

The Link



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President's Message

UMSL Staff,

This past weekend I was talking about UMSL with some old friends I had not seen in awhile. Several in the group shared their personal experiences on campus and how impressed they were with our institution; everything from the rigorous coursework, quality performances at the Touhill, to the dedication of our staff. Their comments about individual personal encounters with UMSL staff were gratifying. I am always pleased to hear positive feedback from the community about my colleagues.

To that end, it is critical that our staff remain connected both on and off campus. Our individual and combined efforts as staff members here at UMSL are far-reaching in our community, and leave a lasting impression. There are many ways you, as a staff person, can get involved. First, here on campus, mark your calendars to attend upcoming Staff Association events like **Pack the Stands on February 16, 2012 in Mark Twain Athletic Building beginning at 5:30pm and the Spring 2012 Staff Association General Meeting & Brown Bag Lunch on March 13, 2012 in the JC Penney Summit Lounge.** Second, attend the regular Staff Association Council meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. Third, sign up to volunteer for a Staff Association Committee to help plan Staff Association events like the upcoming Staff Association Golf Scramble. If you are interested in participating please contact me (516-5899 or labriera@umsl.edu) or your Staff Association Unit representative (www.umsl.edu/services/sassoc/units.html). Last, don't forget you can get involved off campus by volunteering to help a non-profit in our surrounding community through the UMSL EVP Program. Contact Elizabeth Pawloski in Volunteer Services (4107 or pawloski@umsl.edu) with questions about EVP.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda LaBrier".

Riverstars Employees of the Month



The Employee of the Month winner for the month of January is Judy Cates for "Works Well Under Pressure." Judy is an Administrative Assistant in the Child Advocacy Center.

Congratulations to Judy!

Volunteer of the Month- January 2012

"Larry has been a volunteer with the UMSL Executive Leadership Consortium for about 2 years. He is very helpful and dedicated. He cohosts a radio show on The U, called the World View and continues to contribute to its quality programming. This is also a great service to the University. He also performs other office activities and additionally takes photos at some of the ELC programs.



Larry Hasenfratz

Furthermore he has a great attitude and is a team player."

Malaika Horne - Director, UMSL Executive Leadership Consortium

Meet The Staff—Adriana Hughey



What is your position on Staff Council?

Apparel Committee Chair

Why is the Staff Association important to you?

As a newer member of the staff association I was interested in getting involved to become more aware and familiarize myself with fellow staff members. I had always heard of all the events the staff association held and I wanted to become a part of it. Being involved is also a wonderful way to put faces to email addresses. Overall the organization generates comradery, inspires connections, and is a place where staff can make a difference on campus.

What is your position at the university?

Business and Communication Coordinator for the Office of Residential Life and Housing.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I have been enjoying my first full year of freedom after completing my Master's Degree in Higher Education Administration and then going back to complete my Advertising Certification. With my free time I am enjoying playing co-ed kickball and recently winning the championship was amazing! I serve as an advisor for my sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, and spend a lot of time with the collegiate girls. As part of my new year's resolution a good friend of mine and I created a St. Louis 2012 bucket list and its packed full of local places and local events we want to experience this upcoming year such as zip lining in the Meramec Caverns. This list is filling up my calendar quickly! I also enjoy traveling outside the U.S. but have not been able to do too much lately due to the fact my boyfriend and I are remodeling our south city home slowly but surely. My favorite places I have traveled to so far have been Amsterdam, Berlin, and Rome. The rest of my time is filled by entertaining my three energy filled pitt-bull mix doggies Malichi, Hooch, and Moe. I am originally from Columbia, Missouri and go back often to visit my mom, brother and grandfather as well as all my childhood friends.



The John Perry Scholarship

Applications are Being Accepted for The John Perry Scholarship
Do you have a child or dependent who:

- Will be an entering Freshman in Fall 2012?
- Will be pursuing an undergraduate degree at UMSL?
- Will be enrolling in at least 12 credit hours?

Since 1986, we have assisted the families of staff members with The John Perry Scholarship. Any student can fill out the Scholarship Web Application, which asks if a parent works at UMSL. Anyone answering "Yes" will automatically be a candidate for the scholarship if they are an incoming Freshman, enrolling in 12 hours and pursuing an undergraduate degree. Selection will be based on merit and need; class rank and ACT, SAT, or SCAT scores will also be considered.

If there are no applicants that meet the criteria listed above, full-time transfer students, part-time students in six hours or graduate students may be considered for the scholarship.

Please encourage anyone in your family who may qualify to apply at:
<http://www.umsl.edu/services/financial/scholarships/apply.html>

Applications are Due March 1.

February @ UMSL



Photo by Christopher Boyce

Have you taken a picture in/on campus that you would like to share?

