July 2014

### Coming Up

**Staff Council Meeting – Open to All**  
July 17th @ 1:30 PM

Sunday, August 24 – Saturday, October 3

Submit your events to the calendar;  
Welcome Move-In Crew; Serendipity Sendoff;  
Welcome Picnic; Help-A-Triton; WOW Adventures;  
Fall Expo or visit umsl.edu/wow!

**Staff Appreciation BBQ**  
Friday, August 15th at the MSC Patio

Next Board of Curators Meeting: July 25 – Video Conference. Follow @umcurators

### Campus Update

Help welcome new students in the Fall by wearing  
**Faculty/Staff Welcome T-Shirt!**  
Shirts are $6 each (Small-5XL) Last day to order: July 1

Natural Bridge Road is going to be **down to three lanes** between Hanley and Lucas and Hunt... **forever.**

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The Staff Association is now on Twitter!  
Follow us @UMSLstaff for news, information, updates, and meeting announcements.  
We'll post reminders about upcoming events, we may even live tweet some meetings!

@UMSLStaff
President’s Message

Summer is here, and that means a change in leadership for the Staff Association. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you this past year as President. I want to thank all of you for your support and participation, without which we could not have this Staff Association. I want to thank all of the Staff Council members for representing and acting as a voice for all staff; your time and efforts have been invaluable. I want to thank all of the committee chairs and members for the events organized and information shared; you help keep all of us involved on campus outside of our own job functions. I want to thank Chancellor George, Provost Cope, Vice Chancellor Krueger, Vice Chancellor Leifeld, and other campus administrators for continuing to support the staff and giving us a voice at the table. I especially want to thank my partner in crime, Jonathan Lidgus, for standing by my side (and filling in for me when needed!) while we planned, commiserated, and celebrated. I am excited for him to step into the role of President of the Staff Association on July 1.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Staff Appreciation barbecue currently scheduled for Friday, August 15th. Additional details will be sent out as the date nears.

Congratulations to Maureen Zegel for winning the raffle at the Spring semester Staff Association meeting in May. Maureen won two tickets to UMSL Night at the Ballpark. Have fun, Maureen!

Thank you, and enjoy your summer!

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Learn How to Garden More Effectively

Dig gardening? Registration is now open for the fall session of the Missouri Master Gardener Online Training — a course designed to provide working knowledge of the fundamental principles of plant growth and development and how to apply these concepts to everyday situations and uses in horticulture. Two levels are offered. The first is for Master Gardener trainees who, in addition to completing the online course, must complete 30 hours of volunteer work. The second level is for individuals who simply want to enhance their horticulture knowledge. Class fees begin at $175 for a 14-week course. Learn more at http://extension.missouri.edu/mgonline.

HR Update

Orientation Plus: A new part of orientation, where employees will come back after completing 6 months to go over different items over lunch. Audra Gall will be conducting the orientation plus if there are any questions.

Mentor Program: Available to help new employees feel welcome and to have someone to have lunch with or ask questions.

Check out the new blog—Let’s Talk Total Rewards. It is now available for UM faculty and staff, providing information on topics related to the myTotal Rewards package—benefits, compensation, retirement and wellness programs.

Food Truck Monday

The third Monday of the month through October visit Plaza at 501 in Ferguson for a host of food-trucks!
**Building Emergency & Safety Team Tips (B.E.S.T)**

**Know where you are!** At every building door entrance there is a number. Take note of what doors you use as it may come in handy when communicating with emergency personnel.

**Where is the closest fire extinguisher?**
Did you know that the instructions of use are printed on the side of the canister?

**Live - Link**

Next month look for our Live Video webcast of the Staff Council Meeting! Following us on Twitter or check the website the day of the meeting for The Link!

**The Last Link**

Did you spot a mistake from this issue of The Link or a previous one? Please send it to us!! We care!! Negative feedback is often more constructive.

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