

“A Community of Partners”

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

UMSL has again received full accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission

- UMSL received its continued accreditation without stipulations ... **placing UMSL among the top 5%**
- Speaks well to the quality of UMSL students, staff, faculty and supporters

Recognition for programs

Criminology retained elite status

- Criminology and Criminal Justice's doctoral program has a sole ranking of 4th in the latest edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools" from *U.S. News & World Report* (earlier they shared spot)

Philosophically speaking

- Philosophy's graduate program ranked among the top 8 nationally by *The Philosophical Gourmet Report* - along with Tufts University and University of Wisconsin

Recognition for programs

Business college scored well

- International Business ranked in the top 20 by *U.S. News & World Report* for 6th consecutive year
- Information Systems ranked in the top 10 in Academic Analytics' Faculty Productivity Index
- MBA program ranked among the top 15 in Princeton Review's "Student Opinion Honors for Business Schools" poll

Biologist enters science academy

Curators' Professor of Biology Robert Ricklefs was only person from Missouri elected to National Academy of Sciences in 2009

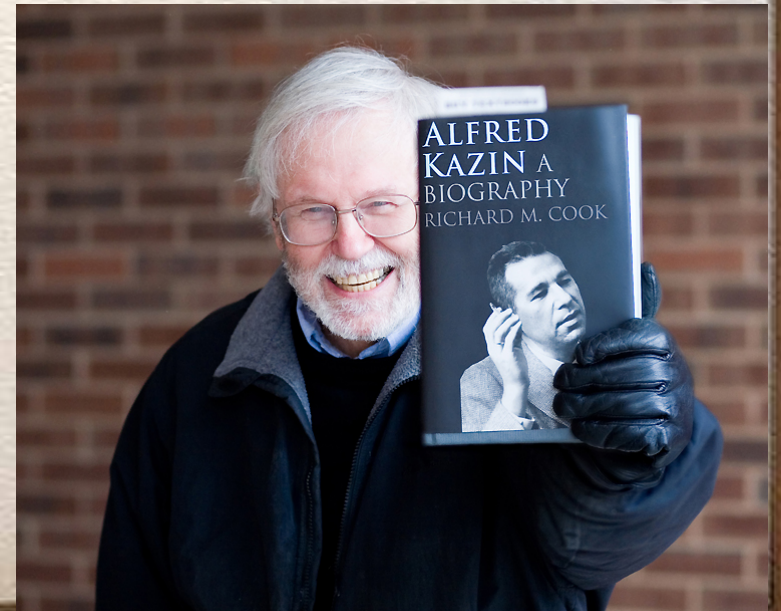
- Bob was recognized for his research in ecology and studies of birds



Writer earns Guggenheim Award

Professor of English Richard Cook was one of only 220 people nationally to receive a Guggenheim Fellowship

- Dick recently wrote a biography of writer, critic Alfred Kazin that was published by Yale University Press



NSF recognizes great potential

Assistant Professor of Biology Bethany Zolman received a Career Award from the National Science Foundation

- Award and \$575,000 grant goes to a select few junior faculty nationally



Duo wins entrepreneur award

Chemistry Professors Chris Spilling and Wesley Harris are the recipients of the 2009 UM System Entrepreneur of the Year Award

- Created a device to help protect premature newborns from the toxic effect of aluminum found in feeding solutions



Prof lands research award

Professor of Psychology Miles Patterson to receive the 2009 University of Missouri System President's Award for Research and Creativity

- Four decades of research has focused on nonverbal communication in social interactions



