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CSU joins USMH



Dr. Marcella Copes

Coppin State University (CSU) officially launched their first program to be offered at USMH. The bachelor degree in health information management (HIM) will begin offering classes in the fall.

Dean and professor of the college of health professions, **Dr. Marcella Copes**, made the announcement during a press conference in the USMH atrium on May 30th. Upon completion of this program a graduate will be a specialist in administering information systems and transitioning to electronic records systems, managing patient data and ensuring information security. With this degree, graduates can pursue employment in many environments including health-care, government agencies and insurance companies. The US

Department of Labor recognizes HIM professionals as one of the fastest growing health care professions. The accredited program is the only bachelor of science degree offered in Maryland.

For more information regarding the HIM program, contact program coordinator **Mona Calhoun** at mcalhoun@coppin.edu.

Sport management will also be added to the growing list of programs offered at USMH. The bachelor of science program will begin to offer classes in the spring 2013 semester.

For more information regarding the sport management program, please contact **Dr. Edna Simmons** at esimmons@coppin.edu.

Coppin State University will be the sixth university to offer programs at USMH, joining already established Frostburg State University, Salisbury University, Towson University, University of Maryland, and University of Maryland University College.



CSU representatives

A message from the executive director, Mark Halsey



Mark Halsey

I was honored in April to have been selected to become the new executive director of USMH. Since arriving, I've been very welcomed by the community and so many of

its leaders, and certainly by the staff and students. My wife, Kim, and I and our two children are looking forward to getting to know more people, learning about some of the local "spots" and tourist attractions, and traveling the roads and byways.

As USMH looks to the immediate future, we're working with economic development representatives from the City of Hagerstown as they renovate and redeploy an adjacent building into space for additional USMH classrooms and offices, as well as a future business incubator. Several space moves within the center are also underway this

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YOU'RE READY. WE'RE HERE.



Advisory Board Notes

by John Schnebly, Board Chair



USMH Advisory
Board Chair,
John Schnebly

We are entering the summer of 2012 with a great sense of anticipation. Our new executive director, Mark Halsey, is on board. We are all looking forward to USMH moving ahead again after almost a year without a permanent executive director.

“Developing our institution into a vital platform for workforce development is a paramount need.”

Mark brings to our institution a skill set that will help us adapt to the future. His résumé is highlighted with educational experiences that will allow us to build programs and a campus relevant to the 21st century. He has worked with online and remote learning programs, new program development, departmental budgeting, as well as traditional academic delivery systems.

I believe one of the most important challenges for USMH in the next few years will be to determine how it can become a robust facility for promotion of four-year college learning in our community. A big part of this challenge will be to assess the proper mix of ingredients to get the job done.

The ingredients today are not the same as they were two decades

ago. Technology has changed our educational delivery infrastructure as well as the expectations of the learner. We will need to assess what the contemporary recipe for success is. Put another way, we will need to determine what proportion of traditional delivery systems remain in place, and what proportion must come from developing technologies. Another challenge will be matching our delivery system with the needs of our community. Developing our institution into a vital platform for workforce development is a paramount need.

We look forward to starting this journey with Mark. We believe, with his expertise, and the vision of the advisory board, we can build an institution that makes an important contribution to the culture of higher learning in our region.

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Mark Halsey

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summer as we plan for additional faculty, provide for more appropriate and visible space for our student council, and continue to provide the academic classroom space for the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts. And Coppin State University (CSU) recently announced that its bachelor's degree program in health information management will be offered at USMH beginning with the fall 2012 term, making CSU our sixth university partner.

Our projected enrollments will undoubtedly place additional demand on our local scholarship resources. That's why our annual Feaste & Frolic gala (October 5th) and other fundraising activities are so important – each dollar raised increases the amount of scholarship assistance we can provide to our local students. The success of these events has been, and will continue to be, the result of our staff and our wonderful volunteers. And, of course, it is our donors – many of whom are also our volunteers – and their hearts for our students who make our scholarships possible.

In the short time I've been in Hagerstown, it has become abundantly clear that USMH's future growth will be built upon a three-legged stool. First, we must continue to grow student interest in our current programs. Our promotion of the center, in cooperation with our university partners, is an outreach and recruiting effort that helps people be aware of the range of degree programs available to them at USMH.

Second, we must identify new undergraduate and graduate programs not currently offered at USMH that will help satisfy the workforce development needs and student interests of the wider region. I began having conversations as soon as I arrived as part of a pre-assessment of need, and we will continue to comprehensively identify needed programs. The growing list of programs will provide local adults and our own sons and daughters with local access to excellent educational opportunities.

Last, as the region grows economically, such growth will quite naturally result in a larger demand for higher education. But USMH's growth will not be just an outcome of the local economy's growth, but USMH can nourish economic development as well. The availability of more than 20 programs from six of the nation's best public universities should incentivize current employers to stay and new employers to come to the area. And the economic impact of an increasingly educated workforce will raise real incomes in the area.

We are living in exciting times at USMH. We're looking forward to them, and we welcome everyone in the region to visit us, explore our educational opportunities, and provide us with your insights, suggestions, and ideas as we look to the future together.

2012 - 2013 Scholarship recipients:

USMH

*Ashley Bockstanz
Katie Coffman
Kristen Dick
Melanie Ebersole
Andrew Griffith
Dylan Hartmann
Jennifer Helmick
Wendy Puglisi
Aletha Shaffer
Kenneth Stewart*

Magnolia Foundation Scholarship Fund to benefit USMH:

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*Stacy Rice
Stacy Swayne*

Waltersdorf-Henson
*Cathryn Colbert
Erica Kozlowski
Rachel Wolf*

Hear ye! Hear ye!

