

# University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor's Report to the Community

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UMSL Equity Adjustment

## **State, President Continue Support**

Total commitment of \$10.8 million

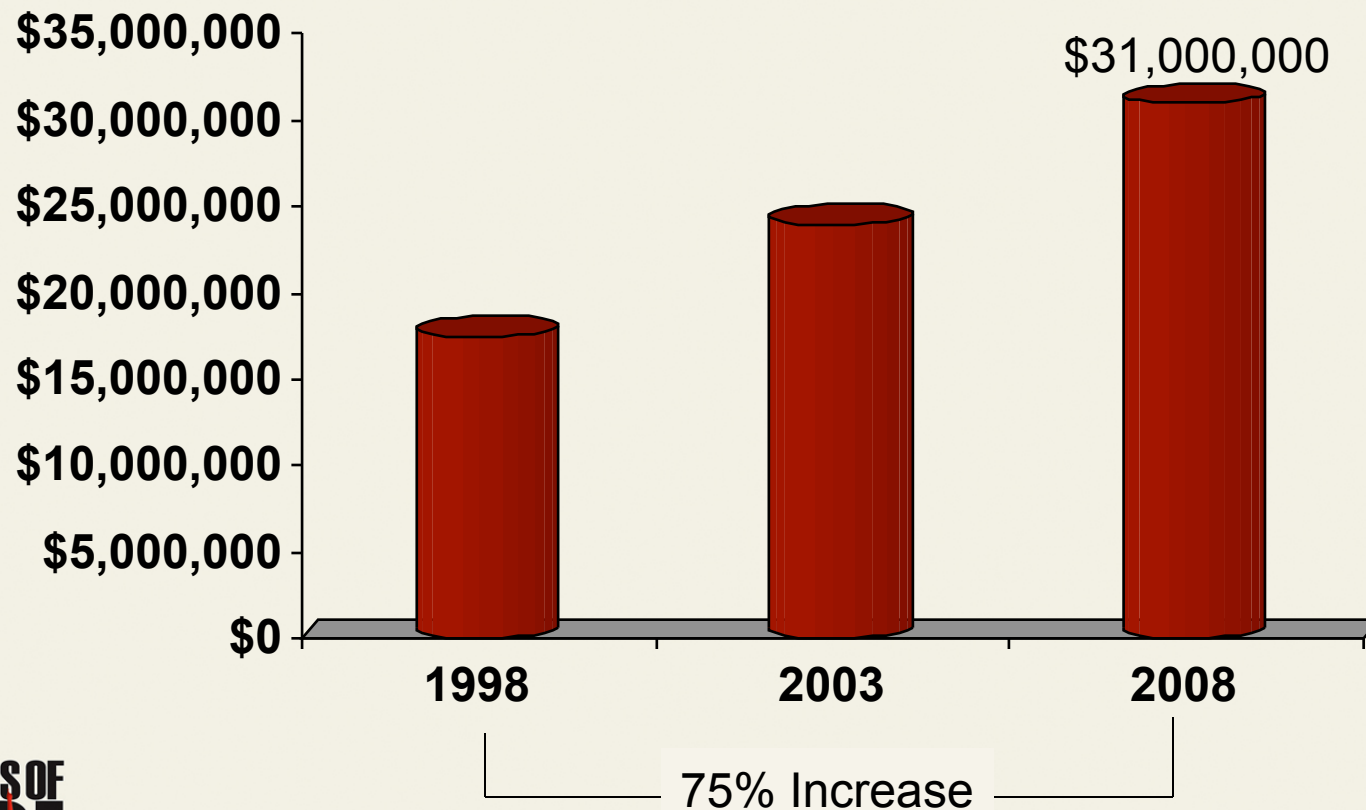
**Thanks to Gary Forsee, Gordon Lamb, Curators, Senator Bray, elected officials & just about everyone in this room**

- Missouri General Assembly approved \$2.8 million in equity funding
- Total annual equity funding since 2005 to \$8.3 million
- \$300,000 also earmarked for optometry-nursing building planning
- Planning underway for addition and renovation of Benton-Stadler halls. \$28.5 million from Governor's Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative



# UMSL External Grants Increase

Faculty research helps set record for external grant funding



# UMSL Faculty Achievements

## Study, Article Tout UMSL Researchers

- *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article features comments & work by professors whose research helped UMSL rank **5<sup>th</sup>** nationally in productivity study conducted by Academic Analytics – immediately behind Boston College and Georgetown University.