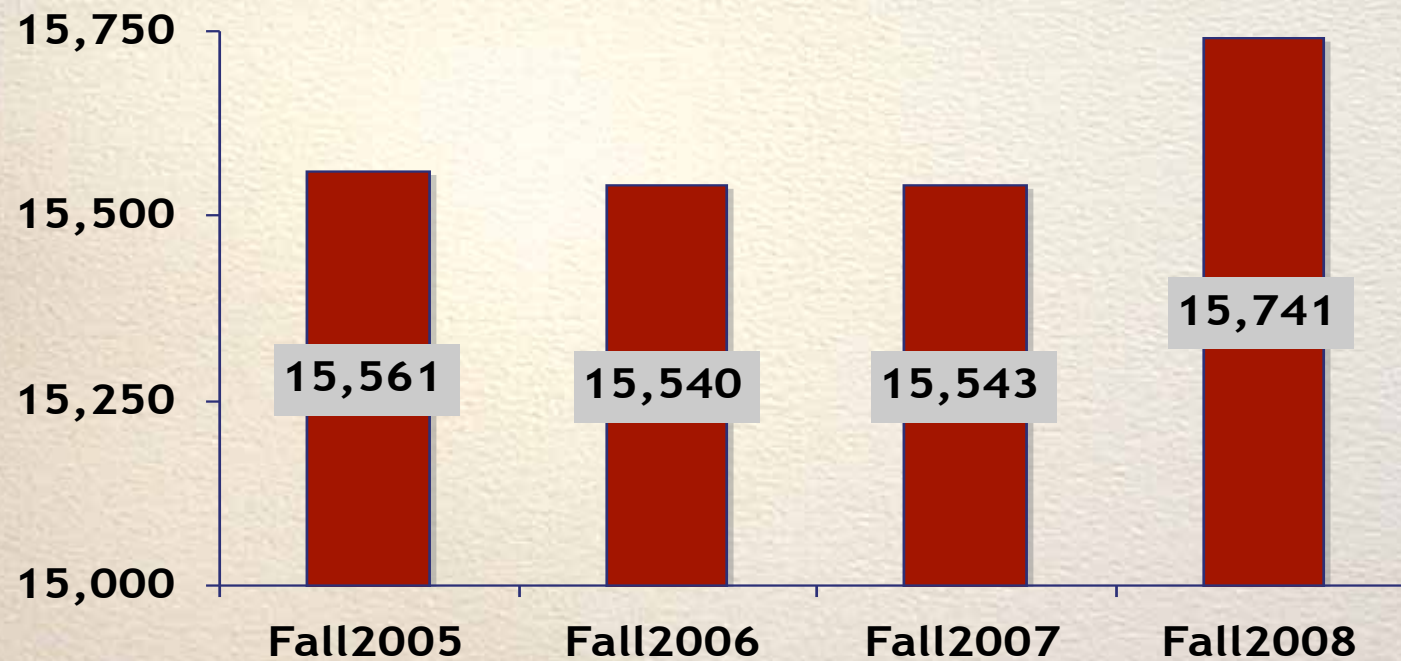
Quality and diversity

Diverse Issues in Higher Education highlighted UMSL's successful faculty recruitment and retention practices

- UMSL has one of the highest percentages (60%) of women faculty on the tenure track nationally



Enrollment remains strong



UMSL students grow

Angela Toole earned a J. William Fullbright Scholarship to conduct primate and cultural research in Ecuador

- Also received scholarship award from the National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology



UMSL students grow

Antionette Dickens was selected to the American Advertising Federation's annual list of Most Promising Minority Students

- Antionette majored in media studies



UMSL students grow

The Current earned “Best in State” award from the Missouri College Media Association

- Third consecutive year that UMSL’s student newspaper received the top honor



UMSL students grow

Student performances delighted local crowds and attracted national attention

- Student performances and set designs were outstanding this past year, including recent “Macbeth” production
- “Booth!,” performed by UMSL students and created by faculty and staff, will make its off-Broadway NYC debut next week, with music composed by Barbara Harbach, book written by Niyi Coker, and musical conducted by Jim Richards

