

# WE TRANSFORM LIVES

University of Missouri–St. Louis

State of the University Address

Chancellor Tom George

September 2018

**UMSL**

# Congratulations!

- Congratulations to our awardees, whom we will honor shortly following this address.
- I also want to give a special welcome to President Mun Choi, who took time from his packed schedule to be with us this afternoon – he will be presenting his State of the University Address for the UM System this coming Friday.
  - Mun – Please stand to be recognized



# Thank You!

- I appreciate the way in which all of you are supporting our students and communities through your efforts and contributions to UMSL.
- FY2018 was a challenging but successful year in many respects ... which I'll highlight.
- We're entering FY2019 with great opportunities and an exciting and strong path forward.

# UMSL enrolled nearly **21,000 individual students** during its fall, spring and summer terms.

- Students come from 47 states and 65 countries – but of course, mostly from Missouri and this region.
- The majority of our UMSL students come from the region, stay in the region, and succeed in the region.
- We educate the workforce in St. Louis.



# \$44,100 is the **average starting salary** for UMSL graduates.

- Also – 94% of undergraduate alumni are successfully employed or continuing their education – according to recent research.

↑  
... above the UM System average  
→

Engineering major Nicholas Wulfert landed a job at Boeing after graduating in May.



# UMSL athletes continue to excel with a **.583 winning percentage**

- Produced four All-Americans



Jennah Perryman



Patryk Golinski



Merel Visser



Emma Thorngren

But remember ...

## UMSL athletes are **students first.**

- A record 120 UMSL student athletes [out of 200] earned Academic All-Conference honors last academic year from the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

One Academic All-American  
Nursing major Danielle Waedekin



# UMSL issued nearly **3,100** degrees and certificates.

- 2,032 undergraduate degrees.
- 913 graduate/professional degrees.
- 142 graduate/undergraduate certificates.





# 100,000<sup>th</sup> graduate crossed the UMSL stage in May.

- UMSL has issued 114,000 degrees to more than 100,000 individuals – most of whom still live and work in Missouri.



Psychology major Marco Pipoly and campus community celebrate 100,000<sup>th</sup> milestone

# UMSL's faculty continues to expand the university's research capacity – exceeding **\$24M in expenditures.**

- FY2018 – \$24M
- FY2017 – \$20M
- FY2016 – \$18M
- FY2015 – \$16M



Perhaps more impressive ...

## UMSL faculty attracted **\$33M** in new grant awards.

- 17 grants exceeding \$500K, including ...
  - Marvin Berkowitz/Melinda Bier – \$3M from the Kern Foundation.
  - Rachel Winograd – \$2.2M from the state Dept. of Mental Health.
  - Daniel Lauer – \$1M from Ameren.

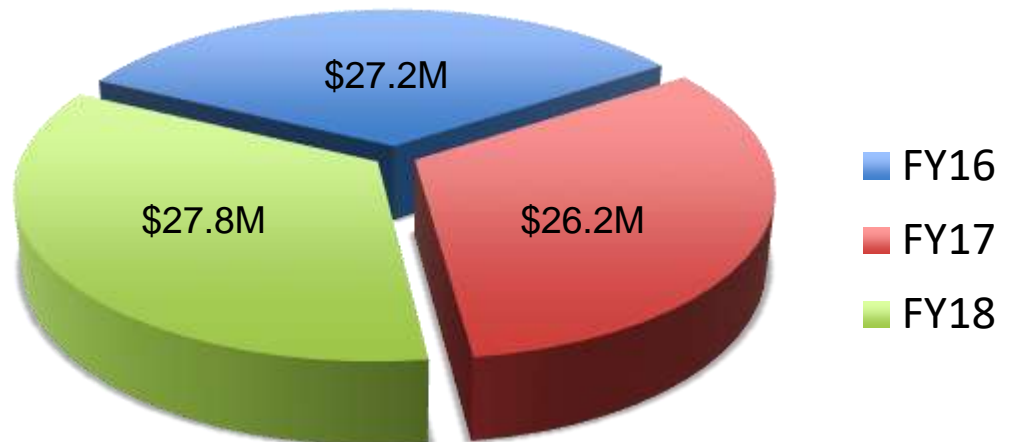
Warner Baxter discusses UMSL's role in the Ameren Accelerator.



Generous donors ...

## UMSL received nearly **\$28M** in gifts and pledges

- Fifth year exceeding \$26M for a total of \$138M raised for UMSL. FY2018 highlights include ...
  - \$2.7M for annual and endowed scholarships.
  - \$1.3M from the Steward Foundation to support jazz studies, music programs.



