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Celebrate Independent Higher Education Day 2024 with MICUA

The Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) is eagerly anticipating the upcoming Independent Higher Education Day on February 21, 2024. This day highlights the significant contributions of independent colleges and universities to workforce development, scientific discoveries, global competitiveness, civic participation, and community service. For nearly 250 years, these institutions have played a crucial role in shaping Maryland's higher education landscape, and their strong impact continues to grow.

MICUA is proud to announce that we expect over 100 students to attend the event and advocate on behalf of independent higher education. The focus of their efforts will be to emphasize the indispensable partnership between the independent colleges and universities and the State. They will express the need for continued funding to programs like Sellinger, which provided financial aid to 13,661 Maryland residents in the 2022-2023 academic year. This advocacy is vital not only for the future of independent higher education but also for the well-being of Maryland's communities and workforce.

Independent Higher Education Day is a significant opportunity for MICUA students to connect with local elected officials and express the value of private higher education in Maryland. We look forward to your participation and support in making Independent Higher Education Day 2024 a resounding success. Mark your calendars for February 21, 2024, and stay tuned for more details on this celebration of independent higher education in Maryland.

MICUA members, if your students are interested in attending Independent Higher Education Day 2024, please reach out to Irnande Altema at ialtema@micua.org. Let's make this advocacy effort a collective success!

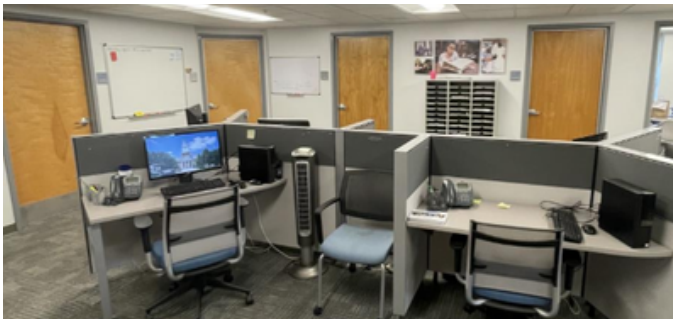


Mount St. Mary's University at Independent Higher Education Day 2023 - President Tim Trainor, Staff, and Students

MICUA Capital Project Requests for Fiscal Year 2025

During the 2024 Legislative Session, MICUA is requesting \$15.5 million in State matching capital grants to support campus renovation projects totaling \$39.8 million at Johns Hopkins University, Maryland Institute College of Art, Mount St. Mary's University, and Notre Dame of Maryland University. These four capital projects are directly related to the mission of each institution, and they support the renovation of academic buildings and outdoor spaces used for innovative and high-demand academic programs and strategic initiatives of the institutions. The renovations will be designed to maximize opportunities for student and faculty collaboration, and to promote and facilitate teaching, learning, and research. The State's \$15.5 million investment in fiscal 2025 will leverage nearly \$25 million in private resources and support over 270 new construction jobs.

Johns Hopkins University (JHU) requests a \$4.0 million grant from the State capital projects program for fiscal year 2025 to support a \$16.6 million renovation project to design, renovate, and modernize space in the Wyman Park Building 1 for Krieger School of Arts and Sciences (KSAS). This project will accommodate the relocation of four departments (Economics, Political Science, Anthropology, and Sociology) from elsewhere on campus to create a Social Sciences hub. This project will deliver approximately 57,000 gross square feet of renovated space for updated classrooms, seminar rooms, conference rooms, offices, and support space. These renovations will provide much-needed upgrades and improvements to the School's academic and research facilities, modernizing KSAS facilities and improving space utilization. They will also offer a more cohesive environment for students and faculty and accommodate projected faculty growth.



Renovation Project in the Wyman Park Building



MICA's Historic Main Building

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) requests a \$4.0 million grant for fiscal year 2025 to support an \$8.025 million renovation project for the historic Main Building. The Main Building will be updated and renovated to serve as a center for public engagement through programs and exhibitions, student learning spaces through studio and fine arts programs and for leadership, admissions and administration.

