

TWO UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY MEMBERS AND A BOARD MEMBER NAMED TO THE DAILY RECORD'S LIST OF INFLUENTIAL MARYLANDERS

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Dr. Fraser and Dr. Rodriguez

Drs. Fraser and Rodriguez, as well as Board Member Emeritus Peter Angelos, Recognized

The University of Maryland School of Medicine's Claire Fraser, PhD, director of the Institute for Genome Sciences and a professor in the Departments of Medicine and Microbiology & Immunology, and Eduardo Rodriguez, MD, DDS, a professor in the Department of Surgery, have both been named to *The Daily Record's* 2013 list of Influential Marylanders. University of Maryland School of Medicine Board of Visitors Member Emeritus Peter Angelos, LLB, was also named to the list in the philanthropy category.

"All three of these individuals are extraordinarily worthy of this recognition for the valuable role they play here at the School of Medicine," says E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, Vice President for Medical Affairs at the University of Maryland and the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and dean of the School of Medicine. "Dr. Fraser is an internationally-known leader in the field of genomics and has played a seminal role in the sequencing and analysis of human, animal, plant and microbial genomes to help us better understand the role that genes play in development, evolution, physiology and disease. Dr. Rodriguez led the team that performed the most-extensive full-face transplant to date last March, a perfect example of the life-changing options we can provide for our patients when we combine the expertise of our research and clinical teams to pursue procedures that would have seemed unfathomable not so long ago. Peter Angelos is a dedicated member of our Board of Visitors, elevating the School with his expertise and generosity. I congratulate all of them on being chosen for this honor."

Dr. Fraser has led the Institute for Genome Sciences since its creation in 2007. Her teams have sequenced the genomes of several microbial organisms, including important human and animal pathogens, helping to initiate the era of comparative genomics. Her current research interests are focused on the structure and function of the human gut micro biota. Dr. Fraser has more than 240 scientific publications, and has served on committees of the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the National Institutes of Health. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Promega Biotechnology Award and the E.O. Lawrence Award from the Department of Energy; she is a Fellow of AAAS and the American Association of Microbiology; and she has been elected into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and the Institute of Medicine.

Dr. Rodriguez is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Plastic Surgery. He is currently chief of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Division at the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and program director of the Craniofacial Fellowship at Shock Trauma and Johns Hopkins Hospital. His research interests include basic science, translational and clinical research projects focused on novel strategies of immunosuppression for composite facial allotransplantation. His clinical specialty is craniomaxillofacial reconstruction, reconstructive designer microsurgery and complex wound management. Dr. Rodriguez's team's successful full-face transplant at the University of Maryland Medical Center last March marked the first time in the world that a full-face transplant was performed by a team of plastic and reconstructive surgeons with specialized training and expertise in craniofacial surgery and reconstructive microsurgery.



The Daily Record also recognized Peter G. Angelos, LL.B., president of the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, P.C., who serves on the Board of the University of Maryland Medical Systems Corporation and is an emeritus member of the Board of Visitors for the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Mr. Angelos, who received this award in the Philanthropy category, has also funded an endowed professorship at the School of Medicine. Stephen Bartlett, MD, the chair of the Department of Surgery, is the current Peter Angelos Distinguished Professor of Surgery.

The Daily Record created the Influential Marylanders awards in 2006 to honor individuals who have made truly significant contributions in their fields and who continue to be regarded as leaders in the State of Maryland. "We are proud to recognize Dr. Fraser, Dr. Rodriguez and Mr. Angelos as three of *The Daily Record's* Influential Marylanders," says Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, publisher of *The Daily Record*. "They have had a profound impact on both their profession and this state. We are pleased to honor them for the tremendous contributions they have made and undoubtedly will continue to make in the future."

The list of individuals named to the 2013 list of Influential Marylanders was selected by the editors of *The Daily Record*. Five Influential Marylanders were selected in each of 10 categories, including civic leadership, communications, education, finance, freestyle, health care, law, philanthropy, real estate and technology. Drs. Fraser and Rodriguez were both selected in the health care category. Mr. Angelos was cited in the philanthropy category.

Influential Marylanders will be honored at a cocktail reception on March 21 at the Grand Lodge in Cockeysville, MD. Honorees will also be profiled in the *Influential Marylanders* magazine, distributed at the cocktail reception and published in *The Daily Record* on March 22.