



Dear friends, neighbors and community members,

We have had a fantastic start to the month of October! Our annual Alumni Association 5K Run and Walk was a huge success, engaging hundreds of alumni, students, faculty, staff and community members. The energy of the day was palpable and a true celebration of our connectedness.

This month, we are excited to share that UMSL has once again been named a Top Performer for Social Mobility by U.S. News & World Report, recognizing our success in lifting the socioeconomic status of students through college degree completion. This is a core strength and we do this through academic learning, research and strategic partnerships making a difference for individuals and the community. UMSL is an engaged university and we are proud of the work being done through collaborations with local partners, also highlighted in our newsletter, as we consider ways to serve the needs of our communities both now and into the future. Together we continue to transform lives!

Gratefully forward,

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
University of Missouri–St.
Louis



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University of Missouri–St. Louis remains a leader supporting social mobility in latest US News ‘Best Colleges’ rankings

For more than 60 years, the University of Missouri–St. Louis has served as an institution of opportunity, providing students from different backgrounds the chance to brighten their futures and lift their socioeconomic status by earning a college degree. [U.S. News & World Report](#) once again recognized UMSL for its success in that important role. The publication ranked the university first in Missouri and No. 92 nationally on its list of “[Top Performers on Social Mobility](#)” in its [2025 “Best Colleges” rankings](#).

The “Top Performers on Social Mobility” rankings highlight how well universities have graduated students who receive federal Pell Grants. UMSL has made the list every year since it debuted in 2020, and it has been first in the state each of the past three years.... UMSL continues to provide all students a high-quality education with [strong programs in a wide array of academic disciplines](#). It remained a Tier 1 research university in U.S. News & World Report’s overall rankings and also climbed six places to No. 135 on the list of top public universities. Several academic programs were singled out for their strength in this year’s rankings. [Read more](#).



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Events & Resources



UMSL is St. Louis County Polling Place

Millennium Student Center,
Century Room A
17 Arnold B. Grobman Dr.

St. Louis County registered voters will be able to cast their votes on the UMSL campus in the Millennium Student Center third-floor Century Room A on Election Day, November 5. Also, **UMSL will serve as a satellite site** for casting early, no-excuse absentee ballots in person or returning absentee ballots.

- Weekdays, October 22 thru November 4 (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM)
- Saturdays, October 26 and November 2 (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
- Monday, November 4 (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)
- Tuesday, November 5 (6:00 AM to 7:00 PM)

The Core Collective at Saint Vincent aims to disrupt the foster care-to-prison pipeline and provide services for families and youth

Wendy Todd, St. Louis County Community News, Oct. 2, 2024

According to the Children’s Bureau at the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, over 50% of foster children will have an encounter with the juvenile legal system through arrest, conviction or detention by the age of 17. The Core Collective at Saint Vincent aims to disrupt this pattern and provide services to stop the foster care-to-prison pipeline... The Core Collective is a multi-agency resource that combines services from the St. Louis County Juvenile Office, St. Louis County Children Services Fund, Normandy Schools Collaborative, North County Police Cooperative and additional agencies housed in one location.

“This year, we moved beyond short-term fixes to enhance our programs for longer, more impactful support,” said Latosha Fowlkes, President and CEO of The Core Collective. “By expanding our partnerships with diverse experts, we now deliver comprehensive, quality-based services that holistically meet our youth’s needs.” [Read more.](#)



UMSL partnering with API Innovation Center to help secure and strengthen the supply chain for essential pharmaceuticals in U.S.

The API Innovation Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving American health security by bolstering the supply of market-competitive, commercial U.S.-made active pharmaceutical ingredients, or APIs. The center, based in St. Louis, aims to take advantage of advanced manufacturing technologies and



UMSL Sustainability Summit
Thursday, October 24, 2024
7:30 AM - 2:00 PM
UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

"Energy Transition in Pursuit of Net Zero" is the theme of this half-day conference is coordinated by UMSL College of Business Global Leadership and Management. It will showcase sustainability and carbon-reduction initiatives at leading global and St. Louis area firms. Sessions will highlight practical insights targeted toward current and future business leaders. General audience registration is \$50 and includes breakfast and lunch. For tickets, click [here.](#)



UMSL Trunk-or-Treat
Saturday, October 26, 2024
Noon – 2:00 PM
Millennium Student Center
17 Arnold B. Grobman Dr.
Parking lot E

Trunk-or-Treat is a Tiny Tritons service event for young children of UMSL families and the surrounding community. A safe and fun way for families to enjoy Halloween festivities,

innovative research to strengthen pharmaceutical development and supply chain resilience in the United States. It has partnered in those efforts with the University of Missouri–St. Louis and pharmaceutical manufacturers and suppliers of key starting materials, or KSMs, that form the initial chemical building blocks for synthesis processes.