# Pierre Laclede Society members remain the foundation of private support for students, programs.



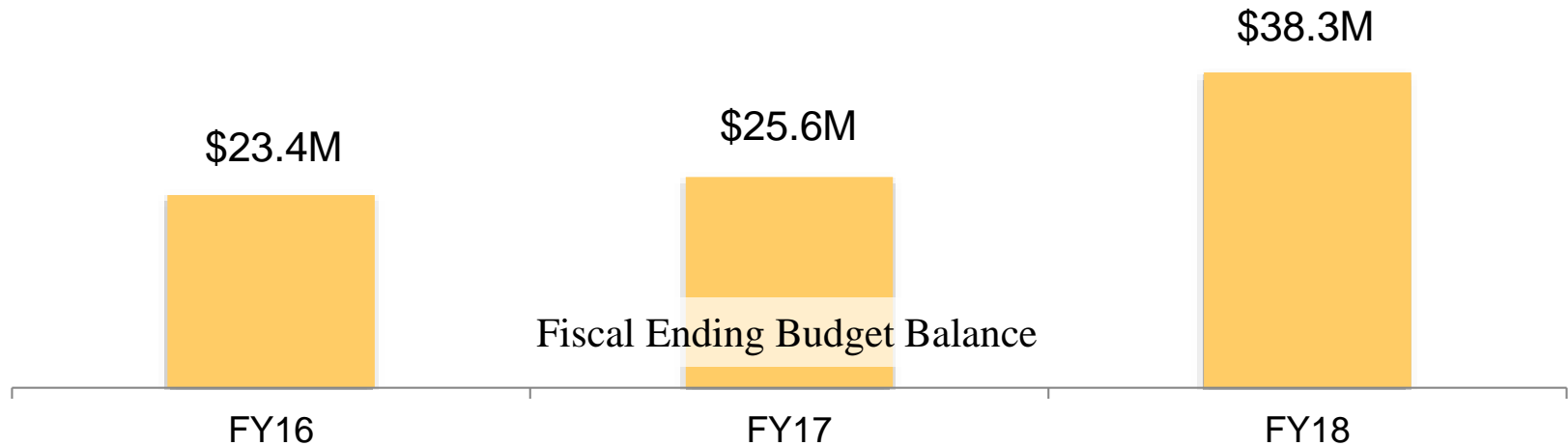
- 262 new members
- 1,748 total members
- \$5M in FY2018 financial support

PLS members make an annual gift exceeding \$1,000.  
Some PLS members are present today.

Thank You!

# Fiscal management works!

- UMSL realized a budget surplus for the second consecutive year.
- Credit new centralized fiscal structure, five-year planning cycle and shared sense of fiscal responsibility.
- Focus on investments rather than cuts.



Welcome!

**Three new deans** bring new energy and leadership to upcoming academic year.

- Andrew Kersten
  - College of Arts & Sciences
- Edward Munn Sanchez
  - Pierre Laclède Honors College
- Ann Taylor
  - College of Education

Please Stand!

First-day enrollment – 16,600

# UMSL stabilizes enrollment with slight gain in new students.

- 7,492 undergraduates
- 2,768 graduate students
- 175 professional students
- 6,185 ACP students [estimated]



New Freshmen

Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
445	487	505

Outlook for 2019



Sweet 16!

# International Business Program ranks 20<sup>th</sup> – according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

- Announced this week – IB has enjoyed 16 consecutive years in the Top 25.



# Benton Hall is open after complete renovation.

- \$25M investment from state, UM System and UMSL has transformed the oldest building on the original campus.
- Primary Benton units are biology, chemistry, physics and joint engineering.



New name, new purpose

# Introducing – **Community Innovation and Action Center.**

- Reinvention of the Public Policy Research Center will fundamentally change UMSL's support of and engagement with nonprofits and governments to build stronger communities.
- It has four core strategies ...
  - build powerful leaders
  - foster effective nonprofits and government
  - support strong community partnerships
  - develop shared infrastructure and public policy
- Visit **UMSL** Daily to learn more!

# Academic Program Prioritization will become a foundation for annual planning.

- Process identified areas of academic excellence and programs with growth potential that will help inform financial decisions going forward.
- Thank you for your input – and to the APP committee, chaired by Vice Provost Chris Spilling, and to Provost Kristin Sobolik for their objective review and meaningful recommendations/actions.

# Curriculum Alignment Process is an effort to create clearest path toward graduation with the least debt possible.

- UMSL must streamline its course offerings to better align with student needs, assessment and learning outcomes and with the Higher Learning Commission accreditation guidelines.
- I encourage your continued support as we strengthen our programs, offer a more reliable schedule to students and update improved 4-year and 2-year academic maps for students.

