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## UMBC ERICKSON SCHOOL'S 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEMORY CARE SUMMIT WILL ONCE AGAIN EDUCATE AND INSPIRE INNOVATIVE, PERSON-CENTERED DEMENTIA CARE

## A MacArthur "Genius" Fellow, Johns Hopkins Faculty Members, a 2017 Next Avenue Influencer in Aging, and Others will Present Evidence-Based Knowledge and Practices to Clinical, Marketing & Leadership Professionals

(Catonsville, Md.) Nov. 21, 2017 – The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) Erickson School is once again presenting its unique event for dementia care professionals that brings evidence-based, state-of-the-art knowledge together with insights from experienced leaders who work both within and outside the field of aging services.

The <u>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Memory Care Summit</u> will take place at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Jan. 24 to 26, 2018. Registration for the event, which is limited, is open until Jan. 5, 2018.

For five years, more than 400 attendees from across the U.S. and Canada have participated in this distinctively interactive and thought-provoking event aimed at leaders in memory care, assisted living, and long-term and post-acute care.

The 2018 Summit will feature MacArthur "Genius" Fellow Anne Basting, PhD; 2017 Next Avenue Influencer in Aging Sandy Markwood; Disney Institute's Mark Mattheis, and many more. The agenda is designed to create a collaborative and highly interactive environment that sparks the imagination and fosters innovative care models and practices.

In addition, high school students and faculty members from Maryland's Glen Burnie High School in the Anne Arundel County Public School System's <u>BioMedical Allied</u> <u>Health (BMAH) Magnet Program</u> and undergraduate students from UMBC's Management of Aging Services program will participate in the summit. The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs in Anne Arundel County, Md., offer students a challenging and interdisciplinary K – 12 educational experience.

"The 2018 Memory Care Summit will be a highly interactive and inspiring experience that brings together evidence-based knowledge and practices for dementia care professionals across the long-term care continuum," said Judah Ronch, PhD, Dean of the UMBC Erickson School. "This year, the summit will include an intergenerational component with the participation of the Glen Burnie high school students, who are studying the Aging and Wellness path within their STEM program."

**About:** The Erickson School is a self-supported professional school with an interdisciplinary and integrated educational approach combining the critical elements of aging studies, management, and public policy. The curriculum includes all aspects of aging services, including an examination of the "longevity economy," and trains students to be leaders in a variety of careers in the aging services field. Students, both full- and part-time, can earn a B.A., M.A., and Accelerated B.A./M.A. in Management of Aging Services.

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