

# Welcome to the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Chancellor's Report to the Community

- Thank you for your support of this campus and its students.
- I think my enterprising colleagues are doing great things.
- By the end of this report – which really just touches the tip of the iceberg – I hope you agree with my assessment.

Thank you Anne for that introduction. You are doing a great job as MC.

- And Daniel, your performance was outstanding. You're a hard act to follow.

# Begin by thanking Gov. Nixon and General Assembly, our UM curators and President Wolfe

- The 2014 legislative session ends later this month.
- We remain optimistic about funding for higher education, including both operating and capital construction funds.

# Student enrollment neared 17,000 this year ... tying a campus record

- There were several other records or firsts established this past fall, including ...
  - 24 average ACT for freshmen – well above state and national averages.
  - Record for GPAs of incoming freshmen and transfer students.
  - For the first time ever ... university-owned housing was full. That's 1,400 students living on campus.

# Our student body continues to evolve – older and more diverse than most universities

- Average age is 28 years [26 for undergraduates].
- 32% classified as minorities.
- Come from 47 states and more than 100 countries.
- But mostly from here ... 83% from St. Louis region [88% from Missouri].

# Gov. Nixon selected Tracy Mulderig to represent students on Board of Curators

- Tracy is a doctoral student in industrial/organizational psychology and is interning at the Missouri Institute of Mental Health.
- Bachelor's degree from Truman State University and master's from UMSL.
- She's an excellent choice – bringing multi-campus perspective to the table.

# A cappella group Double Date won Barbershop in Germany international competition

- The group's name comes from the fact that the four students are dating each other – a couple is actually now engaged.
- Since the competition, Double Date has been invited to perform at events across the country.
- They'll be performing and teaching at UMSL Acappellooza Summer Camp.

# Loren Mosely received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Argentina

- A secondary education graduate student, Loren is spending eight months working at the Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata in Buenos Aires.
- She's teaching English to student teachers at the university.
- She's also working at a local underprivileged youth center in Argentina.

# Devin Sasser became president of the American Optometric Student Association

- A third-year optometry student, Devin will serve a one-year term.
- In Devin's new national role, he leads more than 6,400 students attending 23 schools and colleges of optometry throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.
- Devin is the second UMSL student to hold the office in the last three years.
- Devin – please stand?

# UMSL's student athletes continue to perform well in and out of the classroom

- Our student athletes also are graduating at a higher rate than the general student body.
- And, to date, UMSL's 11 teams have a combined 158 – 88 – 4 record, which is an outstanding .640 winning percentage!
- To put that in perspective – that's like the Cardinals winning 104 games. Last year they won the National League Championship with 97 wins.

# Great students make great alumni – and UMSL now has more than 88,000 graduates

- UMSL graduates can be found in all 50 states and 68 foreign countries.
- But their greatest impact – 63,000 strong – is being felt right here in Missouri.
- Indeed, we educate and provide the workforce for the St. Louis region.

# Warner Baxter is taking over as president and CEO of Ameren

- A 1983 graduate, Warner has been a great friend of the campus ... serving for years as president of the Chancellor's Council.
- Warner follows Tom Voss – a Rolla graduate who was very generous to this campus as well.
- Warner and Tom are both here and I'd like to ask them to stand.

# Grayling Tobias became superintendent of Hazelwood Schools – one of the state's largest districts

- At UMSL, Grayling was an outstanding student and one of our best athletes – a star in basketball and baseball.
- I believe he even played some pro baseball.
- We're delighted he's continuing that success in the education field.
- Grayling is here. Would you please stand to be recognized?

# President Obama recognized Danielle Lee as a “Champion of Change”

- Danielle was cited for her work to support and accelerate science, technology, engineering and math opportunities for African American students, schools and communities.
- In her blog, “The Urban Scientist,” she writes about her own research, urban ecology, evolutionary biology and diversity in the sciences.
- She earned her doctorate in biology from UMSL in 2010.

# Tom Minogue continues to excel in the St. Louis legal arena

- A 1976 graduate, Tom is chairman of Thompson Coburn ... the largest legal firm in St. Louis.
- He was recently touted for his work in mergers and acquisitions in Best Lawyers in America Magazine.
- He should also make the list of best testimonials. His talk at the last Founders Dinner was both humorous and inspirational.

# Social Work Professor Uma Segal received a Fulbright Award to create educational programs in India this fall

- The award will allow Uma to design and develop a new school of social work with a dual international and rural focus for the Alliance University in Bangalore.
- She is widely considered a leading authority on cross-national education and a governing board member of the Council on Social Work Education.

