USMH Elects New Officers

The University System of Maryland at Hagerstown Board of Advisors recently elected new officers. After completing a two-year term as vice chair, James (Jim) Kercheval has been elected to chair, and board member, Karen Beck, has been named vice-chair.

Jim has served as executive director of The Greater Hagerstown Committee since 2010. He is a former Washington County Commissioner, serving two terms from 2002 to 2010. Prior to that, he was a small businessman, operating Kerch’s Southern BBQ for 15 years. Jim is a graduate of Hagerstown Community College and Shippensburg University, and he holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics/computer science. He lives in Hagerstown with his wife, Clair, and his three sons.

Karen is vice president, human resources, at First Data Corporation where she supports senior managers within the global sales organization. She has worked in human resources for 19 years for companies in the financial services, healthcare and hospitality industries. Karen earned her B.S. in psychology from University of Maryland Baltimore County, her M.S. in applied behavioral science from The Johns Hopkins University, and her M.B.A. from University of Maryland University College. She also earned and maintains her Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification.

Karen previously served on the boards of Leadership Washington County and Food Resources Inc./Maryland Food Bank – Western Branch. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Frederick County, MD.

Two new members, Frank Morrisey of Volvo Powertrain and Stuart Mullendore, HBP, Inc., were nominated and approved, as well.

The role of the USMH Advisory Board is to provide guidance to ensure that student, business, local and state government, and community needs are met. Its members serve to advocate on behalf of the development of USMH and promote activities, policies and programs that ensure the advancement of its educational mission.

Since the campus opened in 2005 more than 1,350 students have earned advanced degrees in downtown Hagerstown.
University System of Maryland at Hagerstown Introduces New Logo

The University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH) is a regional higher education center (RHEC) that operates under the aegis of the University System of Maryland (USM). It is not the University of Maryland (UM), although UM is a participating university offering programs at USMH. Other participating universities include Coppin State University, Frostburg State University, Salisbury University, Towson University and University of Maryland University College. All of the universities that offer programs at USMH are members of the University System of Maryland.

In an effort to avoid confusion and to adopt a more current image, USMH has created a new logo that focuses on the acronym and not the mouthful of a name. The logo also eliminates the USM round seal, which is often confused with the University of Maryland logo. The new logo combines a traditional font with a more modern font, just as USMH delivers quality education from long-standing traditional universities in a modern, forward-thinking format that provides more accessibility for area students. Further, the building, itself, is a blend of historic and modern.

In addition, USMH is adopting the tagline, “Academic Excellence. Outstanding Value.” While convenience and affordability are major factors in the center’s appeal to area students, we want to highlight the fact that quality is not being sacrificed in order to obtain a degree locally. In today’s vernacular, “value” is often used to denote a “great deal.” USMH is a great deal, but in referencing the dictionary meaning of value, USMH also offers outstanding merit or worth to students seeking to earn a degree.
As we begin our 2014 fall semester, we are excited about the continued growth and success of USMH in the heart of our downtown. Our numbers are climbing, new classes are beginning, and an adjacent building has been renovated to add new classroom space to meet student demand. In addition, our feeder institutions like Hagerstown Community College (HCC), Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) and Frederick Community College (FCC) continue to excel and partner together to provide local students with multiple options for postsecondary education.

Talent development through postsecondary education must be our community’s prime objective to meet the demands of a 21st century economy. We need a shared sense of urgency on this important issue if we are to provide our citizens with a viable path to high-paying jobs that lead to an improved quality of life and a strong middle class.

USMH is in the process of developing a strategic plan to take our institution to the next level and advance higher education in our region. Thanks to the generosity of the Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Foundation, we have received grant monies that will assist us in gathering the data we need to determine how best to invest limited resources into our institution. (See “Fletcher Foundation,” below.) With the continued support of this community and the work of the dedicated staff, partner institutions, and professors, I’m confident USMH can be a significant piece in this complicated puzzle.

