

## MARYLAND'S BEST VALUE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

### Economical...

- TU produces graduates for 36% below the average cost of traditional USM schools

*Delta Cost Project – FY 2012*

### Productive...

- 5,803 degrees and certificates conferred in 2014–2015
- 933 STEM degrees and certificates conferred in 2014–15
- Higher than average six-year graduation rates (70 percent)

### And efficient...

- Recognized as one of the nation's most efficiently-run universities (*U.S. News & World Report, Forbes and Princeton Review*)

### For the State.

- Nearly 80 percent of recent Towson graduates live, work and pay taxes in Maryland.
- 92,782 of Towson University's alumni reside in Maryland; 149,758 alumni worldwide

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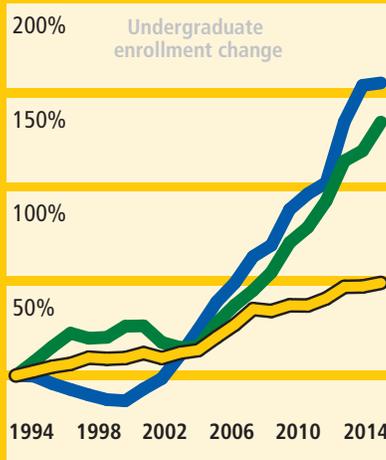
Now celebrating 150 years of educating Maryland's students, Towson University is the state's second-largest public university. We have 22,284 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in more than 100 programs.

## FY 17 OPERATING BUDGET PRIORITY

Maintain Towson University's proposed \$110.2 million operating budget to provide affordable, quality education for Maryland's citizens.

Towson University receives the lowest state funding per FTE, and every appropriations dollar matters. We have a history of being financially efficient, receiving national recognition for financial acumen. That is why we can assure Marylanders that we will make the most of the funds allocated to us.

IN DEMAND...



**Health Professions:**  
155% Growth, +2,509 students

**Science and Mathematics:**  
135% Growth, +1,826 students

**Overall:**  
49% Growth, +7,641 students

- Undergraduate STEM program enrollment has increased by nearly 40 percent in the last five years alone.

AND OUT OF SPACE.

- The current campus space deficit of 252,000 net assignable square feet will grow to 352,000 by 2020 without the new science facility.
- The College of Health Professions has less than 50 percent of the lab space needed to support current programming.



CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

New Science Building

Maintain the \$6.15 million in planning funds in FY 2017 for the development of a new science building.

At Towson University, all undergraduate science majors, all STEM majors supported by science courses such as the health professions, and all of our STEM and UTeach teachers will rely on this new science facility. Additionally, in fall 2020 more than 10,000 of our undergraduate students will take classes in the new science building to fulfill their core scientific requirements. We thank the state for its commitment to advancing science instruction at Towson University. With your continued help, we are confident that this facility will provide a tremendous return for Maryland.

College of Health Professions

Restore planning funds for the development of a College of Health Professions building.

Students in the largest USM health professions program are learning in 40-year-old labs and antiquated classrooms. Towson University has the second-largest bachelor's nursing program in the USM and Maryland's only graduate-level occupational therapy program. These high-demand professions require hands-on learning, but the college has less than half the space it needs, restricting enrollment in areas of high demand. Towson requires the state's assistance to respond to Maryland's critical workforce needs.