## Program's Faculty Stand Out

- Information Systems program ranked **3<sup>rd</sup>** in the same study among all universities – behind University of Arizona, University of Georgia





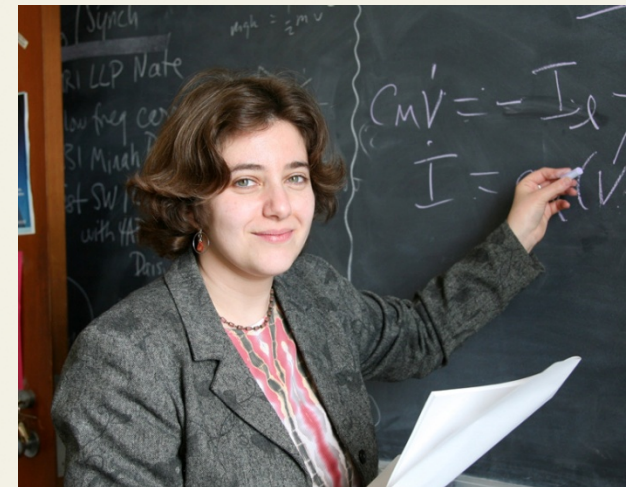
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## White House Honors Physicist

- Biophysicist Sonya Bahar received awards from the White House and St. Louis Academy of Science for her innovative research on the workings of individuals with healthy brain functions and patients with epilepsy.

