

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY & ADDRESS

Chancellor's Awards

presented by

Chancellor Kristin Sobolik

and

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Steven Berberich

Friday, August 29, 2025

10:30 a.m. | Touhill Performing Arts Center

Program in the Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall

Lunch Reception to follow in the Terrace Lobby

PROGRAM

Welcome

State of the University Address

Faculty and Staff Awards

Closing Remarks

2025 CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY

Katherine O'Daniels, PhD

**Associate Teaching Professor,
Director of Gateway Writing Project**

Educator Preparation & Leadership

College of Education

Nancy Robb Singer, PhD

Associate Dean

Educator Preparation & Leadership

College of Education

Shea Kerkhoff

Associate Professor

Educator Preparation & Leadership

College of Education

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RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY

James O'Brien

Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies Chemistry & Biochemistry

College of Arts & Sciences

TEACHING TO A TENURED OR TENURE TRACK FACULTY MEMBER

Jill B. Delston, PhD

Assistant Professor

Department of Philosophy
College of Arts and Sciences

Matthew Henry

Associate Teaching Professor, Director of Percussion Studies

Department of Music
College of Arts and Sciences

TEACHING TO A PART-TIME FACULTY MEMBER

Gwen Stubblefield, MSN, RN

Adjunct Professor

College of Nursing

SERVICE

Jerome E. Morris, PhD

E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor of Urban Education

Educator Preparation & Leadership
College of Education

ONLINE TEACHING

Umit Tokac

Associate Professor

College of Nursing

STAFF EXCELLENCE

Keri Jupka, MPH

Senior Research Associate

Office of Research
College of Nursing

Julie Mannarino, MHA

Associate Director

Missouri Institute for Mental Health

Blake Sutter

Assistant Director, Planning, Design, and Construction

Facilities

STAFF EXCELLENCE CONT...

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Senior Business Support Specialist
Education Academic Support & Administration
College of Education

Emily Eden-Hearn

Business Support Specialist II

Education Academic Support & Administration
College of Education

Angel Forsha, MBA, MHA

Associate Director of Clinical Operations

College of Optometry

GERALD AND DEANNE GITNER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Renata Sledge, PhD, LCSW

Assistant Professor

School of Social Work

2025 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Andresa de Souza

Associate Professor, Applied Behavior Analysis Program Director
Educator Preparation & Leadership
College of Education

RETIREES OF THE YEAR

W. Howard McAlister, O.D., M.P.H.

Associate Professor Emeritus

College of Optometry

Lucinda "Cindy" Vantine

Director of University Events

University Advancement