



We are pleased to announce that the Stanford University School of Medicine, Biosciences Office of Graduate Education, and other University programs are co-sponsoring the first annual symposium on diversity in graduate education. This year, we have invited Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, III, President of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, to speak to the Stanford community on December 6 at 4:30pm in Fairchild Auditorium. His talk will focus on his successes recruiting and retaining students of color in math and science, and the importance of diversity in graduate education.

Dr. Hrabowski is a scholar and educator who has received national recognition for his work on increasing minority participation in math and the sciences. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Hrabowski, graduated at 19 from Hampton Institute with highest honors in mathematics, and he received his M.A. (mathematics) and PhD (higher education administration and statistics) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at the age of 24. He has served as the president of UMBC since 1992. The University of Maryland Baltimore County is the home of the Meyerhoff Scholars, a program renowned for increasing the number of underrepresented minority students earning doctorates in science and engineering. Over 200 students currently participate in the Meyerhoff program, and its over 300 graduates have enrolled in MD, PhD, and MD/PhD programs at leading research universities such as Stanford, Harvard, Yale, and MIT.

We are honored that Dr. Hrabowski will be joining us, and would like to extend an invitation to you attend his talk on Friday, December 6. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Kimberly Griffin at [kgriffin@stanford.edu](mailto:kgriffin@stanford.edu) or (650) 724-2815.

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DIVERSITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION:**

MODELING ON SUCCESS

**Freeman Hrabowski, PhD**

President of the University of Maryland Baltimore County

Friday, December 6  
Fairchild Auditorium  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
Keynote address - 4:30 pm  
Reception to follow

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## Biography

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Dr. Hrabowski serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Academy of Sciences (where he is a member of the Academy's Council of Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable), the U.S. Department of Education, and universities and school systems nationally. Examples of recent awards and honors include his induction into the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, The *Baltimore Sun's* "Marylander of the Year," The Educator Achievement Award (NSF), The Outstanding Science Educator (Eli Lilly & Company), and The Golden Torch Academic Visionary Award (National Society of Black Engineers).

His research and publications focus on science and math education, with a special emphasis on issues involving minority participation. He is co-author of the books, Beating the Odds and Overcoming the Odds, focusing on parenting and high-achieving African American students in science.