

UM Connection | Winter 2024

Update from Chief Engagement Officer Chad Higgins

2024 is off to a great start in the UM System Office of Engagement and MU Office of Extension and Engagement. Our offices, along with UM System partners, have released the [District Data Sheets](#) for this year. This data shows the ways the UM System is impacting your community and the state of Missouri. It is broken down into county, congressional district, senate district, house district and the state. Please share this data – and its value – in your county. The district data sheets are housed on the [UM System Community Connect](#) portal. We encourage you to look through the website. It contains many community events happening at each university.

Last week I was honored to have been named the next vice chancellor for extension and engagement and chief engagement office for the UM system. I am grateful for President Choi's trust and partnership. I look forward to working with our faculty, staff and partners to solve Missouri's grand challenges.

Thank you for your continued support of and advocacy for the University of Missouri System. Please let us know how we can assist you as engaged leaders in your communities!

Sincerely,

Chad Higgins, Ph.D.

In Memoriam

Log into myHR*: Visit myhr.umsystem.edu to confirm or update your contact information to ensure you receive important information about your retiree benefits and events.

Select "My Personal Details": In myHR, click the "My Personal Details" tile.

Update information: Using the menu on the left side of the screen.

You can update your address ("Addresses") or phone and email ("Contact Details").

Make sure to add a retiree email address if you have not already (for detailed instructions, see [Set Retiree Email in myHR](#)).

*If you need assistance logging into myHR, contact your [campus helpdesk](#). For questions, reach out to the [HR Service Center](http://umurl.us/hrsc) (umurl.us/hrsc) at (573) 882-2146, toll free at (800) 488-5288, or at HRServiceCenter@umsystem.edu.

Get Involved!

For more information about your campus retirees association and upcoming events, please contact the following representatives:

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Campus Association News and Announcements

MU Retirees Association updates:

This spring we are looking forward to multiple events with exciting speakers. On March 5 our breakfast educational program will feature Mark Palmer, providing An Update on the Voluntary Action Center (VAC) Opportunity Campus. Kim-Dude Lammy will be speaking about Children's Grove at our April 2 breakfast and educational program.

Plan to attend the MURA Annual Meeting and election of officers on March 13.

Our spring social on April 8 will be hosted by President Choi.

We have an end-of-life planning seminar scheduled for April 23, entitled "I'm Dead, Now What?" from 10-11:30 a.m. with a panel of speakers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Heart of America United Way Campaign! Retirees donated \$180,868, or 38% of the MU total.

Check out the [MURA News](#) for all the events, retiree news and much more, or visit the [MU Retirees Association website](#).

UMKC Retirees Association updates:

Congratulations to our new officers! We welcomed President, Marita Barkis; Vice-President/President Elect, Louis Imperiale; Treasurer, Bob Simmons; and Secretary, Gail Metcalf Schartel. Following the February resignation of the President, past-President Jakob Waterborg has accepted the position of President pro tem for the rest of 2024.

At our annual Holiday Luncheon, we heard from Kevin Truman, Dean and Professor of the School of Science and Engineering, University of Missouri-Kansas City. He was a fascinating keynote speaker, sharing his success story with all of us.

We look forward to many other interesting events and speakers in 2024!

More details on other UMKCRA news may be found on the [UMKC Retirees Association website](#).

Miner Retirees Association updates:

Please join us for our upcoming meetings this spring! Aerospace Engineering Professor Hank Pernicka and some of his student satellite team members will talk about their recent launch collaboration with NASA at our Monday, March 11 meeting. University President Mun Choi will be speaking at our Wednesday, April 17 meeting. Please note the variance from our usual second Monday pattern to accommodate his presence at the Board of Curators meeting taking place in Rolla.

Learn more about our upcoming meetings on our website at [Miner Retirees Association Events](#).