Feaste and Frolic

Friday, October 5, 2012
5:30 - 8:30pm

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

To purchase tickets, please visit:

www.2012FeasteandFrolic.eventbrite.com

USMH Staff Listing

We're Here to Assist You
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Congratulations



Although the weatherman predicted showers, a beautiful evening was spent celebrating the graduation of **149** students from programs offered at USMH on May 22nd. Students enjoyed a dinner and awards ceremony surrounded by family, friends and faculty. Psychology student and guest speaker Danielle Donovan told the class, "Despite the success of graduation, continue to challenge yourself."



Dr. Gibraltar and FSU faculty members congratulate FSU graduate Robin Shaner.



TU graduate and former student council president, Mike Pittinger



SU graduate Krista Mills is greeted by staff.



TU graduate Megan Cox shows her Student Leadership Award.



FSU graduate Justin Karras and family

graduates!



TU graduates Jenna Sprague and Brittany Moxley pose with their families.



UMUC graduate Ann Chestnut receives an Academic Excellence award as fellow graduate Holly Weiland awaits her award.



FSU MAT graduate Patrick Bredland



TU graduate Kayla Willis picks up her boutonniere.

USMH

1,017

students have graduated from programs offered at USMH since opening in 2005!

Bachelor's Degrees:

- Accounting (B.S.)
- Business Administration (B.S.)
- Criminal Justice (B.S.)
- Cybersecurity (B.S.)
- Elementary/Early Childhood Education (B.S.)
- Health Information Management (B.S.)
- Information Systems Management (B.S.)
- Investigative Forensics (B.S.)
- Nursing (B.S. and RN to B.S.)
- Psychology (B.S.)
- Social Science (B.S.)
- Sociology (B.S.)
- Social Work (B.A.S.W.)
- Sport Management (B.S.)
- Liberal Studies (B.S.)

Master's Degrees:

- Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Arts in Teaching - Elementary
- Master of Arts in Teaching - Secondary
- Master of Education - Administration and Supervision
- Master of Education - Curriculum and Instruction
- Master of Education-Interdisciplinary
- Master of Education - Reading
- Master of Education - Special Education
- Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)
- Nursing (M.S.)
- Social Work (M.S.W.)

Doctoral Degree:

- Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) (Leadership and Policy Studies)

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

We Asked...

Now that you have graduated, what are your plans?

"I am currently working as an addictions counselor at Roxbury Correctional Institute."

Katie Linton
SU graduate, Master's in Social Work

"I have passed the NCLEX examination to be a nurse in the state of Maryland. I started working in March 2012 as an emergency room nurse at Meritus Health. I've also gotten engaged and am knee-deep in fantastic wedding planning!"

Megan Cox
TU graduate, B.S. Nursing

How was your USMH experience?

"I really like the fact that all of the people (especially my counselor) were great and helpful. I really love taking classes at USMH — so much that I plan to continue with my master's degree there!"

Sidara Chau
UMUC graduate, B.S. Computer Information & Technology

"I was drawn to USMH because it was close to home, affordable, and I could complete my bachelor's degree while working."

Danielle Donovan
FSU graduate, B.S. Psychology

Student Voice

By Hannah Bradley, President, USMH Student Council



Hannah Bradley

I'm looking forward to this upcoming school year! The student council will work with new Executive Director Mark Halsey to provide even more event and activity options for USMH students. I hope you will be able to join us!

Congratulations to the 2012-2013 USMH Student Council officers and committee chairpersons:

Hannah Bradley
President

Trisha Bair
Vice-President

Wen Chen
Secretary

Brittany Bowman - *Student Life Committee Chair*
Mustafa Azimi - *Communication Committee Chair*
Tia Jordan - *Fundraiser Committee Chair*

Student Council

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm | Library meeting room

Meetings: The 2nd Tuesday of every month, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Phone: 240-527-2710

Email: studentcouncil@hagerstown.usmd.edu

Facebook Search: USMH Student Council

Have a voice, serve and have fun...be a part of student council!

F.Y.I.

Get Connected

Have you signed up for your USMH Alerts notification yet?

USMH has the capability to notify you of any school-related emergencies, weather closings or delays.

To register –

www.e2campus.com/my/hagerstown/

In order for activation, be sure to follow all steps to validate your registration.

Career Services Center...needs you!

We are looking for graduates from programs at USMH to help future graduates. Share your wisdom!

Become a USMH Ambassador!

contact

jbushong@hagerstown.usmd.edu

USMH is growing!



USMH is adding classrooms and office space in the building next door! Stop by the University Plaza and see the development...bring your lunch to enjoy the sunshine and see the progress!

Student Orientation

Monday, August 13
10:00am

Become a “student-in-the-know” before the first day of class!

For more information, call:
240-527-2722

Mark your calendars!

AUGUST

- 13 | **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**
- 20 | **UMUC FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**
- 27 | **SU, CSU FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**
- 29 | **FSU, TU, UMD FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**
- 20 | **UMUC FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**

SEPTEMBER

- 3 | **LABOR DAY - USMH BUILDING IS CLOSED**
- 4 | **WELCOME BACK COFFEE BAR**

OCTOBER

- 5 | **FEASTE AND FROLIC**
- 10 | **USMH OPEN HOUSE**
- 25 | **STUDENT HARVEST SOCIAL**



Summer Library hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday - 10:00am - 8:00pm

Friday - 9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday - Closed

Rosetta Stone

Learn a new language over the summer!
Available for all USMH students....**Free!**
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