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Community Connection

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Dear friends, neighbors and community members,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the summer. As you will see in our features this month, we have been busy on campus with a variety of camps and programs for area youth. We are also taking the opportunity to celebrate a local legacy family who has made UMSL their educational home.

Recently Governor Mike Parson signed the new fiscal year budget and we are grateful to him and the Missouri legislature for investing in UMSL with an increase in core funding and new dollars to redevelop our campus. As we prepare to celebrate a 60th anniversary, we are transforming UMSL to better utilize our land assets and continue to provide opportunities for rich, long-lasting benefits for our students and the communities that surround our campus for generations to come.

Gratefully forward,

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
University of Missouri–St.
Louis

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Keren and Keith Clinton of Dellwood continue UMSL family legacy

As children, siblings Keren and Keith Clinton spent hours in the hallways and classrooms of the University of Missouri–St. Louis campus while their mother, Kimberly, went back to school to earn her bachelor’s degree in social work. Their grandmother had wished for all her children and grandchildren to pursue college, but Kimberly didn’t have the opportunity to do so until later in life. It wasn’t always convenient juggling a family, school and running a family business, but the Clintons did what they had to in order to make things work. As Keren and Keith spent more and more time at the university, they saw how much education meant to their mother and how transformative it could be. “I definitely think we learned to appreciate even more the drive that she had to further her education,” Keren said. “That has taught us to really value education and the opportunities that college can provide for you.”

In May, Keren graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing, while Keith, who is majoring in business with an emphasis in entrepreneurial studies, just completed his first year. In doing so, the two are carrying on a family legacy that started with their mother and continued with their older siblings Devon and Kalyann. Read more [here](#).

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

STL Community LAB

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Events & Resources



Ferguson Concert Series at the Plaza 501

Third Fridays through August
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Plaza at 501
501 S. Florissant

Admission to each concert is FREE! Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs. Coolers are welcome (no glass) and food will be available for purchase.

2023 Concert Series Line-up:

- July 21 - Lone Rangers
- August 18 - McLovin
- September 15 - That 80's Band



Magic Smoking Monkey Presents: The One Hour



College of Education hosts its second Future Teacher Leadership Academy

Acayla Wright has been interested in teaching since grade school, moved by the example of her own teachers. Now heading into her junior year of high school, Wright wants to work in early childhood education, and she seized the opportunity to participate in the [Future Teacher Leadership Academy](#) at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. “I’ve always wanted to be a teacher because most of my teachers growing up were good role models,” Wright said. “That’s what really got me into wanting to be a teacher. I feel like I want to step into that role and being that role model for somebody else.”

The Future Teacher Leadership Academy is a collaboration between the [College of Education](#) and the [UMSL Office of Precollegiate Services](#), and it is designed to give students an opportunity to be on a college campus to stir and encourage an interest in post-secondary education and consider a career in teaching...Wright was one of 14 students from nine high schools who participated in the free two-week program, which is in its second year. From June 12-23 at the ED Collabiat, students were introduced to the fundamentals of teaching, and the students received one college credit and a \$500 stipend. Participating high schools included: Brentwood, Kirkwood, Maplewood Richmond Heights, Normandy, Oakville, Parkway South, Parkway West, Pattonville and STEAM Academy at McCluer South-Berkeley. Read more [here](#).



Star Wars Trilogy [Parody]

July 13-15 & 18-22, 8:00 p.m.
July 16, 2:00 p.m.
UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

Get ready to blast off on an intergalactic joyride! The Star Wars trilogy is riddled with a turbo-charged hour of lightsabers, space battles, and iconic characters. Buckle up for a fast, fun, and action-packed adventure. May the force of laughter be with you! General admission is \$20. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).



Blast Off With the Bank: 24:1 Small Business Network Event

Monday, July 17, 2023
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
24:1 Cinema
6755 Page Ave.

Join loan officers from American Bank of Missouri during this networking event to see how a bank can help a business grow! Two loan officer from the bank will be joining the networking event to discuss why small business owners should develop a relationship with a banker and how a bank can streamline business processes.

They will explain everything from what is needed before getting a business loan to what types of loans they offer.

UMSL engineering students work to help restore historic Greenwood Cemetery

The Greenwood Cemetery in Hillsdale, Missouri, established in 1874, once went unattended for nearly 30 years. The grounds had become completely covered in grass, weeds and trees that had grown wild amid debris from people using the location as a dumping site. The erosion of the cemetery had been so bad that human bones were found, disturbed from graves. For Etta Daniels, who has family members, including her great-grandmother, Sallie Ross, buried there, this was unacceptable. In 1994, she began volunteering to help restore the historic Black cemetery and assist others who had family buried there. She also helped the cemetery get listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

With the assistance of volunteers and local businesses, who have helped with massive clean-up and documenting details of interments, the Greenwood Cemetery, which covers nearly 32 acres, has been undergoing a transformation from a dumping site, back to a respected burial ground that holds significant history of African Americans. Among the volunteers is Gary Moore, the civil engineering program director for the UMSL/WUSTL Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program. He and several of his joint undergraduate engineering students, Trinity Lopez, Dwayne Perry and Alexis Twillman, have been helping to restore and preserve the St. Louis County historical landmark. Read more [here](#).



UMSL Athletics hosts St. Louis CITY Cup

The University of Missouri-St. Louis Department of Athletics hosted the St. Louis CITY Cup on June 10 at Don Dallas Soccer Field, with 220 kids from across the region participating in the event on UMSL's home field. Part of CITY SC's mission is introducing more people in St. Louis to the game of soccer.

There will also be free consultation for participants! To register, click [here](#).



