FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

To Our Alumni and Friends

Effective leadership is a vital component of a successful volunteer organization. In this Endeavors issue, four members of the College of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors take time to discuss the value of their volunteer service. Although the roles of the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer vary, these alumni view their efforts as a meaningful learning experience that contributes to personal and professional growth.

“By volunteering my time, I am able to meet extraordinary education professionals and learn new things all the time,” explains board member Jean Mullan, who offers her leader-ship in the college because it provides students who want to become teachers with a superior education and preparation to enter the classroom. I believe these new teachers will have a positive impact on their students.”

Victoria president of the board, Carl Anderson, served for many years at Howard University as a vice president for student affairs before retiring. A seasoned and former administrator, he shares his cumulative expertise with the board because he appreciates the value of his college education and shames the strides the university has made in recent years. “Over the years, since my matriculation the university has climbed the ladder toward excellence,” notes Carl.”Becoming engaged with your alma mater not only offers the opportunity to give a huge impact to the college because it provides students who want to pursue a higher education to their behalf.” She only time with the college because it provides students who want to become teachers with a superior education and preparation to enter the classroom. I believe these new teachers will have a positive impact on their students.”

President George W. Bush congarees. Dr. Carl E. Anderson, upon receiving the President’s Volunteer Service Award during a White House celebration of African American History Month. Photo by Paul Morse, courtesy of the White House.

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Dr. William Strasser, Jr., receives 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award

With this perspective, Strasser harbored a genuine interest in these persons within the College and the Montgomery County and State governments to support expansion. Once the matter plan was approved by the College Board of Trustees, Strasser took the lead in securing financing and overseeing the plan’s implementa-tion. Due to the impetus of the president for 13 years, funds and course offerings quadrupled, a new campus at Germantown was created, the Takoma Park Campus was redeveloped and expanded, the Rockville Campus was redeveloped and a major off-campus program of continuing adult education was established.

A respected academic, Strasser throughout his career published in various national journals and presented at numerous regional and national forums. In addition, he was awarded grants from the Ford Foundation and the Danforth Foundation. He served as a Carnegie Postdoctoral Fellow in the Administration of Higher Education at the University of Michigan and a Visiting Scholar at the University of California-Berkeley. His biography is included in Who’s Who in America and Who’s Who in the World.

Now retired, Strasser resides in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. On his retirement, the College Board of Trustees granted him the rank of President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Montgomery College. He enjoys a wide variety of retirement hobbies, including exhibiting some of his artistic digital photography, researching and writing his family’s colo-nial and early American history and genealogy, working out-doors at his country home, and occasionally composing poetry.

Editor’s Note: Also honored at the 2006 Alumni Association Awards Gala are College of Education alumna, Jacqueline Heise and College of Education alumna, John Rees. They are recipients of the Spirit of Maryland Award. To read more about the honorees and the University of Maryland Alumni Association, visit: www.alumni.umd.edu/programs/annualawards.html.

Dr. William Strasser, Jr. award photo art using digital imaging software—use of his many retirement hobbies.

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College Launches Landmarks and Legacies History Web Site

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wenty-five and 50-year anniversaries are exceptional occasions to be celebrated in grand style. The College of Education intends to do just that as it hosts a special luncheon and ceremony on Friday, May 19, to commemorate the silver and gold graduation anniversaries of alumni from the Class of 1981 and Class of 1956. The college’s annual tradition of honoring three milestone graduations is especially fitting this year as the University of Maryland continues celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding.

The Silver and Gold Anniversary Celebration is a wonderful opportunity for alumni to revisit their alma mater to relive their memories and reunite with old friends. Honorees will be part of a special ceremony and receive commemorative medallions and wear silver and gold regalia. In addition, the Silver and Gold Graduation Anniversary Celebration will include a review of giving patterns so we can seek out prospects who find our cause for support to be compelling and worthy of gifts. We continue to hear from alumni who want to know more about their career accomplishments and who appreciate how much their education contributed to their success. Naturally, we hope to find more of those benefactors.

We also will explore new ways to recognize these benefactors who have made a commitment to support the College of Education through sustained gifts over a number of years, or new gifts that create a lasting legacy. One way we plan to recognize our major benefactors is with a special celebration, “The Bash at Benjamin” on Saturday, May 20. This formal event will be used to reflect on the college’s rich and vibrant history, as well as to look ahead to the future. Long-time donors will join university VIPs, corporate supporters, and friends of the college in being treated to an evening reception, dinner, and dancing under the stars, all taking place on the plaza between the Benjamin Building and Einwo Fin Arts Building.

I am looking forward to “The Bash at Benjamin” where we will celebrate the college’s heritage and our dreams with friends, alumni and supporters. Best of all, it’s too late to expand our invitation list with the names of additional alumni who want to be part of our legacy and our future. If you would like to learn more about our upcoming campaign and “The Bash at Benjamin,” celebration, I invite you to send an email to us at Endeavors@umd.edu. Happy Spring!