Please send them to boycech@umsl.edu



Save the Date

Staff Council Monthly Meeting	February 15th 1:30-3pm	JCP 402
Pack the Stands	February 16th 5:30pm	Mark Twain
IC technology Short Courses	Visit www.umsl.edu/training for information	Varies
Migratory Lunch Meeting	March 8th 11, 12:30, 1:30pm	MSC Ponds
SA Spring General Staff Meeting & Brown Bag Lunch	March 13th	JCP Summit Lounge
Spring Recess	Saturday, March 24th 5pm	Campus
Focus on the Future	March 27-28th	Various Locations
SA Golf Scramble	April 20th 2012	Normandy Golf

Focus On The Future



Please mark your calendars for Focus on the Future 2012 (March 27 and March 28). Both professional and recreational classes will be offered throughout the day.



Participants will learn new and exciting ways to enhance and empower their lives. Besides, this is great time to connect with staff employees on campus. For more information, please contact Antonette Sterling at ext. 7994.

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Staff Association

Support the Staff Association by purchasing a high quality ceramic mug!



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Need A New Mug?

Purchase of this mug will contribute to the success of future staff association events and socials. This high quality mug that is dishwasher and microwave safe.

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Inclement Weather Reminder

In the event of severe weather, the campus is open unless and until an official announcement is made that the campus is closed. Radio stations, KWMU, (FM 90.7), and KMOX (AM 1120) and television stations KTVI (2), KMOX (4), and KSDK (5) will be notified of the closing. An announcement will be placed on the home page of the UM-St. Louis website (www.umsl.edu) as well as on the UMSL Information Line (314-516-4636)

Optometry Eyeglass Recycling

Pre-optometry Club is collecting eyeglasses for their annual eyeglass recycling program. The eye-glasses collected help people in third world countries get the gift of sight. It also helps clean out a drawer or two! All eyeglasses are accepted (gentle used, used a lot, plain, fancy, clear, sun, etc.). Collection boxes are located in the MSC bridge and on south campus in Marillac Hall Lobby until May 29th at 5:00PM. Help Pre-Optometry with a record collection year!

Please contact the pre-optometry club advisor, Barb Brown at brownbw@umsl.edu or x6030 with questions.

Want to be in the know? Get up-to-date information on what's happening around UMSL's campus and community with the following links:

<http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/>

<https://www.facebook.com/UMSL.edu>

<http://twitter.com/#!/umsl>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/umsl>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/umsl/>

<http://explore.umsl.edu/>

<http://thecurrent-online.com/>



The Bottom Line

If you have questions, ideas or concerns about the Link or Staff Association, please contact Christopher Boyce, Link editor, at boycech@umsl.edu

Do you have a favorite recipe or workplace story to share? Do you have photos of UMSL or staff events that you think would be good for publication? We would love to hear your thoughts about what type of content you find helpful and relevant for The

UMSL's Child Development Center



Children returning from winter break were greeted by more than smiling teachers at the [University Child Development Center](#) at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

While the little ones were away, there was anything but play happening as the center underwent a minor facelift with the addition of fresh paint and vibrant colors.

“The center looked old before; the color was dull,” said [Lynn Navin](#), center director. “The fresh paint brings new life into the center, which is in line with the exciting things we are doing here.”

In addition to the updated walls, a book nook has been created for story time, and plans to house a traveling museum exhibit are in the works.

The University Child Development Center, located on the first floor of the South Campus Classroom Building on South Campus, serves the children of UMSL faculty, staff and students as well as those throughout the community. The center provides full- and half-day care for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. It’s licensed by the Missouri Department of Health; Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health; and accredited by the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation.

[Carole Basile](#), dean of the College of Education, was instrumental in making the facelift possible, according to Navin.

“The center plays a major role in the community by exemplifying quality teaching and preparation of young children for life’s possibilities,” Basile said. “The importance of the center on campus is to provide care for the children, demonstrate excellent practice to early childhood educators and prepare educator candidates that are top in their field. The UCDC is a key component in the college’s mission to build strong relationships with and for the community across the preschool through doctoral continuum of teaching and learning.”

In addition to full-time staff, more than 30 UMSL graduates and undergraduate students work at the center, which can enroll around 80 children. UMSL students are able to work in the classrooms and received hands-on experience and some even conduct research and test curriculum plans.

Now that the physical space has been enhanced, Navin said other changes are on the way.

“We’re working on adding services for children with special needs,” she said. “In addition, we have several faculty members who will begin new research at the center this year, and we’re always looking for new ways to partner with other educational organizations to improve upon our current curriculum.”

To learn more about the University Child Development Center email Navin at navinl@umsl.edu.

Healthy For Life

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Weight Watchers at Work



Open House Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 24
(11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)
Millennium Student Center
Room 225

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