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At UMBC, your student is an "Alum From Day One." All UMBC graduates are automatically members of the UMBC Alumni Association for life, and for absolutely no membership fee. To see all the advantages of being a member of the UMBC Alumni Association, visit our [Alumni Perks](#) page.

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# PARENTS CONNECTION

## Student Affairs Division of ...fostering student success

SPRING 2006

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

### Men's Lacrosse Wins America East Title

The UMBC men's lacrosse program achieved what most lacrosse observers believed was impossible at the beginning of the 2006 season. They went through the regular season unscathed (5-0), and then the top-seeded Retrievers won their first America East Conference Tournament by defeating third-seeded University of Albany 19-10 at UMBC Stadium on May 7. Unfortunately, the team lost to Princeton in the first round of the NCAA Division I tournament on May 13. It was UMBC's first berth in the tournament since 1999, when they made their second of back-to-back appearances in the championships.

After capturing the America East title, Head Coach Don Zimmerman said, "These guys just came ready to play. They believe in themselves...what you saw is a combination of some good talent, but great chemistry and a great attitude. I couldn't be

prouder of these guys."

Lacrosse success at UMBC this spring was not limited to the men's program. The women's



lacrosse team finished the season with a 12-10 record. They earned the right to host the America East tourney as the conference No. 1 seed but lost on May 5 in the America East semifinal to New Hampshire. Seniors Julie Libertini and Kelly Fiorani were named to the 2006 America East Women's Lacrosse All-Championship Team.

Defense has been a foundation of the 2006 men's team. Before defeating Albany to clinch the

America East title, the Retrievers had held nine straight opponents, including Maryland, to single digits.

However, UMBC carries several outstanding players on offense, including senior Brendan Mundorf, a two-time America East Conference Player of the Year. Against Albany in the America East title game, Mundorf had five goals and one assist and was

named the tournament's most valuable player.

Zimmerman has succeeded in recruiting standout lacrosse talent from the greater Baltimore-Annapolis region. Of the 35 players on the UMBC roster, 17 are from the Baltimore-Annapolis area. Among the seniors, those players are Mundorf, defenseman Justin Berdeguez, defenseman James Hyland and transfer student and midfielder P.J. Kimener.

### Move-out Day Parents' Lounge

On Monday, May 22, Tuesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 24, the Office of Parent/Family Programs and Services will host a Parents' Lounge at The Commons Cabaret (located near the 1st floor information desk). The lounge will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. each day to offer parents and families

respite from the sometimes grueling move-out process. Refreshments and helpful information will be available.

Please take a break from packing and stop by! E-mail [parents@umbc.edu](mailto:parents@umbc.edu) for more information.

# UMBC Academic Calendar FALL 2006

## GENERAL REGISTRATION

**May 8- August 29, 2006**

(For students who completed Spring 2006, readmitted degree-seeking students, and new students admitted to graduate degree programs)

## FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

**August 30, 2006**

## LATE REGISTRATION

**August 30 - September 13, 2006**

(A \$20 Late Registration Fee will be charged.)

## LAST DAY TO REGISTER

**September 13, 2006**

(Final enrollment for financial aid)

## LAST DAY FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR DECEMBER 2006 GRADUATION

**September 15, 2006**

## THANKSGIVING BREAK

**November 23-24, 2006**

## LAST DAY OF CLASSES

**December 12, 2006**

Online Guide to UMBC News and Schedule of Events

} [www.umbc.edu/arts](http://www.umbc.edu/arts)

} [www.umbcetrieviers.edu](http://www.umbcetrieviers.edu)

} [www.umbc.edu/calendar](http://www.umbc.edu/calendar)

} [www.umbc.edu/calendar](http://www.umbc.edu/calendar)

} [www.umbc.edu/announcements](http://www.umbc.edu/announcements)

} [www.umbc.edu/ebilling](http://www.umbc.edu/ebilling)

} [www.umbc.edu/classof2005](http://www.umbc.edu/classof2005)

**REMINDER: INFORMATION REGARDING SPRING 2006 COMMENCEMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE. CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



Career Services Center  
(formerly Career

Development Center)

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday,

8:30am - 4:30pm,

Tuesday until 7pm by appt.