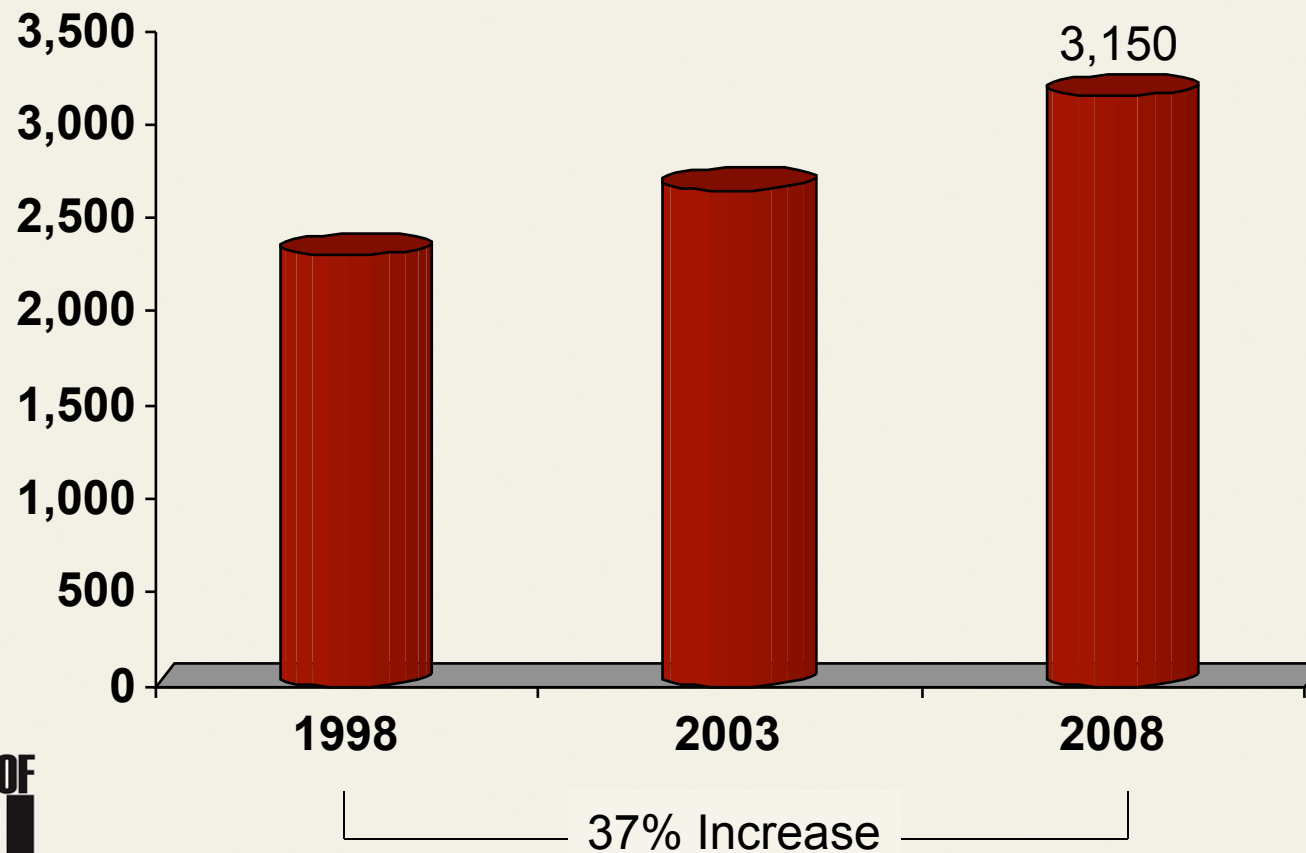
## Criminologist Wins St. Louis Award

- UMSL Criminologist Richard Rosenfeld received a “Sold on St. Louis” award from the St. Louis RCGA for his efforts to counter