# State of the University

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# UMSL received full accreditation from Higher Learning Commission

- Continued accreditation without stipulations ...
   placing UMSL in the top 5%
- Speaks well to the quality of programs, students, staff, faculty and supporters

# Congratulations!

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# Vice President Joe Biden and wife Dr. Jill Biden led higher education discussion here

 Nearly 400 news outlets, including "60 Minutes," covered the event

 UMSL is the gold standard for affordability, transfer students and work force development

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# U.S. News & World Report

- Undergraduate International Business program ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally ... 7<sup>th</sup> year in top 20
- Graduate Criminology and Criminal Justice program ranked 4<sup>th</sup>
- Both programs were the only ones of their kind ranked in Missouri

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# School Psychology program approved by National Association of School Psychologists

- College of Education program prepares students to serve as school psychologists
- UMSL has the only such program recognized by NASP in Missouri

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# Student Investment Trust team won the St. Louis Collegiate Investment Challenge competition

- Each team selected and managed a 20-stock portfolio
- UMSL' portfolio was the most profitable over the three-year competition period



Students receiving check with Faculty Advisor Kenneth Locke

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# Associate Professor of Music James Henry won two gold medals from the Barbershop Harmony Society

- Director of Ambassadors of Harmony chorus and member of the Crossroads quartet at BHS's international competition in Anaheim, California
- First person to receive gold as director and performer



James Henry (center)

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# Associate Professor of Optometry Edward Bennett received the Lester E. Janoff Memorial Award for Excellence

 The award is presented by the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators



**Edward Bennett** 

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# Professor of Anthropology Susan Brownell received the Anthology Award in Sport History

Award presented by the North America Society for Sport History for "The 1904 Anthropology Days and Olympic Games: Sport, Race and American Imperialism"

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# KWMU reporter Adam Allington won the 2009 National Edward R. Murrow award

- Three-part news series "Gangs of North St. Louis"
- The award is presented by Radio and Television News Directors Association



Adam Allington

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# Student athletes performed well on and off the field

- 57 students received GLVC academic honors
- Nine students received GLVC playing honors
- Three students named GLVC Player of the Year Weslie Gaff-volleyball . Andi Dimke-tennis . Ally Defosset-softball

Athletes have graduate rates well above the rest of the

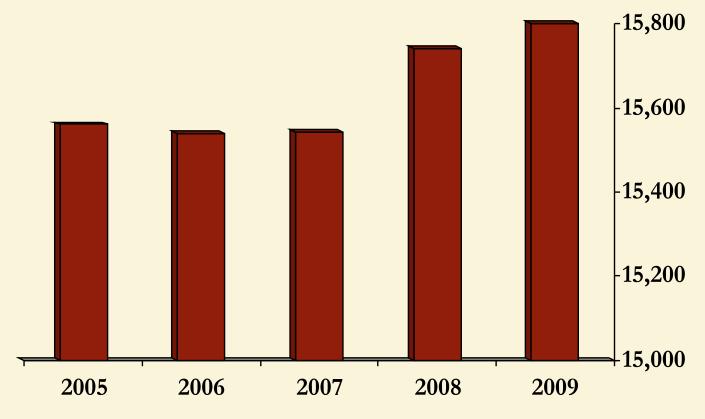
student body

Weslie Gaff Coach Trent Jones

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# UMSL enrollment tops 15,800 students

- 20% increase in first-time, full-time students
- 5% increase in transfer students



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# Committees work to enhance campus image and enrollment

- Review our retention practices
- Review our marketing and communication efforts
  - → External committee made several recommendations to enhance the UMSL brand
  - → Five internal committees are working to validate and implement recommendations related to branding, enrollment and fundraising

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# Updating the Master Plan

- Present curators with an updated Master Plan in December to review and approve
  - → Plan will include locations for several new building projects







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Mercantile Library



UMSL@GrandCenter

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# Governor and Legislature maintained higher education funding for this fiscal year

- State funding continued at FY2009 level of \$61 million
- UMSL froze its tuition in return
- Promoted by President UM Gary Forsee



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# Initiative nets optometry and nursing increased state funding

- \$2.3 million in one-time funding from Caring for Missourians initiative
  - → Increase scholarships, faculty support and space renovations





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# Benton-Stadler makes list of projects to receive state funding

- \$28.5 million sought for addition and renovation to both halls
  - → Project has been a priority of UMSL for more than 15 years



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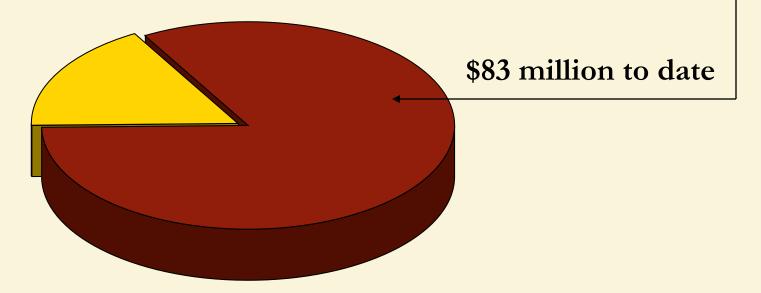
# State funding priorities going forward

- Maintain our base budget
- Final installment of our equity adjustment ... about \$2.2 million
- Make Caring for Missourians funding permanent
- Appropriate the funding approved for Benton-Stadler halls addition and renovation

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# UMSL goes public with its ... Gateway for Greatness campaign

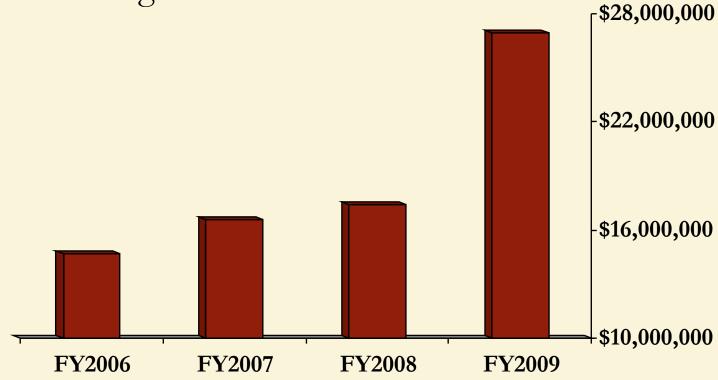
- Gateway for Greatness initiative seeks to raise a minimum of \$100 million by July 2012
- Silent phase began in July 2005



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# Community has been receptive to UMSL's campaign for private support

 Despite tough economic times ... UMSL set a fundraising record in FY2009



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# Thirteen individuals and corporations have made gifts of \$1 million or more to date

- With gifts totaling \$4 million, the Express
   Scripts family last week became the largest donors to the Gateway campaign
  - → \$2.5 million from Express Scripts Inc.
  - → \$500,000 from George and Melissa Paz
  - → \$1 million from the Express Scripts Foundation



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# 100% Participation

# UMSL Chancellor's Council UMSL Senior Administrators

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