

Joint medical school envisioned in Salisbury

By Jeremy Cox - Daily Times Staff Writer

The Eastern Shore could be home to Maryland's fourth medical school, if the region's health and education leaders have their way.

Peninsula Regional Medical Center has inked a partnership with UMES and two other universities to study the idea of opening a four-year medical school at or near the hospital, which is home to the Shore's largest health system and only trauma center.

The agreement, signed in October, envisions the creation of a satellite campus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Existing health education and research programs at UMES and Salisbury University would be integrated into the new school, it states.

Because of the need to find a location and raise money, construction isn't likely to begin for three to five years, officials say.

In the meantime, PRMC is in talks with UMB about establishing a residency program for recent medical school graduates at the hospital.

"We have a significant shortage of physicians in all specialties on the Delmarva Peninsula," said Peggy Naleppa, PRMC's president and CEO.

"We know with health care reform and thousands of more people soon



joining the insured ranks locally that the demand for not only primary care physicians but also doctors in all specialties will increase dramatically," said Naleppa, a member of UMES' Board of Visitors.

The Eastern Shore is experiencing shortages in 18 of 30 physician categories, according to a 2008 study funded by the Maryland Hospital Association and the Maryland State Medical Society.

Studies show more than half of all physicians will set up practices within 50-60 miles of where

they attended medical school or were in residencies, Naleppa said.

The region also stands to gain economically, she added.

"Doctors opening practices on Delmarva will employ staff here, purchase supplies locally and, in turn, contribute to the economies where they work or live," she said.

Dr. Bruce Jarrell, senior vice president of academic affairs at UMB, sounded more tentative about the partnership.

"There's not a lot to show at this point," he said. "There are a lot of requirements for accreditation and those things take time."

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Bell announces provost choice

B. Bell announced to the campus this week.

Dr. Ronald A. Nykiel is UMES' new provost and vice president for academic affairs. He will join the university's administrative team Feb. 5, President Juliette B. Bell announced to the campus this week.

With over 20 years of senior management experience and a like number of years in higher education, Nykiel joins UMES after serving as founding dean of the college of business at Husson University, a private institution of 3,500 students in Bangor, Maine. In addition to a traditional menu of majors, Husson also offers degrees in pharmacy, physical therapy, and hospital and tourism management.

"I am pleased to welcome Dr. Nykiel as part of my senior leadership team. His extensive experience in academia and the corporate world, along with his expertise in strategic planning and marketing will be invaluable as UMES continues to position itself to better serve our students, the region, state and nation."

An author, business executive and educator, Nykiel holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the State University of New York, a master's degree in Spanish from Penn State and a doctorate in management with a

focus in organizational and behavioral studies from Walden University.

His business career includes managerial and executive experience with IBM, Xerox and the Marriott Corp. He has been an officer of Holiday Corp., Ramada Inc., Nestle's, the Stouffer Hotel Co. and Grand Met's Pearle Inc.

Nykiel was a consultant for two presidential commissions, various federal and state entities, and numerous corporations.

His academic credentials include serving as vice chancellor for financial affairs and treasurer of the University System of New Hampshire's board and holding the Conrad N. Hilton Distinguished Chair at the University of Houston, where he is credited with founding the Hospitality Industry Hall of Fame. He also served as chairman of the Hospitality Industry Diversity Institute.

Nykiel is an accomplished speaker who has addressed many corporate and association groups and has lectured at the Harvard Graduate School of Business and other universities on such subjects as corporate strategy, marketing, consumer behavior, brand management, service excellence and executive development.

He is also the author of more than a dozen books on advertising, marketing, consumer behavior and service excellence and has contributed numerous articles to a variety of publications, including serving as publisher of the Hospitality Business Review.

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UMES alumnus discusses historic letter by MLK

The **Rev. Sherman L. Lambert Sr.**, (Class of 1974) is scheduled to deliver a Black History Month lecture titled, "Peace and Brotherhood: The Continuing Relevance of Dr. King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail." The Feb. 21, 3:30 p.m. lecture in the Student Services Center Theatre commemorates the letter's 50th anniversary.

Lambert will discuss Dr. King's message and examine the continuing role of the church in modern civil rights issues.

