Mission

University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), the State’s Historically Black 1890 Land-Grant Institution, emphasizes baccalaureate and graduate programs in the liberal arts, health professions, sciences and teacher education. In keeping with its land-grant mandate, the University’s purpose and uniqueness are grounded in distinctive learning, discovery and engagement opportunities in agriculture, marine and environmental sciences, technology, engineering and aviation sciences, health professions and hospitality management. Degrees are offered at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels.

UMES is committed to providing access to a high quality values-based educational experience, especially to individuals who are first-generation college students of all races, while emphasizing multicultural diversity and international perspectives. The University serves the education and research needs of businesses, industries, government and non-government organizations. The University is committed to meeting the economic development needs of the Eastern Shore, state, international development priorities of the nation and commercialization and entrepreneurial ventures of the University through engagement activities and partnerships.

UMES is a teaching/research institution that nurtures and launches globally competent citizens. It will continue to embrace its interdisciplinary curriculum, sponsored research initiatives, rural and economic development priorities and community engagement. UMES will continue to expand its partnerships and collaborative arrangements with the University System of Maryland institutions, other universities, community colleges, public schools, government and other external agencies and constituencies.
Dear Friend:

As we strive to be the best and to provide our students with the brightest opportunities, we focus on the road ahead. Along the way, it’s equally important to celebrate how far we have come. This year, in preparing to be assessed for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, we were required to take a moment to look back on the journey thus far and reflect on what we have achieved.

It is my great pleasure to share with you the fruits of that reflection.

First and foremost, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education not only reaffirmed the accreditation of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, it found no areas with deficiencies and several to praise. Its glowing report provides the inspiration for this retrospective glance on an exciting year. We looked back even beyond this year when our place in American history was affirmed with the installation of a marker proclaiming the University as a site on the National Register of Historic Places. Twenty years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, descendants of slaves on Maryland’s Eastern Shore established Princess Anne Academy. Those founders and the mere nine students who first pursued their educations here in 1886 shared a dream that we continue to pursue today.

We have held onto that dream and continue to earn high praise even as we enroll a record number of students. Today, more than 3,800 students walk our 766-acre campus in pursuit of educational, professional and personal excellence. We support their efforts and, like them, reach even higher.

Thankfully, we are not alone in this pursuit. We have been the grateful recipients of some exciting philanthropic investments. The Physical Therapy Department received a $275,000 gift from the estate of Mrs. Ethel F. Royster to establish the Louisa Jane Royster Endowment Fund in honor of her deceased daughter who served at UMES as assistant professor and academic coordinator of clinical education until 1998.

Peninsula Regional Medical Center of Salisbury, MD, announced a $60,000 gift to the University to help fund a faculty position in the Department of Physical Therapy. UMES has named its new Cardiopulmonary Laboratory in recognition of the establishment of the PRMC Clinical Instructorship in Physical Therapy.

UMES also partnered with the National Association of Home Builders. This partnership funded activities to enhance the Construction Management Technology Program and student opportunities to be engaged in a professional network.

Such opportunities – to reach out into the community and to practice the professions for which they are preparing – are part of our mission at UMES and grew in number this year. On March 15, 2006 UMES opened a new, free Orthopedic and Sports Physical Ther-
apy Clinic for UMES students and the community. The clinic will offer various physical therapy examinations, evaluations and therapy. The Clinic hopes to become the regional leader and innovator in orthopedic and sports physical therapy. The staff includes highly trained physical therapists and physical therapy students and aides.

We also formed a partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Bennett College for Women. Together we hope to improve and provide pre-service teachers with far-ranging skills and opportunities that will enhance their competence in teaching mathematics, science, and usage of technology.

The University’s efforts to enhance international education continued. Our Center for International Education provided opportunities for 13 students to study at Cape Coast University for a semester in Ghana, West Africa.

Several of our professors, administrators, faculty and staff have received local, regional and national awards and recognition for their work.

Many of our athletes carried Hawk Spirit with them into their playoff seasons. The Lady Hawks Bowling Team completed a remarkable season with two post-season National Championship appearances and a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title. These young ladies are scholars, as well. The National Tenpin Coaches Association not only placed four of our players on the All-Region team and named MaryEtta Lewis an All-American but also announced that four UMES bowlers are Academic All-Americans.

The Hawks baseball team had its best season since 1995, finishing in second place in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Three Hawks finished in the top 20 national rankings in Indoor Track. We are proud of our student athletes – on the playing field and in the classroom.

Hard work also paid off for UMES at the Honda All-Star Academic Challenge. Team UMES entered the competition as one of 64 challengers and made it all the way to the Sweet Sixteen. The UMES team finished divisional play with a record of six wins and one loss, qualifying for a berth in the Sweet Sixteen. The top students, including our own, were featured in USA Today on April 17, 2006.

The University received a total of $18,670,266 in grants and contracts for the fiscal year. The Department of Natural Sciences re-
received a major competitive grant award of $12.5 million for five years from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support UMES’ Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center (LMRSC).

The Hawk Institute of Space Sciences (HISS), a division of UMES’ Maryland Hawk Corporation, was chosen as the Engineering Support Contractor to provide engineering support to the Wallops Flight Facility.

As a result of these efforts to expand the institution’s involvement in leading edge technology, new courses are being added at the University to fill the growing need for students and graduates ready to lead the way.

You will find these and other landmarks of the year in the following pages. From the re-affirmation of the University’s accreditation to these and countless more individual accomplishments, it has been an exciting year at your University.

Our place in American history was affirmed with the installation of a marker proclaiming the University as a site on the National Register of Historic Places.

Celebrating the University’s place in history are (from left): Princess Anne Town Manager Jay Parker, Somerset County Historical Society President Gale Yerges, President Thelma B. Thompson and Delegate Page Elmore.
Global Mission Takes Thompson to China

In keeping with a strong commitment to international educational linkages, President Thelma Thompson joined a delegation of state government and higher education leaders this summer to travel to China as part of Maryland’s “Sister State” relationship with China’s Anhui Province.

Led by Maryland Secretary of State Mary Kane, the delegation, with Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, Calvin Burnett, and the Secretary of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, James Fielder, met with Chinese higher education and government officials in an effort to formulate mutually beneficial initiatives and strategic partnerships.

The Maryland Sister States Program was established in 1980 to provide a forum of international cooperation and understanding. It comprises 10 global relationships on five continents. On this trip, Dr. Thompson presented a paper on Land Grant Universities to the group.

