



Dear friends, neighbors and community members,

Fall certainly took its time getting here this year, but it has finally arrived in full force. I love walking on campus and in the community seeing the changing colors of the leaves and feeling the brisk morning air and cooler weather. This month offers us a time to pause for reflection and appreciation for all the good things in our lives. For instance, we are excited to showcase a few growing partnerships and initiatives in this edition of our newsletter.

This month, we are including just a sampling of many events and activities on campus and in the community. Check out the [Touhill Performing Arts Center website](#) for a full list of music and dance performances that you won't want to miss. I appreciate all these opportunities to gather, learn and celebrate together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
University of Missouri–St.
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UMSL partners with area Scouting organizations to support future students with scholarships

UMSL has a long history of support for area Scouting organizations and recently formalized partnerships with both the [Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri](#) as well as the [Greater St. Louis Area Council Scouting](#) as it continues its commitment to broaden access to higher education and help students bolster their futures by earning their degrees.

To that end, UMSL will provide \$5,250 Gold Scholarships to Scouting members who enroll in the university full-time as first-time freshmen beginning in the 2025-26 academic year. UMSL is also steadfast in its support of adult education, and it will provide a 15% tuition reduction to staff members at these Scouting organizations who enroll part-time in undergraduate and graduate programs at the university. All students connected with Scouting will also have access to support services as they make progress toward their degrees.

On October 29, Chancellor Kristin Sobolik joined Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri CEO Natissia Small at a signing ceremony on Tuesday to finalize the three-year agreement. [Read more.](#)

Chancellor Kristin Sobolik and Greater St. Louis Area Council Scouting Executive and CEO Joe Sadewasser signed a new agreement at a ceremony on October 30. [Read more.](#)



B Juiced squeezes good nutrition into community

by Devored Horton, *The St. Louis American*, November 7, 2024

Events & Resources



2025 Youth Empowerment Program

Dec. 13, 2024- application deadline

Held at UMSL and hosted by University of Missouri-Extension, YEP is a program for teens in grades 9 - 12 offering them a 9-session fellowship to enhance leadership skills and address community issues.

YEP participants can receive a \$25 monthly stipend and up to \$300 upon program completion. The program is funded by the Missouri Foundation for Health. [Click here](#) to learn more or submit an application for YEP by December 13, 2024.



Representation Matters: Of the people, For the people

UMSL Forum for Community Dialogue

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 PM

This Ferguson-based business was a member of the third cohort of [UMSL's Anchor Accelerator](#)

UMSL RCEW Building
8225 Florissant Road, 63121

Brandace Johnson and Jada Huffman say nutrition is a tie that has bound them together since they became friends in the seventh grade. So it's no surprise that this common link inspired their effort to create B Juiced so that customers inside and outside of Ferguson could benefit from a healthier food choice. "Our business opened in May 2023, but before we were mobile. So, we do have a mobile trailer and we operated mobile for about a year and a half," Johnson said. "Business has been good for us. We are really grateful."

Located in historic downtown Ferguson at 605 S. Florissant Rd., B Juiced is a welcome oasis in an area some consider a food desert. Johnson and Huffman strongly believe in using the healing properties of nutrient rich fruits and vegetables to promote healthier lifestyles, community wellness, self-love and gratitude. [Read more.](#)

Join UMSL faculty, staff, students and local community members to discuss people's thoughts on how they are represented in government institutions. UMSL Political Science professors Dr. Anita Manion and Dr. David Kimball will set the context for the conversation with findings from their Boards and Commissions research. [Click here to RSVP.](#)



NHS Students Learn About the Music Industry

NSC Connections newsletter, October 24, 2024

Recently, Recording artists Tarboy Williams and ceosoula stopped by Normandy High School for the first YPA Seminar of the school year. They taught students how the music industry operates and captured the minds and hearts of students with their humility and transparency. Tarboy Williams is a 20x platinum record producer and songwriter with 2 Grammy nominations. He has worked with artists such as Nelly, Eminem, and J-Kwon. Ceosoula is a Music Industry executive who manages Metro Boomin and owns Unplugged Studio in St. Louis, a security firm, and a podcast host.