Lambert, a Washington, D.C. native, has been the senior pastor at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Pleasant Valley, Md. for the past 11 years. He has served on the board of directors of the American Baptist Churches of the South since 2003 and is the co-founder and president of its Development Corporation and a member of its Mission Center's board. In 2009, Lambert was appointed to the board of directors of the American Baptist Churches, USA. He also serves on the boards of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the National Ministries.

Lambert graduated from the Howard University School of Law where he was selected as the special articles editor on the Howard Law Journal.



His first position was as law clerk with the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement in Washington. He has worked in several law offices in Washington, including: Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon; Daniels Houlihan & Palmer; and Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw—the second among domestic law firms in the nation and 10th internationally. Lambert is a member of the U.S. International Trade Court and is the former vice president for Hudson Global Resources in New York. The latter, which owned Monster.com, is the largest legal staffing company in the world.

A member of the West Virginia State Bar, Lambert practices in federal and state courts there and is a former city judge of the City of Charles Town. The Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP awarded him a distinguished service award for integrity and legal services to residents of the State of West Virginia.

Lambert and his wife, Yolanda Marie, formed a non-profit organization dedicated to youth ministry. He also sponsors an AAU basketball team called "Lambert Law," which won the 2008, 2009 and 2010 Basketball Classic tournaments in Ocean City, Md.

Fine Arts students adorn Ella Fitzgerald Center with mural

Dedication celebration features UMES Concert and Gospel choirs



From left: "Ella Glory" by Travis Chambers, "The Blues" by Shannon Hampton and "Dream Girls" by Chris Padmore.

If you have recently been in the lobby of the Ella Fitzgerald Center for the Performing Arts, six vibrant paintings likely caught your eye.

Created by fine arts students concentrating in graphic illustration, the artworks mostly depict famous musicians. They came about as a class project for Advanced Representational Painting, said Christopher Harrington, chair of the Department of Fine Arts and instructor, and have served a couple purposes.

Harrington said he would like to have the arts more visible on campus and has been trying to "bring the two sides of the Fine Arts Department (music and art) together." The mural has addressed both goals along with adding to the aesthetics of the building. "The walls have been virtually vacant since the building was built," he said. "They seemed to be calling out for something."

A dedication celebration featuring the concert and gospel choirs takes place Feb. 17, at 4 p.m. in the Ella Fitzgerald Center.



From left: "Soul Player" by Cameron Jones, "The Lesson" by Travis Chambers and Shannon Hampton and "Scream and Shout" by Cameron Jones and Christopher Padmore.

The artists, all seniors, created one piece on their own and one with a partner. Travis Chambers was the first to graduate in December. Shannon Hampton, Chris Padmore and Cameron Jones are scheduled to follow suit in May.

Jones' "Soul Player" was inspired by his best friend growing up in Baltimore, Miguél Bailey, who died in June 2012. "He was big into music—R&B and jazz—in particular," he said. "I dedicated my painting to him."

Jones said he and classmates "had more fun with the project" because they were given more freedom with the paintings for the mural than other assignments in the class.

"We also teamed-up on them," he said. "It was a good experience to learn the different styles and techniques of the other person."

The event is free and open to the campus and community. Call 410-651-6571 for more information.

Faculty Spotlight

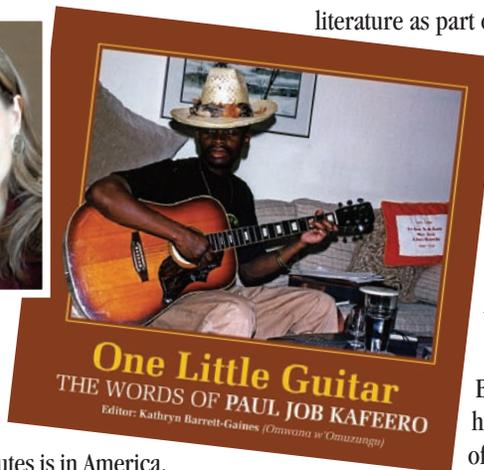
Kathryn Barrett-Gaines, director of UMES' African-American studies program, has authored a new book about her late husband, a popular entertainer in Uganda, where she reports that its publication has been enthusiastically received.

"One Little Guitar: The Words of Paul Job Kafeero" is described in one book review as "a literary and pictorial recreation of the musical career of this genius."

