

# Chancellor's Report to the Community

University of Missouri–St. Louis in partnership with the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association

### Special thanks to all of our public and private supporters

- Elected officials in Washington DC, Jefferson City and St. Louis County ... especially the St. Louis caucuses.
- Gov. Jay Nixon for his dedication and support of higher education and the state overall.
- UM Board of Curators and President Tim Wolfe.
- All of you present today.

# An appropriate introduction to this year's report in connection with RCGA

For 3 years running ... UMSL has made Commerce magazine's **Top 50** list of companies and organizations positively impacting the region.

Commerce is the official publication of RCGA.

• UMSL insert in this month's issue.



# UMSL faculty ranks 7<sup>th</sup> nationally and first in the Midwest in so productivity index

- Academic Analytics index focuses on scholarly productivity.
- Index includes universities with fewer than 15 programs.

San Diego State 1

Brandeis 2

Boston College 3

Georgetown 4

William & Mary 5

Bryn Mawr 6

UMSL 7

American 7

Fordham 8

Claremont 9

Rutgers 10

Other Notables

DePaul 14

Marquette 16

Baylor 27

UMKC 33

**SLU 41** 

#### **U.S. News & World Report**

- Undergraduate International Business ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally ... 9<sup>th</sup> year in top 20.
- Graduate Nursing program ranked in top 14% nationally.

Doctoral Criminology program ranked 4<sup>th</sup>

nationally.



## Various graduate programs make U.S. News & World Report "Best" list

- Political Science.
- Psychology.
- Biological Sciences.
- Chemistry.
- Part-time MBA.
- Public Affairs.
- Social Work.
- Education.
- Clinical Psychology.



## UMSL safest university campus in St. Louis ... you bet!

**stateuniversity.com** gave UMSL its top safety rating among 4-year schools.

Rankings based on campus incident

reports.

•UMSL ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> safest campus in state.



#### Curators approve Marguerite Ross Barnett Plaza

Plaza for former chancellor will be located between SSB, Express Scripts Hall and Lucas Hall.

Begin construction this spring with

completion set for August.

• African American Chapter of our Alumni Association working on the plaza concept since 2007.

#### UMSL signs new agreement with Mineral Area College

- UMSL strengthens connection to MAC as part of 3-year agreement.
- Courses leading to degrees in liberal studies, social work and nursing.
- Strong ties and articulation with all regional community colleges.
- Largest transfer institution in Missouri.

### UMSL establishes agreement with Tianfu College in China

Tianfu College is among the top 100 independent colleges in China.

2+2 agreement provides Tianfu students seamless transfer option to UMSL.

> Dr. Guoquan Pu President, Tianfu College

### UMSL creates chapter of National Academy of Inventors

- ■30 faculty, staff and students gained initial induction.
- Organization promotes academic inventions and enhances visibility of technology and innovation.

Inventor Members James Bashkin Carl Bassi George Gokel Peter Handel George Harris Wesley Harris Michael Howe Kevin Koeller Jimmy Liu Mark Lodes Eric Majzoub Raymond Myers Martin Pelikan Chris Spilling John Walker

#### **UMSL** sets enrollment records

- ■Total enrollment nears 17,000.
- ■32% of students listed as minorities
- ■22% of students listed as African Americans.

• 24% of students enrolled in graduate programs.



#### Fall 2012 enrollment looks promising as well

- Expect to set record for freshmen and transfer applications.
  - Should top 14,000.
- Third UMSL Day tomorrow.
  - > 600 students and parents have registered.
  - UMSL Day in March attracted 1,000 people – more than the student center could hold.



## UMSL continues to drive the regional economy

- Campus will award more than 3,200 degrees this year (a university record!).
- More than 60,000 UMSL alums live and work in the region.
- Yes ... UMSL educates St. Louis!





### 20 years old – and out the door this month with a degree from UMSL

- Diversity, flexibility of programs help students graduate at their own pace.
- 4 students complete their undergraduate programs in 3 years.
  - > Timothy Ferguson
    - Mathematics
  - Emily Frenz
    - Biology
  - > Michele Brinker
    - Finance/Economics
  - Ashley Pereira
    - English



# Alums Warner Baxter and Sandra Van Trease receive business excellence awards

 Received Impact Awards from Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Warner is president and CEO of Ameren
 Missouri and Sandra is group president

for BJC Healthcare.





# Alum Lt. Kyle Dohm wins the Stanley Freed Optometrist of the Year Award

Award recognizes the professional who best exhibits the highest Navy core values and dedication to the practice of optometry.

Kyle is the only aerospace optometrist on mainland Japan.

#### St. Louis Business Journal – 40 under 40

- 5 UMSL alums make highly competitive list:
  - Sarejeni Hammond, Emerson Electric Co.
  - > Frank Nelson, 1st Financial Federal Credit Union.
  - > Art McCoy, Ferguson-Florissant School District.
  - Libby Newport, Express Scripts.
  - Jason Jan, FroYo Premium Frozen Yogurt.



## UMSL-Express Scripts partnership – a model for the country

- With the Medco merger and annual sales exceeding \$100 billion, ESI is a Fortune 20 company.
- CEO George Paz is a proud UMSL alum.
- Highly-successful MBA program in their headquarters.
- Grants to UMSL faculty for research and curricular development in behavioral economics.

### Gateway for Greatness campaign stands at \$145 million

- 7-year, \$150 million campaign comes
   to a close on June 30, 2012
- Passed original \$100 million goal in July 2010.
- Celebration set for Founders Dinner on October 2.



## \$1.5 million gift creates Enterprise Opportunity Driver Scholarship Program

- Lead gift from Enterprise Holdings Foundation.
- \$5,000 annual scholarships to low- and moderate-income undergraduates in Business Administration.
  - Stipends for juniors and seniors to serve as mentors, as well as internships.



