



Chancellor's Report

UM System Board of Curators

Chancellor Kristin Sobolik

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Driven and diverse students choose UMSL for its quality, affordability

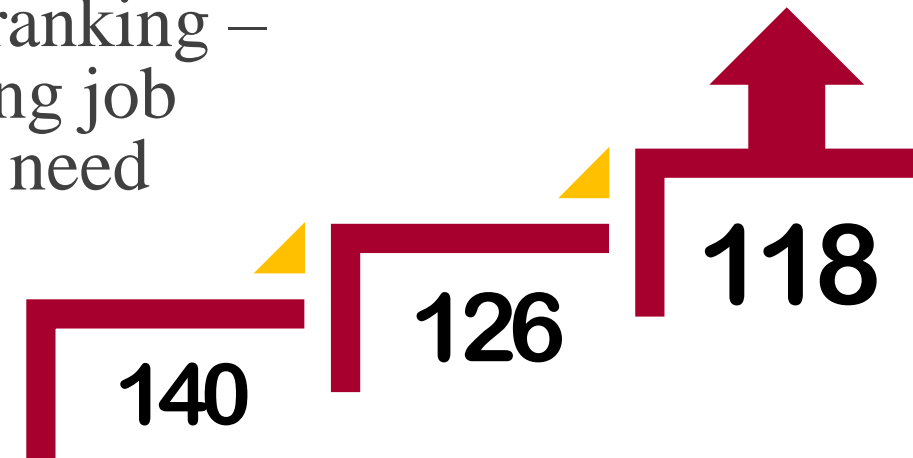
- 15,200 students
- Includes on and off campus students



Student Enrollments at 2 Weeks to Census

New national rankings highlight UMSL's growth and focus on student success

- **Tier 1 national research university**, according to *U.S. News & World Report* – increasing 42 spots in two years to rank No. 239 overall and No. 118 among all public universities
- **Academic Program** rankings – engineering, nursing, business and computer science
- **“Top 100 Performers for Social Mobility”** ranking – meaning that the university does an outstanding job of graduating students with extreme financial need



Top in the nation retention and graduation rates

Urban Research Institutions	First-Year Retention	Six-Year Graduation
University of Missouri-St. Louis	82%	56%
University of Memphis	78%	53%
University of Missouri-KC	74%	54%
University of Wis.-Milwaukee	76%	44%
University of Mass.-Boston	75%	49%
Cleveland State University	74%	46%
Wichita State University	68%	52%
University of New Orleans	68%	42%
University of Ark.-Little Rock	66%	43%
Indiana State University	65%	41%
Wright State University	62%	45%

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Urban Public University Peer Institutions

3,018 students earned their degrees during this past academic year amid COVID challenges

- **5% increase** in graduates over last academic year demonstrates the resolve of UMSL students to succeed



Hunter Campbell, Chemistry - UMKC Medical School

Rachel Thompson, French & Communication
Teaching Position in France



Brandon Gilliam, BSN
St. Luke's Hospital

UMSL has now awarded 120,269 degrees to 108,244 individuals

- UMSL graduates are succeeding across Missouri, the nation and globe
 - Missouri: 77,998
 - Illinois: 4,960
 - Texas: 2,252
 - Florida: 2,039
 - California: 1,896

STL Region: 73,010 Strong

Data based on known addresses.



