Thank you and have a great Thanksgiving season!

As Dr. Pearson wrote in his letter, “We must be able to dream bigger than what we see in the moment, what we see in the circumstances around us.” Let us give thanks for what we have been able to do to date and dream bigger about the opportunities that we see in the future. The UMSL campus sits within the Normandy Schools Collaborative, a community that Normandy considerably improved its annual performance gains since the 7.1% it earned in 2014. Dr. Pearson shared that Normandy has made significant progress in improving student outcomes, and the gains continue to be strong in the current year. The Collaborative is a model for districts to identify and address issues of school performance. It’s a long journey, but I want to mention a few. Recently, North County Incorporated recognized the Normandy Schools Collaborative’s efforts to improve student outcomes. North County Incorporated is a long-standing partnership that has supported the Normandy Schools Collaborative in their journey towards academic success. Students and faculty in our community Collaborative Unit to ensure that students can see to learn. Students and faculty in our community Collaborative Unit to the Normandy Schools Collaborative.

Before leaving you to read more about each of those events and other things happening around the University, I want to mention a few. Recently, North County Incorporated recognized the Normandy Schools Collaborative’s efforts to improve student outcomes. North County Incorporated is a long-standing partnership that has supported the Normandy Schools Collaborative in their journey towards academic success. Students and faculty in our community Collaborative Unit to ensure that students can see to learn. Students and faculty in our community Collaborative Unit to the Normandy Schools Collaborative.

It’s hard to believe that we are already into the final month of the year. While we reflect on what we’ve accomplished this year, we must also look ahead to what we can accomplish next year. As the Chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, I’m always looking for ways to grow and improve the university. I know that our faculty and staff are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students and in the community around us. We have a lot of work to do, and I’m confident that we can do it.

As we prepare for the holidays, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our students, faculty, and staff for their hard work and dedication. Thank you for all that you do to make our university a great place to learn and work.

Tom George, Chancellor
University of Missouri-St. Louis

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UMSL Community Collaborations

**Ferguson Farmers Market - Dec. 16**

Shop local this holiday season. The Ferguson Farmers Market is back for the season. The market will be held on December 16 from 9 am to noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 33N Clay, Ferguson MO 63135. Visit the Ferguson Farmers Winter Market from December 16 & 17.

**UMSL Alumni and Employees Making a Difference in North County**

UMSL Alumni and Employees Making a Difference in North County. Get involved and make a difference in your community. There are many ways to get involved, including volunteering your time, donating, or attending events. Visit the UMSL Community Collaborations website for more information.

**UMSL Calendars**

**UMSL Contracts**

**Events**

**SOUNDS OF THE SEASON**

December 8, 2017 @ 7:30 pm

Tickets are required for this event. Contact the UMSL Box Office at 1-800-882-UMSL or online.

**The Nutcracker**

December 25, 2017 @ 7:30 pm

Tickets are required for this event. Contact the UMSL Box Office at 1-800-882-UMSL or online.