IT'S A WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR …GRADUATION!

Congratulations to the 2010 graduates! You would have to admit it has been a journey filled with highs and challenges, peaks and valleys, mirthdays and concerts, sports events and homecomings, meetings and more meetings, and yes, some “a” grades and some…well, not “a” grades! Guess what? You not only survived, you thrived!

If you were asked to stroll down memory lane and reflect on your varied experiences, no doubt each graduate would find similarities that include memories of times when you thought graduation was in the far distance…if at all; or, a time when you were so exhilarated over your test results, you wanted to e-mail the world about this major accomplishment! Perhaps there was a time when no matter how hard you studied, the thoughts were not clicking. Yes…it’s all a part of the experiences prior to graduation. Here’s the great news…you have arrived and have completed one of your goals in life despite the hurdles. Hats off for staying the course! Celebrate this big deal and the best to each of you as you forge ahead on your new journey, be it, graduate school, employment, relocation, entrepreneurship, etc. Permit me to leave some pearls of wisdom.

Very soon, you will be considered an alumnus of the University of St. Louis; this is awesome and impressive. Make good on your new found title by giving your best in whatever your new endeavor, be it working in the St. Louis region or remaining connected as a committed alumnus of the university of Missouri St. Louis where it all began. All the best to you…and happy graduation!

Director Office of Multicultural Relations

The Office of Multicultural Relations
Graduate School Information Session

From left to right, Ebonie Reed (Law) Michelle Worthy (Social Work) Nancy Ashford (Education), Janice Carrell (Business) and Grace Derda (Arts & Sciences, Fine Arts and Communications)

Upcoming Events
Multicultural Awareness Day
Wednesday, April 28, 2010
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MSC, Century Rooms A & B

New Graduate Reception
(See Add Below)

Useful tips
• Manage time effectively
• Eat healthy foods
• Refresh with power naps
• Drink plenty of water

Student Feature

Congratulations UM—St. Louis Graduates

Please join the African-American Alumni Chapter of the UMSL Alumni Association, the Office of Multi-Cultural Relations, and the Black Faculty Staff Association at The Annual African-American New Graduate Recognition Ceremony Honoring 2009 and 2010 Graduates

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Summit Lounge (2nd floor), J.C. Penney Building

Cake and Punch Reception

With a special guest speaker
Anthony Thompson
President and CEO, Kwame Building Group, Inc.

Please RSVP
e-mail BlackJen@umsl.edu. by April 30
Social-Educational Trip VI—UMSL Students Off to New Orleans!

2005 Hurricane Katrina—Changing New Orleans

Eating at Jack Dempsey’s
What We Leaned...

2010 New Orleans East—Middle class neighborhoods are recovering yet no hospitals, drug stores, or libraries have been rebuilt. Winn Dixie and Family Dollar are the primary retailers. Major malls and large tax generated shopping centers are in the suburbs of Kenner and Metairie.

Abandoned School.

Hospital never finished

Pharmacy has not reopened.

Industrial Canal needs repairs

Rap Artist

“Birdman’s “ Estate.
What we saw....

Upper and Lower 9th Wards 2010
Rebuilding — “Make it Right Foundation” - Brad Pitt and Angelina Joule and Common Ground Relief Organization.
Sunday activity—Visiting—St. Gabriel’s The Archangel Catholic Church Rebuilt by Volunteer Hands

New Orleans is below sea level. The affluent are buried with opulence (left) above ground while the middle and working class are buried below ground (right) so the bodies must be reburied whenever there is too much rain (i.e. Katrina).

Funeral Procession—"Second Line" with Musicians.
Students Having Fun in Downtown New Orleans and the French Quarter

Great eating at the Roadfood Festival
Music everywhere!

Only In New Orleans!!!
Shopping along the mighty Mississippi
At the Riverwalk Mall

Night Life In New Orleans

Heading home to St. Louis, relaxed, full and enriched by the experience. Goodbye New Orleans, goodbye Lake Pontchartrain !!! (below)!
Get connected with The Office of Multicultural Relations

by:

- Being a student consumer of MCR’s services
- Becoming a student tutor or student mentor
- Becoming an alumni mentor
- Joining the parent support group

Become a part of a dynamic office that has a strategic developmental retention plan for students and is an integral part of the campus community. We welcome you to get involved!

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MCR is pleased to provide academic/non academic student support which includes:

- Providing all students with one-on-one support from professional staff
- An evaluation and insights into your study habits and learning style
- A plan for success designed for the individual student in conjunction with advisors
- Student mentors
- A tutorial component
- Campus-wide collaboration with other departments
- Workshops and seminars
- A Tuition Remission Component
- A direct link with Academic Affairs

Staff at a social event

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