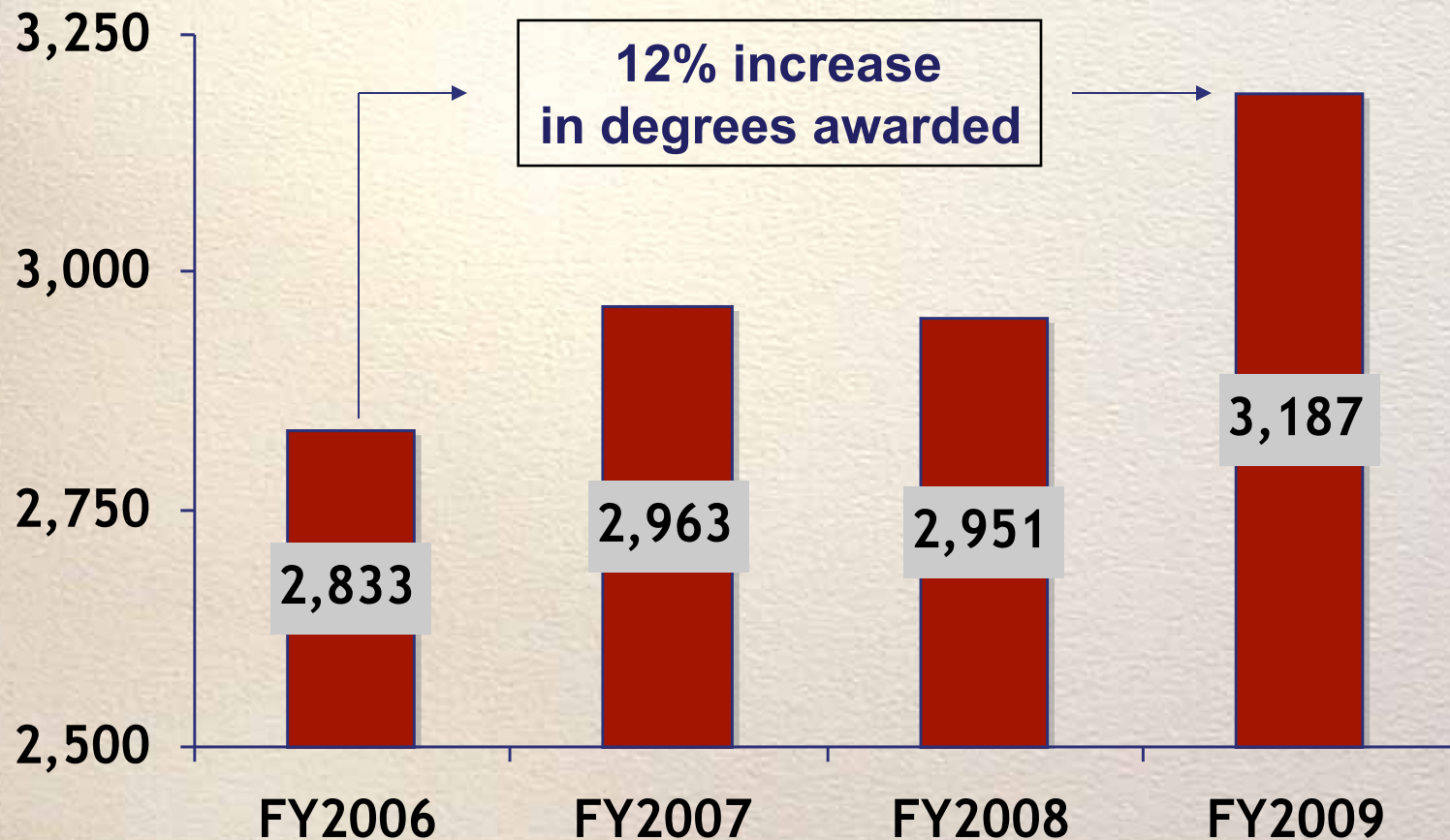


Go Tritons!

Athletes and coaches excelled in all aspects

- Softball team won Great Lakes Valley Conference championship and competed in NCAA tournament ... first time in 20 years
- Three GLVC players of the year: Weslie Gaff (volleyball), Andi Dimki (tennis) and Ally DeFossett (softball)
- Two GLVC coaches of the year: Trent Jones (volleyball) and Chuck Sosnowski (softball)
- Our student athletes do very well in the classroom and boast a graduate rate far higher than the rest of the student body

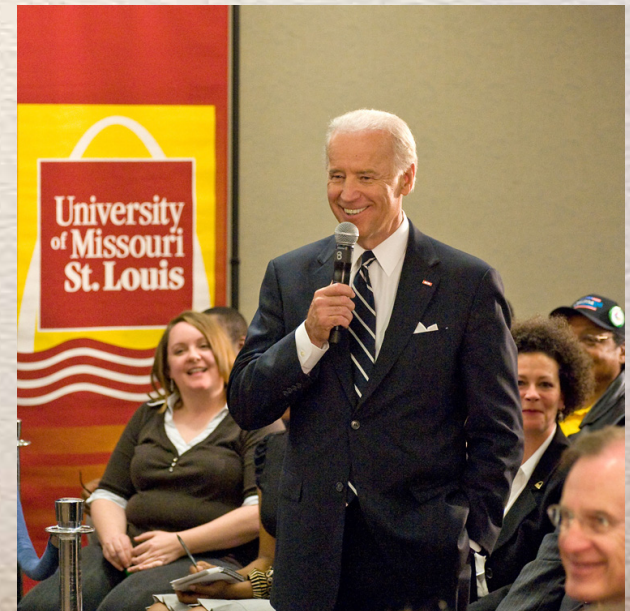
UMSL students succeed



UMSL attracts heavy-hitters

Vice President Joe Biden and wife Dr. Jill Biden led higher education discussion at UMSL

