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- Respect and Integrity -
- Well-Being and Sustainability -
- Equity and Justice -
- Innovation and Discovery -



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National Institutes of Health

The Volunteering-in-Place Program for Apathetic Assisted Living Residents with ADRD

\$802,003

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National Institute on Aging

Preserving Ability Through Virtual Exercise (PAVE):

An Intervention to Increase the Physical Activity of

Hospitalized Older Adults

\$610,201

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National Institutes of Health

Associations Between Actigraphy-Derived Circadian Rest-

Activity Rhythms and Cancer-Related Fatigue: Insights From

the Harvest for Health Clinical Trial

\$411,334

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Pilot Testing the Fostering Positive Care Interactions

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Palliative Essentials: Enhancing Serious Illness Care in

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University of Utah

COVID and Alzheimer's Disease in New York Nursing Homes

\$18,000

10 for \$10,000 Grants

UMSON has awarded 10 grants of \$10,000 each to support faculty in completing small innovative pilot projects to be used to build future fundable studies. These innovative ideas focus on research in general, educational research, and community-based research or evaluation projects. Each project includes at least two nursing faculty members.

Kristin Bussell, PhD, CRNP-PMH, and Megan Rosenblatt, DPC, LCSW-C, *Preserving Psychotherapy in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Role by Developing Competency-Based Training*

Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS, CNE, FADLN, CWCN-AP, FNAP, and Ozioma Erondy, DNP, CRNP, AGNP-C, *A Nurse-Led Diabetic Foot Ulcer Prevention and Education Bundle*

Gerrin Davis, DNP, MBA, CNE, CRNP; Shannon K. Idzik, DNP, CRNP, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN; and Lori A. Edwards, DrPH, BSN, RN, CNS-PCH, BC, FAAN, *Strengthening the Post-Master's DNP Pipeline: A Needs Assessment of Barriers and Facilitators Among Maryland Master's-Prepared Nurses*

Rachel McPherson, PhD, MA, and Elizabeth "Beth" Galik, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, *Fostering Positive Care Interactions in Assisted Living (FPCI-AL)*

Jacqueline C. Mitchell, PhD, CRNA, FAANA; Kelly Doran, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Michelle Garcia, *The Impact of Promoting Physical Activity and Wellness Among Student (PAWS) Registered Nurse Anesthetists in a Front-Load Nurse Anesthesia Program: A Pilot Study*

Charlotte Nwogwugwu, DrPH, BSN, RN, HIV PCP, CPH-BC, and Marik Moen, PhD, MPH, RN, *Global Local Outreach for Friendship Bench Expansion (GLOBE): Embedding Pragmatic Research to Expand the Friendship Bench from Zimbabwe to Ohio to Maryland*

Charlotte A. Seckman, PhD, RN, NI-BC, CNE, FAAN, and Cory Stephens, DNP, RN, NI-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, CNE, *Exploring the Impact of a Generative AI-Powered Virtual Teaching Assistant on Learning, Engagement, and Instructional Efficiency*

Sara Sethness, DNP, RN, PMHNP-BC; Stephanie Streb, DNP, MHS, RN, PMHNP-BC; and Ciara Smith, DNP, PMHNP-BC, CNE, *Development and Testing of a Reliable, Standardized Tool to Assess Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Student Competency*

Nicole E. Smith, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE, CNE-cl; Jennifer Dalton, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE; and Team, *Evaluating the Impact of Nurse Educators Questioning Techniques on Prelicensure Nursing Students' Clinical Judgment: A Comparative Study of DEU and Traditional Clinical Placement Models*

Marleen Thornton, PhD, RN, CNE, and Susan L. Bindon, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, CNE, FAAN, ANEF, *Exploring Generational Expectations and Learner Engagement in Nursing Education*

Nurse Support Program (NSP) II Grants

NSP II grants aid in increasing nursing capacity in Maryland by implementing statewide initiatives to grow the number of nurses by strengthening nursing education programs at Maryland institutions. Grants are funded through the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission and administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Cheryl A. Fisher, EdD, MSN, RN, *Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Maryland Higher Education: The AIM-High Program*, \$578,633

Linda J. Hickman, PhD, MBA, RN, FACHE, *Preceptor Program for Undergraduate Nursing Education*, \$145,308

Sandra Lucci, PhD, RN, CNE, CMSRN, *Cohen Scholars Cohort Model Continuation Grant*, \$1,512,061

Academic Nurse Educator Certification Award

This award program, part of the Nurse Support Program II, recognizes professionalism in support of ongoing faculty development requirements necessary to maintain the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) credential. Nurse faculty across Maryland receive \$5,000 each for completing or renewing their CNE credential.

Jennifer Fitzgerald, DNP, NNP-BC, CNE
Maranda Jackson-Parkin, PhD, CRNP-BC, ACNP,
CCNS, CCRN-K, CNE
Tabitha Legambi, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE
Regina Phillips, PhD, RN, CNE

Kaitlin Shapelow, DNP, CRNP, AGNP-PC, CNE
Lyn Starrs-Zorn, PhD, CRNP (A/AC), CWS, CNOR,
CNE
Marleen Thornton, PhD, RN, CNE

New Nurse Faculty Fellows

Funded through the Nurse Support Program II, this award is available to new nursing faculty members and provides \$50,000 over five years. It supports the expenses of graduate education to increase the educational capacity of nursing programs and the number of nursing faculty in Maryland.

Yanka Campbell, DNP, RN, AGPCN-BC, CNE
Yvonne Douglas, DNP, CRNA, CNE
Leslie Greenberg, DNP, MBA, RN, CCRP, OCN
Yvette Hammond, MSN, RN
Heather Johnson, DNP, CRNP

Lee Moore, DNP, MEd, APRN, PMHNP-BC, CNE
Lyn Starrs-Zorn, PhD, CRNP (A/AC), CWS, CNOR,
CNE

Nurse Educator Doctoral Grant for Practice and Dissertation Research

This grant program, part of the Nurse Support Program II, is designed to assist students in PhD, EdD, or DNP programs or those who have recently completed a doctoral degree by helping to cover costs associated with graduate education. It is contingent on degree completion and employment as a faculty member for one year for each year of the award.

Tolvalyn Dennison, MSN, RN, AGCNS-BC, CNE

Nurse Faculty Annual Recognition

This award program is part of the Nurse Support Program II to recognize nursing faculty in Maryland nursing programs who demonstrate excellence, innovation, and leadership in their nursing programs. This award is available for experienced nursing faculty members nominated by their dean or director.

Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS, CNE, FADLN, CWCN-AP, FNAP

UMNursing Collaborative Grant

This award is a joint venture between UMSON and the University of Maryland Medical Center.

