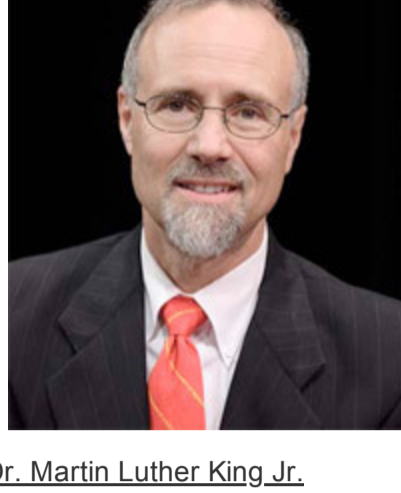




Letter from the Chancellor

Happy New Year!

I trust your first two weeks of 2018 are going well. The University is kicking off the spring semester with its two signature Martin Luther King Jr. Day events. These include our annual [MLK Day of Service](#) and [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance performance](#) on Monday, January 15. Martin Luther King Jr.'s quote "the time is always right to do what's right" underpins this year's festivities. UMSL believes in that simple truth and has arranged a day of volunteer service projects around the community. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members will be tackling projects that improve our neighborhoods.

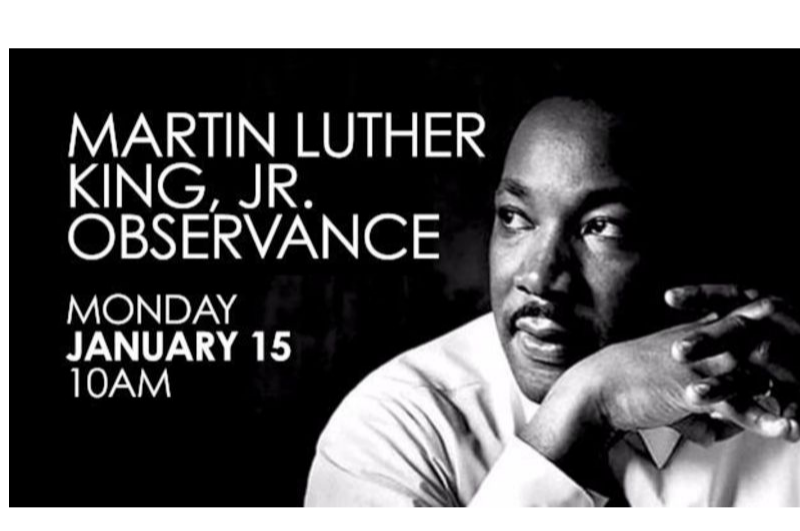


At the same time from 10 AM to noon, in the Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall in the Touhill Performing Arts Center on campus, we have a program commemorating the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This event is open and free of charge to the public. Whether you are a part of the University or a community member, I encourage you to join us this Monday morning to lend a helping hand or attend our commemorative programming.

We try to carry the spirit of this Day of Service with us throughout the entire year. This newsletter contains a few ways we strive to be of service to the community and lift up those who share that spirit of service. We look forward to a great year together and hope to see you on Monday.

Thank you,

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



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance

The UMSL Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity presents the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance - a celebration of the life and legacy of the great civil rights leader. Every year, people from all over St. Louis gather with the UMSL community for annual presentations of song, speech and other performance. The 2018 event will be facilitated by mistress of ceremonies Courtney Bryant, evening anchor and reporter with KMOV, St. Louis' CBS affiliate. She will introduce participants including Brian Owens, the nationally renowned singer, a Ferguson native and UMSL graduate. The program's keynote speaker is Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Among other accolades, in 2012 he was named by President Obama as chair of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. Brian Owens, community music artist in residence of the Des Lee Fine Arts Collaborative, will direct the music performances of the program. [The event is free and open to the public on Monday, January 15 at 10AM.](#)



24:1 Annual Community Meeting

Beyond Housing invites communities in the Normandy Schools Collaborative district to the annual community meeting on Thursday, January 25. The meeting will celebrate the great achievements of 2017, look forward to 2018, and influence the future of the 24:1 Community. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Dinner will be served at 5:45PM with the meeting beginning promptly at 6:00PM at 6506 Wright Way, Pine Lawn, MO 63121. For childcare, RSVP with Casey at 314-246-9371.



Promise Zone Installs Library Boxes Around Community, Latest at Ferguson Starbucks

The Promise Zone, Regional Business Council, and the St. Louis County Library partnered to install library boxes throughout the Promise Zone. In December, a box was installed at the Ferguson Starbucks Community Cafe (10776 W. Florissant Ave) during a Coffee with First Responders Event. For more information, click [here](#).



There is a Lot to do at Your Local Libraries in 2018

From chess and after-school meals to computers, storytime and movies to yoga, area libraries offer a range of activities. Click [here](#) for a few events from [St. Louis County Library](#), [Ferguson Municipal Public Library](#), and UMSL's own [St. Louis Mercantile Library](#) that might be of interest to you, your friends and neighbors. Be sure to check out the websites for specifics.

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!

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Upcoming Events



Ancient Greek Poetry and Hymnography

Thursday, January 18 at 7PM

Join us in Century Room A in the Millenium Student Center for a the Professor Diane Touliatos Endowed Annual Lecture in Greek Historical Studies with Nick Giannoukakis, Ph.D. A reception will begin at 7PM with the lecture beginning at 7:30PM. For more information and to request a parking pass, click [here](#).



Simply Different: The Furniture of Peter Voss

Saturday, January 27

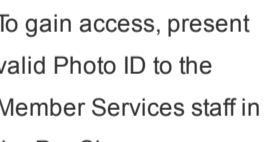
Gallery 210's first exhibition of 2018 kicks off January 27 at 4PM with a slide show and reception with the artist. This event is free and open to the public. Click [here](#) for more information about the exhibition.



Resolution Jump Start and Free Fridays

January 2 to January 21 and First Fridays of Month

Come visit the UMSL Recreation and Wellness Center. [During Resolution Jump Start \(Jan. 2 to Jan. 21\), you can visit 6 times for FREE!](#) UMSL REC Center also offers the chance to visit free on the first Friday of the month. Valid Photo ID required for all guests. Individuals under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. To gain access, present valid Photo ID to the Member Services staff in the Pro Shop.



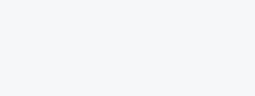
Des Lee Fine Arts High School and Middle School Festivals

February 6 (High School) and February 7 (Middle School)

Each year, the Des Lee Fine Arts Festivals showcase the talent of students from area school districts with visual and performing arts events. Students work with faculty members and professional artists and musicians throughout the day honing their craft.

Culminating events which are free and open to the public include an Art Gallery which opens at 6:00 p.m. followed by an outstanding and inspiring concert at 7:00 p.m. Each festival will be held at the Touhill Performing Arts Center at UMSL. Click [here](#) for details on this year's high school festival and [here](#) for the middle school festival. For information on last year's festivals, click [here](#).

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