# Quality and access have been and will continue to be a fundamental priority.

- Working with the UM System, UMSL will develop and launch a special effort to dramatically increase giving for annual and endowed scholarships.
- I believe President Mun Choi will provide more details during his address this Friday.
- While centered in development, this initiative will involve the efforts of the entire campus!

# UMSL's new **Strategic Plan** goes to the BOC next week for review.

- Mission Statement highlights the essence of our efforts, our existence, with the tag line

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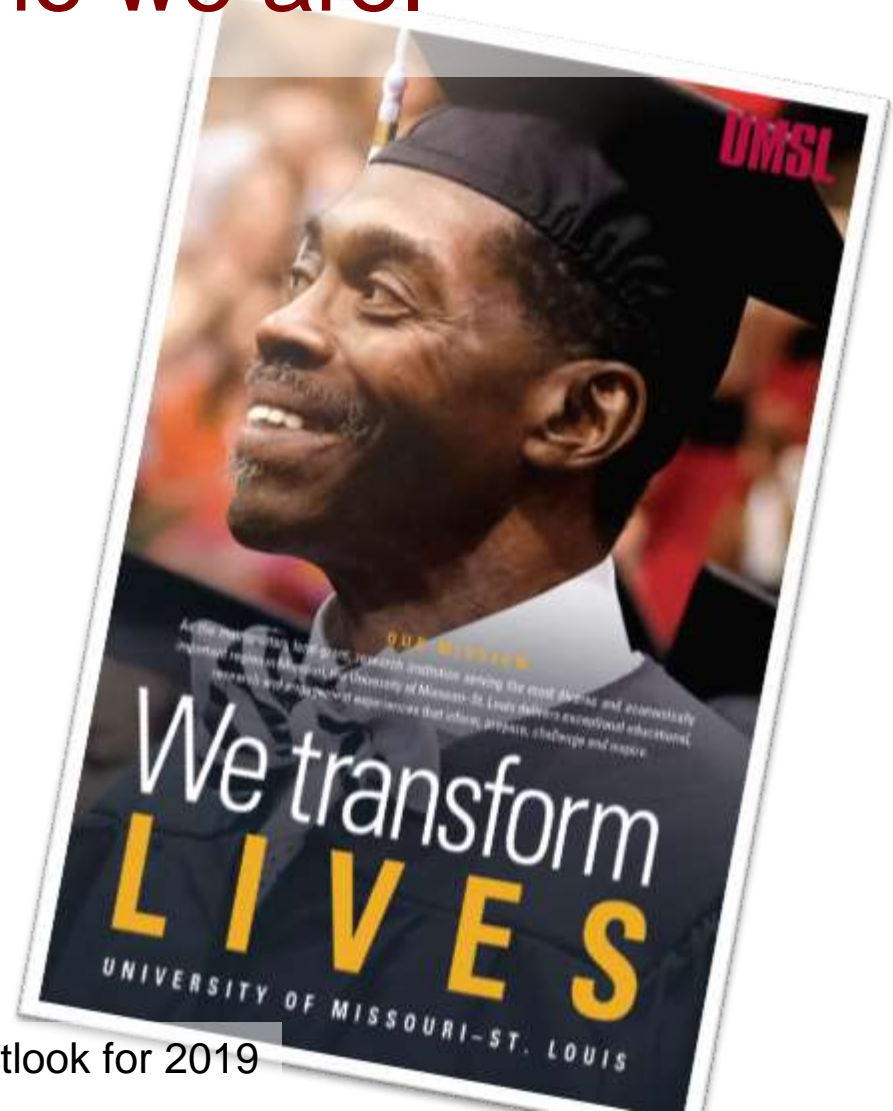


Posters  
Website  
UMSL Daily  
Building Banners

Outlook for 2019

# Strategic Plan **core values** speak to the essence of who we are.

- Trust.
- Inclusion.
- Innovation.
- Access.
- Success.
- Engagement.





# Strategic Plan compacts are consistent throughout the UM System – just **applied differently** at each university.

- Student Success.
- Research & Creative Works.
- Community Engagement & Economic Development.
- Inclusive Excellence.
- Planning, Operations & Stewardship.



It's here ...

## Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation process begins this fall.

- HLC reviewers will visit UMSL on November 5 & 6.
- During its campus visit, the HLC site team will hold open forums for students, faculty and staff.
- UMSL's HLC accreditation team/committee have prepared us well and deserve a lot of credit.
- Above all else this fall – reaccreditation is a top priority for our students and community.

Now – it's up to us to showcase our **excellence and impact** for the HLC review team.

- Read the Strategic Plan.
- Know our mission statement and know your role in transforming the lives of our students and community.
- And – smile a lot!

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# Thank You!

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