



Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings,

Working with local, state and federal agencies, the University of Missouri–St. Louis is taking action to limit the risk that the respiratory illness COVID-19 (coronavirus) will affect UMSL students, employees, visitors or neighboring communities. This includes delivering classes remotely the week of March 16-20. We will continue to assess our instructional delivery and communicate plans for classes following spring break, which begins March 23. Existing online classes will continue as planned.

During this time, the university will remain open but certain events are being canceled or presented in a remote format. Please check with event sponsors for specific details. As you know, this situation continues to evolve and I encourage everyone to visit the university's [COVID-19 website](#) for additional information.

During this global crisis it is easy to overlook other important issues – such as the upcoming 2020 Census. Every 10 years, the United States conducts a comprehensive count of everyone living in the country. No later than April 1, 2020, every residence in the country will receive an invitation to

UMSL Community Connection

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Upcoming Events

participate in the census where you'll be asked a few simple questions like name, age and the number of people who live in your home, including children. The Census is used to determine each state's representation in Congress and to inform the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funding annually, which includes funding for education, health care, housing, transportation and more. Local leaders also use these statistics to make decisions about programs and services for our communities.

Over the last 10 years, Missouri lost \$13,000 in federal dollars for every adult and child NOT counted in the last census. Your response is vital and will help shape our community, campus, and state for the next decade to come. I invite you to learn more about the census by visiting our [2020 Census website](#).

While there are challenges to address, we also know that great things are happening in our community. This month, we are glad to be able to celebrate our partner Beyond Housing on receiving two awards recently. We have partnered with this important community organization for several years and are proud to see their success. Please join us in congratulating them.

Wishing you well!

Kristin Sobolik
Interim Chancellor, University of Missouri - St. Louis



Photo Courtesy of Missouri Counts.

You Count in the 2020 Missouri Census!

Census Day on April 1 is quickly approaching. The purpose of the 2020 Census is to count each resident and collect data about these residents and the state of the economy in the United States. These results are important because they determine how each state is represented in Congress. They

Children's Advocacy Services:
Supporting Children in a Time of Uncertainty
Wednesday, March 18th, 1:30pm CT

During this time of uncertainty related to the coronavirus pandemic, children may experience an increase in confusion and distress. There are steps that caring adults can take to support children. Join UMSL's Children Advocacy Services staff on a free webinar that will provide caring adults with knowledge and skills necessary to help address the needs of children during this time. Specific areas covered will include: how to explain the pandemic to children, how to set up routines to minimize possible stress responses, strategies to use if you notice children being distressed, and how to know if medical or mental health support is needed for children and adolescents. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions before and during the webinar.

The webinar is limited to 300 participants due to technology constraints, however a recording will be made available to all who register their information at the link below.

Please register for the webinar here: <http://bit.ly/casacoronaviruswebinar>

Please submit questions for the webinar here: <http://bit.ly/coronavirusquestions>

Webinar Connection Information:

Access Link: <http://bit.ly/casacoronaviruswebinarroom>

Or call 1-829-205-6299 and enter the meeting ID: 166 560 688

If you have any questions please contact us at:
moacts@umsl.edu or 314-516-6798

Children's Advocacy Services: Supporting Children in a Time of Uncertainty

Wednesday, March 18
1:30 p.m.
Webinar

The Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis is hosting a free webinar about how to care for and inform children in relation to the coronavirus pandemic. Topics will cover having a conversation with children about the coronavirus, setting up daily routines to reduce stress responses, practicing skills to assist a child in distress, knowing when to contact medical or mental health support, and accessing resources that are available. This can be an unsettling time for children, so the UMSL's Children Advocacy Services staff are here to answer questions and address any concerns.

Register for this free webinar [here](#).



Photo courtesy of Green Network, Inc.

GreenDay UMSL

Saturday, March 21, 2020
Gather: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.
Event: 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
CHERP Classroom Trailer
Find directions [here](#).

Confluence Trash Bash: 60
Volunteers Needed. Teams
clean up light to heavier litter
from campus streams and
trails.

also determine how federal funds, exceeding \$675 billion, are allotted to each state and their various programs.

Starting on March 12, people began receiving information on how to complete the 2020 Census. For the first time, the Census can be completed online, by phone, or by mail.

For the Census, where someone lives is determined by where they are living and spending the majority of their time on April 1, 2020, even if this is not considered their permanent address.

For more information, visit the 2020 Missouri Census [website](#) or the United States Census 2020 [website](#).



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UMSL's 2020 Homecoming Collects Cans and Donations for Charity

Homecoming is designed to not only motivate UMSL students, faculty and staff, but to help those in the university's surrounding community. Student organizations collected canned goods for "CANstruction" to create a structure based on the theme "Timeless Tritons" as part of the Triton Spirit Competition.

Another component to the 2020 Homecoming was the Chili Feed. All of the UMSL colleges competed in this chili competition to raise funds for charity.

More than 3,800 cans of food were collected and donated to Triton Food Pantry and Beyond Housing Pagedale Family Support Center. Working with Sodexo, UMSL's dining partner, the Chili Feed raised \$1,800 for the Pagedale Family Support Center.