Math/Psych 204,

410-455-2216

[careers4@umbc.edu](http://careers4@umbc.edu)

## Money Talks — Learn Its Language

By Lorie Logan-Bennett  
Assistant Director

[Career Services Center \(CSC\)](#)

This is the time of year career counselors love. As graduation approaches, we start to get word of students' job offers. We see their years of hard work paying off—both figuratively and, of course, literally. Some soon-to-be grads will be making substantial sums. While others will be making less, they will count on the rewards of the job to make up the difference. In both cases, students should approach the much anticipated end of the job search process as prepared as they did at the beginning. Knowing what they have to offer (carefully avoiding over- or under-valuing their market worth) and educating themselves on the field they're entering (salary ranges, typical employer expectations, etc.) are all important

factors. Most students need reminding that it's okay to negotiate and that they may need to develop, or at the least brush-up on, effective negotiation skills.

Because the "we want you" call should not be the last conversation an applicant has with a prospective employer (after all, it's generally ill-advised to accept an offer on the spot), UMBC provides assistance with this final step in the job search process. [The Career Services Center](#) (CSC) offers individual assistance to coach students on the salary negotiation process. In addition to walking students through the process of identifying how to fit the job with their interests, skills, values and goals, we can help students to look beyond straight salary by educating and/or reminding

them that quality health care benefits, 401K matching, tuition reimbursement, and generous leave packages all have dollar values, too. CSC can also work with students to help them develop language effective in navigating the negotiation process. CSC offers a number of helpful salary negotiation resources, including the not-to-miss National Association of Colleges and Employers quarterly [Salary Survey](#); (the complete report is available in the CSC). Additionally, with a new focus on collecting information from our graduating students via our Exit Survey, UMBC will be sharing in the coming semesters campus-specific salary offer information. Taking the time to learn how to negotiate salary is an investment in students' bank accounts *and* their future. A skill set that lasts an entire career shouldn't be short changed!



# Acupuncture for your Student

**By Jennifer Lepus  
Director**

**University Health Services (UHS)**

Did you know that UMBC's University Health Services offers acupuncture for your student?

Originating in China about 5,000 years ago, acupuncture is the oldest continuously practiced medical system in the world. The fundamental principles of acupuncture are to treat the person as an integrated whole in body, mind and spirit, and to remedy the root cause of illness and disease, not just the symptoms.

Although well known in the U.S. for pain relief, acupuncture is effective for a wide variety of problems. It has been endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO) of the United Nations and the National Institutes of Health. These bodies have declared acupuncture an effective treatment for the following conditions:

- Stress relief
- Insomnia
- Lack of Concentration
- Menstrual & female disorders
- Muscle, joint, shoulder & neck pain (tendonitis, bursitis, sprains)
- Depression
- ... and much more

**How does acupuncture work?**

Acupuncture is based on the movement of Qi (pronounced "chee"). Qi is the life-giving energy that circulates along channels to all organs of the body and enables them to function. Qi is what animates someone, gives them vitality and shows up as the sparkle in their eyes. When the Qi in the body is abundant and flowing freely, one thrives. If one's Qi is depleted or obstructed, symptoms—the body's distress signals warning there is a problem—begin to arise. If the underlying problem is not addressed, sooner or later more serious illnesses or disease affecting one's physical body, mental clarity, sense of joy in living,

or sense of purpose, may show up.

