing shows independently, rubbed elbows with industry professionals, and moved to Los Angeles, where he helped bands package their music and their image.

Years later, Mazelin returned to Baltimore to work as a house manager at Creative Alliance. "By the time I left, I was operations director," he said. "Ten years at that wonderful venue taught me all I needed to know about Baltimore art, music, theater, dance." He credits the organization with introducing him to the people and cultural landscape that would define his career. "I owe a lot to Creative Alliance. I still love them and watch what they do."

But around 2016, Mazelin realized he needed more formal credentials

to advance. "I decided to go back and get my bachelor's, because I only had a two-year degree from the early '90s." He chose business administration at UBalt, and the decision paid off. "It opened doors that would not have been open otherwise," he said.

Degree in hand, Mazelin went on to become senior manager for performing arts at Prince George's Community College, where he programmed major shows. Today, he serves as executive director of Dance Place in Washington, D.C., where he focuses on community engagement—going out into the community to understand what people need and want, then serving them accordingly.

For Mazelin, the role of arts organizations extends far beyond presenting performances. It's about building community, preserving cultural legacies, and ensuring that creative participation remains accessible to all citizens. His UBalt degree gave him the business acumen to lead effectively while staying true to his artistic mission—a balance that defines successful arts administration. **E**



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To Serve, and Serve Again

After their service ended, their commitment to service flourished

BY ADAM STONE

For many who have worn a United States military uniform, service becomes a way of life. When they transition to civilian roles, some feel called to continue their service in support of their fellow veterans. A number of University of Baltimore graduates have found ways to leverage their academic and professional achievements to help serve the needs of the military veteran community.

From proactive hiring to community service to direct support for UBalt's own veteran students, they're using their skills to help other veterans succeed in civilian life.

BRIDGING THE GAP

From 1984 to 1986, **Earl Thomas, B.A. '24**, served in the Marines. His degree didn't come until later in life, when he earned his bachelor's in Human Services Administration in 2024. Today, at 60 years old,



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Thomas is now a case manager at GEDCO Cares, an organization supporting communities in Baltimore through eviction prevention, utility assistance, a food pantry and a career center.

The job gives him an ongoing opportunity to support the ex-military community. "When veterans come in, I try to help them get their benefits and anything they need for mental health care, helping them get in touch with Disabled American Veterans or the Veteran's Administration (VA)," he said. "If they are suffering with drug addiction or alcohol, I reach out to resources I know, to try to get them into a program."

Thomas explained that while various organizations offer support for veterans, many who have served don't know where or how to access those services, and that they need guidance navigating the system.

Take, for example, medical wait time. The VA often has a backlog, "and I tell them that if these go over 30 days, you can request to see a doctor in the community," he said. He explained, it's a little-known rule, and it helps them access needed treatments.

Thomas' own military service makes him a trusted source. "They feel comfortable. They know they have someone who really cares," he said. "When I

Left: Earl Thomas, B.A. '24

Below: Dena Allen-Few, MPA '23



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speak to them, I show empathy. I understand what they're going through, because I've been there."

His UBalt experience prepared him to meet the needs of the community. Coursework on social problems, and criminal justice in particular, helped open his eyes. "If there are drugs, poverty, homelessness—why? What is the root cause?" asked Thomas. "I'm working on getting to the root, not just the surface stuff, and that's what the University of Baltimore did for me."

"I don't want my students to suffer from what I suffered from."

DENA ALLEN-FEW, MPA '23

of Public Administration degree from UBalt, and today she supports her former comrades in arms as both the chair of the Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans (one of only three state commissions dedicated to veterans services), as well as the University's coordinator of veteran and military support services on campus.

"I had a very rough transition, coming home from Iraq, suffering from PTSD for an extended period of time," she said. "When I finally made the decision to get into working with veterans in higher education, it became a focal point for me. I don't want my students to suffer from what I suffered from."

In her role at The Bob Parsons Veteran Center (founded by another UBalt alum, **Bob Parsons, B.S. '75, D.H.L. '08**), Allen-Few wears many hats. "My background is VA education benefits, so I deal with a lot of that. But we also have the center's day-to-day operations: hiring, training and supervising our student staff. I'm also planning and coordinating events across campus for veterans and military-affiliated students, and for the entire campus as a whole," she said.

The center is pivotal in helping veteran students adjust to college life. "We have a lot of students that come here fresh from getting out of the military, or they've been out for some time and have just never gained access to resources that were available," she said. "At the center, we are the hub. They come to us and we facilitate communication and outreach."

Allen-Few coordinates with veteran service organizations as well as other UBalt offices, from the bursar to the disability office

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David Adey, B.S. '72

to the president. "If a student has a need, we are their first point of contact," she said.

PAYING IT BACK

When **David Adey, B.S. '72**, graduated from Baltimore Junior College, he was drafted. "I had five months of training and then I was immediately sent to Vietnam. I was there in time for Christmas of '67, and I had my first taste of combat during the Tet Offensive that January," he said.

Adey spent 13 months with the 4th Infantry Division and afterwards came home to start his civilian life. He had worked at the Sparrows Point steel mill before the war, and he returned there to work in the personnel office. He also earned a business degree from the University of Baltimore, with a specialization

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JOHN BARTKOWIAK, J.D. '73



John Bartkowiak, J.D. '73, with his wife, Joan M. Worthington, B.S. '84, MBA '91, who serves as chair of The University of Baltimore Foundation Board

in personnel and labor relations.

He got a job post-graduation with a company that sent him to recruit on the UBalt campus, and he went on to serve in increasingly senior personnel roles, primarily in high-tech industries. But Adey never forgot those with whom he'd served.

After the war, he'd had extensive medical care at the Fort Howard Veterans Hospital, and he returned there as a volunteer. "I was assisting mostly World War II and Korean War veterans, pushing wheelchairs and visiting," he said.

His professional life allowed him to further serve his fellow veterans. As a senior vice president of human resources and administration for a Fortune 500 company, "I was able to have a lot of influence regarding hiring

veterans and promoting veterans within this company," he said.

Through the University of Baltimore Foundation, he founded the David A. Adey Vietnam Veterans Scholarship, now known as the David A. Adey Veterans Scholarship, which provides endowed support for UBalt students who are U.S. military veterans.

"Some of the guys I was with got killed. Some were wounded, and some had disabilities that they had to live with. Although I do suffer with the medical consequences of Agent Orange, I felt very special to be able to make it back in one piece, and I guess I just wanted to pay it back," he said. "I view the University of Baltimore as the springboard into my commitment to helping veterans all through my career."

'THINK OF IT AS PATRIOTISM'

After a short stint on active duty, **John Bartkowiak, J.D. '73**, served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1967 to 1973, supporting the 430th Transportation Co. in Curtis Bay, Maryland. At the same time, he was earning a degree from the University of Baltimore's School of Law.

In addition to a 36-year career with Northrop Grumman, Bartkowiak would go on to put his degree to use in service of other veterans (often alongside fellow veterans and UBalt alumni **Paul Kozloski, MPA '77**; **Michael Lawlor, J.D. '73**; and **John Averella, B.S. '95**). He is co-founder and pro bono counsel for the Maryland Veterans Foundation, Inc., as well as president of the Baltimore Chapter 451 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. More recently,

he helped launch Wounded Warriors Day on the Bay.

"I've always done legal work for veterans," he said, serving as pro bono corporate counsel for several organizations.

Bartkowiak's Vietnam-era experiences are at the core of his ongoing involvement. "It disrupted a lot of lives and affected a lot of people," he said. "And a lot of guys needed help. I think of it as patriotism. You could spend your time with any charity, but the idea of a patriotic group of veterans—to me, that was always a very worthwhile endeavor."

Bartkowiak has used the legal skills he learned at UBalt to express that patriotism. He's helped veterans' groups with tax matters, leases and nonprofit status. And he's worked with individual veterans trying to access their disability benefits.

"The regulations for disabled veterans were very, very intense," he said. "They sometimes needed somebody just to help them, to walk through what was available to them. I either helped them or I directed them to where they could get some help."

Bartkowiak credits the school with having welcomed himself and others during a time when many were having their careers disrupted by the war.

"In law school, I sat next to Marine Corps platoon leaders who had been discharged that morning from Quantico. That evening they were sitting in law school at UBalt," he said. "It was an open-door policy, and it was incredible." **B**

TY HOBSON-POWELL

- B.A. '11, Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences
- Youngest person to graduate from The University of Baltimore
- Community leader and advocate
- Thrives at the intersection of people, policy and trust

Ty Hobson-Powell, B.A. '11



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I received my bachelor's degree at 15 from The University of Baltimore. When people ask what shaped my voice, my discipline, and my sense of public purpose, I do not give an abstract answer. I point to UBalt, and to a campus that treated a young student not as a curiosity but as someone expected to rise to the moment.

UBalt gave me rigor without pretense. It understands what ambition looks like in real life, especially for students balancing work, family, and community

obligations. In my classrooms, ideas were not handled like ornaments. They were handled like tools. Professors pushed me to write with clarity, argue with precision, and interrogate power with evidence. UBalt trained me to connect theory to practice and to translate complex systems into language people can use.

The University of Baltimore also gave me belonging at a formative time. Being a teenager in college meant navigating expectations built for someone older, without the usual cues or safety nets. UBalt created room for me to

grow into the work and be stretched by it. Baltimore became part of my education, a living classroom in resilience, inequity, culture, and civic leadership. It kept my learning close to real people and real stakes, and it taught me to respect lived experience as a form of expertise.

That grounding has stayed with me as I have served. As outreach and wellness officer at D.C. Medicaid. As manager of the mail-in ballot processing division for the District of Columbia Board of Elections. As civic engagement coordinator for the University

of the District of Columbia. Throughout my professional journey, I have held roles that sit at the intersection of policy, people, and trust. I focus on how government communicates with residents, how we show up for community, and how we build a culture that sustains the work. The habits UBalt sharpened are central to what I do every day.

Beyond government, UBalt helped mold me into someone who speaks and organizes with purpose. I spoke at the March on Washington. I have delivered guest lectures on justice and equity at colleges and universities, translating lived experience into frameworks that help students move from concern to capacity. I serve on the executive board of the D.C. Fair Budget Coalition because budgets are moral documents, and communities deserve to see values reflected in numbers. I have also participated in direct actions and mutual aid projects because change sometimes requires more than permission.

For The University of Baltimore's Centennial, I celebrate a University that makes room for uncommon journeys and then demands excellence within them. UBalt did not just help me earn a degree. It helped me become a public servant, a master communicator, and a fierce advocate who knows how to do the work and stand in the work. That is a legacy worth honoring, and worth extending for the next hundred years. **B**

"I feel a deep sense of obligation to show her what it is to be a woman in today's world and to be an entrepreneur."

KATHY VEGH, MBA '01

In Innovation We Trust

By embracing their entrepreneurial spirits, these grads built businesses that redefined their markets

BY ADAM STONE

A strong entrepreneurial spirit is common among University of Baltimore students. Nurturing that spirit has long been a hallmark of a UBalt education. And for some, that was what laid the groundwork for their success in business.

Custom chicken coops, destination weddings, contracting and construction. Even a high-end watch brand with your name on the face. While their industries may vary wildly, some things are constant for these alumni: hard work, dedication and a true passion for the task at hand.

A BUSINESS FOR THE BIRDS

After **Kathy Vegh, MBA '01**, graduated from UBalt's business program, she took over her family's high-end home furnishings business in Ohio. For most of the two decades she spent growing the family business, she worked long hours and 7 days a week.

To help ease herself out of constant work mode, Vegh decided instead to raise chickens. Her husband surprised her with a coop at Christmas. Three chicks soon followed in honor of their daughter's third birthday. "I really wanted something that would connect my family with nature," she said. The poultry soon became pets, and she decided to upgrade their living arrangements.



Kathy Vegh, MBA '01

When she found options for customization lacking, she decided to work with a local Amish builder to enhance and expand their habitat. "I was just going to share my experience of the benefits of chicken keeping—the mental health enhancements, physical benefits like blood pressure regulation and simply slowing down," she said. "But then the businessperson in me took over."

In 2019, her business Cutest Coops was born. There were no significant online competitors with a focus on luxury coops, and "within those first 12 months, we

sold to 26 different states. We had a ton of crazy traction," she said.

Vegh recently doubled down on that success, opening another business that caters to women's need for private spaces: SheSheSheds sells customizable sheds with shutters, window boxes and other feminine touches.

It's a complete 180 from what she did in the family business. "I spent 20 years of my life focused on luxury man caves. So it's quite funny how the pendulum has swung," she said. All this speaks to how she parents her now

13-year-old daughter. "I feel a deep sense of obligation to show her what it is to be a woman in today's world and to be an entrepreneur."

