

# State of the University

Chancellor Tom George

**UMSL**

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# Welcome to UMSL



**Kristin Sobolik**

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

- Hit the ground running – which you will see later in this report
- Energy and insight winning friends
- We're lucky she Chose UMSL

## Looking Back – FY2017

UMSL exceeded its financial goals for FY2017 – ending the year with its first operating fund surplus since FY2012

- UMSL had been running operating deficits as high as \$15M a year prior to implementing its new sustainable budget plan
- Laid groundwork for faculty and staff raises distributed this fall
- UMSL only UM campus with merit pool this fall

UMSL continues to see improvements in its research capacity – topping **\$20M** in expenditures this past year

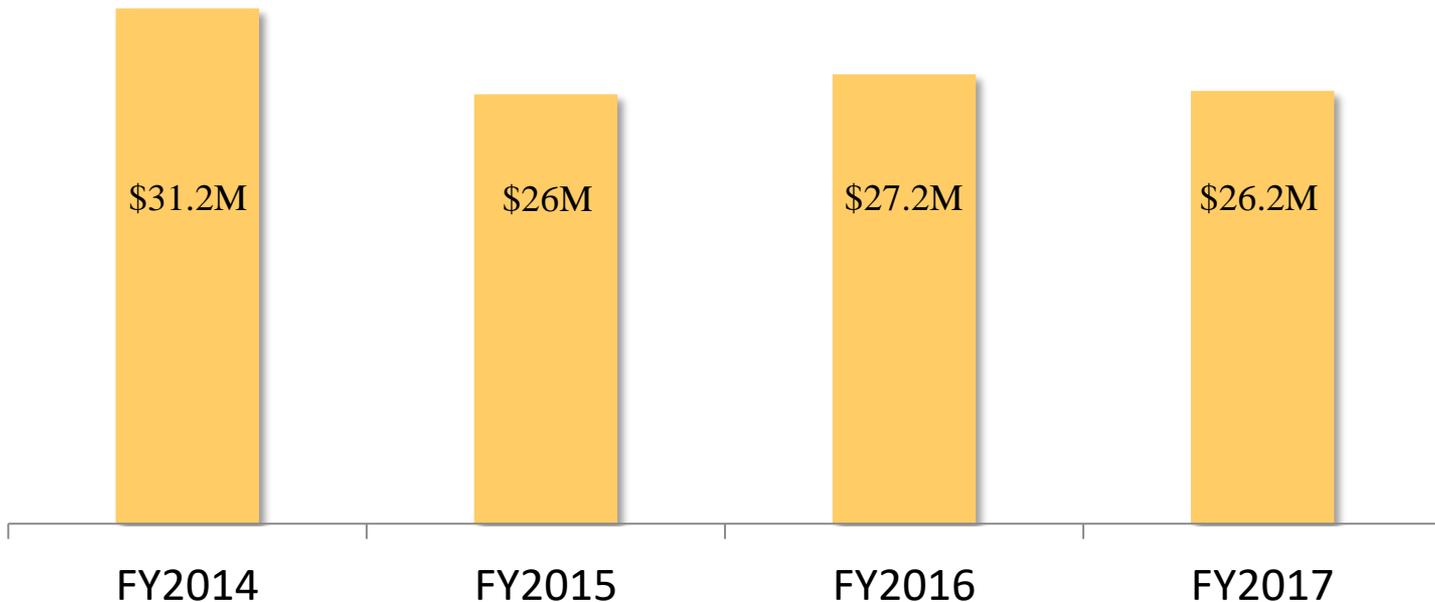
FY17 ... \$20M

FY16 ... \$18M

FY15 ... \$16M

UMSL donors remain generous in their support of our students and programs – contributing gifts and pledges exceeding \$26M this past year

- Fourth consecutive year UMSL raised over \$26M
- Four-year total exceeds \$110M



# Kirk and Maureen Richter



- Second alumni couple to achieve \$5M giving milestone
- Receiving E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Medal for Philanthropy at Founders Dinners

# New strategies resulted in dramatic gains for the Pierre Laclède Society

- 162 new members
- 1,882 total members
- \$5.3M in FY17 financial support



PLS includes individuals who make an annual gift exceeding \$1,000  
Several PLS members are present today

UMSL grants **3,068** undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees

