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## A Decade of Distinction

*Thomas F. George*  
2003 - 2013

**The seventh chancellor of the University of Missouri–St. Louis**, Thomas F. George, has led the campus through a period of evolutionary growth. Chancellor since September 2003, George's tenure has been marked by unprecedented improvements in the quality of incoming students, number of graduates, faculty accomplishments and philanthropy.

George is a noted researcher in chemistry and physics, a member of many boards serving the St. Louis community and a frequent national speaker on a university's role in economic development. He has received numerous awards locally, nationally and internationally, including a Distinguished Higher Education Award from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Missouri State Celebration Commission and Medal of Honor from Gulf University for Science and Technology in Kuwait.

George received a bachelor's degree (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1967 with a double major in chemistry and mathematics from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. He earned a master's degree in 1968 and doctoral degree in 1970 in theoretical chemistry from Yale University in New Haven, Conn., followed by postdoctoral appointments at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge and the University of California at Berkeley.

In 1972, George joined the faculty at the University of Rochester in New York, where he was promoted to full professor of chemistry by age 29. He moved in 1985 to the State University of New York at Buffalo as dean of natural sciences and mathematics, a position he held for six years. He then served for five years as provost and academic vice president of Washington State University in Pullman before becoming chancellor to the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point in 1996.

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## Extraordinary Accomplishments

The accomplishments of Thomas George are numerous, diverse and meaningful to the campus and community. The following are just a few examples of his imprint on University of Missouri–St. Louis.

### Foundation for Success

#### ***World Headquarters – Express Scripts Inc.***

- Missouri’s largest company decided to locate on UMSL campus instead of moving out of state.

#### ***Innovative Technology Enterprises***

- UMSL incubator for high-tech startups is located in north St. Louis County.

#### ***Oak Hall***

- First residential facility built by UMSL.

#### ***UMSL at Grand Center***

- New facility houses UMSL classes and offices as well as St. Louis Public Radio.

#### ***Science Learning Building\****

- Attached to Science Complex, this new facility will primarily contain teaching labs for chemistry and biology.

#### ***Recreation and Wellness Center\****

- Student-approved center will enhance UMSL’s ability to create community among its students, faculty and alumni.

#### ***Anheuser-Busch Hall\****

- New facility will allow the College of Business Administration to consolidate and enhance its teaching and research activities into a central location.

Numbers That Matter	FY94-FY03	FY04-FY13
Total Enrollment	15,600 Average	16,050 Average
Total Degrees	2,408 Average	2,964 Average
Total Philanthropy	\$9.6M Average	\$18.8M Average <sup>#</sup>

\*UMSL is expected to break ground on its Science Learning Building and Recreation and Wellness Center in late 2013. UMSL has targeted 2014 to begin construction on Anheuser-Busch Hall.

<sup>#</sup>During George’s tenure, UMSL successfully completed a \$150 million fundraising campaign. Among the achievements was a 65% increase in endowed scholarships.

