



Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, has served as President of UMBC (The University of Maryland, Baltimore County) since 1992. His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He chaired the National Academies' committee that produced the recent report, *Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads*. He also was recently named by President Obama to chair the newly created President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. Hrabowski's new book, *Holding Fast to Dreams: Empowering Youth from the Civil Rights Crusade to STEM Achievement*, out in May 2015, is about his experiences with the civil rights movement and how they led him to develop programs promoting educational success in science and technology for African Americans and others.

Hrabowski and UMBC were recently featured on CBS's 60 Minutes, attracting national attention for the campus' achievements involving innovation and inclusive excellence. In 2008, he was named one of America's Best Leaders by *U.S. News & World Report*, which ranked UMBC the nation's #1 "Up and Coming" university the past six years (2009-14). During this period, *U.S. News* also consistently ranked UMBC among the nation's leading institutions for "Best Undergraduate Teaching" - in 2014, other universities on the list included Princeton, Brown, Stanford, and Yale. *TIME* magazine named him one of America's 10 Best College Presidents in 2009, and one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2012. In 2011, he received both the TIAA-CREF Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence and the Carnegie...

Testimonials

He was kind and gracious to everyone he met. He was generous with his ideas and engaged the audience every minute he spoke, Well worth the investment of time and resources to have him on campus. I wish we would have had him longer. Thanks for all of your help!

- Assistant Dean, Faculty Services, UTSA Libraries.

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski

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