Vegh started out in UBalt's School of Law, and the business school responded positively when she asked to pivot. "They allowed me to be their first entrepreneur major," she said. Her education "highlighted what I was good at, what I wasn't, and how I could build a business with complimentary skillsets from others."

And that ain't chicken feed.

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WATCH CLOSELY

Yes, some people still wear watches. **Alan Tsao, B.S. '11, MBA '21**, does, and he loves them. He got his first watch at age 10 and became a little obsessed. "The most valuable thing that anyone has is time, and every single part in a watch has a role in telling time. It's pretty cool," he said.

By 2017, he'd collected about 35 timepieces and found there weren't enough options in his price range to scratch his itch. So he sold off most of that collection and used the money to launch his own Baltimore-themed luxury watch company, Tsao Baltimore.

"We generally work with several different manufacturers around the world, from Switzerland, Japan, Germany, Hong Kong," he said. "I used to do the assembly work for the watches, and then we contracted it out to a company in Hagerstown. Earlier this year we actually acquired that company

in Hagerstown, and we brought everything to Baltimore."

Charm City factors big in this story. "A watch should have a story," he said. "There was nothing really 'Maryland' in watches. There was nothing that spoke to me and what I believed in, so I wanted to create that."

He looked especially for Baltimore-themed watches in the \$350 to \$1,500 range but didn't find them. He saw an opportunity and stepped in. Tsao's timepieces now have faces that honor the Key Bridge, Natty Boh and the Orioles. By 2024, the company had topped \$1.5 million in sales and it's growing every year. Last year, Tsao moved from a 750-square-foot space to a 7,100-square-foot facility.

UBalt played a key role in all this. "It really helped shape me, with a lot of hands-on experience. It helped me figure out how to become a better professional and how to apply that in the real world," he said.



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NUPTIAL BLISS

Ateet Ahuja, MBA '09, loves weddings. He founded Planet DJ Productions in 1996, in part to provide music for South Asian themed marriage celebrations. In 2015, he expanded, launching Indian Destination Wedding.

"I had already gained the trust of my current brides and grooms, and I wanted to start selling honeymoons. I quickly realized there was a gap in the industry: nobody was focusing on South Asian destination weddings," he said.

To be clear, these aren't weddings in India. These are Indian Americans looking to host full-on, Indian-style destination weddings in Mexico and the Caribbean. That's no small feat. "The parents who are paying for it want an authentic experience: the food, the henna artist, the music, the décor," Ahuja said.

Above: Ateet Ahuja, MBA '09

Left: Alan Tsao, B.S. '11, MBA '21

Below: In 2024, Tsao Baltimore announced a limited-edition Francis Scott Key timepiece to memorialize the iconic Baltimore landmark. Five hundred watches were made using steel from the collapsed Key Bridge. One-hundred percent of the company's profit from sales was donated to a relief fund for families of the victims.



“All you need is a pickup truck, a two-by-four and a good work ethic.”

TED GOLOBOSKI, B.S. '75

These are big-money affairs, at \$250,000 and up. Expectations are high, and South Asian weddings can be complex. “India alone has over 200 dialects, and each state has its own food, its own way of dressing, its own culture,” he said.

It helps that Ahuja, being Indian, speaks Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, and even Spanish. It helps, too, that he already has a solid background in these kinds of events. “I took my knowledge of Indian weddings from Planet DJ and used it to create this,” he said. “It really helped propel me.”

Ahuja’s MBA from the University of Baltimore education set him up for success. He specialized in international business and learned a lot about contracts—an area of importance in his business. A class in global marketing “was one of the most pivotal classes I ever took,” he said. “I’m decent at running a business, but learning how to market myself was really important.”

Ahuja has maintained ties with the school and even established a scholarship in memory of his brother Ajit, also a UBalt graduate, who passed away at a young age. “I want to help young entrepreneurs,” he said. “If you can make someone else’s life a little easier, why not do it?”

BUILD UP

After **Ted Goloboski, B.S. '75**, finished college, he went to work in public accounting. Briefly. “After one week of doing that, I knew it was not going to be my thing,” he said. He’d done some construction work previously, so he got a job pouring concrete. But that was only the beginning.

“It wasn’t that complicated from a business perspective,

Below: Ted Goloboski, B.S. '75

Right: After laying a load-bearing concrete pad in the Robert L. Bogomolny Library courtyard, Goloboski’s

team of construction professionals from Belfast Valley deliver the “Honey Bee” (courtesy of **Samuel G. Rose, LL.B. '62**) to its new home.



and I wanted to do it myself,” Goloboski said. “I always thought that I could do better than just being a wage earner. Some people saw it as a risk, but I saw it as an opportunity—because I could control all the variables.”

He started a business with a friend (not always the best idea). When that fizzled out, Goloboski launched Baltimore-based Belfast Valley Contractors, Inc. Since 1983, the company has poured concrete, mostly vertically: They help build condos, hotels, hospitals. “If you see a building in a city with a crane on top, that’s what we do,” he said.

Concrete is a tough business—literally. Plus, it’s hard to get

good help, and there’s lots of competition. Once you get beyond the startup phase (“All you need is a pickup truck, a two-by-four and a good work ethic,” he said), it starts to get capital intensive. Cash flow is always a concern. But Goloboski’s business grounding from UBalt helped him navigate these challenges successfully.

“It gave me the real-world mentality of cost accounting and tax accounting, as well as the much broader perspective—the economic side of how money works, supply and demand, and so on,” he said. “With the combination of those skills, I had a leg up.”

Goloboski has always kept the University in mind: he recently donated the labor and materials to create a concrete patio to display a massive honeybee sculpture, a donation from another alumnus, **Sam Rose, LL.B. '62**. It’s just one of the ways that Goloboski gives back to the community.

He described himself as a firm believer in education, food and housing. His company supports various groups, including Loyola Blakefield High School, the Maryland Food Bank and Helping Up Mission. If others would do the same, Goloboski said, “the world would be a much better place for everyone.” **B**

JESSICA MOORE

- MFA '13, Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences
- Artist, mentor and instructor in graphic design
- Full-time RVer, visiting and volunteering in national parks and on public lands
- Founder of art and mindfulness retreats in the Rocky Mountains, launching summer 2026 (rewildingournature.com)

Jessica Moore, MFA '13



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the cyclical nature of hiring at universities, teaching philosophies and interview processes.

As I look back at more than 20 years of encouraging students, seeing the possibility in the work they produce and attending graduations to celebrate their successes, this is my success.

I have since made a departure from professional services design and now embrace the title of mixed media artist and gather my inspiration from the beauty of the West.

As a full-time RVer traveling to wild places and national parks for the last eight years, I create layered wood decor, photo embroidery pieces and watercolor paintings. I have volunteered over 2,500 hours in public lands. I have received five artist-in-residence appointments in various public land locations across the Rocky Mountain West. And as part of my residencies, I teach workshops focused on the beauty and strength that nature provides.

Teaching is a body of work; it runs alongside my creative body of work. What I thought were parallel lines of teaching and art making are actually intersecting lines. And it was the University of Baltimore that fostered me at the starting point of those two lines.

Drawing from these two intersecting lines, I am excited to launch a retreat this summer in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, where I’ll be hosting a variety of nature-inspired art workshops partnered with mindfulness exercises. **B**

Two years after obtaining my undergraduate degree, I started as an adjunct professor at Harford Community College in 2002. As a graphic designer who had a rigorous production background, I realized that I had a knack for breaking down software and art foundations.

After learning the ropes of higher ed, I realized I could only go so far: I would need a master’s degree to continue teaching. So I began researching MFA programs.

In 2008, I was a homeowner, working full time as a graphic

designer at a local accounting firm. While there were two options, only one was really viable. The local arts college required a full-time course load without flexible classes. I would have had to quit my job and sell my house to reasonably attend that program. The University of Baltimore was a more curious option, but it actually allowed for a work/life/school balance. That wasn’t what sold me, though.

When I met with Professor Ed Gold to discuss the Integrated Design program, he spoke of how his career influenced his pedagogy. I knew then that

UBalt was the right place for my continued studies.

In each class, I was always supported while tackling design challenges, and classmates were like-minded, curious leaders. (A refreshing respite from the left-brain thinkers of the accounting firm.)

Beyond design, I was able to pursue teaching in academia as part of my degree program. My mentor, Professor Julie Simon, guided me through two courses as an adjunct professor at UB, discussing classroom goals and challenges, engagement and outcomes. We discussed



FROM PURPOSE TO PRACTICE

**A LEGACY OF
PUBLIC SERVICE**

BY ANNA RUSSELL

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t its core, public service is about supporting communities, serving others and protecting the rights and interests of the public. Across state and party lines, these values are shared by both civil servants and elected officials. These also happen to be values many University of Baltimore alumni working in the public sector have in common.

The University believes civic engagement is a fundamental human duty, and that belief is—and has always been—reflected in the way the school approaches education through service learning and applied practice. But in an era when public servants are often vilified, funding and jobs are cut, and capacity erodes, it's no wonder that students shy away from careers in the public sector.

These UBalt alumni put all the knowledge, skills and values in their arsenals to work for the greater good each and every day. The wisdom and advice they have to impart after years of service may be just the right spark needed to ignite the awareness, interest and passion of future public servants.

A GUIDING LIGHT

Even after a 30-year career in emergency management, **Michael Sharon, MPA '99**, still says his “light-bulb moment” happened, of all places, in a class on bureaucracy at The University of Baltimore. But that moment fundamentally shaped his approach to work. In a world where partisan divides increasingly infiltrate civil service, Sharon holds fast to that core principle he learned at UBalt: focus on the mission, not the politics.

His career in public service spans leadership roles in the United States Army; the Maryland Department of the Environment and Emergency Management Agency; and the Department of State, Department of Agriculture and FEMA. This breadth of experience has given him a unique perspective on how government functions across jurisdictions, and more importantly, how it *should* function regardless of who's in charge.

Sharon served under three governors and four presidents, so he knows a thing or two about the concept of administration dichotomy.

“There are people charged with creating policy and people charged with executing it,” Sharon explained. “Your job as a public servant is to carry out what elected officials were elected to do. If you want to change policy, run for office.” This framework allowed him to navigate complex administrations while maintaining professional integrity and protecting communities when disaster struck.

Now retired from civil service, Sharon brings this mission-focused approach to a new generation as an educator. While his “north star” remains the same—the work matters more than the politics—he provides his students with context gained from three decades in the field.

“In emergency management, the results can feel nebulous—how are things actually changing? Much of your work is hard to see when there isn't an emergency,” he said.

Sharon's roles with the state of Maryland afforded him the opportunity to be on scene in emergencies. There, he came to understand just how important bureaucracy is—from the time he spent in committee meetings to the precise language he used when drafting policies and response plans.

“I cherish those 11 years. They gave me the opportunity to see my work in action and allowed me to never lose sight of that impact. It's important to maintain that perspective,” he explained.

“That's the beauty of public service. The most memorable times in my career have been those touchpoints—with the public, law enforcement or local agencies—where I could see that what I was doing actually made a difference.”

PEOPLE, NOT POLICIES

For **Stacy Rodgers, MPA '99**, public service has always been about the people behind the policies. Regardless of where she was serving, what role she served in, or who she served under, Rodgers has never lost sight of what drew her to the field in the first place.

“One of the things that was always important to me was keeping policies and procedures people centric, not bureaucratic and government centric,” Rodgers said. “People get into government and forget that. But that's the key for me.”

Recently named by Gov. Wes Moore to be the acting secretary of the Maryland Department of Human Services, Rodgers' path has taken her to executive roles at local (Baltimore City Department of Social Services), state (Maryland Department of Human Resources), and federal (Social Security Administration) agencies, and led her to a historic role as the first African American and first woman to serve as County Administrator. She credits her Master of Public Administration from UBalt with giving her “the theoretical foundation and the practical skills I needed to be effective in public administration.”

But even more important than that, she explained, “the program also emphasized ethics and public service values. It was about understanding the role of public servants in a democratic society and the responsibility we have to serve the public interest.” That lesson is something she has impressed upon professionals she has mentored throughout her career, and the students she teaches as an adjunct faculty member and executive in residence at the College of Public Affairs.

Mentorship was critical to Rodgers' own development—her own mentors opened doors to countless opportunities in education, professional development, relationship-building and job connections. She said, “Because of what I received, I've always felt a responsibility to pay it forward. I sponsor students. I participate in the same mentor programs that I went through. I make myself available to young professionals who are trying to navigate their careers in public service.”

This philosophy of paying it forward has defined Rodgers' approach to public service. Whether managing pandemic response, addressing community needs, or teaching the next cohort of MPA students at the University of Baltimore, she emphasizes that public administration is fundamentally about service—not only for the public at large, but the next generation of public servants.

