

Welcome to the 38th 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 20th 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 14th 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 2nd.
- Information Systems 4th.
- Criminology & Criminal Justice 9th.
- Social Work 15th.
- Philosophy 33rd.
- Finance 36th.
- Accounting 37th.
- Educational Psychology 38th.
- Communication 44th.
- Logistics and Operations Management 47th.
- Applied Mathematics 50th.
- Anthropology 50th.

U.S. News & World Report

International Business moved to 14th nationally

- 11th consecutive year in publication's Top 20.
- Program was 15th last year; as high as 8th 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 4th 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

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