

## Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings, friends and neighbors!

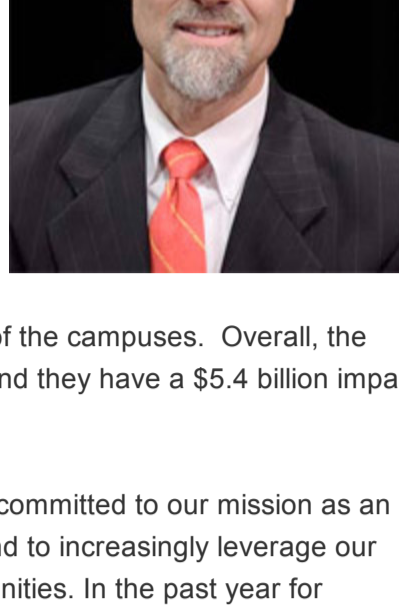
Did you know that UMSL has an annual economic impact of \$363 million! That's what we recently learned after the University of Missouri System conducted an economic impact analysis for all of the campuses. Overall, the University of Missouri System found they have a \$5.4 billion impact on the state of Missouri.

As I have noted before, UMSL is committed to our mission as an Anchor Institution in the region and to increasingly leverage our economic impact for local communities. In the past year for example, we have built business relationships with local landscape companies, and are looking to connect with more businesses. We have begun to offer entrepreneurship and small business support programming through the [UMSL Accelerate Entrepreneur in Residence](#) program and [ITE's Flip Zone](#). We hope you take advantage of these services and find them useful.

UMSL also impacts our local economy through the number of students and professionals we graduate who remain in the region. This weekend we will graduate our 100,000th student since our founding! We look forward to educating future generations of students as we continue to work toward strengthening our region and our local economy.

Thank you,

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



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## UMSL among 31 universities selected to take part in the Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative

The [Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities](#) has partnered with [The Democracy Collaborative](#) to launch the [Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative](#), and the University of Missouri–St. Louis is [among 31 member institutions selected to participate](#).

Read more about this important initiative highlighted in a recent [UMSL Daily article](#).



## UMSL's Annual Economic Impact in Missouri Tops \$363 Million

The University of Missouri–St. Louis has an annual economic impact exceeding \$363 million and is responsible for supporting 4,635 jobs primarily in the St. Louis area, [according to a report released in Jefferson City, Missouri](#).

"This report affirms [UMSL is a vital contributor to the economic vitality of Missouri](#) in general – most specifically the St. Louis region," UMSL Chancellor [Tom George](#) said. "It also represents just a tip of the iceberg of UMSL's value to the state's and region's economic and social well-being – which includes contributions of our 70,000 alumni who live and work in Missouri. Factoring in the enhanced incomes and efforts of UMSL's alumni certainly would add \$1 billion in additional economic impact to the report."

The report, completed by nationally recognized consulting firm [Tripp Umbach](#), found that the University of Missouri System as a whole has a \$5.4 billion impact on the state of Missouri. [Click here to read more](#).

## UMSL Commencement Ceremonies set for May 11-13

UMSL is set to graduate its 100,000th student this weekend! The university will confer more than 1,500 degrees during this spring's six ceremonies with a majority of the graduates coming from the St. Louis area. [Click here to read more about spring commencement](#).



## North County Incorporated Annual Breakfast

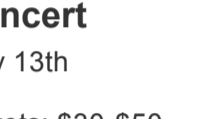
On Friday, May 18th, North County Incorporated (NCI) will recognize area leaders for their contributions to the North County region at its 41st Annual Leadership Breakfast. More than 600 business, civic and community leaders are expected to attend the event. We are looking forward to celebrating the leaders who make a difference in our community every day and are thrilled that Natissia Small, Assistant Dean of Student Support Services at UMSL, is receiving a Community Development Leadership Award. Congratulations to all those receiving awards at this important event. We look forward to seeing everyone there. [Click here for more information](#).

## Questions and Comments?

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. Your thoughts will help shape content covered in future newsletters to be pertinent to you and your neighbors. Leave any suggestions, questions, or critiques [here](#)

Thank you!

## Upcoming Events



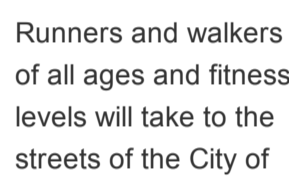
### Denise Thimes Mothers Day Concert

May 13th

Tickets: \$30-\$50  
Location: Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Time: 5:30pm

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### Ferguson Twilight Run

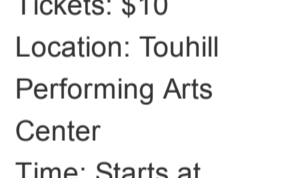
May 19th

Runners and walkers of all ages and fitness levels will take to the streets of the City of Ferguson on a USATF certified course for the only twilight run/walk event in North St. Louis County.

This annual race will start and finish at Plaza at 501, an outdoor entertainment area at the intersection of Florissant Road and Suburban Avenue.

The post-race festivities include a concert, vendors and specials at local restaurants. So gather the family, get your friends, and strap on your running shoes for a race just North of Ordinary.

[Register for the run.](#)



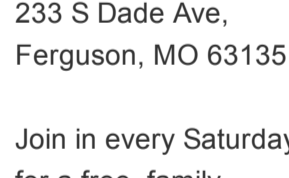
### Spring to Dance Festival 2018

May 25th-26th

Tickets: \$10  
Location: Touhill Performing Arts Center

Time: Starts at 5:30pm Friday, May 25th (Times for each show differ.)

[Buy Tickets](#)



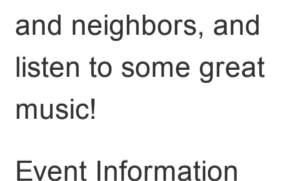
### Free, Family-Friendly EarthDance Farm Tour

Saturday mornings, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Location: EarthDance Organic Farm School, 233 S Dade Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135

Join in every Saturday for a free, family-friendly walking, talking, and tasting tour of EarthDance!

[Event Information](#)



### Ferguson Farmers Market

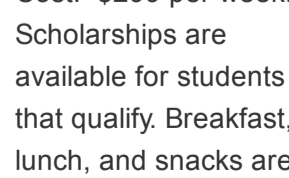
Saturday Mornings

Time: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Location: Plaza 501, 501 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, MO 63135

A place to buy fresh produce, see friends and neighbors, and listen to some great music!

[Event Information](#)



### GlobalHack Summer Camp 2018

Monday through Friday, Every week from June 4th to August 3rd

GlobalHack is teaming up with UMSL Business to offer a summer camp that introduces students to coding, through specific courses on web development, coding, game design, and more!

Location: UMSL campus  
Ages: 10-13 & 14-18  
Cost: \$299 per week. Scholarships are available for students that qualify. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included for all.

[Register, apply for scholarships, or learn more information!](#)