

### VISION

The University of Missouri-St. Louis will be known as a premier metropolitan public research university and as a university of choice for undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

### MISSION

The University of Missouri-St. Louis provides excellent learning experiences and leadership opportunities for a diverse student body. Outstanding faculty and staff, innovative research, and creative partnerships foster synergies that advance the welfare of our stakeholders and benefit the global society.

### VALUES

#### Excellence

We believe excellence in research and creative achievement results from original thinking that advances fields of study and is recognized externally. Excellence also refers to paying serious attention to individual student learning needs and maintaining the highest academic standards, using multiple approaches to facilitate learning, engaging in ongoing assessment of student learning and improvement of the quality of learning experience.

#### Integrity

We expect the highest ethical standards in all aspects of the educational experience and foster throughout the campus community the strongest commitment to respect, dignity, honesty and freedom in individuals' academic, professional and civic lives.

#### Partnerships

We value collaboration among students, organizations and engage in research and teaching to improve the quality of life. Collaboration develops graduates who contribute in meaningful ways to a diverse global society. Interdisciplinary research generates novel ways of resolving problems and building new knowledge.

#### Opportunity

We value access to excellent education, engagement in cutting edge research, and dedication to University, community, and professional service as a means to develop the future of our region, state, nation and world. A focus on opportunity helps develop responsible citizens who contribute to quality of life and who represent the diversity of the community and the world we serve.

#### Diversity

We value diversity among faculty, staff, and students and recognize its essential contribution to campus culture. Different cultural, intellectual, socioeconomic and regional perspectives add substantially to understanding, richness of debate, intellectual inquiry and knowledge development.

#### Stewardship

We value the financial, physical and human resources entrusted to us and exercise care in employing them. We cultivate the trust, loyalty and good will of stakeholders, whose assets allow us to pursue our educational mission.

*Source: University of Missouri-St. Louis, Chancellor's Office, Spring 2008*

### UMSL Alma Mater

#### HEART OF MISSOURI

**(Words and Music by John Francis Dill and Diane Ceccarini)**

Rising high between two rivers history yet to tell,  
 Stands an honored Alma Mater, our UMSL.  
 Came to seek more understanding for my life to be.  
 Found my need for knowledge answered gratefully by thee.

Dreaming dreams about tomorrow, as I've learned today.  
 Now this heart deep in Missouri seeks a better way.  
 When at last my journey's over may its value be,  
 That it honors state and nation but above all, thee.

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