

A Bridge to Academic Excellence Career Fair Agenda

Saturday, April 16, 2016
First Floor, Pharmacy Hall
20 N. Pine Street, Baltimore, MD 21201



- **9:45 am - 10:00 am: Sign In**
- **10:00 am - 11:00 am: Group Session (N103)**
 - Facilitator: Jeffrey Ma, ABAE President
 - Career Fair Speakers
 - Medicine – **Stephen Thompson, MD**
Division of Pediatric Neurology, UMB School of Medicine
 - Technology Management – **David Carter, MEM**
Near Earth Network (NEN) Project Manager, NASA
 - Pharmacy – **Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA**
Pharmacy Faculty, UMB School of Pharmacy
 - Fashion Design – **Ella Pristker, Couture**
Maryland Center of Fashion Design
 - High School Student/Tutor – **Robinson (Trey) Burrell III**
Boys' Latin School of Maryland
 - Nursing – **Ivy Latoja Pacis, RN**
VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS)
 - Nursing Academy – **Dzifa Dordunoo, PhD, RN**
Nursing Faculty, UMB School of Nursing
 - Education Program Specialist – **Agustin Hernandez, BSHS, NR-P**
Resuscitation Education Initiative Program Director, VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS)
- **11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Lunch and Networking with Speakers (Atrium)**
 - Lunch will be served at 11:00am in the Atrium
 - Organizations will have tables to provide students with more information about their profession
 - ASCEND Center for Biomedical Research, Morgan State University
 - School of Dentistry
 - School of Nursing
 - School of Pharmacy
 - Students will have an opportunity to chat one-on-one with speakers
 - Speakers will be available to answer any questions, as well as provide any handouts or additional information to students

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Upcoming Events:

***Saturday, May 7, 2016 – Awards Ceremony**

RSVP by April 25, 2016, 5 pm at <http://goo.gl/forms/Bnm6jjqjjw>

For any questions or comments, please email Jeff Ma (jeffrey.ma@umaryland.edu)

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Panelists Biographies

Mr. David Carter was born in Washington, D.C. Mr. Carter began his college career at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1987. He earned a Masters degree in Engineering Management from George Washington University in 1991. He also completed a Professional Certificate program in Space Systems Operations from Capitol College in 1993. In February 2007, Mr. Carter received the distinction of Honorary Professor at the Universidad Nacional de San Agustin in Arequipa, Peru for his work with the University.

Mr. David Carter began his professional career as a mechanical engineer at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in 1987. From 1996 to 2009, he served as NASA's Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR) Networks Manager. Mr. Carter managed the operations of NASA's foreign and domestic SLR stations, and managed the development of the Next Generation SLR (NGSLR) prototype system which is an automated, unmanned tracking station. Mr. Carter served as one of NASA representatives on the International Laser Ranging Service (ILRS) Governing Board. In October 2009, Mr. Carter was selected as NASA's Ground Network Project Manager which consists of the Near Earth Network and the SLR network. The Near Earth Network stations provide spacecraft communications and tracking services to unmanned space crafts and the Space Shuttle.

These international projects required Mr. Carter to travel around the world to all seven continents including places such as Antarctica, Argentina, Ascension Islands, Australia, Austria, Azores, Bangladesh, Barbados, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Tahiti, and Thailand.

In addition to his technical career, Mr. Carter has participated in numerous community service events, outreach programs, and other public speaking engagements. Mr. Carter has been the guest speaker at graduations, universities, and other special events. Mr. Carter has received numerous awards for his technical accomplishments and his community service. One of his greatest honors was serving as host to Mrs. Rosa Parks when she visited Goddard Space Flight Center in 1996.

Dr. Dzifa Dordunoo, Assistant Professor, Organizational Systems and Adult Health, University of Maryland, School of Nursing, earned her bachelor's degree from University of Victoria, Canada, a master's degree from Duke University and a doctor of philosophy from University of Maryland Baltimore. She was involved in several clinical research studies involving patients with end stage heart failure requiring mechanical circulatory devices and several projects looking at the delivery of critical care medicine and nursing education in Serra Leone and Ghana. Her research interest areas include heart failure, sickle disease and critical care nursing in developing countries. She has over 14 years clinical experience as a registered nurse in cardiology and currently holds positions at UMB SON as assistant professor and at Johns Hopkins Hospital as staff nurse.

Ms. Ivy Latoja Pacis was born in the Philippines in a time and place where poverty and conflict is common. Her parents valued education so much that they believed it was the only ticket out of town. She obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) in 1996. Because nursing jobs were scarce, she pursued other opportunities after graduation. While working as a private nurse for affluent families, she also worked as an English language tutor to Korean students and a customer care representative for a telecommunications company where she met her husband. She did volunteer works as a public health nurse in their village and far-flung areas, then as an educator for government sponsored programs using indigenous resources as medicines. Aiming for higher grounds and opportunities for her family, she set sight on furthering her practice in the United States. She passed the NCLEX examination in 2002 and four other tests required for US employment. Two years later she found herself practicing her craft at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's medical-surgical unit. In 2006, she transferred to the Johns Hopkins Hospital's (JHH) Cardiac ICU.

At JHH, Ivy was active in various unit-based and hospital-wide projects and initiatives. These activities were geared towards accomplishing the institution's goals and commitments as a Magnet designated hospital. Besides her obligation

as a CICU nurse, she was also a member of the IV Therapy team, an informatics support, trainer for numerous critical care and cardiac support devices, and BLS/ACLS certified instructor. Ivy, to this day, continues to conduct certification lectures in BLS and ACLS at both the JHH and the VA (REdI program). While working at JHH, she also held a part time job at the ICU and Vascular Access Team of the Franklin Square Hospital as a PICC-certified RN.

