

The Link



September 2008

University of Missouri-St. Louis Staff Association

Message from the President

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On behalf of the Staff Association, I would like to thank Karen Pierre for her service and leadership she provided all of us as president. We all wish her well and ask for her continued input and support as we move forward.

Congratulations to the newly elected Staff Council members. Thank you all for wanting to get involved with the Staff Association and make a difference to all of our colleagues. Your leadership and commitment is greatly appreciated.

I am honored to serve all of our Staff Association members, furthering our mission and enhancing our goals, strengthening our "link" between students and faculty. Based on years of leadership from our staff colleagues, we currently find ourselves at a wonderful point of opportunity. Within our abilities are tremendous occasions to increase our membership and expand our endeavors, increasing our position among our UMSL peers. I look forward to our successes and challenges as we move ahead throughout the year. I welcome your thoughts and ideas, and strongly encourage your involvement and those of your colleagues. For change and progress to come, our collected voice must be heard. I am eager to hear from you.

Steffanie Rockette

Staff Council Members 2008-2009

All of our staff council members welcome feedback from staff on any issue related to their area.

Position	Council Member	Term
President	Steffanie Rockette	July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009
Vice President/ President Elect	John Klein	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009
Secretary/ Treasurer	Lisa Taylor	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009
University Assembly representatives (2)	Ida Casey Lorraine Simeone	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009
Administrator Evaluation Rep University Assembly Committee	Melissa Hattman	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009
Information Technology Rep University Assembly Committee	MaryBeth Creason Michael McGhee	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

Standing committees are also being formed. If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact a staff council officer or representative. Committee assignments will be made at the September 17, 2008 Council meeting.

Physical Facilities, Space, and General Services Rep University Assembly Committee	Ken Voss	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009
Student Affairs Rep	Chris Scheetz	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009
Unit Rep for Computer Center Building	Dave Gellman	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2010
Unit Reps for General Svc, Touhill PAC, MSC Garages (3)	Alberta Breckinridge	July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009
	Talia Gholson	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2010
	Julia Gleason	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2010
Unit Reps for Lucas Hall, Clark Hall, Fine Arts Bldg (2)	Linda Vaughn	July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009
Unit Reps for Millennium Student Center (2)	Stanley Holmes Antoinette Sterling	July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009
Unit Reps for Woods Hall, Music Bldg, Alumni Ctr, Normandy Hall & Inn (2)	Faith Lucas Michele Pattison	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2010
Unit Reps for South Campus (2)	Maria Ahrens David Maczynski	July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009
Unit Rep for University Center, J.C. Penney Conference Center	Jamillah Boyd	July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009
Unit Rep for Benton Hall, Stadler Hall, Research Bldg, T.J. Library, Center for Molecular Electronics	Alice Canavan	July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009
Unit Rep for Mark Twain, TCC, RCEW, Parking & Transport	Charmaine Henson	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2010
Unit Rep for Social Sciences and Business Bldg/Tower	Jennifer Dennis	July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009

Homecoming Week and Parade

Homecoming is early this year, Sept. 22—27, 2008. Each department is invited to participate in the annual campus parade on Thursday, Sept. 25th around 12:45 near the MSC ponds. The theme this year is "Rise of the Tritons". You may simply enter a vehicle with signage or decorate and compete for a trophy. There are two categories: student organizations and department entries. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies will be awarded for each category. A group of students will judge the department entries and faculty/staff members will judge the student floats. The students really enjoy the departmental floats each year, and appreciate your support of Homecoming week.

For an entry form and more details, please contact Gloria Schultz, x5760.

Chancellor's Award Winners

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence is given to employees who best demonstrate exceptional competence, commitment and customer service. Chancellor George will present the awards at the State of the University on September 24, 2008. Congratulations on a job well done to the following awardees and the many others who were nominated.

STAFF

Michael Ellerman, Service/Maintenance

Paul Pratte, Administrative/Professional

Alice Canavan, Office/Technical

FACULTY

Bernard Feldman, Teaching

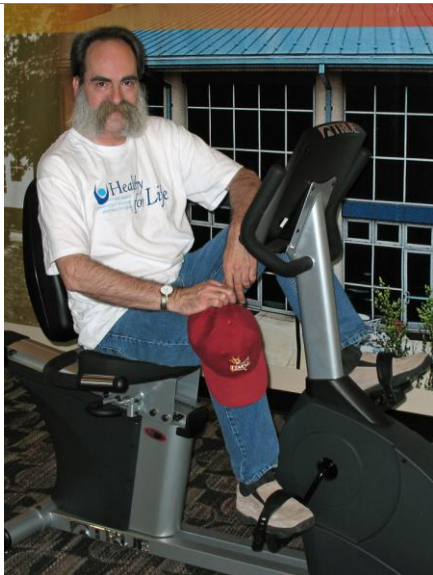
Michael Harris, Research & Creativity

Mark Pope, Service

Susan Yoder-Kreger, Martha Caeiro, Kimberly Sallee (Team Award),
Academic Non-Regular

Matthew Lemberger, Gerald & Deanne Gitner, Excellence in Teaching
Award

Employee Health Fair Winner



Congratulations to Ron Edwards, winner of the recumbent bike for participating in the employee health fair. Ron is an Audio Visual Supervisor at the Millennium Student Center. Congratulations also to the many winners of pedometers!

Riverstars Employee of the Month

May 2008 Winner Innovation & Creativity



Erika Malone
Assistant Director
Transfer Services and Articulation

The UMSL Riverstars Employee of the Month winner for May was Erika Malone. Erika is an Assistant Director for Transfer Services. Erika was chosen for Innovation & Creativity. Comments made about Erika included, "Erika comes up with new ideas to improve office procedures". "She has been instrumental in reorganizing Transfer Day, creating new processes and restructuring the event so it is most beneficial to attendees".