During the recent winter break, Barrett-Gaines travelled throughout Uganda on a promotional tour, doing newspaper interviews, appearing on radio and TV shows as widely watched in that African nation as Oprah or 60 Minutes is in America.

"The book is the first of its kind in Uganda, and maybe in Africa," Barrett Gaines said in December. "It's getting a lot of attention," in part, because she also is widely known there as a singer and comedienne.

A reviewer wrote that her book "is the only complete collection of every word he recorded in 83 songs on 21 albums during his 20-year career. It celebrates the life of this cultural icon and preserves a serious body of



literature as part of the cultural legacy of all Ugandans."

Kafeero died in 2007 and Barrett-Gaines recognized his status as a Ugandan icon was worth preserving. She assembled not only in his words, but photos as well.

The book reviewer notes that Kafeero "is the most celebrated composer and singer in the Kiganda tradition of Kadongo Kamu, the only popular music form indigenous to Uganda."

Here are excerpts from correspondence Barrett-Gaines shared with The Key chronicling her whirlwind book tour, where she got a taste of what it is like to be a popular author.

She was a week-long guest co-host of a drive-time radio show, which led her to share this anecdote:

"I autograph more than a hundred copies of my book. My favorite is for the king of Buganda, the Kabaka. I am nervous, making sure I use exactly the right title, which might translate to 'His majesty, father of all men, king, long may he live.'"

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Human Ecology chair to attend leadership training

Dr. Nina Lyon Bennett, chair of the Department of Human Ecology, in addition to her duties at the university, will participate in the Food Systems Leadership Institute over the next two years.

Bennett was accepted into the program this past fall and has already attended one session at N.C. State in Raleigh—the host site. Another session takes place this month at The Ohio State University. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo is another partner. Bennett will participate in interactive distance learning sessions in between.

The institute is an executive leadership development program for professionals who work in academia, industry and government. The goal, Bennett said, is to develop leadership skills to benefit participants' personal growth and to facilitate organizational change. An interdisciplinary perspective of food systems is also explored.

Bennett's first session was "getting to know ourselves and our leadership styles." She said the group discussed "what the food system is all about and how broad and complex it is."

The second session will expand on information from the first. Participants will perform assessments to increase their self-awareness of their leadership styles and use the information to develop a personal plan with the assistance of a professional coach. In the second year, the fellows will apply what they have learned to an individual leadership project.

FSLI is a program of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. Initial funding was provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Visit www.fсли.org for more information.

UMES graduate school names student services coordinator

Wele Elangwe joined the staff of UMES' School of Graduate Studies this semester as its student services coordinator. Her primary responsibility will be working as the liaison between graduate school program coordinators, staff and faculty to coordinate graduate student services.

Elangwe earned a Bachelor of Laws degree (with honors) from the University of Buea in her native Cameroon and a master's in business law from the University of Yaoundé II in her hometown. She worked from 2006 to 2008 as program and communication officer of the United Nations Regional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, where she supported human rights education and sensitization programs geared to an 11-country region with a diverse population.

She also is an honors graduate of Indiana University's law school with a master's in international law. As president of the Master of Laws Association, she organized social events emphasizing the law school's diversity, creating a positive collegiate experience for students and earning the association the 2010 Outstanding Multicultural Program of the Year award.

Elangwe did free legal work in immigration services on behalf of low-income residents in the Indianapolis area and received a gold level award of excellence for her performance. This past summer, she volunteered for the United Nations Senior Human Rights Advisor's Office in Kigali, Rwanda.

While at Indiana University, Elangwe was a graduate assistant to the external faculty director, Graduate Programs and the Program in International Human Rights Law. That opportunity, she said, provided "a wealth of experience in the administration and management of student and personnel affairs within the American higher educational system."

Elangwe, who lives in Salisbury, is eager to bring her legal training and her experience and passion for working in higher education administration to UMES' graduate school. She is fluent in French and enjoys music, reading and cooking.



"I will never forget the elderly lady who hugged me after her surgery and called me her 'angel' just because I provided comfort and a smile, or the dad who, with tears in his eyes, said in broken English 'God bless you for all you do!'"