**What do the needles feel like?  
Are they safe?**

The needles used to stimulate acupuncture points are very slender, barely beyond the thickness of several human hairs. The finest quality solid stainless steel, pre-sterilized, single-use, disposable needles are used. The acupuncturist gently inserts the needle just beneath the skin's surface. The sensation from the needle varies from person to person. One may feel nothing at all, a quick pinch or perhaps a dull ache or tingle. Most treatments involve only two to six needles.

UMBC's chief acupuncturist, Yu She, began learning this ancient technique in China at age 11 in order to assist with her mother's joint pain. She has been practicing ever since, and holds a master's degree from the Traditional Acupuncture Institute of Maryland (now called the [Tai Sophia Institute](#)). Yu She has been with UMBC for three years and has proven to be a great asset to the [University Health Services'](#) medical team.

If you'd like more information about acupuncture services at [UHS](#), please call 410-455-2542.

## A note from University Counseling Services

**Chris Carlton, PhD  
Staff Psychologist**

**University Counseling Services (UCS)**

Your son or daughter is wrapping up an academic year at UMBC and may be coming back home for the summer. S/he has spent much of the last nine months navigating through all manner of decisions, sometimes successfully and other times not. Such choices often range from basic ones about eating, sleeping and study habits, to more complex decisions about relationships, involvement and moral development. As students advance through their college years, they depend less on their parent's influence to make such decisions, which is a natural and important part of students' personal growth and development. This

process builds increased competency and confidence for future decision-making. Consequently, when they arrive home for the summer, they may struggle with re-adjusting to family rules, often resulting in increased conflict.



What can you do to limit this conflict?

- a) Talk about expectations as early as possible. Try not to wait until the first argument when things are already heated;

- b) Listen to their concerns and plans for the summer;
- c) Let them know you understand the transition to living at home can be difficult;
- d) Be clear about your concerns and expectations; and
- e) Point out what household rules are important to follow for the summer.

Having this conversation early will also provide something to refer back to should confusion or problems arise during the remainder of the summer. Finally, don't forget to look for opportunities to make your time together enjoyable.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF

# THEATRE



**Joel F. Liebman**  
Professor of Chemistry and  
Biochemistry



**Renee Mawhinney '05,**  
American studies

## Parents' Corner: Spring Reception

**By Mary and Steve James**  
Parents of UMBC Student Kevin James

We spent an enjoyable Saturday evening (May 6) on campus at UMBC beginning with the Parents' Reception. The reception was held in a beautiful room in The Commons overlooking Erickson Field, where a touch football game was being played. A group of parents, some students and a few siblings were treated to light fare and given an opportunity to visit and compare experiences at UMBC. The consensus was that UMBC has been a great "fit." Our little group was made up of parents who had similar students, all were part of the [UMBC Honors College](#) and live on-campus. We also agreed that the university's outreach to parents and level of communication

is excellent and we appreciated the invitation to spend some time on campus, learn more about parent programs and become involved in those activities.

After dinner, our evening continued with a visit to the UMBC Theatre to see the production, [For A Better World](#). Our son, Kevin, was one of the actors. He was thrilled to be cast in the play since he is only a freshman. Kevin was in two plays at his high school and was encouraged by his guidance counselor to apply for a [Linehan Scholarship](#). He had already been accepted into UMBC and getting the scholarship gave him a new focus. He has embraced his coursework in theatre and has just found out he is accepted into the [Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Theatre Program](#).

## Faculty Spotlight

**Joel F. Liebman, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry**  
Presidential Research Professor, 2006-09

Joel F. Liebman, a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is well known for his excellence in organic, inorganic and physical chemistry research. Among his many research accomplishments, with over 100 peer coworkers from some 20 countries, Liebman has co-authored or co-edited over 380 publications. He also co-authored several chapters of

the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology's Chemistry Web Book, the primary ongoing electronic database of chemical information. Due to the Web Book's significance, the European Union's Eurospec Program produced translations in Czech, French, Portuguese and Spanish. Liebman, a UMBC faculty member since 1972, received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Brooklyn College in 1967 and earned his master's and doctorate in chemistry from Princeton University in 1968 and 1970 respectively.