Darrion Cockrell, Crestwood Elementary,
2021 Missouri Teacher of the Year



James Young, Johnson-Wabash Sixth Grade Center,
2022 Missouri Teacher of the Year

Strategic Enrollment

- UMSL's first-ever strategic enrollment plan is guiding operational, programmatic and resource decisions
 - Inclusive of adult, transfer, online and graduate students
 - Investments in advising, admissions, web and brand development
- Welcome Reggie Hill, associate vice chancellor for strategic enrollment



New Academic Programs

In-demand degrees for the future

- BS Actuarial Science – 2018
- BS/MS Cybersecurity – 2019
- BA/BS Entrepreneurship – 2019
- BS Computing Technology – 2019
- BA Organizational Leadership – 2020
- BS Sport Management – 2020
- MS Supply Chain Analytics – 2020
- MS Applied Behavior Analysis – 2021
- BS Data Science and Analytics – 2021
- BA Applied Psychology of Child Advocacy Studies – 2021



Infrastructure and Facilities

- UMSL's core budget allocation increased from \$55.3M to \$57M
- \$1.5M for nursing simulation lab from MoExcels funding
- Infrastructure updates



New Close the Gap Grant

- UMSL has introduced a full-need tuition financial assistance program beginning Spring 2022 for new undergraduate students from Missouri and the greater St. Louis metro area



St. Louis Anchor Action Network

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In bid to address racial inequities, network of employers seeks to boost hiring, contracting with minorities

By James Drew - Reporter, St. Louis Business Journal
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A coalition of St. Louis area universities and businesses has formed a group to address racial and economic inequities in the region by building “inclusive prosperity.”

The initial goal of the **St. Louis Anchor Action Network** is for members to increase the share of Black and Hispanic employees in their workforces and expand procurement spending with businesses owned by people of color.

The **University of Missouri-St. Louis** and St. Louis-based financial services giant **Edward Jones** are providing leadership and staffing for the network, which is based in UMSL’s Office of Research and Economic and Community Development.

“We are committed to building inclusive prosperity throughout St. Louis, and we are excited to continue to partner with other anchor institutions to work to eliminate the racial and economic inequality that has persisted for too long in our region,” said University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor **Kristin Sobolik**.

Business has an increasingly important role to play in “driving meaningful, positive systems change that will spur inclusive economic growth,” Edward Jones Managing Partner **Penny Pennington** said in a written statement.

National Geospatial Agency, UMSL partnering to develop STEM professionals and educators

- Educational Partnership Agreement, one of only four such EPAs with the NGA, aligns UMSL with NGA workforce and research needs.
- Cooperative Research and Development Agreement allow us too optimize resources, share technical expertise and intellectual property, and speed up the commercialization of federally developed technology.



EPA Signing Ceremony at the 2021 GEOINT Symposium

St. Louis Public Radio: Understanding Starts Here

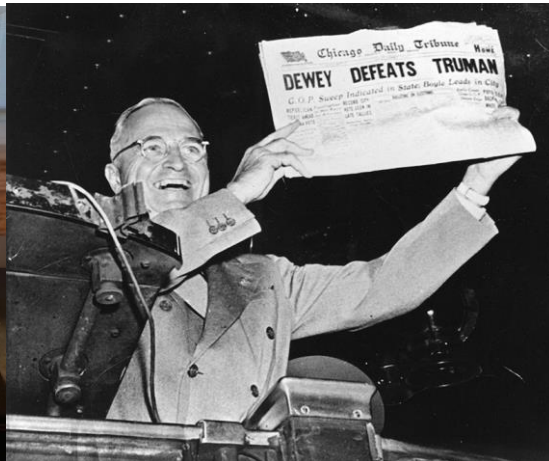
- St. Louis Public Radio is a national model for excellence and serves as one of UMSL's premiere community-focused assets
- 25 years of “St. Louis on the Air”
- Tina Pamintuan will become the CEO of STLPR on Dec 1

