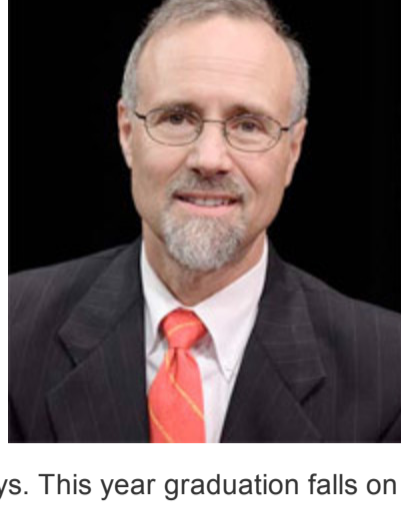




Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings!

It is December, and a joyous time for celebration! We not only enjoy the holiday season in December, but this is also a time UMSL graduates a round of talented students ready to take next steps in their life journeys. This year graduation falls on December 16th, and at the same time we are running STEM University on campus for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, with an estimated 1,000 Scouts and parents attending. You will notice heavier traffic that weekend, and we appreciate the community's patience and support during this busy time on campus.



Another cause for celebration this month is the recent announcement that the Normandy Schools Collaborative has received provisional accreditation. As mentioned in my last letter, the district has made great strides, and we will continue to work with them to create new opportunities for our area youngsters. This and the other projects highlighted in this newsletter are ways our community is getting ever stronger by working together.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday!

Tom George, Chancellor, University of Missouri–St. Louis

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Looking for Community Members 65+ Years Old for Inaugural Senior Scholars Program

UMSL is taking its commitment to educating the regional community to a new level with the Senior Scholars program. A cohort of 30 Senior Scholars will participate in the pilot effort. They will take part in a full-day retreat in January, enroll in one college level course of their choosing, and participate in monthly discussion review sessions as a large group. Senior Scholars enrolled during the pilot period will serve as informal advisors for the program on how to best structure and market the program in the future. Spring 2018 pilot participants will receive a full scholarship to take part. The only out of pocket cost will be for books and other learning materials required in a given class. To learn more read [UMSL Daily's article](#) about this new program and a few of the people who have already registered. Interested? Apply online at <http://www.umsi.edu/csp/seniors/index.html>.



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Health Clinic Opens in Ferguson

More healthcare services are now available in North County. Betty Jean Kerr People's Choice Health Center's opened a health clinic in Schnuck's new location in Ferguson (49 N. Florissant Rd.). Centene Charitable Foundation provided the initial \$1.3 million to build the clinic and will provide ongoing support to the clinic which is estimated to serve 8000 patients a year.

Primary and urgent care services for adults and children three years and older will be available at the clinic as well as supports for signing up for insurance and social service programs. Mobile units will provide immunizations, labs, and dental services. The clinic will be open from Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 8 PM, Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM. Click [here](#) to read more.



Pine Lawn Business District Community Engagement Survey Opens

Beyond Housing has opened a survey to collect opinions and preferences for the development around Natural Bridge and Kienlen/Jennings Station Road - Pine Lawn Business District. Click [here](#) to access the survey.



Recast to Host 2nd Annual Participatory Budget Info Sessions

St. Louis [ReCAST](#) is seeking community members to determine how funds should be spent in North St. Louis County and City. This initiative is funded by a 5-year, \$4.7 million grant that supports community projects in violence prevention, youth engagement, peer support, mental health, and trauma-informed care. Attend one of two information sessions on this evening, December 14, or January 6 to learn how to become a community delegate for ReCAST. Community delegates will directly decide how more than \$650,000 will be spent to meet the needs of high-risk youth and families and promote well-being, resiliency, and community healing in the St. Louis Promise Zone.

Click [here](#) for more information on the two participatory budgeting kick-off meetings. Click [here](#) for the event flyer.

Questions, Comments or Share a Community Story?

We'd love to hear from you about how we can improve our communication with the community and hear your questions and comments about UMSL and neighboring communities. We also welcome stories about great things happening in our communities. Your thoughts will help shape content covered in future newsletters to be pertinent to you and your neighbors. Leave any suggestions, questions, or stories [here](#).

Thank you!

Upcoming Events



Mercantile Library Tours

Saturdays at 11AM and Sundays at 2PM

Join us at the St. Louis Mercantile Library for a free, docent-led tour of the Library, including the new exhibition "Headlines of History: Historic Newspapers of St. Louis and the World Through the Centuries at the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association." Our weekend tours provide a wonderful opportunity for lively discussions about topics ranging from the founding of St. Louis to the Mercantile's art collections, railroad and steamboat travel plus much more! No reservations are required.

No reservations are necessary for our public tours. Free docent-led group tours can also be arranged for other times. Self-guided tours are welcome, but please contact us ahead to avoid any conflict with scheduled tours. Please call [314-516-7281](tel:314-516-7281) or [email](#) for details.



The Nutcracker

December 15-23, 2017

Tickets

This Saint Louis favorite with dazzling costumes, sets and special effects returns to the Touhill. The large professional cast of company dancers and special guests swells with students from the school of the Saint Louis Ballet in children's roles. This show is performed to the traditional Tchaikovsky score. A special [Sugar Plum Fairy Luncheon](#) presented by Saint Louis Ballet is also on the schedule on both December 16 & 17.

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