

The Link



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University of Missouri-St. Louis Staff Association

Message from the President

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"The purpose of the Staff Association shall be to foster a spirit of unity and cooperation among all employees of UM-St. Louis..."

It's time to start thinking of replacements for the Association's Staff Council. Many Unit Representative positions, several University Assembly positions, and the offices of Vice-President/President Elect and Secretary/Treasurer are up for election. Beginning July 1, 2008, the term of membership is two (2) years for Unit Representatives and one (1) year each for Officers and Assembly Representatives, ending the last day of June. Staff Council members may be eligible for re-election to a second term, but no person shall serve longer than two (2) consecutive terms. However, after one year off, an individual can stand for re-election.

We really need more staff members to take an active role in the Staff Association and I strongly encourage your involvement. Please visit the following website for more information about Council positions: <http://www.umsl.edu/services/sassoc/officers/time.html>.

Karen Pierre

Pack the Stands--February 14, 2008

"Tritons: Red Reign Rising"

Don't forget, February 14, 2008 is "Pack the Stands" night, sponsored by student, faculty, staff and alumni groups at UMSL. This year's theme is "Tritons: Red Reign Rising." Come to the Mark Twain Building after work and enjoy the Men's and Women's basketball teams as they play rival SIU Edwardsville. Admission for all staff is free. Enjoy free food, banner wars, and possibly win one of many attendance prizes! Contact Rachel Sommerer (x6551) or Beth Goetz, (x5646), planning committee co-chairs, for further information.



“Discover UMSL” --February 20, 2008

UMSL Libraries: Better than Google!

As an employee or student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, there are many resources at your fingertips. In this educational session, learn about the astonishing amounts of quality research tools available through the UMSL libraries, as well as individualized, personal assistance accessible whenever the library is open. Limited to the first 25 registrants.

Date: Wednesday February 20, 2008

Time: 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM

Register From: Wednesday February 6, 2008

Register Until: Wednesday February 20, 2008

Location: Thomas Jefferson Library, Room 315

Registration for the Discover UMSL program is located on the Staff Association website or you can click on the following URL. <https://tomsawyer.umsl.edu/webapps/ALDP/main.cfm>

“The Administrative Leadership Development Program (ALDP) is an exciting year-long program that is part of the President's Academic Leadership Institute-Administrative, an effort to provide leadership development opportunities and ongoing support to directors and others in similar positions across the University.

In addition to an extensive spring component, all participants will meet approximately every three months throughout the year for follow-up sessions to concentrate on topics of interest to the group. Furthermore, local campus groups will meet once a month over lunch to discuss common concerns, upcoming campus initiatives, and share ideas and advice.

Discover UMSL is a product of the UM-St. Louis groups' commitment to the campus, as well as the University. It is intended for you to not only enjoy yourselves during these sessions, but also develop knowledge and pride in UM-St. Louis.”

Discover
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9th Annual Trivia Night--March 1, 2008

Top Ten Reasons to Attend Trivia Night



- 10) Great way to break New Year's resolution concerning diet.
- 9) Learn that some of your co-workers really don't know as much as they say they do.
- 8) One more web site on the Internet you haven't visited:
www.umsl.edu/trivia
- 7) Maybe impress your friends with knowledge of presidential pets.
- 6) Where else can you have as much fun on Saturday, March 1st 2008?
- 5) The Ham guy.
- 4) Someone has to show them Ph.D. types that they don't know everything.
- 3) 50/50.
- 2) Free T-shirt (with your paid admission).
- 1) Do a good deed; support the Staff Association John Perry Scholarship.

The 9th Annual Staff Association/Student Life Trivia Night

7:00pm Saturday, March 1st 2008

Wild Acres Gym, 10400 Midland Blvd, Overland MO.

For more information and registration form, go to
www.umsl.edu/trivia.

Get some decorating ideas together because this year there will be a **prize awarded for the best decorated table** and of course there will be plenty of door prizes, raffle items, and a silent auction.

In addition, Honeybaked Ham will have a representative available so you can purchase gift certificates (possibly for your Easter ham?). Heroes and Legends will also be on hand with plenty of great sports memorabilia items. A percentage of the proceeds from these sales will benefit the John Perry Scholarship fund.