BEYOND THE BILLS

J.B. Jennings, B.S. '97, didn't set out to become one of Maryland's most senior legislators. As a teen, he planned to become a firefighter. But his father

pushed him toward college, which eventually led him to the Merrick School of Business—a decision that proved foundational to a career spanning both private enterprise and public office.

For nearly 24 years, Jennings served in the Maryland General Assembly, spending eight years in the House of Delegates before being sworn in as a state senator in 2011. He was Minority Leader from 2014-2020 and has current appointments on key committees including Budget and Taxation, Federal Relations, Legislative Policy and the Rules Committee. But even with all the “extracurriculars,” it's not the legislative process that drives him.

“What I love about it is constituent service. To me, that's the best,” he said. “It requires knowing not just what agencies do, but how they function, who to contact, which buried links on government websites actually lead to solutions for people in my community.”

This depth of knowledge shapes how Jennings approaches his role. While some legislators measure success by how many bills they sponsor, he holds a different view: understanding how the government operates often matters more than creating new laws. Knowing what policies and services already exist helps avoid redundancy, while providing valuable context for his constituents.

“When I'm in committee, I'm getting regular updates and revisions on a bill. I've got people testifying before me for an hour, and I'm being lobbied constantly on the issue. I receive a lot more information than the average person can get through the news or a search engine. I want my constituents to understand this so they can trust the process.”

The University of Baltimore gave Jennings the tools to build his career—both in business and government. The education he received equipped him to navigate complex systems and make informed decisions. Jennings also owned and operated a feed store in his rural district for most of his time in the legislature. And his business education proved invaluable in unexpected ways.

“Business school taught me how to read a budget, how to understand financial statements,” he noted. That foundation allows him to analyze proposed legislation with a critical eye and ask the tough questions that others might miss. It's a skill set that has become increasingly important as he's gained seniority and institutional knowledge. And that dedication, he argued, is precisely what makes experienced legislators valuable.

His advice to aspiring public servants reflects this: effective governance requires both dedication and patience. Jennings added that real public service isn't about headlines or social media reactions. It's about showing up, doing the work and using the knowledge you've accumulated to genuinely help people.



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Opposite: Michael Sharon, MPA '99

Above: Stacy Rodgers, MPA '99

Below: J.B. Jennings, B.S. '97



CONNECTING THE DOTS

Fresh out of college with a marketing degree and a comfortable salary from Domino Sugar, **Rudy Dinglas, MPA '14**, had checked the boxes society told him mattered. Yet something fundamental was missing—a sense of purpose. “I didn’t know the name for it until recently—which was public service motivation,” Dinglas reflected.

That realization led him to the University of Baltimore, where he learned to apply his marketing skills to the greater good. “The MPA program trained me to use data to connect the dots,” he said, “to see the bigger picture, to understand how different parts of government and different policies and different programs all fit together. And to be able to think systemically about problems and solutions.”

But that wasn’t Dinglas’ only vital takeaway from the program. “It also taught me to always ask questions about effectiveness,” he said. “Not just ‘Are we doing things?’ but ‘Are we doing the right things? Are we doing them well? Are we serving everyone equitably?’ Those are the questions that public servants should always ask.”

After years of analytical work for the District of Columbia, the city of Baltimore, and the state of Maryland, his motivation pushed him further. “I wanted a broader impact,” he explained. “In one agency, you’re limited by scope. As a consultant, I can help multiple organizations maximize their impact.”

Now at the Bloomberg Center for Excellence at Johns Hopkins University, Dinglas brings his “data-driven, human-centered” philosophy to his role leading academic affairs and strategic initiatives, but he’s well aware you need more than metrics to move hearts and minds.

“Public service is most important during turbulent times. The vast majority of public servants are dedicated professionals who care deeply. They’re not lazy bureaucrats or faceless government cogs. They’re real people doing important work, often under difficult circumstances.”

Dinglas believes in the power of storytelling to change perceptions. “We need to do a better job of telling those stories so people understand the value of public service,” he explained. “When people see that impact, they’re more likely to pursue public service themselves. Public service isn’t just a job; it’s about finding your ‘why’ and letting that drive everything you do.”

GETTING INVOLVED

A little over a decade ago, **Ken Weaver, MPA '13**, was in a place similar to Dinglas. With a degree in finance and an affinity for number-crunching, he knew he could be comfortable in a job “counting widgets,” but doubted he’d be fulfilled. “I wanted to do something where the work affected people,” Weaver said. “To me, that is the public sector.”

UBalt’s Master of Public Administration program was his starting point. Before his first class, Weaver met with faculty to get the lay of the land. Once he discovered the Schaefer Center for Public Policy, he knew he’d found his fit.

He hit the ground running, pursuing and securing a coveted research fellowship. Center director **Dr. Ann Cotten, B.S. '85, M.S. '86, CERT '92, DPA '03**, immediately put him on a public safety project, and he would go on to work on health care and election policy research as well. His experience was transformational.



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“I dove deeper into statistics, real-world polling and other key industry software,” Weaver said. “I learned how the public sector, state agencies and management consulting worked.” He collaborated with experts, connected with public sector organizations and presented at global conferences. Weaver was in such high demand that peers and international organizations began asking him to present on topics he’d researched independently and on his own.

Weaver’s success stemmed from his commitment to work within the program and push his own limits. While his fellowship helped offset costs, he knew he would only get out what he put in—a work ethic he still preaches when mentoring UBalt students. “The key is to get involved in everything you can,” he advised. “Once I committed to this path, I took the ‘how’ off the table and focused on the ‘what’—grabbing any opportunity I could learn from.”

His efforts have more than paid off. This year marks a decade of service in the Maryland General Assembly. He started as a budget analyst, which provided “the perfect link between finance and policy.” That connection deepened when he became Committee Counsel for the House Appropriations Committee, helping analyze and move legislation forward that affected countless Marylanders.

Weaver recently moved to the Office of Legislative Audits, where he’s thrilled to combine his passions for both data and “doing.”

“It’s the perfect mix of everything I’ve been working on my entire career,” Weaver noted. “There are budget analyses, laws and audits that create a very large canvas a lot of people work on to improve lives. It’s exciting work, and it varies greatly, but it’s all done in service of the people.”

MAKING ROOM

“This was not my dream,” **Regina T. Boyce, MPA '14**, said candidly referencing her elected office. “I wanted to be a sports psychologist.” But to this first-generation American, public service felt like repaying a debt.

Her path to Annapolis began with the decision to make a home in Baltimore. Before being elected to represent her adopted city as a Maryland State Delegate, Boyce was already putting down roots, buying a house and joining her neighborhood association—a role that would prepare her to join the University of Baltimore Foundation Board in 2025. “I didn’t know anybody, so I volunteered as a way to meet people,” she said. “I wound up on the Waverly Improvement Association board, helping to build a playground and volunteering on community art projects all over the city.”

She explored jobs in civil service (working in the Office of the City Council President) and community



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service (working for a nonprofit, running their adult learning facility and community center). When the opportunity arose to run for delegate, it felt less like a career change and more like a natural extension of the service she was already providing.

UBalt’s master’s program in public administration gave Boyce something her bachelor’s in kinesiology couldn’t: practical tools for systemic change. “Knowledge That Works,” she emphasized, referencing the University’s slogan. The program bridged the gap between grassroots advocacy and policymaking, equipping her with the framework to understand governance structures and navigate bureaucratic systems.

That framework—along with the encouragement of mentors Jack Young and Mary Pat Clarke, both former Baltimore City Council presidents—helped give her the confidence to run for office. Her constituents made the decision easy. Many are friends, former colleagues, and neighbors she’s known for years. When it came down to it, she knew: “Somebody’s got to do the job. And if somebody’s got to represent us, let it be us.”

This intimacy with her district shapes her approach to representation and keeps her grounded in the real-world impact of policy and process.

She recognizes how fortunate she was to have the resources and access to become an engaged citizen.

“Good governance is about how well public servants can draw citizens into the process. The saying goes, ‘if you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.’ I would argue there’s room for everyone at the table, even if we have to make a kid’s table, like at Thanksgiving,” she joked.

“We say, ‘We’re the ones we’ve been waiting for,’ not because we have superpowers, but because we’re the ones who care. We’re the ones that are concerned, and even when we don’t have solutions, we are the ones that can find them. We’re the ones that are determined to find them.” **📍**

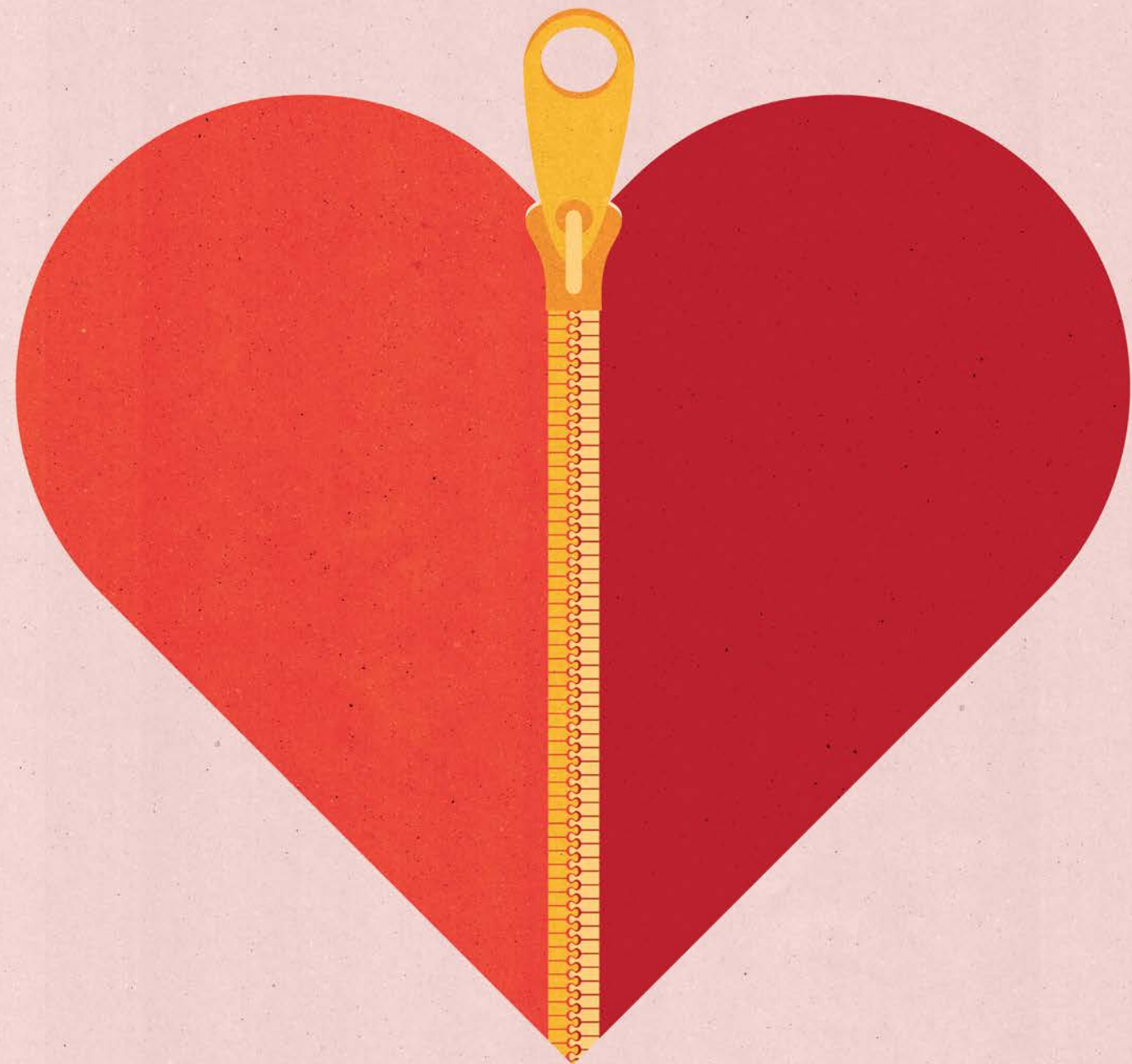
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Opposite, bottom: Rudy Dinglas, MPA '14

Opposite, top: Ken Weaver, MPA '13

Above: Regina T. Boyce, MPA '14, at the Centennial Grand Celebration



FROM THE HEART, FOR THE FUTURE

CREATING CYCLES OF GENEROSITY
AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

BY SHARON REED

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cadre of remarkable alumni helps define what support and success mean at The University of Baltimore. Some have made incremental gifts to well-established scholarship funds. Others are cementing their own legacies through planned estate gifts. And a select few have given of their time, providing active governance on boards and councils. Regardless of how—or how much—they give, their philanthropy has led to the empowerment of countless students over the years.

