

The Link



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University of Missouri-St. Louis Staff Association

Message from the President

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March is shaping up to be an exciting month. It all started with our 9th Annual Trivia Night. Although only one table actually “won”, at the sold out event, all were winners in the great time we had. Next, on March 5, alumni, staff and faculty will be attending the annual Alumni Legislative Day in Jefferson City. Then, the Trailblazers Awards will be presented on March 12 honoring UM-St. Louis women – staff, students, alumnae and faculty, as part of the campus celebration of Women’s History month. We will honor our staff members at the Staff Service Awards 2008 Ceremony. During spring break, we will Focus on the Future with over 20 classes focusing on specific areas of interest, both personal and professional, with an emphasis on “wellness.” A list of courses can be found in this edition of the newsletter. A separate link will be available soon for registration. With so much going on this month, we should all take a minute to appreciate the truly interesting environment that is UMSL.

Karen Pierre

Staff T-Shirts for Sale!



Staff t-shirts will be currently on sale through **March 7th**. We have two colors to choose from this year. Dark Smoke (dark grey) and Spring Olive (lighter grey) will be available. This year's shirt will also be the first with the new UMSL Triton's logo. You can place your order at this time; payment is not required until the shirts arrive (sometime in late March). The shirts will also be available to view in the Bookstore until March 7th. Just ask a cashier to see them. (The Bookstore will not be taking the orders, sorry.) Place your order by emailing Faith Lucas (flucas@umsl.edu) or Tory Kaufmann (kaufmann@umsl.edu) with the color, size and quantity you want to order. Prices are \$17.00 for S-XL, \$18.50 for XXL and \$20.00 for XXXL. Proceeds benefit the John Perry Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your continued support of your Staff Association.

Staff Service Awards-March 19, 2008

The University of Missouri service award program is a means of recognizing the valuable contribution made by the Administrative, Service & Support staff on behalf of the University for years of service (in five year increments). The University of Missouri - St. Louis would like to honor these employees for years of service to the University at the Staff Service Awards 2008 Presentation and Reception – Wednesday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. E. Desmond Lee and Mary Lee Theater, Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Focus on the Future--Starts March 24th

Plan on attending one (or many) of the sessions offered during Spring Break as part of the "Focus on the Future" event. Courses to be offered are listed below. Look for an email from Karen Pierre with a link to the registration website soon. There may be updates to this schedule, so be sure to check the Focus on the Future website for updates and other details of these classes.

March 24

Yoga
Retirement Planning
Disaster Preparedness Planning
Pilates
Digital Cameras & the 'Slice of Life' Philosophy
Mindful Eating
Mindfulness & Stress Reduction at the Workplace
Microsoft Office 03 vs 07
Triton Watch – Campus Police

March 25

Staying Connected – A Career Check-up
CPR
Chair Massage Therapy
Tai Chi
Triton Watch – Campus Police
Using Web-Based Outlook
Cooking With the Chef
Arianna String Quartet – Working in Harmony
Going Green in the Workplace and Home

March 26

Recycling 101
How-to of Wills & Powers of Attorney
Pilates
Ready-Set-Read (To Kill a Mockingbird)
UMSL Trivia Trap Game Show
Financial Management
Tai Chi
Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About
Curriculum & Instruction (CI) Forms
Dream Interpretations

MyView Student Admin System Update

Students, staff and faculty will use the new system through one easily accessible portal using their SSO ID and password. It will provide 24/7 real-time access to Student Records, the Course Schedule, Cashier's and Financial Aid information. The Faculty Center provides self-service access for faculty to their teaching schedule and class rosters. The Student Center offers real-time access to account and billing information. In addition, students can add, change or cancel direct deposit; view, save or print bills; and make payments through one convenient self-service location. They can register for classes and view their schedule. Students can also check the status of their financial aid application and review the award and accept or decline online.

Student functionality is being rolled out as follows:

Financial Aid: Beginning March 3rd current students applying for aid for the Fall 2008 semester can review the status of their financial aid application in MyView.

Billing: Beginning March 24th students will be able to view their bill and make payments online.

Student Records: Beginning April 7th currently enrolled students can begin registering, by appointment for Summer/Fall 2008 classes in MyView. Registration appointments will be emailed to students in mid-March.

Staff and faculty access to MyView for student records and billing information will become available **April 7th**. Many of the help aids for using MyView will be available online. Watch for email announcements this month for training sessions.

"Discover UMSL"—April 10, 2008

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Movin & Groovin with the U

The Millennium Student Center is the place to be now with the addition of the student radio station, the U. Come and see the new facility, get a tour of the station and maybe even a little airtime. Limited to the first 20 registrants. Registration begins Wednesday, March 26, 2008 through the following website:

<https://tomsawyer.umsl.edu/webapps/ALDP/main.cfm>



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.umslrelay.com.

Gypsy Caravan at UMSL--May 26, 2008

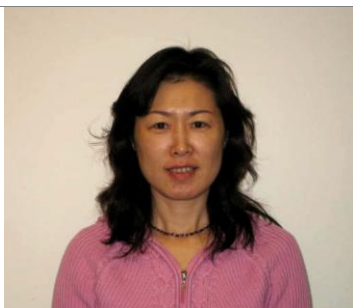


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AND FLEA MARKET
BENEFITING
THE SAINT LOUIS
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 26, 2008

The Gypsy Caravan will return to the UMSL campus on Memorial Day, May 26, 2008. It will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and admission is \$5.00. For those who are early shoppers, you can arrive at 7:00 a.m.; early admission fee is \$20.00. For questions or info, call 286-4452 or visit their website www.gypsyncaravan-stl.org.

Volunteer of the Month



Anna Brendel
Thomas Jefferson Library

Anna exemplifies accuracy and timeliness. She is motivated, hard working and cares about her job. She is thorough and when in doubt, seeks clarification. Anna has a great sense of responsibility and is able to carry out a high volume of work. Anna is an amazing human being. We are extremely thankful to have her.

Accreditation News

The campus accreditation timeline has been revised, since the Site Visit originally planned for February 2009 has been moved to November 2008. For more information about accreditation at UMSL, visit <http://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/assessment/umsl-accreditation.html>

UMSL Accreditation Timeline

April 12-15, 2008
Higher learning Commission Annual Meeting

May 8, 2008
Draft II of the Self Study complete

June, 2008
Verification of data in self study
Edit by Higher learning Consultant
Edit by campus public relations writers

July 30, 2008
Verify documentation in Resource Center
Self study submitted to printer for first draft

August, 2008
Final revisions and edits
Chancellor and Provost approve final draft

September 5, 2008
UMSL Accreditation Self Study submitted to HLC office

September/October, 2008
Campus discussions about self study and prepare campus for HLC campus visit

November 10-13, 2008
Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Site Visit

Upcoming Events

Staff Shirt sale (final day)	March 7, 2008
Trailblazer's Ceremony	March 12, 2008, 2 pm, MSC
Staff Service Awards	March 19, 2008
Focus on the Future	March 24 – 26, 2008
Spring Break week	March 24 – 28, 2008
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