Prairie & Tree Planting: 6-12 Volunteers Needed. Team will sow and plant on two UMSL woodland and prairie restoration sites.

The UMSL Community Gardeners: 6-12 Volunteers Needed. Team will sow and plant on the UMSL Community Garden.

Student organizations or individuals can register and find more information at: Greenway Network [website](#) or contact J. Fish at J.L.Fish@umsl.edu.

A WORKFORCE UNDER STRESS

Challenges to Recruiting and Retaining Employees in a Tight Labor Market

Recruiting and Retaining Employees Conference Date: TBD

UMSL is bringing together leaders and experts to discuss topics regarding life circumstances that may impact our workforce such as substance abuse, work/life balance, and mental health. Help build a better workforce through developing real-world strategies to combat these workplace issues that may spill into people's everyday lives. This conference is geared towards business leaders, labor leaders, health care professionals, and community members. Click [here](#) for information and registration.



Workshop: Crafting Meaningful and Measurable Outcomes

Thursday, April 2, 2020
2:00-4:00 pm
Social Sciences and Business Building/Tower SSB (410)

Hosted by Sarah Buek,
Founder and CEO of The



Photo courtesy of Beyond Housing.

Beyond Housing Receives Community Advocate Award and National Recognition

Beyond Housing, the community development organization serving the residents within the Normandy School District boundaries, has been awarded national recognition for their Family Engagement Liaisons Program and received The Community Advocate of the Year Award by St. Louis Children's Hospital. Beyond Housing seeks to empower the Normandy community and better the resources that support it. They provide services for housing, economic development, health, education, career and other areas. They also created 24:1, a community development initiative working on programs related to child development, health, financial support, school partnerships, and more.

The Family Engagement Liaisons Program was recognized by the Mutual of America Financial Group as a part of their 2019 Community Partnership Award competition. This award has been designed to reward and recognize the efforts that nonprofit organizations have made to their communities in partnership with other organizations. The Family Engagement Liaisons Program was made to better connect students, their parents, their schools and their community to each other and to various resources and training.

UMSL is proud to have Beyond Housing as a community partner. UMSL faculty, staff and students have participated in activities connected to the 24:1 initiative for several years.

IllumiLab, this workshop aims to help organizations share their story and articulate their intentions. The IllumiLab engages team members throughout your organization by tapping into their passions, priorities and designs solutions that speak to them. In this workshop, participants explore the purpose and types of outcomes, what makes an outcome meaningful and measurable, how to craft outcome statements and strategies for measuring the more elusive outcomes. For information and registration, click [here](#).



Whose Live Anyway?

Friday, May 4th
8:00 p.m.
Touhill Performing Arts Center

The current cast of the Emmy-nominated TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway" is coming to UMSL on May 4th, 2020. The show will feature 90 minutes of improv comedy all based on audience suggestions. Audience participation is encouraged, so bring your suggestions and you may be asked to join the cast on stage!

Call the Touhill Performing Arts Center at 314-516-4949 or click [here](#) for more information.



North County Police Cooperative Ring Camera Giveaway.



NCI Leadership Breakfast

Friday, May 8th
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Marriott St. Louis Airport

Photo courtesy of Beyond Housing.

North County Police Cooperative Donates Ring Cameras to Community Residents

The North County Police Cooperative received a \$25,000 grant to increase public safety from Ameren Missouri and Beyond Housing. This grant will be used to give Ring Cameras to local residents.

A Ring Doorbell Camera is a security camera often placed at the front door or porch and notifies the user and records when it detects motion. The user can access this camera whether they are home or away via their phone and talk to the person detected via the app. The presence of this device can ward off crime or capture footage of it as it is happening. The North County Police Cooperative has used Ring Camera footage in the past to assist with solving investigations.

Beyond Housing has been a longtime partner of the North County Police since the cooperative started in 2015. This past August they collaborated on a similar project where Beyond Housing gave police \$5,000 to donate 50 Ring Cameras to the community.

Ring Cameras will be given out starting on March 15. The following police departments will be participating in donating these cameras: Bel Ridge, Normandy, North County Cooperative, North Woods and Pagedale. Area residents can contact the local police department with questions on qualifications to receive one of the cameras.

Learn more about the initiative [here](#).

Share with us: Take the community feedback questionnaire and share input on this newsletter

UMSL is interested to know more about your thoughts regarding the university and how we might better support surrounding communities. Take a short survey by [clicking here](#) to share your thoughts!

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!

At the North County Incorporated Annual Breakfast, awards will be presented to individuals who have shown a strong commitment to the North St. Louis County region through their business, civic and/or humanitarian acts. Individuals will receive awards based on their contributions to business or community development, public service, and diversity and inclusion. For information and tickets click [here](#).



2nd Annual Entrepreneur Quest Student Accelerator Pitch Day

Date: TBD

J.C. Penney Conference Center

UMSL is hosting its 2nd Annual Entrepreneur Quest Student Accelerator Pitch Day where students are able to participate in UMSL's very own "Shark Tank". Three students will be chosen for an award of \$15,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000. If you are a potential customer, investor, supporter or someone who's passionate about entrepreneurship, [register now](#) and take a look at why UMSL will become the first choice for entrepreneurially minded students.

Seating is limited so RSVP today!

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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