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!
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
U.S. News & World Report

- Undergraduate International Business program ranked 15th nationally … 7th year in top 20
- Graduate Criminology and Criminal Justice program ranked 4th
- Both programs were the only ones of their kind ranked in Missouri
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
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
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
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
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”
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
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
  - Wesley Gaff-volleyball
  - Andi Dimke-tennis
  - Ally Defosset-softball
- Athletes have graduate rates well above the rest of the student body
UMSL enrollment tops 15,800 students

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

$83 million to date
Community has been receptive to UMSL’s campaign for private support

- Despite tough economic times … UMSL set a fundraising record in FY2009
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
100% Participation

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