The Main Building is an iconic building in Baltimore and is on the National Historic Registry. It is a 66,000 square foot, Renaissance Revival-style marble building that evokes the feeling of a 15th-century Venetian palazzo. Currently, the Main Building is home to painting and drawing studios, undergraduate photography and foundation departments, two departmental galleries, the offices of undergraduate admissions and academic affairs, and the office of the president. Though it is no longer the College's only academic facility, it remains the heart of MICA's campus and one of the principal cultural landmarks in Baltimore and the historic district of Bolton Hill.

The Main Building is in dire need of rehabilitation of its unique glass and iron roof as well as renovation of outdated restrooms, accessibility ramps and public and academic space throughout the building. The critical role of the building would be in jeopardy without securing the integrity of the building through these much-needed renovations.

Mount St. Mary's University (MSMU) requests a \$4.0 million grant for fiscal year 2025 to support a \$8.1 million renovation of the Coad Science Building. The renovation encompasses 40,000 gross square feet of space. A separate project to construct a 10,000 gross square foot addition to the existing building is currently underway. The expansion addresses a pressing need to accommodate enrollment growth in STEM disciplines but is insufficient on its own to support programmatic growth and curricular innovation. This project will renovate the existing facility to provide state-of-the-art classrooms, research laboratories, and support spaces on par with the new building addition that together will create a learning environment that supports programmatic innovation and student opportunity.



MSMU's Coad Science Building

The Coad Science Building, built in 1964, is a 50,100-square-foot structure occupying three stories in the center of campus. The building is the centerpiece of the School of Natural Science and Mathematics, housing seven classrooms, 12 labs, and 27 offices. The project will include new construction for approximately 10,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory, "classatory", and collaborative space to enhance the learning environment. Mount St. Mary's science, technology, and mathematics programs are undergoing tremendous growth and evolution. To remain on this trajectory of academic excellence requires focusing resources to expand and modernize STEM education facilities and provide a state-of-the-art learning environment that is commensurate with the Mount's outstanding academic programs.

Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU) requests a \$3.5 million State Capital Grant for fiscal 2025 to support a \$7.1 million renovation of Fourier Hall, one of the most prominent landmark buildings on the campus that houses the Departments of Business and Economics, Art Therapy, and Studio Art, as well as others. The renovation of 43,000 gross square feet will create modern classrooms and interactive learning spaces and ensure that instructional classrooms, studios, and laboratories, the Gormley Art Gallery, and faculty and administrative spaces are modernized and used to their maximum capacity and effectiveness.

Water leaks and associated damage and remediation have intermittently put classrooms, and faculty and administrative spaces offline. Water penetration has also compromised art studios, as well as use of the Gallery, which hosts professional and student exhibitions open to the external community at large. The building mechanical systems have aged beyond their useful life affecting the building's efficiency and utilization.

The renovation of Fourier Hall, an Art Deco building which opened in 1940 and was last renovated in 1999, will update the existing infrastructure and design of the building to maintain, enrich, and expand the academic experience of the departments and programs housed in the building. The project will involve major and minor renovations and will also include a full or partial replacement of the building's custom tile roof and maintenance of the building envelope to mitigate ongoing water infiltration. Building accessibility and security, including door access control, and CCTV, will also be improved. In addition to remediating the building envelope, Fourier Hall is in need of extensive interior modernization to equip it with modern and cutting edge technology, equipment, and learning spaces which will provide enriched academic experiences.



