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President's Message

The immediate budget situation affecting all of higher education in the State of Missouri is front and center of all meetings and discussions as of late. The governor's State of the State address this past week gave us a glimpse into our possible future. Governor Nixon has not made any announcement regarding extraordinary withholding from the FY09 budget and he hopes to protect higher education but additional withholding from our budget does remain a possibility in the coming months. However, the governor did recommend level funding for the core operating appropriations for all public institutions in higher education for FY10 in keeping with his pledge last week that he would hold level funding if we agree to not raise tuition next year.

President Forsee and his staff have been instrumental in maintaining detailed information and communication with our legislators, assisting us greatly in getting our message and need across to those making the tough decisions. For timely updates on our situation, I encourage you to visit the president's budget crisis web site: <http://www.umssystem.edu/ums/president/budgetnews/> President Forsee will be on campus on February 17 and will meet with the Staff Association at 12 noon in the MSC, Century Room C. I invite everyone to attend. The focus will be the budget situation as well as media reports. Once more details are received I will send out a reminder with additional information. Additionally, I continue to encourage all of you to submit budget ideas to the electronic Suggestion Box, the administration is listening.

Don't forget Pack the Stands night on February 5, we will play Missouri S&T, it should prove to be a great night. Also, I would like everyone to come out and support our 10th Annual Trivia Night on February 28. It is one of the most entertaining nights we do as an association. We mingle with our UMSL colleagues, get a chance to get to know our students better as well find out who has the most "useless knowledge" to win. It is such a good time; I hope everyone can attend. All proceeds go toward the John Perry Scholarship.

I cannot relay enough how proud I am of each and every one of you. In this unprecedented budgetary situation engulfed in an atmosphere of change and slight uncertainty, we have come together like family to protect our own while offering ideas to remedy and preserve our beloved UMSL with utmost professionalism and thoughtfulness. This moment has also afforded us better positioning within the administration's shared governance model that has the potential to heighten and solidify our organization for future endeavors and expansion. Keep your ideas coming, continue to communicate with each other, keep apprised of the facts and ask questions, we are in this together.

~ Steffanie H. Rockette



Ten Years of Trivia

This February 28th the Staff Association and Student Life will sponsor the 10th annual Trivia Night. The proceeds from this event help support the John Perry Scholarship fund. This fund is awarded to the dependent of a UM-St. Louis staff employee.

This year's event will include some major changes. First, the event will return to St. Ann's Church, located just blocks east of campus. St. Ann's provides us with more indoor space and plenty of parking. The second major change will be the table fees. In recognition of the tough economic times everyone is experiencing and to get as many people we can to the event we are dropping the entry fee to \$10.00 per person (last year's event was \$15.00). Another change will be in the format of the event. To make things move along a little quicker we are reducing the number of rounds for 10 down to 8.

As usual there will be raffle items, silent auction items, attendance prizes, and a sports memorabilia auction.

Registration information can be found at www.umsl.edu/trivia.

Coming Soon to a Web Site Near You— Triton Connect

Class members of the 2008 Administrative Leadership Development Program (ALDP) are making final preparations to unveil their project—**Triton Connect**. This exciting online community building tool will provide the opportunity and resources for faculty and staff members to connect with others with similar professional and/or personal interests. If you are interested in learning more about how you can become **CONNECTED**—plan on attending the **Triton Connect** Focus on the Future class in March.

Fun-Filled Night for Triton Fans-February 5

Pack The Stands

Come on out and support your Triton on Thursday, February 5 when UMSL hosts Missouri S&T for Pack the Stands Night. The women's game tips off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:30 p.m.

There will be free food and plenty of prizes. Admission is free for UMSL students, staff, faculty and alumni with an UMSL ID. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 314-516-5291 or Alumni Relations at 314-516-5833.



Volunteer of the Month

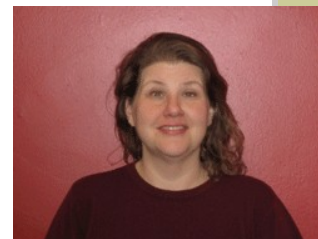
December 2008

Michelle Brown

Western Historical Manuscript Collection, Thomas Jefferson Library

"Michelle Brown is an extra-ordinarily hard worker, prompt and thorough, and has added greatly to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection by processing collections and making them available to the public. She's a self-starter and very skilled at helping patrons with the collections, in addition to her processing work. Having Michelle here has been a great, great pleasure."

-Kenn Thomas, WHMC-St. Louis, TJ Library



Michelle Brown

January 2009

Kathy Vesom

Center for Character & Citizenship

Beverly Bates of the Center for Character & Citizenship considered it a privilege to nominate Kathy Vesom for Volunteer of the Month. "Kathy is very knowledgeable, caring, resourceful and competent volunteer. Kathy assisted the CCC with reports by creating and maintaining databases and analyzing data. Her greatest gift is her flexibility and willingness to do whatever the Center needs."