"I will never forget the grace, dignity, and kindness of the people of Nicaragua. I saw how a small group of dedicated parents can provide physical therapy for the children of their barrio, how a priest and his small parish support the less fortunate, and how hard local healthcare providers work with very limited resources and less than adequate equipment."

Dr. Veronique Diriker,
UMES' director of development



Dr. Veronique Diriker

UMES volunteers join medical mission to Nicaragua

I visited Central America in early January, traveling with La Merced, a Salisbury-based nonprofit organization that provides specialized medical services and supplies to the poor, focusing on our neighbors in Nicaragua.

This was no ordinary trip for fun or leisure, but a chance to help Nicaraguans with their medical needs. Going into this experience, I knew I would be helping people, but I could not have known the profound impact it would have on my mind, heart and spirit.

I learned many new things. The La Merced team was able to change the lives of almost 400 patients providing orthopedic, plastic surgery, dental and general medical care. I was able to inject, stitch, intubate and educate. Using my skills as a pharmacy student and respiratory therapist to help the unfortunate was rewarding, but learning new skills is a blessing that I will utilize for the rest of my life.

My heart grew tremendously throughout this medical mission. Helping people who would otherwise not seek medical help makes you realize how lucky we have it in America. Seeing the thankful expressions the people of this poor country had for just a few minutes of your time really puts things into perspective and reminds us how grateful we should be to have the medical help we need. More importantly, seeing the families be happy and love each other even though they only make \$200 dollars a month and live in tin shacks makes one realize what is most important in life.

The spiritual growth I experienced was life changing, whether it be attending an authentic Spanish mass or receiving thanks from a country that gave you just as much as you gave them. Spirit is not about any religion or god in my eyes; it is about being fulfilled inside and knowing you truly make a difference. Our team was culturally diverse, but together we helped many people of this poor nation and formed a bond that will never be broken.

Not only did I learn new medical concepts, but I learned a lot about people and families and what really matters. It's not about who has the most money or nicest things. It is about coming together as human beings and helping those who are in need and are less fortunate. When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find it is those who share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. I was able to share so much with the people of Nicaragua thanks to the La Merced team. The meaning this journey had could have never been imagined but only realized through the opportunity to help so many.

Submitted by Donald D'Aquila, UMES Pharm. D. candidate, Class of 2013



Donald D'Aquila

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If the medical school moves forward, it won't be anytime soon, Jarrell cautioned.

A consulting firm hired by the coalition recommended that its members create an Eastern Shore medical school and residency program, they said.

Established medical schools have created satellite campuses to give students opportunities to train in different social and economic settings. The University of Florida College of Medicine is based in the college town of Gainesville but operates a second campus 70 miles away in Jacksonville's inner city.

It makes sense for SU to be involved because of its well-regarded nursing program and the presence of other disciplines, such as social work, that support a hospital, SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach said.

For its part, UMES looks to bring its physical therapy, physician's assistant and pharmacy programs into the new school's fold, President Juliette B. Bell said.

"A satellite campus in our midst, where future doctors can get training,

would have a wide-ranging impact on our campus and the economic development of the Lower Shore," Bell said. "More doctors are needed in rural areas and we are ready to provide the undergraduate training to prepare them for those advanced studies."

Maryland's three existing medical schools are at UMB, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda.

PRMC and the three universities have agreed to conduct an "intensive study" of the proposals through April 30.

"The possibility of spinoff research that typically goes along with medical studies means students and faculty at UMES would be able to interact with those professionals more closely, and thereby broaden the learning and teaching experiences on our campus," Bell told The Key.

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BOV Member honored for 50 years of service to fraternity

Jesse T. Williams Sr., Maryland State College (now UMES) Class of 1962, was recognized this past Saturday at the “Living Legacy Luncheon” of the Delta Gamma Sigma Graduate Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity for 50 years of service.

Williams was one of six members honored for service—from 50 to 75 years—to the organization and the community. Dr. William Hull, a former professor at the then Maryland State, was also recognized (75 years).

“The Living Legacy Award honors these men's commitment to Sigma and more importantly, their families and their communities,” John Allen, a fraternity brother and vice president, Delmarva Power Region, said. “They are all outstanding individuals that have paved a way for young men to follow.”