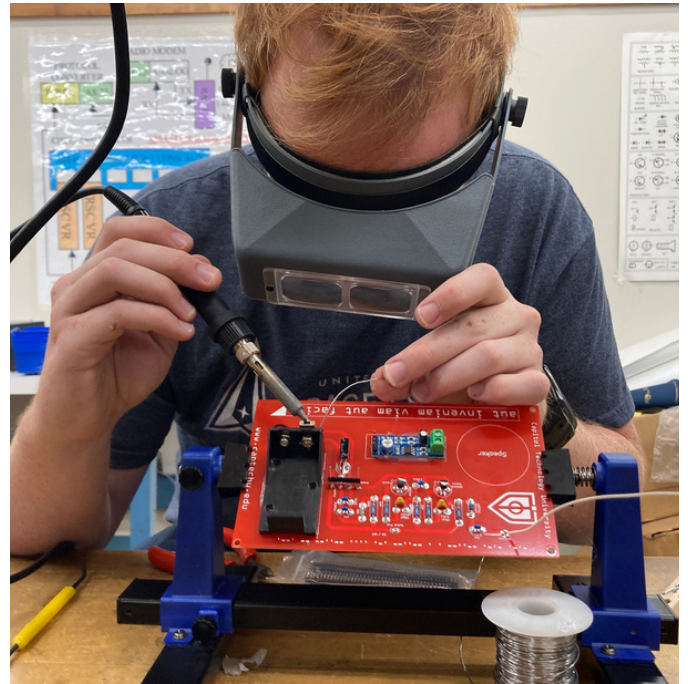
NDMU's Fourier Hall

Capitol Technology University students have a reputation in the aerospace industry for their ingenuity, creativity, and dedication. And senior Astronautical Engineering student Elijah Emory is no exception!

In recognition of his stellar academic performance and on-campus involvement, Elijah received Capitol's highest academic honor, the Avrum Gudelsky Memorial Scholarship. Elijah is currently a lab manager for both the Space Flight Operations Training Center (SFOTC), where data is collected and analyzed for collaborations with the Minor Planet Center (MPC) and NASA, as well as our on-campus Fusion Lab, a multidisciplinary makerspace for students to work together to foster new perspectives and solutions. In both of these roles, Elijah assists his fellow students and takes an active lead in countless projects related to his field of study.



Capitol student Elijah Emory at the 2023 graduation ceremony accepting the Avrum Gudelsky Memorial Scholarship Award with President Sims



Capitol student Elijah Emory soldering electronic components to a DEF CON badge

For the University's TRAPSat high-altitude balloon payload project, Elijah's team performed critical upgrades to add a discrete sampling door, and the balloon was successfully launched 70,000 feet into the sky. He also spearheaded Capitol's badge design project for the international cyber hacker convention DEF CON 31, prototyping a complex circuit board to detect hidden frequencies emitted by electronic sources. Elijah is currently in the early development phase of his senior design project as well—a lunar regolith sintering rover to utilize and manage moon dust.

Elijah aims to pursue a career in systems engineering and spacecraft design, crediting his continued passion for astronautical engineering to the Capitol professors and peers who have worked alongside him over the years.

Goucher College Announces the 2023-24 Arsht Presidential Diplomats

Goucher College selected 26 students to be Arsht Presidential Diplomats for the 2023-24 academic year, the third such cohort at the College. The program is run by the Roxana Cannon Arsht '35 Center for Ethics and Leadership at Goucher, which was established through a \$2 million gift from Adrienne Arsht in memory of her mother, a proud Goucher alumna who was the fifth female member of the Delaware Bar and the first woman judge in Delaware. The Center promotes the exploration of ethics and leadership throughout the liberal arts.

The Arsht Diplomats play a prominent role at the College, both on and off campus; they are responsible for representing Goucher at meetings with government officials and business leaders, as well as at community-facing events. With these duties, the Arsht Diplomats further develop their leadership skills while also becoming empowered to have a voice in College matters.

“This year’s cohort comes from a very competitive pool of outstanding students,” says Lindsay Johnson, Goucher’s director of community-based learning. “They truly represent the best of Goucher. The Diplomats are actively engaged in leadership roles all over campus, and this cohort can explore leadership and ethical challenges in real time—often turning to each other to collaborate and address the issues facing them as team captains or leaders of active clubs and student organizations. The program invites students to balance theory with practice and engage with innovative leaders who are navigating leadership challenges at regional, national, and international scales.”

This cohort has a cumulative GPA of 3.7 and represents 17 different majors and minors from the undergraduate and graduate programs.



President Devereaux and The Arsht Presidential Diplomats for the 2023-24 academic year



Hood College Opens Ruth Whitaker Holmes School of Behavioral and Health Sciences

On Friday, October 20, 2023, Hood College formally opened The Ruth Whitaker Holmes School of Behavioral and Health Sciences (SBHS). President Andrea E. Chapdelaine, Ph.D., and Tom Kleinhanzl, CEO of Frederick Health and Hood College trustee, welcomed faculty, staff, students and community partners to the newly renovated space.