Spline Chosen Commencement Speaker for Fall Ceremonies

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he University of Maryland fall graduating Class of 2005 chose one of the College of Education’s most popular faculty members to deliver the commencement address on Dec. 21, 2005. Associate Professor Emeritus John E. Spline. Department of Education Policy and Leadership, delivered an inspiring address greeted by cheers and applause.

“I try to challenge students to think for themselves. However, I believe that they need knowledge in order to think critically about what they read, hear and see,” says Spline, who added that he always appreciates the chance to communicate with students. “I believe the rewards of being an educator really come from being around those who want to learn and encouraging them to explore their interests.”

Spline joined the College of Education’s policy education and leadership faculty in 1973, retiring in 2013 as associate professor emeritus. He accepted a position at the University of Denver, where he held the Amos B. Hostetter Jr., Chair and taught courses in public communication until his retirement in 2001.

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Silver & Gold Graduation Event Honors Classes ’56, ’81

The College of Education and its Alumni Chapter will host “Return to Learn,” a one-day Alumni College, on June 24, 2006. College and University of Maryland alumni, friends and guests are invited to visit the campus for a day of discovery and professional development featuring presentations by top faculty, outstanding teachers, and education policy experts at the College of Education.

“Return to Learn” is a terrific way for our alumni and friends to participate in stimulating discussions on topics that are timely and important,” said Tom Ungarrett, an alumni board member and Alumni College coordinator. “It will be a great day of learning because we’ve assembled outstanding faculty, educators, policy experts, and teachers. The hardest part of the day will be choosing which sessions to attend.”

Faculty alumni, past present, will present a wide variety of topics in multiple sessions. Excellence in teaching will be discussed by a panel of former and current Maryland Teachers of the Year, including Michelle Zurad, alumni board member. Federal education policy will be discussed by alumni board member June West, who is vice president for government relations with American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) and David Ingram, professor of practice at the college and president emeritus of AACTE. College President J. John S. Towsy, representing the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, will talk about teacher preparation. Professors Melanie Killen and Mary Beth Capurro from the Department of Human Development will discuss social and emotional development of children. In addition, Deputy Director of the Peace Corps Judy Ohlen and member of the alumni board, will talk about the anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps and the outstanding faculty, known speaker and professor emeritus, Nancy Schlossberg, will also offer a presentation on retirement based on her popular book, Retire Smart, Retire Happy. The guest luncheon speaker is popular College of Education associate professor emeritus, John Splaine.

Sessions begin at 9 a.m. Morning refreshments, lunch, and a motor coach tour of campus in the afternoon are included in the registration fee. For more information or to register, please email: pmc4@umd.edu.

We Need Your Help!

Do you think you are the oldest graduate of the College of Education? We have heard from one graduate that she graduated before 1910! Can you beat her? If so, please contact Deborah Hudson, Assistant Dean, 2010 Benjamin, College Park, MD., 20742, or call 301.405.8145. We want to talk with you!
We Would Like to Hear From You!

We’ve been happy to hear from more than 500 of you, but we have more than 36,000 alumni! Please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the College of Education.

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Is your spouse a University of Maryland graduate?  Yes  No  [ ]

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Graduation Year  Degree  Department/Program Major

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Mail this form to: Endeavors, Office of External Relations, College of Education, 3115 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 Or, send an email to: Endeavors@umd.edu

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Following is a list of upcoming events of interest to College of Education alumni and friends. For information on any of these events, please contact Pat Costantino, ’66, ’69, Director of Alumni Relations, College of Education, at 301.405.5607 or via email at dmhudson@umd.edu. Additional information can be found on the web: www.education.umd.edu/infofor/alumniandfriends.html.

Saturday, April 8, 2006
Seventh Annual University of Maryland Alumni Association Awards Gala
5:30 p.m.
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center
The University of Maryland will honor and celebrate the achievements of 17 individuals at the Seventh Annual Alumni Association Awards Gala. Awards will be presented by the alumni association and featuring colleges and schools. The College of Education will honor William C. Strasser, Jr., B.A., ’52, M.A., ’54 and Ph.D., ’61, professor emeritus of Montour College, as the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Award (see page 1, Endorse). Invitations will be mailed. For more information, visit: www.alumni.umd.edu

Wednesday, April 19, 2006
Provost's Conversations on Diversity, Democracy, and Higher Education
Now – 4:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Noyes Cultural Center
The Provost’s Conversations are a series of interactive lectures open to the campus community and the community at large. At this session William F. Tate, Distinguished Professor in Arts and Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, will present on “A Matter of Public Interest: Schools, Neighborhoods and Social Inequality.” Lunch will be provided. Co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education. Visit: www.education.umd.edu/MAEI/ECI/Thursday, April 20, 2006
College of Education Alumni Board Meeting
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
3237 Benjamin Building
www.education.umd.edu