Williams has served as past president of the chapter along with other leadership roles, Allen said. He helped develop and implement initiatives such as the Sigma Beta Club, Sigma Education, an annual Thanksgiving drive, as well as



Jesse Williams, Class of '62, and his wife, Vernetta, Class of '64, are pictured at the fraternity's Living Legacy Luncheon, where he was awarded for 50 years of service.

projects with the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes.

He holds membership in the Distinguished Service Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma—the highest honor bestowed on a member, Allen said. Membership is reserved for those who “have been active in the fraternity for at least 10 years and have had outstanding contributions and extraordinary service to the fraternity and their respective communities.” Recommendations must be approved by the awardees' chapter and by the general board of the fraternity before being voting on at the International Conclave.

The Delta Gamma Sigma Chapter was chartered in 1960 at Maryland State and now serves central and southern Delaware and advises undergraduate chapters at Delaware State University and Wesley College in Dover.

Williams holds an honorary doctorate from UMES and is a charter member of the Board of Visitors, which formed in 1997. He also serves on the university's Athletics Advisory Committee.

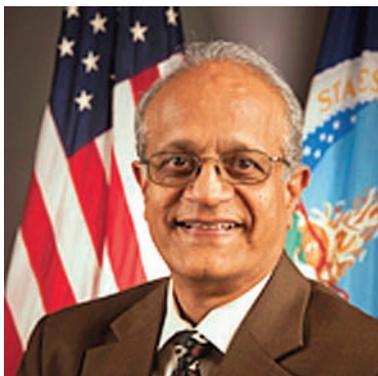
NIFA Director speaks on role of Land-Grant Universities

Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, spoke to a group of UMES faculty, staff and students Wednesday on “The Role of Land-Grant Universities” and how the institute is addressing global challenges. His talk was sponsored by the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences.

“As a key agency that supports agricultural research, education and extension, NIFA is a critical partner for UMES. Dr. Ramaswamy provided a sobering view of the global challenges we face, but he was also clear that as a land-grant university, UMES has a critical role to play in the development and implementation of knowledge solutions to meet these challenges,” said Dr. Moses Kairo, dean, UMES School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences.

“We value the productive partnership with NIFA and we remain highly committed to tailoring our programs to address the areas of greatest need,” Kairo said.

UMES is one of two land-grant institutions in the state that provide leadership for research in agriculture, food, biomedical sciences and natural resource conservation and use. Over the years, UMES' SANS research program has established and maintained strong collaborative partnerships with state and federal agencies as well as other academic institutions. These linkages allow the program to be highly responsive to priorities in Maryland and the nation and to NIFA's five priority science areas: food security and hunger, climate change, sustainable energy,



childhood obesity, and food safety.

Ramaswamy personifies the USDA's research, education and extension mission. Prior to his May 2012 appointment as NIFA director, he served two years as dean of Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences and director of its Agricultural Experiment Station. Ramaswamy was associate dean of Purdue University's College of Agriculture from 2006 to 2009. He was a Distinguished Professor and was named the Presidential Outstanding Department Head during his tenure leading Kansas State University's entomology department. He also served on the Mississippi State University faculty and as a research associate at Michigan State University.

Ramaswamy has amassed research grants from many federal agencies, including the USDA, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Agency for International Development as well as from state agencies, commodity groups and industry. He has published nearly 150 journal articles, book chapters and a book. Ramaswamy has also been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the Entomological Society of America, and Distinguished Graduate Alumnus of Cook College at Rutgers University.

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The UMES women's bowling team posted another first-place tournament finish this past weekend and with it a Kutztown (Pa.) Invitational title for the second straight year, besting long-time rival Vanderbilt University in the finals.

The team set the tone for the first major competition of 2013 by rolling a perfect game in a first-round bracket match against Vanderbilt — only the second time in school history the Hawks have accomplished that feat.