The launch of SBHS is a joint venture between Hood College and Frederick Health, the region's largest healthcare system. Under SBHS, students will have access to state-of-the-art facilities, such as simulation labs, where they can hone their skills on mock patients, and the NeighborHood Counseling Training Center, where graduate-level counseling students offer low- to no-cost mental health services for Hood students and the Frederick community. Furthermore, these students can take advantage of experiential learning in real-world settings like primary care practices, clinics and hospitals through Frederick Health.

The new School was made possible thanks to a major gift from Hood alumna Ruth Whitaker Holmes '55, H'93, Ph.D., and her husband G. Burt Holmes, O.D. The School groups together undergraduate programs in nursing, psychology, public health, sociology and social work as well as graduate-level programs in counseling and nutrition science. The College also recently announced a host of new graduate programs, including a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Doctor of Counselor Education and Supervision (Ph.D.), which will join the SBHS roster.



Andrea E. Chapdelaine, Ph.D., Hood College President; Genevi Babati '24, nursing student; Kinsey Walker '24, nursing student; Tom Kleinhanzl, CEO of Frederick Health



The front entrance sign of The Ruth Whitaker Holmes School of Behavioral and Health Sciences



Citation of Recognition. From left to right: Tom Kleinhanzl, CEO of Frederick Health; Andrea E. Chapdelaine, Ph.D., Hood College President; Ken Kerr '81, Maryland State Delegate; Karen Lewis Young, Maryland State Senator; Ronnie Taylor, Chief of Staff for Maryland State Delegate Kris Fair '13

Expungement Clinic Offers Free Legal Counsel in East Baltimore



Volunteer offers legal assistance at the biannual expungement clinic

Johns Hopkins co-hosted its seventh expungement clinic and resource fair this fall in the Turner Concourse on the East Baltimore campus. Held in partnership with [Maryland Legal Aid](#), this biannual event gives individuals the opportunity to receive free legal counsel and potentially remove certain criminal charges and other offenses from their public records.

Previous charges that show up on background checks can significantly inhibit individuals' ability to be hired, find housing, secure a loan, or go to school. Removing those charges from public inspection gives people a chance to improve their situations, but expungement fees can be costly.

This year's event came on the heels of the REDEEM Act's passage in Maryland; the legislation reduces the wait time for nonviolent convictions' expungements by several years, meaning more people were eligible for Sunday's event than ever before.

During the clinic, 263 people requested legal assistance, resulting in 415 petitions completed. Attendees also visited an employment resource fair with organizations including [United Way](#), [Turnaround Tuesday](#), and [Out for Justice](#). The [Mayor's Office of Employment Development](#), [Department of Transportation](#), [Job Opportunities Task Force](#), and [HopkinsLocal](#).

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to literally change their lives," [Maria Harris Tildon](#), Vice President of Government, Community, and Economic Partnerships for Johns Hopkins University and Medicine, told Fox 45 News Station.



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Loyola's Karson Institute Opens First Physical Space

The [Karson Institute for Race, Peace & Social Justice](#) at Loyola University Maryland celebrated the opening of its new physical space on Monday, October 9, at the Loyola/Notre Dame Library.

The reception and opening event featured a new mural unveiling at the Library, a ribbon cutting, poetry readings, and a meet-and-greet reception. Speakers at the event included Loyola President Terrence M. Sawyer, J.D., Maryland Senator Jill P. Carter, Baltimore City Councilman Mark Conway, and Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Ph.D., founding executive director of the Karson Institute and professor of communication and African and African American Studies. The mural was designed and painted by award-winning local Baltimore artist Calvin Coleman.

Founded at Loyola University Maryland, the Karson Institute provides a scholarly space for professors, students, social justice workers, and activists to come together to research, discuss, debate, and explore answers to America's most urgent questions on inequality, injustice, and racial inequity.

"Three years ago, we opened as a virtual space," said Whitehead, recalling the initial launch via a Zoom with Loyola and community leaders in October 2020. "I worked hard along with my colleagues and community partners and donors to move to this level and make this a reality."

During the welcome event, the Karson Institute also celebrated its third anniversary, and many of the speakers praised Whitehead for her vision and leadership.

