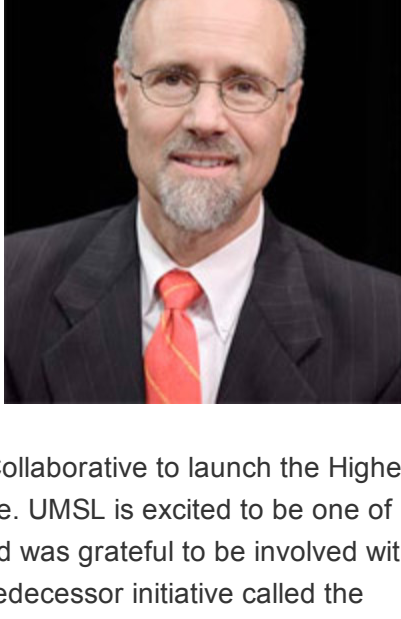


Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings!

For little over a year, I have had the pleasure of serving as the Board President for the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU). We recently announced a



partnership with the Democracy Collaborative to launch the Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative. UMSL is excited to be one of the 31 participating institutions and was grateful to be involved with the Democracy Collaborative's predecessor initiative called the Anchor Dashboard Learning Cohort.

The [Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative](#) will help us further our community improvement efforts as it focuses on accelerating the adoption of strategies that universities can use to positively benefit their local economies and neighboring communities. We are excited about the opportunity to learn from others across the country. Together, you and UMSL, can decide what promising practices to bring home to work on strengthening our communities.

The UMSL Community Connection newsletter that you are now reading is a direct outcome of our participation with these national initiatives. More than a year ago, we hosted a series of focus groups with local residents, business owners, and public officials and learned that the University needs to do a better job of communicating our plans and projects, letting community residents know about the many activities in which they can participate and benefit on campus. We hope that the information we share in this newsletter does that and that this communication continues to help us build a stronger relationship as we do more work together.

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



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UMSL awarded \$3 million grant from Kern Family Foundation

The Center for Character and Citizenship Education at UMSL recently received some great news! They have been awarded a \$3 million grant from the Kern Foundation focused on helping develop more K-12 school leaders focused on character education and servant leadership. According to Marvin Berkowitz, the Center for Character and Citizenship co-director and grant co-investigator, the grant will affect schools in the surrounding areas over the next four years, supporting a mentoring program for emerging school leaders (e.g., assistant principals) to help them on their journeys to lead schools that support the development of character in students.

Read more about this great news in [UMSL Daily](#). The announcement was also featured in the [St. Louis Business Journal](#).



Jefferson Elementary Holds Ceremonial Groundbreaking

The Normandy Schools Collaborative recently held a ceremonial groundbreaking at Jefferson Elementary School and another at Washington Elementary. At Jefferson and Washington, NSC will construct new entrances, library media centers, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) studios. The improvements are possible due to area voters' approval of Proposition N, a no-tax-rate increase bond issue. Click [here](#) for photos from the Jefferson Elementary School event.



Alive and Well St. Louis "Community Empowerment Workshop" on Self-care

"Self-Care is the Best Care" will be held on Wednesday, April 25 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. by the Kiwanis Club of Normandy at the Northeast Ambulance & Fire Administration Building, 7100 Natural Bridge Rd, St. Louis, MO 63121. Sometimes we're so busy with taking care of others that we forget to take care of ourselves. During this interactive workshop, you will learn about the importance of self-care and easy activities to do in order to relax and attain emotional well-being. For more information, email info@awcommunities.org or call 314-898-4049 ext. 703.



Forward Through Ferguson Initiatives Launch

Forward Through Ferguson is launching its three action strategies and shared vision for Racial Equity at their #STL2039 Launch Event on April 25, 2018. The event will include interactive experiences and storytelling followed by speakers, a presentation on their Action Strategies, and ways to engage. Included with your ticket are hors d'oeuvres and open bar. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Forward Through Ferguson believes in the power and potential of the St. Louis region having a shared vision of a future where Racial Equity is a reality. To do that, everyone is encouraged to imagine the year 2039—twenty-five years after the Ferguson uprisings that catalyzed the creation of the Ferguson Commission. While there is a definition of what Racial Equity is, there is not a shared vision for what that looks like in reality.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
What does a St. Louis that has achieved Racial Equity look, feel, and sound like?
How would life be different for you or your family?
What about our community would show we've achieved equity?
[Share YOUR vision](#) for a racially equitable St. Louis - your vision for #STL2039!

NOTICE

Pasadena Blvd. in Pine Lawn to Close for Construction

Starting April 23, Pasadena Blvd. will be closed from Barack Obama Elementary's main school lot entrance to Oakwood Ave., in addition to the existing closure between Oakwood Ave. and Begg Blvd. It is expected that these street closures will take between four to six weeks, depending on weather. If you have any questions, please call Beyond Housing at 314-533-0600.

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!

UMSL Community Connection

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UMSL Calendars

Interested in events on campus?

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UMSL Careers

Interested in a job at UMSL?

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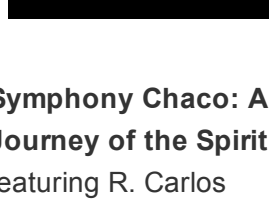
UMSL Contracts

Interested in bidding on projects at UMSL?

[Procurement Bids](#)

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Upcoming Events



Symphony Chaco: A Journey of the Spirit featuring R. Carlos Nakai with UMSL & STLCC Meramec performance groups

April 23, 2018
UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

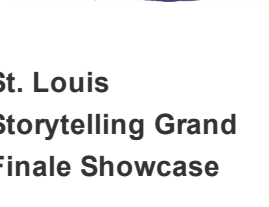
With over 200 musicians from UMSL and STLCC, this concert, conducted by the composer Gary Gackstatter, and featuring R. Carlos Nakai, the world's premier American of Native American flute, is a celebration of the majestic beauty and deep mystery of Chaco Canyon, NM, where 1000 years ago the ancestors of today's Pueblo Tribes built massive "Great Houses," Kivas, ceremonial mounds and roads, in near-impossible conditions. This event begins at 7:30 PM and is FREE and non-ticketed.



Comedian Leslie Jones

April 27, 2018
UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

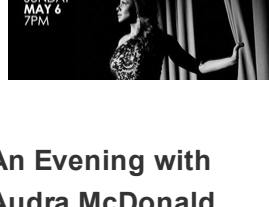
Join UMSL in celebrating Mirth Week by attending a live performance with comedian Leslie Jones. Tickets are \$35 for the general public. Contact the Touhill box office for [tickets and information](#). For mature audiences.



St. Louis Storytelling Grand Finale Showcase

May 5, 2018
UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

Celebrate storytelling in St. Louis at the St. Louis Storytelling Grand Finale Showcase with performances by the Festival's featured storytellers. Presented by the University of Missouri Extension's Community Arts Program, this event will be ASL interpreted and all ages are welcome. [Click here](#) for more information.

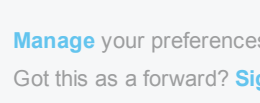


An Evening with Audra McDonald

May 6, 2018
UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

Audra McDonald is unparalleled in the breadth and versatility of her artistry as both a singer and an actress. The winner of a record-breaking six Tony Awards, two Grammy Awards, and an Emmy Award, she received a 2015 National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama and was also named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people that year. Tickets start at \$35. The performance begins at 7:30 PM Contact the Touhill box office for [tickets and information](#).

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