



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

OUR COMMITMENT TO A SAFE AND SMOOTH RETURN TO CAMPUS

January 29, 2026

Dear UMES Students and Families,

Thank you for your continued commitment to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. I am writing to acknowledge the uncertainty and frustration many of you have experienced returning to campus for spring 2026 classes in the midst of winter storms. Pauses and changes to plans can be disruptive – especially for families who are coordinating travel, work schedules, and weather conditions to support their students. Please know that I see and understand the confusion this moment has caused.

The safety of our students and of the family members who so often help transport them, along with the safety of our faculty and staff, is always our first and most important priority. Decisions to delay or pause campus operations are never made lightly. They are guided by careful monitoring of weather conditions, road safety, and the well-being of our entire campus community.

In response to the current situation, our leadership team has been actively working to smooth students' return to campus as conditions allow. This includes coordinating with campus housing, dining, academic leadership, and student support services to ensure flexibility and clear communication as plans are finalized. We are committed to making the transition back to campus as safe and manageable as possible.

We appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued partnership during this time. Please continue to monitor official UMES communications for updates, and do not hesitate to reach out to the **Division of Enrollment Management and Student Experience at (410) 651-6687** if you have specific concerns or need assistance.

Thank you for the trust you place in UMES. We look forward to welcoming our students back to campus soon, safely, and with care.

With warm regards,

Dr. Heidi M. Anderson
President
University of Maryland Eastern Shore