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS, UMSON
Martha E. Francis, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AOCNP,
University of Maryland Medical Center
*Virtual Reality to Mitigate Cancer Related Symptoms: A
Feasibility Study, \$15,000*

Arpad G. Kelemen, PhD, UMSON
Eleanor McManuels, BSN, RN, OCN, TCTCN,
University of Maryland Medical Center
*Feasibility and Usability of a Gamified mHealth Intervention
for Increasing Physical Activity in Blood and Marrow
Transplantation Recipients, \$15,000*

UMB CARES Science to System Grant

The UMB Center for Addiction Research, Education, and Service (CARES) sponsors awards to support innovative, interdisciplinary projects that advance addiction research and promote the translation of evidence-based practices into real-world settings. Only UMSON collaborators are listed.

Doris Titus-Glover, PhD, RN, *Evaluating Feasibility and Barriers to an Integrated Group-Based and Peer Support Intervention to Prevent Relapse Among Postpartum Parenting Women with Opioid Use Disorder*, \$30,000

UMB Institute for Clinical and Translational Research Grants

Only UMSON collaborators are listed.

PILOT GRANT AWARDS

Alison M. Trinkoff, ScD, MPH, RN, FAAN, *AI-Driven, Wellbeing-Aware Scheduling for Emergency and Critical Care Clinicians*, \$50,000

Yang Wang, PhD, *Beware of Bias in Machine Learning and AI: An Application to Biological Age*, \$35,000

UMB Interprofessional Education Grants

The UMB Center for Interprofessional Education offers these awards. Only UMSON collaborators are listed.

SUSTAINING FUNDS GRANT

Principal Investigator: Veronica “Ronnie” Quattrini, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP

Innovating Interprofessional Education with AI: A Transgender/Gender Diverse Simulation for DNP, Medical, and PA Students, \$25,000

UMB LEAPS Instruction Innovation Seed Grant

The UMB Leaders in Education: Academy of Presidential Scholars seed grant supports experimentation, testing, or implementation of teaching innovations, addressing instructional concerns to enhance teaching quality and student learning, ultimately fostering student success. Awardees were recognized at the 2026 LEAPS Symposium on March 26, 2026.

Marisa Astiz-Martinez, DNP, RN, CNE, *Scholars in Scrubs: Improving Academic Outcomes by Promoting Belonging and Professional Identity in Undergraduate Nursing Students*, \$5,000

UMB MPower Early Scholars Investment Awards

MPower has launched the MPower Early Scholars Investment Fund, a short-term, high-impact initiative designed to sustain the scholar pathway and preserve competitiveness. With a \$7.5 million commitment over Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2028 — split equally between the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park — the fund provides targeted support to emerging researchers and reinforces collaboration between the two universities.

Crystal Trent Paultre, MSN, RN, *PhD Student*

UMSON Dean's Scholarship Scholars

The Dean's Scholarship Scholars program is designed to provide focused time and mentorship for individuals who desire to increase their concentration on the research/scholarship component of the mission by enhancing their writing and publication skills with the ultimate goal of publishing in peer-reviewed journals or writing chapters in textbooks. The program provides one semester/six months of protected time and editorial resources to awardees.

Pei-Ying Chuang, EMBA, PhD, MSN, RN

Michelle R. Spencer, DNP, RN

UMSON Dean's Teaching Scholars

These annual awards of up to \$5,000 facilitate the development of research and programs that support nursing education.

Carolyn "Cara" Greely, DNP, CRNP, and Jessica Sullivan, DNP, PMHNP-BC, *R3 to 3P: Building Resilience in Graduate Nursing Students*

Martine Kirwin, DNP, FNP-C, RN, and Tara Stoudt, DNP, RNC-NIC, *Student Peer Mentorship Project*

UM Scholars

The University of Maryland Scholars Summer Research Program enables outstanding University of Maryland, College Park undergraduate students to become engaged in summer research projects led by faculty at UMSON. The program provides participating students with in-depth involvement in significant research and professional mentorship in challenging settings.

Ozioma Agoh, *Investing in The Role of Expectations in a Virtual Reality-Based Intervention in People with Temporomandibular Disorder (TMD)*, mentored by Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS

Ayanna Arroyo, *Effects of Immersive Virtual Reality on Experimental and Clinical Pain in Patients with TMD*, mentored by Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS

Georgia Bardi, *The New Imperative: Measuring Primary Palliative Care Education for Undergraduate Nursing Students*, mentored by Hannah Murphy Buc, PhD, RN

Megha Chander, *Ongoing Study: Virtual Reality as a Home-Based Pain and Wellness Intervention in Cancer Survivors*, mentored by Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS

Zuzana Huserova, *The Impact of Social Discrepancy on Expectancy-Induced Analgesia: Preliminary Analysis*, mentored by Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS

Jackson Kerner, *Qualitative Analysis of Cancer Survivors' Experience in Nutritional Clinical Trial*, mentored by Amber Kleckner, PhD

Christina Lee, *Mapping Mindfulness to Reduce Psychosocial Suffering for Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer*, mentored by Kim Mooney-Doyle, PhD, RN, CPNP-AC, FAAN

Alejandra Mata, *From Conference Presentation to Journal Publication: Restorative Practices to Strengthen Student-Faculty Relationships*, mentored by Hannah Murphy Buc, PhD, RN

Kayla Morris, *Ongoing Investigation of The Impact of Virtual Reality on Orofacial Pain Intensity and Interference Among Participants with TMD*, mentored by Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS

Rachel Ni, *Efficacy of Exercise on Improving Cardiovascular Function in Breast Cancer Patients Undergoing Chemotherapy*, mentored by Ian Kleckner, PhD, MPH

Hooria Umer, *Randomized Control Trial of Flange Fitting for NICU Pumping Parents to Explore Improved Milk Production and Satisfaction*, mentored by Rachel Breman, PhD, MPH, RN, FAWHONN

Daphney Waller, *Ongoing Study Investigating Virtual Reality as an At-Home Intervention for TMD*, mentored by Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS



STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

during the 2025 - 26 academic year

American Association of Colleges of Nursing Student Policy Summit Participants

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Student Policy Summit, a two-day conference in Washington, D.C. held in March 2026, provides baccalaureate and graduate nursing students an opportunity to participate in learning about the federal policy process and nursing's role in professional advocacy.

Mary Kate Dougherty, MSN Entry-into-Nursing Student

Eniola Sokera, BSN Student

Claire Vizzi, BSN Student

Khang Tran, BSN Student



“My passion for advocacy was born long before I ever stepped into nursing school. Growing up with elderly parents and as a Black woman in America, I learned early how fragile access to care can be for those who are marginalized. I saw how easily people fall through the cracks of a system that prioritizes profit over people, where people of color, immigrants, women, LGBTQ+, and low-income communities are often left unseen in decisions that shape their health outcomes. It was in those moments that I understood advocacy and policy are inseparable from patient care, and that nurses must be the voices that challenge inequity from within the system.”

