

Did you know?

Kevin "KAL" Kallaughter, the award-winning political cartoonist who recently completed a heralded 18-year run with the *Baltimore Sun*, has joined UMBC as artist-in-residence in the Imaging Research Center (IRC). The IRC is dedicated to exploring the use of new technologies for interpreting and presenting artistic content. Click [here](#) to read more.

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# PARENTS CONNECTION

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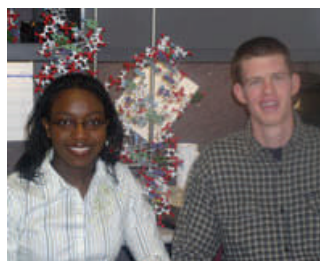
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## Two UMBC Students Named 2006 Goldwater Scholars

Two UMBC students are among the 323 sophomores and juniors who have been named 2006 Goldwater Scholars. The prestigious scholarship program honors outstanding students majoring in science, mathematics and engineering who are committed to pursuing careers as research scientists.

**Adjoa Smalls-Mantey**, a junior with a 3.95 cumulative GPA, is one of several UMBC students conducting research in UMBC's Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). Smalls-Mantey, from Upper Marlboro, Md., has worked in the lab since her freshman year. Her research involves improving the mechanics of gene therapy by focusing on the Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus (MMLV). She has participated in the Gene Search Program at Catholic University where she first learned basic lab principles. She also conducted research at Howard University and participated in the Weill Cornell/

Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering Gateways to the Laboratory Program, the first in the country designed exclusively to train undergraduate students to become successful M.D.-Ph.D applicants.



"This award will help support my goal not only financially, but it also provides me with the resources and networking opportunities as a scholar and researcher," said Smalls-Mantey.

Smalls-Mantey expects to graduate in spring 2007 and plans to pursue a M.D./Ph.D degree, specializing in immunology.

**Devin Burns**, a sophomore with a 4.0 cumulative GPA, has great aspirations of obtaining a

Ph.D. in mechanical engineering with a focus on renewable energy systems and starting his own research lab.

Currently, Burns conducts research in the lab of Marc Zupan, UMBC assistant professor of mechanical engineering. He is studying the advanced materials of mechanical properties. Burns, from Smithsburg, Md., studied abroad in China and Vietnam during Winter Session 2006. He is a Meyerhoff Scholar, a member of the Golden Key International Honors Society and will soon be inducted in Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society. He also enjoys intramural sports at UMBC and is a member of the Running Club.

For additional information about the types of prestigious scholarships available, how to apply for them or to read about previous winners, visit [www.umbc.edu/prestige](http://www.umbc.edu/prestige).

## Exceptional by Example

This fall, UMBC celebrates 40 years of pioneering achievement. Please join us Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21, 2006 for UMBC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Homecoming and Family Celebration. The weekend includes fireworks, lectures, vintage cars, soccer, arts, comedy and a crab feast! A

calendar of events will be announced shortly. For more information, visit [www.umbc.edu/40th](http://www.umbc.edu/40th).

Read more about the UMBC community and its achievements at our [About UMBC](#) and [UMBC Watch](#) sites.

# UMBC Academic Calendar

**Note:** For more information about UMBC events, visit the online [calendar](#) that appears in the toolbar of all official UMBC Web sites, including this one.

More information about important registration dates and deadlines can be found at the [Registrar's Office](#) Web site.

<b>Mar. 19-26</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Last Day of Classes</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Study Day</b>
<b>May 18-24</b>	<b>Final Exams</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b><u>Graduate Commencement</u></b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b><u>Undergraduate Commencement</u></b>

Online Guide to UMBC News and Schedule of Events

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

} [www.umbcretrievers.edu](http://www.umbcretrievers.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

[careersvc.umbc.edu](http://careersvc.umbc.edu)

## YOU WERE RIGHT: MANNERS DO MATTER

**By Lorie Logan-Bennett**  
**Assistant Director**  
**Career Services Center (CSC)**

Your kids probably hated to hear, "I told you so," but when it comes to manners...you probably did! In trying to land a job, how one presents oneself is crucial. And just as professional attire and a firm handshake help make a good first impression, these imperative skills will invariably become lasting impressions—manners matter too!