Recently, APIIC announced it had been awarded \$14 million in federal funding from the Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response’s Center for Industrial Base Management and Supply Chain to lead the development and domestic production of three critical APIs used in the treatment of asthma, diabetes and anxiety disorders. APIIC is investing an additional \$2.4 million in the development of those ingredients. UMSL will play an important role in that work alongside partners....The university has strong research programs in chemical organic synthesis and advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing methods, including continuous flow technologies, and it also boasts strong industry partnerships. [Read more.](#)



Bellerive Bird Sanctuary- a Beautiful Space Getting Some Needed TLC

It was the perfect morning to be working outside last month as students, faculty and staff members from the University of Missouri—St. Louis Pierre Laclède Honors College, Biology Department, and the Office of Sustainability, among others, worked to remove invasive honeysuckle at the Bellerive Bird Sanctuary.

Bellerive Acres City Council member Linda Paunicka worked side by side with the students showing them how to identify the invasive plant species. She also led several volunteers on a short tour of the preserve which includes a lovely little waterfall and running stream. She talked about previous efforts to remove invasive wintercreeper, a very aggressive perennial woody vine that climbs on rocks and trees and has spread all over the ground

attendees will be able to walk from trunk or trunk and enjoy the "Trunk-or-Treating." They will be able to get a goody bag filled with candy and toys. Candy, peanut free, and non-candy bags will be available while supplies last. There will also be a face painter, balloon artist, and ice cream truck. Contact studentinvolvement@umsl.edu with questions.



UMSL Fall Music Festival Touhill Performing Arts Center

UMSL Music invites the community to a week of FREE concerts featuring UMSL students, faculty, and guest artists!

- Monday, October 28 at 7:30 PM in the E. Desmond & Mary Ann Lee: **Jazz and Jubilation** with Jazz faculty and students and Voices of Jubilation.
- Tuesday, October 29 at 7:30 PM in the Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall: **Masterworks from Paris** with UMSL Symphony Orchestra, University Singers, Vocal Point, and Bethany Worrell, soprano.
- Wednesday, October 30 at 7:30 PM in the Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall: **A**

area displacing native ground cover. The bird sanctuary is a beautiful find nestled next to campus, and the community has a vision for the site. However, there remains a lot of work ahead to remove the invasive plants, and the UMSL team expressed interest in making this outdoor space a part of their regular volunteer activities. Furthermore, Dr. Meghan Humphries in the biology department is working with students to assess the biodiversity at the site.



Toppling the Tower

Earlier this month, participants of the annual UMSL Alumni 5K began their race against the backdrop of crews working to deconstruct the Social Science Building (SSB) Tower—a key milestone in the [Transform UMSL initiative](#). The deconstruction of the SSB Tower is the first step toward an exciting new expansion of the SSB Building. This progress follows months of preparation, including interior clearance and coordination with contractors to secure essential equipment like the crane being used to dismantle the structure. Throughout this process, safety measures have been rigorous, including using industrial outdoor misting fans to control dust. These steps ensure there is no environmental hazard to the community. The Tower is expected to be fully deconstructed and site cleanup and preparation for the new SSB expansion is on schedule for November. Anyone interested can follow progress through the [SSB Tower demolition camera](#).

Share with Us

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!

Journey Through Time with a Song with Christine Brewer, soprano, Joanna Mendoza on viola, and Alla Voskoboynikova on piano.

• Friday, November 1 at 7:30 PM in the E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Theater:
Arianna String Quartet's "Goodbye, Hello" with Oskar Espina Ruiz on clarinet.

Tickets for UMSL Music events are **FREE!** Optional \$5, \$10, and \$20 tickets are available for purchase. All proceeds from these sales go directly to the UMSL Music Scholarship Fund. For more information, click [here](#).



UMSL STLCyberCon
Friday, November 15, 2024
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
University of Missouri—St. Louis

The UMSL Information Systems and Technology Department are excited to host their annual STLCyberCon. The conference is **FREE** and open to the community to improve awareness about cybersecurity. The conference features presentations from cybersecurity thought leaders, a career fair, research poster presentations, and networking opportunities. For information and registration, [click here](#).