— Eniola Sokera

Nursing Policy Academy

Selection into UMSO's Nursing Policy Academy was highly competitive and reflected the entry-into-nursing students' demonstrated commitment to leadership, advocacy, and advancing health policy to improve outcomes for individuals, families, and communities. Through the academy, students gained hands-on exposure to the policy-making process, engaged with nurse leaders and policymakers, and strengthened the skills needed to influence health policy at the local, state, and national levels.

Monsurat Adams

Iseoluwa Rachel Ayodele

Kimberly Bucknor

Victoria Daly

Okwudndu Ogbuli Emmanuel

Joelle Farrell

JaVonne Harrison

Brandon Fleming Hill

Glenys Jarrett Coker

Dru Johnson

Wade Preston

Toyah Reid

Eniola Sokera

Aicha Sow

Hooria Umer

UMB President's Fellows

The President's Symposium and White Paper Project is an interprofessional and interdisciplinary program that explores issues impacting the UMB community. As a component of the President's Symposium, an interdisciplinary group of students is selected to participate in a mentored fellowship while researching and developing recommendations for the University.

Wade Preston, MSN Entry-into-Nursing Student

UMB Provost's Global Scholar

This program was created to help UMB students engage in a critical analysis of complex, interdependent global systems and legacies and their implications for people's lives and the Earth's sustainability. Students design their own experience and are supported by a \$2,000 stipend.

Leslien Osei Sarpong, MSN Entry-into-Nursing Student

R³ RESILIENT NURSES INITIATIVE

as of June 30, 2026

*R³, a Nurse Support Program II grant-funded initiative housed at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, aims to **Renew**, **Retain**, and amplify the **Resilience** of nurses throughout Maryland through a culture of ethical practice. The cross-institutional academic-practice collaboration seeks to address root causes of burnout and disengagement to improve well-being, strengthen the bridge from education to practice, and increase retention.*



R3 COORDINATING COUNCIL MEMBER

Jana Goodwin, PhD, RN, CNE

FACULTY AND STAFF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

during the 2025 - 26 academic year

American Nurses Advocacy Institute

This yearlong initiative of the American Nurses Association (ANA) provides participants with invaluable experience in coalition building, political action and media engagement. Participants learn from ANA leaders, seasoned advocates, and experienced mentors to develop the skills necessary to become influential state leaders.

Theresa Di Seta, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, NPD-BC

UMB EDGE Fellowship

Offered by the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning and sponsored by Leaders in Education: Academy of Presidential Scholars (LEAPS), EDGE, which stands for Educator Development for Growth and Effectiveness, is a 10-month professional development experience for early career faculty members that bolsters knowledge and confidence in teaching and learning. Clinical and classroom faculty explore key pedagogical concepts that will help them as they continue to teach, serve on curriculum committees, and participate in accreditation activities.

Martine Kirwin, DNP, FNP-C, RN

Taylor Melton-Farley, DNP, CRNP, AGNP-C, CNE

Sun Young Park, DNP, FNP-C, CNE

UMB Faculty Leadership Program

The UMB Faculty Leadership Program, which launched in 2021, aims to enhance the leadership skills of UMB faculty members and prepare them for advancement in their careers. The participants engage in a range of leadership development activities on topics such as executive presence, diversity and inclusion, hiring and firing, interacting with the media, office politics, conflict resolution, strategic planning, mentoring, crisis management, and more.

Rebecca Weston, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE

UMB Interprofessional Education Faculty Scholar

This program, offered through UMB's Center for Interprofessional Education, is intended to support faculty and staff from UMB schools in expanding their knowledge and expertise related to providing interprofessional education (IPE) to advance UMB's mission. The program requires a 10% commitment over two years, including involvement in the Foundations of Interprofessional Education and Practice course for two years, development of an IPE initiative in the first year, and implementation of that initiative in the second year. This IPE initiative should advance UMB's offerings in the areas of IPE immersion or IPE competency.

Melissa McClean, MSN, ANP-BC, NP-C, ACHPN, 2023 - 25

UMB Leaders in Education: Academy of Presidential Scholars

LEAPS objectives are focused on educational advancement and development of faculty. The LEAPS initiative aims to complement the professional development work already occurring in each of the schools, expanding the community of educators available for collaboration and support.

COUNCIL OF SCHOOLS MEMBERS

Susan L. Bindon, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, CNE,
FAAN, ANEF

Veronica Gutchell, DNP, CRNP, CNS, RN, *Alternate*

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Amy L. Daniels, PhD, RN, CHSE-A, CNE

Kaitlin Shapelow, DNP, CRNP, AGNP-PC, CNE

UMB Emerging Leaders

The Emerging Leaders Program is a yearlong professional development initiative geared toward examining universal principles of leadership with application to the culture of UMB. The program aims to contextualize participants' leadership experience through a series of interactive and informative sessions. It is designed to build repeatable and transferable knowledge and skills.

Onyinyechi "Onyi" Esochaghi, MHA

AWARDS

awarded during the 2025 - 26 academic year

Association of Community Health Nursing Educators Outstanding Doctoral Student in the Field of Community/Public Health Nursing Award

This award recognizes potential for affecting education, practice, and/or research and potential for leadership in ACHNE.

Nikki Akparewa, MSN, MPH, RN

Baltimore Magazine Excellence in Nursing Awards

The magazine recognizes nurses for their exceptional compassion, clinical expertise, and commitment to excellence in patient care.

Kelly Doran, PhD, RN, FAAN

Marik Moen, PhD, MPH, RN

Maryland Nurses Association Outstanding Mentoring Award

This annual award honors a nurse leader who shows exceptional dedication to advancing and guiding less experienced nurses or students.

Susan L. Bindon, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, CNE, FAAN, ANEF

Nursing Education Perspectives Innovation Center Honorable Mention

This recognition is among all Innovation Center articles published in Nursing Education Perspectives, the research journal for the National League for Nursing.

Noelle Flaherty, PhD, MBA, RN, CPHQ, CCM, *Incorporating Omics and Precision Health in a Nursing PhD Program: The Perspectives of Student Nurse Scientists*

Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association (PALTmed) John Gladstone Award for Media Excellence

The award was created in honor of John Gladstone, PALTmed's web administrator and producer of the organization's original podcast, who passed away in January 2022.

Brittany Burch, PhD, RN

PALTmed Clinician of the Year Award

The award recognizes a practitioner in the post-acute and long-term care setting who embodies excellence in patient care.

Elizabeth "Beth" Galik, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP

Society of Clinical Placement Professionals Collaborative Leadership Award

This award recognizes leaders whose work advances innovation, advocacy, collaboration, and sustained excellence in practice education nationwide.

Lori Harris, BA

Universities at Shady Grove Faculty Advisor of the Year

This award recognized support of the University of Maryland Association of Nursing Students.