President Thompson also took the opportunity to visit the University’s Chinese business partner, Jet Green Orchid Laboratories. With other team members, she toured the orchid nursery and an impressive array of research laboratories in place to support the industry.
Thompson Addresses
Alternative Sources Of Energy

University of Maryland Eastern Shore’s President Thelma B. Thompson, in a visit to Capitol Hill, contributed to a forum focused on alternative sources of energy. Discussions centered on forging new partnerships to produce new sources of energy, one of the many concerns of historically black colleges and universities.

Sponsored by the Council of 1890 Universities of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges in cooperation with the Historically Black Colleges and Universities seventh annual Congressional Forum, the George Washington Carver Forum celebrated the achievements of the African-American botanist.

The Council of 1890 Universities is one of several councils of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC). The Council is made up of presidents/chancellors and represents 20 historically/traditionally black land-grant universities in 17 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Council represents the interests of the 1890 System and works closely with the 18 non-land-grant, “public” historically black universities (HBUs). Working together as a System of “public” HBUs, these universities serve as economic instruments of the nation, transforming the knowledge they produce into solutions designed to improve the quality of life for all humankind.

Partnerships with business and industry and particularly those involved in energy and food, agriculture and natural resources are an integral part of the mission of public HBUs—education, research and extension and public service.

Thompson served as one of seven speakers during the forum. Other speakers included: Clinton Bristow Jr., chair, Council of 1890 Universities and president, Alcorn State University, MS; Mike Johanns, secretary, United States Department of Agriculture; Frank Newport, editor-in-chief of the Gallup Poll; Paul Camuti, president, Siemens Corporate Research; Napoleon Moses, vice president for academic affairs, Alcorn State University, MS; and Earl Richardson, president, Morgan State University, MD.
Enrollment Growth at UMES is Second Highest in University System

A preliminary fall enrollment report placed UMES second among University System of Maryland (USM) institutions in enrollment growth for the fall 2005 semester.

“Five institutions: Coppin, Salisbury, Towson, UMCP and UMES grew between 1 and 11 percent,” noted a memo from USM Chancellor William Kirwan. “Our residential campuses grew overall and are poised to meet full demand should funding become available.”

At 3,800, UMES enrollment for fall 2005 increased by 2.5 percent (95) students over fall 2004, second only to Coppin State University with an 11 percent increase. Towson (1.9 percent), College Park (1.2 percent) and Salisbury (1.0 percent) all reported increases.

Full-time enrollment grew System-wide by 1 percent among undergraduate students and 3 percent among graduate and professional students. Part-time enrollments accounted for the overall decline.

First-time, full-time undergraduate enrollment at USM institutions increased by 3 percent. At UMES, half of the first-time freshmen were the first in their families to attend college.

“We fully expect our enrollment growth to continue, even in a declining market, because UMES is becoming recognized around Maryland, the country and even internationally for its value as a higher education destination,” said President Thompson. “It is particularly important that we continue to attract first-generation college students, reflective of our founding mission to provide higher education opportunities to the under-served in our society.”

UMES has the highest graduation rate among Maryland’s historically black colleges.

The team commends UMES on the progress it has made on institutionalizing systematic planning, the broad based buy-in and participation by all constituencies of the University, and the linkage of planning processes to assessment. The Technology Plan is an excellent example of the linkage of planning to institutional improvement and renewal.

At winter commencement ceremonies in December, President Thelma B. Thompson presented an honorary degree to artist and environmentalist Mitzi Perdue. Other recipients at that ceremony were businessman and philanthropist Richard Hazel and award-winning Prudential representative Sol Hicks. UMES conferred 195 bachelor’s degrees, 36 master’s degrees and 17 doctoral degrees with students from 13 countries.

One of five special commendations from the Re-Accreditation Team.

A research laboratory on the shores of the Atlantic has secured funding, thanks to the efforts of UMES and its Department of Natural Sciences. The University received a major competitive grant award of $12.5 million for five years from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support the Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center (LMRSC).

Lead by UMES, the LMRSC is a collaborative effort among UMES, Delaware State University, Hampton University, University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute Center of Marine Biotechnology, Savannah State University and University of Miami, Rosensteil School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.
UMES is preparing its community partners and its students to boldly go where few have gone before. The Hawk Institute of Space Sciences (HISS), a division of UMES’ Maryland Hawk Corporation, has become the Engineering Support Contractor for the Wallops Flight Facility.

HISS, which is based in nearby Pocomoke City, MD, will be a subcontractor to CSC and will provide aerospace engineers, technicians and support personnel to the team.

As a result of these efforts to expand the institution’s involvement in leading edge technology, new courses are being added at the University to fill the growing need for students and graduates that possess these skill sets. These courses include “AVSC 288: Gateway to Space” that will serve as an introduction to space sciences for technical and non-technical students. In the course, students will gain hands-on experience and be prepared to work on payloads for balloons, satellites, cube-satellites and unmanned aerial vehicles.
UMES Systems Management
Expertise Wins Defense Contract

UMES is one of six institutions to be awarded a prestigious Department of Defense (DOD) Minority Institutions Technology Support Services II (MITSS II) contract. The University has already received task order awards to support program management and assurance work that will help expand the military’s communications capability and reliability.

Under the contract, UMES personnel will work at off-site facilities, including military bases and DOD sites, to provide data services infrastructure for the Defense Information Infrastructure (DII) that promotes data sharing and interoperability; develop DII Common Operating Environment (COE) technical architecture through enterprise systems management integration and implementation engineering; and provide engineering management for the design, definition and development of delivery of the DII COE Common Support Applications.

“UMES’ partners for the MITSS II contract include Salisbury University. Staff from both universities will collaborate with other partners to win task order awards,” said Dr. Ronald Forsythe, vice president for planning, assessment, technology and commercialization. “Indirect costs resulting from these awards are used by the University to support the school’s ongoing efforts to provide quality academic experiences for its students.”

The four-year MITSS II contract provides an excellent venue for University staff to serve the nation and support the troops. “UMES and its partners are working to meet the requirements of today’s military while gaining new capabilities and experience,” said Forsythe.

The University’s newest academic building, Hazel Hall, is named for Richard F. Hazel, former president of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Salisbury. His $3 million gift to UMES is the largest philanthropic gift ever made to a historically black college in Maryland history.

The new facility is home to several academic departments, and provides facilities that mirror those the students will find when they enter any of the health care professions for which UMES prepares them. Rooms in Hazel Hall range from a state-of-the-art physical therapy clinic to an office and conference room for the Dean of the School of the Arts and Professions.
Physical Therapy Program
Opens Campus-Based Clinic

A new Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy Clinic (OSPTC) has opened its doors at UMES. The clinic currently serves students and will ultimately open to the community.

With the support of federal Title III funds, the Department of Physical Therapy operates the clinic on the first floor of Hazel Hall, in Room 1096.