## This year Alexei Demchenko of chemistry & biochemistry and Barbara Harbach of music became Curators' Professors

- These appointments bring to 12 the number of Curators' Professors at UMSL, which is only several percent of the overall faculty body.
- This title is awarded to faculty who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and well-established international reputations.
- Certainly, Alexei and Barbara are deserving and outstanding recipients.

# For her work to improve women's health, Susan Kendig received March of Dimes Nurse of the Year award

- Sue is a teaching professor and coordinator of our Women's Health Nurse Practitioners program.
- UMSL has one of only two such programs in Missouri, where the other is at University of Missouri–Kansas City.

## Lynn Beckwith received a lifetime achievement award from the St. Louis American

- He's had a 50-year career in education as a teacher, administrator and professor.
- For past 13 years, Lynn has been the Des Lee Professor of Urban Education in our College of Education.
- He serves as a liaison with college and area schools as well as outstanding graduate school instructor.

# The International Association of Outsourcing Professionals inducted Mary Lacity into its Hall of Fame

- A Curators' Professor in the College of Business Administration, Mary is an expert in outsourcing.
- She's conducted extensive research and published hundreds of articles, books and chapters on international and rural outsourcing.

# Two UMSL faculty members were recently honored by the St. Louis Academy of Science

- Biology Professor Robert Marquis won the Science Educator Award ... recognizes his contributions to science education.
- Endowed Greek Studies and Anthropology Professor Michael Cosmopoulos received the Trustees Award, recognizing his achievements in archaeological science.

# Donors have been particularly generous this year – and UMSL is on pace to set a record in private gifts

- We set a record of \$28M in 2012 - the final year of our Gateway for Greatness Campaign.
- So far, we've received more than \$25M from donors with two months to go in the fiscal year.
- We are optimistic about reaching an all-time high of \$30M this year – focusing on scholarships and other important areas of need.

# An anonymous donor has given us \$1M in a campaign to endow the directorship of the St. Louis Mercantile Library

- The Mercantile is the oldest library west of the Mississippi.
- It's a tremendous academic asset for our students and faculty as well as all researchers of western history.
- This would bring to five the number of endowed positions associated with the Mercantile:
  - Three in the library itself.
  - One each in the College of Arts & Sciences and College of Business Administration.

# A gift from BJC Healthcare established an endowed chair in the College of Nursing

- UMSL has 38 endowed professors, but this is our first endowed chair.
- Named for former BJC Board Chair Donald Ross, the person selected for this new position will translate research findings into real-life treatment programs.
- It expands our partnership with BJC and gives our students new learning opportunities.

Our business alumni have always been generous – but this year two individuals have really outdone themselves

- Kirk Richter and Joe Stieven have upped their support for the new business college building to a combined \$6M. Would you please stand to be recognized?
- I also want to thank the many people overall who have contributed gifts to make this project a reality.

Emily Pulitzer's \$1M gift was instrumental in merging the St. Louis Beacon news staff into our St. Louis Public Radio.

- We made the commitment to faculty not to use campus funds to underwrite the merger.
- Overall, we've raised \$3M to finance the merged news operation for the next five years.

# STL Public Radio is gaining listeners and clickers since adding STL Beacon journalists into its operation

- Since the merger, KWMU is broadcasting and posting more and better news content that is reaching record on-air and online audiences.
- Monthly audiences have grown to 400,000 listeners and 150,000 unique website visitors.
- Discussions are underway between COFAC and the MU School of Journalism to expand academic programs.

# The UMSL-Wash U Engineering Program celebrated 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- More than 650 students have earned engineering degrees – 75% of whom remain in the STL region.
- The percentage of African American grads is twice the national average.
- Enrollment in this program grew 13% this past year.
- Note: this was first part-time, joint program to ever receive ABET accreditation.

# Des Lee Fine Arts Collaborative received the St. Louis Arts Award from the Arts and Education Council

- Council specifically praised Robert Nordman of music and Louis Lankford of art for their leadership.
- Collaborative serves 15 school districts with partners such as St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis Symphony and Dance St. Louis.

# The “Succeed” Program received Inclusion Award from Missouri Governor’s Council on Disability

- Started last fall, Succeed is a two-year residential program for people with developmental or intellectual disabilities.
- The goal is to prepare them for an independent life – and it’s working well here at UMSL.
- Credit Debbi Baldini and our program partner Kathy Meath of St. Louis Arc.

# UMSL has enhanced it's commitment to the education of the women and men serving in our military

- This year we opened a new Veterans Center and established the Department of Military and Veterans Studies.
- More than 400 vets currently enrolled – and we expect that number to grow greatly.
- Credit Arts & Sciences Dean Ron Yasbin and Professor Jim Craig for spearheading this.

# College of Education has implemented a new model for educating teachers – called Studio Schools

- The old model matched one teaching candidate with one teacher where our student would mostly observe for a semester.
- The new concept places a team of teaching candidates into a single school where they begin teaching from day one alongside professional teachers – rotating grade levels over a full-year.
- 33 schools now participate in this program.

