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Orientation Retreat, April 11-12, 2019



Remembering Catherine Gira

We are mourning the passing of our inaugural class member (class pictured below), leader, friend, mentor, and former chair of our Board of Directors, **Dr. Catherine R. Gira '93 (LM)**. We are thankful we had the opportunity to honor her with our Platinum Award for Leadership in Education at our 25th Anniversary Celebration (pictured below). Read more about her life [here](#).



Catherine was honored by Maryland Humanities last year, pictured below with **Phoebe Stein '10** and fellow honorees and Class of '93 classmates **James T. "Jim" Brady '93 (LM)** and **Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III '93 (LM)**. Images by Howard Korn Photography.



Member News

- **Hon. David R. Craig '03** has been elected to the Board of the Historical Society of Harford County, to be the Historian of Have de Grace United Methodist Church and as President of the Society of Senates Past.
- **Ivy Dench Carter '16** has been recognized by the *Baltimore Business Journal* as a 2019 Leader in Diversity.
- **Ronald G. "Ron" Forsythe, Jr., Ph.D. '01** was recently featured on the cover of *Silicon Review Magazine* (below).



- Congratulations to **Melanie M. Heuston, D.N.P., RN, NEA-BC '19** who played a key role in Meritus Medical Center receiving Magnet Recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The honor — recognizing the highest level of professional nursing and patient care — makes the hospital east of Hagerstown the only one in Western Maryland and the Tri-State region recognized as a Magnet facility.

- The Maryland Chamber of Commerce will bestow their Public Service Award to **Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III '93 (LM)** next month.
- **Signe J. Pringle '17** has been named Assistant Secretary for business development with the Maryland Department of Commerce.
- **Dr. Robert L. "Bob" Wallace '98** will provide the commencement address for Coppin State University next month.
- **John M. Wasilisin '05** is now the CEO/Executive Director of Maryland Saves.
- **Elizabeth Weglein '18** will provide the commencement address for the Maryland University of Integrative Health next month.
- **Charles A. "Chuck" Wight '19** was recently inaugurated as Salisbury University's ninth President.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

By now, you should have received your membership renewal notice, due April 1, 2019. Thank you to all who have already taken that off your To Do List! If you need a copy of your renewal invoice, give us a call.

Upcoming Events

Event: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Economic Update – NEW INFO BELOW

Part I: To better understand whether Baltimore's financial system is sufficient and diverse enough to support the city's small businesses and their varying needs, the Johns Hopkins 21st Century Cities Initiative (21CC) spent the past two years analyzing data, interviewing experts, and convening stakeholders. 21CC published three reports presenting a robust set of findings and recommendations relating to the local financial system. The project asked the following core questions: What are the sources and amounts of financial investments, both private and public, going to firms in Baltimore, and what are the historical trends? How much capital originates from local sources versus regional and national? What are the gaps in financing types and amounts?

Part II: The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Research department is conducting a multi-year research initiative in Baltimore City to further understand the barriers and incentives individuals living in persistent poverty face when making economic decisions. As part of this initiative, the department's community development research staff is investigating whether the current ecosystem of programs available to those in poverty provides access to resources necessary to move upward along the economic ladder. The presentation on May 7 will showcase their preliminary findings for an assessment of need in Baltimore communities, an analysis of resident funding streams and a survey of nonprofit service providers in the economic mobility ecosystem.

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Time: 7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. Program Begins, 9:30 a.m. Program Concludes

Location: Federal Reserve Bank, 502 S. Sharp St., Baltimore, MD 21201

Parking: Reduced parking vouchers will be available at the Bank on May 7 for parking at the Sheraton Hotel garage located at the intersection of Charles & Conway Streets. Handicapped parking is available at the Bank using the link.

Register by emailing Melissa melissa@leadershipmd.org. Leadership Maryland members in good standing and the Class of '19 are welcome to attend at no cost. Members of local leadership programs will also be in attendance. Deadline Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Event: Historic Sotterley: A testament to all those that lived, died, labored, and resisted

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Historic Sotterley, 44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636

Register by emailing Melissa at melissa@leadershipmd.org. Find more details [here](#).

Deadline: Friday, May 10, 2019

Leadership Maryland members in good standing and the Class of 2019 are welcome to attend at no cost. Lapsed members may attend for \$25. Guests may attend for \$35. You may bring a check on May 15 or call the office to pay by credit card.

Please call Melissa at (410) 841-2101 with any questions.

Event: Vehicles For Change: Making an Impact

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Vehicles For Change, 4111 Washington Blvd., Halethorpe, MD 21227

Register by emailing Melissa at melissa@leadershipmd.org. Find more details [here](#).

Deadline: Friday, June 14, 2019

Leadership Maryland members in good standing and the Class of 2019 are welcome to attend at no cost. Lapsed members may attend for \$25. Guests may attend for \$35. You may bring a check on June 19 or call the office to pay by credit card.

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Remaining 2019 Sessions

May 16 & 17
June 20 & 21
July 18 & 19
September 19 & 20
October 17 & 18
November 15
December 10

Recent Events

Highlighting Economic Development and Education in Maryland

Friday, March 29, 2019: Thanks to our partners Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) and the University System of Maryland (USM), and to our host the University of Baltimore. Pictured below are presenters **Kimberly A. "Kim" Clark '09 (LM)**, **Hon. James D. "Jim" Fielder, Jr., Ph.D. '98**, **Signe J. Pringle '17** and **James E. "Jim" Rzepkowski '05**.



The Restoration of the Chesapeake Bay Oyster

Wednesday, April 10, 2019: Thanks to **David A. Nemazie '11** and University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science for their support!



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Seeking Volunteers

Jennifer Gauthier '16, Founder/Executive Director of Lead4Life, a non profit having a major impact on generations of families through creative and innovative programs, is seeking new board members. The organization enriches the lives of at risk, children, youth and families while positively impacting the quality of life in Maryland communities. They strive to help others reach their highest potential. If you have expertise in fundraising, accounting, clinical services, business administration, marketing, grant writing or technology, you can help Lead4Life continue to make positive strides in improving and enriching the lives of many individuals and families. They want people who are willing to make this one of their top three priorities as a community leader. If you are interested and/ or would like additional information, please visit their website www.Lead4Lifeinc.org or email your statement of interest and resume to Jennifer Gauthier at gauthier@lead4lifeinc.org.



LAST CHANCE: Spots are filling up!

There are only a few spots remaining in MLW's summer leadership programs for middle- and high-school students! **Application deadline is next Tuesday, April 30, 2019.** Learn more at mlw.org.



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