Kevin Martin, MEd 2011, EDSP 2012, EdD 2016, received a 2017 Excellence in Education Award from The St. Louis American Foundation. Kevin was also named one of North County Incorporated’s 30 Leaders in their Thirties. He is the assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Hazelwood Northwest Middle School in St. Louis.

Jagodige Yasomanee, MS 2011, PhD 2014, joined MilliporeSigma in St. Louis as a senior scientist.

Mallory Box, BA 2012, joined Citizens for Modern Transit in St. Louis as director of membership and programs.

Michael Dalton Jr., BS 2012, joined O’Leary, Shelton, Corrigan, Peterson, Dalton & Quillin in Richmond Heights, Mo., as a founding partner and trial attorney.

Antione Lawrence, MBA 2012, received a 2018 Salute to Young Leaders award from The St. Louis American Foundation. Antione is the owner of Hybrid Real Estate in St. Louis, where he also works as a broker.

Erin Graves, BSEd 2013, MEd 2016, received a 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award from Emerson Electric. Erin is a science teacher in the Rockwood School District in St. Louis.

Nicholas Kriegel, MBA 2013, was promoted to senior vice president and general counsel at Safety National Casualty Corporation in St. Louis.

Channon Peoples, MPPA 2013, received a 2018 Salute to Young Leaders award from The St. Louis American Foundation. Channon is assistant director of the UMSL Bridge Program.

Pamela Westbrooks-Hodge, MBA 2013, was elected vice president of the Joint Executive Governing Board for the Normandy Schools Collaborative in St. Louis.

Pamela is a senior director of governance and systems for corporate procurement at Express Scripts.

Michelle Cooley, MEd 2014, MEd 2017, was named one of North County Incorporated’s 30 Leaders in their Thirties. Michelle is an instructional coach at Westview Middle School in St. Louis.

Alandrea Stewart, MEd 2014, received a 2018 Salute to Young Leaders award from The St. Louis American Foundation. Alandrea is director of Student Support Services at Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis.

Ericka Thomas, BSPPA 2014, MPPA 2016, was selected to participate in the 2018 class of FOCUS St. Louis Emerging Leaders. Ericka is a development coordinator with Optometry Cares in St. Louis.

Rebecca Lich, MBA 2015, joined Lockton Companies in Denver as senior vice president and pharmacy practice leader.

Shawn Williams, MEd 2015, was appointed principal of EAGLE College Prep in St. Louis.

Emily Balestra, MEd 2016, became a partner and co-founder of Clayton Family Therapy in St. Louis. The new practice specializes in anxiety and depression, self-esteem, ADHD, life transitions and grief counseling.

Makita Hill, MPPA 2016, joined FOCUS St. Louis as program and events coordinator.

Anselm Viswasam (at left), the co-founder, president and CEO of Hyperion, chatted with Eric’el Johnson, BSEE 2016, from the Alumni Association Governing Board of Directors at the Celebrating Entrepreneurship and Innovative Thinking event on Oct. 18 at the Cortex Innovation Community. The board invited Missouri legislators to come meet with current students, faculty, administrators and alumni to learn about UMSL in general and tour the UMSL Accelerate program’s space in Cortex. The night featured companies – including Hyperion – that were part of the first Ameren Accelerator cohort.