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MASKED
BALL

BALTIMORE 2026



Dr. Michael L. Lomax

President and CEO, UNCF



Greetings,

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I welcome each of you to the 2026 UNCF Baltimore Masked Ball. Your presence here reflects a profound commitment to the power of education and the belief that together, we can build a brighter future for our communities.

As we gather in this space, let us take a moment to acknowledge the incredible journeys that have brought us here. Each of you represents the collective hope and aspiration of countless students striving for excellence. Your dedication to supporting their educational endeavors is not just commendable; it is transformative.

To our Leading Sponsors, Johns Hopkins and The Baltimore Community Foundation, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you. Your commitment to this mission not only changes lives but also inspires others to join in this vital work. Together, we are lighting the way to promise and prosperity while fostering a culture of empowerment and achievement.

As we engage in today's activities, let us remember the impact of our collective efforts. Each conversation, each collaboration and each moment spent together strengthens our mission and enhances the lives of those we serve. The education and opportunities we provide are not just investments in individual futures; they are investments in the future of our communities and our nation.

Let us continue to inspire one another, share our stories and work together to make a lasting difference. Together, we can break down barriers and open doors for the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators.

Thank you for being here and for your belief in the mission of UNCF.

Warm regards,

Dr. Michael L. Lomax

President and CEO
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Ja Nai Wright



DJ QuickSilva

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Kevin A. Carr

Director of Integrated Advancement
Coppin State University

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Maurice Jenkins Jr.

Executive Vice President, Chief Development Officer
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The Honorable
Brandon M. Scott

Mayor
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SPECIAL MESSAGE



Dr. Michael L. Lomax
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Carlynn Greene
Founder of Scholarship Guru

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WELCOME

Ja Nai Wright and DJ QuickSilva

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Introduction by Maurice Jenkins Jr.

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Terri Lee Freeman

President, Reginald F. Lewis Museum

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CLOSING REMARKS

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THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT

Decade's Band

AFTER PARTY ENTERTAINMENT

DJ QuickSilva and DJ Shannell B.

MASKED AWARD HONOREE

Janet S. Currie

President, Bank of America Greater Maryland



Janet S. Currie is the president of Bank of America Greater Maryland and market executive for the Local Markets Organization. She connects the bank's banking and investment resources to people and businesses across the region and leads its efforts to advance economic mobility and strengthen communities. With more than 30 years in financial services, she has held executive roles in consumer banking, wealth management and mortgage lending. A Spelman College graduate with a master's degree from New York University's Stern School of Business, she serves on numerous civic and nonprofit boards and champions women's professional development as executive sponsor of Bank of America's LEAD for Women network.

MASKED AWARD HONOREE

Terri Lee Freeman

President, Reginald F. Lewis Museum



Terri Lee Freeman is the president of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture. Since joining the museum in December 2020, she has guided its strategic direction and strengthened its role as a place for education, cultural exploration and community dialogue. She previously served as president of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and led the Greater Washington Community Foundation for 18 years. Her career also includes serving as founding executive director of the Freddie Mac Foundation. Freeman holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton and a master's degree in organizational communication management from Howard University.

MASKED AWARD HONOREE

Dr. Sarah Hemminger

Co-Founder and CEO, Thread



Dr. Sarah Hemminger Sarah is a social entrepreneur, scientist and ice dancer who co-founded Thread, a non-profit that harnesses the power of relationships to engage exceptional young people facing extraordinary opportunity and achievement gaps.

Thread's innovative, paradigm-shifting model centered on reciprocal relationships, has led to exemplary outcomes for young people and a deeply knitted diverse community of thousands of Baltimoreans. This work fuels her belief that building strong relationships across lines of difference can transform the lives of all involved and weave a more equitable social fabric that improves educational, economic and health outcomes.

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9 a.m. (EST) Breakfast Celebration

The Hotel at The University of Maryland

7777 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD

Tickets: \$80

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