Strategic giving helps UBalt thrive, and our alumni donors are at the heart of that effort. Their generosity and belief in the University's mission have helped make the school what it is today and prepared us to tackle the next century.

UNLEASH YOUR GENEROSITY

Blair T. Lee B.A. '17, MPA '21, credits the University of Baltimore as the key to his professional success as an award-winning higher education creative strategist. In addition to earning back-to-back degrees, he got his first hands-on job experience in brand marketing as a student worker in the Office of Student Support.

"Everything I learned about damage control, reputation management, digital communications—I learned at the University of Baltimore," he said. "I've never had to look for a job. Jobs have found me since I graduated."

Lee currently finds himself at Colorado State University, where he works as director of marketing and communications while simultaneously pursuing his Ph.D. in Media Communication. But even with a full plate, he makes time to give back to UBalt—both as a donor and University of Baltimore Foundation board member.

Though his family is still young, with two small children and a wife in academia who "lives, breathes, eats, sleeps and drinks higher ed" right alongside him, Lee is already imagining what their legacy will look like.

"In this day and age, when higher education is under attack and federal funding cuts are happening, it's important to look back at a place that gave you an opportunity and, if you have the means, unleash your generosity," he said.

For Lee, this means exploring planned giving options. While he's considering everything from endowing professorships to establishing centers of study for public policy, he feels particularly committed to supporting students who want to pursue post-graduate studies.

A scholarship helped Lee attend UBalt, and he knows there are others in need. "Most employers will pay for you to get a bachelor's degree, but they won't pay for you to get a master's degree or Ph.D.," he said.

Meanwhile, his participation on the board gives him a way to leverage his professional expertise in support of his alma mater. "My background is strategic marketing and communications," he said. "I'm excited to use my higher ed experience in branding and storytelling to help position and serve an institution that I love."

ALYSON McCLARAN



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CYNTHIA CAMPISE, J.D. '12

VERY, VERY BLESSED

An Army veteran, **Cynthia Campise, J.D. '12**, was eager to start work on her degree. "I convinced myself I needed to be enrolled in law school by age 40; otherwise I'd be paying my school loans out of my estate," she said. But she had a bumpy entry, with multiple military deployments delaying her start.

"I started at the School of Law a month after I got home, and that was after spending 15 months in a combat zone," she said. Like many other UBalt students and graduates, the single mother of two put in a full day before going to class until 10 p.m. each night, all while serving as a reservist.

Thankfully, she received plenty of support from the University of Baltimore: emotional support from her cohort, who propped each other up, semester after semester; and financial support from the Peter F. Fedak Scholarship, which took care of residual costs after her G.I. Bill benefits covered tuition.

"I felt very, very blessed," she said. "I swore at that time that if I ever made 'lawyer money,' I was going to help somebody else."

Campise has kept that oath for over a decade. Her degree enabled her to transition from paralegal to law practitioner, and she's now been an attorney for the Department of Transportation for 12 years. During those 12 years, she has made regular gifts in support of the same scholarship that saw her through law school.

Taking a lesson from church tithing, she started out making small donations of whatever she could spare. And as she earned more, she was able to increase her giving.

"I think people get discouraged if they can't write a thousand-dollar check every year, but maybe you can afford \$25 or \$50 a paycheck. You just start where you can, and you try to add a little bit every year," she said. "If there are a hundred of us doing that, that's a lot of money for students. I hope that my giving encourages others to do the same."

Left:
Blair T. Lee,
B.A. '17, MPA '21,

Above:
Cynthia Campise,
J.D. '12



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I JUST BELIEVE IN THE PLACE

Barry Chasen, J.D. '80, has been deeply engaged with the University of Baltimore for decades, serving on the Law Dean's Development Circle, the President's Council, and the board of the University's Foundation. In 2021, he received the Dean's Award at the UBalt Law Distinguished Alumni Awards.

"Law school changed my life, and I give UBalt a lot of credit for that," he said.

Prior to law school, Chasen had already made a significant impact, winning the Bronze Star twice as a military intelligence officer during the Vietnam War. After returning, he graduated magna cum laude from University of Maryland, University College before enrolling in UBalt's School of Law.

Chasen attended classes in the evening and completed his coursework in just three and a half years. This allowed him to pass the bar exam in February before he accepted his diploma in May. Chasen found work with the government and a private firm, but didn't find satisfaction until he established his own practice. On March 5, 2026, ChasenBoscolo Injury Lawyers celebrated its 40th anniversary.

The success of his firm has enabled Chasen to provide significant financial support to his alma mater over the years. While he and his wife, Lyn, started donating out of a desire to invest in their community, support for UBalt continued

because, as he put it, "I just believe in the place."

Most significantly, Chasen established the James "Kit" Sfekas Memorial Scholarship in memory of his friend and fellow alum who lost his battle with cancer in 2002. Sfekas was a district court judge in Howard County, and the fund provides deserving law students with educational opportunities.

More recently, the Lyn and Barry Chasen Fund for Racial and Social Justice was established in 2020 as a tool for the School of Law to fight injustice in the community. The fund provides endowed support for administrative and operational costs of the School's Clinical Law Program, ranked 4th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The killing of George Floyd "spurred me to think about some things," he said. "It's unpopular now to talk about DEI and white privilege, but I came to realize that part of my success is that I had some advantages that helped me. I was not held back by the color of my skin," he said. "I want people to have opportunity, regardless of race, age, sexual orientation. None of that should matter."

FOCUSED ON WORKING-CLASS, FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

Julius Green, B.S. '83, MBA '89, started college at Towson State University, where he "bombed" freshman year. When he joined the Air Force, he promised his mom he'd keep studying, and he did, eventually earning not just his B.S. but also an MBA at UBalt.

Since retiring in 2019 from a successful career in tax consulting, Green has focused on giving back. "I'm on three different nonprofit boards. I'm a Business Fellow at Villanova, where I mentor students in the accounting department—primarily Black, brown, and Asian students," he said.

He's a board member with the National Philanthropic Trust, and at UBalt he established the Threshold, Inc. Barbara A. and Julius Green Scholarship, honoring his parents with an endowed scholarship supporting Baltimore city high school graduates. "My mother was a fighter. She would fight for people that didn't really feel like they had their own voice," he said.

UBalt opened doors for Green. He and his sisters were the first in the family to go to college, "and the University of Baltimore was really focused on working-class, first-generation students," he said. That made him want to give back to the school, "and the cherry on top was Kurt Schmoke being appointed president. My mother helped Kurt win his first mayoral election, and we've been family friends ever since."

Giving back to UBalt has been a true team effort. With support from his wife Sheila, sons Kendall and Cameron, and his sisters, Michelle Woodson, Rosalyn Barnes and Karen Kupa, Green has led fundraising efforts for his family's scholarship fund, seeing it grow to around 500 donors over the past decade.

His philanthropic advice to others: "Find an organization like University of Baltimore that you feel passionate about—and it doesn't have to be major dollars. Do whatever you think you can afford," he said. "Just give back."

THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE

For **Oveta Popjoy, MBA '84, CERT '84**, UBalt has been a career constant. "I was a faculty member before I was a student. Then I was a student, and then I was a faculty member again," she said.

"I was hired the first time in 1977 on the strength of my master's degree from the American University: I started teaching management information systems," she said. One of the few women in her field at the time, Popjoy loved sharing her knowledge of computer systems ("I was really always meant to be a teacher"), but one of her most impactful legacies at the school was securing the University a coveted Department of Education grant in 1979 for UBalt's first micro-computer.

She moved on to the private sector for a while, but found career options were limited for women

without a doctorate in her field. So Popjoy returned to UBalt, this time as a student. She earned her MBA along with a certificate in Women's Management. After graduating, she returned again in 1998 to teach, finally retiring in 2006.

Between her education and her employment, "I have two reasons to be grateful," said Popjoy, and she continues to express her gratitude through exceptional and meaningful giving.

Inspired by her late husband, Drew, an alumnus and supporter of Penn State, she has funded numerous UBalt programs, mostly through the Merrick School of Business, but has also made major gifts that have helped grow the NextGen Leaders for Public Service program at the College of Public Affairs.

Popjoy dedicates a substantial annuity gift that supports the business school and Robert L. Bogomolny Library. She is also a member of the Turner Society, which recognizes those who support the University through planned gifts, thanks to her fondness for H. Mebane "Meb" Turner, who happened to be president both times she was hired, 20 years apart.

"I not only spent the best years of my career at University of Baltimore; I spent the best years of my life there," she said. "I probably don't have enough time left to spend all the money I have left, so I'm giving it away now. And I'm glad that I can do it. It makes me feel good." **B**

"Do whatever you think you can afford. Just give back."

JULIUS GREEN, B.S. '83, MBA '89



Above: Barry Chasen, J.D. '80, and Lyn Chasen
Below: Julius Green, B.S. '83, MBA '89



KEVIN PARISE

Left: UBalt President Kurt L. Schmoke, left, with Oveta Popjoy, MBA '84, CERT '84

“A lot of great soccer players came out of Baltimore, and that was a great soccer time.”

PETE A. CARINGI JR., B.A. '80

Below, left to right: 1934 women's basketball team; 1939 intramural boxing match; 1963 soccer team; 1967 Bees lacrosse team

Bees' Winning Athletics History

BY JOSIAH GUTHLAND

For 55 years, The University of Baltimore nurtured an athletic tradition that left an indelible mark on collegiate sports in the city.

Beginning in 1928, just three years after the University was founded and ending in 1983, UBalt's athletic history is filled with remarkable achievements, unforgettable moments celebrated athletes.

From the mid-20th century to the early 80s, UBalt's Bees earned over 150 All-American honors across sports including as baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling and lacrosse. The University secured numerous Mason-Dixon

Conference championships, showcasing their dominance in regional competitions.

Two milestones stand out in UBalt's sports history. First, the 1962 men's soccer team achieved national glory by winning the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championship.

Then, in 1975, UBalt's men's soccer team won the NCAA Division II national championship. This victory against Seattle-Pacific College in front of 7,000 spectators remains a proud moment for UBalt, cementing its place in the annals of collegiate soccer history.

“A lot of great soccer players came out of Baltimore and that was a great soccer time,” said **Pete A. Caringi Jr., B.A. '80**, a member of UBalt's 1975 NCAA National Championship soccer team and member of UBalt's Athletic Hall of Fame. “Dr. Turner was one of the best for sure. A lot of guys on the team, he knew personally, he would talk to, he would ask how we're doing in school. The best thing that ever happened to me was getting my degree here. It opened doors up for later on down the road.”

Larry Shane, B.S. '61 also remembered his time at the University of Baltimore and its athletic program fondly.

“We were in the Mason Dixon Conference, and we were an official member of the Conference,” he recalled in an oral history interview. “We won the championship. One year, I was with a team [and] one year we won the championship. The

lacrosse team was tremendous. We had a great lacrosse team. We had a good soccer team. ... And we had about four or five sports. And basically, I was the sports editor for the entire time I was at the University of Baltimore.”

In 1952, the Mount Washington campus at Rogers Avenue was purchased by the University of Baltimore. This 45-acre site was used to host athletic activities and university events. Fans lined stands and a concrete wall to root for the Bees.

The University's Athletics Hall of Fame, established in the early 2000s, continues to honor the student-athletes' achievements. With inductees including standout players, coaches, and teams, it celebrates decades of athletic excellence. The Hall of Fame is a testament to UBalt's sports legacy, ensuring that the stories of perseverance, skill and teamwork live on.

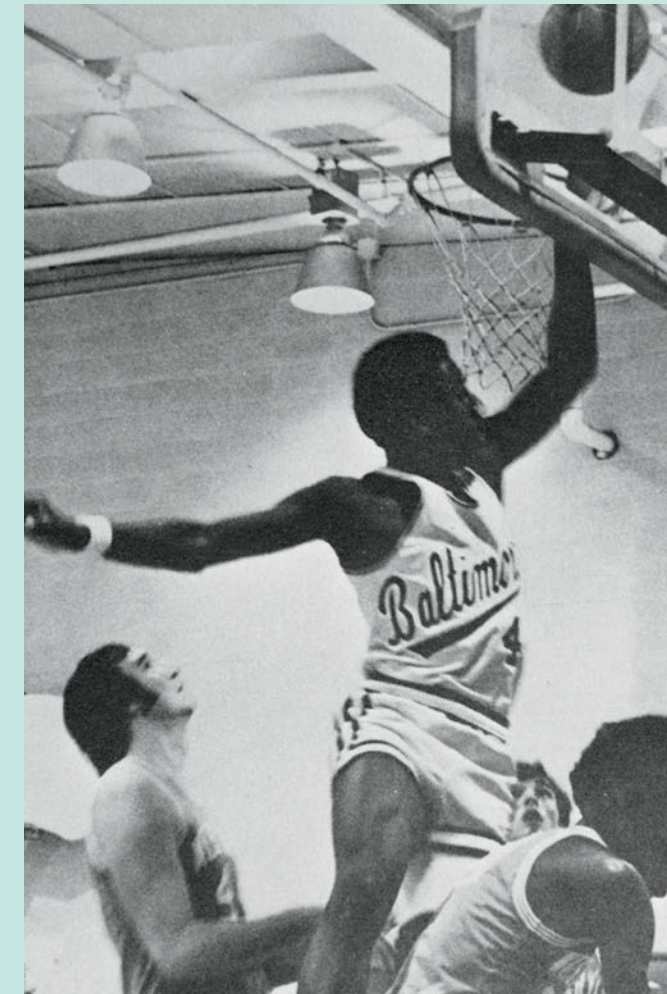
The University's archives offer an invaluable look back into UBalt's sports history, which also included women's sports and intramural programs.

