Dear Neighbors and Community Partners,

In January 1963, Wayne Goode introduced legislation to facilitate the creation of the University of Missouri - St. Louis. His actions created the chance for more than 105,000 graduates over the past 57 years to further their aspirations. 5,000 plus UMSL Alumni live in the communities right around campus alone. Wayne Goode passed away on October 4 at the age of 83. His impact on the St. Louis region and state will keep growing in the years ahead as UMSL continues to provide opportunity through education.

In honor of Wayne Goode’s legacy, we are highlighting UMSL-

COVID-19 Resources
Click here to view resources for support during the pandemic.

UMSL Community Connection
Click here to sign up for the community connection newsletter.

UMSL Community Card
Register for a community card to receive benefits and discounts at UMSL events and facilities.

UMSL Contracts
Interested in bidding on projects at UMSL?

Procurement Bids
Construction Bids
Business Engagement Event
October 27 at 3:30PM
Wayne Goode, father of UMSL, dies after battle with leukemia

Wayne Goode was only a few years removed from his own college graduation and a freshman legislator in the Missouri House of Representatives when he drafted legislation that allowed for the transfer of the old Bellerive Country Club from the Normandy School District to the University of Missouri. The purpose of House Bill 153 was to set the stage to bring public higher education to the St. Louis region. Introduced in January 1963, it contained only 78 words, but they helped facilitate the creation of the University of Missouri–St. Louis and, in turn, unlocked educational opportunity for legions of students to chase their dreams and advance their futures. More than 105,000 graduates in the 57 years since stand as perhaps Goode's greatest legacy from 42 years representing north St. Louis County in Jefferson City – as a member of the House of Representatives from 1963-1984 and in the Senate from 1984-2005.

Goode, who served on the University of Missouri Board of Curators after leaving elected office, died Sunday after a battle with leukemia. He was 83. Read the full story here.
UMSL Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Accelerator provides capital, mentorship to underrepresented entrepreneurs

Startup founders from underrepresented populations could earn $50,000 in funding through the University of Missouri–St. Louis’ new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Accelerator. The program, announced Tuesday, is funded through sponsorships from Ameren, Edward Jones, Express Scripts and private donors. It’s designed to boost early stage, scalable for-profit startups and companies that directly and positively impact underserved communities. The DEI Accelerator includes an eight-week business development program focused on supporting entrepreneurs from marginalized communities.

“This accelerator was born out of a shared vision for a regional startup ecosystem where all entrepreneurs have equal access to growing their businesses,” said Monique Bynum, the program’s managing director. “The founders’ success will have a lasting impact on their communities for decades to come.”

Applications are open through Oct. 26, and a public information session is scheduled for Oct. 13. Six founders will be accepted in the first round of funding and will receive $50,000 in non-dilutive capital to support their businesses. They will also be given access to a business development course, mentors, paid UMSL student interns, assistance with grant applications, technology support and incubator space. Click here to read the rest of this article.

UMSL awarded $5.1 million grant to promote evidence-based literacy strategies among local educators

Adults already proficient with language too often forget about the challenge of learning to read and write as a child. But literacy education is fundamental to students’ success as they advance in school. Understanding how language works – grasping the concepts behind words, in addition to being able to pronounce them, and making meaning from written messages – is key to effective learning.

“Being able to read the words on a page is different than literacy,” said Shea Kerkhoff, assistant professor at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. “Literacy means being able to
use reading and writing to successfully engage in civics and community life and in your career. Even as a literacy researcher, I continuously learn new words. It’s not like there’s just one point where somebody can read or can’t read. Our reading gets better, especially if we work on it continuously.”

Kerkhoff and her co-principal investigators at UMSL have received $5.1 million in federal funding to help promote evidence-based literacy strategies among local educators and to create online literacy resources. Click here to read the rest of this article.

The research team will partner with about 40 schools – kindergarten through 12th grade – in the St. Louis region for the larger of the two projects, providing support on literacy education. There will be a focus on schools in Promise Zone.

Trunk or Treat at UMSL

Tiny Tritons, in partner with Students of Service, is excited to offer you a safe alternative to trick-or-treating this year! Here’s how it's going to work. All the trunks will be parked around the “parade route” in the Millennium Student Center parking lot, where children and their families will drive-through and get to see all of the fun Halloween attractions.

Pre-registration is required:
https://myengage.umsl.edu/submitter/form/start/438337

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