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### VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



On May 16, 2025, a total of 353 business students will graduate at the Spring Commencement. We congratulate our students and thank our staff, faculty, friends, families, alumni, and partners for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering support. In this newsletter, Jay Plaskett, Vice-Chair of my Dean's Executive Advisory Council, talks about his UMSL story and calls you to be part of our future success.

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## AACSB Renews Our Dual Accreditation

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business recently reaffirmed UMSL's standing as an elite business university, renewing our dual accreditation for all business and accounting programs, both undergraduate and graduate.

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## Supply Chain Student Kabita Rokka Joins Bruker

Rokka, who earned three degrees in her home country of Nepal before enrolling at UMSL, has made the most of her experience on campus, both inside and outside of the classroom.

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## Professor's Paper on Self-Invitation Gains Attention

Assistant Professor Dan Grossman studies why people hesitate to join others' plans, revealing how social anxieties can hinder connection.

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## Morris, Frey Share UMSL's Entrepreneurship Vision

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center Director Scott Morris and marketing major and founder of Headlok Jesse Frey, were the latest guests on the Inside UMSL podcast.

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## Conference Guides Students on Global Career Paths

NBCU Academy's Sandy Sharp, the senior director of strategic partnerships and initiatives, delivered the keynote address at our International Business Career Conference.

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## UMSL Alumni Honor Four at Business Awards

College of Business Administration alumni Laura Burkemper, Paul Martin, Paul Matteucci and Dale Woods were honored for their impact on UMSL and their success in the business world.

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