Dear Retriever Alumni,

Many are calling this period a defining moment for humankind, and history will judge us by how we respond.

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to unfold, we share our deep gratitude for all in our alumni community working to keep the state and nation healthy and safe. Thank you to our Retriever first responders, healthcare professionals, social workers, public servants, National Guard members, educators, researchers, and everyone else who is lending a hand. Whether you are doing medical research, treating patients, protecting computer networks or supply chains, or caring for family members while balancing work and community commitments, we are proud of your efforts. We know you’re giving your all. Thank you for being models of caring and selflessness as our nation works through this challenge together.

UMBC leaders are meeting daily to navigate this rapidly changing reality, and we are working closely with USM Chancellor Jay Perman, other System campuses, and UMBC’s shared governance groups to plan necessary transitions in teaching, learning, research, and the daily life of our campus community.

We will continue to communicate regularly, and we encourage you to visit UMBC’s COVID-19 website at covid19.umbc.edu for prevention steps, updates, and resources.

I hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Freeman A. Hrabowski III
President, UMBC