

August 2025

**VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

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Welcome to the start of Fall 2025 and a new academic year! The Ed G. Smith College of Business is excited to introduce our newly named College and welcome new and returning students. I thank our entire faculty and staff team for their dedication to serving our students. We will continue to work closely with our community and industry partners to deliver excellent education and prepare our students for professional success. Enjoy reading the stories!

[Shu Schiller, Ph.D.](#)

Dean, Professor of Information Systems

Ed G. Smith College of Business

University of Missouri-St. Louis



## UMSL Honors Ed Smith with business college name

The Ed G. Smith College of Business will accelerate UMSL's ability to attract, educate and support more students to earn business degrees and enter the workforce as highly skilled professionals.

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## Business alum Ryan Bowman joins Terrace Wealth

Bowman, who earned his BSBA from UMSL in 2013, served two tours of duty in Iraq with the United States Army after graduating from Francis Howell Central High School.

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## Max Hood leaned into opportunity at UMSL

Hood's dedicated involvement with the University Program Board, the Office of Student Involvement and UMSL's social media channels made a big impact on campus.

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## Justin Bennett makes UMSL DBA history

Justin Bennett becomes UMSL's first DBA graduate with geospatial-focused research, blending military experience, entrepreneurship, and academic excellence.

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## Jaramillo-Rios completes Antwerp summer program

Supply Chain PhD student Juana Jaramillo-Rios made waves this summer, presenting UMSL research in D.C. and attending a prestigious logistics program in Belgium.

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## Fintech student Addison Eaker lands job at Well Fargo

Addison Eaker, magna cum laude finance grad and former Finance Club president, landed a full-time Wells Fargo role after a successful internship.

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## Alum Kerrie McKenna-Forbes marks 15 years at bank

McKenna-Forbes worked three jobs while taking classes – including Pierre Laclède Honors College classes – as she earned her accounting degree from UMSL.

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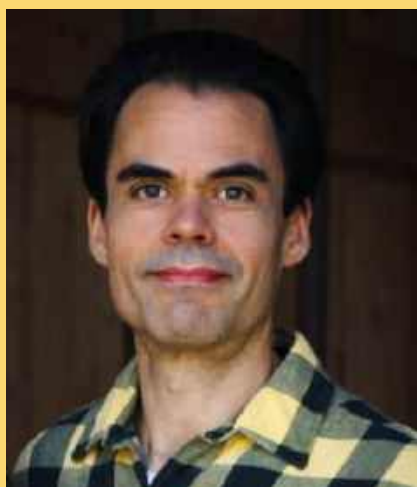
## Master's grad Shiori Kaji joins Anders CPA

Kaji, whose parents traveled from Japan for the UMSL commencement ceremony in May, wants to use her accounting degree to advance the cause of conservation biology.

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**Introducing our new staff and celebrating recent promotions**



**Jill Bernard Bracy, PhD**

Director,  
Supply Chain Analytics Center of Excellence

**Mark Feters, MAcc**

Director,  
Center for Excellence in Financial Counseling

**Rhonda Hurd, MBA**

Assistant Teaching Professor,  
Supply Chain and Analytics



**Le (Carol) Kuai, MIS**  
Assistant Professor,  
Information Systems & Technology

**Cindy Goodwin-Sak, DBA**  
Director,  
Business Executive Education

**Tyler VonJensen, MS**  
Business Student Professional Success Coordinator,  
Student Success



Join us and have fun at the Ed G. Smith College of Business picnic with faculty, staff, student leaders, friends, families, and partners! The picnic will be on Friday, September 5, 2025 from 3pm - 7pm at Millennium Park in Creve Coeur (2 Barnes W Dr, Creve Coeur, MO 63141). Register below by August 25:

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