✓ Third year topping 3,000 degrees



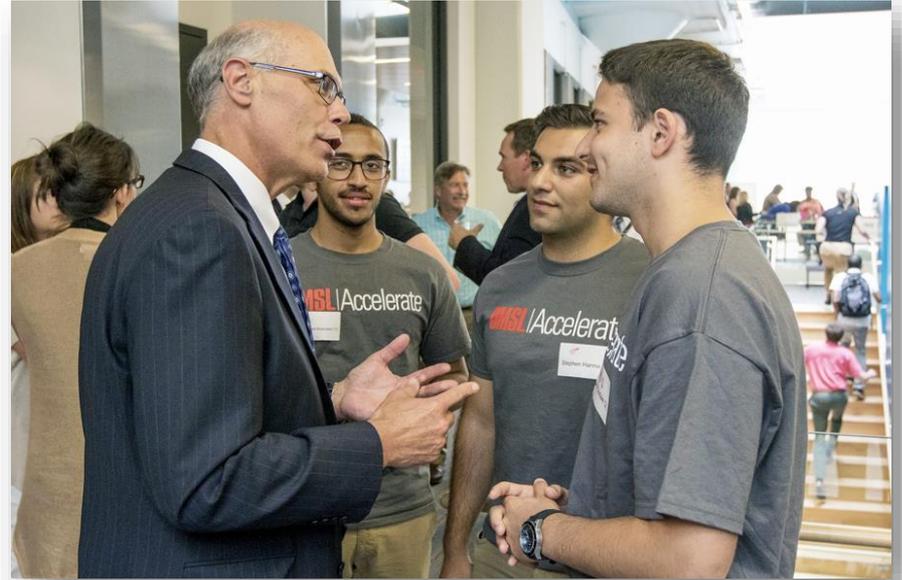
# UMSL student-athletes set academic records

- Record 101 student-athletes [out of 191] were among the GLVC Academic All-Conference honorees
- Student-athletes posted a 3.24 GPA in 2016-17
- 12 of 13 teams finished with GPAs of 3.0 or higher
- Two men's soccer players were named 1<sup>st</sup> team Academic All-Americans – both heading off to medical school
- Oh – and by the way – they had a record of 467-165-4 in competition



# Ameren Accelerator sparks innovation and jobs

- ✓ Ameren
- ✓ UMSL Accelerate
- ✓ Capital Innovators
- ✓ CORTEX Headquarters



- Public-private partnership that assesses, mentors and invests in energy technology startup companies
- This is St. Louis region's first accelerator to focus on energy technologies – unique nationally

Military Times named UMSL to its “Best for Vets” list for the third consecutive time



Heath McClung selected as a 2017 Pat Tillman Scholar

- Heath is enrolled in the UMSL/WU Joint Engineering Program
- Second UMSL student to receive the prestigious scholarship

# Business Insider

- Ranks UMSL #1 in Missouri for affordability, proving that UMSL students enjoy the best educational value in the state.
- Uses data from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and considers only universities ranked in top 220 by *US News and World Report*
- Other Midwest state leaders include:
  - ✓ Iowa State University
  - ✓ Kansas State University



## Best Value Colleges

# UMSL ranks 5<sup>th</sup> nationally for adult learners

- UMSL scored extremely well on each of the web-based ranking service's criteria, including:
  - ✓ percentage of students over 25
  - ✓ retention-graduate rates
  - ✓ academic quality



# UMSL is a great buy according to the financial advice website SmartAsset

- Its Best Value Colleges study places UMSL among the Top 4 universities in Missouri
- The rankings are compiled after looking at such categories as tuition, living expenses, scholarships and grants provided, retention rates and the average starting salary for an institution's graduates
- UMSL graduates had an average starting salary of \$44,100, according to the study

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# Value Colleges Top RN to BSN

- These two web publications ranked UMSL nursing's online RN to BSN program among the top 50 nationally



# College of Education performs well in two separate reviews

- UMSL's teacher prep programs earned top ratings on the Missouri Department of Education's Annual Performance Report
- National Council on Teacher Quality places UMSL's secondary teacher prep program among the top 10% nationally



## St. Louis Public Radio expands its network

- Assumed operational and programming duties of Missouri University of Science and Technology's public radio station KMST 88.5 FM in Rolla
- UMSL's station already has a similar, successful arrangement in operating the public radio station in Quincy, IL
- Move provides the Rolla region with more national and statewide programming at a significant cost savings for the Rolla campus