## Academic Analytics

UMSL faculty ranks 14<sup>th</sup> nationally in productivity for universities with “high research activity”

- Other schools in that top group include William and Mary, Boston College, Syracuse, Wake Forest and Texas Tech.
- UMSL ranks first in Missouri in the “High Research Activity” – the second highest category which includes Missouri S&T and UMKC.
- Not many people can say they beat Auburn and Alabama – but UMSL can, even without a football team.

## Academic Analytics

# 12 individual programs among Top 50 in their respective fields

- Counselor Education 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Information Systems 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Criminology & Criminal Justice 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Social Work 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Philosophy 33<sup>rd</sup>.
- Finance 36<sup>th</sup>.
- Accounting 37<sup>th</sup>.
- Educational Psychology 38<sup>th</sup>.
- Communication 44<sup>th</sup>.
- Logistics and Operations Management 47<sup>th</sup>.
- Applied Mathematics 50<sup>th</sup>.
- Anthropology 50<sup>th</sup>.

*U.S. News & World Report*

## International Business moved to 14<sup>th</sup> nationally

- 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in publication's Top 20.
- Program was 15<sup>th</sup> last year; as high as 8<sup>th</sup> in past editions.
- Kid Charlie Hoffman that this was his first accomplishment as dean after one week on the job!

*U.S. News & World Report*

## Graduate criminology program ranked 4<sup>th</sup> nationally

- Also received Quality of Life Award from city of St. Louis for the The St. Louis Public Safety Partnership.
- UMSL criminologists embedded in police department to help create new policing strategies.

## Various graduate programs made *U.S. News & World Report* “Best” list

- Biology
- Education
- Clinical Psychology
- Chemistry/Biochemistry
- Criminology
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Public Affairs
- Social Work

*U.S. News & World Report*

## UMSL online programs have received exceptional ratings

- 1<sup>st</sup> among Missouri universities for master's in education – 25<sup>th</sup> nationally.
- 1<sup>st</sup> among Missouri universities for overall bachelor's programs – 34<sup>th</sup> nationally.

INSIGHTS into Diversity magazine

# UMSL received a Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award

- Recognizes universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to **diversity** and **inclusion**.
- I want to thank the entire UMSL community for your commitment to civility, diversity and quality.

## Recreation and Wellness Center

# Hey ... where's your fitness center?

- Students passed fee referendum and curators approved bonding for \$36M Recreation and Wellness Center
- 99,000 SF
  - 3-court gym
  - 3-lane elevated running track
  - 4 fitness rooms
  - fitness/recreation pool
  - climbing wall
  - juice bar
- Construction ... December 2013 to Fall 2015

# Campus decides to fund long-needed Benton-Stadler renovation on its own

- \$32M bond option approved by faculty and curators Science Learning Building.
- Required internal reallocation.
- 75,000 SF
  - state-of-the-art teaching laboratories
  - solarium/town center [crossroad of the science complex]
- Construction ... December 2013 through 2015.

# Curators approve unique funding model for Optometry Patient Care Center

- \$17 million project – 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the proposed Nursing-Optometry Complex.
  - \$ 5 million from facilities reserves
  - \$12 million UM Bonds,
    - Requiring \$781,000 in annual debt service
      - 44% facilities fee (new)
      - 56% college reallocations
  - Student vote ... nearly 80% of students impacted by fee are supportive

Optometry Patient Care Center

## 48,000 SF along Natural Bridge Road

- 13,000 SF of leasable shell space
  - Primary health and dental with UMKC
- Break ground Fall 2014 – with 2-year construction time

# Curators approve Phase 1 of the new Business Administration Building

- \$12M in private gifts being used toward a state match of \$10M – contact your legislators.
- Additional \$9M in deferred commitments.
- 46,000 SF
  - Classroom/unique learning spaces.
  - Social spaces/trading room.
  - Faculty offices.
  - 2014 groundbreaking.
- Break ground this year.

# The transformation of Natural Bridge into a Great Street begins in June

- \$14M will be spent by MoDot to reformat Natural Bridge between Lucas & Hunt and North Hanley:
  - Reduce Natural Bridge to two lanes.
  - Dedicated bike lanes.
  - Landscaped medians.
  - Roundabout, community plaza featuring historic Central West End fountain.
  - Completion by late 2015.

# So, that's my report ...

- Outstanding students.
- Successful alumni.
- Award-winning faculty.
- Nationally-ranked programs.
- \$120M in construction and economic development on and around campus.
- UMSL is stronger than ever and doing more for its students and community.
- I thank each of you for being here today and for helping make all of this happen.