an index that ranks the most dangerous cities in the United States.



# UMSL Degrees Reach New Record

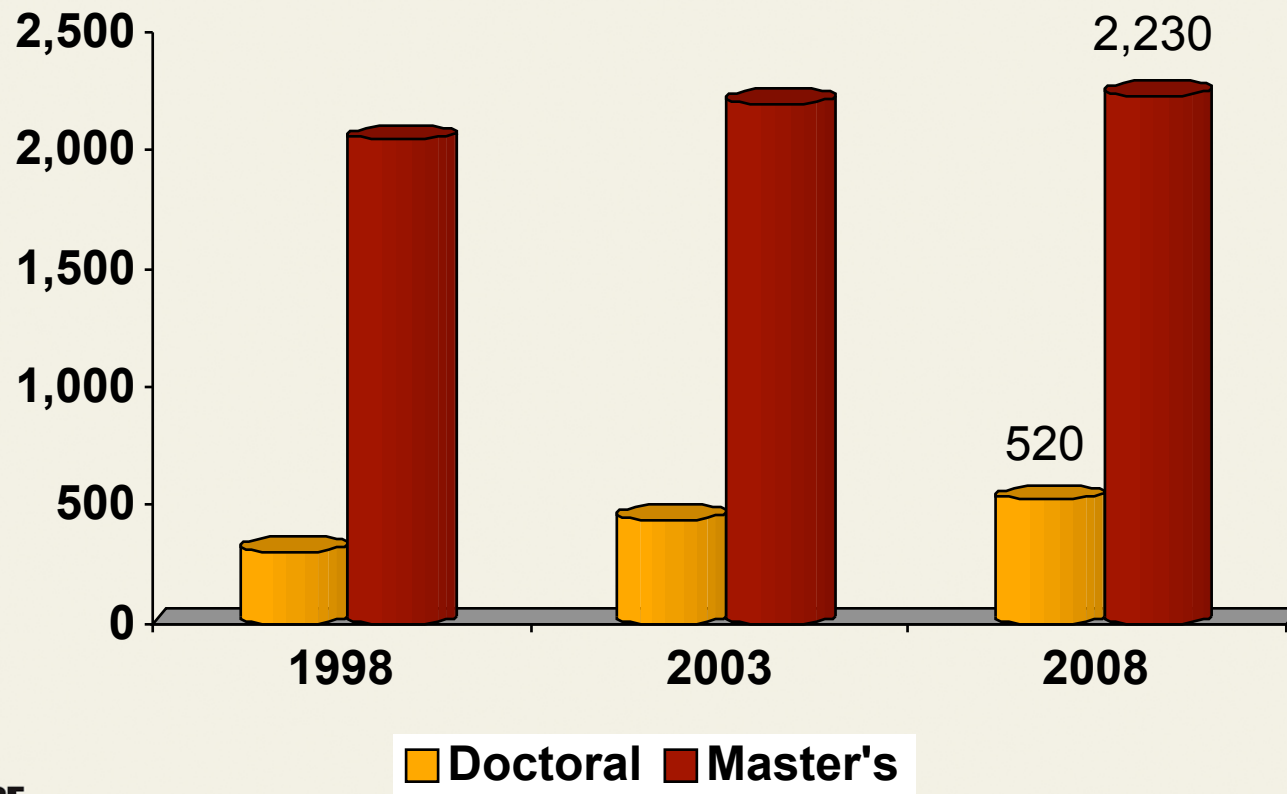
63 doctoral, 743 master's degrees set records as well