"I know that you know the meaning of space and place. I know that you understand the grounding, the rooting, that space and place provides. I know that you know better than most the foundation that that provides," said Cheryl Moore-Thomas, Ph.D., NCC, Loyola's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, while speaking at the event.



Cheryl Moore-Thomas, Ph.D., NCC, Loyola's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (left), and Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Ph.D., founding executive director of the Karson Institute (middle) with Loyola President Terrence M. Sawyer, J.D.

McDaniel College is among a select group of institutions awarded a Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE)'s Vocation Across the Academy Grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC).

The multiyear grant is being used to support the development of wellness initiatives and programming as part of the College's signature McDaniel Commitment, a customized program of courses and opportunities that guarantees every student is prepared for personal and professional success.

McDaniel plans to offer additional support to students and strengthen the impact of the McDaniel Commitment by integrating the eight dimensions of wellness—intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, financial, physical, and occupational.

“Through holistic advising, curricular development, and new co-curricular activities, we can encourage awareness of and growth across the eight dimensions of wellness and create conditions that allow students to truly focus on maximizing opportunities within the McDaniel Commitment,” said Christine Moran, Associate Vice President of Student Success. “By cultivating a bidirectional relationship between vocational discernment and holistic wellness, students will consider how their sense of well-being informs their discovery of who they want to be in the world.”

The McDaniel Commitment, which launched in 2019, is embedded within the College's general education curriculum and includes four components—My Place, My Design, My Experience, and My Career. Through the McDaniel Commitment, every McDaniel student engages in a strategic, guided vocational exploration with a team of mentors to completely tailor their personal educational path of courses and experiential learning opportunities.



McDaniel College President Julia Jasken with students during McDaniel's "Wellness Wednesdays" kickoff event



Christine Moran, Associate Vice President of Student Success



Mount St. Mary's Among Inaugural Hosts for Maryland Service Year Option: Sophomore Wida Ammar Fulfills Maryland Service Year at the Mount

When Mount St. Mary's University sophomore Wida Ammar applied for the inaugural year of the Maryland Service Year Option, she was driven by her desire to help others. In signing up as a host site partner for the program, the Mount sought to provide an opportunity for service-oriented individuals who would enjoy working with students. Fortuitously, the University and Ammar, who is a residential student, matched up. This month, Ammar began work as Junior Career Center Coordinator where she is assisting with planning and operational activities of the Career Center in support of student success.

"Our Career Center is excited to welcome Wida and have her join our efforts to benefit Mount students," said Career Center Operations Manager Matthew Pouss. "We're grateful to be a host site partner with this program, which will allow us to serve more students with career coaching and development services." The Serving Every Region Through Vocational Exploration Act, championed by and signed by Governor Wes Moore, established the new program.

Ammar and her family moved from Afghanistan to Montgomery County, Maryland, in 2019. Recognizing that most females from her home country have few opportunities, she has taken full advantage of the education and career-oriented experiences she has received over the last four years. "I believe that everyone has a purpose in life from the moment they are born," said Ammar, a cybersecurity major and music minor who is continuing as a full-time student while participating in the program. "My purpose is to help as many people as possible in the world, because if you and I don't think and care about them, then it's possible nobody else would."

"I'm happy to help guide students with their current and future career goals by providing them with new opportunities," Ammar added. "There's something about helping people and bringing a smile to their faces that makes me happy."

Through the Service Year Option, the first-in-the-nation public service year program for high school graduates, selected participants earn at least \$15 an hour and work a minimum of 30 hours a week or more. In addition to gaining skills through their service placement, participants work with support coaches to develop and refine their post-service plans. Ammar has already made new friends and connections through the training and networking events for Service Year Option members, provided by the State's Department of Service and Civic Innovation.

Following completion of the service year, participants will earn a completion award of \$6,000 that they can access as a direct payment or as a deposit into a Maryland 529 Education Account for those pursuing their studies.



Mount St. Mary's University sophomore Wida Ammar



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Notre Dame Celebrates \$9M Knott Science and Innovation Center Renovation

Notre Dame of Maryland University's historic \$45 million Go Beyond campaign is continuing to support transformational student learning. In October 2023, Notre Dame celebrated the completion of a \$9 million renovation of the Knott Science and Innovation Center, strengthening the University's position as a leader in science and health education.