Marisa Astiz-Martinez, DNP, RN, CNE

UMSON Dean Jane M. Kirschling Excellence in Leadership Award

Elizabeth "Beth" Galik, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, *December 2025*

UMSON Core Values Awards

June 2026

Jean Gambo, MSN, RNC

Nicole E. Smith, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE, CNE-cl

UMSON Staff Award: Dr. Margaret G. Tyson Dean's Fund for Excellence Award

Ayamba Ayuk-Brown, MBA, *December 2025*

Tara Byrd, BS, *May 2026*

UMSON Outstanding Staff Team Award

May 2026

UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE SIMULATION TEAM

Jean Gambo, MSN, RNC

Kevin Harris

Kelby Johnson, BSN, RN, CNOR

Dionta Lyle, BS

Jessica Nuttycombe, MS, RN, CCRN

Kristianne "Ivy" Serna, BSN

Kathleen Stewart, MSN, RN, CNE-cl

UMSON Faculty Awards

May 2026

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Joan Carpenter, PhD, CRNP, ACHPN, FGSA,
FPCN, FAAN

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Cheryl Fisher, EdD, MSN, RN

NEW FACULTY AWARD

Rachel McPherson, PhD, MA

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD –
GRADUATE EDUCATION

Kristin L. Seidl, PhD, RN

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD –
UNDERGRADUATE/ENTRY-INTO-NURSING EDUCATION
Nicole E. Smith, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE, CNE-cl

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING – CLINICAL EDUCATION –
GRADUATE

Patricia Christensen, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CNE

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING – CLINICAL EDUCATION –
UNDERGRADUATE/ENTRY-INTO-NURSING

Heather Fitzhugh-Boehm, MSN-Ed, RN, NPD-BC

UMSON Preceptor Awards

These awards are presented annually during December Graduation to preceptors who have facilitated a transformational experience for students with whom they have worked in the clinical setting. These are awardees for December 2025.

GRADUATE PRECEPTOR AWARD

Amanda Roesch, DNP, MPH, FNP-C

ENTRY-INTO-NURSING PRECEPTOR AWARD

Angelica Palomo, RN

DAISY Awards

An acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune SYstem, The DAISY Foundation was formed in November 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 of complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura. The nursing care Patrick received when hospitalized profoundly touched his family. Cynthia Sweeney, DNP, BSN '76, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, FAAN, serves as vice president of nursing, emerita, for the foundation.

DAISY AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING FACULTY

This award honors faculty who inspire their students to remember that nursing is much more than tasks and technology. They help ensure that the art as well as the science of nursing are brought to every patient experience.

Tabitha Legambi, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE,
awarded December 2025

DAISY AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING STUDENTS

By recognizing nursing students for their care and compassion for patients and their families, The DAISY Foundation recognizes and celebrates what it means to be a nurse.

December 2025

Angyeaba N. Aparandi, BSN '25

Abel Salmon, MSN '25

May 2026

Chaney Danai Armstead, MSN '26

Oluwakemi Stephanie Famobiwo, BSN '26



Tabitha Legambi

UMSON Dean's Medal for Distinguished Service

In 2017, Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, then the Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, established the Dean's Medal for Distinguished Service to recognize individuals, external to the institution, who have demonstrated "an exceptional commitment to advancing the University of Maryland School of Nursing and its mission." That year, the inaugural recipients of the Dean's Medal, Bill and Joanne Conway, were recognized for extraordinary support of nursing education through the Conway Scholars Program. This award was presented in May 2026.

Karen E. Doyle, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN



Karen E. Doyle

Doyle is the senior vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer of the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), a position she has held since 2021. Prior to that, she served for 15 years in progressive leadership roles at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at UMMC. Doyle has more than 40 years of nursing experience. In her role as chief nursing officer, she oversees nursing practice, patient outcomes, operations, strategic planning, policy formulation, and regulatory compliance for UMMC's Downtown and Midtown campuses. This entails a \$598 million budget and responsibility for 5,000 employees, including more than 2,500 nurses. In 2024, under her leadership, UMMC secured its fourth consecutive Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, in recognition of meeting rigorous standards for nursing excellence; only 2% of hospitals nationwide have earned this designation four times.

In her prior role as senior vice president of nursing and operations for the Shock Trauma Center, Doyle was responsible for more than 7,500 critically ill and severely injured patients annually. She also served as co-incident commander for UMMC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine rollout.

Doyle's contributions extend beyond Baltimore. She has provided leadership, consultation, and training to nursing programs in Qatar, Brazil, Haiti, and India. In Haiti, in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services and the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, she served over six months as the in-state incident commander for the Haiti Relief Mission, deploying medical teams in response to a devastating earthquake in 2010.

Doyle earned three degrees from the University of Maryland School of Nursing: Doctor of Nursing Practice; Master of Science, Clinical Nurse Specialist; and Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She also holds a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University Maryland. She is certified in advanced nursing executive administration and serves as an adjunct associate professor at UMSO. Since 2015, she has served on the University of Maryland School of Nursing Board of Advisors, and she received the 2022 UMSO Distinguished Alumni Award. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and serves on the Board of Trustees for Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital in Baltimore. She is also a member of the inaugural American Association of Colleges of Nursing/American Organization of Nurse Leaders Academic-Practice Advisory Committee.

UMB Employees of the Month

Nataki Drones, MA, *September 2025*

Katelyn Folberth, BA, *April 2026*

UMB MLK Leadership Award: Outstanding Student Group

The MLK Leadership Awards honor students, faculty, and staff at UMB whose personal or professional work embodies Dr. King's ideals and sustains his legacy of building a free and just society.

Student Members of the School of Nursing's Strategic Engagement and Impact Council: Lizzy Law, Maria Rangwala, Soraya Abediyeh, and Nikki Akparewa



I. to r.: Abediyeh, Krista Dowuona-Hammond, Akparewa, and Rangwala (note that Dowuona-Hammond succeeded Law on the council)

UMB Catalyst for Excellence Award Winner

Catalyst for Excellence honorees exemplify powerful advocacy for success, achievement, and philanthropy while serving as visionaries for future progress. Exemplars of excellence and inspiration, they have accomplished meaningful progress in their lives and careers in addition to devoting meaningful time, talent, and resources to numerous worthy causes. This award was presented in April 2026.



I. to r.: UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS; Simone; and Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, NNP, FNAP, FAAN, the Bill and Joanne Conway Dean

Rich Simone

Simone is a dedicated philanthropist and advocate for nursing education who founded the Shari L. Simone Memorial Foundation to honor the legacy of his late wife, who was an internationally respected pediatric critical care nurse practitioner and University of Maryland School of Nursing alumna (DNP '11, MS '96). In 2024, Simone mobilized family, friends, and colleagues to establish the Shari L. Simone Memorial Scholarship, raising more than \$150,000 to support pediatric acute care nurse practitioner students. He later founded the Shari L. Simone Foundation to sustain this work and expand its impact. Through his vision and generosity, Simone has strengthened scholarship support, inspired new donors, and ensured Shari Simone's enduring influence on future generations of nurses.

