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Keynote, Breaking Down the Ivory Tower: Building the Health Care Workforce America Needs



Freeman A. Hrabowski III, PhD, served as president of The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) from 1992 to 2022. His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He chaired the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's committee that produced the 2011 report, *Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads*. In 2012, he was named in by President Barack Obama to chair the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. His 2013 TED talk highlights the "[Four Pillars of College Success in Science](#)."

In 2022, Dr. Hrabowski was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, and he was also named the inaugural American Council on Education Centennial Fellow, to be served upon his retirement from UMBC. In addition, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute also launched the Freeman Hrabowski Scholars Program to help build a scientific workforce that more fully reflects our increasingly diverse country.

In October 2022, he was named the inaugural Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Lecture Speaker by Harvard University. In April 2023, The National Academy of Sciences awarded him the Public Welfare Medal, the Academy's most prestigious award, and inducted him as a member of the academy, for his extraordinary use of science for the public good.