The clinic offers physical therapy examinations and evaluations, musculoskeletal sports and orthopedic rehabilitation, pre- and post-surgery rehabilitation, modalities, therapeutic exercise programs, hydrotherapy, gait training, isokinetic strength testing and manual therapy.

The UMES OSPTC hopes to become the regional leader and innovator in orthopedic and sports physical therapy. The staff includes highly trained physical therapists and physical therapy students and aides.

The brainchild of Dr. Raymond L. Blakely, acting dean of the School of Health Professions and chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, the OSPTC has been established to provide clinical education experiences for UMES physical therapy students, to promote scholarly activities for students and faculty and to provide affordable, accessible, comprehensive, high-quality physical therapy services.

The team commends the UMES Office of Student Retention for its role in assisting students to succeed, which ultimately increases retention for the University. The retention unit has clearly defined its goals and the essential strategies that are needed to increase students’ awareness of available academic services.

One of five special commendations from the Re-Accreditation Team.

Commendation II
SGA President
Completes Leadership Program

Terrell Fleming, Student Government Association president at UMES, received a certificate for completing the Nissan Student Government Leadership Program. The honors were presented to Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) students by Jim Morton, senior vice president of administration and finance for Nissan North America, and Dr. Beverly Hogan, president of Tougaloo College.

Fleming attended the inaugural session of the Nissan Student Leadership Program in Tougaloo, MS, on the campus of Tougaloo College. He was among 60 student government association presidents from HBCUs invited to participate in the intensive development and training program, a series of leadership sessions usually reserved for senior executives of Fortune 500 companies.
Agriculture Faculty Members Lead Winning Research and Extension Team

A multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional team of researchers, extension educators and others who joined together to improve water quality on the Delmarva Peninsula was recognized for its collaborative effort at a national conference in New Orleans. The project, led by faculty at UMES, was awarded one of two top honors at the Joint Conference of the Association of Extension Administrators and Association of Agricultural Research Directors (AEA/ARD). The primary focus of the conference was to enhance the commitment to interaction between the research and extension, or outreach, components of the 1890 (historically black) land-grant universities.

The conference featured presentations of innovative and integrated research and extension programs among the 18 1890 land-grant institutions. UMES was given the Systemwide Integration Award, which included a $1,000 prize. The Delmarva water quality project was entitled “An Integrated Approach to Agricultural Nutrient Management for Water Quality Protection.” The submission developed for this award was coordinated by Dr. Arthur L. Allen, a nutrient management scientist at UMES.

Results from this work will allow UMES researchers and extension educators and others to advise local, state and regional policy makers, conservation district managers, educators and farmers about improved ditch management practices to reduce nutrient and heavy metal transport off farms, improving water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and other coastal bays. These recommendations, if implemented, will improve the economic viability of Maryland’s agriculture and seafood industries and promote tourism on the Delmarva Peninsula.
Hedgepeth Named Harvard Outstanding Alum

Dr. Chester Hedgepeth, director of the African Language Project and professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages, this year was awarded Harvard University’s Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award at a ceremony held on the Cambridge, MA, campus.

Hedgepeth earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Blackburn College, a master’s degree in literature from Wesleyan University and a doctoral degree in literature and administration at Harvard University.

Now a member of the faculty at UMES for more than 23 years, Hedgepeth is directing the African Language Project, which started on the campus approximately 12 years ago. His most recent workshop, given in Baltimore and attended by the federal government, showcased the project’s progress on two particular government contracts, wherein UMES is involved in corpus building to preserve two African languages, Izon and Urhobo, both spoken in the Delta Region of Nigeria. In addition, the UMES team continues its work in automatic language processing.

Brockett Receives Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award

Dr. Ramona Brockett, assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, received the Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award during the 43rd annual Conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).

Brockett received her Ph.D. in criminal justice at Rutgers University in 1998, has worked with UMES for two years and has been an active member of ACJS since 1995. As the national executive counselor for the Women and Minorities Section of the organization, a position she has maintained for three years, she works closely with many criminologists, especially black criminologists, throughout the country.

According to Brockett, Gilbert was a well known criminologist who died suddenly in August of 2004. During her time, she was one of the leading black female criminologists in the field. She was 52 at the time of her death.

One of only four African American women in the country to hold a Juris Doctor and a Ph.D. specifically in the area of criminal justice, Brockett has an upcoming work, Civil Liberties and the Changing 21st Century Criminal Justice System, to be published by the Carolina Academic Press.

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. ACJS promotes criminal justice education, research and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice for both educators and practitioners.
Gift Links UMES Grads, Homebuilding Industry

In construction, success is having a good plan and strong materials. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) is investing in both with a gift to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to start an NAHB student chapter and provide promotional materials for the UMES Construction Management Technology Program. The National Association of Home Builders, through its philanthropic arm, the National Housing Endowment, is investing $100,000 in UMES.

The grant will fund initiatives to enhance the program and the resources available to market it to promising students and to enhance curriculum content in residential construction. More importantly, it provides increased opportunities for CMT students to participate in external learning and recruitment programs such as NAHB national conventions.

“Our graduates are hired by area builders at an impressive rate,” said Department Chair Dr. Leon L. Copeland. “The goal of this program is to prepare well-educated professionals for challenging careers in the construction industry.” Dr. Copeland added that the Construction Management Technology Program has been accredited by the American Council for Construction Education since 1991.

“This is a reflection of the larger initiative by President Thompson to enhance the quality of programs at UMES,” said School of Business and Technology Interim Dean Dr. Ayodele Julius Alade. “It will also provide for increased enrollment with continual quality improvement in instructions and graduation rates. With this gift, UMES graduates will help contribute to solving the increasing and pressing demands in the construction labor market and also help contribute to the regional Home Building Association needs.”

The team commends the University for delivering flexible and tailor-made course offerings and unique academic and certification programs to diverse groups of students in off-site locations that are in the student’s own “backyards.”

One of five special commendations from the Re-Accreditation Team.
UMES Doctorate Program
Reaches Upper Shore Students

UMES is now in the third year of its Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, offered at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center on the Chesapeake College Wye Mills campus. Students who currently hold a teaching certificate in career and technology education, special education or guidance and counseling may pursue a doctorate degree.

The three-year program is designed to accommodate adult learners using a fast-paced delivery model. Each cohort of students completes core courses in foundations of leadership the first year; core courses, strand courses, an internship and comprehensive exams the second year; and a dissertation for presentation to a research advisory committee during the third year. Classes meet two out of every five weekends during the semester on Friday evening, all day Saturday and all day Sunday.