UMB Honorary Degree Recipient

Pamela Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Honorary Doctor of Public Service

Nominations for honorary degrees must be approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, upon the recommendation of the Board's Committee on Education Policy and Student Life. Recipients must be individuals who have made exceptional contributions in intellectual, scholarly, or creative areas; who have risen to a position of eminence in their chosen field or acquired a national or international reputation in a selected field or endeavor; or who have compiled a record of distinguished public service. This award was presented in May 2026.

Cipriano is nationally and internationally recognized for her contributions to advancing the nursing profession and increasing its impact and influence on policies to improve national and global health care.

As the 29th president of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) from 2021 - 25 and as first vice president from 2017 - 21, Cipriano led global policy efforts and advocated for nurse well-being, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. A federation of more than 140 national nurses' associations, ICN represents over 30 million nurses worldwide and seeks to ensure quality care for all.

Cipriano serves as co-chair of the Steering Committee for the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience, leading efforts to reduce burnout and improve the well-being of the workforce. She has been instrumental in studying the safety of technologies to improve workflow and efficiency of care as well as advocating for nurse-led design and testing of technologies that support nursing care.

On the international level, she serves as co-chair of the Universal Health Coverage Steering Committee, a global platform that allows multiple stakeholders to connect to advance universal health coverage and strengthen health systems worldwide. It is co-hosted by the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

From 2014 - 18, Cipriano served two terms as president of the American Nurses Association (ANA), which represents the nation's 4 million registered nurses through its constituent and state nurses' associations and organizational affiliates. During her tenure, ANA established its "Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation" initiative to improve nurse well-being.

Cipriano has extensive experience as an academic medical center executive and previously served as dean of the University of Virginia School of Nursing, where she is now professor emerita. She holds a PhD in Executive Nursing Administration from the University of Utah College of Nursing, a Master of Nursing from the University of Washington, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from American University, and a Diploma in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. She is certified in advanced nursing executive administration. Among her multiple honors and awards for leadership and contributions to the profession, she was a Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute for Medicine. She was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1991, received its Healthcare Leader Award in 2018, and was named a Living Legend in 2023. She has also been recognized with Lifetime Achievement awards from the DAISY Foundation and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

University of Maryland Medical Center University of Maryland School of Nursing Colleague Award

This annual award bestowed by the University of Maryland Medical Center recognizes faculty members who exemplify excellence as mentors and educators.

Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FPALTC, FAAN, FAANP



UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, (left) and Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, NNP, FNAP, FAAN, the Bill and Joanne Conway Dean, (right) present Cipriano (center) with the honorary degree.

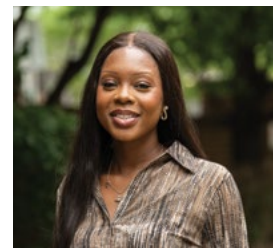


l. to r.: Kristina Snedeker, DPT, vice president of the UMMC R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, and Resnick

University System of Maryland Board of Regents Student Excellence Scholarship

These awards are the highest honor presented by the Board of Regents to recognize student achievement. Scholarships are presented in four categories: Academics, Scholarship, and Research; Innovation and Creative Activity; Leadership and Advocacy; and Outreach and Engagement. Each award carries a \$2,000 scholarship provided by the system and the USM Foundation.

Eniola Sokera, BSN Student



Eniola Sokera

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Scholarship

The Fulbright is a scholarship granted by the U.S. Department of State that supports research, study, and teaching opportunities in more than 140 countries.

Abaneh Ebangwese, BSN, RN, CCRN, PhD Student



Abaneh Ebangwese

SCHOLARS

during the 2025 - 26 academic year

Conway Scholars

With funds from multiple generous gifts from Bill and Joanne Conway through their Bedford Falls Foundation, the UMSO Conway Scholars program has offered a prestigious scholarship — covering a significant portion of tuition, fees, and, for undergraduates, books — for nursing students at all levels at our Baltimore and Universities at Shady Grove locations. This list reflects new Conway Scholars for the 2025 - 26 academic year.

Sara Abdul-Hamid	Kristian Bennett	Cameron Dohony	Jaime Hunter
Titilope Abimbola	Charlotte Bih	Cheneal Dorsey	Tijae Jackson
Vinielle Acha-Morfaw	Neleen Bonilla	Ines Dossounon	Zanya Jamieson
Keziah Addai	Sharlita Bradley	Mary Dougherty	Dru Johnson
Jalani Addison	Amy Bram	Naima Dulic	Sylvia Joledo
Adefisayo Adegbuyi	Tayir Burroughs	Elizabeth Elliott	Kennedy Joyner
Daniel Adekunle	Noelle Caddeo	Tiku Elvira	Andrea Kamta Ngassa
Christina Agron	Alyssa Carvalho-Anderson	Monioluwa Erinle	Kabita Kandel
Ara Agustin	Joseline Castillo-Garcia	Marie Flores	Bezawit Kassa
Anir Ahant	Ceana Cha	Jonathan Gavel	Nicole Kolluri
Maanha Ahmed	Katie Cox	Idris Gbadamosi	Pascaline Kouamegui
Blessing Akinfemiwa	Tyshera Crews	Ella Gilligan	Hailey Lazo
Adedunmola Akinnurun	Kervin Cunanan	Olivia Glazer	Christina Lee
Alice Ako	Meron Daba	Racquel Hamilton	Matthew Lee
Destiny Akuchie	Anne-Kimira Dallo	Caitlin Harris	Samuel Lim
Sana Alvi	Tajmah Daniels	Donna Harris	Clover K. Lor
Kacie Arauz-Gutierrez	Andrea Datan	Amy He	Deborah Madu
Ariana Ascherl	Jamica Elija David	Kristen Hickox	Andy Magwizi-Odiewuor
Madelyn Asirifi	Ashleigh Denoon	Tina Ho	Jasmin Mahayni
Katie Avendano	Abigail Derbie	Feige Hoffman	Zanaib Malik
Amanda Avila Torres	Jesamil Diaz Mesa	Nicole Holden-Brooks	Kaegan Matthews
Abimbola Babalola	Simona-dennis Dike	Morgan Holt	Ivy Mayher

Sigrid Mays
Cassie McCall
Nicole McLeary
Tamia Meade
Brianna Medico
Marina Mejia
Akilah Mikel Murray
Diya Mistry
Ashley Moscoso Garcia
Candace Moulden-Vice
Mambo Nanga Phen
Alex Nguyen
Ijeoma Ofoma
Okwudindu Ogbuji
Emmanuel
Rita Lucy Okemmuo
Christopher Omozee
Kasarachi Onokala
Faith Opara
Latashia Palmer
Antonio Perez David
Ferrari Neto
Alba Perez Elena