YPA is an organization sponsored by the [UMSL Bridge](#) program, which provides college access services to the St Louis community and hosts the Entrepreneurship Club at Normandy High School.

Jazz for the Holidays

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024

3:00 PM

UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

Come for an afternoon of LIVE holiday music as UMSL proudly present the annual JAZZ FOR THE HOLIDAYS! This concert features the UMSL Alumni Jazz Orchestra, University Orchestra, Vocal Point, UMSL Alumni Percussion Ensemble, Voices of Jubilation and the Arianna String Quartet. It's a show not to be missed! Tickets are \$10.00 General admission or \$5.00 seniors. Click [here](#) for tickets or call (314) 516-4949.



Two New Eateries Join the Food Hall at Carter Commons

Beyond Housing news update, October 1, 2024

There was a celebratory atmosphere at the grand opening of A'Deans Kitchen and Vails Brothers Burgers, Shakes, and Fries when they launched their new eateries at Carter Commons in early fall. The longtime restaurateurs behind the businesses—Kenneth Gregory II and Eric and Karen Vails, respectively—are industry veterans who have built a solid following despite some setbacks, and their fans came out to wish them well on their expansions.

They join two other establishments in the food hall, Adina's Vegan Cuisine and The Drink House STL, in offering a variety of menu items and collaborating to create a welcoming environment at 6746 Page Ave. [Read more](#) about how each of the businesses evolved to reach their current success.



Beyond Housing launches 'Transformative' effort

St. Louis American staff, October 17, 2024

Beyond Housing has opened its Transformative Services Department, which is designed to address poverty more effectively to bring more St. Louisans into the economic mainstream. "We've torn down the silos so we can get more clients who come to us when in crisis onto a path to stability," said Chris Krehmeyer, Beyond Housing president and CEO. "All supportive services under one department. We now have one team that intakes clients, assesses their needs, develops a personalized case plan for each individual, and guides them efficiently through the process to find success."



Ferguson 10 years after: a university and community learning event

Monday, Dec.9, 2024

6:00 PM

UMSL Millennium Student Center, Chamber Room (3rd Floor)

Hosted by UMSL Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, speakers will consider the immediate aftermath and ten years since the protests that arose in Ferguson. Dr. Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy will speak and her 2009 book entitled, [Hands Up, Don't Shoot, Why the Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore matter, and How They Changed America](#), will serve as the basis for her presentation and discussion. Other speakers include Madhav Narayan who is Senior Director of Policy & Data at Forward Through Ferguson.



Ambassadors of Harmony Sounds of the Season

Friday, Dec. 13, 2024

7:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024

2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024

2:00 PM

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Beyond Housing has worked for 14 years to transform many under-resourced communities in the Normandy school district's footprint "to create a stronger, more equitable, and prosperous St. Louis for all," according to Krehmeyer....The Transformative Services Department centralizes staff into six specializations to serve needs, standardize service delivery, and utilize real-time data and reporting. Its 16 staff specialize in housing stability, career development, financial empowerment, community health, and business resources. [Read more.](#)



Groundbreaking for 'reimagined' Normandie Golf Club

KSDK News, October 30, 2024

Normandie Golf Club opened in 1901. And now it is being "reimagined." The official groundbreaking ceremony for the Metropolitan Golf Foundation's Normandie Reimagined project took place at the Normandie Golf Course, 7605 St. Charles Rock Road, on October 30. This was the official groundbreaking of this Jack Nicklaus signature golf course. KSDK News covered the event. [See more.](#)

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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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The four-time International Chorus Champions, the Ambassadors of Harmony, return to the Touhill stage for their annual holiday shows, Sounds of the Season. Join the chorus and its special guests to start your holiday season off right! Tickets range from \$22.50 to \$45.00. Click [here](#) for tickets or call (314) 516-4949.



Gene Horiuchi's "The Nutcracker"

Nov. 30 - Dec. 23, 2024

at various performance times
UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

The Saint Louis Ballet's presentation of The Nutcracker includes amazing costumes, special effects, and glorious dancing. This holiday tradition is not to be missed. Tickets range from \$45.00 to \$99.00. Click [here](#) for tickets or call (314) 516-4949.