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## VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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Greetings from the Ed G. Smith College of Business with updates for the Spring 2026 semester! [Jalen Walker-Wright](#), Vice President of my Dean's Student Advisory Board, invites you to learn more about our student life and engagement on campus. To all alumni and partners in the community, please visit the [Calendar of Engagement](#) and see the many ways you can get involved!

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## Ed G. Smith College of Business Ranked in U.S. News Online Programs

UMSL's Online MBA program ranked No. 33 nationally and No. 1 in Missouri.

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## Global Game Jam 2026 Challenges Creativity and Collaboration

The College hosted Global Game Jam, drawing students and creators together to design original games in a 48-hour event.

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## Inside UMSL Podcast Features Dr. Jill Bernard Bracy

Dr. Bracy, associate teaching professor and director of the Supply Chain Analytics Center of Excellence, discusses how experiential learning and industry collaboration prepare UMSL students for career success.

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## Ask an Expert: Dr. Temidayo Akenroye on Sustainable Supply Chains

Associate Professor Temidayo Akenroye highlights global sustainability issues from three recently published books on the topic.

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## UMSL Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center Welcomes New Anchor Accelerator Cohort

The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center announced its newest Anchor Accelerator cohort, awards competitive grants to nine emerging regional businesses.

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## Jarad Perry Leverages UMSL Cybersecurity Degree in New Role at Mastercard

Master's graduate Jarad Perry applies his cybersecurity education to his new position as manager of business process improvement.

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## UMSL Earns Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, Boosting Business and Innovation Focus

The renewed Classification includes support for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center and the Supply Chain Analytics Department's community-connected work.

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## UMSL Strengthens Global Engagement Through International Partnership

Chancellor Kristin Sobolik welcomed Bayer leaders to a training program, a collaboration between EADA and the Ed G. Smith College of Business.

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## UMSL '25 in Review: A Year of Growth and Impact

The 2025 Year in Review reflects on UMSL's transformative construction projects, expanded academic offerings, and enhanced community partnerships shaping the university's future.

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## Recognizing: Alumni at Boeing



### **Danielle Hutson, CFO - F-22 Development & Sustainment**

**Graduation program and year:** BS Accounting 2005

**How has your education at UMSL Business transformed your life?** "UMSL's practical support and career center led to a part-time defense accounting role while studying, pairing academics with real-world experience that helped me land at Boeing."

**How are you involved with business students at EGSCoB today?** "I now participate in the Boeing-UMSL College of Business Mentoring program. The mentoring program has been a rewarding experience that helps develop the next generation of business professionals and further strengthened my leadership skills."



### **Kathleen Bobbitt, Director Contracts Operations**

**Graduation program and year:** BSBA 1993

**How has your education at UMSL Business transformed your life?** "During my Senior year at UMSL, I was notified by my Business Administrative counselor that McDonnell Douglas was hiring. I was so excited as the job market had been in a slump and the love of aviation falls in my family as my father worked for TWA / American Airlines and my brother was serving in the Navy. I came on board as a Financial Analyst on the F/A-18 program. I was able to apply skills

immediately from various courses; such as, Accounting, Statistics, Communications, etc. The UMSL courses and extra curriculars developed deep problem solving and critical thinking skills that assisted in learning how to transition from Student to Corporate life. I was also able to take advantage of Boeing Learning together program where I completed my MBA. The McDonnell Douglas and Boeing merger expanded opportunities across numerous Boeing sites and programs. I have developed a strong network of colleagues that are key in continuous learning and driving change in our organization. I have had the opportunity to work on numerous roles and Boeing platforms over my tenure and what I love most is I am continually challenged each day to learn more and teach and train our newer employees."

**How are you involved with business students at EGSCoB today?** "Active participant in the UMSL Mentoring Program."

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