

University of Baltimore Announces New Weinberg Program and Partnership

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.
Launches 2007 Fellows Program with UB Schaefer Center
for Public Policy

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The University of Baltimore has announced a joint venture with the renowned private organization, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc. Through a competitive selection process, which included the consideration of more than a dozen colleges and universities in the area, the University of Baltimore's Schaefer Center for Public Policy was selected to manage the Weinberg Fellows Program.

The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Fellows Program was created by the Weinberg Foundation in Hawaii in 1992 as a leadership development program for executive directors of community-based nonprofit agencies that serve disadvantaged individuals. Introduced in Baltimore in 2002, the program has flourished by providing hands-on interactive sessions focused on improving key management and leadership skills, exploration of important issues and challenges, and opportunities to network with other agency leaders. Almost 100 Weinberg Fellows have completed the program in Baltimore.

"It is an honor for us to be delivering the Weinberg Fellows program and to be associated with the fine work of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation," said **Ann Cotten**, director of the Schaefer Center. "For us this is not just another training program, but an opportunity to live our mission and make a difference in the lives of the executive directors who participant in the program, enhance the impact of Baltimore's nonprofit sector, and help those most in need in our community."

A group of 25 executive directors from agencies that serve disadvantaged residents of the Baltimore metropolitan area will be selected for the 2007 program. The program will include a series of four off-site retreats facilitated by UB faculty: **Ann Cotten**, director of the Schaefer Center; **Lenneal Henderson**, professor in the School of Public Affairs and senior research associate with the Schaefer Center; and **Joseph McNeely**, a research associate with the Schaefer Center and nationally recognized expert in nonprofit leadership. Presenters, panelists, and resource people will include experts from nonprofit organizations, local schools, businesses, consulting firms, and government agencies.

The Schaefer Center for Public Policy has earned a three-year contract to manage the Weinberg Fellows Program. The center will also conduct an evaluation of the impact of the program on fellows, their organizations, and the Baltimore community. In addition, other UB resources will be utilized to deliver the program. UB's Center for Community and Technology Services will supply an interactive Web site for the Weinberg Fellows to discuss critical issues within the nonprofit community. UB students will be offered internship opportunities that will provide much-needed assistance to local nonprofits as well as real work exposure to the not-for-profit community.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is the 22nd largest private foundation in the United States, with approximately \$2 billion in assets. It annually distributes approximately \$100 million to a wide range of charitable organizations. The foundation is dedicated to assisting the poor through operating and capital grants to direct service organizations primarily located in Baltimore, Hawaii, Northeastern Pennsylvania, New York, Israel, and the former Soviet Union. Grants are focused on meeting basic human needs and self-sufficiency. Within that focus, emphasis is placed on the elderly and on the Jewish community. Annual grants to Maryland recipients generally have averaged approximately 25 percent of the total. The trustees of the foundation are Shale D. Stiller, Alvin Awaya, Donn Weinberg, Barry Schloss and Robert T. Kelly, Jr. For more information go to the Foundation's Web site at www.hjweinbergfoundation.org.

The University of Baltimore is a member of the University System of Maryland and comprises the School of Law, the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts and the Merrick School of Business.