- Nearly 400 news outlets, including “60 Minutes” and “News Hour with Jim Lehrer,” covered the event
- VP couldn’t have picked a better location
- UMSL is the gold standard for transfer students, affordability and work force development



“A Community of Partners”

The Carnegie Foundation describes “community engagement” as the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is
“an engaged institution”

UMSL students volunteer

More than 130 students celebrated the life of Martin Luther King Jr. by volunteering their services at 13 area organizations

- The largest project was a makeover of the library at Washington Elementary School in Vinita Park
- Students painted walls and murals, created signage, bought new furniture and shelved books



UMSL students volunteer

Student-led Relay for Life event raised more than \$28,000 for American Cancer Society

- Students contributed about 2,000 volunteer hours to make this event a success
- Students have raised \$100,000 over past three years



Creating greater opportunities

More than 400 under-represented high school students participated in the Bridge Program's Saturday Academy

- All of the program's seniors have gone on to college since 2003 and nearly 40% attend a UM campus.



Cooperative programs

Cooperation enhances access to quality educational programs

- Partnership with Missouri Southern University to deliver graduate history degree program
- Agreement with Maryville University allows its students to receive doctorate in optometry from UMSL in 7 years instead of the traditional 8 years
- Partnership with Harris-Stowe State University in graduate teacher education
- Extended UMSL's cooperative agreement with Missouri University of Science & Technology to jointly offer a doctorate in physics

Nursing starts doctoral program

Doctor of Nursing Practice program

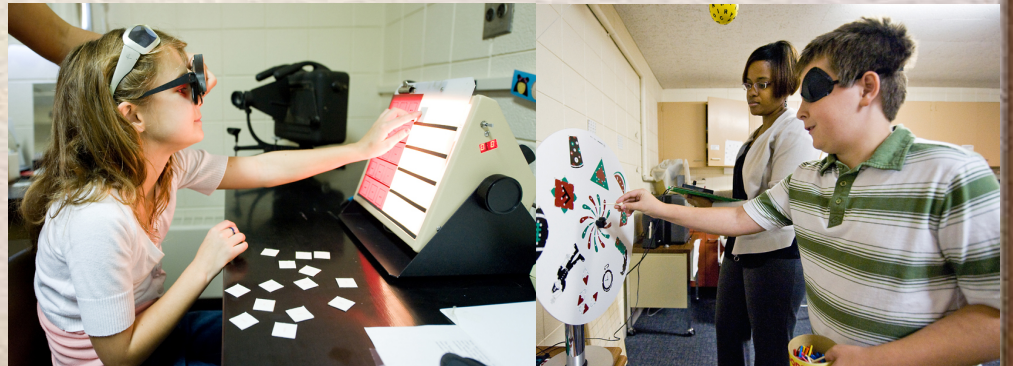
- Three-year, \$890,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Startup funding for faculty, student recruitment and program supplies
- UMKC is a collaborator



Seeing a clearer region

Optometry shares its expertise with the community in many ways

- Nearly 500 children from local elementary schools have been examined in the college's Mobile Eye Center and at St. Louis Children's Hospital.
- Pupil Project is a collaboration between the Colleges of Education and Optometry to help children with vision-related learning difficulties



The essence of engagement

College of Education faculty and students spent more than 60,000 hours working in 245 schools this past year

- Leadership Academy finished its 3rd year of character education training for administrators in St. Louis Public Schools. Sponsors included Emerson Electric, Anheuser-Busch and Sam Fox.

