

Hold Fast to Dreams

Excerpts from the Installation Address by Freeman A. Hrabowski, III
Fifth President of UMBC

*"To all of you, I proclaim it an honor and privilege to lead the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. We are a university 'on the move.' **We know who we are, what we want to become, and how to get there.** We will work to become one of the best public research universities of our size in the world, and we are determined that our dream will not be deferred."*

***"Above all, we value people and ideas.** We are a place where creativity flourishes and people work incredibly hard. We set the highest standards of achievement for ourselves."*

*"We strive to be a place where students appreciate their own culture, while learning to live and work together with people from different backgrounds, connecting across cultures. **We also want them to learn the value of service,** so that what they learn here not only influences their minds, but touches their hearts."*

"Because our students will be 21st-century professionals, they must be prepared for enormous change. And while they cannot envision all of the changes, they must learn how to respond, how to attack and solve problems, and how to ask questions and work with diverse people."

*"Since arriving at UMBC...I have come to appreciate the unusual combination of factors at work here: the enormous talents of the people, who care about our students; our focused academic programs, interdisciplinary strengths, and commitment to linking research and teaching; our youth and evolving status; and our medium size, ensuring us a critical mass of people and programs and **a campus community where people know each other by name, and can feel special.**"*