#### **Eugene J. Meehan Scholarships**

- \$1 million gift from the estate of former UMSL professor Dr. Eugene and Alice Meehan.
  - Creates one of the largest private scholarships at UMSL.
  - \$5,000 scholarships for juniors/seniors studying in the College of Arts and Sciences.
  - 20 students awarded Meehan scholarships this year.



#### Announcing today ...

#### Natural Bridge will become region's next Great Street

- \$14 million project will transform section of Natural Bridge between Hanley and Lucas & Hunt roads into a vibrant destination site.
- Promotes commercial, residential and entertainment opportunities.
- Construction is expected to begin during 2013-2014 fiscal year.

## UMSL students and employees will enjoy the difference immediately



Current Natural Bridge at UMSL

New Natural Bridge at UMSL



## Special thanks to our funding partners ...

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments – Ed Hillhouse
- St. Louis County Charlie Dooley
- Great Rivers Greenway Susan
   Trautmann
- MoDOT staff and commission Grace Nichols and Ken Seulthaus

#### Thanks also to our project leaders ...

- Patrick Green mayor of the City of Normandy.
- Rebecca Zoll President/CEO of North County Incorporated.
- Betty Van Uum University of Missouri–
   St. Louis

## Faculty, student and college highlights

#### UMSL's Nguyen Ngo wins 2011 Elijah Watt Sells Award

- Recognizes individuals receiving one of the Top 10 scores in the world on the Uniform CPA Examination.
- Nguyen received her bachelor's (2010) and master's (2011) degrees in accounting from UMSL.

#### Business faculty receive awards for excellence

- Associate Professor of Accounting Jennifer Reynolds-Moerhle received an Impact Award from the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants.
- Associate Professor of Finance Giayan
   Zhang received the 2011 Anheuser Busch Excellence in Teaching Award.

### Niyi Coker attracts international acclaim for local film project

"Pennies for the Boatman" is nominated for 4 awards at the Madrid International Film Festival, including best film.

 Niyi is the E. Desmond Lee Professor of African/African American Studies.

### 9 students win ADDY Awards in St. Louis competition

■Terrell Davis and Nick Silva won 1<sup>st</sup> place awards for their video presentations.

ADDY is the world's largest and oldest advertising

competition.



#### Karen Cummings receives Art Educator of the Year Award

 Competition sponsored by National Art Education Association recognizes excellence in art education.

Karen is an assistant professor of art and

art history.



#### Patricia Parker joins Charles Darwin Foundation

- Foundation's mission to conserve the environment of the Galapagos Islands.
- Patty is the E. Desmond Lee Professor of Zoological Studies.



# Suzanne Hendrickson is receiving the Chevalier of the Ordre des Palmes Academiques

- Award from the French Ministry of Education for commitment to teaching French language and culture.
- Suzanne is an associate teaching professor of French.



## Lois Pierce and Amy Bopp address drug issues in Jefferson County

Found that participants in county's Family Drug Treatment program were 7 times more likely to be reunited with their children.

County court is using this evaluation to encourage parents to participate in the program after a drug

conviction.

Lois is director of the School of Social Work.

Amy is a graduate research assistant.



#### UMSL criminologists work with police to reduce crime rates in St. Louis

Faculty and graduate students will work directly with police to evaluate and implement crime reduction

initiatives.



# Jennifer Sidun becomes president of the American Optometric Student Association

First UMSL student to hold prestigious national leadership position.



# Pre-optometry students collect 1,100 pairs of eyeglasses

Eyeglasses are used to benefit people in developing countries.

This year's collection nearly doubled donation for previous 2 years

combined.



# Carole Basile becomes dean of the College of Education

- Served as associate dean and professor at University of Colorado at Denver.
- Education college has 2,140 students.



# Wendy Saul earns Science Teacher of Missouri Distinguished Service Award

- Award is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to science education and to the Science Teachers of Missouri.
- Wendy is the Allen and Helen Shopmaker Professor of Education.

# Susan Dean-Baar becomes dean of the College of Nursing on July 1

- Currently serves as associate dean at University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.
- Nursing college has 930 students.



#### Honors College enrollment peaks at over 500 students

Steady enrollment increase has led to improvements in ACT scores, class rank and core GPA.

More than 120 UMSL graduates this year will have earned the Honors

College certificate.



# 10 of 11 athletic teams will finish season with winning record

- So far this year, UMSL has:
  - > 10 All-Conference honorees.
  - > 3 All-Region honorees.
  - > 5 GLVC Players of the Week.
  - > 8 GLVC tournament appearances.
- Athletes also excel in class ... graduating at a rate higher than campus overall.

### Steve Tappmeyer receives Co-GLVC Coach of the Year Award

- Men's basketball with its best season since 1990-91 ... finishing 19-9.
- Won the GLVC West Division.



# Jim Brady notches 700<sup>th</sup> victory - and counting

 Milestone came in 7-2 victory over University of Illinois – Springfield.

Most wins by a UMSL coach ... 15<sup>th</sup> among all active NCAA Division II

coaches.



# St. Louis Public Radio continues to gain listeners and supporters

- Averaging 215,000 listeners per week.
- Significant increase in community support over the last 3 years
  - > 34% growth in individual support.
  - > 50% increase in corporate support.



### UMSL at Grand Center nears completion

- House UMSL offices and academic programs ... as well as St. Louis Public Radio.
- •UMSL gets keys this spring and KWMU signal switches this summer.





### Flash ... this just in from the KWMU newsroom

- •\$1 million gift from the Monsanto Company.
- Creates the Monsanto Community
   Education Center in UMSL's new facility at Grand Center.
- Special thanks to Deborah Patterson and all our friends at Monsanto.





#### Thank you for your support