Dr. Harry Hoffer, director of the Educational Leadership Program, is excited about the success of the program offered at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center. “The collaboration between UMES and the Higher Education Center allows us to address the issue of leadership in education on the Eastern Shore and beyond. We have students who travel from as far away as Pittsburgh to be part of this growing program.” Forty students registered for the spring 2006 semester and another 20 students are expected to enroll for the fall 2006. Hoffer described the academic and scholarly challenges of the program: “We used to ask the question, ‘Are you good enough to get into the doctoral program?’ but now we have to ask, ‘Are you good enough to finish the program?’”

He went on to say, “Teachers work with the hearts, minds and souls of children. We need to be selective in choosing the best of the best for this program in educational leadership.”

Journal Examining African Criminal Justice Has UMES Home

A peer-reviewed international journal dedicated to African criminology and criminal justice that is unique in the field is preparing to publish its third online edition. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore hosts the journal and Dr. Emmanuel Onyeozili, associate professor of criminal justice, serves as managing editor. He says it fills a long-standing gap in the literature of the discipline.

Late in 2003, UMES won a bid to host the African American Criminal and Justice Association (ACJA) and produce the journal. In April 2005, the first edition of the African Journal of Criminology and Justice Studies (AJCJS) was published online (http://www.umes.edu/ajcjs). The journal publishes two editions a year.
UMES is on course to exceed its expectations in the area of student learning outcomes assessment.

One of five special commendations from the Re-Accreditation Team.

Commendation V

Susan Buckson-Greene (UMES ’92)
Is Milken Award Winner

UMES alumna Susan Buckson-Greene was honored as the winner of the $25,000 Milken Family Educator Award. Buckson-Greene, a 1992 graduate of UMES, is currently a language arts teacher at Washington High School in Atlanta, GA. Georgia Schools Superintendent Kathy Cox surprised Buckson-Greene with the award at a ceremony at Washington High.

“Susan Buckson-Greene is a shining example of someone who has dedicated herself to education and is having a huge impact on our children inside and outside of the classroom,” Cox said.

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) Superintendent Dr. Beverly L. Hall, herself a former classroom teacher, said winning the award would be a ‘life-changing experience” for Buckson-Greene.

“For an educator, there is no greater satisfaction than helping a child understand and learn a new concept or idea — and then building upon that knowledge,” said Hall. “We are a school district focused on instructional excellence, and we are very proud that one of our own is being rewarded for demonstrating excellence — particularly from such a prestigious organization.”

Buckson-Greene has been a teacher since 1992 and has taught since 2001 at Washington High, where she developed the Success Hook-Up Curriculum. She was named APS High School Teacher of the Year in 2004-05. She currently teaches classes, is a lead teacher, and is a graduating coordinator and advisor for the Future Educators of America, Inc. chapter.

Buckson-Greene was among hundreds of teachers nominated by their colleagues for the award. A blue-ribbon panel at the Georgia Department of Education selected five finalists and the Milken Family Foundation chose the winner.
**Academic Team Reaches**

**Sweet Sixteen in National Challenge**

Hard work paid off for a rookie team that entered national competition as one of 64 challengers and made it all the way to the Sweet Sixteen. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore Fighting Hawks that competed at the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge possessed focus and teamwork to rival that of any athletes. These competitors didn’t face a physical challenge. Instead, they answered tough questions.

From March 30 through April 3, the Hawks competed against 64 other historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in the national academic tournament in Orlando, FL. Throughout the competition, the UMES team displayed a willingness to play and a drive to win.

The UMES team finished divisional play with a record of six wins and one loss. This qualified the Hawks for a berth in the Sweet Sixteen and, ultimately, they finished in 14th place. Meredith Esguerra, a freshman majoring in agribusiness from Fresno, CA, led her team in scoring with a total of 310 individual points, earning third place in the division.
UMES, NASA Partner to Prepare Teachers

A new generation of educators will be better prepared to teach math, science and technology thanks to a newly formed collaboration.

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore has partnered with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to improve and provide pre-service teachers with far-ranging skills and opportunities that will enhance their competence and confidence in teaching mathematics, science and usage of technology.

With the University as co-sponsor, UMES administrators attended the 11th annual National Pre-Service Conference in Alexandria, VA, Jamie Escalente (of Stand and Deliver fame) was one of five keynote speakers. Approximately 400 pre-service teachers and faculty from around the country attended, representing Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HISs).
Alumni Achievements

This year many of our alumni were recognized by their peers for their achievements and contributions. Here are a few:

Art Shell (UMES 1968) was named the head coach of the Oakland Raiders in spring 2006, returning to the franchise more than 11 years after his first stint with the team. He was the first black head coach in modern NFL history. “It’s coming home,” Shell said, in an article in the Salisbury Daily Times, “It’s coming home to finish what I started.” Shell, 59, played football at UMES (then Maryland State College). He had been working as the senior vice president of football operations and development for the NFL, having left the Raiders in 1994. Raiders owner Al Davis praised Shell, saying, “Its tradition, history, wrapped up all in one when you mention the name Art Shell.”

William L. Mapp, III (UMES 1999) and his company have developed a Pocket PC that the U.S. Census teams will use for their 2010 report. Mapp’s company, BA Systems, will provide engineering expertise for the project, making data acquisition and analysis faster and less costly.

Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D. (UMES 1984), director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, received the first annual Minority Health Knowledge Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health. The award is given to honor those who contribute substantial research, as well as written and published work, that advance knowledge about minority health and the elimination of health disparities. These efforts must also have led to or inspired others to contribute to the body of knowledge needed to close the minority health gap. LaVeist has authored over 30 articles in the last five years alone, and in 2005 published the first textbook on minority health and health disparities, entitled Minority Populations and Health: An Introduction to Health Disparities in the United States.

Cheryl Denice Frazier, RD, LDN (UMES 2002) has been named Maryland’s Young Dietician of the Year. At its annual meeting, the Maryland Dietetic Association awarded the honor to Frazier, a 2002 graduate of the Human Ecology Program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Frazier, went on to graduate from the University of Maryland College Park Dietetic Internship.
Concert Choir Performs
Series of Concerts in Germany

There was a time when artists might have been asked to sing for their suppers. One group of performers recently did more than that – and received more in return. The Concert Choir of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore presented a series of concerts across Germany and was given the opportunity to explore that country’s centuries-old culture. The 22 students, under the direction of Dr. Sheila Harleston, gave three performances, singing works by Clausen, Handel and many others. Gregory Gardner joined the choir as guest soloist.

The May concert series began with an Armed Forces Day celebration in Hanua and included performances at St. Johannes’ Lutheran Church and St. Leonhard’s Church, both in Frankfurt.

While in Germany students took advantage of the chance to explore historic Wiesbaden and the picturesque Rhine and Main rivers. Naturally, they also found time for shopping and other sightseeing.