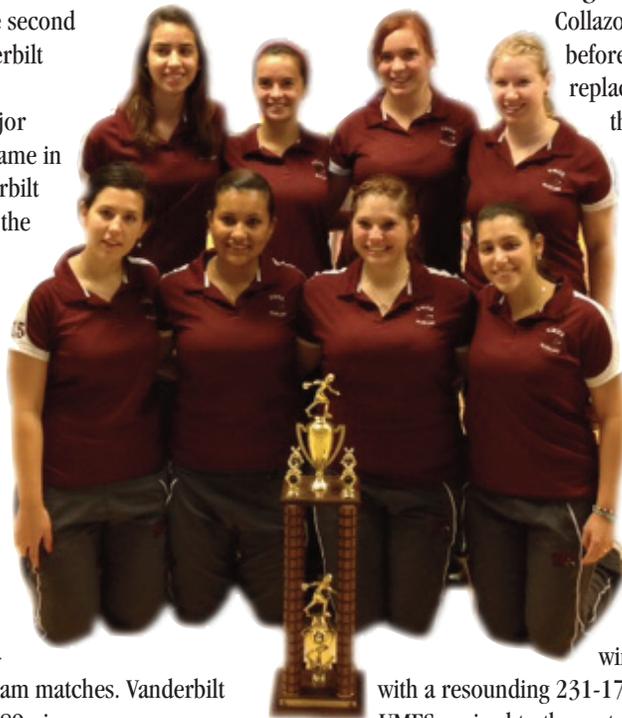
Kutztown University billed its 2013 event as the nation's largest regular season collegiate tournament, which attracted a 28-team field, including many of the nation's dominant programs. The Hawks were scheduled to compete in a high-profile tournament in New Jersey to open the season the first weekend in November, but it was cancelled in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

UMES led the two days of qualifying with 10,873 pins, which included six four-game Baker matches and six five-player team matches. Vanderbilt was the second highest qualifier with 10,689 pins.

The top-seeded Hawks, who dominated the Kutztown tournament from the start, found themselves facing the second-seeded Commodores from Vanderbilt Sunday. UMES took a one-game lead with a 246-189 win, but Vandy rebounded to even the match with a 233-197 win. The Hawks then shot their perfect 300 game, collecting all 12 strikes and besting Vandy's 166 pins. The Hawks' line-up was: **Kristie Lopez** (Ponce, Puerto Rico), **Valentina Collazos** (Cali, Colombia), **Mairana Alvarado** (Leon, Mexico), **Anngie Ramirez** (Bogota, Colombia) and **T'nia Falbo** (Greensburg, Pa.).

The Commodores won the next three games 234-214, 188-170 and 225-201 for a 4-2 match win. It was UMES' only loss of the tournament. Next up was MEAC foe Norfolk State, which topped Wisconsin-Whitewater in a three seed vs. four seed match-up.

Bowling



Coach **Kristina Frahm** juggled her line-up. **Megan Buja** (Rockford, Ill.) replaced Lopez and Collazos moved to the lead-off slot. It wasn't long before **Tatiana Munoz** (Ibague Tolima, Colombia) replaced Collazos, but the shuffling worked. Even though Norfolk took a 2-0 lead (224-177, 186-167), UMES found its line and won the next three games (241-176, 277-235, 239-186). Norfolk rebounded to win game six, 194-181, setting up a tie-breaking game seven that would mean a trip to the finals for the winner. The Hawks then eked out a seven-pin win to set-up a rematch with Vandy.

"It was a close match," Frahm said. "Norfolk bowled well, and I think we all panicked a little after the first loss, but we got it together enough to advance and that is what mattered."

In the tournament finals, Munoz, Buja, Alvarado, Ramirez and Falbo combined to keep the momentum going, taking a 217-190 win in the first game before Vandy responded with a resounding 231-177 win in game two. Then it was all Hawks. UMES cruised to three straight wins, 238-204, 223-203 and 200-183, good enough for 4-1 match win and the tournament title.

"It is a great feeling to come to the nation's largest tournament and lead the entire way," said Frahm. "It is a good confidence booster heading to Texas where we will see some teams that we don't normally bowl."

With the wins, UMES finished the tournament 14-1 and improved its overall record to 52-8. The Hawks have now led the field 11 of the 12 days they have bowled so far this season.

Vanderbilt (11-4) and Sacred Heart (12-3) were the only other teams to earn more than 10 wins in the event. They finished second and third respectively. Norfolk State was fourth with a solid tournament, while St. Francis (Pa.) rounded out the top five.

UMES keglers will be in Arlington, Texas this weekend competing in the Prairie View A&M Invitational.



