

## Be Your Own Boss – Alumni Entrepreneurs Panel Discussion

Starting and growing a new business is both exhilarating and challenging. UMBC alumni entrepreneurs from different industries will discuss the ups and downs of entrepreneurship and share their stories.

### Featured alumni panelists:



**Eric Bennett, '94, President and CEO, Pyxis Engineering**  
**Education: B.S. Computer Science, University of Maryland, Baltimore County**  
**M.S. Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University**

Eric Bennett started out his career working for the federal government, then he decided to branch out into the contract arena. After helping three (3) small companies grow their business, he decided to become an entrepreneur. He started his own company, Pyxis Engineering, in 2005.



**Janine Cormier Fleming, '80, Owner, Massage at University One and Holistic Massage Training Institute**  
**Education: B.S. Biochemistry, University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

Janine Fleming has been practicing massage since 1988. In 1992, she left her job as an environmental chemist to pursue massage full-time. She now maintains a private practice in Baltimore, while serving as the Program Director for Holistic Massage Training Institute, which she founded in 2000.



**Dr. Duke Thompson, '78, Director, Maryland Conservatory of Music**  
**Education: B.A. Music (piano) University of Maryland, Baltimore County**  
**M.S. (performance), University of Maryland, College Park**  
**Doctor of Musical Arts (performance), Arizona State University**

Dr. Duke Thompson is a recognized teacher, performer and music administrator. His work as an artist and educator has earned him numerous awards and accolades among national and international audiences. Currently, he combines a performance career with being the Director of the Maryland Conservatory of Music in Harford County, Maryland.

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