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore Concert Choir consists of a unique group of students who represent many academic disciplines. They bring to the organization not only their musical talent, but their diverse backgrounds, personalities and character traits. The Concert Choir exemplifies the axiom - the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. They have become ambassadors for the University, traveling to the Bahamas in 2004 and France in 2005.
Dr. Anke Van Wagenberg
Appointed Mosely Gallery Director

Ernest Satchell, chair of the Department of Fine Arts at UMES, announced the appointment of a new director for the Mosely Gallery on campus.

“Because of our growing department and increase in students majoring in fine arts, we felt we needed to create a new position, a combination of gallery director and an instructor in art history. We advertised nationally and are thrilled to have Anke Van Wagenberg on board, with her extensive gallery and teaching experience,” said Satchell.

Dr. Van Wagenberg, who holds a Ph.D. in art history as well as a double master’s in art history and archaeology, both from the Vrije University in Amsterdam, in her native Netherlands, comes to UMES from Washington D.C., where she worked as the research and exhibition assistant to the well-known Vermeer scholar Dr. Arthur K. Wheelock, Jr. She also worked on exhibitions at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore as an expert in Dutch and Flemish painting of the Golden Age. She has published many scholarly articles, given lectures and written or co-written several books while currently is preparing a monograph on two Dutch still life painters.

Her love for her profession extended beyond the college environment when she began organizing art history study trips to Italy, for a combination of students and people from the community. Her next trip takes her and a group of 18 to Greece and Italy.
In the Wake of Hurricanes,  
UMES Jazz Ensemble Performs Benefit Concert

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore Department of Fine Arts presented the UMES Jazz Ensemble in concert, featuring legendary jazz greats: Dr. Larry Ridley, Steve Turre, Dr. Donald Byrd and John R. Lamkin III. Proceeds benefited victims of Hurricane Katrina via the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation (MHOF). The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) matched dollar for dollar donations given to MHOF on behalf of victims of Katrina and Rita.

“We offer a music education program here at UMES,” said Dr. John R. Lamkin II, director of the University bands. “So what better way to aid the children affected by such a horrendous catastrophe and to show support for the Music Education Programs in New Orleans and the surrounding areas that have been completely decimated than to help to raise funds to get those music programs up and running and to get music instruments back in the hands of the students.”

Dr. Lamkin has been an instrumental music educator for over 30 years and says he knows what it’s like for students not to have instruments to play. “Given the severity of Katrina and Rita,” he said, “I feel the least I can do as a music educator is to help my fellow band directors and their students get back on their feet.” The Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation helps to provide instruments, uniforms, music and audio equipment, as well as many of the other resources necessary to help to get school music programs running again.

Ridley, a legendary bassist, began his extraordinary professional career at age 15. In international concerts and nightclubs as well as on radio and television, he has performed and recorded with some of the greatest talent in jazz, such as Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Sonny Rollins, Thelonious Monk, Dinah Washington and Herbie Hancock. In addition to his performances, Ridley is professor of music, emeritus of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and is currently serving in his 13th year as Jazz Artist in Residence at the Harlem-based Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library.

Turre, once dubbed the “trombone evangelist,” began playing gigs at the age of 13. His extraordinary talent allowed him to play with the likes of Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Ray Charles and the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Jazz Orchestra. Currently he performs with the Saturday Night Live band and is considered one of the most accomplished and visible trombonist in the world.

Byrd, an acclaimed trumpet player, is a composer, scholar and educator. A native of Detroit, he began his career as a musician during the 1940s and became one of the most sought after artists of the hard bop era, playing and recording with such legendary names as Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane. In the 1970s, the famed composer, arranger and bandleader earned a Ph.D. and a law degree. In the ’80s and ’90s, he returned to his jazz roots, recording with peers such as Joe Henderson and Bobby Hutcherson and with younger musicians like Kenny Garrett and Mulgrew Miller. To his credit, he has written scores for radio orchestras and movies and
has over 60 recordings. He is known for his best-selling album, “Black Byrd,” which led to the formation of his students into the “Blackbyrds,” a hit group of the mid-’70s. He has taught several courses at the University of Delaware where he has been able to expose a new generation of jazz musicians to his rich and colorful history as a performing artist.

Percussionist and composer John Lamkin III is a graduate of Berkley College of Music and tours regularly with saxophonist Donald Harrison, a talented post-bop soloist with a personal, angular style, who is from New Orleans. Lamkin has also played with Lionel Hampton, Roy Hargrove and Kenny Garrett and has recorded with Harrison and with trumpeter Darren Barrett.

MHOF supports music education and its many benefits through the donation and repair of musical instruments to under-served schools, community music programs and individual students nationwide. It was inspired by the acclaimed motion picture Mr. Holland’s Opus, the story of the profound effect a dedicated music teacher had on generations of students. The film’s composer, Michael Kamen, founded MHOF in 1996 as his commitment to the future of music education.
HRM Students
Shine at Gala

As excited as the ticket holders are, no one looks forward to the UMES Carnival Gala quite so much as do the students in the Hotel Restaurant Management (HRM) Program. The evening of March 4, HRM students tested their skills as chefs and servers, gaining career experience managing a formal dinner for 400, something none of their peers from culinary schools can claim.

“They do everything,” boasted Chef Ralston Whittingham. “I’m a facilitator, but they get it all done.”

The Gala is the high point of a busy spring semester. Twice a week, the department serves up a gourmet luncheon, roughly one-tenth the size of the Gala. There, as in the Gala, students are the managers and staff, with faculty on hand to ensure that things go smoothly. Each week, the jobs rotate, so that students get experience in every position: first-year students out front greeting and serving the guests; more advanced students preparing and plating the meals.

On one particular Thursday, Tomessa McGraw is the dining room manager; another time she was a server. For her, the best part of this job is the experience she is gaining. The most difficult part is being manager-for-a-day to her classmates. Before the lunch guests arrive, she reviews procedures with her staff, whose work she’ll evaluate after the last plate has been cleared away.

“This gives us each a chance,” she said of the gourmet luncheon experience, “to experience what it’s like to manage.”

Her professor, Richard Gormley, facilitates the management team’s work in the dining room in much the same way
Chef Whittingham does in the kitchen. Both are proud of the experience these students gain — and of the work they do. Gormley is animated as he gives the serving staff their last-minute pep talk, then subdued as he guides hosts Ashley Brown and Anthony Destry in greeting and seating the guests as they arrive. Throughout it all, he is watching each detail and supporting their work.

As for managing the dining staff, McGraw finds that her classmates are eager to help one another out. “We’re so close,” she said. “We were in classes together last semester, so we have no problems.”

