

US Newsletter

Office of Undergraduate Studies

News on UMR's efforts to improve the learning environment and the learning outcomes of students.

Undergraduate Advising Office

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ON TRACK STUDENT SUCCESS COURSE

The Undergraduate Advising Office has developed an academic recovery program to assist probationary and academically deficient students on the campus. This intervention program incorporates campus resources, academic alerts, success workshops, advising conferences and peer mentors to empower students to return to good academic standing and in turn, increase retention. If instructors and advisors wish to recommend that students take advantage of this new resource to assist in improving their academic performance, they can utilize the Academic Alert system to inform the students. There are 54 students participating in the On Track Program this semester. The course began on September 10 and will commence on November 26, 2007. Students may join the course at any point during the semester by visiting the Undergraduate Advising Office.

For more information, contact the Undergraduate Advising Office at 341-4424 or visit: <http://advising.umr.edu/ontrack.html>.

Center for Educational Research & Teaching Innovation (CERTI) Workshop

WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD KNOWN ABOUT TEACHING?

November 8, 2:00 – 5:00 PM at St. Pat's Ballroom A, Havener Center

Where can you go to get help preparing for your next teaching assignment? How can you learn if your teaching style is effective? What resources are available to help with teaching at UMR? Join us for a 90 minute workshop where we will discuss the answers to these questions as we explore the design process for successful teaching. Hear from Dr. Margaret Gunderson, Associate Director for MU's Educational Technologies at Missouri (ET@MO), on how other instructors have used a design approach to overcome class problems and reach their teaching goals. This event is co-sponsored by CERTI, IT and Distance & Continuing Education and open to all faculty and graduate teaching assistants. For more information, contact Dan Cernusca at DCernusca@umr.edu.



PLEASE JOIN US Undergraduate Advising Office Fall Open House - October 31st

Please join the Undergraduate Office and its staff for our Fall Open House on October 31st from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM in 106 Campus Support Facility. Learn more about the services offered.

Refreshments will be served! Door prizes offered!

For more information, contact Melissa Folsom at 341-7276.

South Central Regional Professional Development Center (RPDC)

The RPDC is pleased to bring Dr. Rita Pierson to UMR to conduct a two-day workshop: A Framework for Understanding Poverty. The workshop will be held in the St. Pat's Ballroom, November 13-14, 2007. Topics include: How Economic Class Affects Behaviors and Mindsets, Why Students From Generational Poverty Often Fear Being Educated, The "Hidden Rules" Within Economic Classes, Discipline Interventions That Improve Behavior, and The Eight Resources That Make A Difference In Success.

UMR students, faculty and staff may attend any RPDC sponsored workshop FREE of charge. Simply register by visiting our website: <http://rpdc.umn.edu>.

Save the Date - 4th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference

OURE Update - UMR Opportunities for Undergraduate Research Experiences

This semester, 105 UMR undergraduate students are actively working on undergraduate research projects in their departments through the OURE program.

To learn more about OURE or download an application to participate in next year's program, visit our web site at: <http://ugs.umn.edu/oure.html>.

Applications for the 2008-09 academic year are due **April 1, 2008**.

April 9, 2008

UMR Havener Center

This event provides opportunities for students to showcase their research efforts to the campus community and to the public.

The research conference will include oral and poster sessions in the following categories. First (\$750), second (\$500) and third (\$250) place prizes will be awarded in each category.

Oral Session Categories:

- I. Engineering
- II. Humanities/Social Sciences
- III. Management & Information Systems
- IV. Natural Sciences

Poster Session Categories:

- I. Engineering
- II. Humanities/Social Sciences
- III. Management & Information Systems
- IV. Natural Sciences
- V. Research Proposals

This academic year, additional awards will be offered by the UMR Center for Entrepreneurship & Outreach and the Wilson Library. For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Studies at 341-7276 or visit: <http://ugs.umn.edu/ugrc.html>.

Call for Nominations for Student Ambassadors - UM Undergraduate Research Day 2008

Call for Nominations for Student Ambassadors-UM System Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol - 2008

The Office of Undergraduate Studies is seeking nominations from faculty members for undergraduates to serve as Ambassadors to share their university research experiences with state lawmakers in Jefferson City for Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol in April 2008.

The purpose of this event is to demonstrate to lawmakers in Jefferson City the unique opportunities undergraduate students have to participate with faculty in research at the University of Missouri. Many lawmakers do not differentiate between regional schools and public research institutions, and we hope this opportunity to showcase our undergraduates involved in research will help make the distinction. We will also use this event to underscore higher education's role in developing educated citizens and preparing a work force with the necessary skills to further the economic growth of the state.

We are seeking students who have been significantly involved in the research enterprise of the university either with their own project or through meaningful involvement with an on-going faculty project.

Successful nominees should also be able to convey their experience and enthusiasm to state representatives, senators, and other state officials in a poster session. We are seeking students from a broad range of disciplines. ***We are especially interested in projects that relate to the economic development of Missouri and issues important to the state legislature (e.g., education, health, agriculture, transportation and infrastructure, social services).*** Presentations that include visual demonstrations or displays beyond the typical poster are also encouraged.