FLETCHER FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDS STEM NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education has become a national and statewide priority. The nature of the STEM Needs Assessment at USMH, funded by the Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Foundation, is to objectively determine if there are STEM programs for which employer need and student interest will produce adequate enrollment over the next several years to justify program start-up. Further, the study will assess the potential for graduates of the programs to obtain long-term employment in the region, making them contributors to the civic and economic health of the area’s communities.

USMH’s fulfillment of its mission relies on contributing to the economic development of the region. STEM education and ongoing STEM professional development are expected to be key contributors to such economic development.

A preliminary draft of the report is expected in the fall—Mark Halsey, Executive Director.


Source report used: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-11 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Scholarship Awards Presented

At a reception in the lobby on July 23, members of the USMH Scholarship Committee awarded a record-setting 25 scholarships amounting to $67,500. Each student received $2,700 toward completing a master’s or bachelor’s degree. Four students, Rosanne Horst, Katrin Pinkham, Spencer Taylor and Lauren Wharton, received the award for the second year in a row. Scholarship applications for the 2015-16 academic year will be available on Dec. 15, 2014, and must be completed by April 1, 2015. Contact Jamie Bushong at jbus hong@hagerstown.usmd.edu for information about how to apply.

Carmen Veneziano Memorial Scholarship to Benefit Sociology Students

A plaque in memory of Carmen Joseph Veneziano was presented to his family during the 2014 Graduation Celebration. Carmen was the beloved founder of the USMH Student Council and served as its first president in 2010. Tragically, he lost his battle with cancer on July 17, 2013, less than a month after his 30th birthday. The plaque will be placed in the USMH Student Council office.

The family has established a scholarship in Carmen’s memory. The Carmen Joseph Veneziano Memorial Scholarship is available to FSU@USMH students majoring in sociology. Applications and instructions are available on the USMH website beginning December 15. The deadline to submit a scholarship application is April 1. For more information about the scholarship or to donate to the fund, contact Erin Harman at eharman@hagerstown.usmd.edu.

Regents Scholarship Awarded

Chris Hovermale, an incoming University of Maryland University College student, was recently awarded the Regents Scholarship by the University System of Maryland. The Regents Scholarship is available to pursue any major leading to a bachelor’s degree at USMH. Applicants must earn a minimum 3.8 GPA in community college coursework, complete at least 56 credits, and demonstrate financial need. The scholarship will cover the entire estimated costs of tuition, books and academic materials. For more information about the Regents Scholarship, visit your community college scholarship office or website or contact Elizabeth Murray, emurray@usmd.edu.
GRADUATES INVITED TO HELP WITH 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY PLAN

Graduates of USMH programs are now more than 1,350 strong and poised to top 1,500 in 2015. Although it doesn’t seem possible, USMH will celebrate its tenth anniversary next year. As part of the year-long celebration, we would like to invite the graduates of our participating universities back to campus. Tell us how we could best welcome you. Does completing a service project with other members of your program interest you? Would you like to attend a networking event or a reunion? Would a 5K or golf outing to raise money for scholarships be fun? Support from USMH graduates is crucial to success in the Center’s next 10 years. Say yes when you receive your invitation to join the USMH Alumni Ambassador planning committee.

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USMH PROGRAMS

BACHELOR’S DEGREES
Business/Management
Accounting (B.S.)
Business Administration (B.S.)
Computer Technologies
Cybersecurity (B.S.)
Information Systems Management (B.S.)

Education
Early Childhood Education (B.S.)
Health Professions
Nursing (B.S. and RN to B.S.)
Health Information Management
Sport Management (B.S.)

Social Sciences
Criminal Justice (B.S.)
Investigative Forensics (B.S.)
Psychology (B.S.)
Social Science (B.S.)
Sociology (B.S.)

Social Work
Social Work (B.A.S.W.)

Other
Liberal Studies (B.S.)

MASTER’S DEGREES
Business
Business Administration (MBA)

Education
Master of Arts in Teaching-Elementary (MAT)
Master of Arts in Teaching-Secondary (MAT)
Master of Education (M.Ed.)

Engineering
Aerospace (M.Eng.)
Civil & Environmental (M.Eng.)
Electrical & Computer (M. Eng.)
Environmental (M. Eng.)
Fire Protection (M. Eng.)
Mechanical (M. Eng.)
Project Management
Reliability (M. Eng.)
Systems (M. Eng.)