Kathy Vesom

News from Volunteer Services

If you would like to **NOMINATE a special UM-St. Louis Volunteer for Volunteer of the Month**—you simply need to click on the [link](#) on Volunteer Services' website and start typing. Could it be any easier?

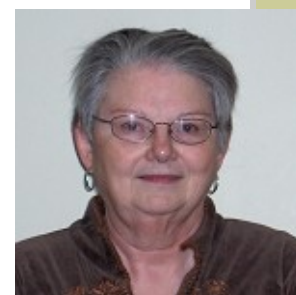
In early February, all departments should receive an invitation to participate in a brief (less than 5-minute) on-line **SURVEY** regarding the use of volunteers on campus. Your feedback is essential to the future of our program. We currently have **TALENTED VOLUNTEERS ready to be placed** in your department. Call our office (4106) to discuss what they can do for you!

Riverstars Employee of Month

December 2008 Winner Loyalty and Commitment

Deloris Lickliger

Administrative Associate
Mathematics and Computer Science



Deloris Lickliger

Discover UMSL



Backstage at the Touhill

Have you ever wanted to be on stage at the Touhill or wonder how the theatrical magic really happens? Well this is your chance. Join us as we get a VIP backstage tour of the Touhill Performing Arts Center. Come and see where so many famous celebrities have performed and where they spend their offstage time. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Optional parts of tour may include tight spaces and climbing. Meet at the statue of Blanche Touhill in the upper lobby (east end of the building near the main ticket office). Limited to the first 20 registrants.

Presented by: Cattanach, John

Date: Wednesday February 18, 2009

Time: 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM

Register From: Thursday January 1, 2009

Register Until: Tuesday February 17, 2009

Location: Touhill PAC

Maximum Capacity: 20

To register, [click here](#)



Tour of Oak Hall

Did you know that UM-St. Louis has residence halls? Come and see the latest in residential living. Oak Hall is the newest building on campus, equipped with wireless internet, a swimming pool, workout facilities, display kitchen, cafi and the Student Solution.

Presented by: Lidgus, Jonathan

Date: Thursday February 19, 2009

Time: 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM

Register From: Thursday January 1, 2009

Register Until: Wednesday February 18, 2009

Location: Oak Hall

Maximum Capacity: 25

To register, [click here](#)



Pierre Laclède Honors College Tour

The Pierre Laclède Honors College, located in the Provincial House on South Campus, has approximately 500 students, interesting classes and a full-time staff that loves to greet visitors. Come see our lovely building and learn more about our program which is open to all majors for four and two-year students. While on South Campus, you may also want to consider taking the Oak Hall tour which is offered immediately before this tour.

Presented by: Gleason, Nancy

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2009

Discover UMSL

(Pierre Laclède Honors College Tour continued)

Time: 12:30 PM to 01:00 PM

Register From: Thursday January 1, 2009

Register Until: Thursday February 19, 2009

Location: Pierre Laclède Honors College, South Campus

Maximum Capacity: 25

To register, [click here](#)

A World of Online Information Through the UMSL Libraries

Databases available through the UMSL Libraries contain the full text of a large variety of magazines, journals and newspapers that won't be found for free on Google. Most of these databases can be easily searched from home by any UMSL employee with access to the Internet. Come to this session and get an idea about information resources available to you, just because you work at UMSL. Limited to the first 15 registrants.

Presented by: Chris Niemeyer

Date: Friday February 20, 2009

Time: 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM

Register From: Thursday January 1, 2009

Register Until: Thursday February 19, 2009

Location: Thomas Jefferson Library, Room 315

Maximum Capacity: 15

To register, [click here](#)

Gallery 210: Bale Creek Allen and the Art of Assemblage

Terry Suhre will give a presentation in Gallery 210 auditorium on the on the development of assemblage as a technique of sculpture in 20th century art and its influence on the sculpture of Texas artist Bale Creek Allen

Presented by: Suhre, Terry

Date: Friday February 27, 2009

Time: 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM

Register From: Thursday January 1, 2009

Register Until: Thursday February 26, 2009

Location: Gallery 210, TeleCommunity Center

Maximum Capacity: 50

To register, [click here](#)



Discover UMSL

University Child Development Center

Take a tour of the University Child Development Center. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the tour.

Presented by: Navin, Lynn
 Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009
 Time: 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM
 Register From: Now
 Register Until: February 24, 2009
 Location: 130 South Campus
 Maximum Capacity: 15
 To register, [click here](#)



Center for Human Origins and Cultural Diversity

As a joint venture between the Anthropology Department, the College of Education, and the Maybuye Center (Archive of the African National Congress) at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa, the Center opened in 1995. The center provides expertise in understanding human origin and cultural diversity.

