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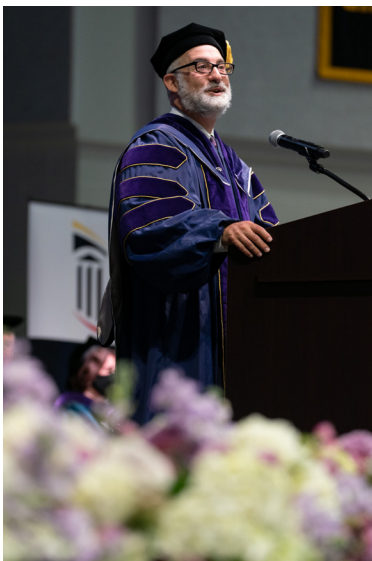
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## HONORING THE CLASS OF 2021

As vaccination rates increased and infection rates decreased throughout the spring semester, we remained hopeful that a traditional, in-person graduation ceremony in May would be possible. Unfortunately, ongoing COVID restrictions prevented us from holding the event at that time. But on August 8, over 100 excited JD, LLM, and MSL graduates walked across the stage at UMBC's Employers Insurance Arena for their hooding.

The day was particularly jubilant for the JD and LLM graduates who had taken the bar exam less than two weeks prior to the occasion.





“It is a joy to be in this physical space with you and your families after so many months interacting remotely,” Dean Donald Tobin told the graduates before expressing his pride in the class’s extraordinary combination of resilience and compassion.



Day and evening class presidents Rebecca Carlone and Edward Healy also addressed the graduates, celebrating the tight knit bond of the class and reflecting on their memorable time in law school.



Keynote speaker Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks ’96 encouraged graduates to tap into their unique experience to help others and find their purpose professionally.



“As we work to navigate our recovery from this pandemic, we are called to a once-in-a-generation opportunity. We can help move life forward,” Alsobrooks said. “There are so many causes that need lawyers with your gifts. In fact, you may find purpose and opportunity in an unexpected place.”