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## VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



The College of Business Administration is excited to welcome back our students for the Spring 2025 semester! We have some great news to share. The College's Online MBA is now ranked #46 in the nation! Please watch a short video from our Associate Dean, Dr. Ekin Pellegrini, to learn about this distinct honor and recognition.

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## UMSL Online MBA Ranked 46th Nationally

Our Online MBA program continues to thrive, offering leadership coaching, global experiences, and a rigorous curriculum that attracts a high caliber and professionally diverse student body from across the country.

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## Army Veteran Graduates With Information Systems Degree

Ryan Manley, a UMSL graduate and Army National Guard veteran, transformed his academic journey from a 1.90 GPA in high school to a 3.85, thriving in challenging UMSL courses.

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## Accounting Graduate Upholds Family Legacy At UMSL

Brett Paubel, UMSL's 2024 Student Leader of the Year, graduates with bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting, continuing his family's proud UMSL legacy, and will join PwC after earning his CPA.

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## Mother-Daughter Duo Graduates Together

Tyra Jones-Williamson and Temperance Blackman supported each other through their undergraduate journey and are now pursuing master's degrees starting this January.

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## Accounting Alum Secures Job At RubinBrown

Thomas Fabry earned two degrees from UMSL and has completed multiple internships at RubinBrown, including his third as he prepares for the CPA exam. He will begin full-time at RubinBrown in October.

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## New DBA Cohort Features Diverse Students

Our DBA program offers flexible, cohort-based education, focusing on research, leadership, and community support, attracting diverse professionals like Val Joyner who heard an inspiration NPR segment about the program.

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## UMSL Sees Transformative Change In 2024

Look back at some of UMSL Daily's top stories from the past year including mentions of our students' success, faculty success and research, and new additions to the college and university.

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## Celebrating Recent Promotions



**Dr. Shaji Khan**

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Assurance of Learning



**Dr. Michele Meckfessel**





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