Health Professions
Nursing (M.S.)

Social Work
Social Work (M.S.W.)

DOCTORAL DEGREES
Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.)

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
Engineering
Aerospace (GCEN)
Civil & Environmental (GCEN)
Electrical & Computer (GCEN)
Environmental (GCEN)
Mechanical (GCEN)
Project Management (GCEN)
Reliability (GCEN)
Software Engineering (GCEN)

Health Professions
Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Nursing Education
Welcome all new and returning students! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. My name is Roshni Patel and I am the USMH Student Council president. I began at USMH in the spring of 2013 at Towson University and will be graduating this December with a bachelor’s in nursing. I have always had an interest in helping people and serving the community and feel so lucky to find that student council at USMH will allow me to continue those pursuits. We have so many great things planned for this year and hope that you can be a part of it all.

The Student Council’s involvement in the community is incredible. As an organization, we’ve worked with many nonprofit and charitable groups. Last semester, the Student Council helped to raise more than $14,000 for student scholarships during our annual Bingo fundraiser! That’s money that will go directly to students at USMH to help them reach their educational goals. Student Council has worked with United Way of Washington County to help clean up the downtown area and keep it beautiful for everyone. We also participated in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life to raise awareness and funds that will benefit people affected by cancer in our community. We’ve come a long way since beginning Student Council at USMH and, with your help, plan to continue this rewarding tradition.

As president, I would like to increase student involvement from all of the different institutions at USMH in our community service projects and fundraising events. During the second week of September, we will have Club Week to showcase the different organizations at each institution students can join. It’s a wonderful opportunity to become actively involved with your school while meeting new people. On October 4, Student Council will volunteer at the Convoy of Hope, a huge community outreach program. On October 25, we will be part of Hagerstown’s Alsatia Mummer’s Parade. Student Council will also be volunteering at local soup kitchens during the semester.

These events are only a taste of the many things that Student Council can do. It’s an excellent way to get involved in the community and USMH, network with various organizations, build your résumé, and develop leadership skills. Get in touch with us at 240-527-2710 (Student Council office), rpatel10@students.towson.edu (Roshni) or jbushong@hagerstown.usmd.edu (Jamie Bushong) to find out how you can get involved. I look forward to meeting you!

Here’s to a successful semester!

By Roshni Patel, Student Council President

The library has some things coming up that will help you stay on top of your classes. We will be offering drop-in APA sessions on Tuesday, Sept. 23; Wednesday, Oct. 15; and Thursday, Nov. 20. All sessions will be from 5-5:30 p.m. and the location will be announced soon. Bring your questions and I will be happy to answer them!

Some of you may have noticed that the room across from Student Council was undergoing a makeover at the end of the spring semester. That room will now be a dedicated group study space with two group computers, a projector and screen, and additional software. Stay tuned for more information, and if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

The library hours for fall 2014 continue to be 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday; and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday. I look forward to working with you all in the upcoming semester. Please contact me if you have any questions at lwest@hagerstown.usmd.edu, 240-527-2717.

Best wishes for a successful semester!
USMH Celebrates Class of 2014

USMH hosted its eighth annual Graduation Celebration in May to honor 160 members of the class of 2014. Since the campus opened in 2005, more than 1,350 students have earned advanced degrees in downtown Hagerstown. For the first time this year, seven students earned doctoral degrees in education leadership and policy studies.

Program coordinators from USMH partner institutions honored eight graduates for academic excellence with the Student Academic Achievement Award. Andrew Griffith graduated from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a 4.0 GPA. Mandy Obitts also of UMUC earned her bachelor of science in investigative forensics with a 3.5 GPA. Frostburg State University (FSU) students Emily Pinkham (Master of Arts in teaching, 4.0), Christina Curry (psychology, 3.92), Kristen Dick (early childhood/elementary education, 3.9) and Kenneth Twigg (business, 3.8) received the award from their academic departments. Sally Jornlin was named Salisbury University’s 2014 MSW Student of the year, completing her masters in social work with a 4.0 GPA. The Towson University (TU) nursing program chose to honor Becky Litton for earning her bachelor of science in nursing with a 3.4 GPA.