The first women's team was basketball, starting in 1934 with 12 members. Four years after their inaugural year, the team, dubbed the Queen Bees, beat every state opponent and earned a bid for the National Amateur Union Basketball Championship Tournament. They won their first game in the tournament but were eliminated in the second.

UBalt students also competed in various intramural sports including ping pong and badminton.

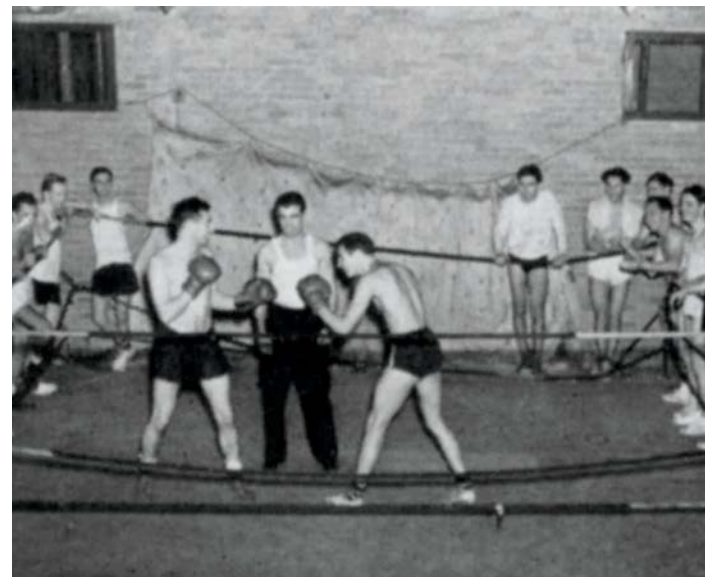
While competitive athletics no longer define UBalt's campus life, its legacy serves as an inspiration, reflecting the determination and excellence that resonate across all aspects of the University community. **B**

A FULL-COURT LIFE



George Pinchback, B.S. '78, has always been someone who not only recognized opportunity but seized upon it with the determination to do all he could to create lasting impact for himself, his family and his community. Pinchback was already a young father when the opportunity of a lifetime knocked on his door. A full scholarship brought him to The University of Baltimore in the 1970s, where he went on to become a Hall of Fame basketball player while working towards a degree in therapeutic recreation. His career was spent pioneering innovative approaches to patient care at the mental health facility where he worked. After workplace violence forced his early retirement, he dedicated 44 years to refereeing basketball and building a groundbreaking program to mentor burgeoning officials. At 72, Pinchback's legacy proves that education, resilience, and service to others can span generations and transform communities. Read George's full story online at ubalt.edu/ubmag.

ATHLETICS THROUGH THE DECADES



KRISTY TOWSON

- B.A. '21, MFA '25, Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences
- Class of 2025 commencement speaker
- Author and podcast host *Speak Up Against Stigma*
- Chief executive officer, Written Hope Publishing

Kristy M. Towson, B.A. '21, MFA '25

Eight years ago, I was depressed and suicidal. I was so suicidal that I burned my house down with me in it because I wanted to die.

I'm grateful that I did not die that day. But I was arrested and sent to the county jail for thirty days. All this happened while I was an undergraduate student here at The University of Baltimore. While in jail, a guard quietly slid a pen and paper across the table. I took it, not knowing what I would write. One page turned into two. Then three. Before I knew it, I had a stack of paper filled with emotions I had never released, not even in therapy. That pen saved my life.

The moment I was released, I ran to UBalt to change my major from business, which seemed right at one time. Now, I just needed to understand what had just happened to me on those pages, so I switched to English. It was in my first memoir class that I discovered the power of storytelling and how my willingness to share my truth could help others.

Unlike many of my peers, I did not grow up reading books that sparked creativity, so I had to work twice as hard at my craft just to keep up with the talented writers in my class. Despite all that hard

work, my GPA had suffered due to everything I had gone through, and I didn't think a master's program would accept me after graduation. However, I took the risk and applied to the Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program at the University of Baltimore, hoping to write a memoir. When I was accepted, I cried like a baby.

I had a publishing class, where I had to recreate a paperback book from scratch, from the cover to the interior design. When the printed copy landed in my hands, something clicked. I fell in love with the process, the texture, the feeling of turning an idea into something real. I earned more than a grade; that class handed me the blueprint for something bigger. That one assignment sparked the creation of my own anthology series, *Speak Up Against Stigma*. I leveraged twenty years of entrepreneurial experience and launched what is now known as Written Hope Publishing.

When I began my journey at UBalt, I was broken and unsure. Today, I'm a two-time graduate. A bestselling author. The CEO of a mental health publishing company. An adjunct professor at the very university where I got my start.

UBalt didn't just open a door.

It held it open long enough for me to walk through and claim a future I once believed I didn't deserve. 📖



CLASS NOTES*

1960s

Arthur Parks, B.S. '64, a long-time real estate professional in the Kansas City metro area, was recognized by BestAgents.us as a 2024 Top Agent.

1970s

William B. Wallace, B.A. '71, published a new novel, *The Snake Master*, in June 2024. The novel follows two investigators on the trail of a dangerous serial killer in Philadelphia.

The Baltimore Sun included **Arnold Williams, B.S. '72**, in their 2024 Hall of Fame class in recognition for economic development in Baltimore and his work uplifting nonprofit organizations and Black businesses.

America's Public Television Stations (APTS) awarded **Larry D. Unger, B.S. '73**, president and chief executive officer of Maryland Public Television (MPT), the 2025 Pillar of Public Service Award in February in recognition of his service to the people of Maryland. He retired after a 27-year tenure with the network.

Michael J. Naugle, M.S. '77, shares that he published a memoir entitled *Obits and Pieces of My Life: A Saga of Family, Friends and Basketball* in 2022. The account details his early years in Hagerstown, Maryland, through his career serving people living with disabilities, and how family and friends from different backgrounds have enriched his life. He is married to **Mary C. Naugle, CERT '84, MBA '86**.

University System of Maryland chancellor Dr. Jay Perman named **Darlene Brannigan Smith, B.S. '78, MBA '80**, as interim president of Frostburg State University in January.

Maryland Governor Wes Moore appointed several University of Baltimore alumni to key positions across the state in 2025.

Heather E. Stansbury, J.D. '04, was named chair of the District 1 Trial Court's Judicial Nominating Committee, which comprises Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties in April. **Kendra E. Hayward, J.D. '04**, **Gorman A. Getty, J.D. '05**, **Ashley A. Bosche, J.D. '07**, and **Amy L. Taylor, J.D. '08**, were also named to the committee.

Samantha P. Rodier, J.D. '05, **Erin K. Voss, J.D. '05**, **Kimberly H. Neal, J.D. '07**, and **Jeremy B. Brooks, J.D. '18**, now sit on the Judicial Nominating

Commission for Harford County.

Thomas R. Tompsett Jr., J.D. '05, was appointed a judge to the Baltimore County Circuit Court in October 2024.

Cleveland L. Horton II, B.S. '07, MBA '09, became the director of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights in September 2024.

Former associate county attorney **Laura J. Novello Fuggitti, J.D. '07**, was appointed as a judge with the Prince George's County District Court in October 2024.

1980s

The William and Lanaea C. Featherstone Foundation awarded **Frances "Toni" Murphy Draper, CERT '80, MBA '81**, with the Featherstone Changemaker Award in July 2024 in recognition of her decades-long work to make a positive difference in her community. See the fall 2024 issue of *The University of Baltimore Magazine* for the profile of Dr. Draper.

John J. Nagle III, J.D. '80, retired from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in 2024 after fifteen years of service.

Sullivan & Worcester welcomed **Stephanie Monaco, J.D. '82**, as a partner with the firm's investment management practice in the Washington, D.C., office last year.

KIN: Rooted in Hope by **Carole Boston Weatherford, M.A. '82**, was chosen by Maryland Humanities as the 2025 One Maryland One Book selection. One Maryland One Book events are being held throughout the state in the fall.

Shawn T. Thelen, B.S. '83, was named the Robert E. Brockway Distinguished Professor of Marketing and International Business in fall 2024 by the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York.

Susan R. Gainen, J.D. '84, shares that she had a solo art show entitled "Seeking Whimsy" in spring 2024 at The Hallberg Center for Creative Arts in Wyoming, Minnesota. The show took visitors through "whimsical spaces."

*Class Notes featured here were received between May 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025.

Class notes from May 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 can be found online.

After a 30+ year career as an FBI special agent, **Arthur Radford Baker Jr., B.S. '85, M.S. '87**, is now a subject matter expert for Entertainment Research Consultants in Hollywood, California. He advises on legal, law enforcement and congressional matters as they are portrayed in film and television scripts. He has also appeared in shows such as Law and Order and in national commercials for brands like Little Caesars and Blue Emu.

Ann Cotten, B.S. '85, M.S. '86, CERT '92, D.P.A. '03, executive director of the University of Baltimore's Schaefer Center for Public Policy, received a University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents Staff Award in September 2024 for extraordinary public service to the University or to the greater community.

Hyatt & Weber, P.A., welcomed **Robert J. Farley, J.D. '85**, as a partner in May 2024.

Chris "Cassidy" Mentch, B.S. '86, was honored by Marquis Who's Who in October 2024 for his contributions to the music industry.

Robert O. Stephenson, B.S. '86, joined the board of directors for Plymouth Industrial REIT, a real estate investment company. He is an independent director and a member of the audit committee.

Kenneth Porro, J.D. '87, joined Brad Eichler LLC in Roseland, New Jersey, as a member of the land use group.

Paula L. Whisted, MBA '89, recently celebrated one year as director of research and portfolio management for the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation in Annapolis.

1990s

Murahari Kuncham, B.A. '91, retired from his role as supervisory auditor with the U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground in March 2024. He received the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the Department of the Army certificates of retirement and appreciation and a U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground pin signifying the end of his more than 23 years of federal service.

Randi Klein Hyatt, J.D. '94, was promoted to co-managing partner of Whiteford, Taylor and Preston's Baltimore office in June 2024.

UHY, a national accounting and consulting firm, welcomed **Shelley Keirn, B.S. '94**, in March to its Towson, Maryland, office as a managing director.

Jodi Maggin, M.A. '94, joined DentistryOne as vice president of business development in June 2024. She previously served as vice president of business development and strategic partnerships at Byte.

Montgomery College in Montgomery County, Maryland, selected **Mary C. DeLuca, M.A. '95**, for the role of associate vice president for advancement and community engagement in May 2024.

Harold Emanuel, M.S. '95, published a historical fiction novel, *Aliyah—A Jewish Family Saga* in October 2024. The story follows a Jewish family's journey from Poland to the Lower East Side of Manhattan in the late 19th century.

Tatia Gordon-Troy, J.D. '95, joined the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) as its chief publishing officer in January. She oversees the NCLC's 21 printed legal treatises, digital library and catalog of consumer law materials.

Alison Chisholm Jones, M.S. '95, is an organizational development consultant in the Washington/Baltimore area with Wellness Society LLC. She published her first book, *Character Leadership: How to Attract, Retain, and Energize Employees to Create a Winning Organization*, in 2023.

Valerie Kelm, B.A. '95, was named branch manager in March of the West Ocean City, Maryland, branch of Taylor Bank.

Caroline N. Mwangi, B.S. '95, was a Nurse of the Year honoree in *The Daily Record's* 2025 Health Care Heroes honors for her work with Tuerk House, an addiction treatment center in Baltimore.

Joanne Frederick, M.S. '96, was selected in February 2025 as a contestant for the Ms. Corporate America Maryland competition which honors professional women who are trailblazers in their industries and in their communities.

