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Subject: A Message from UMGC Interim President Lawrence Leak, PhD

Dear Colleagues,

University System of Maryland Chancellor Jay A. Perman, MD, has asked me to share a message announcing the selection of Dr. Gregory Fowler as the next president of UMGC.

I could not be more pleased with Dr. Fowler's appointment or more confident in the future of our university under his expert leadership. I would also like to take this opportunity to say once again what an honor it has been to lead UMGC during this transition.

Over the past three months, I have been privileged to work with you to maintain the institutional momentum that you achieved together with President Javier Miyares, and you can and should take pride in all that has been accomplished.

As Chancellor Perman indicates, Dr. Fowler will join us on January 4, 2021, and our university is well-positioned for his arrival. We are operationally and financially stable, enrollments are strong, and while we deal with the realities of the coronavirus pandemic, we have continued to provide our students with the outstanding service they so richly deserve.

With Dr. Fowler's arrival, we open a new chapter in UMGC's rich history. The experience, skills, and educational background he brings to the position are well-suited to the challenges and opportunities before us today.

As president of Southern New Hampshire University's Global Campus, he has grown the institution's online capacity, established a partnership to support students classified as "near completers" at historically Black institutions, and increased the university's assessment capabilities for students with military backgrounds, industry certifications, or nontraditional skills.

I am honored to have been invited to stay on at UMGC in an advisory role as Dr. Fowler transitions into the university presidency, and I look forward to continuing our work together to fulfill our public mission and serve those students whose lives we touch every day.

Again, it has been a special honor to serve in this capacity, and I thank you for your support, your professionalism, and above all your friendship, which has meant so much to me.

As we look forward to a new year filled with promise, I say again thank you and wish you each a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,
Lawrence E. Leak, PhD
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