USMH Awards 20 Scholarships

Dr. Gaye McGovern, chair of the scholarship committee, awarded $46,000 in scholarships to 20 deserving students at a reception in their honor in June at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH) campus downtown. Students each received a check for $2,300 toward completing their educations. “Your self-discipline in achieving this important educational goal is laudable,” McGovern told the group. “I especially want to praise you for recognizing the significant role your education will play in your future career. You are better equipped to serve others. And your degree will inspire many others to take this step as it sets new benchmarks for those who know you, those who work with you and for your own families.”

This year the Magnolia Foundation Scholarship Fund for the benefit of USMH awarded six named scholarships. Jeanine Horst and Wendy Puglisi hold the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, Scholarship. Adriana Smith received the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, scholarship. Jasmine Johnson and William Miller are beneficiaries of the Citi Scholarship. The Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) Scholarship Award benefits Cynthia Weidman. The named funds are part of the Waltersdorf-Henson Challenge Grant through the Community Foundation of Washington County.

The USMH Advisory Board Fund supported 14 additional scholarships. Advisory Board Fund Scholarship recipients are: Katie Coffman, Cathryn Colbert, Kristen Dick, Rosanne Horst, Harrison Jackson, Rebecca Litton, Katrin Pinkham, Susanne Records, Aletha Shaffer, Laura Sheffield, Emily Shoemaker, Kenneth Stewart, Spencer Taylor and Lauren Wharton.

The latest grants bring the number of USMH scholarship awards to 75, amounting to more than $170,000 in aid to students. Money for the scholarships is accrued through a combination of income from endowed funds and the annual USMH Elizabethtowne Feaste and Frolic fundraiser. For information about USMH scholarships, contact Jamie Bushong, jbusdong@hagerstown.usmd.edu.
USMH Now A Smoke-Free Campus

USMH provides students, faculty, employees and visitors with a healthy, smoke-free campus as of July 1, 2013. All University System of Maryland (USM) colleges and universities now prohibit smoking on campus. The smoke-free policy was approved in June 2012 by the USM Board of Regents to reduce health risks associated with first- and second-hand smoke.

Smoking is not permitted in either campus building, on campus walkways or in University Plaza. Signs are posted to remind guests and visitors that the policy applies to them as well as students and USMH employees and contractors. Cigarettes, cigars, pipes and hookahs all are included in the ban.

The Washington County Health Department offers free smoking cessation classes to anyone who wants to learn how to stop smoking. Topics include nicotine addiction, withdrawal symptoms, coping tips, and relapse prevention. Free nicotine patches are provided. For more information or to register, contact Paula Ernst at paula.ernst@maryland.gov, 240-313-3418.

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STUDENT Calendar

OCTOBER

1 USMH Student Council Meeting
   4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
3 United Way Day of Caring
8 USMH Open House
   11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., 5:00–7:00 p.m.
16 Self-Defense Class

NOVEMBER

1 Food Fight Begins
5 Student Council Meeting
16 Food Fight Count and Delivery
28 Happy Thanksgiving!
29 USMH closed

DECEMBER

3 Student Council Meeting
   4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
6 Last day of classes SU
11 Last day of classes TU
12 Last day of classes CSU
13 Last day of classes FSU, UM
15 Last day of classes UMUC
24–31 Winter Break
New Security System Unveiled for Fall Semester

Balancing concern for the safety of students and staff with the desire to welcome visitors to USMH were the fundamental considerations for the installation of a new security system, according to Executive Director Mark Halsey. Mandatory photo IDs, new proximity card locks on elevators and stairwells and varying levels of building access are a few of the security enhancements staff and students will notice. Guests will be able to enter the lobby unimpeded but must sign in with Security to visit other areas of campus.

USMH students, faculty and employees must wear photo access IDs on campus at all times. The first ID card is free; but if lost, replacement cards will cost $20. Students will not need new cards each semester. Cards will be automatically turned off on the last day of class and turned on the first day of the next semester. No one is permitted to hold open an elevator or stairwell door for anyone who is not wearing an ID. Anyone without an ID must check in at the Security Desk, including students who forget their IDs. They will be asked to wear a Visitor’s ID that day.

All visitors will sign in at Security and will be issued a temporary ID card without any access programmed into it. They will either be escorted to their destinations by a staff member or to the elevator by Security. Visitors must turn in their temporary ID cards at the end of their visits. Visitors to the “New” building (it will be formally named later in the fall semester) must return their IDs to Security in the Main building before leaving the campus.

