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## USMH Expands!



On February 4, local legislators, city council members, county commissioners, USMH staff and faculty joined Mayor **David Gysberts** and USMH Executive Director **Mark Halsey** for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the USMH expansion. USMH is leasing 2,700 square feet of space in the building formerly known as CVS. This space will provide additional classrooms and offices. The new space is adjacent to the current USMH building, separated by University Plaza. As Halsey says, "USMH is now a campus!"

## Scholarship Fun-raising

*by Gaye McGovern, Scholarship Committee Chair*

The winter USMH Scholarship fundraiser helps spread the word about the wonderful, accessible choices available right here in Hagerstown at one of the six prestigious universities in the highly respected University System of Maryland. The event keeps the scholarship program and USMH in the public's awareness of local educational opportunities. Bingo is an enjoyable

form of entertainment that is popular with many people. By having USMH staff, USMH student council members and community volunteers create the Bingo opportunity, those who come to play Bingo see educators, students and community coming together to support accessible, affordable higher education opportunities.

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**USMH — 6 UNIVERSITIES  
UNDER 1 ROOF**

**YOU'RE READY. WE'RE HERE.**



# Advisory Board Notes

*by John Schnebly, Board Chair*



*USMH Advisory Board Chair, John Schnebly*

Washington County has just rolled out a final draft of its new strategic economic development plan. The report, developed by Urbanomics Inc.,

reinforces USMH's standing as a key driver for economic success in our region. The draft comments on several aspects of USMH's presence in Hagerstown.

*"We are gratified by the recognition in this report and look forward to doing our part in supporting prosperity in the region."*

It recognizes the Center has an important role in strengthening the image and viability of downtown Hagerstown. It identifies our campus as an important partner in workforce development, and recognizes its ongoing role as a platform for promoting higher education in our community. It recommends in part "elevating the identity and presence of USMH" as a means to enhancing opportunities for bachelor's and advanced degrees.

As we peer out into 2013 and beyond, it will be important for our administration and our advisory board to work toward alignment with this plan. Doing so will bring about natural opportunities for growth, and strengthen the overall economic health of Hagerstown and Washington County. We are gratified by the recognition in this report and look forward to doing our part in supporting prosperity in the region.

## **Board of Advisors**

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# Alumni Ambassador

*Carmen Veneziano*

**B.S. Sociology**  
Frostburg State University  
Graduate, May 2011

***Carmen Veneziano made quite an impression as a FSU @ USMH student. He launched the USMH student council, authored its constitution, and held the office as president. As no surprise, Carmen continues to achieve his high-reaching goals.***

**Are you a member of any professional organizations?**

I am a member of the American Sociological Association and the American Evaluation Association.

**Where are you now? And what are you doing?**

I am an adjunct instructor with Frostburg's Department of Sociology, teaching social statistics/research methods at USMH; I am also a new doctoral student in Public Policy, starting summer 2013, with a focus on policy analysis and advanced statistical methods.

**What was your goal after graduation? Have you achieved that goal?**

My goal after graduating from Frostburg was always to attend graduate school with the end aim of earning a PhD. I earned a master's degree from UMBC after graduating from Frostburg, and am now happily pursuing my doctorate there, as well.

**Did your education at USMH provide the necessary skills to be successful in achieving your goals? Why or why not?**

My education at USMH did nothing less than change my life. I not only realized my calling to academia, but I had the strong focus on academics required to be a competitive applicant to graduate school. Additionally, USMH

nurtured my and my fellow students' development and social engagement in a way that allowed me to develop a well-rounded résumé of activities.

**Please finish this quote: "I wish someone had told me about..."**

Well, in my case, I don't think this really applies. I was always so inquisitive about what USMH offered, and what it could offer, that I made sure I knew every detail about everything.

**What advice would you give USMH students?**

Always share your mind. Ideas change the world, and the single most valuable lesson I learned in my service at USMH was that speaking up and sharing your ideas were often the beginning of truly wonderful things.

**Do you have a favorite memory of USMH?**

I have so many memories of USMH. My favorites, though, include (1) the first Harvest Festival where the student council officers and I watched Hocus Pocus and posed for pictures while kissing a pumpkin, and (2) Gary Austin reminding us every class that all of our questions could be answered by reading the first 47 pages of the handbook, a piece of advice I dutifully pass on to my own students now.

**Where do you want to be, and what do you want to be doing in 5 years?**

In five years I hope to be finishing my PhD and teaching as a tenure-track professor with Frostburg and at USMH.

**Hey Alummii...  
want to be a  
USMH Alumni  
Ambassador?**

**You could be  
so valuable to  
current and  
future students!**

**Contact us,  
and share your  
stories!**

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# Fun-raising!

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The USMH Scholarship Fund helps with the affordability issues that so often push aspiring college students off track on the path toward completion of a bachelor's or master's degree. Approximately 80 percent of Washington County college students need financial aid to complete their education.

While some employers provide tuition assistance, most do not. The USMH Scholarship Fund helps pave the way for students who want to complete their BS or BA but who are working, have

family obligations, or who simply cannot afford in-state tuition on their own earnings. There are many other opportunities for financial aid. This program provides a local level of assistance that has already made a difference for more than 50 students. Most of the recipients are determined by financial need, but scholarship help can also be given for academic merit. The bottom line is that the USMH Scholarship Fund is a tangible sign of the support Hagerstown and Washington County show for the USMH campus and its educational opportunities.