Presented by: Hoscher, Joan
 Date: Wednesday February 25, 2009
 Time: 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM
 Register From: Thursday January 1, 2009
 Register Until: Wednesday February 25, 2009
 Location: Basement of the Provincial House, South Campus
 Status: 24 seats left
 Maximum Capacity: 25
 To register, [click here](#)

IT Incubator

Description: Visit and hear about UMSL's newest small business incubator facility. Just down the road from the UMSL campus is a nearly 60,000 square foot incubator building offering lab space, office suites and meeting rooms to UMSL students, faculty, researchers and start up companies. The new state of the art High Performance Computing (HPC) center is the heart of the incubator and focus for start up companies needing high end computing. Learn the background, mission and plans for this new facility. Staff should meet at IT enterprises, 4633 World Parkway Circle, St. Louis, MO 63134, 2 Miles West of Campus off Natural Bridge Road in the Airport Center Business and Industrial Park



Presented by: Crone Willis, Kelly
 Date: Wednesday March 4, 2009
 Time: 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM
 Register From: Thursday January 1, 2009
 Register Until: Wednesday March 4, 2009
 Location: IT Enterprises
 Maximum Capacity: 25
 To register, [click here](#)

Discover UMSL

Planetarium Demonstration

Come and see the "stars" at the UMSL planetarium. Astronomy professor Bruce Wilking will guide us through an educational journey of planets, constellations, the seasons and even the St. Louis sky. Limited to the first 35 registrants.

Presented by: Wilking, Bruce

Date: Friday March 6, 2009

Time: 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM

Register From: Thursday January 22, 2009

Register Until: Friday March 6, 2009

Location: 409 Research Building

Status: 34 seats left

Maximum Capacity: 35

To register, [click here](#)



Check the [website](#) for new opportunities to Discover UMSL.

What's New at The Bookstore?

February is "Black History Month," a time to commemorate African-Americans who have changed the world. This February promises to be one of the best ever! In addition to the many black history month titles we have in stock and ready to go, there are several President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama books also featured.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 19, 2009, a very special event will take place at 5:00 p.m. in the University Bookstore. William L. Clay Sr.- Retired U.S. Congressman will speak about his new book: "The Jefferson Bank Confrontation: The Struggle for Civil Rights in St Louis". All book sales will go toward Mr. Clay's scholarship fund for our students. A reception and book signing will follow.



It's February and love is in the air! Looking for that special Valentine's Day gift or card? We have gifts and cards for children, friends & Co-workers. Valentine's Day not your favorite holiday? We also have "Singles Awareness Day" items to help you celebrate in your own special way. Stop by and see our wonderful Valentine's Day books and gifts currently available in the University Bookstore.

Show your Triton spirit! Pack The Stands is February 5 – The bookstore is offering a 25% discount all week February 2 – 6! Get your UMSL gear, get out to the game and cheer on your Tritons!

GO TRITONS!





Women Taking the Lead to Save
Our Planet
2009 Trailblazers

2009 Trailblazer

Members of the campus community are invited to nominate women candidates for the 2009 Trailblazer Awards. This year's theme "***Taking the Lead to Save our Planet***" can include women who have shown leadership in preserving the natural environment and reversing ecological destruction. Nominees (students, faculty, staff or friends of the University) can be scientists, engineers, business leaders, writers, filmmakers, conservationists, teachers, community organizers, religious or workplace leaders or others whose lives show exceptional vision and leadership to save our planet.

Nominations are due in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, 127 Woods Hall by 5:00 pm on February 20, 2009. Forms are available online <http://www.umsl.edu/services/oeo/trailblazers.html> and may be e-mailed to willsc@umsl.edu. The 2009 Trailblazer Ceremony will be held March 19.

Breast Cancer Awareness –February 14

In honor of Kay Yow

UMSL v. Rockhurst Basketball

In an effort to help the Women's Basketball Coaches Association raise awareness of breast cancer, the UMSL women's basketball team will participate in the 2009 WBCA Pink Zone on Saturday, February 14 when they host Rockhurst at 1 p.m. The men's team will also participate, with pledges and donations being accepted for any three-point basket made by the Tritons in both games. UMSL will also be selling pink t-shirts with all donations and proceeds going directly to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, in partnership with The V Foundation. Our very own Dianne Coonrod and Charmaine Henson will be honorary captains!

Kay Yow, NC State Head Women's Basketball Coach, recently lost her 22 year battle with breast cancer, but not before leaving a lasting mark on the world. The 2007 inaugural Jimmy V ESPY winner for Perseverance, Yow dedicated her life to improve the sport of women's basketball and was a part of the implementation of Title IV and the first NCAA Tournament in 1982.