During the ceremony, FSU, TU and USMH Student Council also recognized students for outstanding volunteer service with Student Leadership and Service Awards. FSU students Meghan Rager and Nicholas Sizemore tutored students through the University Peer Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS) program. Nicholas organized field trips and worked with PALS constituencies to secure safe environments for participants. Megan also served as vice president of the Frostburg Student Education Association (FSEA). Corey Lewis, also of FSU, cofounded the new business Entrepreneurship Club and served as its vice president. Frostburg psychology major Trisha Bair was USMH student council vice president during her senior year. She organized a Relay for Life team, earned the Think Civil Award and was a member of the Psychology Club. TU nursing graduate Christina Gibson was class vice president and liaison between Hagerstown and the main campus. She organized the nurses’ Relay for Life Team as well as the uniform hanging and pinning ceremonies for her class. Hannah Bradley received the award from USMH Student Council. She led the Council’s first Relay for Life team and finished as the top fundraiser. Hannah also organized the first Homelessness Resource Day. She graduated from TU with her nursing degree.

Meghan Rager, Trisha Bair, Christina Gibson, Nicholas Sizemore were recognized by their academic programs with the USMH Leadership and Service Award during the Graduation Celebration in May. USMH Student Council honored Hannah Bradley for her outstanding service with its award. Corey Lewis was unable to attend.

USMH students celebrating their success during the Graduation Celebration.
Sure students can get an exceptional education at USMH, but they can also explore extracurricular, résumé-building opportunities by joining a club. Nearly every program has an associated club. New and returning students will have the chance to meet representatives from campus clubs in the USMH lobby during Club Week, hosted by USMH Student Council, from Sept. 9-12. Frostburg Student Education Association (FSEA) Hagerstown, Frostburg State University (FSU) Entrepreneurship Club and Veritas Vitas are three exciting groups that will be at Club Week welcoming new members. Contact Jamie Bushong at jbusbong@hagerstown.usmd.edu, 240-527-2722 for details.

**FSEA HAGERSTOWN**

FSEA involves USMH students in outreach events designed to impact positively students in the surrounding community. FSEA membership is open to any student enrolled in a bachelor’s or master’s level education program at USMH. Members develop into well-rounded educators by forming connections with fellow teachers and schools in the local area. Best of all, members will have a lot of fun and walk away with many rewarding experiences by participating in the awesome events we have planned for the upcoming year. Harvest Hoedown at the Fairgrounds, Storybook Holiday, Project Cover-up, and the Choose Kind Campaign are a few of our projects. For information, contact club president Spencer Taylor or club advisor Dr. Kris McGee at kmcgee@frostburg, 240-527-2730.

**FSU ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB**

Entrepreneurship involves the establishment of one’s own enterprise through the development of leadership skills, creativity, and problem solving. For any student who has ever thought about starting his or her own business, the Entrepreneurship Club could open the doors to financial freedom and independence!

This club aims to bring together all members of the USMH community interested in entrepreneurship, to promote and facilitate the study and practice of entrepreneurship, to connect student members with experienced alumni and local entrepreneurs, to encourage interest in innovation and enterprise creation and to develop aspiring entrepreneurs into motivated, ethical and dynamic business leaders. If you are interested in building your résumé and expanding your professional network, join this club! For information, contact club president Javaad Qadir at javaadqadir@gmail.com or club advisor Dr. Marty Mattare at mmattare@frostburg.edu

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**MAT-E PROGRAM ACCREDITED**
The Master of Arts in Teaching — Elementary (MAT-E) program, offered through Frostburg State University at USMH, recently received approval and continued accreditation through the year 2023 by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), formerly NCATE.

The MAT-E program is a masters’ degree program leading to initial certification in grades 1-6. During the past three years, the MAT-E program has successfully graduated nearly 70 candidates with 90 percent of those candidates fully employed locally in Maryland, and, nationally, in Colorado, Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington D.C., and West Virginia.

