



Maryland State Department of  
**EDUCATION**

*Schools for Success*

Nancy S. Grasmick  
State Superintendent of Schools

200 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
Phone (410) 767-0100  
TTY/TDD (410) 333-6442

October 4, 2002

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President  
University of Maryland Baltimore County  
1000 Hilltop Circle  
Baltimore, Maryland 21250

Dear Dr. *Freeman* Hrabowski:

Thank you for co-sponsoring and hosting the Career Changers Fair for becoming a Maryland teacher that was held in your University Center Ballroom on September 28, 2002. The event was a great success! Your facility was ideal for the occasion! More than 800 participants registered and countless others attended. It was very exciting to meet with so many people who want to become teachers. This large group represents an important untapped resource in this period of teacher shortage. Participants varied greatly by age, race and ethnicity, and background experience; many were men.

I also want to thank you for the wonderful assistance that was provided by your faculty and staff. Dr. Diane Lee, Dr. John Lee, and Dr. Susan Blunck and others facilitated, answered questions and solved problems, demonstrating to the many guests that indeed becoming a teacher is the most important career choice they can make and that they can pursue their dream at UMBC. Dr. Diane Lee and her colleagues also provided critical planning and technical assistance in preparation for the Career Fair.

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate you on two great honors. I have recently learned that UMBC has been recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for having the top urban teacher education program in the country, and I have learned that UMBC has won a National Science Foundation grant with Baltimore County Public Schools to improve teaching and learning. Your leadership and the consistent pursuit of school improvement by Dr. John Lee and his colleagues will help improve the lives of many children in Maryland.

Sincerely,

*Nancy*  
Nancy S. Grasmick  
State Superintendent of Schools

c: Dr. Diane Lee  
Dr. John Lee  
Dr. Susan Blunck

# **BECOME A MARYLAND TEACHER: CAREER CHANGERS FAIR**

---

**September 28, 2002**

**9:00 - 4:00**

**University of Maryland  
Baltimore County**

**University Center Ballroom**



**To Pre-Register Call:  
443-612-5323**

**On-Site Registration Also Available**

**For additional information contact  
Cindy Waugh  
410-841-2101**

**UMBC**

AN HONORS UNIVERSITY IN MARYLAND



**LEADERSHIP MARYLAND**

INFORMED LEADERS...TOMORROW'S VISION

*Maryland State Department of*

**EDUCATION**

**Comcast**

*Debbie Lusk  
705-1066*

# **Participating Exhibitors**

## **\*Public School Systems\***

Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
Baltimore City Public School System  
Baltimore County Public Schools  
Carroll County Public Schools  
Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium (ESMEC)  
Frederick County Public Schools  
Harford County Public Schools  
Howard County Public School System  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
Prince George's county Public Schools  
Queen Anne's County Public Schools  
St. Mary's County Public Schools

## **\*Community Colleges\***

Anne Arundel Community College  
Carroll Community College  
Cecil Community College  
Harford Community College  
Howard Community College  
Montgomery College  
The Community College of Baltimore County  
Baltimore City Community College  
Prince George's Community College

## **\*Colleges and Universities\***

Coppin State University  
Frostburg University  
Goucher College  
Hood College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Loyola College in Maryland  
McDaniel College  
Mount Saint Mary College  
Salisbury University  
Notre Dame of Maryland  
Towson University  
UM College of Education  
UM Baltimore County  
UMBC UTE Project Site Support  
UM Eastern Shore  
UM University College  
UM LINC Program  
Villa Julie College

## **\*Other Educational Organizations\***

Maryland Higher Education Commission  
Maryland Undergraduate Career & Technology Teacher Preparation Program  
Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities  
Maryland State Teachers Association: Baltimore City Instructional Assistance And Clerical Employees



# **BECOME A MARYLAND TEACHER: CAREER CHANGERS FAIR**

---

## **Concurrent Sessions**

**Session A:** Introduction to Becoming a Maryland Teacher  
  
An Overview of Requirements including Content  
and Professional Education Coursework and  
Testing

9:30 10:30 11:30 12:30 1:30 2:30

**Session B:** Routes to Teacher Certification  
  
An Overview of Traditional and Alternative  
Programs through Colleges, Universities and  
Local School Systems

10:00 11:30 1:00 2:30

**Session C:** Financial Aid and State Incentives  
  
An Overview of Scholarships, Signing Bonuses  
and Other Financial Incentives

10:00 11:30 1:00 2:30

**UMBC**

AN HONORS UNIVERSITY IN MARYLAND



**LEADERSHIP MARYLAND**

INFORMED LEADERS...TOMORROW'S VISION

*Maryland State Department of*

**EDUCATION**

**Comcast**