More than 100 people came together at the Center's new student gathering space for a ribbon cutting to celebrate this important campaign achievement. Baltimore City Comptroller Bill Henry delivered remarks, and Baltimore City Councilman Mark Conway and Maryland State Delegate Regina Boyce were also in attendance.

The renovation creates an enriching learning environment, which includes high-tech teaching and research labs for hands-on instruction, technology-enabled spaces to encourage collaboration, and flexible classrooms for seminar or lecture classes. The center is the new home for Notre Dame's physician assistant studies master's degree program, the first such program at a private Maryland university, which started in fall 2023.

It additionally houses the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame exhibit, which honors more than 200 inductees for their lasting contributions to society. President Marylou Yam welcomed representatives from the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland Women's Heritage Center to campus in November for a dedication ceremony recognizing Notre Dame as the new home for the exhibit.



A newly-renovated learning space in the Knott Science and Innovation Center



Students, faculty, staff, administrators, elected officials, and President Marylou Yam participate in October's ribbon cutting



ST JOHN'S College

St. John's College Cuts the Ribbon on Mellon Hall Renovation With the Help of Lt. Governor Miller and State Senator Elfreth

St. John's College celebrated the grand opening of historic Mellon Hall on September 29 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring remarks from St. John's College President Nora Demleitner, Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller, State Senator Sarah Elfreth, City of Annapolis senior advisor William Rowel, and student Delegate Council president Helen Felbek (class of 2025).

Funded by a generous \$5 million capital grant from the State of Maryland, secured thanks to MICUA, and gifts from the College's Freeing Minds capital campaign, Mellon Hall has undergone a transformation that reestablishes the multipurpose building as the academic, social, and creative heart of the St. John's College Annapolis campus. Signature elements of famed architect Richard Neutra's original design have been restored—much as they were in 1958 when President Dwight Eisenhower dedicated the building—while improving accessibility and creating new performance and gathering spaces.



Lt. Governor Aruna Miller



Student-led tour of the new spaces.



From left to right: City of Annapolis senior advisor William Rowel, Dean Susan Paalman, student Helen Felbek, Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller, President Nora Demleitner, Vice President of Finance and Operations/CFO Ally Gontang-Highfield, State Senator Sarah Elfreth, Associate Dean Brendan Boyle

The lobby of Mellon Hall now opens into a welcoming commons area, and the Winiarski Conversation Room has been greatly improved in both acoustics and ADA accessibility. The popular student gathering space, the Fishbowl, has been upgraded to a more comfortable setting for deep discussion, private study, and faculty-student meetings. New additions include a beautiful light-filled studio theatre for the performing arts, located backstage of the auditorium, and an adjacent music rehearsal room, both outfitted with state-of-the-art acoustics. A new terrace and entryway create a new meeting area at the center of campus.

Stevenson University Launches Online Bachelor's in Medical Laboratory Science

Stevenson University has announced a new online Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS). Accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), the program is designed for working professionals who have earned their Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) Associate degree and have already passed the MLT American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification (BOC) examination.

The flexibility of the online program allows MLTs to gain the skills, knowledge, and qualifications of the MLS degree to advance in their field, while balancing their professional and personal lives.



The Medical Laboratory Science program prepares graduates to apply their knowledge of biology, chemistry, and medicine to test, detect, and gather information to assist doctors with the diagnosis and treatment of patients.



Stevenson has a well-established traditional undergraduate Medical Laboratory Science program with partner Sinai Hospital-LifeBridge Health.

Medical laboratory scientists work alongside physicians and other medical professionals. They use a variety of laboratory equipment to perform tests, analyze samples, record results, and interpret data to detect, diagnose, and help treat diseases.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the field will experience faster than average job growth through 2032. This will be driven by both the growing population of older adults and a greater need for medical laboratory services. Stevenson's new online bachelor's program will prepare graduates to meet these challenges while taking their careers to the next level.