Danielle B. Gibbs, J.D. '96, joined the Delaware Court of Chancery as one of two magistrates in Chancery, assisting in easing the state's ever-increasing workload.

William McComas, J.D. '96, opened a new law firm, Jensen & McComas LLC, with colleague Mark T. Jensen. The new firm merges corporate law and technology innovations to serve growing businesses.

John C. McMeekin II, J.D. '96, joined the Delaware County (Pennsylvania) Board of Elections in January.

John Poznick, MBA '96, was appointed to the Ligonier Borough Council in Pennsylvania in May 2024 to complete the last three years of the term of an outgoing councilman.

David Weiskopf, J.D. '96, county administrator for St. Mary's County, Maryland, was recognized as the 2024 Public Servant of the Year by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce.

BestAgents.us recognized **Loretta Warfield-Davis, B.S. '97, MBA '04**, as a 2025 Top Real Estate Agent. **Laura Dernoga, MBA '98**, was previously recognized as one of its Top Real Estate Professionals in 2024.

Timur Edib, J.D. '98, was selected for inclusion in Marquis Who's Who in May 2024 in recognition for his success in legal services and real estate.

Tamara Goorevitz, J.D. '98, accepted an invitation in September 2024 to join the International Association of Defense Counsel, a global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests.

The Baltimore office of Womble Bond Dickinson welcomed **Gregory T. Lawrence, J.D. '98**, as a partner with the firm's Business Litigation Group last year.

Stacy L. Rodgers, MPA '99, joined The University of Baltimore's Schaefer Center for Public Policy (SCPP) as an executive in residence in early 2025. She supports aspiring public leaders in the SCPP's NextGen Leaders for Public Service Program, and also serves as a guest lecturer.

2000s

Jason G. Cohen, M.S. '00, joined the Maryland State Ad Agency, a division of Maryland Public Television, in January 2025 as its managing director.

Huntington University in Indiana welcomed **Wayne Moore, MBA '00**, as vice president of finance and operations last year.

Congratulations to the 11 University of Baltimore alumnae included on *The Daily Record's* list of Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2025! This year's honorees are leaders in their fields and represent each of UBalt's four schools/colleges.

Tamika L. Tremaglio, MBA '95

Yolanda F. Sonnier, J.D. '97

Angela M. Rose DeBrigida, B.S. '01

Geneau Marie Thames, J.D. '03

Nichole C. Gatewood, J.D. '04

Valencia R. Hike, B.S. '05

Kimberly R. Castle Royster, B.S. '12

Kerri L. Smith, J.D. '12

Anna S. Sholl, J.D. '14

Anna A. Tijerina, J.D. '14

Antieris Johnson, B.A. '15, M.S. '17

Jennifer Gajewski Pemberton, MPA '01, started a new position in May 2024 as chief operating officer of the Neurofibromatosis Therapeutic Acceleration Program at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Anthony Guckert, B.S. '01, was promoted to president of The Traffic Group, a traffic engineering and transportation planning firm. He previously served as an executive vice president at the company and has over 30 years of experience in the industry.

Tiffany P. Robinson, J.D. '01, was appointed by Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin in November 2024 as the director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

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Aerial Machine & Tool Corp, based in Virginia, added **James W. Tinsley, M.A. '01**, as strategic advisor last year.

Ian A. Dombroski, J.D. '03, was included in Marquis Who's Who in June 2024 in recognition of his achievements during his 25-year career with the Baltimore Police Department.

Lauren V. Frick, J.D. '03, was promoted to president at Steinman Communications in April 2025 after previously serving as the firm's executive vice president. She also serves as president of The Steinman Foundation.

Darcell M. Graham, B.S. '03, was named the director of Montgomery County Public Libraries in October 2024. Graham previously served as interim president and chief executive officer of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore.

EMR, a commercial kitchen and industrial services company based in Baltimore, welcomed **Lisa Loeffler, B.S. '03, MBA '06**, as the company's chief financial officer in October 2024.

Taco Love Grill, with locations in Baltimore and White Marsh, was named a winner in the "Best Latin, Taco" category by *The Baltimore Sun* for its 2024 Baltimore's Best Food & Drink feature. The restaurants are owned and operated by **Gelmin A. Portillo, B.S. '03**, and **Jimena Portillo, B.S. '07**. See the fall 2023 issue of *The University of Baltimore Magazine* for the piece on the Portillos.

Thomas L. Ransom, MBA '03, regional president for Virginia with Truist Financial, was named to the Virginia Leadership Power 50 list for 2025 by Virginia Business last year.

Domonique Flowers, B.A. '05, attorney advisor at the Social Security Administration, joined The University of Baltimore College of Arts and Science's faculty as an adjunct professor in fall 2024.

Attorneyintel.com named **Christopher Adams, J.D. '06**, as one of their top 25 attorneys in technology for 2024.

The Securities and Exchange Commission named **Nathaniel H. Benjamin, M.A. '06**, as the director of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion in May 2024.

Ryan Howard, MBA '06, started a new position as business relationship manager—Senior Acquisition at JPMorganChase in September 2024.

Dennis F. McIver, M.A. '06, earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Leadership Studies from California Baptist University, where he is also an adjunct professor, in August 2024. He is the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Program manager for the University of California.

Venable LLP welcomed **Tara L. Pehush, J.D. '06**, in January as a partner in the Product Liability and Mass Torts Group in the firm's New York office.

Assured Information Security in Rome, Georgia, named **Robert Westerman Jr., B.S. '06**, as its business director for mission solutions in September 2024.

Tony Hinton, B.S. '07, M.S. '10, was named associate vice president for Facilities and Operations at Harford Community College (Maryland) in October 2024.

William G. Resh, MPA '07, joined The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University in July 2025 as a professor and chair of the Department of Public Management and Policy

William R. Wells, MPA '07, joined the Community Assistance Network in Baltimore County as executive director in August 2024.

Michelle Arvin-Greer, B.A. '08, J.D. '14, was appointed to the Baltimore County Orphans' Court in May 2024. She made history becoming the first Black person to serve on that court since its establishment nearly 250 years ago.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics, in the U.S. Department of Justice, named **Todd D. Minton, M.S. '08**, as the new chief of its Jails and Community Corrections Statistics Unit in May 2024.

Craig Blinke, MBA '09, joined Pinnacle Financial Partners in Columbia, Maryland, as a financial advisor in June 2024.

Heather C. Guarch, J.D. '09, was appointed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis as a judge on the Orange County Court in November 2024.

Abiola Haroun, MFA '09, performed in a poetry showcase in January 2025 at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York. The showcase, entitled "Sound/Off," featured deaf poets performing their work in America Sign Language.

D. Watkins, B.A. '09, MFA '14, assistant professor in The University of Baltimore's Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences and an internationally acclaimed memoirist and essayist, received the 2024 James Beard Media Award in the Beverage category for his essay, published in *Salon*, "Navigating the New Sober Boom: Where a Person's Sobriety is as Unique as Their Fingerprint."

2010s

Henry L. Greenidge, J.D. '10, joined the Board of Directors for TRA Group, Inc. for a three-year term which started in January 2025. The TRA Group is a nonprofit organization that promotes independence, safety and mobility for adults with low vision in areas of New York and Connecticut.

Justin Jones-Fosu, MBA '10, published a book in spring 2024 entitled *I Respectfully Disagree: How to Have Difficult Conversations in a Divided World*.

Giordana R. Segneri, M.A. '10, assistant dean for marketing and communications at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, completed the University of Maryland Baltimore's President's University Leadership Program in summer 2024.

Bradley A. Wasser, J.D. '10, was promoted in January 2025 to partner in the Philadelphia office of Duane Morris LLP, where he specializes in pharmacy litigation.

FisherBroyles in Atlanta, Georgia, welcomed **Adam S. Abramowitz, J.D. '11**, as a partner and member of the firm's private client services practice in December 2024.

Jonathan M. Blum, MPA '11, was appointed principal deputy assistant secretary for legislative affairs at the U.S. Department of the Treasury last year.

Philadelphia Mayor Chelle L. Parker appointed **Candi Jones, MPA '11**, as chief human resources officer for the City of Philadelphia in November 2024.

Dimitri Olive Farms, founded by **Dimitrios Komninos, B.S. '11**, and located in Laconia, Greece, won a Silver Award at the 2024 New York International Olive Oil Competition, the largest olive oil quality contest. Komninos offers his olive oils and other specialty products through his shop in Timonium, Maryland, and at farmer's markets throughout the region.

Nikiea Redmond, B.S. '11, published a book this past spring entitled *Releasing, East Baltimore Nature Photography*, which features photographs of various parks and green spaces in East Baltimore.

Eduardo Salazar, MBA '11, was inducted into Marquis Who's Who in December 2024 in recognition of his entrepreneurial achievements. He is the chief executive officer at SnoreLessNow, which provides products to help people with snoring-related health issues.

Zach Griffey, MPA '12, was promoted to director, Client Experience at BM Technologies, Inc. in July 2024. He previously served as an associate director.

Simone J. Kinsale-Hinds, B.S. '12, joined Amazon in July 2024 as a senior audit analyst.

Barley Snyder welcomed **Kimberly A. Kipnis, J.D. '12**, in October 2024 as an attorney with the litigation practice group in their York, Pennsylvania, office.

Steven Leyva, MFA '12, associate professor in The University of Baltimore's Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences, published his second book, *The Opposite of Cruelty*, last year. It is a collection of poetry exploring post-colonial concepts of race and identity.

Greta Stetson, B.S. '12, MBA '14, was named to The University of Baltimore Foundation Board of Directors in October 2024 for a three-year term.

John T. Zuknick, B.S. '12, MBA '14, started a new position as president at RR Donnelley in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, last year.

Charlene C. Faison, B.S. '13, MFA '19, became the Licensing Unit Manager for the Maryland Department of Health, Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners, in January 2024. In September 2024, she was appointed to the Parent and Community Advisory Board for Baltimore City Public Schools and became the chair of its policy committee.

Colin Gaynor, MBA '13, was named a partner in July 2024 at Ballard Spahr in Baltimore, specializing in real estate matters.

Jessica Moore, MFA '13, served as a 2024 artist in residence for the Bighorn Canyon Artist in Residence program in Lovell, Wyoming.

Ebony Thompson, J.D. '13, city solicitor for Baltimore, served as the grand marshal for Baltimore's 2025 Martin Luther King Day Parade.

Lenora F. M. Henry, MPA '14, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2024 Most Admired CEOs list.

Robert H. Kline, J.D. '14, was promoted to counsel at the Maryland Office of White and Williams LLP in January 2025. He was also included as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers® for 2025.

Judith Krummeck, MFA '14, published her third book and first novel, *The Deceived Ones*, in 2024. The story is inspired by William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* and tells a story of two Ukrainian refugees who find themselves in Baltimore.

Christopher L. Merrill, J.D. '14, joined WPM Real Estate Management as the company's in-house senior legal counsel last year.

The Baltimore Business Journal named **Sarah M. Sawyer, J.D. '14**, to their 2024 40 Under 40 list.

The Baltimore Sun named **Zarena Sita, J.D. '14**, to their list of 25 Black Marylanders to Watch in 2025.

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) named **Mark D. Stevens, D.P.A. '14**, as its new executive officer in July 2024.

Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, welcomed **Kyle M. Barber, B.A. '15**, as an associate in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group in early 2025. Prior to joining the firm, Barber was an assistant public defender at the Alaska Public Defender Agency in Anchorage, Alaska.

Randi L. Camaio, M.S. '15, joined the Currituck Chamber of Commerce in North Carolina in March 2025 as the part-time chief marketing officer.

Chance Carter, B.A. '15, was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission in Hartford, Connecticut, in March 2024. He was also appointed to the Connecticut Siting Council by Governor Ned Lamont, and to the House Majority Connecticut Public Transportation Council in January 2024 where he serves as second vice chair.

TyKera Marrow, M.S. '15, is a doctoral student studying clinical psychology at Jackson State University in Mississippi.

Michelle N. Phillips, M.S. '15, was sworn in as the director of the Civil Rights Department for the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July 2024.

Continental Realty Corporation promoted **Michael Culp, B.S. '16**, to retail asset manager and head of business analytics in late 2024. He has been with the Baltimore-based company since 2016.

Kelly Haynie, MPA '16, was named chief executive officer of Ochsner Medical Center—West Bank Campus in New Orleans, Louisiana.

K. Alexander Wallace, MPA '16, was named to the board of directors of The Arc Prince George's County (Maryland) in January 2025. He serves on the governmental affairs committee.

BlueCross BlueShield promoted **Nitza M. Larbie, M.S. '17**, to a manager position in their Quality and Accreditation department in January 2024. She has been with the company since 2021.