Former bowling coach named to MEAC Hall of Fame

Sharon Brummell, UMES' legendary bowling coach and Hall of Famer, was named to the 2013 class of the MEAC Hall of Fame. She will be inducted at the conference's basketball tournament in Norfolk, Va. the week of March 11-16. Brummell led the UMES bowling team to the 2008 NCAA Championship. She followed it up with a second NCAA championship title in 2011 and a USBC Collegiate National Championship the same season. After 14 seasons with the Lady Hawks, Brummell resigned and took a post as associate athletic director at Georgetown University.

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"This book," she wrote, "seems to have touched the same part of each Ugandan heart that Kafeero touched." Barrett-Gaines said she also has been courted to join an "internationally known acting group" in Uganda. When she visited the group's studio to learn more, "I go right into make-up and shoot two scenes for a TV movie."

"A muzungu who speaks Luganda is a rare find," she wrote. "The great thing about my part in the movie is that I am not the rube foreigner being made a fool of. I am a trickster who gets the last laugh, literally."

About to leave Uganda, "I am recognized by the staff of the airport bookstore. Sales of my book 'One Little Guitar' are good, they report."

"At the door of the bookshop, a young Eritrean American shyly asks, 'Who are you? I saw you interviewed at Hotel Serena.'"

"I have to think. There are many interviews this week," she wrote.

"If Lucille Ball had gone to Cuba and found Desi there, and if Cubans kept being entertained in any way Lucy wanted to entertain them, then I am Lucy," Barrett-Gaines wrote. "My friend Heather suggests the analogy of Yoko Ono. I can see that too."

"So, that's sort of what I do in Uganda" during breaks in the UMES academic year.

Barrett-Gaines' book is distributed in North America by Michigan State University Press; www.msupress.msu.edu.



Bell is keynote speaker at MLK tribute

Dr. Juliette B. Bell, in her first major public address since becoming UMES' president six and a half months ago, called on celebrants of the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday to draw inspiration from "the power of a dream."

That was the overarching theme of Bell's keynote address to a crowd of more than 800 attending the 28th annual Tri-County Organizations' Coalition tribute to the late civil rights leader.

Bell invoked memories from her childhood in Alabama in the 1950s and '60s — where some of the civil rights movement's most bitter confrontations took place — as she reflected on historic strides toward equality and justice King inspired the nation to embrace.

"When we went to town on Saturdays," Bell said, "we had to travel about 15 miles by car. We could not use the facilities or get food or drink at most of the places we shopped. This was in the early '60s, when segregation in Alabama, and indeed throughout the south, was the norm."

Bell recalled King's yearning that someday black and white children in Alabama "will be able to join hands . . . as sisters and brothers." In many ways, he was describing Bell and her five siblings, who grew up on an Alpine, Ala. farm where she described working in the hot sun "chopping and picking cotton."

Fast forward to this past fall when Bell, just a few months into her presidency at UMES, returned triumphantly to her alma mater, Talladega (Ala.) College, to deliver the 2012 Founders' Day address.

"Who would have dreamed that . . . I would be presented the key to the city — a city where I used to not even be able to use a public restroom—by the mayor of Talladega," Bell said. "The Power of a Dream."

The "then and now" imagery prompted reflective nods, a murmur of "Amens" and polite applause.

"It was the dreams of people like my father," Bell said, "who worked and sacrificed his whole life so that I would have the opportunity for a better life."

"It was the dreams of people like Dr. King, who dared to speak out about the injustices in the world, to articulate his vision for the future and to die for what he believed in. Because of his dream, people like me, and I dare say, President Barack Obama, are living a life that is beyond our wildest dreams," she said.

The event, organizers noted, attracted a near sell-out gathering even though it competed for attention with President Obama's second inauguration.

In addition to Bell's keynote address, the UMES Concert Choir provided the entertainment, including an inspiring rendition of "Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit."

Banquet organizers also remembered one of their own, the late Dr. H. DeWayne Whittington of Marion Station. When Whittington died this past November, among his many activities in retirement was serving on UMES' Board of Visitors, which he joined when it was formed in 1997.



Sierra Polk

UMES junior lands Walmart summer internship

A delegation of UMES students travels to New York each fall for a job fair and networking event organized by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund that attracts Fortune 500 companies.

The 2012 trip in late October was cut short because of the imminent landfall of Hurricane Sandy, but that didn't deter Sierra M. Polk from pursuing an interview with Walmart Stores Inc.