For more information, contact Jamelyn C. Tobery-Nystrom at jctoberynystrom@frostburg.edu or visit the MAT-E website at https://w.taskstream.com/ts/tobery-nystrom/matelementary.html
VERITAS VITAE
Veritas Vitae is the newly formed FSU@USMH Psychology Club. It is open to FSU students, faculty, and alumni of any curriculum who have an interest in psychology. We believe that psychology plays an important role in all facets of our careers and lives. Through awareness and understanding, we seek to impart a growing compassion and acceptance of all cultures and beliefs. Members are invited to participate in movies, meetings, field trips, raffles, and charity events that provide an entertaining, compassionate and educational atmosphere. We focus on creating a friendly, supportive environment for students to socialize with one another and have fun. Plus, Veritas Vitae is an active FSU@USMH organization, and your membership would be an asset on your résumé. So, don’t wait; we’d love to have you! Join now! For more information or to join, contact club president Alison Kretzer at amkretzer0@frostburg.edu or club advisor, Dr. Chris Masciocchi, at cmncasciocchi@frostburg.edu, 240-527-2746.

USMH STUDENT COUNCIL
USMH Student Council was founded in 2010 to provide a voice for the students and opportunities to serve the community. Two notable Student Council accomplishments are discounted student parking fees in the University District Parking Deck and installation of speed bumps in the alley between the deck and the USMH building. Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at noon and open to all USMH students. For more information on council activities see “Student Voice,” p. 6.

STUDENT Calendar

SEPTEMBER
9-12 Club Week. Meet members of campus clubs and learn how you can get involved.
23 APA Workshop. Location TBA. 5-5:30 p.m. Contact LaTanya West at lwest@hagerstown.usmd.edu.

OCTOBER
7 Student Council Meeting. Room 102. Noon. Contact Jamie Bushong at jbuseshong@hagerstown.usmd.edu.
22 APA Workshop. Location TBA. 5-5:30 p.m. Contact LaTanya West at lwest@hagerstown.usmd.edu.

NOVEMBER
4 Student Council Meeting. Room 102. Noon. Contact Jamie Bushong at jbuseshong@hagerstown.usmd.edu.
20 APA Workshop. Location TBA. 5-5:30 p.m. Contact LaTanya West at lwest@hagerstown.usmd.edu.
27-28 Thanksgiving Break. USMH closed.

DECEMBER
2 Student Council Meeting. Room 102. Noon. Contact Jamie Bushong at jbuseshong@hagerstown.usmd.edu.
24-Jan 1 Winter Break. USMH closed.
College presidents believe in it. Articles on education often describe it as the “best of both worlds.” Faculty find it both beneficial and challenging. One thing is clear: blended learning is here to stay — but then again, many educators would say that it never left.

What is blended learning? Why is it receiving so much attention, and why are more and more educators using it? What is its present state and what is its future? This workshop will explain what’s happening now with blended learning and what’s on the horizon. In the process, the workshop will help you understand the advantages and challenges of blended learning more clearly and how you can use it effectively to improve learning and teaching.

This workshop will present case studies of effective blended course design as well as some of the most recent research on blended learning and its effectiveness. There will also be a “potluck” session for you to share your experiences: what’s worked for you, what challenges you’ve faced and how you’ve dealt with them. (If you’re new to blended learning and don’t have experiences to share, don’t worry: you can always bring food for thought…).

This workshop will also show you how to move into the future by reframing your concept of blended learning from one based on delivery modes to one based on learning experiences. Some of the most promising strategies for focusing on blended learning experiences, such as “offline education,” event-anchored learning, and virtualization, will be demonstrated. We will also explore how to get added value from some trendy ideas in higher education, such as MOOCs, flipping the classroom, and adaptive learning. And, finally, this workshop will present strategies on how faculty and administration can use blended learning experiences to fulfill institutional mission by supporting student success, extending the reach of the campus, and building institutional brand value.

Join us for this interactive and engaging workshop, where we will explore the notion of blended learning as cuisine — finding ways to create new learning and teaching experiences at the intersection of practicality and imagination.

