Excellence through Diversity

“At the University of Maryland, we have made the diversity of our campus fundamental to our pursuit of excellence. We are proud of our nationally recognized record of achievements, but we also know that the effort to build a truly inclusive community is never-ending. Our students must learn to live productively in a world in which their lives will increasingly intersect—in the marketplace, in the political arena, in cultural activities, in the neighborhoods—with the lives of others whose perspectives and backgrounds differ remarkably from their own. And our democratic ideals have taught us the profound merit of a society that recognizes the inherent values and rights of each individual, a society we hope to realize in our country and throughout the world. Through a variety of campus-wide programs and activities, we have sought to engage faculty, staff, and students in the process of creating a diverse and inclusive community and have maintained this goal at the forefront of our attention.”

–President C. Daniel Mote, Jr.
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The following is a Directory of Equity, Diversity, and Conflict Resolution Initiatives at the University of Maryland. This comprehensive Directory attempts to catalog and annotate the remarkable array of high-quality undertakings related to multicultural education, broadly conceptualized, on our campus.
I hope that this Directory will be a valuable resource to which you will often refer, and further, that it will encourage you to make or renew connections with the many individuals, offices, units, and departments dedicated to this work at Maryland.

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I would also like to acknowledge the exemplary work of those listed in the Directory. The University of Maryland, a top-ranked University academically speaking, is also a nationally recognized model institution with respect to Equity, Diversity, and Conflict Resolution. We are accorded this recognition because of what the individuals behind the efforts chronicled in this Directory do each and every day.

If I can be of any assistance with regard to Maryland’s current or future Equity, Diversity, and Conflict Resolution endeavors, please contact me at rewaters@umd.edu or 301-405-5793.

Sincerely,

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