## Ask an Alum: Renee Mawhinney '05

**Q: What is the last book you read for fun?**

**A:** *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris. I loved this book. It was a quick and very enjoyable read.

**Q: Where has your current career path taken you?**

**A:** Currently I am a full-time grad student at Loyola College. I am also a Graduate Resident Coordinator for the Office of Student Life at Loyola.

**Q: How did your experiences at UMBC lead you to your current position?**

**A:** The American Studies program helped me prepare for grad school. It helped me learn how every subject is interwoven with others. I am now in the Liberal Studies program. My [Residential Assistant](#) experience, my involvement with [RSA](#) and [Summer Conference staff](#) helped me prepare for supervising positions at Loyola based on what I had held at UMBC.

**Q: Was there a specific professor or class that had a profound effect on you?**

**A:** [Dabrina Taylor](#) and Warren Balasco both equally helped me realize my potential by encouraging me to reach beyond my comfort zone in the classroom. There were also numerous members of the [Resident Life staff](#) that helped me develop outside the classroom.

**Q: What is your personal "motto"?**

**A:** "Reach high, for the stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal," Vaull Starr. It's been my motto since junior year of high school.

To read the complete interview with Renee please click [here](#). Also, to learn more about Alumni Programs and Services, please visit [www.retrievernet.umbc.edu](http://www.retrievernet.umbc.edu).

# UMBC Bookstore

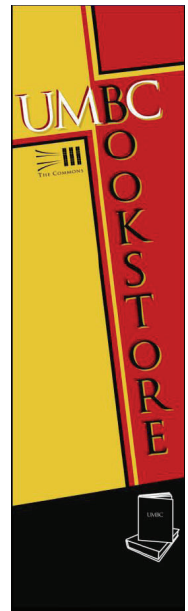
UMBC Summer Sessions are just around the corner. Session I begins May 30 and Session II begins July 10. Bookstore summer hours take effect on May 25. Summer textbooks are available in the store and are also [online](#) now. Shop early for the best selection of used textbooks. The Bookstore will be open 8:30a.m.- 7:00p.m. on the first day of each session. Please visit our textbook [Web site](#) for online textbook orders and return policy. **End of term textbook buyback is in progress now and will end on May 25.**

[Graduate and undergraduate Commencement](#) is on May 24 and May 25 respectively. The best and only sources for UMBC insig-

nia items are in the Bookstore or at our [online](#) store.

**A reminder to parents of graduating students:** This could be your student's last opportunity to take advantage of educational pricing on software from our computer department.

It is not too early to start thinking about the fall semester. The required new student book, **Never Let Me Go**, is available at **30% off** in the Bookstore or [online](#). Fall textbooks will be available in early July. A textbook reservation program is available prior to the spring and fall semesters. Please continue to visit our [Web site](#) for important updates and information.



## We Want Your Feedback

Please take a moment to complete this form and e-mail or mail it to the contact information below. Also, if you have a story that other UMBC parents might find of interest that you would like to submit to "Parent's Corner," please send a 75-to-125-word document to [parents@umbc.edu](mailto:parents@umbc.edu).

The best information in the Parent's Connection is:

- The Stories
- Helpful Web Sites
- The Calendar

I would like to see more information about:

- Student Events
- Financial Aid Updates
- Other:

I would like to participate in:

- Parent's Association
- Event Planning
- Writing Articles

I would attend a Parent's Association meeting in:

- Fall
- Spring
- Neither

Comments:

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The mission for Parent Programs at UMBC is to enhance a positive connection between UMBC parents and the University. We will accomplish this through the development of effective communication, family programming and the sustainable facilitation of the UMBC Parents' Association so that students' academic success, university and life experiences may be fully actualized.

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# Division of Student Affairs

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## HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

### PROGRAMMING

[Humanities Scholars Program](#)  
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