One-of-a-kind collaboration

Projects of 37 endowed professors in the Des Lee Collaborative Vision reach thousands of children each year and address issues critical to us all

- Student research team led by Patricia Parker identified a parasite threatening penguins living on the Galapagos Islands
- Quick detection helped officials implement a remedy



Building great communities

Great Streets Initiative involves turning Natural Bridge into a narrow, tree-lined avenue of shops and unique residences

- \$1 million planning grant from federal stimulus money through East-West Gateway Council
- Partners include North County Inc. and City of Normandy



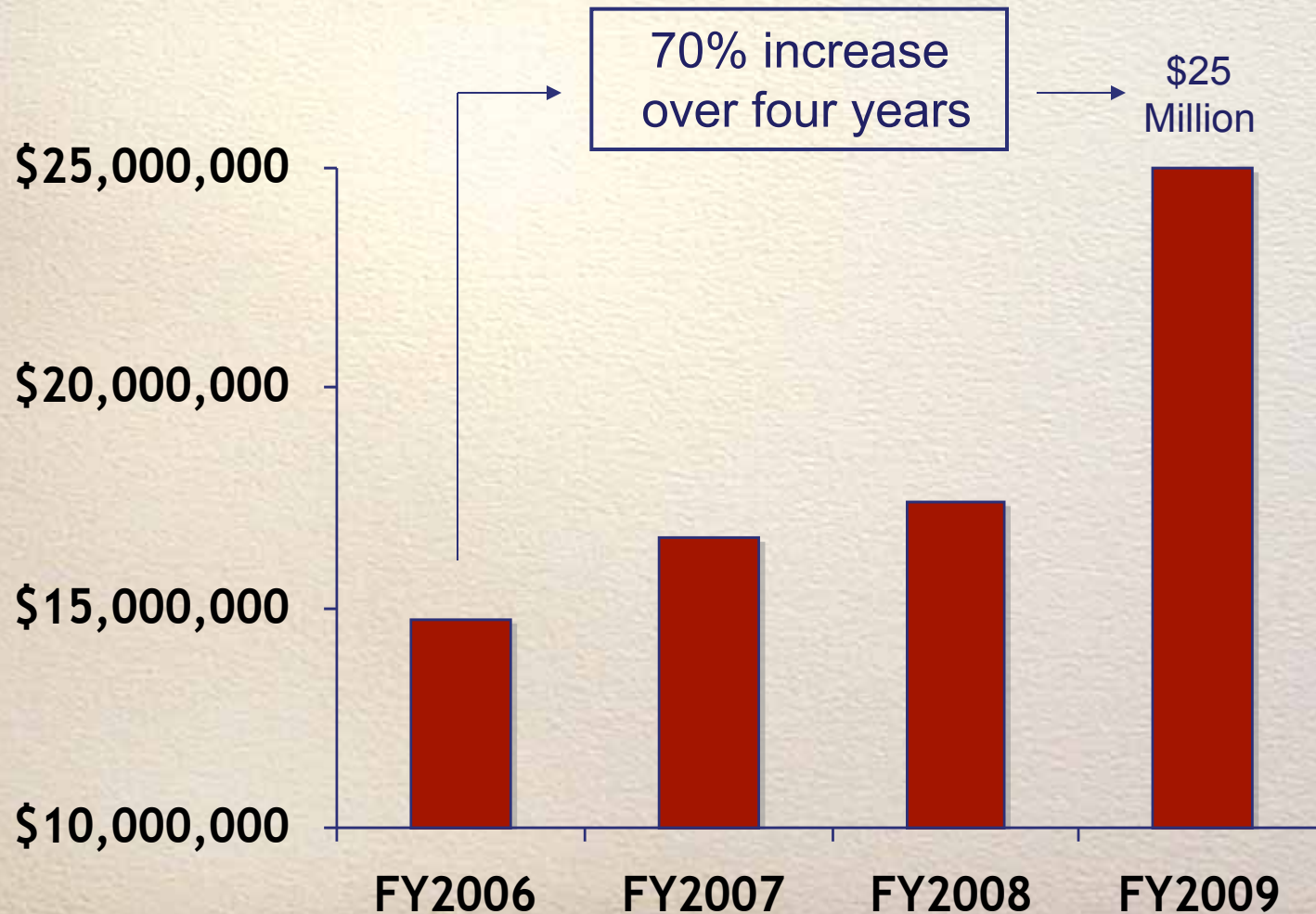
Building great communities

UMSL will create a facility in Grand Center to support academic programs and house 90.7 KWMU

- Grand Center Board has donated land adjacent to KETC television (Channel 9) for facility
- Great opportunity to partner with cultural organizations



Tremendous Private Giving



Outstanding corporate support

Anheuser-Busch gave a record gift to
UMSL's College of Business Administration

- \$2.5 million toward a new Business College building to be called Anheuser-Busch Hall
- Announcement carried by 130 news media outlets, including *USA Today*, Forbes.com and MSN Money