Her classmates agree. “Everyone helps everyone else,” said hostess-for-the-day Brown. “If someone is finished clearing his table, he’ll help you with yours.”

The same spirit of cooperation holds true in the kitchen, where students help one another dish the entrée onto the plates, each one a masterpiece. For these students, the meal began the day before, with the prep work for each item on the menu. One student confesses she prefers working on the day of the event, when the pace in the kitchen picks up and, along with it, the level of excitement.

In the kitchen, as in the dining room, students rotate from job to job weekly, so each learns from a variety of experiences. Ashantai Jenifer is happy to be working in the bake shop. As she puts the finishing touches on a tray of desserts, she talks about her own preference for the quieter, if more intense, atmosphere of the bake shop. Having worked in restaurants and, of course, in other positions in the HRM kitchen, she is discovering her niche.

As the desserts are cleared away and 50 satisfied guests prepare to leave yet another in the University’s highly regarded (and sold out) gourmet luncheon series, things in the kitchen begin to quiet down, except in the dish room. There the temperature is rising and the work is well in hand. Gormley and Whittingham take advantage of the time to talk one-on-one with the student managers and review what they have learned.

The goal — and most often the result — is an enjoyable and gracious dining experience for the guests. One student noted that last week, the first of the spring series, was a disaster. But did the diners know? “No!”

For the HRM students at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, it’s one more glimpse of a career they are learning to love.

Dinner Theater
The University of Maryland Eastern Shore Drama Society, under the direction of Dr. Della Dameron-Johnson, presented the musical “Golden Slippers” in the Richard A. Henson Center on the UMES campus.

“Golden Slippers,” written by Ned McIntosb and Edgar Delong, offers a biographical sketch of the life of James Bland, an accomplished musician and prolific songwriter responsible for composing over 700 songs, including “Oh! Dem Golden Slippers,” “In the Evening by the Moonlight” and “Carry Me Back to Old Virginny.”
Lady Bowlers Take Hawk Pride to Two National Championships

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore Women’s Bowling Team competed in a pair of national tournaments, finishing in third place at the 2006 United States Bowling Congress (USBC) National Championships. Just weeks earlier, the team learned it had finished seventh in the nation in NCAA rankings.

“What an amazing way to end the season,” said Head Coach Sharon Brummell of the USBC event. “Sure we wanted to win it all, but we came in focused and played like a team. We earned the top seed in qualifying and then made the semi-final round where we fell to a very good team. We even played them the best of anybody in our match-ups. I am very proud of these young ladies.”

One of the young ladies who has earned the coach’s esteem is MaryEtta Lewis, who was named to the 2006 USBC All-Tournament Team. She is one of two seniors – the other is Sandra Maresca – the Lady Hawks will miss next year.

“We’ll be back again,” said Brummell. “We will really miss Sandra and MaryEtta, but we have some solid recruits coming in and a great group of young ladies returning. The Hawks are a team you can’t look past. I think this year more than ever we have earned the honor of being considered one of the better teams in women’s bowling.”

Beyond their athletic achievements, four members of the Lady Hawks Bowling Team have been honored for their academic performance. The National Tenpin Coaches Association announced that four UMES bowlers are Academic All-Americans: MaryEtta Lewis, Christine King, Jamie Culbreth and Laura Zanrucha. They join 42 other NCAA student-athletes as Academic All-Americans for the 2005-06 academic year. A minimum 3.40 grade point average for the fall semester was required to make the team.
For the first time in its history, UMES sent track stars—three of them—to compete at the NCAA Championships. They didn't disappoint.

Sophomore Jason Daley had the best finish of any Hawk. Daley took 11th place overall in the men’s long jump with a distance of 7.44 meters. Daley was seventh in his heat. His 11th place finish was better than athletes from Washington, Indiana and North Carolina State universities.

He provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships at the Hawks' first indoor meet of the season. Daley recorded the 10th highest mark in the country this season in the men’s long jump with his leap of 7.71 meters (25.29 feet).

Dwayne Robinson attended his second straight NCAA Championships in the hurdles. Robinson ran a strong time of 7.93 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles. The time, however, did not qualify him for the finals and he finished in 15th place overall. The junior qualified in the men’s 60m hurdles at UMES’ Coach O Invite. That time put him 14th in the nation in that event.

Fellow junior Danieth Pryce made her NCAA Championship debut in the 60-meter dash. Pryce finished 19th in the event with a time of 7.56 seconds; not fast enough for the finals, but still very respectable. Pryce’s qualifying time of 7.32 came at the 2006 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Championships and ranked her 15th in the nation in her event. That time also broke a conference record.

In 2006 the University of Maryland Eastern Shore baseball team put in its best performance since its 1995 season, winding up in the Championship Game of the 2006 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

The Hawks, while hoping for a better outcome, have a lot to be proud of, tallying a 17-34-1 mark, their best since 1995 when they posted a 25-28 campaign.

‘An outstanding year,” said Head Coach Bobby Rodriguez. “We have a lot to be proud of, these kids worked hard. I owe it all to my seven seniors who led the team by example. It was a great season for the Hawks.”

UMES recorded three wins in the tournament in five games and saw some outstanding individual performances. For their play the Hawks placed five players on the All-Tournament Team.
Gifts to the UMES Foundation Surpassed $1 Million Mark

From alumni to faculty and staff members, from friends to philanthropic foundations, from corporations to churches, some very generous people gave in support of UMES and its mission in Fiscal 2006.

Some gifts are highlighted in these pages. All are appreciated and needed.

The chart that follows offers a snapshot of the people who chose to invest in the University, its students and its future.

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Gift in Honor of Late Faculty Member Supports PT Program

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore Foundation received a gift from the estate of Ethel F. Royster to establish the Louisa Jane Royster Endowment Fund in honor of her deceased daughter. The $275,000 gift will support and benefit the UMES Department of Physical Therapy and its faculty. Funds will be available beginning the fall semester of 2007.

“The UMES family is most appreciative of this generous gift in honor of Dr. Louisa Jane Royster, a dedicated and talented professor and researcher who served as a role model to her colleagues and students in the Physical Therapy Department,” said Dr. Thelma B. Thompson, president of UMES.

Dr. Royster earned a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy at the University of Pennsylvania in May 1970 and was certified as a physical therapist in October of the same year. In December 1990, following a stint at Villanova University, she earned her Doctor of Philosophy in health professions education at the University of Pennsylvania. In August 1993, Royster came to UMES and served as assistant professor and academic coordinator of clinical education until 1998, when she passed due to terminal illness.