Washington Adventist University Gives Almost \$400,000 in Scholarships to the U.S. Dream Academy

The annual “Power of a Dream” Gala, held recently at the Museum of the Bible, drew a crowd of 400 supporters, including Dr. Weymouth Spence, President of Washington Adventist University (WAU).

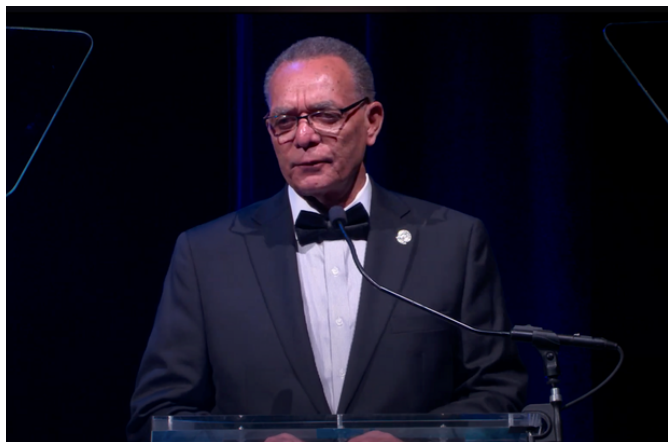
Dr. Spence attended the U.S. Dream Academy gala at the U.S. Bible Museum. There, he announced the provision of 10 presidential scholarships, ranging from \$32,000 to \$40,000, to students who surpass a specified GPA — a standard that many from the U.S. Dream Academy regularly achieve. This initiative aims to inspire these gifted students to consider enrolling at WAU, bolstering the University’s commitment to academic distinction.

By championing this partnership, Dr. Spence, recognizing the immense potential within these students, seeks to amplify access to a comprehensive Christian education for young scholars. This guidance ensures not just professional success but also eternal well-being for the students.

Dr. Phipps felt a profound sense of urgency to establish the U.S. Dream Academy after witnessing the despair of young visitors to incarcerated parents. He created the Academy to actively support children from high-crime and impoverished environments, particularly those with incarcerated parents.

Well-regarded as a gospel music virtuoso, Dr. Phipps has had the honor of performing for the last five U.S. Presidents. However, beyond his musical prowess, Dr. Phipps has touched countless lives through his commitment to children in dire situations.

The U.S. Dream Academy’s central mission is to interrupt the recurring patterns of school failure and potential incarceration. Children across the country benefit from after-school programs that offer mentoring, tutoring, and a variety of learning experiences.



Dr. Spence speaking at the U.S. Dream Academy gala

WAU is in partnership with the U. S. Dream Academy to offer virtual mentoring to students in the DC area starting in the spring semester, according to Dr. Betty Johnson, Dean for the Betty Howard Center for Student Success. With the enduring vision of empowering every child to realize their full potential, irrespective of their origins, the U.S. Dream Academy has garnered significant support. Notable backers include media mogul Oprah Winfrey and former President Bill Clinton.

Stephen Williams, the director of enrollment at Washington Adventist University, shed light on the Academy’s journey, outlining its early challenges in securing accreditation and recognition within the Atlantic Region Union. However, despite these setbacks, the Academy’s unwavering dedication has positioned it as a model for numerous other institutions. Impressively, U.S. Dream Academy students consistently demonstrate exceptional academic achievement.

Washington Adventist University is honored to be a part of this inspiring narrative of hope, ambition, and achievement.

Workplace Gold Standard Tool Added to Classroom

Washington College's new Bloomberg Terminal gives students in the Brown Advisory Program class an industry edge in managing and investing a \$1.6 million fund, part of the College's endowment. The decisions these students make about investments have real-life consequences, and the quality of those decisions relies on the quality of the data they use.

Professor Richard Bookbinder, a distinguished executive in residence and advisor to the College's Brown Advisory Investment Fund, teaches the class. He explains that a Bloomberg Terminal improves research on potential investments not just in terms of the speed and ease with which it delivers data, but also in the quality and quantity of information.

According to Bookbinder, Bloomberg has become the financial industry's gold standard because it has thousands of analysts and journalists compiling and interpreting the data around the clock.