The accounting major's perseverance paid off. She will spend 11 weeks this summer as an intern in Bentonville, Ark., home of the retailer giant's corporate headquarters.

"I'm just blessed," said Polk, a junior, just days after accepting the company's offer.

"Due to her education and experience, we felt she could be a great fit for the Walmart team," said Ellen Sloneker, a senior recruiter for campus relations at Walmart. "Our Global Shared Service's managers were confident that Sierra would be a great addition to their team."

Sloneker characterized Polk as "our top pick."

Aundra Roberts, who manages the Henson Honors Program and coordinated the New York trip for 14 UMES students, calls the Walmart internship a highly coveted resume-building opportunity.

"Walmart is obviously a big name," Roberts said. "But Sierra is a terrific student and I'm not surprised, really, that she did as well as she did" to get the internship offer.

After mingling with some 5,000 students from historically black institutions across the country and attending a series of "how-to" seminars, Polk called her decision to pursue a Walmart interview "spur of the moment."

"I wanted to see what they had to offer," she said, "and it obviously turned into something bigger." She left New York not knowing where she stood, however.

"When I didn't hear from them right away, I figured I missed out," said Polk, who carries a 3.4 grade point average. Then, she got a call in mid-November that amounted to a follow-up interview and an offer.

"I was too excited," Polk said. "I didn't think I would be given that opportunity."

All Polk knew about Walmart before the internship offer was its marketing slogan and that "I spend enough money with them."

In addition to a salary, the company provides interns with housing and "limited transportation to and from work," Sloneker said.

A 2010 Wicomico High School graduate who excelled in math, Polk chose UMES to study accounting. "I like numbers, so it works out," said the honors student, who participated in the university's Upward Bound program as a teen. Her goal is to be a certified public accountant.

"I appreciate Ms. Roberts so much," Polk said, "and the Thurgood Marshal (College) Fund, too, just for the experience."

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**ARTS &
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SPRING 2013**

FEBRUARY Celebrating Black History Month

1 THINK FAST

12:20 p.m. / Student Services Rotunda

Students vie for a \$200 prize by competing in a quick response game show. Questions will focus on UMES history. • 410-651-6434

7 OPENING RECEPTION – ART EXHIBIT

4-7 p.m.

Mosely Gallery

“Coming Home.” Local artist Patrick Henry, UMES Class of '75, opens an exhibit of his paintings of the Eastern Shore with a lecture, book signing and reception. Show on display through March 1.

410-651-7770



7 FILM SERIES

7 p.m.

Student Services Center Theatre

“The Great Debaters.”

Starring Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker, the film is based on the true story of how the small historically black Wiley College's debate team rose to the level of competing and winning the first collegiate interracial debate in 1930. • 410-651-6434



9 FREEDOM JOURNEY BUS TOUR

10 a.m.-2 p.m. / Student Services Center Bus Circle

Visit historical sites on Maryland's lower Eastern Shore significant to the nation's black history.

\$15 includes lunch • 410-651-7686

11 OPENING RECEPTION – LIBRARY EXHIBIT

2 p.m. / Frederick Douglass Library

Jessie Cottman Smith Exhibit Room

“The Many Faces of Drama Through the Decades.” Exhibit revisits the early Princess Anne College Dramatic Aces Club to the present Drama Society productions with a behind the scenes look at the history, the images and the props. Special Collections hours: Mon. through Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Evening hours by request.

410-651-7696

12 LIVE MUSEUM

12:30 p.m. / Student Services Center Rotunda

History comes to life as students pose in live museum settings of important people and moments in black history.

410-651-6434

14 SPRING CAREER FAIR

11 a.m.-3 p.m. / Student Services Center Ballroom

Open to UMES students and alumni and area college students.

410-651-6447

14 FREDERICK DOUGLASS LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES

3:30 p.m.

Frederick Douglass Library, Room 1199

“Roots of the Morgan State vs. UMES Rivalry.” Local historian Eric Jodlbauer reveals the historic ties between the two schools. UMES was founded as a preparatory school to Morgan. He also examines the roots of the athletic rivalry as it evolved from a political rivalry.

410-651-6669

14 HOMECOMING CONCERT

7-11 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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R&B recording artist “2 Chainz”

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