UMSL Total Enrollment: 15,550

## Records in Master's, Doctoral Students

More undergraduates are full-time, living in campus housing



# UMSL Student Achievements

## Optometry Student Aces Exam

- Michael McFarland received the top score among 1,300 student optometrists taking the first phase of the national licensure exam in 2007. UMSL's first-time pass rate as a whole was 91%, compared to the national average of 84%.

## Nurses score well on exam

- First-time pass rate of nursing graduates on state licensing exam was 93% – the sixth consecutive year scores exceeded 90% and were greater than the state & national average

## Student Newspaper is Repeat Winner

- *The Current* won “Best in State” for the second consecutive year from the Missouri College Media Association.





# UMSL Student Achievements

## Students Win ADDY Awards

- UMSL students in the Ad Corps club won seven awards (ADDYs) from the AdClub of St. Louis, including one Gold medal.

## UMSL Singers Make Some Noise

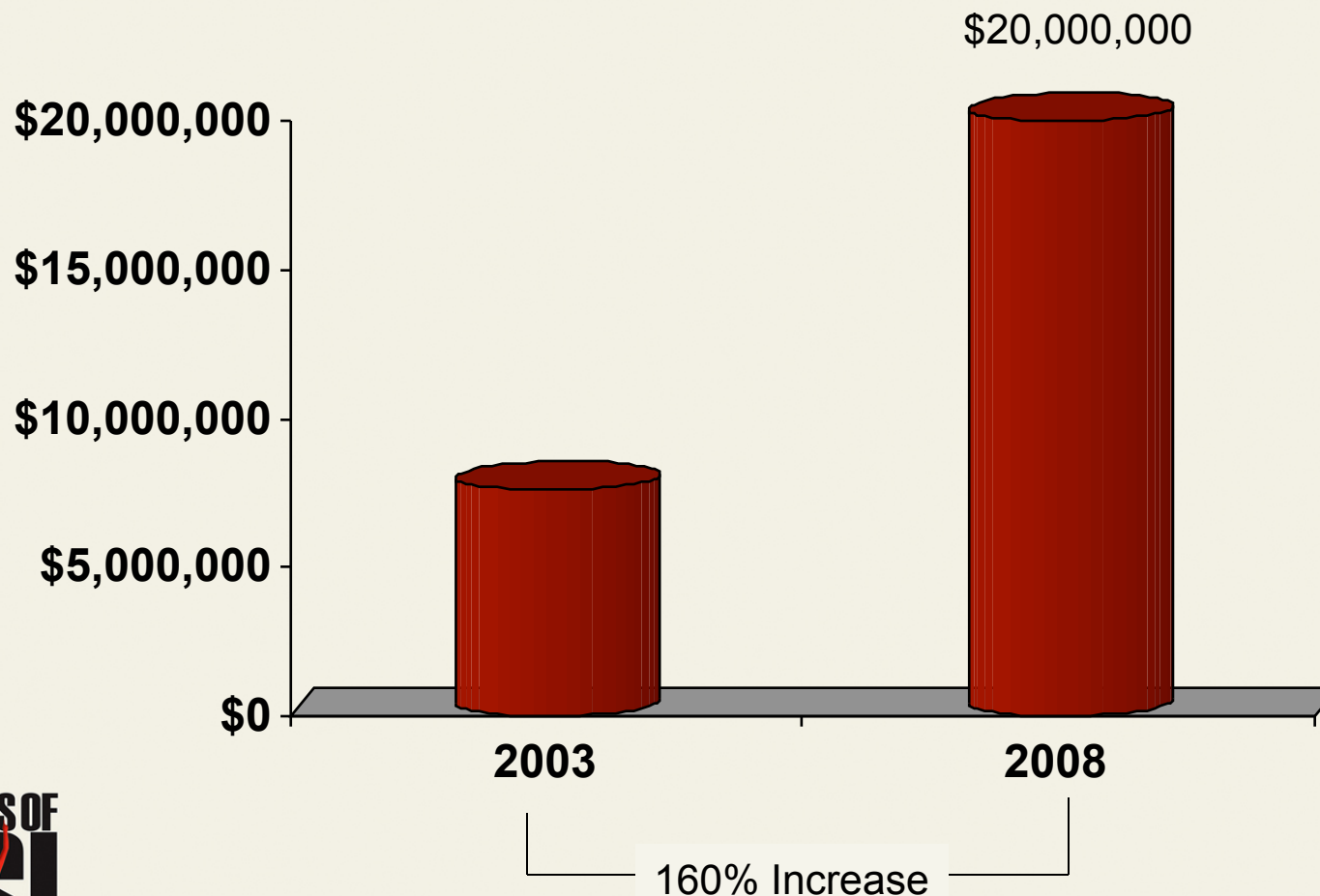
- The University Singers performed at the Missouri Educators Association Conference. The 65-member group also conducted a nine-stop, 3-state tour, including performing with the Memphis Cotton Boll Chorus.





# UMSL Donors Give Generously

Private gifts help UMSL provide scholarships, hire faculty



# UMSL Giving Achievements

## \$1.3 million given to UMSL scholarships

- \$100,000 Scholarship Gifts
  - Alvin Goldfarb Scholarship Fund for Dual Enrollment (for high school students taking advance credits at UMSL)
  - Myron and Sue Dmytryszyn Family Scholarship (engineering)
  - J. Cole Award (College of Business)
  - Des & Mary Ann Lee Gerontology Scholarship (Social Work)
- Interco Charitable Trust contributions bring total support to almost \$1 million

### **Whitney Harris presented Des and Mary Ann Lee Medal**

- Whitney Harris World Ecology Center
- Numerous gifts to scholarships, programming, the arts



**\$1.5 million**

## **UMSL Receives Major Gift Commitment**

**Nick Karakas is funding a faculty chair in the  
Center for International Studies**

- Specialize in Byzantine and Orthodox Studies

**Mr. Karakas has generously supported UMSL programs**

- Greek language scholarships & music performances
- Touhill Performing Arts Center
- Matsakis Cultural Center & Nakis Memorial Studies
- And, of course, the Hellenic Government-Karakas Family Professorship in Modern Greek Studies



# College of Arts & Sciences

## Unique view of China

- Susan Brownell, in China on Fulbright Scholarship, provided expert commentary to *The Wall Street Journal* and other media on that country's fitness, ability to host Olympic Games

**Criminology & Criminal Justice** ranked 4<sup>th</sup> by *U.S. News & World Report*

## Nationally acclaimed biography

- Richard Cook's biography of the late influential literary critic Alfred Kazin has received glowing reviews in the *New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.





