Once again, UMBC has been named one of the top national universities “where the faculty has an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching.” UMBC was ranked #6 on U.S. News and World Report’s Best Colleges Guide’s list of schools with the “Best Undergraduate Teaching,” along with such universities as William and Mary, Berkeley, Princeton, and Brown. UMBC has also again been named the top national university for “promising and innovative changes.” This is the 5th consecutive year that UMBC has topped this “Up-and-Coming” list.

The Chronicle of Higher Education has recognized UMBC as a “Great Place to Work” for four consecutive years, highlighting the campus on its “Honor Roll” in 2012 and 2013. UMBC consistently receives recognition for value, and Times Higher Education named it one of the top 100 universities worldwide under 50 years old. CBS’s “60 Minutes” also featured UMBC, calling it “one of America’s most innovative colleges.”

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- For four consecutive years, graduating seniors from UMBC have been invited to the annual Nobel Laureate Meeting in Lindau, Germany.
- Five graduating students and recent alumni received Fulbright awards in 2013-2014. They’ll teach and research around the globe.
- The Meyerhoff Scholarship Program is among the nation’s leading producers of minority graduates in science and engineering who go on to earn the Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.
- Theatre students have been invited to perform seven times at the highly selective Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, an achievement that places UMBC theatre among the top programs in the nation.
- The Washington Post says, “UMBC perfected the modern collegiate chess model.”
- Both UMBC’s men’s and women’s soccer teams won America East regular season titles and conference championships in 2013, earning them each a trip to the NCAA tournament. The men’s team – ranked in the top 10 nationally by NCAA – advanced to the second round of the tournament for the second consecutive year.

FACULTY RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

- In FY13, UMBC’s total extramural funding was $79.7 million and the campus received $68.5 million in federal funding.
- UMBC’s Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology and Goddard Heliophysics Institute bring in nearly $7 million each year through a cooperative agreement with NASA.
- Our faculty receive highly competitive fellowships to advance their scholarship and research. Recent organizations awarding UMBC faculty fellowships include the Smithsonian Institution, Folger Shakespeare Library, American Chemical Society and John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.
FACULTY RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

- The National Endowment for the Humanities provided substantial funds to the Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture to support “For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights.” The full exhibit was featured at the Smithsonian and four other museums, and a version of it will travel to dozens of locations across the country for the next several years as part of NEH On the Road.

- UMBC has one of only two Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigators at a public university in Maryland.

- Two UMBC scholars were named Congressional Fellows in the past two years.

- Professor Timothy Brennan was appointed Chief Economist at the Federal Communications Commission, serving January to August 2014.

- The Hrabowski Fund for Innovation invests in UMBC faculty and staff initiatives that fuel creativity and enterprise. The inaugural grants launched in spring 2013.

- Scholarly organizations have honored UMBC faculty with numerous career awards. Presidential Research Professor Carlo DiClemente is recent recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Addictive Behaviors group of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL DISTINCTION

- Time magazine named President Freeman Hrabowski one of the “100 Most Influential People in the World” in 2012. Dr. Hrabowski also was recently named a “Top American Leader” by The Washington Post and Harvard’s Kennedy School and was awarded two of higher education’s highest honors, the Carnegie Corporation of New York’s Academic Leadership Award and the TiAA-CREF Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence.

- UMBC employees have won one-fourth of all University System of Maryland Board of Regents’ Faculty and Staff Awards in the history of the award programs.

- The U.S. Department of Education report “Advancing Civic Learning and Engagement in Democracy” recognizes UMBC as a leader in higher education’s new civic agency movement. The BreakingGround initiative inspires and enables UMBC students, faculty and staff to have a meaningful, sustained impact on the world.

- UMBC Magazine has received several Awards of Excellence from the University & College Designers Association, as well as national and regional medals from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

- UMBC has the highest participation rate of any USM institution in the Maryland Charity Campaign and has earned the Governor’s Cup Award for Outstanding Performance for seven consecutive years. In 2013, UMBC employees donated over $200,000 to the campaign.

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- UMBC’s research and technology park, bwtech@UMBC, provides space and services to more than 100 companies, creating 1,200 jobs and counting. bwtech@UMBC reached capacity in 2013 and recently expanded its cyber incubator space.

- UMBC and the Northrop Grumman Foundation partnered to launch the UMBC Cyber Scholars program, which will be housed in the university’s new Cybersecurity Center and run in partnership with the university’s Center for Women in Technology.

- Almost half of UMBC students graduate with bachelor’s degrees in science and technology, a higher percentage than at any college in Maryland except the Naval Academy.

- UMBC has substantially increased the representation of female faculty in the sciences and engineering and the number of underrepresented minorities completing STEM Ph.D. degrees.

- Supported by a three-year, $2.6 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UMBC will work with community colleges to build a national model for ensuring more transfer students earn degrees in science, technology, engineering and math through the STEM Student Transfer Success Initiative.