



Dear friends, neighbors and community members,

August is an exciting time at UMSL as we welcome students back to campus for the start of the fall semester. It is also full of activities. I invite you to consider registering for any of our fall leadership programs, our annual 5K Run/Walk, or our precollegiate Bridge Saturday Academy and to share these opportunities with others.

Among the events and happenings this month, we recognize the 10th anniversary of the death of Michael Brown Jr. and the subsequent civil unrest in Ferguson. A new exhibition opening in Gallery 210@FAB titled "Turn Upon Them: Reveal to Heal" is one effort to acknowledge the anniversary. Further, our newsletter below features stories about resilience in Ferguson and changes in the justice system over the last decade.

As summer winds down, I hope to see you out and about and, as always, I encourage you to continue to participate and get involved in our community. Together we can make positive change in our world!

Gratefully forward,

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
University of Missouri–St.
Louis



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Events & Resources





UMSL Department of Art and Design collaborates with newly opened Sundance Café to display faculty works

When Breakaway Café, a longtime institution in the Normandy/Bel-Nor neighborhood, closed its doors due to a fire in 2021, Kirk Kirkpatrick made a promise. He told his mother that, if the building was able to be resurrected, he would reopen it as a café again.... He wanted to make sure there would still be a neighborhood place for community members to gather.

Sadly, Kirkpatrick lost his mother just a few months later, in April 2022, but he made good on his promise with the opening of Sundance Café a few weeks ago. Over the course of a year and three months, with the help of the city of Bel-Nor, Kirkpatrick and co-owners Darren Woodford and Jason Cusick brought the much-loved restaurant space back to life....

From the start, the owners envisioned Sundance Café as a community gathering space designed to foster conversation, which is reflected in the space itself. Instead of TVs, the walls are filled with artwork from faculty members in UMSL's Department of Art and Design. [Read more.](#)



Ferguson shows resilience 10 years after the shooting of Michael Brown

The St. Louis American, Devored A. Horton Jr., update June 27, 2024

When Ferguson made national news 10 years ago, there was little positive news to report. The tragic death of 18-year-old Michael Brown Jr. at the hands of former Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson shocked the world and left a stain that some thought might last forever. But the signs of progress are a testament to show how resilient this community was then and now.

The new businesses that have been built are replacing the images of Ferguson as a war zone of protests with the promise of prosperity and progress to come.... The National League of cities included downtown Ferguson in a recent tour. The reason they selected Ferguson was to showcase the city's resiliency. "Our City has demonstrated its resilience and commitment to building a thriving, inclusive community," Ferguson Mayor Jones told nlc100. "That is what I hope people will take away from our tour and presentation. We are thrilled to host our esteemed colleagues from the National League of Cities and proud to show off our City." [Read more.](#)

Neighborhood Leadership Academy 2024

Registration open until August 21, 2024

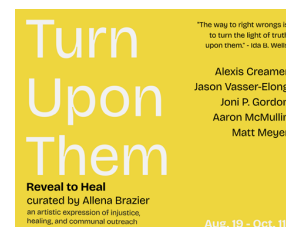
The Neighborhood Leadership Academy connects resources at UMSL, Creating Whole Communities and UM Extension with neighborhood leaders from across Missouri to learn together through a virtual or in-person project-based curriculum, developing the skills and building the networks necessary to create healthy, vibrant and whole communities. The academy takes place from September through November. For more information, click [here](#).



UMSL Saturday Academy for high school students

Applications due by September 6, 2024 (session starts October 5)

Saturday Academy students are immersed in math, science, communication, career research, personal and professional development and college planning. This intensive 10-Saturday course of study for students in grades 9 through 12 is held on the first two Saturdays of each month, October through February from 7:45 AM to Noon. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Turn Upon Them: Reveal to Heal exhibition

Gallery 201@FAB
August 19 - October 11, 2024



Decade since Ferguson unrest has brought changes for criminal justice system and those who study it

Lee Slocum, a professor of criminology and criminal justice at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, learned about the civil unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, a decade ago while watching international news from across the ocean. At the time, Slocum was on research leave in the Netherlands. From this vantage point, it was a bit surreal to take in images of the protests roiling along West Florissant Avenue, less than four miles from her campus office, in the wake of the killing of teenager Michael Brown by a Ferguson police officer....

She frequently found herself being asked by those around her to share some insight on what was happening. At the moment, she couldn't have known the extent to which those conversations would continue in the years ahead as the U.S. Department of Justice conducted two investigations – one into the circumstances of Brown's death and another into the practices of the Ferguson Police Department.

Those investigations would inspire some significant changes to the criminal justice system and for those like Slocum who study it. With the world recently marking the 10th anniversary of Brown's death, UMSL Daily spoke to Slocum about the legacy of Ferguson in efforts to reform policing and the impact it has had shaping research. [Read more.](#)



County Port Authority loan to anchor A Red Circle Nexus project

The St. Louis American, July 17, 2024

The St. Louis County Port Authority has awarded a \$200,000 grant to A Red Circle to finance architectural expenses for its North County Community Nexus project. The initiative includes renovation of an existing 43,000-square-foot strip mall and two-story office building located at 9300 Lewis and Clark Blvd....The Nexus will consolidate A Red Circle's headquarters, a community-owned grocery store, the Learning and Opportunity Center, a bistro, a demonstration garden, and options available for rent including a storage shed with communal farm equipment, cold storage so farmers can

Tuesday – Saturday
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Opening reception–August
29, 2024 6:00 PM
7801 Rosedale Drive

“Turn Upon Them: Reveal to Heal,” is inspired by Ida B. Wells’ powerful words: “The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.” The exhibition will explore themes of injustice, healing, and communal outreach. Open to the public. For more information, click [here](#).



Jennings Summer Concert
Friday, August 23, 2024
7:00 PM
Koneman Park
8937 Lucas and Hunt Rd.

Free live concert **featuring 3 Central** with contemporary sounds in Jazz. Selections are fresh and innovative, offering originals, today's hits and yesterday's classics done with style and ingenuity. Early arrival is advised.



UMSL Alumni 5K Run and Walk

Saturday, October 5, 2024
9:00 AM
Starts and finishes
on UMSL North Campus

Professionally timed event includes race shirt (for registrants prior to September 14). Awards will be presented in various categories. \$30 Registration fee before September 5, \$40 after. To learn more and register, click [here](#).



preserve their crops, a commercial kitchen, and office space for health providers to use with clients. [Read more.](#)



Eye on UMSL: Staging ground

A drone captures a photo of large construction equipment parked in the cleared-out Quad recently as the deconstruction of the Social Sciences and Business Building Tower moves forward. The Quad is serving as a staging area during the removal of the tower and the modernization and expansion of SSB to follow as part of the Transform UMSL initiative. [Read more.](#)

The community is invited to follow progress and timelines by downloading the monthly [Transform UMSL Project Report](#).

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!

Triton Toastmasters

First and Third Thursdays
Noon to 1:00 PM
Online

Here is a chance to practice public speaking! The Triton Toastmasters club presents an opportunity for people to learn to communicate more effectively, improve confidence and develop their leadership skills to better serve their employers and their communities. The club is open to local community members. Visitors welcome! To learn more, click [here](#).



Good Food Friday with A Red Circle

Every Friday
3:00 to 5:00 PM
North County Agricultural
Education Center,
4521 Hamilton Ave., 63120

Join A Red Circle to explore the community garden and receive fresh produce. For more information, click [here](#).

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