Unfortunately, according to [Vault.com](#), nearly 80 percent of employers surveyed indicated that interviewees' manners have declined. Good job search manners run the gamut from knowing how to introduce oneself and hold an appropriate conversation at a networking event, to sending respectful and professional e-mails to prospective employers, to knowing which fork to use at a business

dinner, to sending a thank you letter after an interview. In fact, in relation to this last point, a recent survey by [Career-Builder.com](#) found that nearly 15 percent of hiring managers would reject a job candidate who neglected to send a thank-you letter after the interview and 32 percent said they would still consider the thankless prospect but that their opinion of him or her would diminish. So, good etiquette is neither old-fashioned nor reserved just for high-tea. Manners matter and are relevant to every student who is, or will be, looking for a career.

Luckily, good manners are an easy and accessible way for job candidates to set themselves apart. That 4.0 GPA may be elusive, but knowing which way to pass the bread basket at an

interview lunch is ever so doable! To help students better grasp the importance of professional presentation, and to teach (or perhaps just remind them of) the "how-tos" of good manners, the Career Services Center co-hosts with the Student Government Association and the Office of Student Life an annual [Business and Dining Etiquette Seminar](#). This very popular event was held in early April and based on student interest and the program's evaluations, manners are actually an area students are anxious to master. So the days of arm twisting may be behind you as your son or daughter arrives home this summer looking forward to setting the table and writing those graduation gift thank-you notes. After all, it's just one more chance to develop skills important to landing that dream job!

# Spring 2006 Commencement Ceremonies—FAQ



## UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT May 25 at 1 p.m.

*(Procession begins promptly at 12:30 pm)*  
1st Mariner Arena  
201 West Baltimore St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dr. Solomon Snyder, Distinguished Service Professor of Neuroscience, Pharmacology and Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, will deliver the commencement address and receive an Honorary Doctor of Science for his research accomplishments in neuroscience.

## COMMEMORATIVE VIDEO

Now, you can revisit the memories of UMBC's 2006 Commencement anytime you'd like—and share the memories with those closest to you by ordering a VHS or DVD copy of the graduation ceremony. To purchase a copy of the Commencement ceremony, please [click here](#) to order online from VPC, Inc. The deadline to order a copy of the ceremony will be June 30, 2006. If you have any questions, please contact VPC, Inc. at 410-526-9100 and speak with Chris Fucci. Order forms are available at the Bookstore and will be available at Commencement.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Directions to 1st Mariner Arena are available [online](#).

## FOOD AND BEVERAGES

There will not be any food or beverages available at 1st Mariner Arena. Graduates and guests should eat before they come to Commencement. Guests and students will not be able to bring food or drinks in the Arena.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A list of nearby hotels is available [online](#).

## PARKING

Parking is available in the 1st Mariner Arena parking garage (enter on Howard Street) or at any of the surrounding parking lots and garages. Parking prices for the day will vary according to each individual lot and garage. Traffic congestion may require you to park several blocks away from the Arena. **Please allow time to locate parking and to walk to the Arena.** Participants are strongly encouraged to use the Metro subway, the Light Rail system or carpool.

At the Arena, parents and guests will be admitted through the entrance at the corner of Baltimore Street and Hopkins Place, the entrance on Howard Street or through the second floor entrance from the Arena parking garage. Doors to the Arena will open at 11:30 a.m.

Candidates will be admitted at the main entrance at the corner of Baltimore Street and Hopkins Place.

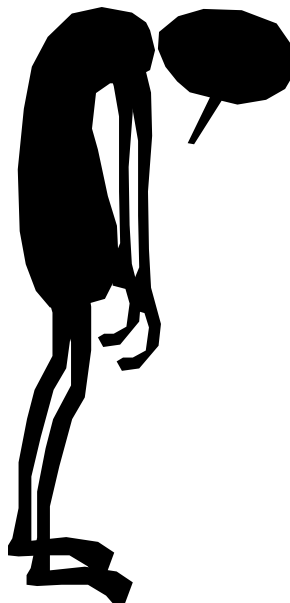
## TICKETS

Tickets are not required for general seating. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## Parents Corner: Late-Semester Slump

Your student may be in a funk known as the late-semester slump. Signs include restlessness, anxiety, strained relationships and stress. It happens for all sorts of reasons, from final exams to being cooped up inside during the winter months.