In 2014, Ivy was accepted to the CICU of the Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital in Baltimore, MD. She continues to be an active member and a leader in the VA initiatives by championing numerous educational and evidence-based endeavors. Ivy holds certifications for critical care nursing (CCRN) and medical cardiology (CMC). She was detailed as an interim Critical Care Educator six months after she was hired. She is presently pursuing her Master of Health Care Administration (MHA) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN).

Ms. Ella Pritsker as a young child in Soviet Russia began a life-long love of fashion design by creating doll clothes for her handmade paper dolls. She advanced to clothing for herself made from scraps she could cobble together. By the time she went to school, she updated her fashions with a piece of lace here or an elegant inlay there... At the age of 21 while in Austria and Italy waiting to emigrate to the U.S., destiny would have it that she met three "old world" European dressmakers and was exposed to the exciting world of high fashion. Each taught her a piece of the fine art of hand stitched custom couture. "That's when I knew this was what I would do with my life," she says. In the states, she began her couture business and gained a following with her ELLA MODA line, being named Baltimore's Best Custom Clothing Designer by BALTIMORE Magazine in 2002.

In 2009 Ella decided to share her skills with others and has created the Academy of Custom Couture and Design. The Academy's goal is to preserve the fine art of custom couture and give others with a lifelong love of fashion a chance to learn the fine sewing techniques she has learned to create wonderful fashions for themselves or others, and eventually to make their living doing something they love.

In 2010 Ella co-founded the Baltimore Fashion Alliance to provide professionals in the fashion industry superior education, networking and resources as well as giving back to the community through charitable programs and contributions. In 2011 Ella joined the Advisory Board of the Fashion Design program at Stevenson University. An internship program with City Neighbors Charter High School was also established in the beginning of 2011 in an effort to provide students with an opportunity to get a closer look at the fashion industry, and hands on experience. In 2012 the Certificate of Recognition was presented to Ella on behalf of citizens of Baltimore for her passion for fashion and the arts and for her dedication to helping others express their individual creativity through.

Stephen J. Thompson, MD, Associate Professor and Medical Director, Division of Pediatric Neurology, Department of Pediatrics, University of Maryland School of Medicine is a Pediatric Neurologist with additional training in Neuro-Oncology. He attended Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, earning a BS in Natural Science. He then attended New Jersey Medical School, and remained there for a Residency in Pediatrics and a Fellowship in Pediatric Neurology. Additionally, he went to New York for a Fellowship in Neuro-Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Thompson worked in NY, back in New Jersey, and then moved to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee for six years. After that he returned to New Jersey for 13 years and moved to his current position at the School of Medicine in September of 2014.

His mother grew up in Baltimore and met his father when he was in Dental School at UMB. He has been a volunteer doctor at a summer sleep-away camp in Frederick County, MD for 13 years. Dr. Thompson has a 23 year old son who is still in college. He plays guitar, and enjoys bicycle riding, archery, bird watching, fishing, and hiking. He has always felt most at home in Maryland and is thrilled to be living and working in Baltimore.

Dr. Joey Mattingly is an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. He practices at the University Pharmacy on Redwood Street in Baltimore, Maryland. After graduating from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy and Gatton College of Business and Economics, Dr. Mattingly dove directly into pharmacy practice for The Kroger Company as an EPRN super trainer, facilitating the

implementation of a new pharmacy information system software to more than 40 pharmacies. After completion of the pharmacy system rollout, Dr. Mattingly managed four different Kroger Pharmacy locations between 2010 and 2012, revamping operations at each location to improve multiple business and patient care activities. Dr. Mattingly was promoted within Kroger to serve as District 6 Pharmacy Coordinator in the Mid-South Division, based in Carbondale, Illinois, overseeing operations for 12 pharmacies.

In 2013, Dr. Mattingly left The Kroger Company to lead Indianapolis operations as general manager for a start-up long-term care pharmacy company called [AlixRx](#), providing pharmacy services and remote automated dispensing systems to 23 skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) across Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. He currently serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, where he practices at the University Pharmacy on Redwood Street in Baltimore.

Dr. Mattingly writes for *Leading Over The Counter*, a blog dedicated to sharing leadership and management perspectives for pharmacists and other health care professionals.

Robinson Burrell III “Trey” started in 6th grade on the Middle School Robotics Team at the Boys’ Latin School of MD. He began working with Lego, Mindstorms, and NXT Robotics Programs. His school started being competitive in middle school robotics when he entered 7th grade. The Upper School already had a competitive robotics team, which was established in 2007. His robotics team attended The First Lego League or FLL. Trey’s team made the state championship that year, which was their rookie year. In 8th grade, they were #10 of 25 teams, so did not place but won awards for Innovative Solutions and Research. When Trey was entering high school in summer 2013, he was accepted in the Maryland Summer Science Center’s Gifted and Talented Robotics Program at Frostburg State University. Trey is currently a member on the Upper School Robotics’ team. In spring of 2014 the team traveled to University of Maryland College Park and the Pittsburgh Regional at California University of Pennsylvania for competitions. To prepare for competition, his team spends evenings and weekends (7 days a week) researching, programming and building the robots.

Trey is also an Algebra tutor for ABAE.