

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lecture

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Monday, January 17, 2005
4:00 p.m.

Washington University School of Medicine
Eric P. Newman Education Center
320 S. Euclid Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

“Reflections on America’s Academic Achievement Gap”

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III
President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Co-Author “Beating the Odds”

Presented by Washington University School of Medicine
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Program

Welcome/Introduction **Will Ross, M.D.**
Associate Dean & Director
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Remarks **Mark S. Wrighton, Ph.D.**
Chancellor, Washington University in St. Louis
Larry J. Shapiro, M.D.
Executive Vice Chancellor for Medical Public Affairs and
Dean, School of Medicine

Introduction of **Carla Easter, Ph.D.**
Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, Ph.D. Director, Outreach Program
Genome Sequencing Center

"Reflections on America's **Freeman Hrabowski III, Ph.D.**
Academic Achievement Gap" President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Co-Author "Beating the Odds"

Question & Answer Session **Audience**



Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, has served as President of UMBC (The University of Maryland, Baltimore County) since May, 1992. His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. Hrabowski's proudest accomplishment is the highly successful Meyerhoff Program. Founded in 1988, this nationally recognized program is dedicated to increasing the number of African Americans and other underrepresented minorities earning doctorates in the sciences and engineering. Students accepted into the program have exceptional retention rates (95%) and are broadly distributed in scientific

fields. Meyerhoff students have impressive research-related internships each year in laboratories throughout the U.S. and abroad; nearly all have presented research and professional conferences, and a number of them have published in scientific journals as undergraduates.

Born in 1950 and growing up in racially divisive Birmingham, Hrabowski was involved at an early age in the civil rights movement. He participated in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s children's crusade and was arrested. He also knew one of the young girls killed in the Birmingham church bombing of 1963. Dr. Hrabowski graduated at 19 from Hampton Institute with highest honors in mathematics. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he received his M.A. (mathematics) one year later and his Ph.D. (higher education administration/statistics) at age 24.

Dr. Hrabowski serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and universities and school systems nationally. He also sits on several corporate and civic boards, including the Baltimore Museum of Art, Marguerite Casey Foundation, and the University of Maryland Medical System.

Recent awards and honors include election to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the American Philosophical Society, receiving the prestigious *McGraw Prize in Education*, receiving the U.S. *Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring*, and being named *Marylander of the Year* by the editors of the *Baltimore Sun*. In 2004 he was selected as one of the 50 Most Important Blacks in Research Science. He also holds honorary degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Gallaudet University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and Binghamton University, among others.