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Community Connection



Dear friends, neighbors and community members,

Can you feel the energy and excitement in the air? Spring is just around the corner! It is so nice to see more people outside taking walks and riding their bikes on campus and in the community.



As we move through March, we are taking time to celebrate Women's History Month and the accomplishments of so many inspiring and strong women and are sharing some highlights of women featured in *UMSL Daily* this past year. We are also highlighting a few exciting recognitions, accomplishments and opportunities, as we do each month.

Finally, we want to remind you to provide your input for the future of our community. First, St. Louis County seeks your feedback in deciding how to spend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. County residents are invited to complete an [online survey](#) to share their thoughts. These funds can make a significant difference in the revitalization of North County, in particular plans to reimagine and transition UMSL north and south campuses. Second, municipal elections are taking place on Tuesday, April 5th. Don't forget to vote, which is one of the most powerful ways that we can together create a better community for both today and tomorrow.

Gratefully forward,

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
University of Missouri–St. Louis



10 Quotes to inspire and educate you for Women's History Month

In recognition of Women's History Month, *UMSL Daily* commemorates the accomplishments and contributions of the strong women featured in the publication through the year. These include women who work and have lived in the communities around campus.

Whether they are running school districts, keeping the UMSL community safe, caring for patients or pursuing their passions, they've shared stories of perseverance, overcoming struggle and triumph that have the power to move and inspire. [Read more.](#)



Rising to the challenge

Community News, Wendy Todd, Feb. 8, 2022

Seven local teachers were recognized by the Challenger Learning Center in honor of the 36th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger accident that killed seven passengers. The teachers were nominated by current or former students they inspired to pursue careers in STEM. A virtual ceremony took place on Jan. 27th to acknowledge the awardees (including three from Jennings school district). [Read more](#) (p.1).



UMSL Succeed wins What's Right with the Region Award from FOCUS St. Louis

This fall, the Succeed Program at the University of Missouri–St. Louis will mark 10 years of providing post-secondary education to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It has benefited more than 140 students over the past decade and received recognition for its success, including a 2020 TPSID grant from the U.S. Department of Education to expand the program.

FOCUS St. Louis delivered one more honor when it selected the Succeed Program for a What's Right with the Region Award. The program was one of four honorees in the Enhancing Regional Prosperity category, which recognizes organizations or programs dedicated to the growth of the region and building a stronger workforce and economy for the benefit of all.

[Read more](#)



Brothers from North County star in new HGTV show

KMOV, Alexis Zotos, Feb. 21, 2022

For the McMiller brothers, renovating houses has always been a family affair and it started when they were young, thanks to their dad...Willie is an actor and stand up comedian. Jonathan is a real estate agent and contractor. A few years back, Jonathan convinced his older brother to go into business with him and start flipping neglected homes across their hometown of St. Louis. Fast forward to now. They've renovated more than a dozen homes and now that process is being documented on a reality show on HGTV called "My Flipping Family." ...But no matter if the cameras are rolling or not, their goal is to help build up the community they grew up in. Their next project is a house in Bel-Nor in North County. "When we're renovating a house, the neighbors always walk up and say, Thank you, thank you!" he explained. "This is a beautiful community and a well-deserving family deserves to be in here and start making memories, that's where our passion comes in." [Read more.](#)



UMSL Accelerate accepting applications for inaugural Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

Peter A. Racen is a strong proponent of entrepreneurship and the important role business owners and founders play in the vitality of the St. Louis region. That is why he began working with UMSL Accelerate – the entrepreneurial arm of the College of Business Administration at the University of Missouri–St. Louis – to establish the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

The awards are meant to celebrate entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial spirit through recognition of innovators who are entrepreneurs, corporate innovators or those who have been advocates of entrepreneurship.

All applications for the inaugural awards must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 8, and the recipients will be honored at a ceremony on May 5. [Read more.](#)



Saint Louis County, Missouri needs your feedback!

Take a [5-minute survey](#) today regarding the spending of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Investment areas include:

- Healthcare and Public Health
- Negative Economic Impact
- Mental Health
- Household Assistance
- Education and Childcare
- Infrastructure
- Government Services

The survey is anonymous and results will be used to inform investment decisions. The survey is open through March 25.

[Take the Survey](#)

Attend one of the Community Townhall sessions on ARPA Spending. [Learn more.](#)

Share with Us

We'd love to hear your questions and comments about UMSL and 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 newsletter

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UMSL Community Card

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Community Connect

[Click here](#) to learn about resources, services and programs at UMSL available to the community.

Events & Resources



UMSL Summer Camps

Looking for summer programs for your school-aged children? Explore the Summer Opportunities at UMSL!

- [Acapellooza](#)
- [Bridge Summer Academy](#)
- [Bridge to the ACT](#)
- [OneCity Stories](#)
- [STARS program](#)
- [SUCCEED camp](#)
- [U-CREATE](#)

For more details and registration information for these and other university events, [click here](#).

**A Red Circle focus group**

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Pasta House

11202 W Florissant Ave

A Red Circle is currently collecting research to bring a community owned and operated grocery store to North County. The organization is holding focus groups to collect input from residents to see where they like to shop for groceries and what qualities they seek. RSVP with Daria at daria@aredcircle.org.

**Mother Earth: Laudato Si!**

March 2022

The current Good Shepard Arts Center exhibit is photographer Jeanette McDermott. McDermott's lens captures the beauty of this world, even as much of it is vanishing. Her love for "Mother Earth" is evident in her pictures. Jeanette is currently serving as the Communications Coordinator for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. For more information [click here](#)



North Co. Writing and Arts seeks submissions to celebrate North County

Deadline March 30, 2022

Poetry, short stories and art that reflect and celebrate North St. Louis County are wanted. Submissions are open to individuals 18 and older, or with signed permission from parent or guardian. Individuals must have lived-experience as resident/ former resident, employee, student, etc., and a clear connection to North St. Louis County. Email submissions to nocowan@yahoo.com or for more information, [click here](#) (p.3).



Earthdance Spring Training for Gardeners March 30 - April 30 2022

Online and/or in-person

Interested in growing your own food? This 5-week course was designed for total beginners to gardening as well as those who want to plan and maintain their most successful garden yet. Spring Training will meet you where you are, with both online and hands-on options available. For more information, [click here](#).



NCI 45th Annual Breakfast

Friday, May 6, 2022

At the North County Incorporated (NCI) Annual Breakfast, awards will be presented to those individuals who have shown a strong commitment to the North St. Louis County region through their business, civic and/or humanitarian acts.

For more information [click here](#).

FERGUSON TWILIGHT RUN 10m★5k★10k & 1 MILE FUN RUN

Ferguson Twilight Run

Saturday, May 14, 2022

The in-person 2022 Ferguson Twilight Run is taking place in Downtown Ferguson! Virtual FTR activities will take place over the course of the Friday, May 13 through Sunday, May 15 weekend. In-person distances include one mile, 5k (3.1 miles), 10k (6.2 miles) and 10 mile. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

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