# College of Business Administration

## Celebrates 40th Anniversary

- Year-long activities culminated with banquet at the Lee Theatre
- 24,000 graduates (18,000 living in region)

**Imagine IT:** new program that shows HS students the broad range of educational, professional opportunities available in the field

- Tour IT facilities at Monsanto, Microsoft & UMSL to learn how information is created & used

**First PhDs granted in Information Systems** – only such doctoral program in state

**International Business program:** ranked 13<sup>th</sup> nationally by the *U.S. News & World Report* – 5<sup>th</sup> year in the top 20





# College of Education

**Counseling, Family Therapy** doctoral program earns national accreditation – one of nine nationally to have such recognition

**Sixty Teach for America** members worked toward their certification through COE's Continuing Education program

**Center for Human Origin and Cultural Diversity**, Soldan HS students participated in the IBM-sponsored “Discover Your Roots” program, documenting genealogy throughout the world



# College of Fine Arts & Communication

## UMSL names dance company-in-residence

- Touhill Performing Arts Center new home of Modern American Dance Company
- Offers exclusive internships to UMSL students and access to traveling dance professionals who are often performing with Dance St. Louis

## Student productions draw record crowds

- Fall: “Noises Off”
- Spring: “Recent Tragic Events”





# College of Nursing

## National Organization Recognizes Nurse

- Doctoral student Susie Jones received the “Clinical Nurse Specialist of the Year” award from the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists

**Gov. Blunt’s** State of the State Address highlighted Traci Clark’s story in his push for need-based financial aid

**African-American nursing conference** draws 340 people focusing on present, past contributions of African-American nurses and a panel discussion on diversity in the workplace and higher education

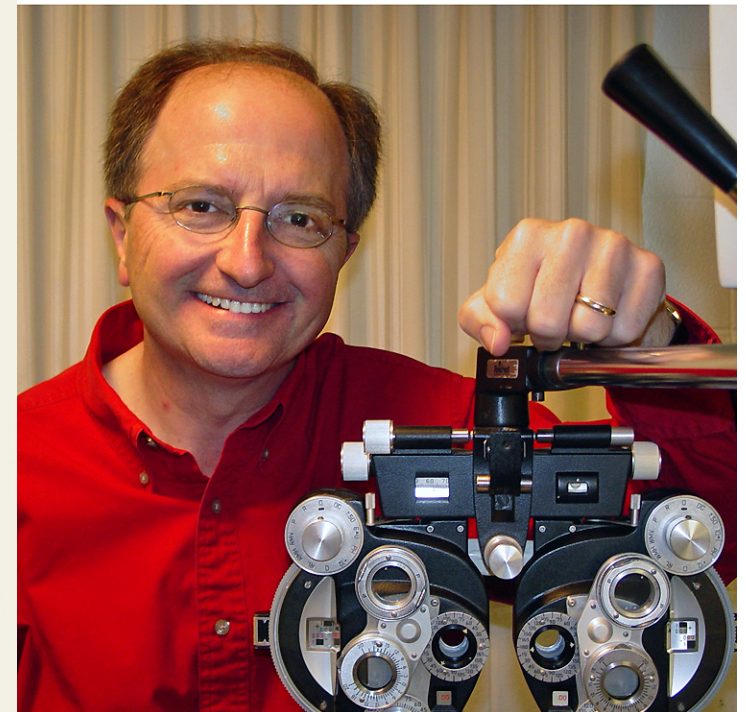


# College of Optometry

**College opened residency program** in pediatric optometry at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City

**College received Community Champion Award** from the Institute for Family Medicine

**Dr. Timothy Wingert** named to statewide commission analyzing & recommending eye-care standards for Missouri students





Economic Development

# UMSL Expands its Regional Influence

## IT Enterprises serves as information technology hub for North St. Louis County

- Capacity to house up to 12 high-tech startup firms
- 3,000 square feet of area for a high-performance computer center
- Immediate connection to UMSL faculty, staff & students
- External funding from SBA, Ameren, and the Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative





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## ESI begins expansion on UMSL campus

- New facility to house 1,000 employees
- Brings total ESI employment to 2,500 on campus

**ESI is the largest company in the world with its headquarters on a college campus**



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Thank You!