Outstanding foundation support

UMSL is partnering with the Foundation for Credit Education to create the Center for Excellence in Financial Counseling

- New center at UMSL will involve several academic units, including business, education and social work
- The foundation is transferring assets to UMSL totaling about \$3.25 million



Outstanding alumni support

Peter Schick is endowing a chair in the College of Business Administration to concentrate on finance

- \$1.7 million gift will help UMSL recruit a nationally prominent faculty member to lead finance research and education efforts
- A 1974 graduate, Schick is chair of Moneta Group in St. Louis



UMSL tops alumni list

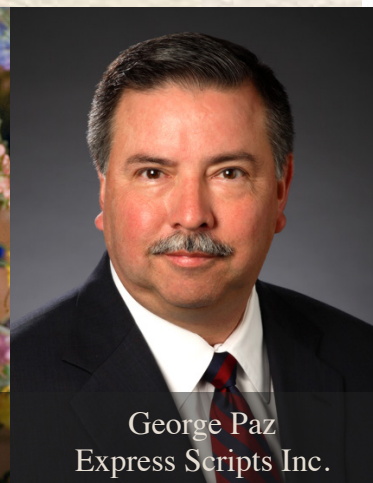
- **54,000** graduates in region
- **74,500** graduates worldwide

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1	UMSL Alumni Assn. 1 University Blvd., 101 Woods Hall, St. Louis, Mo. 63121 (314) 516-5833 www.umsi.edu/services/ur/alum	54,150 75,348
2	Saint Louis University Alumni Assn. 3634 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63108 (314) 977-7117 www.slu.edu/alumni	48,086 138,684
3	Mizzou Alumni Assn. 123 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, Mo. 65211 (800) 372-6822 www.mizzou.com	46,034 218,184
4	SIU Edwardsville Alumni Assn. 30 Circle Drive, Edwardsville, Ill. 62026 (618) 650-2762 www.siu.edu/alumni	42,000 80,559
5	Washington University Alumni Assn. 1 Brookings Drive, Campus Box 1210, St. Louis, Mo. 63130 (314) 935-7383 www.alumni.wustl.edu	34,107 256,000
6	Webster University Alumni Assn. 470 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63119 (314) 968-5944 www.webster.edu/alumni	27,813 137,609
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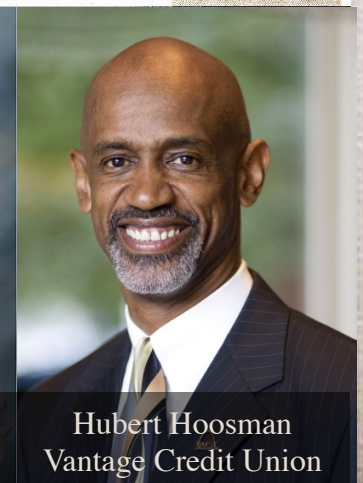
Sandra Van Trease
BJC Health Services



George Paz
Express Scripts Inc.



Chris Wright
Hazelwood Schools



Hubert Hoosman
Vantage Credit Union

Alum wins teacher of the year

Margaret Williams received Teacher of the Year Award from Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Margaret teaches social studies at University City High School and coaches its mock trial team



Alum takes lead at AmerenUE

Warner Baxter is president and chief executive officer of AmerenUE, the largest electric utility in Missouri

- Warner is a member of the Chancellor's Council and College of Business Administration Leadership Council



Alum heads St. Louis PD

Dr. Daniel Isom was named chief of the St. Louis Police Department

- Chief Isom has earned three criminology and criminal justice degrees from UMSL ... bachelor's, master's and doctoral



Alum becomes state treasurer

Clint Zweifel is the first UMSL alum to serve in a statewide office

- Clint has two UMSL degrees ... a bachelor's in political science and an MBA
- Wife Janice also is a UMSL alum



State invests in higher education

Governor and Legislature maintained higher education funding during bad times

- For FY2010, state funding will continue at the 2009 level of \$61 million
- UMSL will freeze tuition and fees for FY2010



State invests in higher education

Caring for Missourians initiative nets
Nursing and Optometry \$2.3 million

- Increase scholarships, faculty support and space renovations
- Enhance clinical outreach activities into the community for nurses and optometrists

State funds Benton-Stadler halls

Legislature has approved more than \$28 million for addition and renovation of Benton and Stadler halls

- Sought state funding for more than 15 years
- Completion as early as January 2011



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Thank you for your support!

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