



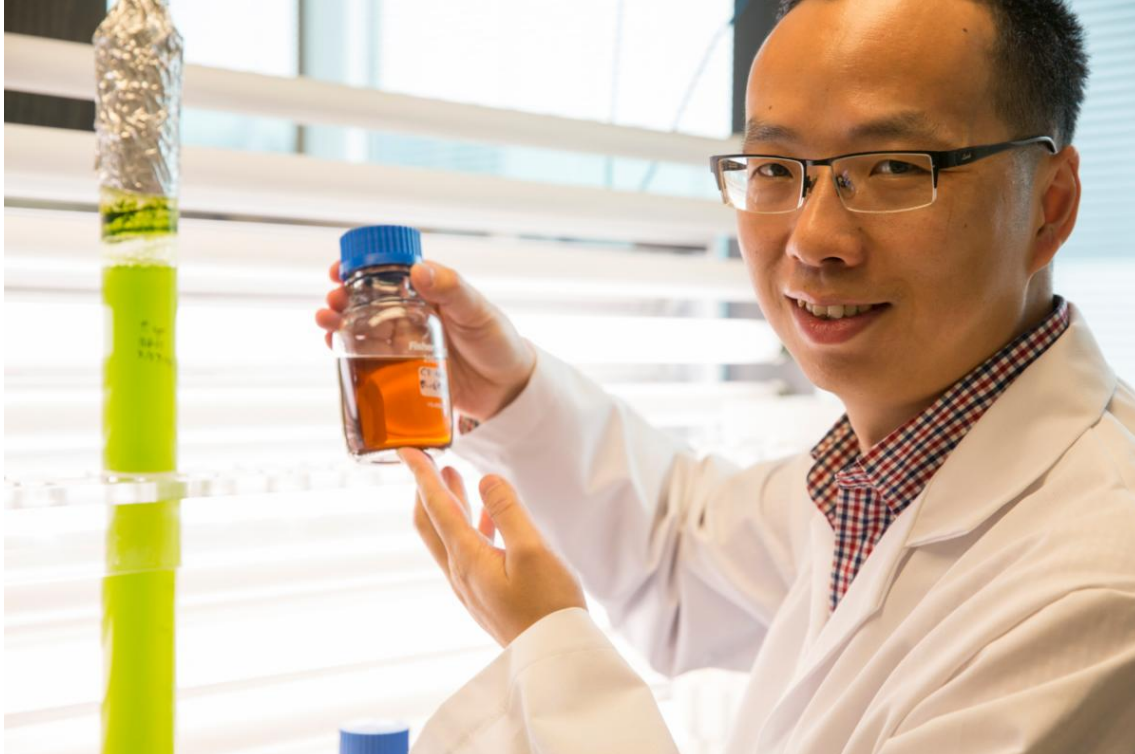
From the mountains of western Maryland

Happy Holidays

*From the mountains of western Maryland,
to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay,
and around the world...
we send well wishes to those who share
our love of the natural world.
Seasons Greetings!*

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***In this season of reflection and gratitude, we revisit
some stories that warmed our hearts this year ~***



Innovative Philanthropy Pushes the Boundaries of Environmental Science Discovery

At UMCES, we believe the most effective way to accelerate finding solutions to pressing environmental problems is to put funds into the hands of scientists. Forward-thinking donors have done just that, and we are grateful. [MORE](#)



Next Generation Leaders Set Forth

UMCES takes great pride in the bright students who have passed through our campuses

over the past century. They go on to successful careers caring for our natural world as academics, researchers, agency and nonprofit leaders, and industry innovators. Take a minute to read more about the impressive Class of 2024. [MORE](#)



Maryland Family Creates a Lifelong Legacy

It is fitting that as the university approaches its centennial year in 2025, our founding lab received an incredible gift to establish an endowed professorship focused on the future and emerging new leaders in environmental science. [MORE](#)



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For over 20 years, the *Richard A. Johnson Environmental Education Award* has spotlighted the people and organizations in Western Maryland whose commitment to environmental education inspires future generations to create a better world. The 2024 award continued that tradition. [MORE](#)

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Upcoming Events

2025 marks UMCES' centennial year! Beginning in January, we'll be kicking things off with launch events across our labs. Save the dates below and stay tuned for more details!

- **Friday, January 24, 2:00 pm** -- Chesapeake Biological Lab
- **Monday, January 27, 2:00 pm** -- Horn Point Lab
- **Thursday, January 30, 1:00 pm** -- Appalachian Lab
- **Thursday, February 6, 2:00 pm** -- Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology

Our January newsletter will feature science highlights from the past year.

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