Katie Pierson
Leila Pires da Silva
Cesar Piura
Yaadieah Pritchett
Angela Prouty
Alejandra Ramirez
Margarita Ramos
Selena Ramos
Arti Rana
Matthew Rancourt
Joel Christian Reed
Marie Revolus
Reem Rezk
James Riccelli
Maria Rivas
Isabella Rojas-Via
Melissa Sanchez
Hermela Sebhatu
Shaala Seghanka
Jeongmin Sim
Sanaa Smith
Havika Sona



Dana Strandquist
Michael Stratford
Darrell Talbert
Elizabeth Tettey
Nortisha Thomas
Khang Tran
Kady Trevino
Lauren Turk
Angel Vasquez
Mateo Ventura
Daphney Waller

Tigist Welde
Gina Weng
Kelsey Wontumi
Eden Yacob
Aminata Yare
Ruth Yimer
Zamira Zabala
Ariyam Zakarias
Maggie Zhang
Hallie Zlokovitz

“At a young age, I survived an abusive relationship that affected my health, confidence, and sense of safety. During that time, I learned how easily pain can go unnoticed and how powerful compassionate care can be. Those experiences transformed nursing into more than a career for me; it became a calling. I want to be the kind of nurse who listens beyond what is spoken and provides care rooted in dignity, understanding, and compassion. Thank you for changing my life in ways I will carry forward into the care I give others.”

— Ruth Yimer

Jonas Scholars

The Jonas Scholars program, an initiative of the Jonas Center for Nursing and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, seeks to improve health care by expanding the pool of PhD and DNP-prepared nurses needed to educate the next generation of nurses. The program provides financial assistance, leadership development, and networking support. This list reflects students chosen as members of the 2024 - 26 Jonas Scholars.

Anne O. Hagan, *PhD Student*

Alexandra Mora, *PhD Student*

USG Kendall Scholars

Clifford Kendall, a member of the Shady Grove Board of Advisors, and his wife, Camille, support at least 20 annual full scholarships for juniors and seniors enrolled in programs at the Universities at Shady Grove. USG Kendall Scholars show a high potential for success; intend to remain in Maryland upon graduation, contributing to the state's workforce; and have demonstrated prior service to others. This list reflects new USG Kendall Scholars for the 2025 - 26 academic year.

Jackeline Lozano
Tazmira Tazrin

Justin Vindua

STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

for the 2025 - 26 academic year

AFRICAN STUDENT NURSING ASSOCIATION

Kemi Famobiwo, *President*

Djenabou Bah, *Vice President*

Jemima Olufade, *Treasurer*

Halle Desousa, *Secretary*

Favour Ekeagwu, *Social Media Coordinator*

Marvelous Akhigbe, *Membership Chair*

Simona Dike, *Second-Semester Representative*

ASIAN STUDENTS INSPIRED TO ADVANCE NURSING

Rachel Hong and Alexa Mae Laurden, *Co-Presidents*

Miriam Callejas and Diya Rawal, *Co-Vice Presidents*

Ara Agustin and Erika Quintana, *Co-Treasurer*

Joyce Yam, *Secretary*

Anisha Giri and Alice Maeng, *Co-Historians*

Ariana Sukhram, *Public Relations*

Aliya Bugash and Francine Salazar, *Community Outreach Chairs*

Ella Choi and Rafael Quibuyen, *Semester Liaisons*

BLACK STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION - BALTIMORE

Jazmine Echols and Aminata Kanu, *Co-Presidents*

Kemi Famobiwo and Floannie Goode, *Co-Vice Presidents*

Daphney Waller, *Treasurer*

Bethania Yonus, *Secretary*

Favour Ekeagwu, *Social Media Chair*

BLACK STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION – UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE

Kirstyn Collins and Ma'Isah Sesay-Dixon, *Co-Presidents*

Gracie Bassanguen and Arvena Deshield, *Co-Vice Presidents*

Ruth Begashaw and Jennyprecious Fobang, *Co-Treasurers*

Winnie Miranda Efuet and Oluwafikunmi Olajonlu, *Co-Secretaries*

Faith Opara, *Community Liaison*

Madelyn Asirifi and Iseoluwa Ayodele, *Public Relations*

Paula Uwahemu, *Historian*

Daiona Askew, *First-Semester Liaison*

DOCTORAL NURSING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Abaneh Ebangwese and Douglas Gyamfi, *Co-Presidents*

Sorah Levy, *Vice President*

Xiao Wang, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Girard, *Secretary*

Olivia Chung and Christina Ng, *Promotion and Engagement*

Elisha Oduro, *GSA Primary*

Erika Ventura-Castellon, *GSA Alternate*

Moses Akwobugi and Donald Amenah, *Student Affairs Co-Reps*

Nikki Akparewa and Anne Hagan, *SEI Committee Co-Reps*

Liz Cushing and Angela Horman, *DNP Curriculum Committee Co-Reps*

Eunji Lee and Jiwon Park, *PhD Curriculum Committee Co-Reps*

Hajah Conde and Sangeetha Mohamed, *Universities at Shady Grove Co-Reps*

Krystal Ansah and Jiwon Park, *First-Year PhD*

Jessica Wood, *First-Year DNP*

GRADUATE NURSING ASSOCIATION

Tochi Nwaba, *President*

Destinee Dunham, *Vice President*

Olumayowa (Summer) Akinrodoye, *Treasurer*

Alexis Dougherty, *Secretary*

Jeronn Danso, *Social Events Chair*

Destinee Akindana, *Mentorship Chair*

Yetunde S. Ologundudu, *Community Outreach Chair*

Wade Preston, *Senator*

Soraya Abediyah, *SEI Representative*

Ochonma Akarolo, *Student Affairs Representative*

HOLISTIC HEARTS FOR HUMANITY

Ruchi Bhalani and Shiya Shah, *Co-Presidents*

Yana Skorobogatova, *Treasurer*

Christina Bodziak, *Secretary*

Havilah Mangalapati, *Social Media Chair*

LATINX ASSOCIATION OF NURSES AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Miriam Callejas and Kelsey De La Cruz, *Co-Presidents*

Martina Aguirre, *Vice President*

Maria Lopez and Nalia Molina, *Co-Treasurers*

Maryam Kayed and Madalie Renteria, *Co-Secretaries*

Karla Puntay and Elizabeth Sanchez, *Public Relations*

Ginger Anderson and Joseline Castillo-Garcia, *Event Coordinators*

Vanessa Garcia, *Second-Semester Liaison*

Ana Rapalo, *Third-Semester Liaison*

MEN IN NURSING

Marvelous Akhigbe, *President (Co-Founder)*
Princeton Enyioko, *Vice President (Co-Founder)*
Yuan San Jose, *Treasurer (Co-Founder)*
Caleb Carter, *Event Planner (Co-Founder)*