**With 218 attendees,  
B-I-N-G-O raised  
\$12,224  
All proceeds benefit the  
USMH Scholarship Fund!**

## USMH OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, March 7th  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
AND  
5:00pm- 7:00pm**

**Your opportunity to meet with representatives from USMH partner universities:  
Coppin State, Frostburg State, Salisbury, Towson,  
University of MD College Park, University of Maryland University College**

# Job Skills Series

*Ready, Set, Go!*



Student Services has developed a three-part interactive series designed to help job seekers find success. Whether you are looking for that first job after graduation, summer

employment, or you are a seasoned worker making a career change, this series should help polish necessary job-seeking skills!

All three of these events are free, and open to USMH present and former students. The Job Fair will be open to the public beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## **READY** Wednesday, March 6., 7 – 9. p.m.

**Karen Beck**, USMH Board of Advisors member and First Data human resources executive, helped to design this workshop. Participants will hear tips and strategies on how to be best prepared for their search. Some topics covered will include the proper use of social media, and what should and should not be included in a résumé. This is designed to be an interactive, hands-on workshop. Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops!

## **SET** Tuesday, March 26, 7 – 9 p.m.

This second event in the series focuses on interviewing. You've heard of Speed Dating? This is Speed Interviewing. Participants will have the opportunity to hone one-on-one and group interview skills. Students will rotate tables every 15 minutes and interview with a different area businessperson each time. At the completion, they will be given a written evaluation for each interview. For this event, registration is a must, as participants will receive an interview schedule when they arrive.

## **GO** Monday, April 8, 4 – 7 p.m.

The final event in this series is the Job Fair. Students will have the opportunity to research area businesses and network with potential employers. This event is open to USMH students from 4 -5:30 p.m., and then the public will also be invited from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

If you would like to participate as an interviewer, be a part of the job fair, or register to attend, please contact Jamie at [jbushong@hagerstown.usmd.edu](mailto:jbushong@hagerstown.usmd.edu).

## 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 (MAT)  
Elementary  
Secondary  
Master of Education (M.Ed.)  
Administration and Supervision  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Interdisciplinary  
Reading  
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  
in Nursing Education

**Delegate Scholarship Opportunity for USMH Students!**  
In addition to the scholarships found in the Scholarship Guide on pages 8-12,  
please note another opportunity:

Delegate John Donoghue is awarding scholarships to  
USMH students who reside in District 2C.  
You may request an application by e-mailing:  
[john.donoghue@house.state.md.us](mailto:john.donoghue@house.state.md.us)

**Deadline for submission of application: June 7, 2013**

## We Asked...

*What do you wish you had known about college?*



*"Actually, thanks to two great instructors at HCC, I felt prepared. They took the time to teach, and I took the time to listen."*

**Christina Gibson**  
TU Nursing



*"The amount of work that is required!"*

**Monica Wiley**  
UMUC

*"I wish I had been more organized, and planned better financially."*

**Samantha Siegrist,**  
TU Nursing



*"I could have been a little bit more organized. I also realize how important time management is, and not to procrastinate."*

**Sarah Canter**  
SU Social Work



# Student Voice

*By Hannah Bradley, President, USMH Student Council*



Student Council participated in the recent Bingo fundraiser. This is the fourth year our group has been involved and we seem to have found a niche! The council volunteers raised more than \$2,000 in tip jars alone. The event is always fun and well attended. We are also raising funds by selling USMH sweatshirts and t-shirts. These can be purchased at the reception desk. We also participate in

the Leitersburg Cinema fundraiser. Each time you use a USMH Scholarship punch card when going to the movies, USMH receives \$1. These cards are free and are also available at the reception desk. All of these funds benefit the scholarship funds at USMH.

Students, please don't put off applying for USMH Scholarships, it's a relatively short and easy process, so don't pass up this opportunity!

## Student Council

**Meetings:** The first Wednesday of every month, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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**Facebook Search:** USMH Student Council

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

**USMH  
Scholarship  
Deadline:**

**MARCH 15th**

**questions? see Jamie, room 205**

# F.Y.I.

## Job Success Ready?

Hands-on workshop with HR executives.

- \*Resumes
- \*Interview Tips
- \*Set up job notifications via Twitter

March 6th, 7-9pm  
 call 240-527-2760  
 Open to all USMH students

## Job Success Set....

Mock interviews — “speed-dating” style. Polish your skills and get instant feedback.

March 26, 7 - 9 p.m.

Open to all USMH students  
 Pre-register:  
 jbushong@hagerstown.usmd.edu

## Job Success Go!

Job Fair

Your opportunity to meet with area businesses. Potential employment or internship possibilities! Bring résumés and dress for success!

Monday, April 8  
 4 - 5:30 p.m. USMH only  
 5:30 - 7 p.m.- Open to public

## Writing Center

Need help with a paper? Are you using correct grammar and punctuation? Questions about style format?

Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 12 - 7 p.m.  
 or schedule appointment at the reception desk

Student Success Center

## Mark your calendars!

### MARCH

- 6| **STUDENT COUNCIL MTG**  
4:30 P.M.
- PSYCHOLOGY CLUB MTG**  
6 - 8:30 P.M.
- READY! WORKSHOP**  
- 9 P.M.

- 7| **USMH OPEN HOUSE**  
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.  
5 - 7 P.M.

- 15| **USMH SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**
- 26| **SET! MOCK INTERVIEWS**  
7 - 9 P.M.

### APRIL

- 8| **JOB FAIR**  
4 - 7 P.M.
- 12| **RELAY FOR LIFE**
- 15| **PSYCHOLOGY CLUB MTG**  
6 - 8:30 P.M.

### MAY

- 2| **STUDENT WIND-DOWN**
- 9| **FSU LAST DAY OF CLASSES**  
**SU LAST DAY OF CLASSES**  
**UM LAST DAY OF CLASSES**

- 14| **TU LAST DAY OF CLASSES**
- 12| **UMUC LAST DAY OF CLASSES**
- 20| **USMH GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

### JUNE

- 10| **SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION**



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