



“HOLDING FAST TO DREAMS”

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), will share his perspective on the Civil Rights movement – including the experience of being jailed for participating in the Children’s March in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama – and insights from a career in education. America has seen profound changes in the past 50 years, including increased access to education for students of all races, but many challenges persist.

Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, has served as President of UMBC (The University of Maryland, Baltimore County) since 1992. He chaired the National Academies’ committee that produced the 2011 report, *Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America’s Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads*. He also was named by President Obama to chair the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. In 2008, he was named one of *America’s Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report*, which ranked UMBC the nation’s #1 “Up and Coming” university for six years (2009-14). In 2015 and 2016, *U.S. News* ranked UMBC in the top five on a newly created list of the nation’s “most innovative” national universities. For the past eight years, *U.S. News* also consistently ranked UMBC among the nation’s leading institutions for “Best Undergraduate Teaching.” *TIME* magazine named him one of America’s *10 Best College Presidents in 2009*, and one of the “*100 Most Influential People in the World*” in 2012. In 2011, he received both the *TIAA-CREF Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence* and the *Carnegie Corporation of New York’s Academic Leadership Award*, recognized by many as the nation’s highest awards among higher education leaders. Also in 2011, he was named one of seven *Top American Leaders by The Washington Post* and the Harvard Kennedy School’s Center for Public Leadership. In 2012, he received the Heinz Award for his contributions to improving the “Human Condition” and was among the inaugural inductees into the U.S. News & World Report STEM Solutions Leadership Hall of Fame. A child-leader in the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Hrabowski was prominently featured in Spike Lee’s 1997 *Four Little Girls*, on the 1963 bombing of Birmingham’s Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Place: Mitchell Courthouse – 100 North Calvert Street – Main Reading Room of the Bar Library (Room 618, Mitchell Courthouse).

Time: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2017, with a wine & cheese reception immediately following.

Invitees: All are invited to this **Free Event**.

R.S.V.P.: If you would like to attend telephone the Library at 410-727-0280 or reply by e-mail to jwbennett@barlib.org.