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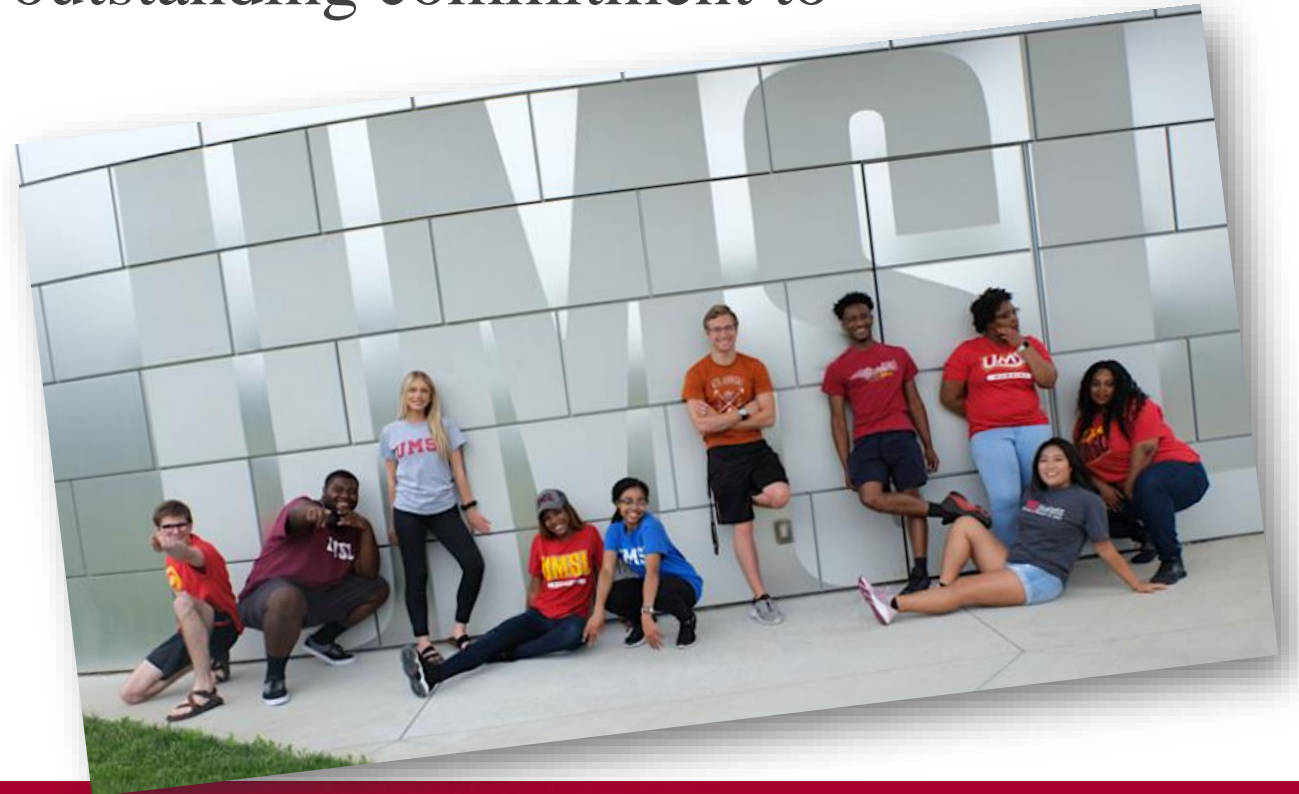
Celebrating St. Louis' first library

- The Mercantile Library celebrates 175 years with an exhibition honoring its place as the oldest library west of the Mississippi
- 25th year at UMSL



UMSL receives its fifth HEED Award from *INSIGHT into Diversity* magazine

- Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award recognizes universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to **diversity** and **inclusion**.
- UMSL is the **only Missouri institution** to make the list **five times** – previously receiving the honor in 2020, 2013, 2014 and 2015.



UMSL provides superior support to military veterans

- 7 consecutive years in the Top 50 on Military Times “Best for Vets” list.
- UMSL ranked 37th nationally.
- #1 in Missouri.



Top Take-Away Points

- UMSL is on the RISE
- Taking our place as the premier urban public university
- Successful students turn into successful alumni
- Recruitment and retention is a shared responsibility
- Investing in degree programs and facilities
- Focused on maintaining affordable excellence
- Engagement is embedded in the community
- Building a diverse, inclusive and transformative campus

Questions?