All proceeds from the event benefit the John Perry Scholarship fund, awarded to a dependent of a current staff member.

Focus on the Future--Starts March 24th

Focus on the Future provides an opportunity for continued professional and personal development for all employees. This year's theme is "Achieving Balance: Work, Self, and Family". A sampling of classes include: Retirement & Financial Planning, Tai Chi, Disaster Preparedness, Pilates, Introduction to Digital Cameras, Microsoft Outlook, Yoga, Cooking with the Chefs, New Microsoft Office, Mindfulness & Stress Reduction at the Workplace, Triton Watch, CPR, Planning Your Career Path and Dream Interpretations. Chair Massage Therapy will be available, and a very special class with the Arianna String Quartet - "Working in Harmony". The complete list will be available at the end of February. We encourage everyone to sign up. Watch for online registration information soon.

Relay for Life, April 11, 2008



Come and join the campus community as we take up the fight against cancer! Each year, across the nation, one event brings together entire communities to take part in the fight against cancer. That event is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life®. It's a time and place where people come to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives.

The second annual Relay for Life will begin on April 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and end on April 12, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. Registration deadline is March 13th.

For more information or to register, visit www.umsrelay.com.

Riverstars Employee of the Month



January 2008 Winner
Works Well Under Pressure

Victoria Knapp
Interim Marketing
Manager, Editor &
Webmaster
Continuing Education

Volunteer of the Month



Yvonne Hill
Alumni Relations

January 2008 Winner

Comments about Yvonne:

Yvonne assisted with ticket sales for the Arianna String Quartet at the Sheldon Concert Hall. This position requires a higher level of responsibility because it handles money and tickets, both of which have to balance at the end of the evening. She has shown herself to be extremely responsible and punctual. Because of her professionalism and concern, she helped us ensure that concert sales went smoothly. Yvonne's helpful and cheerful personality makes her a natural for this position. She also managed to find joy in her work -- which flowed over to our patrons as well. She is a gem, and we are very lucky to have her working with us!

3n Emergency Response System

University of Missouri System has contracted with a company called 3n to provide a mass notification system on its four campuses. So that you can be warned of any pending danger through this warning system, please update your cell phone and/or text messaging contact information.




**New emergency alert
system is available**

1. Go to the employee information database at <https://webapps.umsystem.edu/>
2. Click Web Applications.
3. Log in using your UserID and password.
4. Click Employee Information (top center link).
5. Click University Emergency Info (third link down).
6. Enter your cell phone and/or text messaging number.
7. Click Submit Changes.

If you need to make changes to other personal information such as name or title, contact your departmental human resources liaison.

When UMSL initiates an emergency message through 3n, it will automatically call your cell phone with a voice message, send a text message to your cell phone, and send an e-mail message to your University e-mail account (in that order). If you respond affirmatively that you have received the message, the call sequence will cease.

Enrollment in this program is free. Your cell phone carrier may charge you for a text message if you do not have a plan that covers it; consult your carrier to confirm. UMSL will not use this contact information except in an emergency that has the immediate potential to affect your health and safety. UMSL will continue to use its own e-mail notification system to inform you of operational issues and situations that do not pose an immediate threat to your health or safety.

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	<p>A new staff t-shirt will be available soon. This year's shirt will be a pigment-dyed (faded look) t-shirt, with the Triton logo. The shirt will be available in Dark Smoke (dark grey) and Spring Olive (almost light grey) and will sell for \$18.00 (add \$1.50 for 2XL or \$3.00 for 3XL). Orders will be taken soon; look for more information by email this month, or contact Faith Lucas (flucas@umsl.edu) or Tory Kaufmann (kaufmann@umsl.edu) for more information. Proceeds will benefit the John Perry Scholarship fund.</p>																				
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	<p>Staff in all buildings on campus has representation on Staff Council. Many Unit Representatives cover several buildings. Visit the Staff Association website (http://www.umsl.edu/services/sassoc/) to find out who your Unit Rep is.</p> <p>Do you have questions about the Staff Association (or the University in general) that you would like to have answered in the Link? If so, please submit questions to Faith Lucas, 204 Woods Hall or to flucas@umsl.edu. We will try to contact the appropriate department and get an answer for you.</p>																				
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