

Invitation for Submissions to The Wisdom Institute Newsletter

The WI newsletter comes out twice a year, in September and February, with submission deadlines in mid-August and mid-January. Please contribute to one of the regular features or to the new Members Corner. For examples of the regular features see previous issues in the Archives and see below for an example of a Members Corner submission.

Descriptions and Guidelines of Regular Features

- **UMBC Stories**

Length: Up to 700 words. Have you had a particularly noteworthy experience at UMBC?

- **Armchair Travel**

Length: up to 600 words. Have you been somewhere exciting or interesting, whether locally, nationally, or internationally? Convey your experience through text and photos.

- **Book Talks & More**

Length: up to 400 words. Have you read a good book or watched a great movie or play? Share your reflections, along with a photo of the book cover, if applicable, and a complete citation.

- **Creative Endeavors**

Length: up to 400 words. Have you worked on a creative project (for example, sewing, painting, woodworking, poetry, or musical performance)? Submit descriptions and photos of the project.

- **Scholar's Corner**

Length: up to 1500 words. Have you done some interesting research or scholarship prior to or after retirement that you would like to highlight for a general audience?

Contact Us!

We encourage prospective contributors to contact the Newsletter Committee in advance of submission for feedback on your plans. This is particularly important if you are not sure whether your idea fits well within one of the regular features. Articles on special topics likely to be of interest to Wisdom Institute members will also be considered. Submit your idea to wisdominstitute@umbc.edu. and a Newsletter Committee member will get back to you.

Ways to Submit!

Submissions can be made through the Regular Features [Google Docs form](#) or via email. Photos are welcome, including one of yourself. You will be asked to give a caption for each photo, along with a photo credit. The submission should include a descriptive title. Include a brief biographical statement of up to 50 words; this will appear at the end of the story in italics.

All submissions will be reviewed prior to publication by members of the Newsletter Committee, and feedback will be sent to the authors if revisions are recommended.

Submit to Our New Column

Description and Guidelines for Members Corner

Would you like to share updates with your fellow retirees about how you have been spending your time (for example, hobbies, service activities, travelling, family, pets) or about a particularly memorable experience? Brief paragraphs can be submitted to *Members Corner*, along with one or two small photos. News about other retirees can be shared with their permission or that of a family member. Length: up to 75 words.

Submissions can be made through the *Members Corner* [Google Docs form](#).

What a submission might look like:

Name: Barbara Gibbs

Role(s) at UMBC: program specialist in two CAHSS departments

Retirement year: 2018

I celebrated the birth of my sixth grandchild on May 28, the same day my mother celebrated her 100th birthday. My two sons and my daughter graduated from UMBC with BS degrees in STEM fields. Together with my husband and children I run a small winery in Napa, California. We'd love to see some UMBC retirees at the Gibbs Family Winery!

Attached: Photo of the Gibbs Family Winery; photo credit Barbara Gibbs