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Brie Perpignan, *President*
Ashleigh Denoon, *Treasurer*
Kady Trevino, *Secretary*
Karina Maradiga Guevara, *Outreach Officer*

NURSING PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS ASSOCIATION

Anuska Shrestha, *President*
Rachel Armstrong, *Vice President*
Ugonna Onyegbula, *Treasurer*
Mandie St. Francis, *Secretary*
Vanessa Ho, *Senior Mentor*

NURSES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH – UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE

Rena Geibel and Joyce Yam, *Co-Presidents*
Kelsey De la Cruz, *Vice President*
Katie Ngyuen and Rebecca Romano, *Co-Treasurers*
Angie Romero and Hadley Stocker, *Co-Secretaries*
Maryam Kayed and Madalie Renteria, *Public Relations*
Alexa Mae Laurden, Aicha Sow, and Ariana Sukhram, *Liaisons*

NURSING STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - BALTIMORE

Vanessa Ho, *President*
Anuska Shrestha, *Vice President*
Josephine Tifasea, *Treasurer*
Tiffany Lei, *Secretary*

STUDENT VETERAN ASSOCIATION

Matthew Zalikowski, *President*
Kilonzo Beryl, *Vice President*
Audrey Beck, *Treasurer*

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF NURSING STUDENTS – UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE

Jayna Patel and Diya Rawal, *Co-Presidents*
Dawa Dolkar and Alexa Mae Laurden, *Co-Vice Presidents*
Becca Armour and Rahul Sunil, *Co-Treasurers*
Brianna Velez and Zamira Zabala, *Co-Secretaries*
Daiona Askew and Joyce Yam, *Public Relations*
Martina Aguirre and Tanya Vidya-Fuentes, *Community Outreach Chairs*
Rebecca Howel and Marayam Kayed, *BTN*
Krista Dowuona-Hammond, *SEI Rep*
Katherine Benitez-Romero and Bersable Emeshwu, *Fundraising*
Rebecca Howell, *Second-Semester Liaison*
Aliya Bugash, Polina Burkhard, and Diana Conran, *Liaisons*
Ariana Sukhram and Madelyn Yi, *Historian*

PI AT-LARGE CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

Established at UMSO in 1959, the Pi at-Large Chapter of Sigma, the international honor society of nursing, is one of the oldest and largest chapters in the world. The purpose of the chapter is to honor those who have achieved high academic success and support scholarship and research at all levels in the School. On Sept. 21, 2020, UMSO's Pi Chapter of Sigma international nursing honor society officially recognized Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center as a member organization during a chartering ceremony, thus changing the chapter's name to Pi at-Large Chapter. This reflects the board during the 2025 - 26 academic year.



Pi at-Large Chapter

Paul Thurman, PhD, RN, ACNPC, CCNS, CCRN, CNE, *President*
Mary Evans, MS, MBA, RN, CNML, *Vice President*
Jessica Pitzer, BSN, RN, *Secretary*
Caitlin Donis, PhD, AG-ACNP, AACNS-AG, *Treasurer*
Vanessa Fahie, PhD, *Counselor*
Claire Bode, DNP, RN, CRNP, *Counselor*
Jenn Suess, DNP, RNC-EFM, SSBB, *Co-Chair, Chapter at-Large, Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center*
Melissa Torres, BSN, RN, *Co-Chair, Chapter at-Large, Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center*

Tamara Hill, DNP, CPNP-AC, *Chair, Governance Committee*
Amanda Fabian, MS, RN, CCRN, *Chair, Leadership Succession Committee*
Veronica Y. Amos, PhD, CRNA, PHCNS-BC, FAANA, FAAN, *Chair, Membership Committee*
Dorna Hairston, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, *Chair, Research and Scholarship Committee*
Gerrin Davis, DNP, MBA, CNE, CRNP, *Chair, Key Award Committee*
Sharon M. Weinstein, MS, RN, CRNI-R, CSP, CVP, FACW, FAAN, *Chair, Program Planning and CE*
Claudette Clunie, MSN, RN, *Chair, Publicity/Digital Communications Committee*

FELLOWS

appointed during the 2025 - 26 academic year

American Academy of Nursing Fellows

FACULTY

Veronica Y. Amos, PhD, CRNA, PHCNS-BC, FAANA, FAAN

Joan Carpenter, PhD, CRNP, ACHPN, FGSA, FPCN, FAAN

LIVING LEGEND

Phyllis Sharps, PhD '88, BSN '70, RN, FAAN

ALUMNI

Kami Cooper, DNP, MS '05, PMHNP-BC, CCWS

Vicki Freedenberg, PhD '13, BSN '80, RN

Young Ji Lee, PhD, MS '09, RN

Jennifer Moon, DNP '20, MPH, FNP-BC

Helga Scharf-Bell, DNP '16, FNP-BC, NHDP-BC

Gee Su Yang, PhD '17, RN



Veronica Y. Amos



Joan Carpenter



Danielle McCamey



Veronica "Ronnie"
Quattrini

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Fellows

FACULTY

Danielle McCamey, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP,
FCCP, FADLN

Veronica "Ronnie" Quattrini, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP

Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America

Joan Carpenter, PhD, CRNP, ACHPN, FGSA, FPCN, FAAN

Fellow of the National Academies of Practice

Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS, CNE,
FADLN, CWCN-AP, FNAP



Yvette Conyers



Barbara Resnick

Fellow of PALTmed

Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FPALTC, FAAN, FAANP

George Washington School of Nursing Fellowship in Health Policy and Media

Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS, CNE, FADLN,
CWCN-AP, FNAP



Rebecca Weston

Golisano Fellowship in Developmental Disability Nursing

Rebecca Weston, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE

OTHER PROMINENT LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

appointed during the 2025 - 26 academic year

International, National, and Local Organizations

Joan Carpenter, PhD, CRNP, ACHPN, FGSA, FPCN, FAAN, 2026 Guideline Expert Panel for the 5th Edition of the National Consensus Project Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, *Member*
Robyn Gilden, PhD, RN, American Public Health Association Action Board, *Member*
Danielle McCamey, American Academy of Nursing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee, *Member*

Cory Stephens, DNP, RN, NI-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, CNE, Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society Nursing Informatics Committee, *Member*
Rebecca Weston, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, *Liaison for the State of Maryland*

Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland Board of Directors

FACULTY

Erica Alessandrini, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, *District Co-Director, Lower Eastern Shore*
Claire Bode, DNP, RN, CRNP, *Legislative Chair*
Janet Selway, DNSc, AGNP-C, CPNP-PC, FAANP, FAAN, *Political Action Committee Chair*

ALUMNI

Megan Brady, MS '15, Cert '15, FNP, *Interim Membership Chair*
Ericka Campbell, DNP '24, CRNP, ACNPC-AG, ACCNS-AG, *Baltimore District Co-Chair*

