



**Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Fund (MEIF) Authority**  
**Friday, September 12, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**bwtech@UMBC South Campus  
Seminar Room  
1450 South Rolling Road, Halethorpe, MD 21227**

**AGENDA**

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**12:00 PM | Lunch and Opening Remarks**

- Renee Winsky, Chair

**12:10 PM | Johns Hopkins University**

- Dr. Gail Daumit, Vice Dean for Clinical Investigation, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
- Dr. Laura Ensign-Hodges, Vice Chair for Research, Marcella E. Woll Professor of Ophthalmology
  - *Research Focus:* Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and the development of topical gelling eye drop technology.
- Amy Burdette, Senior Associate Director, Foundation Relations

**12:25 PM | McDaniel College**

- Dr. Flavius Lilly, Provost
- Dr. Anna Lissitz, Assistant Professor of Data Analytics

**12:30 PM | University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science**

- Lois Colaprete, Vice President for Advancement
- Dr. Bethe Polidoro, Director, Chesapeake Biological Lab

**12:35 PM | University of Maryland Eastern Shore**

- Kevin Odell, Director of Programming and Operations

**12:40 PM | College of Southern Maryland**

- Ellen Flowers-Fields, Vice President, Continuing Education & Workforce Development

**12:43 PM | Morgan State University**

- Albert Sweets, Director, External Research Partnerships, Research & Economic Development
- Dr. Kevin Kornegay, Eugene DeLoatch Endowed Chair in the Internet of Things (IoT)

**12:55 PM | Goucher College**

- Kent Devereaux, President
- Dr. Veronica Segarra, Maryland E-Nnovation Endowed Chair in Biological Sciences and Chemistry
  - *Research Focus:* Stress-response biochemistry and cell biology using fluorescence microscopy; equitable and inclusive STEM workforce development.
- Andrea Marsh, Director of Corporate, Foundation, & Government Grants

**1:10 PM | Mount St. Mary's University**

- Dr. Barbara Marinak, Provost
- Dr. Daniel Salinas Duron, Endowed Professorship in Computational Science and Mathematics
  - *Research Focus:* Computational sciences with an emphasis on data science, in collaboration with students and community partners.

**1:25 PM | Washington College**

- Valerie Imbruce, Director, Center for Environment and Society (CES)
- Tarek Rashed, Director, Geographic Information System Program, CES
  - *Research Focus:* Advancing GIS technology to address environmental, societal, and economic challenges through digital mapping, spatial analysis, and data-driven decision-making.
- Dylan Poulsen, John W. Allender Associate Professor of Data Ethics, Director of the Data Science Innovation Lab
  - *Research Focus:* Advancing ethical data science through innovative teaching, research, and engaging students in real-world projects with local partners.
- Andrew Kaiser, MEIF Entrepreneurship and Innovation Chair
  - *Background:* Founder and former CEO of The Kaizen Company, an industry innovator acquired by Tetra Tech.

**1:50 PM | Hood College**

- Dr. Yanting Guo, Endowed Chair in Sustainability Studies

- *Research Focus:* Transforming agricultural waste into commercial products and developing coursework in sustainable agriculture.
- Jamie Cacciola, Senior Director, Grants and Sponsored Programs

## 2:05 PM | Towson University

- Siddharth (Sidd) Kaza, Vice President for Research, Maryland E-Nnovation Endowed Professor of Cybersecurity
  - *Research Focus:* Development of the Cyber4All Center, National Taskforce Cybersecurity Curriculum, CyberAI Knowledge Units, and the SecureEd initiative.

## 2:20 PM | Notre Dame of Maryland University

- Dr. Carroll Galvin, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and University Communications
- Dr. Jenn Kerr, The Dr. Mary Kay Shartle Galotto '64 Endowed Chair in Biological Sciences
  - *Research Focus:* Advancing biosciences and data science, with current work on creating non-invasive antimicrobial strategies to reduce resistance.

## 2:30 PM | University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)

- Dr. Karl Steiner, Vice President for Research and Achievement
- Patrick Roche, Vice President of Institutional Advancement
- Sara Lerma Jones, Director, Donor Relations

## 2:40 PM | Loyola University Maryland

- Dr. Cheryl Moore-Thomas, Provost and Senior Vice President
- Dr. Michael Tangrea, Endowed Professor of Biology and Innovation
  - *Research Focus:* Commercialization with a focus on translational medicine.
- Maura Burnett, Director of Development, Corporate & Foundation Relations

## 2:55 PM | Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)

- Cecilia M. McCormick, President
- Lee Davis, Co-Director, Center for Creative Impact
  - *Research Focus:* Conducting research and embedding designers into healthcare and public health institutions.
- Ryan Hoover, Faculty, Interdisciplinary Sculpture
- Sara Warren, Associate Vice President for Advancement and Leadership Gifts

## 3:10 PM | University of Maryland, College Park (UMD)

- Dr. Wendy Powers, Dean, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources (AGNR)
- Dr. Abba Gumel, Michael and Eugena Brin Endowed Chair in Mathematics (CMNS)
  - *Research Focus:* Using mathematics to understand the spread of human diseases.

- Dr. Norbert Matthias, IonQ Endowed Professor (CMNS)
  - *Research Focus:* Quantum computing research and advancing Maryland's quantum ecosystem.
- Dr. Martin Rabenhorst, Ray R. Weil Endowed Professor in Soil Science (AGNR)
  - *Research Focus:* Improving soil health, yield, and profitability.
- Dr. Calin Belta, Brendan Iribe Endowed Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering (ENGR)
  - *Research Focus:* Dynamics and control theory, with emphasis on cyber-physical systems, robotics, and systems biology.
- Carolyn Fernandez, Assistant Dean, External Relations, AGNR
- June Falb, Senior Director of Development, CMNS
- Cheri Meadows, Director of Development, CMNS
- Almarie Wood, Senior Director of Development, EGNR
- Laren Friedman, Assistant Director of Donor Recognition, Office of Stewardship

### **3:40 PM | University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)**

- Greg Bowden, Vice President & Chief Philanthropy Officer
- Dr. Stuart S. Martin, Drs. Angela and Harry Brodie Professor of Translational Cancer Research
  - *Research Focus:* Metastasis of breast, prostate, and ovarian cancers, leading to new targets for drug development.
- Dr. Matthew Frieman, Alicia and Yaya Professor of Viral Pathogen Research
  - *Research Focus:* International expert on SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), focused on stopping the next coronavirus-related pandemic.