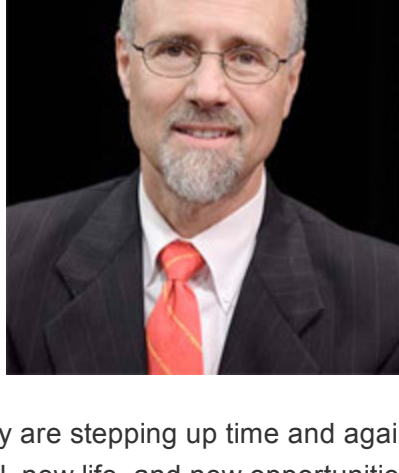




Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings!

Spring has arrived in St. Louis, and the budding trees and flowers make our streets and neighborhoods beautiful and inviting. The spring season also reminds us of renewal, new life.



As you will see in the newsletter below, members of our community are stepping up time and again to support North County's renewal, new life, and new opportunities. After hearing of the heart breaking fire at Goody Goody diner, we hear of the heart warming tale of Breakaway Cafe offering jobs to those affected and making sure our community has a place to grab breakfast. We know of Missouri's health disparities between black and white mothers and their babies. And we hear of Brittany "Tru" Kellman working to support women and their babies to make our community and its next generation a healthier one. And we hear how a family is turning the passing of their father, a community and educational leader, into educational opportunity for a new generation of educational leaders.

Our community is filled with inspiring people who are making North County a great place to live. I encourage all of us to keep asking ourselves how we can further the continued renewal of our community.

Thank you,

Tom George, Chancellor, University of Missouri - St. Louis



Breakaway Cafe Offers Jobs to Goody Goody Diner Staff after Fire

Photo from Riverfront Times

A recent fire at Good Goody diner has forced the restaurant to close. To fill in for the longtime diner's closure, Breakaway Cafe has offered Goody Goody staff jobs and will begin serving breakfast on Monday April 29th. To read more about this story and the commitment to North County of Breakaway Cafe's owner, Matt Quinlisk, [click here](#).



Ferguson Birth Village Offers Black Mothers A Safe Space, Trust And Support

March 6, 2019 | St. Louis Public Radio, posted by Sarah Fentem

Brittany "Tru" Kellman sometimes starts her day two hours before Jamaa Birth Village opens at 10 a.m., stashing diapers and snacks for the dozens of people who will come through the Ferguson nonprofit's doors. She gives everyone a hug when she meets them.

Jamaa is different from other pregnancy clinics. It provides care for women of color by women of color. After traumatic experiences as a teen mom, Kellman was determined to create a better alternative for black women.

Missouri has one of the highest black maternal mortality rates in the country. For every 100,000 live births, 65 black women die, compared with 28 white women. The statistics are also startling for their babies. Through offering support and guidance, connecting women to midwifery care and building trust with providers, Jamaa aims to help foster healthy moms and babies. For more information, [click here](#).



Meet Maria - "Finding a calling in the arts"

St. Louis Arts & Education Council blog - April 15, 2019

This month's newsletter from the Arts & Education Council features UMSL alumna and community partner Maria Ellis, as well as UMSL community partner Doug Erwin, Fine Arts Education coordinator in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Both are active participants in the E. Desmond Lee Fine Arts Education Collaborative at UMSL. They have both found a "calling in the arts."

With a family of musicians and exposure to the arts from an early age, Maria Ellis was always going to be an arts patron. She pursued a career in telecommunications, but after 12 years, she noticed something missing. What was missing? [Click here](#) to read Maria's story and find out.



College of Education Launches Vernon C. Mitchell Sr. Scholarship for Aspiring School Leaders

To more than 30 years' worth of students in the Ferguson-Florissant School District, he was Mr. Mitchell. To the friends he used to ride motorcycles with, he was king of the road. To Ferguson-Florissant Board of Education President Courtney Graves, he was a lifelong mentor, from the time she met him as a fourth grader to the time he served as treasurer on her successful school board run in 2015.

Now, a little more than three years after Vernon Sr. passed away, his family is teaming up with his alma mater, the University of Missouri–St. Louis College of Education, to ensure that his legacy is timeless. Once endowed, Vernon Jr. wants scholarship funds to go toward students entering graduate educational leadership programs at UMSL who want to continue working in the community after earning their degrees. [Click here](#) to read more about this scholarship.

Questions, Comments or Share a Community Story?

We'd love to hear from you about how we can improve our communication with the community and hear your questions and comments about UMSL and neighboring communities. We also welcome 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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Upcoming Events



Ladies Night At The Laugh Clinic

April 26, 2019
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn
St. Louis Airport

All ladies are welcomed to meet us at the Laugh Clinic. Grab your Girls and come out and Let us help you get your laugh on!!!Join us for an evening of Poetry, Spoken Word and Comedian fun!!! Light Refreshments will be provided. This event is FREE and open to Ladies from all walks of life!! Childcare is available but seats are limited. Please call (314) 690-5673 to RSVP your child.



10th Anniversary Ferguson Twilight Run

May 18, 2019

"Enjoy a USATF-certified course through Ferguson's beautiful historic neighborhoods in the 10th annual Ferguson Twilight Run managed under Live Well Events. The 2019 event includes a 10-mile course in addition to our 5K, 10K, and 1-mile race options. All races begin and end at the Plaza at 501 (501 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson MO 63135) with professional timing by Big River Running. The race begins with pre-race entertainment along with cheer stations and bands along the course. After race entertainment includes live music and beer tastings." [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Coffe with Cops

The first Thursday of every month
9:00 a.m.
Natalie's Cakes and More

Jennings precinct wants to have coffee with you. Come with your questions and meet your officers. The First Thursday of every month 9 a.m. at Natalie's Cakes and More (6621 W Florissant Ave, Jennings, MO 63136). Enjoy free coffee and some treats. The bakery will provide some treats and coffee and the police will provide great information.

For questions call Officer Brandon McCrary (314) 503-9893