Colorado State University named **Blair T. Lee, B.A. '17, MPA '21**, as the new director of marketing and communications in May 2024.

Amanda D. Melvin, B.A. '17, successfully completed her Master of Science in clinical rehabilitation counseling from Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia, graduating in December 2024.

Sarah E. Pappas, J.D. '17, was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar in December 2024, and works for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

Chaz C. Walters, B.A. '17, M.S. '20, recently celebrated one year at Towson University as associate director of external relations and partnerships.

Nike featured the designs of **Sophia Yeshi, B.A. '17**, in February 2025 at the House of Innovation Nike store in New York City in celebration of Black History Month.

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Ana-Marie Bruneteau, LL.M. '18, J.D. '20, joined the Omaha, Nebraska, office of Kutak Rock in November 2024 as an associate in the business, corporate and securities group.

Brion Gill, MFA '18, a spoken word artist who performs under the stage name "Lady Brion," was named the 11th Poet Laureate of Maryland, a four-year appointment, in September 2024. Gill is also the executive director of the Pennsylvania Avenue Arts and Entertainment District in Baltimore.

Kimberly Routson, MPA '18, became the assistant vice president of governmental affairs for MedStar Health in Annapolis, Maryland, in September 2024.

Matthew L. Allison, J.D. '19, a corporate associate with Nemphos Braue LLC, was elected in January 2025 to the Harford County (Maryland) Public Library Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term.

James S. Beslity, J.D. '19, has joined HomeServices of America, a real estate brokerage firm, as corporate counsel in fall 2024.

Porter Wright welcomed **Adanna M. Smith, J.D. '19**, in May 2024 as an associate on the litigation team in the firm's Columbia, Maryland, office.

Darlene S. Tasker, B.S. '19, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant at the Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Detention Center, becoming the first Black female to be promoted to that rank in the center's almost 60-year history.

2020s

Yvonne Harper, B.A. '20, started a new position as procurement policy advisor at the Maryland Department of General Services in September 2024.

Catherine Znamirovski, M.A. '20, was named to the American Society for Public Administration's 2025 Class of Founders' Fellows last year.

Nicholas Droste, M.S. '21, stepped into the role of operational excellence program manager with Bora Pharmaceuticals in August 2024.

Lamar R. Robinson, MPA '21, completed two years as a Presidential Management Fellow with the United States Office of Management and Budget in July 2024 and now serves as a program examiner.

Kelly Arnold, J.D. '22, joined KMA Law Office in Severna Park, Maryland, in June 2024. She specializes in personal injury, auto accidents and workers' compensation.

Maxwell Lawson, MBA '22, and **Ayanna C. Roberts, B.A. '24**, participated in the 2025 "Rise to the Challenge" Business Pitch Competition at UBalt. Lawson, with his business, WigglyFix, a hands-free, reusable wig installation device designed to simplify and enhance the wig-wearing experience, was a finalist in the Aspiring Business Ventures category. Roberts was selected as a finalist in the Existing Business Ventures category for her business, Pretty Kitty Wax Studio, which provides waxing services designed for melanin-rich skin.

Sandra Mupende, B.A. '22, worked with the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) in 2022 as a racial healing ambassador for the Center of Race and Gender Equity while also serving as a caregiver in the homes of adults with intellectual disabilities. In 2024, she was accepted into the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, also in Pittsburgh.

Green Street News, which covers real estate, finance and investment news, welcomed **Leonard Robinson, B.A. '22**, as a senior reporter. As a UBalt student, he was editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper.

Caterina Sorrento, J.D. '22, rejoined Evans Law in Annapolis, Maryland, as an associate attorney last year. She also provides pro bono legal services through the Maryland Center for Legal Assistance.

Sean Wright, M.S. '22, became a certified professional resume writer in September 2024 through the Professional Association of Resume Writers and Career Coaches.

Dena Allen-Few, MPA '23, coordinator of veterans and military support services at UBalt, was named a Presidential Management Fellow in August 2024, a program sponsored by the United States Office of Personnel Management. She also assumed the chair of the Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans Commission.

Goodell DeVries welcomed **Eleanor A. Clerc, J.D. '23**, as an associate with the medical malpractice group last year.

Marquis Who's Who listed **Nicholas Heffler, B.S. '23**, in March in recognition for his distinguished service as vice president of construction of Temp Air Company, based in Owings Mills, Maryland.

Daniel Santos, J.D. '23, joined Regan Zambri Long, a leading personal injury law firm in Washington, D.C., as an associate attorney in October 2024.

Randolph Wells III, B.A. '23, was recognized by *The Baltimore Banner* as 2025 Emerging Leaders honoree.

McDonald Hopkins welcomed **Chelsea A. Zortman, J.D. '23**, as an associate with their Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice Group in September 2024.

Brown University in Providence, RI, welcomed **Kelley Chase, M.S. '24**, in October 2024 as its director of alumni, community and belonging programs. Chase was previously UBalt's director of alumni relations.

Jonae M. Exum, M.S. '24, joined the Baltimore City Police Department as the crime gun intelligence center coordinator for the Criminal Investigation Bureau last year.

PeaceCorps and AmeriCorps recognized **Jessica M. Robey, M.A. '24, CERT '24**, as an inaugural recipient of the Harris Wofford Joint Service Award. This award celebrates individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, hard work and impactful contributions to the nation through Peace Corps and AmeriCorps. Robey previously served as a PeaceCorps volunteer in Jamaica and as an AmeriCorps volunteer in Baltimore. She previously served as the communications liaison for the Schaefer Center for Public Policy at The University of Baltimore.

In Memoriam

1940s

John J. Kent Jr., LL.B. '42, J.D. '65
 Marilyn H. Fink, A.A. '48
 Charles F. Haugh Jr., A.A. '48

1950s

John R. Getzel, B.S. '50
 Leon Albin, B.S. '51
 William G. Chambers, B.S. '51
 Carl J. Amrhein, A.A. '52
 Donald T. Busick, B.S. '52
 Herbert S. Garten, A.B.A. '53
 Gabriel N. Maggitti Sr., B.S. '53
 Ruth Muhlbauer, B.S. '53
 Alvin H. Shapiro, B.S. '53
 Salvatore J. Columbia, B.S. '54
 Sidney Goldin, B.S. '54
 Alvin Sellman, LL.B. '54
 Charles M. Cusick, B.S. '55
 Martin J. Goetz Jr., B.S. '55
 R. Russell Sadler, LL.B. '55
 Charles P. Winder, B.S. '55
 Eugene J. Gerczak, A.A. '56
 Robert K. Nead, LL.M. '56
 Richard J. Geraghty, B.S. '57
 Harvey C. Kasoff, A.A. '57
 Jay M. Polakoff, B.S. '57
 George W. Walsh, B.S. '57
 William A. Bethke Jr., B.S. '58
 Richard N. Pridgeon, CERT '58
 Edward P. Brunner, CERT '59
 Gerald H. Chick, B.S. '59
 Stanley S. Groves, B.S. '59
 Benjamin D. Kuntz, LL.B. '59
 Frances J. Longshore, J.D. '59

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Joseph H. Black, B.S. '60
 Ronald H. Galler, LL.B. '60
 David F. Katz, B.S. '60
 Lawrence L. Katz, B.S. '60
 Winfield E. Miller, B.S. '60
 W. Peregrine Roberts, B.S. '60
 Edward A. Supik, B.S. '60
 Clarence W. Thompson, B.S. '60
 Carl L. Wannan, CERT '60
 Horton J. McCormick, B.S. '61
 Larry G. Wagner, CERT '61
 Louis J. Wilms, B.S. '61

Edward K. Busch, B.S. '62
 James H. Ford, B.S. '62
 Glen G. Harper Jr., J.D. '62
 Bernard W. Harris, B.S. '62
 F.R. Nohe, B.S. '62
 Thomas A. Taylor, B.S. '62
 Taylor B. Anderson, B.S. '63
 Thomas J. Gramil, B.S. '63
 Ronald C. Higgins, CERT '63
 William E. Johnson, B.S. '63
 David Konig, B.S. '63
 Raymond F. Noon, B.S. '63
 John P. Twamley, B.S. '63
 Clifton W. Watson, B.S. '63
 Elvio F. Binetti, B.S. '64
 Frederick D. Godman, B.S. '64
 Barry J. Henderson, J.D. '64
 John S. Heyman, J.D. '64
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 Gordon E. Miller, J.D. '64
 Richard M. Price, B.S. '64
 Milton W. Simmons, B.S. '64
 Louis W. Steinwedel, J.D. '64
 Michael J. Cefalo, J.D. '65
 John C. Eichhorn, B.S. '65
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 Lawrence C. Mauk, B.S. '65
 David F. Preis, B.S. '65
 Jacob L. Winner, B.A. '65
 Leslie M. Berman, J.D. '66
 Francis C. Cicero, B.A. '66
 Charles A. Crew, B.S. '66
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 Nicholas J. Kollman, LL.B. '66
 William J. Krayzel, B.S. '66
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 Charles J. Morgan, B.S. '66
 Edward G. Neal, J.D. '66
 Patrick J. O'Malley, A.A. '66
 John R. Strine, B.S. '66
 Richard L. Thomas, B.S. '66
 Alexis N. Badart, B.S. '67
 Michael W. Clark, A.A. '67
 Arthur S. Cohen, J.D. '67
 David S. Dagold, B.A. '67
 Robert J. Davis, B.S. '67
 William D. Ewell, B.S. '67
 Ronald C. Frazier, B.S. '67
 Richard E. Lattanzi, LL.B. '67
 Donald E. Young, B.S. '67
 Bruce J. Birkhead, J.D. '68
 Francis G. Craven, B.S. '68
 George B. Dempsey, B.S. '68

Bruce F. Emge, B.S. '68
 Ronald F. Groncki, B.S. '68
 Donald R. Holt, B.S. '68
 Charles J. Kelso, B.S. '68
 Joseph N. Poulin, B.S. '68
 Howard F. Rew, B.S. '68
 Gary Sindler, B.S. '68
 Basil Wadkovsky, LL.B. '68
 Anthony L. Birch, J.D. '69
 Stephen E. Dowst, B.S. '69
 Dan C. Rupli, J.D. '69
 John B. Russell, B.S. '69
 John R. Tjaden, LL.B. '69
 Philip P. Weber, B.S. '69
 Michael L. Weed, J.D. '69

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 Richard J. Bury, J.D. '70
 Alan I. Fox, B.S. '70
 Frank J. Keefer Jr., B.A. '70
 John K. Lair, B.S. '70
 Howard Levenson, B.S. '70
 William E. Liebig, J.D. '70
 Frederick G. Luckert Jr., B.S. '70
 Robert W. Orme, B.S. '70
 Richard F. Pecora, J.D. '70
 William C. Perry, B.S. '70
 Bernard A. Raum, J.D. '70
 James L. Sherbin, J.D. '70
 William G. Somers, B.S. '70
 William A. Stout, B.S. '70, MBA '77
 David C. Garger, B.S. '71
 Ronald F. Gill, B.S. '71
 J. Allen Hines, B.S. '71
 Thurman L. Jones, B.S. '71
 Charles A. Ludwig, B.S. '71
 Edward W. Pontier, B.S. '71
 Vincent D. Sexton Jr., B.S. '71
 Barry J. Sturm, B.S. '71
 Sheldon K. Caplis, B.S. '72
 Manuel B. Diaz, B.S. '72
 Nelson S. Hoffman, B.S. '72
 James A. Hudak, B.S. '72
 John W. Lanocha, B.S. '72
 Stewart H. Mayes, B.S. '72
 Frank R. Smith, B.S. '72
 Robert A. Sturdevant, B.S. '72
 Michael S. Bernstein, J.D. '73
 Gary Blackstock, B.S. '73
 Ronald W. Cox, B.S. '73
 Robert H. Duff, B.S. '73
 William E. Farmer, B.S. '73
 William J. Flannery, J.D. '73