**COST:**
$99.95, all inclusive of registration, materials, lunch and a complimentary copy of Seven Futures

**DISCOUNTED COST:**
$49.95, inclusive of same as above [Quality Matters member or USM institution FT or PT employee]

**TO REGISTER:**
Go to [http://blendedlearning-presentandfuture.eventbrite.com](http://blendedlearning-presentandfuture.eventbrite.com)

**DAY AND TIME:**
October 17, 2014 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**LOCATION:**
University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH), 32 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740
Elizabethtowne Feaste and Frolic presents Feaste at Yuletide
Friday, December 5, 2014, 6 p.m.
Net proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales benefit the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown Scholarship Fund.

Sponsorship Opportunities

☐ $3,000—Kings and Queens
  • Event admission for 8
  • Royal Box seating
  • Recognition on Feaste and Frolic web page

☐ $2,000—Dukes and Duchesses
  • Event admission for 8
  • Recognition on Feaste and Frolic web page

☐ $1,000—Lords and Ladies
  • Event admission for 6
  • Recognition on Feaste and Frolic web page

☐ $500—Beefeaters and Royal Guard
  • Event admission for 4
  • Recognition on Feaste and Frolic web page

(All sponsors receive visual recognition during the event and in the USM lobby for one year.)

☐ I will support the student scholarship fund with a sponsorship of the Feaste at Yuletide and have indicated my sponsorship level above.
  ☐ Enclosed is my check for $______________.
  ☐ Please invoice me for $______________.

☐ I cannot sponsor, but would like to support the scholarship fund with a donation of $______________.

☐ I would like to purchase _________ individual tickets to Feaste at Yuletide at $75 each.
  ☐ Enclosed is my check for $______________ (number of tickets x $75).

Name__________________________________________________________

Organization__________________________________________________

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Please make your check payable to University System of Maryland Foundation, Inc. and mail to:
Erin Harman, Director of Advancement and Outreach, University System of Maryland at Hagerstown,
32 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740. For more information, call Erin at 240-527-2728.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 25 | Blood Drive
USMH-sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive. Noon-5 p.m. Stop in to donate and help save a life! For more information, call 240-527-2060.

SEPTEMBER 27 | USMH Open House
10 a.m.-noon. Meet representatives from six universities in just two hours at one convenient downtown location. Choose from more than 20 degree programs. Representatives from Coppin State, Frostburg State, Towson, Salisbury, University of Maryland and University of Maryland University College will be onsite to answer questions. Tour our state-of-the-art campus. Call 240-527-2060 for details.

OCTOBER 4 | Convoy of Hope
10 a.m. USMH Student Council and Towson University nursing students volunteer for the Convoy of Hope at Hagerstown Municipal Stadium. Want to help? Call Jamie, 240-527-2722.

OCTOBER 8 | USMH Open House
5-7 p.m. Meet representatives from six universities in just two hours at one convenient downtown location. Choose from more than 20 degree programs. Representatives from Coppin State, Frostburg State, Towson, Salisbury, University of Maryland and University of Maryland University College will be onsite to answer questions. Tour our state-of-the-art campus. Call 240-527-2060 for details.

OCTOBER 25 | Alsatia Mummers Parade
6 p.m. Cheer on USMH Student Council members and partner university mascots riding a sweet brown and tan 1947 Studebaker Stake Body with oak and walnut side rails courtesy of John Barr and Ellsworth Electric.

NOVEMBER 7-30 | USMH High School Juried Art Show
6-8 p.m. Students from public and private area high schools will display their original works of art in the USMH lobby. Judges will present awards in various categories and name an overall Best in Show.

DECEMBER 5 | Feaste at Yuletide
Elizabethtowne Feaste and Frolic Presents Feaste at Yuletide 6-9 p.m. Delight in the USMH atrium decked in its holiday finery. Dine on Elizabethan fare while enjoying music and entertainment from the period. Proceeds benefit the USMH Scholarship Fund. Sponsorships and tickets are available from Erin Harman, 240-527-2728. Save the date and watch the mail for your invitation!