Digna Cespedes-Cloud, MEd, MSN, BA, Cert '14, RN-BC, CRNP-PMH, *Baltimore District Co-Director*
Surya Chacko, MS '15, CRNP, *District Co-Director, Northwest*
Millicent M. Edgar, DNP, MS '10, APRN, FNP-BC, *Past President*
Beth Henderson, MSN, BSN '96, *District Director, Howard*
Audra Houser, DNP '22, Cert '22, MS '05, BSN '04, *Mountain District Director*
Carmel A. McComiskey, DNP '10, MS '96, PPCNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, *Executive Director*
Leah Sturgis, MS '18, *Anne Arundel District Co-Director*
Lindsay Ward, MS '12, BSN '10, CPNP-PC, IBCLC, *President*

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

during the 2025 - 26 academic year

UMB Distinguished University Professor

Distinguished University Professor is the highest appointment bestowed on a University of Maryland, Baltimore faculty member. These professors have been recognized nationally and internationally for the importance of their scholarly achievements; have a demonstrated breadth of interest through their excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service; and have brought distinction to UMB as a result of those activities. Six UMB faculty members were recognized with the designation in 2026.

Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA

Nahm, professor, associate dean for the PhD program, and co-director of the Real-World Data and Pragmatic Research Certificate, has been named a UMB Distinguished University Professor, UMB's highest faculty academic honor.



Eun-Shim Nahm

“I am deeply honored and humbled to be named a Distinguished University Professor,” Nahm said. “I am profoundly grateful to the mentors, colleagues, and collaborators who have guided and supported me throughout my career. I also feel incredibly fortunate to work with exceptional students whose curiosity, dedication to research, and commitment to the nursing profession inspire me every day.”

A nationally and internationally recognized leader in nursing informatics, Nahm has spent more than two decades advancing the use of technology to improve health outcomes, particularly for older adults and individuals living with chronic conditions.

Her research, supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, among other agencies, has focused on harnessing technology to improve patient care and engagement. Long before digital health tools became commonplace, she recognized their potential to help older adults better manage their health and connect with health care providers.

“Through her teaching, mentoring, research, scholarship, and service, Dr. Nahm has brought recognition and distinction to the University,” wrote Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, NNP, FNAP, FAAN, the Bill and Joanne Conway Dean, in her nomination letter. “She has made significant and sustained contributions as a teacher and mentor, overseeing the development of more than 1,000 nurse informaticians and ensuring the preparation of informatics nurses for leadership in academic and clinical settings.”

Rank Promotion

Susan L. Bindon, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, CNE, FAAN, ANEF, *Professor with Tenure*

Rachel Blankstein Breman, PhD, MPH, RN, FAWHONN, *Associate Professor with Tenure*

Benjamin Canha, PhD, RN, *Nursing School Associate Professor*

Caitlin Donis, PhD, AG-ACNP, AACNS-AG, *Nursing School Assistant Professor*

Lori A. Edwards, DrPH, BSN, RN, CNS-PCH, BC, FAAN, *Nursing School Associate Professor*

Sarah Holmes, PhD, MSW, *Associate Professor with Tenure*

Shannon K. Idzik, DNP, CRNP, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, *Professor with Tenure*

Jacqueline C. Mitchell, PhD, CRNA, FAANA, *Nursing School Assistant Professor*

Tara Stoudt, DNP, RNC-NIC, *Nursing School Assistant Professor*

Jessica Sullivan, DNP, PMHNP-BC, *Nursing School Assistant Professor*

Recently Earned Doctoral Degrees

Marisa Astiz-Martinez, DNP, RN, CNE

Kaitlin Shapelow, DNP, CRNP, AGNP-PC, CNE

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

This list includes those celebrating anniversaries July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026; service calculation includes time at other UMB entities.

5 YEARS

Jamal Beale
DeNiece Bennett, DNP, RN
Sarah Bennett, DNP, CRNP, CPNP-PC, FNE-AP
Phaedra Brown, MS
Joan Carpenter, PhD, CRNP, ACHPN, FGSA, FPCN, FAAN
Teri Caughman, MBA, MS
Carin Clingan, MS, CNS, LDN
Jennifer Dalton, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE
Rhea Freeman, PhD, CNM, FACNM
Carolyn Greely, DNP, CRNP
Jamie Haines, MS
Kirsten Hammerstrom, MFA
Earl Henson, BS, CHSOS
Jaslynn Hutley-Pierre, MBA
Trina Kumodzi, PhD, RN, CCRN
Tabitha Legambi, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE
Dionta Lyle, BS
Beverly Robinson, MBA
Rebecca Weston, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE

10 YEARS

Sandra Angura, BA
Ayamba Ayuk-Brown, MBA
Rachel Blankstein Breman, PhD, MPH, RN, FAWHONN
Megan Doede, PhD, RN
Yvette Hammond, MSN, RN
Catherine Hood, DNP, FNP-C
Christine King, EdD
Terria McClain, MBA
Regina Phillips, PhD, RN, CNE
Deborah Prout, MAS
Cynthia Pumphrey, MS
Mary Grace “Molly” Renfrow, DNP, FNP, CNE
Angela Staten, MBA
Ashley Underwood, MS, RN
Barbara Van De Castle, DNP, NI-BC, OCN-Emeritus

15 YEARS

Benjamin Canha, PhD, RN
Amy L. Daniels, PhD, RN, CHSE-A, CNE
Karin Russ, JD, MS, RN
Raymond Stolle, MA

20 YEARS

Karen Colbert
Cheryl Fisher, EdD, MSN, RN
Aisha Fort, MS
Shannon K. Idzik, DNP, CRNP, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
Brian Walls, BA

25 YEARS

Nancy Culpepper, MBA
Jana Goodwin, PhD, RN, CNE
Bridgitte Gourley, DNP, FNP-BC, FACU, FNAP

FACULTY AND STAFF RETIREMENTS

Congratulations to the employees who retired from UMSON, July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.



Dan Alcott, BS

Manager of IT Instructional Technology

Retired in June 2026 after 16 years of service



Cindy Hollis, MBA, CRA

Director of Business Operations

Retired in May 2026 after 30 years of service



Larry Nohe

Senior IT Systems Administrator

Retired in March 2026 after 19 years of service



Lynn Oswald, PhD, RN

Associate Professor

Retired in September 2025 after 20 years of service



Steve Pease, MS

Associate Dean for Administration and Finance

Retired in December 2025 after 25 years of service

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Strategic Plan
2022 - 2026

Theme 1: Accountability and Integration of Core Values

Theme 2: Student Growth and Success

Theme 3: University Culture, Engagement, and Belonging

Theme 4: Innovation and Reimagination

Theme 5: Community Partnership and Collaboration

Theme 6: Global Engagement and Education



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