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CBL receives \$1M donation for an endowed professorship

UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) announced a second \$1 million donation from longtime supporters **Brian Hochheimer** and **Marjorie Wax**. Their generous gift will establish CBL's first endowed professorship, named in honor of UMCES Professor, **Thomas Miller**, who led the laboratory as its director for more than a decade and continues as a professor and international leader in fisheries science. The *Thomas Miller Endowed Professorship* will focus on the goal of recruiting emerging leaders in environmental science and attracting top-tier faculty members.

"It's deeply humbling and I am profoundly grateful for this recognition," said Miller.

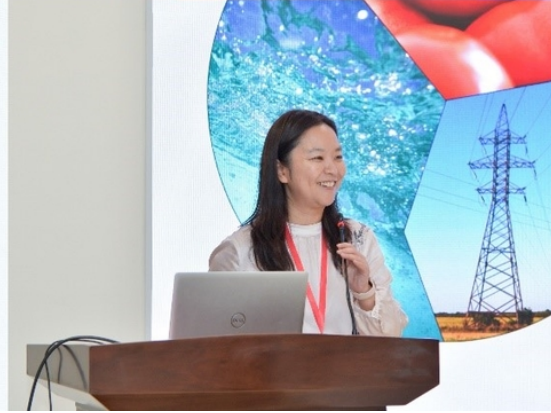
"What makes this so meaningful is knowing that 100 years from now this professorship will help to attract the best young scientists to CBL. That's what excites me – ensuring that future generations will continue to explore and protect the environment that we all

value so much." [MORE](#)



Three UMCES students named finalists for 2025 Knauss Policy Fellowship

Isabel Butler Viruet and **Abdulmajid 'Majeed' Alrefaie**, both UMCES Ph.D. candidates, and **Shayna Keller**, an UMCES master's student, have been awarded a place in the prestigious *John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship* program. Through the program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Sea Grant awards highly qualified graduate students with one-year, paid fellowships working in federal government offices in Washington, D.C. The program allows students to pursue their interests in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources by engaging them in work related to national policy decisions affecting those resources. [MORE](#)



Advancing U.S.-China cooperation on greenhouse gas management and reduction

UMCES Professor **Xin Zhang** led the American task force at a joint conference hosted by Zhejiang University (ZJU) on September 18. ZJU Professor, Baojing Gu, and Xiaoyuan Yan, a professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, led the Chinese cohort. The group discussed potential bilateral collaborations aimed at reducing emissions of nitrous oxide as outlined in the [Sunnylands Statement](#), a U.S.-China commitment to work together, and with other countries, to address the climate crisis. UMCES Professors **Eric Davidson** and **Bill Dennison** were also in attendance to introduce relevant policies and facilitate group discussions. [MORE](#)

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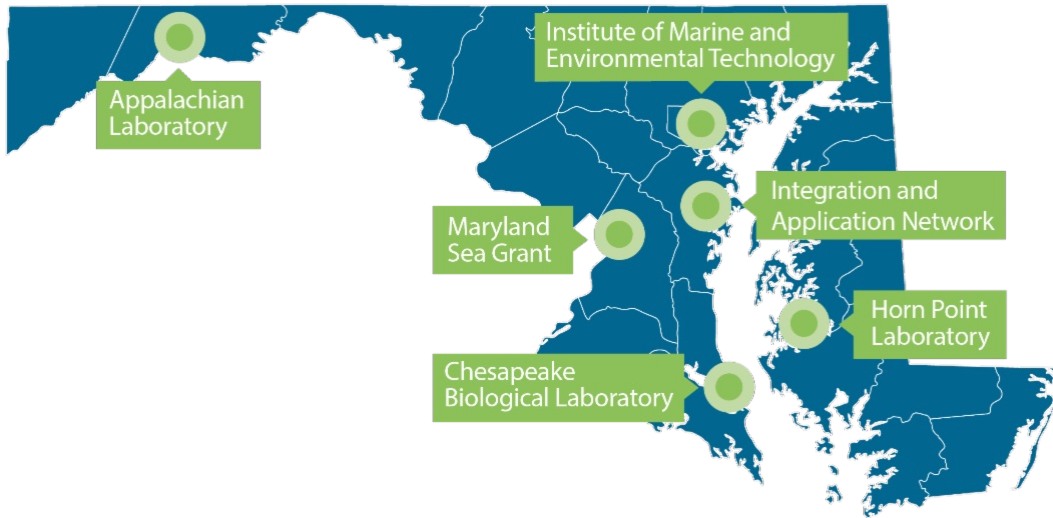
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