“During the period when the Physical Therapy Program was transitioning from the baccalaureate degree to the entry-level Master of Physical Therapy, Dr. Royster was instrumental in expanding the geographic location of clinical affiliation sites and enhancing the research component of the new graduate curriculum through her expertise in bioethics,” said Dr. Raymond Blakely, acting chair of the Department of Physical Therapy and acting dean of the UMES School of Health Professions. “The Royster Fund will allow the program to financially support students during their final clinical affiliations (especially those that are placed out-of-state) and will help support student attendance at professional meetings where they will present their research findings.”

An instructional classroom, housed in the Physical Therapy Department located in Richard F. Hazel Hall, was named in honor of Dr. Louisa Jane Royster. The department comprises 33 students and graduated its first class of Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates during the May 2005 commencement ceremony. In 2002, the department transitioned its entry-level Master of Physical Therapy Program (MPT) into the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT). The DPT program requires a bachelor’s degree in a related field, takes three years to complete and is designed to meet the Standards of Practice of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Accreditation Standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
Ricardo Queen (UMES ’72)  
Pledges Faculty Gift

In a show of Hawk Pride, J. Ricardo Queen, Class of 1972, pledged $25,000 for faculty development and support in all academic departments at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The endowment is established, in tribute to his parents, as the Edna and J. Queen Endowment Fund.

An English major at the University, Queen remembers his classes with Dr. Mary Fair Burks, an English faculty member. After graduation, he went on to teach eighth grade English, before acquiring a number of government and sales jobs that led him to Xerox, where now, more than 30 years later, he serves as national account manager for some of Xerox’s top clients such as GTE, NAPA and Delta Airlines.

Offering UMES time as well as money, Queen has also agreed to be a member of the Advisory Council for the UMES Campaign of Excellence, a seven-year fundraising effort.

In recognition of the Queen gift, the Edna and J. Queen Faculty Lounge will be established in Hazel Hall.

Burks Wins UMES Bernstein Award

Tyesha Burks of Millville received the Richard Bernstein Achievement Award during spring commencement ceremonies at UMES. The award carries with it a cash prize of $5,000 and was established with an endowment gift from Mr. Bernstein.

Burks graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a grade point average of 3.99 on a scale of 4.0. For her academic success, she has been accepted to a number of doctoral programs and plans to accept the offer of a full scholarship from Johns Hopkins University, where she will study molecular biology.

The Richard Bernstein Achievement Award for Excellence is reserved for UMES seniors graduating in business, accounting, engineering technology, construction management technology, science, computer science or mathematics. The recipient must demonstrate leadership abilities at school and/or in the community, the ability to be effective on an interpersonal basis, a high degree of integrity and the ability to work with others. He or she must also be someone who has had to overcome physical or personal obstacles to earn their degree. Finally, there must be evidence of outstanding performance in academic work and demonstration of the potential for continued scholarly efforts.
PRMC Invests in UMES Physical Therapy Program

Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) announced a gift of $60,000 to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to help fund a faculty position in the Department of Physical Therapy. UMES named the Peninsula Regional Medical Center Cardiopulmonary Laboratory in recognition of the establishment of the PRMC Clinical Instructorship in Physical Therapy.

“We are grateful for Peninsula Regional’s vote of confidence in one of UMES’ premier programs,” said UMES President Thelma B. Thompson. “Our Physical Therapy Department is known nationally for its quality and for its graduates’ high performance on the National Licensure Examination. Benefits will accrue to those involved in this partnership. I am pleased.”

“This partnership will increase classroom capacity and help to ensure that we have an adequate number of well-trained and highly qualified individuals to provide physical therapy care and services to an ever growing aging population. Our hope is that we can attract even more students into the Physical Therapy Program at UMES from our region and welcome them as future members of the Peninsula Regional health care team,” added Alan Newberry, president/CEO of Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

UMES and Peninsula Regional have worked collaboratively since 1998. Dr. Greg Martel, UMES associate professor and coordinator of the Cardiopulmonary Laboratory, and Jeanne Ruff, director of the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Department at Peninsula Regional, have initiated and conducted three separate research projects involving exercise and its effects on individuals with cardiac, pulmonary and peripheral vascular disease. These projects have resulted in six presentations at national meetings held by the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Physical Therapy Association, and the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. In addition to these research activities, Ruff has provided annual lectures to UMES physical therapy students, and Martel has provided periodic research updates for the cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation staff and the Division of Cardiology at the Medical Center.

UMES physical therapy graduates enter the workforce well prepared for clinical practice, earning a high new-graduate employment rate. The program boasts an ideal student-faculty ratio with hands-on learning and early clinical application. In addition, students and faculty members collaborate on research projects and present at state and national meetings. As students, physical therapy majors develop the knowledge and skills required to perform as autonomous, independent practitioners of physical therapy in a rapidly changing healthcare system.
Delmarva Power Gives $28,000 for UMES Scholarships

Acting on behalf of the UMES Foundation, President Thelma B. Thompson was the recipient of a Delmarva Power gift from John Land, former vice president for Corporate Support Services at Conectiv Power Delivery (now Delmarva Power) and founder and CEO of the Delmarva Classic Golf Tournament. The gift will support UMES students who are Maryland residents and are in need of financial assistance.

Land, long-time friend and supporter of UMES, began making Delmarva Power’s tradition of annual contributions in 1998. To date, the company has contributed a total of $121,000 for scholarships, providing aid for 11 UMES students.

“It is with the help and generosity of people like Mr. Land that we do the extraordinary things we do here at UMES,” said Dr. Thompson, UMES president.
The Links Gives to Scholarship Fund

The Princess Anne Chapter of The Links, Inc., contributed $5,000 to President Thelma Thompson and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Foundation during this year’s Ebony Fashion Fair event. The gift to the University will go toward providing scholarships for undergraduate students.

“The Princess Anne Chapter of Links, Inc. has established this endowment fund to reward and assist those in financial need who have demonstrated academic success as UMES undergraduate students and who have engaged in university and community service and leadership. The organization also provides scholarships to high school graduates,” said Dr. Carolyn Brooks, event coordinator and UMES dean of the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences.

“The endowment fund is the organization’s way of not only assisting individual students, but more importantly of supporting the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a historically black institution that continues to educate men and women of talent and ability,” said Brooks.

To date, the Princess Anne Chapter of Links, Inc. has contributed $20,000.

Scholarship Support Provided in Nelnet Gift

Nelnet administrators Robin Jenkins and Diahann Covington presented a $25,000 check, made payable to the UMES Foundation, to President Thelma B. Thompson for student scholarships.

Nelnet, Inc., one of the nation’s leading education and education finance companies, is focused on providing quality student loan products and services to the nation’s schools and students. Based in Lincoln, NE, the corporation offers a broad range of financial and educational services, including simplifying the financial aid process.

