



United Maryland Muslim Council

Press Release

October 20, 2013

United Maryland Muslim Council holds its Annual Dinner!

The United Maryland Muslim Council (UMMC) held its 5th Annual Dinner at Hyatt Regency Baltimore on Sunday October 20, 2013. The event was to “Celebrating Muslims Engagement with O’Malley-Brown Administration”. About seven hundred community members attended this extremely successful event in addition to several dozen elected and public officials.

The dignitaries and guests who attended the event included:

- Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley
- Lt. Governor Anthony Brown (could not attend due to a family emergency)
- Secretary Appointments Jeanne Hitchcock
- Secretary Higher Education Danette Howard
- Secretary Minority Affairs Zenita Hurley
- Secretary of Public Safety & Correctional Services Gary Maynard
- Secretary of State John McDonough
- Secretary of Business & Economic Development Dominick Murray
- Secretary of the Environment Robert Summers
- Secretary of Juvenile Services Sam Abed
- US Congressman John Sarbanes
- Howard County Executive Ken Ulman
- Maryland Senator Jim Rossapape
- Maryland Senator Allan Kittleman
- Maryland Delegate Guy Gazzone
- Maryland Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
- Howard County Councilwoman Courtney Watson
- Howard County Councilwoman Jen Terrasa
- White House National Security Staff George Selim
- Several other Dignitaries and government officials

Dr. Syed Haque, President of the United Maryland Muslim Council welcomed all guests and highlighted the role of Muslim community in O’Malley-Brown Administration and Muslim Achievements. Chairman Anwer Hasan introduced all Muslims serving on various State Boards and Commissions and mentioned over 50 appointments were made by Governor O’Malley since he resumed office of the Governor. Governor O’Malley and other speakers appreciated Muslim Community for their engagement and excellent services and contribution to this great state of Maryland.



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Governor O'Malley and President Haque awarded Proclamations to the Islamic Society of Fredrick, the Islamic Society of Western Maryland and Dr. Shahid Rafiq for his professional excellence.

Governor O'Malley also presented a Community Service Plaque to Rizwan Siddiqi, President Howard County Muslim Council and Vice President United Maryland Muslim Council for his distinguished services over the years. Youth service plaques were given to recognize teenage brothers Faras Aamir and Dawar Aamir for their music group "Rwnl Pwnl" and creating sensational YouTube videos. The program ended with a delicious dinner and followed by great networking opportunity.

Please visit UMMC website for additional details and photos: www.ummc-md.org