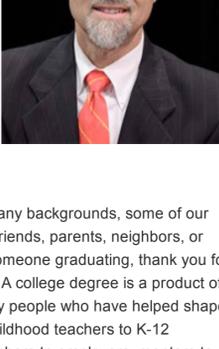


## Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings!  
Hard to believe, but it's already graduation season at UMSL. 1,500 students are set to receive degrees during UMSL's spring commencement ceremonies which will be held May 17, 18 and 19 on the UMSL campus.



As UMSL serves students from many backgrounds, some of our graduates may be your children, friends, parents, neighbors, or current employees. If you know someone graduating, thank you for the support you have given them. A college degree is a product of both individual effort and the many people who have helped shape each individual graduate. Early childhood teachers to K-12 educators, friends and family members to employers, mentors to the university family, employers (like for internships) and more have made this weekend possible for these graduates. We look forward to seeing what a difference these graduates will make in our region.

Stories in our newsletter this month exhibit the types of organizations and teachers in our community that are setting people up for higher education success. While we celebrate the spring 2019 graduating class, we eagerly await and look forward to the students who will be coming to UMSL from our community in the years ahead to further their knowledge, to transform their lives, and to transform the lives of those around them!

Thank you,

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



## Ferguson Youth Initiative raises \$30K

April 16, 2019 | St. Louis American, Photo by Tim Larson

Tia Latimer (a senior at McCluer North High School), Alyssiah Santano (a senior at McCluer North High School) and Khaliah Booker (a senior at McCluer High School) spoke at the Ferguson Youth Initiative's 2019 Empower Youth Jazz Brunch fundraiser on April 6, which raised more than \$30,000 to benefit its youth programs and community service projects.

The youth were recognized for their contributions as graduating Ferguson Youth Advisory Board members. "FYI is to foster good community members among the youth," Booker said. "You should definitely get involved." FYI is striving to forge enduring partnerships with local businesses, organizations and school districts to create more job and internship opportunities for young people. The organization also welcomes and encourages volunteers to lend their talents, time, and expertise. For more information or to get involved, contact FYI Executive Director Aaron M. Harris at 314-749-5379.



## Normandy teacher Inda Schaenen honored by civic group

March 7, 2019 | St. Louis Post Dispatch, Joe Holleman

When listing what's right with our community, one civic leadership group includes Normandy teacher Inda Schaenen. Focus St. Louis named Schaenen and 19 groups or efforts as winners of its 22nd annual What's Right with the Region Awards.

An English teacher in the Normandy School Collaborative, Schaenen was recognized for her efforts with Project Lab St. Louis, which she co-founded to provide educational experiences for her students. Her award proclamation notes that she has "shown a commitment to promoting diversity, access, inclusion and opportunity for all." Among the efforts she spearheads at Project Lab St. Louis are producing Normandy's student newspaper, publishing a literary journal of works written by students; and organizing a program in which her students discuss issues with peers from neighboring school districts.

Normandy Superintendent Charles J. Pearson said Schaenen "is challenging the traditional approach to education while maintaining high academic standards for her students." Schaenen and the other winners will be recognized May 16 at the Sheldon Concert Hall. [Click here](#) for more information and a full list of Focus honorees. [Click here](#) to learn more about Schaenen focused in the recent UMSL Daily article, "Alumna earns What's Right with the Region honor for work in Normandy schools!"



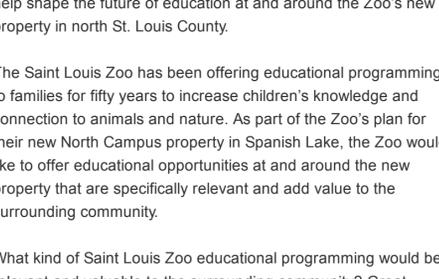
## Arbor Day Foundation recognizes UMSL as a Tree Campus

The University of Missouri–St. Louis has earned recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation through its Tree Campus USA program.

The program recognizes college and university campuses that effectively manage their trees; develop connectivity with the community beyond the campus border to foster healthy urban forests; and strive to engage their student population by utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus and community forestry efforts.

To be eligible for the designation, colleges and universities must meet five standards to promote healthy trees and student involvement... To fulfill the service learning requirement, UMSL used a grant of \$7,425 from the Missouri Department of Conservation's Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance to fund a full inventory of all campus trees. It was the first such inventory since 2007, and the results of the inventory can be seen by the campus community through Davey's TreeKeeper urban forestry management software, a web-accessible page that shows each individual tree overlaid onto a satellite picture of campus.

Approximately 2,400 trees grow among UMSL buildings with an estimated 2,000 more on natural land areas across a campus footprint that spans almost 500 acres. [Click here](#) to learn more about this recognition.



## Saint Louis Zoo wants to hear from you!

The Saint Louis Zoo is asking residents, educators, businesses, and organizations living and working in north St. Louis County to help shape the future of education at and around the Zoo's new property in north St. Louis County.