Walking Group

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Pine Lawn Community Park

Join the Beyond Housing's Community Health team for a walk. The walking group meets at Pine Lawn Community Park to walk for an hour. All are welcome! There will also be gift card and attendance prizes!



Beyond the Backpack

Saturday, August 5, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Normandy Early Childhood Center

7855 Natural Bridge Rd

Area youngsters are invited to join the Normandy Schools Collaborative and Beyond Housing for a fun back to school event! They will have everything needed for the new school year in one place, plus some extra fun activities to close out the summer!

FREE backpacks

From this vision, CITY Futures came to fruition, offering two different opportunities for the community to get involved: Soccer 101 sessions and Way-to-Play sessions. Both offer a free way to get involved in soccer at a young age, regardless of experience in the sport.

Everyone who participated in one of these two programs was invited to compete in the CITY Cup....The CITY Cup's objectives are to increase empathy by learning about other players from different parts of our CITY, the ability to learn from diverse and unique personalities and to understand each other better and value others' skills, abilities, and competencies. More than 20 members of the UMSL soccer programs were there to coach and encourage the youngsters that showed up for the three different sessions separated by age group. Read more [here](#).



Emerson Sponsors New St. Louis County Library Bookmobile

St. Louis County Library, June 12, 2023

St. Louis County Library Foundation has received a \$200,000 donation from Emerson to sponsor a new St. Louis County Library (SLCL) bookmobile. This generous donation will fund a state-of-the-art mobile unit that will hit the road in the second half of 2024. The current SLCL bookmobile fleet is aging and in need of replacement. SLCL has made school bookmobile replacement a major priority in 2023 ensuring the Library District can continue providing equitable services to students in St. Louis County. The gift from Emerson is the third donation towards the new bookmobile fleet. Great Southern Bank and the Cardinals have both made donations in 2023 to sponsor a new bookmobile.

“Emerson has been a longtime supporter of the Library,” said Kristen Sorth, St. Louis County Library Director & CEO. “Their investment in literacy through physical spaces, such as the Emerson Teen Space at Natural Bridge and the Emerson

FREE school supplies
FREE physicals, dental screenings, and immunizations
FREE Adidas shoes
FREE haircuts
FREE lunch
School registration
Petting zoo, bounce house, face painting, DJ, and a lot more fun for kids!



37th Annual Midwest Marchdown Scholarship Step Show

Saturday, August 5, 2023
6:00 p.m.

UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

Hosted by the Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Midwest Marchdown has served as a shining pillar in the St. Louis Community since 1981.

Throughout the years, it has awarded over \$35,000 in scholarship funds to St. Louis area high school seniors and college students and over \$130,000 in prize money to the winning organizations that then donate to charities of their choice. This year XFL Official DJ, DJ Cuddy

Discovery Zone at Florissant Valley along with programmatic support, such as the Storytelling Festival, has made a real impact on our community. Sponsoring a new bookmobile will continue that legacy, and will help open up a world of discovery and enjoyment for students for years to come.” Learn more about mobile and other services at St. Louis County Library [here](#).



Gov. Mike Parson signs budget directing \$20 million to Transform UMSL alongside an increase in core funding

The University of Missouri–St. Louis will receive an additional \$20 million in [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\)](#) funding from the state of Missouri to support its ongoing efforts to build a cohesive academic experience that will meet the needs of students and the greater St. Louis region and state today and into the future. Gov. Mike Parson approved the appropriation when he signed the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year on Friday [June 30]. “We are grateful to Governor Parson and our legislative leaders for their continued support of higher education at UMSL and across the University of Missouri System,” [Chancellor Kristin Sobolik](#) said. “This investment from the state brings the university closer to realizing our vision to transform UMSL to better utilize our land assets for the benefit of our students and the region for generations to come.”

The FY24 funding follows [\\$40 million](#) in capital improvement ARPA funding the state directed to the university last year, which kickstarted UMSL’s first steps in realizing its [Campus Master Plan](#), including centralizing an academic core on the North Campus while demolishing aging buildings on the South Campus. This first phase of work will open 35 acres on south of Natural Bridge Road for the creation of UMSL’s proposed North St. Louis County Business and Workforce District, a space that will build out the university’s current physical and mental health academic programs and community services while creating

Montana, and JeVon from ProphytesBeLike will host. There will also be special guest performers, and the Divine Nine Greek organizations are stepping for a grand prize. General admission-\$20 and VIP-\$40. VIP Bundle Includes:

- Admission to Midwest Marchdown Official After Party
- Exclusive Reserved Seating
- Goodie Bag
- Raffle entry for STL Battlehawks and Cardinals tickets

For tickets, click [here](#).



42nd Annual Diversity Job Fair -St. Louis

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
North Co. Rec Complex
2577 Redman Avenue

The 42nd Annual Diversity Job Fair St. Louis will allow jobseekers an opportunity to meet face-to-face with employers with a diverse array of job opportunities. Employers and job seekers can register to take part in this annual event designed to assist the public with all of their employment needs. It is open to the general public and is absolutely FREE for all job-seekers to attend. To find more information and registration links, click [here](#).

opportunity for public-private development....In all, the university is planning more than \$100 million in campus improvements over the next four years, supported by a mix of public and private investments.

“We aim to enhance the quality of life and amenities in north St. Louis County through this investment,” said [Chris Spilling](#), UMSL’s vice chancellor for research and economic and community development. “Our collective goal is to increase St. Louis County’s capacity for high-paying, in-demand jobs while we enhance the region’s workforce, training and development opportunities which will build local and state tax revenues that will reinvest money back into the community.” Read more [here](#).

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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!

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