

## Awards and Appointments:

- Named by the Richmond Public School System a *Living Legacy* and to their *Black History Month Influential List*
- Recognized by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators with its *Region III Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award*
- *Outstanding Young Alumnus Award* from the Mary Washington Alumni Association
- The Virginia Board of Medicine
- The Commonwealth Transportation Board
- The House Ethics Advisory Panel
- Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Emeritus

*Thank you, Dean Rucker, for your leadership, your vision, and your unwavering dedication to the Mary Washington community.*

*We extend special thanks to Dean Rucker's family for attending the celebration today.*

*Also, thank you to **UMW Jazz Trio**, featuring Doug Gately on Keys, Ravi Palat on Bass (UMW senior) and Ben Peters on Saxophone (UMW alumnus).*

## The UMW Alma Mater

"All hail, dear Alma Mater,  
We sing our praise to you.  
High on Marye's Hilltop  
You stand forever true;  
Born in truth and honor  
You ever more shall be,  
The model of our future years  
And all eternity.

Whene'er we have to leave you  
We never will forget,  
The lessons you have taught us,  
And all the friends we've met;  
And we your sons and daughters  
Will hold your name on high,  
So here's to Mary Washington;  
Our love will never die."



## Cedric Rucker University Center Naming Celebration

Sunday, June 5, 2022 • 11 a.m.

Front steps of the University Center,  
Ball Circle entrance

University of Mary Washington

## Program

**Welcome** ..... Juliette Landphair  
Vice President for Student Affairs

**Remarks:** ..... Heather Crislip  
UMW Board of Visitors Rector

Troy Paino  
UMW President

Mary Katherine Greenlaw  
Fredericksburg Mayor

Tracy Citeroni  
UMW Associate Professor,  
Sociology & Anthropology

Sabrina Johnson  
UMW Vice President for Equity & Access and  
Chief Diversity Officer Emerita

Andrew Painter, '02

Jason Ford, '20

## Singing of The UMW Alma Mater

**Ribbon Cutting** ..... Cedric Rucker  
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and  
Dean of Students

## Excerpts from the February 18, 2022 UMW Board of Visitors Resolution:



Cedric Bernard Rucker has made immeasurable positive impacts on thousands of students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and the local community during his 33-year career working at Mary Washington, serving twenty-three years as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Life, and ten years as Associate Dean of Student Activities, as well as in numerous other roles.

Dean Rucker is the first residential African American male student and graduated in 1981 from Mary Washington College with a bachelor's degree in Sociology. He then earned a master's degree from University of Virginia in 1984 and returned to Mary Washington in 1989.

Throughout the decades, Dean Rucker has worked in, or with, or oversaw virtually every area in Student Affairs at Mary Washington. He was also an adjunct professor for Interdisciplinary and Sociology classes and served on close to 50 ad hoc and ongoing committees, with many leadership roles and significant policy and student support implications, including his strategic leadership of the Grace Mann Launch Award and the COVID Implementation and Education Committee.



Dean Rucker has been an invaluable source of comfort and resource for students, a trusted advisor in their crises. His connections with students, alumni, parents, colleagues, friends, and community members span the globe. His laughter, his trademark bow ties and sweaters, and his genuine and honest devotion to the mission of higher education have made him a unique and enriching part of the Mary Washington experience for thousands of students, faculty and staff.