You may notice signs of the slump when you talk with your student. Perhaps she's a bit shorter with you on the phone or he doesn't e-mail as frequently as he used to. Try not to take it personally. Instead, see what you can do to help your student! Some things to try include:



- **Sending a colorful piece of real mail to brighten her mailbox**
- **Giving him a favorite magazine to shift his focus**
- **Planning a fun event during summer break that you can both look forward to**
- **Listening when she wants to blow off some steam**

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**Amy Holthause**  
B.A., English/Writing  
Minor and Secondary  
Education Certificate



**Katie Hirsch '04,**  
visual arts and  
computer science,  
will show her film  
"Dragin' On" at the



## Stories From The Class of 2005:

### **Amy Holthause**

**Plans: High School English Teacher, Howard County Public Schools**  
**B.A., English/Writing Minor and Secondary Education Certificate**  
Ellicott City, MD

Amy Holthause, who began teaching high school English last fall, turned her UMBC internship, work experience and honors into an opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream to teach students the power of language. Holthause received UMBC's Outstanding Contributions in English and Outstanding Secondary Education Student awards as well as the Learning Resources Center Excellence in Tutoring Award for her work as a tutor at the University's Writing Center. She is

certified as a Master Tutor by the College Reading and Learning Association and participated in a national conference showcasing her research in writer's block. Holthause also worked on the poetry staff of *Bartleby*, UMBC's creative-arts journal. Inducted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Tau Delta and Kappa Delta Phi honor societies, she was able to stay connected to students across the country with the same academic interests.

*"UMBC's faculty is extremely supportive. Each of my professors encouraged me to achieve goals beyond my expectations. Perhaps I'll even get the chance to teach at UMBC someday."*

## Around the Clock Creative: Katie Hirsch '04

Katie Hirsch is one of the lucky few who manages to combine her passions with her job.

An animation and computer enthusiast since childhood, Hirsch has used her talent and enthusiasm for both fields in her career as a computer game developer, and, most recently, in her production of a short animated film about a hungry reptile.

Hirsch's two-minute short, "Dragin' On," will

premiere in this month's Maryland Film Festival at Baltimore's Charles Theatre.

"I was inspired to make the film because I wanted to create a made-up world with made-up rules," said Hirsch, who graduated from UMBC in 2004 with dual degrees in visual arts (animation) and computer science.

Click [here](#) to read more about this inspiring UMBC alumna.

## CHAMPS/Life Skills for Student Athletes

In 1991, the NCAA Foundation initiated efforts to create a total development program for student-athletes. Through the collaborative efforts of the NCAA Foundation and the Division I-A Athletics Directors' Association, the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program was created.

Every semester, programs are offered to UMBC student-athletes to encourage development in one of the five components of the program: academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, career development and community service.

In the past, national speakers have discussed such topics as Hazing, Drinking and Driving and Safe Sex with UMBC student-athletes. Smaller programs also are offered, such as resume writing, talking with the media and sports

nutrition. Student-athletes are required to attend one program a semester, while the other programs are optional.

In conjunction with the evening workshops, all freshmen student-athletes are required to enroll in PHED 202, "An Introduction to an Honors University." This course is designed to help prepare students for the academic and athletic rigors for life as a Division I athlete. Study skills and social issues are discussed, as well as other pertinent information.

Overall, the UMBC CHAMPS/Life Skills program strives to provide student-athletes with experiences and tools to help them be successful individuals in life after college.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

# UMBC Bookstore Textbook Buyback

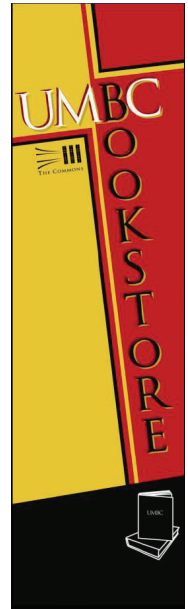
As the semester draws to a close and students are preparing for final exams, many times details and opportunities are missed. For graduating students, this could be the last time to take advantage of educational pricing on software. Microsoft products are available from the Bookstore's Computer Department at special academic discounts that can save students hundreds of dollars compared to suggested retail prices. Details are available on our [Web site](#) or call our computer sales professionals at 410-455-3810.

**End of term textbook buyback begins May 15.** The Bookstore will pay 50% for titles our campus professors have adopted

for the upcoming semesters. **It does not matter whether the book was purchased new or used.** The buyback price would be 50% of the new price if the book is re-adopted. What does this mean? A new \$100 book purchased used would cost the student \$75 and the buyback amount would be \$50; therefore, the student's net-cost of this re-adopted book would be only \$25.

If books are not needed on our campus, but have a national demand, the bookstore will pay up to 35% of the new price.

Please visit [www.bookstore.umbc.edu](http://www.bookstore.umbc.edu) for end-of-term textbook buyback dates and hours.



## 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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