Friday, May 19, 2006
College of Education – Silver and Gold Anniversary Celebration:
College of Education alumni from the Silver Class of 1981 and Gold Class of 1996 are invited to return to the University to celebrate their 25th and 50th graduation anniversary. Alumni enjoy a reunion with their classmates and reminisce on that significant occasion in their lives by donning “silver and gold” graduation regalia and participating in a special awards ceremony. For more information, contact Pat Costantino, 301.405.5607, or via email at avares@umd.edu

Saturday, May 20, 2006
The Bash at Benjamin
Celebrate Our Past. Embrace Our Future
6 to 9 p.m.
Benjamin Building and Tawes Plaza, University of Maryland
A very special evening is planned to recognize the College of Education—how the legacies of the past create the milestones of the future. The Bash at Benjamin will include a historic-themed reception, reminiscences, a formal dinner, dancing, VIP events, and an exciting program that will offer a portal to the college’s promising future. Invitations will be sent. This is one of several events planned as part of the University of Maryland’s 150th Anniversary Celebration, and a part of the College of Education’s Landmarks and Legacies project. For more information on this event, contact Deborah Hudson, Assistant Dean, External Relations, at dehudson@umd.edu.

Monday, May 22, 2006
College of Education Spring 2006 Graduation
Noon
Comcast Center
Silver and Gold alumni are invited to walk with the Class of 2006. www.education.umd.edu/undergraduate/graduation_resources/
(University commencement is on Sunday, May 21, Comcast Center: www.umd.edu/commencement)

Saturday, June 24, 2006
Return to Learn – First Annual Alumni College of Education College of Education alumni and friends are invited to return to the college for a day of activities, including special faculty presentations, lunch with the Dean, a keynote address by Associate Professor Emeritus John Spahse and a motor coach tour of campus. Sponsored by the College of Education Alumni Chapter. To register, visit: www.education.umd.edu/np/palumniandfriends

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006
Close to Your Home (Baseball) – Close to Your Heart
College of Education Alumni Picnic and Baseball Game
5:30 p.m. – Picnic
7 p.m. – Baseball Game, Orioles vs. Red Sox
Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore
Join College of Education alumni, faculty, staff and friends for a classic night in “Baltimore” featuring a catered picnic at the ballpark, followed by baseball, when the Os take on the Boston Red Sox. Sure to be a sell out, so reserve your seats right away. The $25 fee includes the picnic, a great seat, and a free t-shirt. Seats are limited and will sell out fast, so put your name on our registration list today. For more information, contact Pat Costantino, Director of Alumni Relations, College of Education, at 301.405.5607, or send an email to pmc4@umd.edu

Friday, Oct. 20, 2006
Alumni Reception in Ocean City
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Ocean City, Maryland
The College of Education Alumni Chapter will sponsor a reception for alumni attending the various education conferences being held in Ocean City, Maryland. Stop by and meet Associate Dean Donna Wiseman, reunite with friends from the past, and enjoy learning what’s new at the College of Education. The event is being hosted by alumni Patricia Groenewicz, ’81, ’87. For information, visit: www.education.umd.edu/np/palumniandfriends.html
Now through November 2006
University of Maryland 150th Anniversary – Annapolis Exhibit
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Miller Senate Office Building, Annapolis
As part of the university’s sesquicentennial anniversary celebration, the exhibit communicates the importance and value of having one of the nation’s top public research universities in the state. Visit: www.150ummaryland.edu

M aryland Day 2006 promises to be one of the largest gatherings ever, as an extraordinary number of visitors are expected on campus to “Explore Our World” and celebrate the University of Maryland’s 150th Anniversary. The eighth annual open house for the community kicks off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, rain or shine.

Alumni, friends, members of the public, prospective students and their families, are invited to campus for an exciting day of discovery, learning, and fun. The College of Education will host numerous events for all ages at various locations. The Benjamin Building will host several activities for children, including the ever-popular face painting, spin art, digital games, storytelling, origami crafts, and more. All visitors can enjoy a display of history photos and artifacts installed in the Benjamin South Lobby, and browse the web-based timeline, featuring photos, interviews, memorable dates, and comprehensive accounts of the history of the College of Education from 1920 to present.

Attendees are also invited to visit the Center for Young Children for an Early Childhood Festival. Guests can see a puppet show, explore the playground, tour the Center, and enjoy some light refreshments. The College of Education Tent will be located on McKeldin Mall—the hub of Maryland Day activities—where information about the college and its programs will be available at various tables. Visitors can explore career options in education, get help finding funds to pursue a teaching career, meet the college dean, associate deans and department chairs, and connect with members of the College of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors. The Maryland Literary Research Center will present information on their work.

For a listing of all the April 29 festivities, visit the Maryland Day website at: www.marylandday.umd.edu. For more information on the College of Education’s activities, visit:www.alumni.umd.edu, or send an email to Maryland Day coordinator, Pat Costantino, at pmc4@umd.edu.