Starting with the fall semester, the Main building will be locked at 9:00 pm. while classes are still in session. Students and faculty can easily exit the building after that time. Entry hours to USMH beginning with the fall 2013 semester are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. University classes may often continue past the time when the exterior doors are locked to new entrants. USMH campus is closed on Sunday.
In Memoriam

Carmen Veneziano, alumnus, USMH Student Council founder and president and Frostburg lecturer lost his battle with aggressive cancer on July 17, 2013. He had celebrated his 30th birthday on June 21, 2013.

“Carmen was a USMH shining star. He was a FSU @ USMH student, but I don’t think there was one student or faculty member from any of our schools in this building who didn’t know Carmen,” remembered Jamie Bushong, coordinator of student services and outreach.

Carmen enrolled at Frostburg State University (FSU) at USMH in 2009. As the Student Ambassador for FSU, he represented USMH as an ex officio member of the University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). At the time he said, “I feel that USMH students share a common experience and a common situation that is wholly different from that of main campus students. This is an opportunity to represent that experience to the larger USM community and to be an advocate of the regional centers when decisions are made.”

While serving as a student ambassador, he single-handedly wrote the constitution and bylaws to found the USMH Student Council in 2010. He served as president for the 2010 and 2011 school years. While he was president, the council negotiated the discount student-parking rate at the University District Parking Deck. “His tagline was, ‘Build your résumé. Succeed in service.’ Today, because of his efforts, the student council has tripled in size. It continues to be the voice of the student body, as well as a voice within the University System Student Council,” noted Bushong who provides staff support to the council.

Carmen earned his bachelor of science in sociology, graduating summa cum laude from Frostburg State University at USMH in 2011. The following year he was awarded his master of arts in applied sociology, summa cum laude, by the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). At the time of his death, Carmen was enrolled in his “number-one Ph.D program” in policy evaluation and quantitative methodology at UMBC. He was teaching statistics and research methods at his alma mater FSU. “How cool is that?” he wrote in his blog, The Miscellany Hootenanny.

One of Carmen’s goals for USMH Student Council was funding a scholarship. In his memory, his family has established the Carmen Joseph Veneziano Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit USMH. Anyone who wants to honor Carmen’s memory with a donation can contact Erin Harman, director of advancement and outreach, at eharman@hagerstown.usmd.edu; 240-527-2728.

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Hoover to Head Coppin State Staff in Hagerstown

By Jamie Bushong

Curtis Hoover recently joined the staff of Coppin State University (CSU) at Hagerstown. In the role of campus director, Curtis will oversee student activities including recruitment, career services, advising and retention. He notes, “I look forward to growing both the program and the position in Hagerstown. It’s exciting to know the success will be a result of the energy I put into it and the connections I make.” Curtis joins Carolyn Eberly and Mona Calhoun as CSU @ USMH staff.

A Hagerstown native, Curtis welcomed the opportunity to move back to his hometown. Most recently at American University, Curtis has traveled and worked around the globe. He has been a staff member on the “Semester at Sea” program, spending a semester with 700 students exploring different countries. He also worked for the “NUin Greece” study abroad program through Northeastern University where he served as the site director in Thessaloniki, Greece. Curtis continues to work on his Ph.D. in education remotely at the University of Tampere in Finland.

Health Information Management will begin its first classes this fall, and Sport Management (with concentrations in business and medicine) will be launched in January 2014. To learn more about the CSU @ USMH programs, contact Curtis at choover@coppin.edu, 240-527-2770.

Watch for the CSU @ USMH new website launch! Details will be on the USMH Facebook page!

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“...money I put into it, and the connections I make.”
Welcome to all new and returning students! I hope you all had an eventful summer. I’m proud to announce that our upcoming school year is going to be equally eventful! My name is Javaad Qadir, USMH student council president. I started here at USMH in the fall of 2012 and will be completing my bachelor’s degree in business from Frostburg State University in 2014. I have always wanted to find a way to be involved in school and the community. Needless to say, I found the Student Council to be a perfect fit.

I found the organization’s community involvement, working with many nonprofits and fundraising for various philanthropic causes, to be truly rewarding. This past spring, the student council assisted in raising more than $10,000 during our annual bingo fundraiser for student scholarships! The council also maintained discounted student parking privileges with the city of Hagerstown. It is incredible to see how far this organization has come since its inception.