Ronald C. Kimery, B.S. '73
 Raymond L. Moore, B.S. '73, M.S. '83
 Kenneth N. Oliver, B.S. '73
 Louis H. Ortt, B.S. '73
 Ronald E. Rattell, B.S. '73
 Melvin G. Walwyn, J.D. '73
 John M. Connolly, J.D. '74
 Thomas C. Gable, CERT '74
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 Melvin G. Sach, J.D. '74
 Charles H. Slingluff, J.D. '74
 Ronald D. Stefan, B.S. '74
 John H. Taylor, B.S. '74
 C. Marshall Davison III, J.D. '75
 Robert Ellett, B.A. '75
 James Kittle, B.S. '75
 Richard W. Maybach, J.D. '75
 Richard A. McAllister Jr., J.D. '75
 Lothar H. Prochnio, B.S. '75, M.S. '81
 Charles Roman, B.S. '75
 Charles J. Thompson, B.S. '75
 Frederick J. Woerner, B.S. '75
 Milton W. Wolinski Jr., B.S. '75, MPA '81
 Charles T. Bittman, B.S. '76
 Daniel H. Duncan, MBA '76
 Edward L. Knight, B.S. '76
 Donald S. McKay Jr., B.S. '76
 John A. Nelson, B.S. '76, M.S. '81
 John C. Rehmert, B.S. '76
 Bernard S. Watts, B.S. '76
 Morgan L. Amaimo, MPA '77
 Barbara R. Aselage, B.S. '77
 Joseph L. Barnett, M.S. '77
 Joseph I. Cassilly, J.D. '77
 Theresa L. Davis, B.A. '77
 Robert E. Douglas Jr., M.S. '77
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 Levi B. Miller, J.D. '77
 Robert F. Miller, B.S. '77
 Zoe A. Rohm, B.S. '77
 Norman E. Ruff, B.S. '77
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 Robert L. Davis, J.D. '78
 Margaret A. Ditzel, B.A. '78
 Charles D. Dixon, B.S. '78
 William M. Ferris, J.D. '78, LL.M. '94
 Ronald L. Helmick, B.S. '78
 Glenn L. Klavans, J.D. '78
 Frances A. Saulsbury, B.S. '78, J.D. '82

George Simon Jr., B.S. '78
 Franklin A. Spencer Jr., B.S. '78
 William J. Westervelt Jr., M.S. '78
 John P. Woerner, B.S. '78
 James J. Abate, MPA '79
 Joan F. Babin, B.A. '79, M.A. '87
 Judith R. Brown, J.D. '79
 William P. Main, B.S. '79
 John P. McHale, MPA '79
 Melvin E. McGee, J.D. '79
 Charles F. Milland, J.D. '79
 David E. Mitchell, B.S. '79
 Hilda M. Woodley, B.A. '79

1980s

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 Steve W. Burton, B.A. '80
 Anne Deeney, B.A. '80
 John L. Deshields, B.S. '80
 Patricia A. Hill-Kaplan, CERT '80, MBA '80
 Paul G. Marcotte Jr., J.D. '80
 Gary J. Mitchell, B.S. '80
 Thomas E. Schissler Jr., B.S. '80
 Edward W. Sheppard, B.S. '80
 Timothy F. Umbreit, J.D. '80
 Alan N. Yeater, M.S. '80
 Genevieve Z. Coffman, B.A. '81
 Gregory P. George, B.S. '81
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 Virginia A. Hierholzer, J.D. '81
 John W. Meade, B.S. '81
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 Jeff L. Lai, B.S. '82, M.S. '83
 Phuon Huynh, B.S. '82
 Matthew B. Ruble, J.D. '82
 Benneh Bangura, B.S. '83
 Victor L. Elbeck, B.S. '83
 Michael R. Keenan, B.A. '83
 Richard J. Morris, MBA '83
 William Winter Jr., MPA '83
 Karen S. Bowersox, B.S. '84
 Janet M. Ruck, CERT '84, MBA '89
 Robert E. Rupp, J.D. '84
 Joan D. Smith, B.S. '84
 George D. Watson, M.A. '84
 Donald J. Hellman, J.D. '85
 Charles A. Kozub, B.S. '85
 David G. Mello, MPA '85
 John W. Stonesifer, B.S. '85
 Frederic B. Welling, B.S. '85, MBA '90
 Beatrice H. Mautino, B.S. '86
 Eleanor K. Adams, J.D. '87



TOM HOLLOWAK

Thomas “Tom” Hollowak, professor emeritus, retired associate director for Special Collections in the former Langsdale Library, and the author who literally wrote the book about The University of Baltimore for its 75th anniversary, died on July 31 after a long illness. His legacy includes, according to President Kurt Schmoke, “establishing UBalt as a major resource for understanding the city and its people.” He was an early adopter of the digitization and accessibility of library resources, spearheading an early online project in the early 2000s that still serves as the foundation on which the current digitization program operates. Hollowak contributed to archival collections UBalt holds including to three related to Polish heritage in Maryland and the Baltimore '68 Riots. His personal research papers were recently given to the archives to create a new eponymous collection. His colleague and former UBalt professor Jessica Elfenbein shared that Hollowak’s work “will be appreciated by generations of historians and citizens to come.”

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 William S. Fralin, J.D. '88
 Trevor W. Smith, CERT '88
 Joseph A. Vasant, J.D. '88
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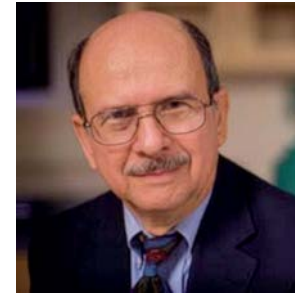


LARRY KATZ

Laurence “Larry” Katz is remembered as a highly respected member of both the Baltimore legal profession and the local Jewish community. Katz, who served as dean of the School of Law for 15 years before returning to the classroom, died on July 21. As a past president of the Baltimore Jewish Council, he was known as an advocate for Jewish education. As dean, Katz’s leadership led to the admission of the School of Law into the Association of American Law Schools which elevated its reputation. Professor Robert Rubinson remembers Katz as a kind man who “exuded decency.”

1990s

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 Eric J. Helfrich, J.D. '90
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 Kenneth E. McElroy Jr., M.S. '90
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 Sharon M. Anderson, B.S. '92
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 Lawrence D. Toth, M.S. '92
 Marie P. Fiester, MBA '93
 Hilda S. Jack, B.A. '93
 Maritoni D. Sarmiento, M.A. '93
 Michael J. Wajda, J.D. '93
 Carole A. Ward, B.A. '93
 Harold W. Rumel Jr., M.A. '94
 Glenn W. Wagner, M.S. '94
 William P. Laforce, B.A. '95
 W. James Nicoll, J.D. '95
 Michael D. Wright, MBA '95
 Myron C. Horn, M.S. '96
 Dennis P. O'Brien, J.D. '96
 Olivia H. Phillips, J.D. '96
 John L. Sullivan Jr., B.S. '96
 Bonnie A. Winders, J.D. '96
 David B. Chapman, B.A. '97
 Thomas McCarthy Sr., J.D. '97, LL.M. '99
 Kim D. Neal, J.D. '97
 Katherine J. Parks, J.D. '97
 Eric R. Smith, J.D. '97
 David N. Berlin, B.S. '99



CHARLES TUMOSA

Charles Tumosa, professor of practice with the College of Public Affairs, passed away on July 3 after a brief illness. He was an internationally recognized scholar in the field of forensic science, as well as a scholar in conservation science focusing on the protection of works of art. He directed the department of forensic science at UBalt for many years and developed the Crime Scene Investigation Certificate. President Schmoke noted that while his subject matter was dark, Dr. Tumosa was “funny, engaging and highly spirited.”

2000s

Harriet B. Cherry, J.D. '00
 Michael F. Connolly, B.A. '00, J.D. '04
 Kimberly A. Corbin, B.S. '01, CERT '10, M.S. '14
 Jacqueline M. Callier, LL.M. '02, J.D. '08, MBA '12
 Joseph A. Koff, MBA '03
 Eugene Riordan, M.S. '04
 Laura L. Beagle, B.S. '07
 Brian H. Clark, J.D. '07
 Bruce A. Norton, J.D. '07
 Heather N. King, J.D. '08

2010s

Olufadeke A. Iluyomade, LL.M. '10
 Rahhama R. Kenya, B.S. '10
 Catrina Aquilino, J.D. '11
 Charles M. Duley, B.A. '13
 Lydia L. Baker, B.S. '15
 Mary A. Tandia, CERT '16
 Laurence “Larry” Katz
 Professor Emeritus and
 Former Dean, School of Law
 Charles Tumosa
 Faculty, College of Public Affairs

“Looking back is pretty special, but it’s talking about the future of the University that matters the most.”

KURT L. SCHMOKE, PRESIDENT

A Night to Remember

The University of Baltimore’s 2025 Centennial culminated with a Grand Celebration that took place on Nov. 13, 2025 at M&T Bank Exchange in downtown Baltimore. Around 400 alumni, students, professors, families and friends of the institution came together for the birthday bash of the century!



1. UBalt’s past, present and future listen to inspiring remarks by notable guests.

2. Together, these smiling faces have logged over 100 years as UBalt staff! I-r: Barbara Aughenbaugh; Sally Reed-Aro, MBA ’03; Cindy Schuster, B.S. ’87, M.S. ’89; David Bobart; Jared Schuster, B.S. ’23.

3. Balloons drop onto the lap of Danielle Giles, director of Marketing

and Communications at the Merrick School of Business, at the closing of the Grand Celebration.

4. Guests were able to weave themselves into UBalt’s history through a special centennial tapestry, one of several interactive exhibits offered throughout the evening.

5. Darlene Brannigan Smith, Ph.D., B.S. ’78, MBA ’80, and Rick Smith celebrate this milestone.

6. The Hot Club of Baltimore brings a little brass and a lot of sass to UBalt’s special evening!

7. Toni M. Draper, CERT ’80, MBA ’81, and Andre Draper smile for the camera.

8. UBalt welcomed long-time friends like Richard Snellinger, B.S. ’78, Cathy Snellinger and Michael Curry, B.S. ’77, to the party.

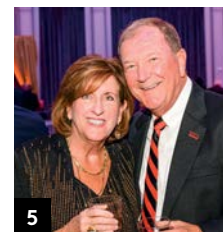
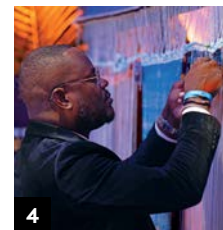


9. The M&T Bank Exchange in downtown Baltimore was the perfect venue for a perfect evening!

10. The impact Bob Schaefer, B.S. ’55, has made on UBalt through his years of unwavering advocacy and support is immeasurable. We were honored to welcome him and his family to the Grand Celebration.

I-r: Karen Schaefer, Elaine Schafer, **Bob Schaefer**, B.S. ’55, Linda Cameron, Dennis Cameron.

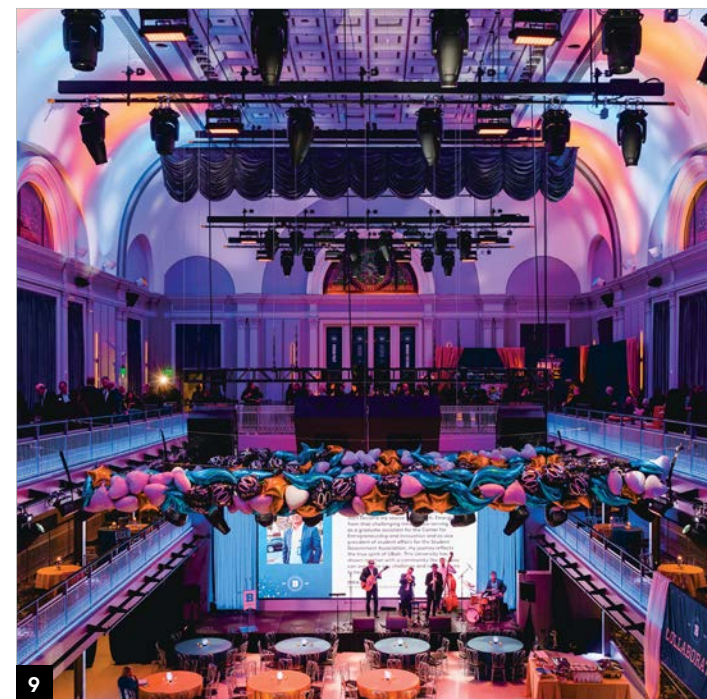
11. Ivana Tchouala Tiayack, **Rebekah M. Opher**, B.A. ’25, and Memory Jakata walked the blue carpet for this special shot. **12.** **John Bartkowiak**, J.D. ’73; **Joan Worthington**, B.S. ’84, MBA ’91, chair of The University of Baltimore Foundation; **Jim Nolan**, J.D. ’74; and



Ralph Mueller, provost, are no doubt discussing what a great party it is!

13. A surprise ending to a spectacular evening is just a pull-cord away.

14. Howard County Executive **Calvin Ball III**, M.A. ’99, presents University President Kurt Schmoke with a special proclamation in recognition of UBalt’s 100th anniversary.



15. In earning his bachelor’s degree at just 15, **Ty Hobson-Powell**, B.A. ’11, holds the unique distinction of being the youngest person to graduate from UBalt. He enjoys the festivities with guest Virginia Hill and Debra L. Roberts, a University of Baltimore Foundation board member and chair of its investment committee.



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