## Looking Forward – FY2018

### TOTAL ENROLLMENT

**16,600**

- 7,662 undergraduates
- 2,756 graduate students
- 172 professional students
- 6,000 ACP students [estimated]



### Main Campus

- Credit hour production remains steady at 108,600
- Off-campus results are still being assessed

# Quantity and quality of incoming freshman class rises

## Top Feeder Schools

- ✓ Gateway STEM
- ✓ Affton
- ✓ Fox
- ✓ Hazelwood West
- ✓ Lindbergh
- ✓ Pattonville



Dornette Foster (at left) was on hand to help her youngest daughter, Tori, settle in during Move-In Day.

## New Freshmen

Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Change
445	495	11.2%

New Records: 24.4 Average ACT ... 3.34 Average GPA

## Forbes Magazine names UMSL as one of “America’s Best Colleges”

- The magazine’s editors said they focused on the things that matter most to students: quality of teaching, great career prospects, graduation rates and low levels of debt
- Fewer than 660 universities make the annual Forbes listing



# UMSL | Business

**International Business Program**  
24<sup>th</sup> among all universities nationally  
15 consecutive years in the Top 25



# Several graduate programs make *U.S. News* “Best” list



- Biology
- Chemistry
- Clinical Psychology
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Public Affairs
- Social Work

Criminology & Criminal Justice consistently ranks 4<sup>th</sup> nationally

# Anheuser-Busch Hall

## Business College has a place to call home

- \$20M project was a donor-state partnership
- Fourth building opened on campus in three years
- \$150M in total investment on/around campus, including redevelopment of Natural Bridge Road



# SSM Health medical services open in UMSL Patient Care Center

- Three physicians as well as other services available to the community, campus
  - ✓ Family medicine
  - ✓ OB/GYN
- Credit goes to Dean Larry Davis, optometry employees and students



SSM Health Regional President J.J. Bleicher

# Climate Survey reveals campus as a comfortable, progressing place to live, learn and work

- Vast majority of respondents felt UMSL was safer and more receptive to diversity and inclusion than the greater community as a whole
- 75% were comfortable or very comfortable with the overall climate on campus
- 84% were comfortable or very comfortable with classroom climate
- Chancellor's Cultural Diversity Council will make recommendations to address areas of concern – after series of campus forums
- Many thanks to CDO Deborah Burris for leading our effort

# UMSL strategic plan will align with compacts of the University of Missouri System

## **Compacts**

Student Success

Inclusive Excellence

Research & Creativity

Planning, Operations & Stewardship

Community Engagement & Economic Development

Strategic Plan Draft – December 1

## **Process**

Associate Provost Paulette Isaac-Savage is  
lead coordinator

Assembling committee/compact members

Seeking comments from:

- Student Government Association
- Faculty Senate
- Staff Association
- External stakeholders

Transform UMSL

## Campus begins review of academic programs

- Four-campus, UM System initiative
- Quantitative, qualitative analyses to ascertain programmatic areas of growth, strength and excellence
- Guide programmatic scope, hiring and future resource allocation
- Vice Provost Chris Spilling is chair of committee making recommendations to Provost by March 15

Just around the corner

## Higher Learning Commission Accreditation

- A team representing the Higher Learning Commission will visit the UMSL on November 5 & 6, 2018, as part of the university's continuing accreditation process
- During its campus visit, the HLC site team will hold open forums for students, faculty and staff
- Special Assistant to the Provost Alan Heisel is coordinating the UMSL effort
- Alan and his colleagues will be contacting you soon to let you know your role in ensuring re-accreditation

Close with inquiry from a reporter

## How does UMSL contribute to the regional economy?

- UMSL has issued 111,000 degrees to 98,000 individuals – 70% of whom still live and work in the St. Louis region
- UMSL has about 2,400 full and part-time employees who earn about \$145M in annual salary and benefits
- UMSL spends about \$50M a year in goods and services annually.
- \$150M in new construction/renovation over the last three years. UMSL has opened four new buildings in three years – along with Natural Bridge and Benton Hall renovations
- Anchor activities
  - ✓ Founding partner of CORTEX
  - ✓ Recruited Express Scripts to the UMSL campus
  - ✓ Ameren Accelerator
  - ✓ Recruit SSM Health to UMSL to provide community with primary care services

# UMSL Starts Strong

Opening week activities include an eclipse