Jenkins, executive director of Nelnet Campus Solutions, said during the check presentation, “Our goal is to establish a long-term relationship with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, particularly in providing enrollment support.”

UMES recently experienced one of its highest enrollment periods in history during fall 2005, enrolling some 870 freshmen, 50 percent of whom are first generation college students.

“Our major emphasis is on academics,” said the visionary Thompson. “Everything else, research shows, will fall into place. We are thankful for the gift.”
Perdue Farms Incorporated, true to its commitment to encouraging academic excellence in food science and technology, has provided University of Maryland Eastern Shore graduate student Sivaranjani Pagadala with a $2,000 scholarship. Pagadala is the first recipient of the Perdue Farms Food Science & Technology scholarship, created in conjunction with the opening of the multi-million dollar Perdue Innovation Center in Salisbury last July.

“We realize that to stay on the cutting edge of new-product development, we need to encourage individuals to pursue the specialized training necessary to be a part of that team in the future,” said Dave Owens, vice president of research and development at Perdue Farms. “It is our honor to encourage academic excellence in the fields of food science and food technology and to show our support for UMES’ doctoral program.”

Pagadala, who is from India, came to the University with a master’s degree in cell biology and biogenetics. She is a graduate research assistant who is currently pursuing the doctoral degree in food science and technology. Her specific course of study as a research assistant involves listeria, a foodborne pathogen.

The Perdue Farms Food Science & Technology scholarship is one that will be awarded annually on the basis of merit with preference given to a deserving UMES student from the Eastern Shore.

The UMES Food Science and Technology Doctoral Program, through its teaching, research and outreach programs, works to enhance the safety, quality and availability of foods important to the Eastern Shore region, including poultry, seafood, produce and small farm animals. The program is housed in the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences, under the leadership of Dr. Carolyn Brooks, dean.

Perdue is the No. 1 brand of fresh chicken in the Eastern United States. Ranked third in sales in the poultry industry, Perdue Incorporated is a leading international food and agriculture business, providing quality products and services to customers in more than 40 countries.

Privately held and family-run for three generations, the company employs more than 20,000 associates and partners with 7,500 independent farm families — all who share in the commitment to quality, service and reliability that has guided the company since its founding in 1920.
Hedgepeth Memorial Award Presented

William McDaniel, a May 2006 graduate of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, was awarded the $1,000 Dr. Thelma W. Hedgepeth Memorial Prize in Mathematics and Computer Science.

McDaniel, a native of Fort Washington, graduated cum laude from the UMES General Honors Program with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science. A high achiever, his university performance at UMES extended outside of the classroom.

“As an advisee, he was exemplary: made appointments early, arrived on time, was courteous and was always prepared with questions and concerns,” said Annette Noble, lecturer in the Department of Math and Computer Science. “As a student, he was very studious and oftentimes lent his assistance to help other students understand complex techniques.”

In addition to his academic endeavors, McDaniel worked in the Information and Technology Department installing and debugging software. He co-authored a paper with Dr. Malik B. Malik, assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and his classmate, Maria Brooks, entitled “Toward An Algorithm for Deriving Mixed Sampling Distributions with a Discrete Part.” Most recently, he and Brooks teamed up to win first place in the first annual Computer Programming Competition.

The Dr. Thelma W. Hedgepeth Award was established in 2004 by Dr. Chester Hedgepeth, associate professor of English, in honor of his late wife, who served UMES for many years in various capacities of leadership. Regardless of her rank and title, however, her love remained with the Department of Math and Computer Science.

Said Hedgepeth, “I have worked at some of the best institutions of higher learning, and students at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore are ‘second to none.’

“Once you win their confidence, they can excel in cognitive, emotional and any other kind of intelligence put before them. We are a solid, academic and research-oriented institution; and we are happy when our students shine.”
Singleton (UMES ’59)  
Gift Endows Scholarship Fund

An alumnus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Allen J. Singleton, Class of 1959, has made a five-year $50,000 pledge to the University's Campaign for Academic Excellence to establish an endowment. The fund provides need-based scholarships to students pursuing degrees in business and/or education.

Singleton’s initial payment of $25,000 is the largest one-time contribution by an alumnus of the University. Singleton has spent 45 years as an educator, entrepreneur, administrator and philanthropist. In making his gift, Singleton stated that “education is the key to the good life” and hopes that his contribution will encourage other alumni to give.

To commemorate Singleton’s generous contribution, a lecture hall in the University’s newest academic building, Hazel Hall, was named in his honor. The following inscription, selected by Singleton, welcomes students as they enter the Allen J. Singleton Lecture Hall: “Keep climbing, reaching landings and turning corners…” from *Mother to Son*, by Langston Hughes.

Among those receiving their degrees from The University of Maryland Eastern Shore were international students from eight different countries, including Barbados, Cameroon, Canada, Ethiopia, Liberia, Nigeria, Peru and St. Thomas, B.V.I. Graduates came from 13 states and the District of Columbia. Some 246 of the graduates were from Maryland.

UMES celebrates Commencement twice each year. The University awarded a total of 444 bachelor’s degrees, 86 master’s degrees and 20 doctoral degrees in this academic year.
Gala 2006
The 2006 Gala was a great success, by any measure. Co-Chairs Connie Strott and Dr. Robert Harleston (who chairs the Criminal Justice Department) guided a dedicated team of volunteers and staff. We welcomed a record number of guests. The event raised some $40,000 in funds for the Gala Endowment Fund, which provides merit- and need-based scholarships.
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Mission

University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), the State’s Historically Black 1890 Land-Grant institution, emphasizes hallmark and graduate programs in the liberal arts, health professions, sciences and teacher education. In keeping with its land-grant mandate, the University’s purpose and uniqueness are grounded in distinctive learning, discovery and engagement opportunities in agriculture, marine and environmental sciences, technology, engineering and aviation sciences, health professions and hospitality management. Degrees are offered at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels.

UMES is committed to providing access to a high quality, values-based educational experience, especially to individuals who are first-generation college students of all races, while emphasizing multicultural diversity and international perspectives. The University serves the education and research needs of businesses, industries, government and non-government organizations. The University is committed to meeting the economic development needs on the Eastern Shore, rural development needs of the state, international development priorities of the nation and commercialization and entrepreneurial ventures of the University through engagement activities and partnerships.

UMES is a teaching/research institution that nurtures and launches globally competent citizens. It will continue to embrace its interdisciplinary curriculum, sponsored research initiatives, rural and economic development priorities and community engagement. UMES will continue to expand its partnerships and collaborative arrangements with the University System of Maryland institutions, other universities, community colleges, public schools, government and other external agencies and constituencies.