June 2008 Winner Superb Communicator



Loyola Harvey
Administrative Secretary
Advancement

The UMSL Riverstars Employee of the Month winner for June was Loyola Harvey. Loyola is an Administrative Secretary for University Events. Loyola was chosen for Superb Communicator. Comments made about Loyola included, "Loyola is a wonderful leader. She is always very confident but caring. She consistently gives clear instruction that cannot be misunderstood without coming off as being uncaring or bossy". "Loyola is very tactful when it comes to difficult situations". "She communicates very clearly and concisely not only to donors, but students, faculty and staff".

July 2008 Winner VIP (Versatile, Innovative, Productive)



Anu Vedagiri
Museum Curator
Art & Art History

Volunteer of the Month—July 2008



Sue Hinkel
Storytelling Festival

Sue has served on the planning committee for the Storytelling Festival for many years, and became volunteer coordinator in January 2007. In her position, Sue manage a slew of responsibilities, including assembling packets, mailings, delivering supplies, taxiing featured storytellers who arrive from out of town and managing the book and resource sale. Sue has organized the fundraising auction for the past 3 years. As an artist, she has donated several glass art pieces for fundraising efforts. Sue is also in charge of the "Children's Poster" display. As part of this endeavor, Sue visits a school art program, tells a story, discusses storytelling and asks the children to draw a poster that represents their interpretation of storytelling. The posters are then displayed at the St. Louis Arch. She always wants to do more and donates a tremendous amount of time every year; her work for the Storytelling Festival is invaluable.

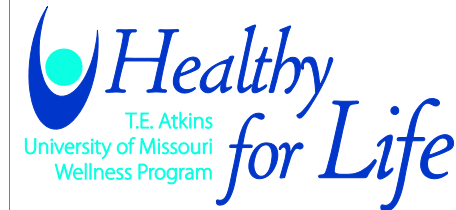
Accreditation Timeline Update

The final draft of the self study was submitted to the printers August 1 and the final copy will be shipped to the Higher learning Commission September 4. The campus visit will be November 9-12. On the 9th the campus review team meets privately and conducts their business. On Monday, **November 10th** and Tuesday, **November 11th** the team will be on campus meeting and visiting with people, committee and units. A specific schedule of these proposed meetings will be provided to us at a later date and we will contact the units and people the team wishes to meet with, we do encourage everyone at this time to keep their calendars as light as possible for those two days. Additionally there will be open meetings for the entire campus to attend and all employees, staff, and faculty are encouraged to attend. More details will be forth coming when we receive them in early fall.

Sugar Creek Winery Trip—September 27



Mark your calendars for a fun trip to Sugar Creek Winery in Defiance on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Cost is \$10 per person (family and friends are invited) to cover the cost of the bus rental. Any proceeds will benefit the John Perry Scholarship Fund. For more information, see the flyer at the end of this Link, or contact Tory Kauffmann at KaufmannT@umsl.edu.



Wellness Program at UMSL

Jaime Capizzi is the new Healthy For Life: T.E. Atkins UM Wellness program manager for UMSL. She would like the opportunity to introduce herself and the program at your next departmental staff meeting. Please call or email Jaime to let her know your meeting schedule. Her extension is 4001 and her email is capizzij@umsystem.edu. If you would like to receive the Healthy For Life newsletter, email Jaime and put NEWSLETTER in the subject line. Please visit <http://wellness.umsystem.edu> for more information.

Employee Self Service Online

Human Resources is pleased to announce the rollout of the Employee Self Service application, myHR. The myHR application provides secure and easy access to review your human resources, payroll, and benefit information online; many items can also be updated online. The myHR application will allow you to ensure that your data is current and accurate.

To begin viewing your personal information, click on <https://myhr.umsystem.edu>. Login using your User ID and Password. Follow the menu item Self Service.

Due to the sensitivity of the information available in myHR, it is important to keep your UMSL SSO Password safe. You should never share this information because this enables others to view your HR, Financial and Student information. It is recommended that you change your password regularly. You can reset your password by going to <https://sso.umsl.edu> and following the instructions.

Please contact Errol Benson at ext. 5803 if you have questions or comments.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming Week	September 22-27, 2008
State of the University Address	September 24, 2008
Homecoming Parade	September 25, 2008
Staff Winery Trip	September 27, 2008



STAFF WINERY TRIP!!

Saturday September 27

10:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Where: Sugar Creek Winery in Defiance, Missouri

Live Music by Jim McClaren

Chartered Bus boards @ 10:30 A.M. at Woods Hall Parking Lot

COST: \$10 per person

Payment Due By: September 19, 2008

**Send payment via campus mail to Tory Kaufmann in 101 GSB
(cash or check accepted)**

Additional Info: All staff, your family and any friends are invited on this trip and all are invited to purchase a seat on the bus. We will depart UMSL at 10:45 A.M. and arrive back on campus at approximately 5 P.M. The owner of Sugar Creek Winery has generously offered to give our group a few bottles of wine for free. After that, all wine is available for purchase (most bottles are between \$10-20). Picnic baskets and coolers ARE allowed so feel free to bring your favorite meats, cheeses, etc. on the trip. Outside beverages are not allowed. This should be a great time and a great opportunity to meet and enjoy a fun day at the winery with your fellow UMSL co-workers. Again, feel free to bring family, friends and significant others. Please visit www.sugarcreekwines.com for additional info on the winery.

Note: Trip proceeds will help benefit the John Perry Scholarship Fund.