On 2/14, please attend the UMSL v. Rockhurst games to support UMSL's goal of raising \$500 for this very worthwhile cause.

WBCA
PinkZone



Relay In the Great Outdoors!

Get out your camo! Pull out the camping gear! We are roughin' it this year in honor of cancer patients and their battle! Like penguins? make your campsite Antarctica! Wanna Jungle Boogey? Let your team have a Jungle theme! If it pertains to the great outdoors, it is fair game! Have you ever wanted to spend the night with all of your closest friends? Do you want to have fun while making a difference? The American Cancer Society Relay For Life® is your chance to meet new people, make lasting friendships, and join the fight against cancer. Although Relay For Life® provides an opportunity for everyone involved to raise funds and awareness to support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission, it is much more than a fundraiser. It is about joining students and many others across the globe in the world's largest grassroots movement to fight cancer. It's about being a campus and a community that takes up the fight!

This is your invitation to join us, so gather your friends, spread the word, and help change the course of cancer! Learn more about [Relay For Life®](#), and gather your friends, spread the word, and help change the course of cancer!



Friday, April 24, 2009

UMSL has a new U.S. Bank Branch Manager!

Linda Ehlers is the new manager of the UMSL Branch of the U.S. Bank. Stop by to meet Linda at "your" U.S. Bank located in the Millennium Center. The UMSL U. S. Bank is a full service branch conveniently located and proud to serve YOU. U.S. Bank offers UMSL students a free Student checking account that includes free online access to their account, free account alerts, a box of free UMSL checks, along with a free Money Market Savings account for future benefit. Faculty and Staff also have the benefits of a Free U.S. Bank checking account that include the same benefits as the students, along with Home Equity products, and auto loans. Mortgage Loan Officers are available, as well as, the Financial Specialist to assist with many other financial needs.



Managing Change Effectively Workshop

Dr. Lynn Rossy, Health Psychologist for Healthy for Life, the T. E. Atkins Wellness Program, will be presenting an approach to better manage your stress and to increase your effectiveness at work and home during difficult times. She will briefly review the current budget scenario at the University of Missouri and introduce ways of most productively partnering with the changes that are occurring here and nationwide. Learn about the different ways people react to change, which approaches work and don't work, and how you can become ready to successfully deal with inevitable change and uncertainty. No reservation required. We look forward to seeing you February 10, 2009 at 12:00 pm in UC63. Please email Jaime Capizzi with any questions regarding this workshop Capiz-zij@umsystem.edu.



UMSL Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)



The UMSL Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will help with basic income tax returns **starting February 6, 2009, and continuing until April 11, 2009**, at the locations listed below. Income tax returns will be prepared by trained and certified volunteers.

Location	Day	Open	Close
UMSL Campus (SSB 218)	Fridays	9 am	3 pm
Natural Bridge Branch-St. Louis County Library	Fridays	9 am	4 pm
Ferguson Municipal Library	Saturdays	9 am	3 pm
Schlafly Branch-St. Louis Public Library	Saturdays	9 am	5 pm

The VITA program offers free assistance to those with low-to-moderate incomes (less than \$42,000), including persons with disabilities, limited-English proficiency and older taxpayers who file Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A or basic Form 1040 Federal and State tax returns. VITA Volunteer Tax Assistors also assist community members in claiming any special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible.

Community members who visit a VITA site should bring photo identification, Social Security cards for themselves and dependents, wage and earnings statement (Form W-2) from all employers, interest statements from banks (Form 1099), a copy of last year's tax return if available, and other relevant information about income and expenses. More information about the UMSL VITA program is available online at <http://www.umsl.edu/>

Coming Events

Pack the Stands	February 5	Mark Twain Building Beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Basketball Game Think Pink	February 14	Mark Twain Building Beginning at 1 p.m.
Staff Meeting with President Forsee	February 17	Century Room C 12:00 p.m.
Trivia Night	February 28	St. Ann's Center 7530 Natural Bridge
UMSL Day	March 7	
Trailblazer Ceremony	March 19	Century Rooms
Relay for Life	April 24	

Bottom Line

If you have questions or concerns about the Link or the staff association, please contact Faith Lucas, Communications Committee Chair and Link editor, at E-mail flucas@umsl.edu



PACK THE STANDS

PACK THE STANDS AS UMSL TAKES ON MO S&T!

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 5
IN MARK TWAIN BUILDING
WOMEN'S GAME @ 5:30 PM
MEN'S GAME @ 7:30 PM

FREE FOOD
PRIZES

FREE FOR STUDENTS,
STAFF, FACULTY,
AND ALUMNI WITH AN UMSL ID

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE AT 518-5291
OR ALUMNI RELATIONS AT 518-5833