The Saint Louis Zoo has been offering educational programming to families for fifty years to increase children's knowledge and connection to animals and nature. As part of the Zoo's plan for their new North Campus property in Spanish Lake, the Zoo would like to offer educational opportunities at and around the new property that are specifically relevant and add value to the surrounding community.

What kind of Saint Louis Zoo educational programming would be relevant and valuable to the surrounding community? Great question! [Click here](#) to access a survey and see contact information for Zoo representatives in case you have questions about the project.



## UMSL to partner with STL Youth Jobs

This Summer UMSL is partnering with STL Youth Jobs to provide summer employment for local area youth as part of our Anchor Mission. This program provides job coaching and placement to 16-24 year olds in summer jobs (28 hours/week, 160 hours total) that expose them to career possibilities which build their employability and work readiness, while increasing their motivation for future schooling, training and employment. As a result, UMSL has the opportunity to impact our community while forging important connections as both a potential employer and/or educator for youth in the program.

Below are just some of the UMSL campus jobs program participants can fulfill:

- AV technicians
- Building Trades/Maintenance
- Child Care
- Custodial
- Events
- Finance and Accounting
- Grounds/horticulture
- Information Technology
- Marketing and Communications
- Media/journalism
- Stage services

Stay tuned for more information as program planning unfolds.

## Questions, Comments or Share a Community Story?

We'd love to hear from you about how we can improve our communication with you and we 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

[Sign up for this monthly newsletter!](#)

## UMSL Calendars

Interested in events on campus?

[Campus Calendar](#)

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## UMSL Careers

Interested in a job at UMSL?

[Open Positions](#)

## UMSL Contracts

Interested in bidding on projects at UMSL?

[Procurement Bids](#)

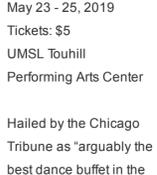
[Construction Bids](#)



## 10th Anniversary Ferguson Twilight Run

May 18, 2019

"Enjoy a USATF-certified course through Ferguson's beautiful historic neighborhoods in the 10th annual Ferguson Twilight Run managed under Live Well Events. The 2019 event includes a 10-mile course in addition to our 5K, 10K, and 1-mile race options. All races begin and end at the Plaza at 501 (501 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson MO 63135) with professional timing by Big River Running. The race begins with pre-race entertainment along with cheer stations and bands along the course. After race entertainment includes live music and beer tastings." [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



## Emerson Spring To Dance Festival 2019

May 23 - 25, 2019

Tickets: \$5

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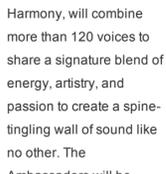
Performing Arts Center

Hailed by the Chicago Tribune as "arguably the best dance buffet in the Midwest," SPRING TO DANCE® is the region's vibrant, must-see dance extravaganza!

Presented by Dance St. Louis and the Touhill Performing Arts Center, the 12th Annual Emerson SPRING TO DANCE Festival brings together more than 30 professional dance companies from across the country and beyond for three unique, exhilarating nights of nonstop dance on Memorial Day weekend.

From ballet, modern and contemporary to tap, hip-hop, aerial and more, the vibrant festival offers something for everyone with a distinct, dynamic program each night.

For the full schedule, [click here](#).



## A Cappella Live! featuring The Ambassadors of Harmony

June 15, 2019

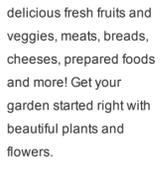
Tickets: \$31, \$27, \$24

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Performing Arts Center

On Saturday, June 15, the four-time International Champion men's chorus, the Ambassadors of Harmony, will combine more than 120 voices to share a signature blend of energy, artistry, and passion to create a spine-tingling wall of sound like no other. The Ambassadors will be joined by the 2017 Barbershop Harmony Society Quartet Champions, Main Street, and the 2006 Barbershop Harmony Society Vocal Spectrum.

For more information, [click here](#).

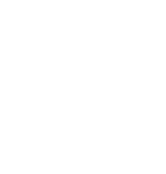


## Ferguson Farmers Market

Saturdays - May 11 through July 13, 2019  
8:00 a.m. - noon  
Plaza 501

If it's homemade, handmade or fresh and tasty, you can buy it at the Ferguson Farmers' Market. Please join us at our next market for lots of delicious fresh fruits and veggies, meats, breads, cheeses, prepared foods and more! Get your garden started right with beautiful plants and flowers.

Come for the farmers, stay for the fun! For more information, [click here](#).



## Ferguson Summer Movie Series

Saturdays - May 18, June 29, July 27, August 31  
8:30 p.m.

Ferguson Summer Movies at the Community Center and parks will be free and include complimentary popcorn. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets and take this opportunity to enjoy a beautiful night under the stars.

For more information on the series, [click here](#).