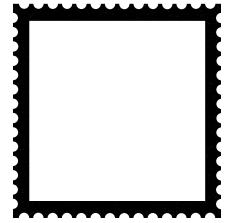
When Washington students apply for jobs or internships, they will have the advantage of theoretical knowledge of the financial world and hands-on experience using a tool most large financial industry companies use.

Caddie Putman Rankin, the chair of the business management department, agrees and says that an obvious benefit would be for finance students looking to begin their careers in mutual funds or investment firms, "All of those companies are using Bloomberg, so our students will have a leg up and already know what they're doing."

But Putnam Rankin adds that the terminal has many more applications and benefits and will be incorporated into finance, business, marketing, and accounting curricula; Bookbinder notes Bloomberg has vast databases of curated information on scientific, medical, and social research as well.



Professor Richard Bookbinder watches as a student in his Brown Advisory Program class uses the new Bloomberg Terminal to look up data on a business.



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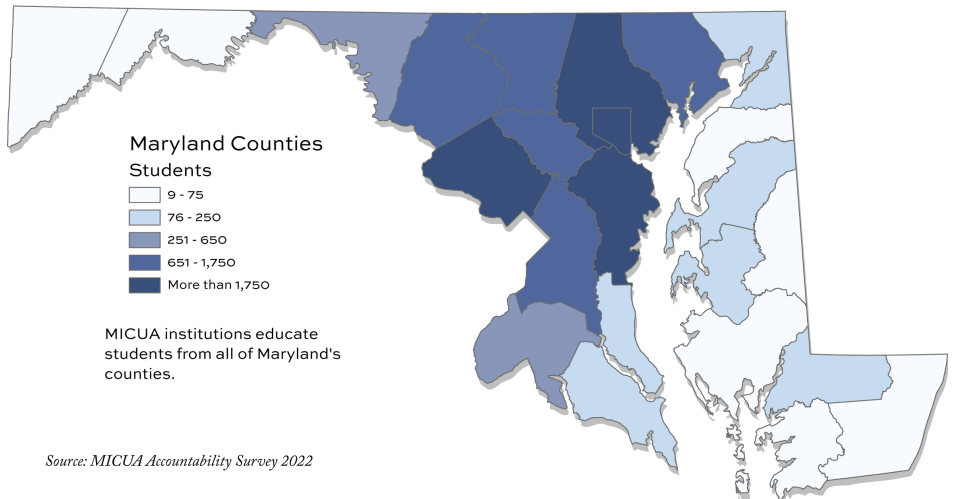
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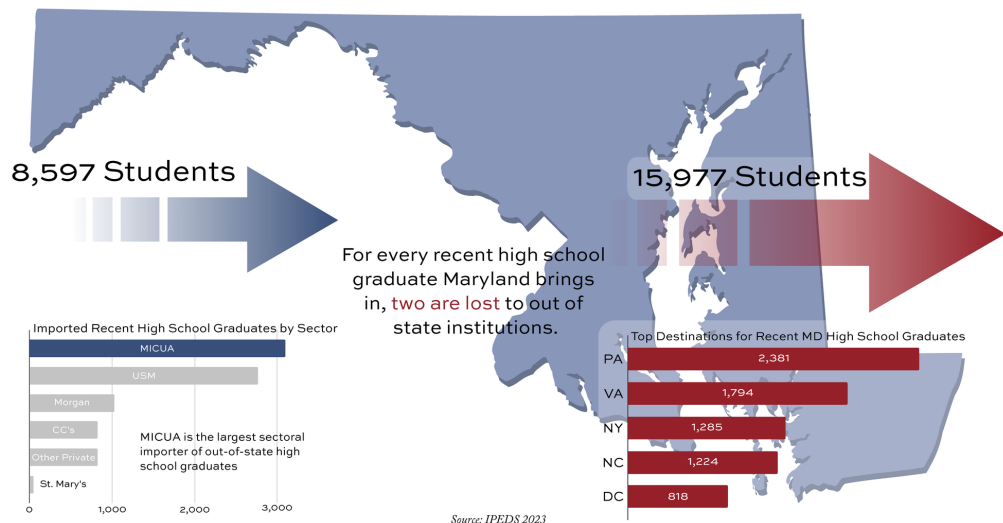
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