During my term as president, I would like to increase community and student involvement while building meaningful connections between students and staff here at USMH. On September 9 Student Council launched “Club Week” to encourage students to get involved in student organizations. Student clubs and associations from most participating universities were present and actively looking for new members. On September 26 students hosted the American Red Cross blood drive at USMH. The student council also volunteered for the United Way of Washington County’s Day of Caring on October 3. These events are wonderful opportunities to build relationships, develop leadership skills, and simply get involved. Call the student council office at 240-527-2710 to learn how you can volunteer. I’m looking forward to a successful semester!

Welcome on board and welcome back to our new and returning students! I hope you had an enjoyable summer and are ready to dive back into your studies. Please remember that the library is here to help you be successful. Along with providing books on the various subjects taught here at USMH, we can also help you access your home campus library resources such as databases and e-books. Can’t find the book you are looking for here on our shelves? Don’t worry; it is easy to request materials from other libraries in the state and from all over the world and have them delivered to USMH for pick-up.

Aside from materials to support your academic endeavors, the library also has access to the world-renowned Rosetta Stone program. If you would like to learn a new language at your own pace, just stop by the library and we can get you set up. We also have a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction books to relax with when you need a break from studying.

The library is here to serve you, so please let us know if there are ways we can make your library experience (and overall school experience) more enjoyable. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.; Friday from 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. to meet your needs.

Again, welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at the library!
USMH: A Growing Asset for our Region

The news for center city Hagerstown over the past several months has been disappointing to many. A solution for locating the school board’s new administrative offices downtown could not be found. And likewise, after several years of back-and-forth negotiations, the Hagerstown Suns seem on the cusp of packing up and heading south to Fredericksburg, Virginia. All of this has local citizens scratching their heads as to the future of our county seat.

May I offer up a positive suggestion for our citizenry and especially our local elected officials? The University System of Maryland campus in Hagerstown is a young and growing asset for the city’s downtown. It has tremendous potential; and it has only scratched the surface in impacting the city and our region. We’ve already been blessed by a strong commitment from the University System of Maryland, and all we need is the vision and will to develop this facility and its capabilities.

We have a strong initial curriculum now, including business, education, social work and nursing. We need to develop opportunities emanating from the community college and local industry. For instance, HCC has developed a very successful associate program in biotechnology. In what way can USMH develop a bachelor’s degree opportunity in this field?

Further, a number of our local manufacturing industries have expressed the need for engineering courses. With a sufficient demonstration of need and commitment from these businesses, we could develop programs to support these workforce needs.

These are the challenges for the next stage of USMH’s growth. They are good challenges to have. And if our community leadership embraces these challenges, then they have the opportunity to positively impact the economies of the I-81 and I-70 regional corridors and the infrastructure of downtown.

The state has blessed us with strong financial support to start and keep this venture growing. Now it’s time for us to “run with the ball” and make USMH a significant regional educational resource. III
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 16 | Self-Defense Class
An opportunity to build your confidence! USMH is hosting a self-defense class on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7:00 p.m. This is a community event, free to students and the public! Class size is limited, so registration is a must! Be sure to wear athletic attire. Contact Jamie Bushong at jbushong.hagerstown.usmd.edu for details.

OCTOBER 17
Local historian, Steve Bockmiller, will discuss John Brown and other visitors to the Washington House, based on the hotel’s guest registry. Attendees will have the opportunity to see the entries of John Brown and his sons in the registry. The hotel was located on the site of the current USMH building. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Refreshments will be served. Contact Erin Harman at eharman@hagerstown.usmd.edu for more information or to register.

DECEMBER 6 | Elizabethtowne Feaste and Frolic Presents Feaste at Yuletide
Enjoy Renaissance fare and entertainment as a festive kickoff to your holiday season! Join other revelers in the USMH atrium and balconies from 6:00–9:00 p.m. Proceeds support scholarships. For information or tickets contact Erin Harman at eharman@hagerstown.usmd.edu.

Alumni Ambassadors:
Calling all graduates of programs at USMH! Now, when more than 1,000 students have graduated from our center, it is time to unite! Did you know Alumni Ambassadors still have perks at USMH? If you’re interested in networking or involved in a job search, we can help! Or if you’d like to share your stories for our students, they’d love to listen!