Selection of Undergraduate Ambassadors will be based on geographical distribution, relevance of the project to the state, quality of the project, and distribution

among the four campuses.

Students selected to serve as Undergraduate Research Ambassadors will be asked to attend planning meetings with The Office of Undergraduate Studies in preparation for the event. Planning meetings will begin in January 2008, during the first week of class. Meeting topics will include presentation skills, how the event works, how to meet and greet lawmakers, and other protocol. Students will also be asked to prepare or revise their poster and abstract for a lay audience and to prepare a brief presentation on their work suitable for delivering the "take home message" in a few minutes. Students will be asked to submit their abstracts in January 2008. Posters will be printed in March 2008.

Students will also communicate with their Senator and Representative about the event in advance by mail and will visit those lawmakers during their visit to the capitol in April. Parents of Ambassadors will be invited to attend the event in Jefferson

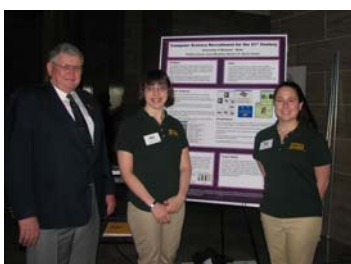
City. Students will have the opportunity to tour the state capitol and to have their photo taken with their local lawmakers to send to their hometown newspaper. Transportation to and from Jefferson City will be provided, along with a box lunch. Letters explaining the student's absence from class can be sent to appropriate instructors upon request.

Nominations from the Rolla Campus are due by **December 15, 2007** to:

Dr. Harvest L. Collier
Vice Provost
Office of Undergraduate Studies
c/o Amy Gillman
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gillman@umr.edu

To qualify for participation in this event, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Students must be undergraduates at the University of Missouri during the 2007-2008 Academic Year.
- ◆ Students must be residents of the State of Missouri.
- ◆ Research must have been completed under the guidance of a University of Missouri faculty member.
- ◆ Research projects must follow the methodology of the appropriate academic discipline.
- ◆ The research project must be of sufficient quality to be presented at a professional academic meeting.



Representative Bob May with UMR students Laura Woodward and Kristen Loesch.



Chancellor John F. Carney with UMR students participating in the 2007 Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol event in Jefferson City, MO.



Students gather at the capitol for the UM undergraduate Research Day event.

Teacher Education Program

Reaccreditation Self Study Timeline

Sept. - Dec. 2007
Draft Self Study Report

April 11-15, 2008
HLC Annual Meeting

Spring & Summer 2008
Request public
comment about
continuing accreditation
and self study report

September - October
2008 Prepare for site
visit

Spring 2009
Evaluation Visit

March 27-31, 2009
HLC Annual Meeting

February 23-25, 2009
Decision by HLC Board
of Trustees

UMR STUDENT TEACHERS IN AREA SCHOOLS

The following UMR student teachers are in outlying schools for the first eight weeks:

Jessica Alonso, Elementary	Newburg
Ariel Campos, Social Studies	Salem
Nathan Derrickson, Social Studies	Newburg
Christina Gramlich, Chemistry	Newburg
Pam Gray, Science	Cuba Middle School
Jennifer Phillips, Mathematics	St. James High School
Carla Reinagel, English	Newburg High
Sherry Rennie, Biology	Cuba High School
Tink Sullivan, History	Richland High School

This is their last semester at UMR.

SMSTA HOSTS SCMSTA

Student Missouri State Teacher Association is sponsoring the South Central Missouri State Teacher Association meeting on October 11 on campus. All of our SMSTA members are invited to attend the dinner and meeting.

DR. LASATER TO ASSIST WITH STATE CONFERENCE

Dr. EvaLee Lasater will be attending the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators November 7- 9, 2007. The annual conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency at the St. Louis Union Station. Attending the conference will be participants from eighteen states in the southeastern part of the United States. This year the conference is sponsored by Missouri Unit of Association Teacher Educators. Dr. Lasater, a member of MUATE, is helping host the conference. This will be for regional educators who supervise clinical field experiences.

Writing Center

INSPIRED BY WRITING ART SHOW

The UMR Writing Center is now accepting submissions for its fourth Inspired by Writing Art Show. All local artists, students, faculty, staff, and members of the community are invited to display their art that has, in some way, been inspired by writing. In the past, artists have shared their work that was inspired by a piece of literature or journalism, or even by the act of writing itself. We welcome all two and three dimensional art in all media. Artists are invited to share the source of their inspiration, and this information will be hung alongside the artwork during the show. All interested artists should drop off their work(s) to the Writing Center (113 Campus Support Facility) between now and October 15th. An Opening Reception will take place in the Writing Center from 3:00 – 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 18, 2007. Refreshments will be provided by the UMR Campus Art Committee, and all are welcome to attend.



The UMR Honors Academy is hosting its annual etiquette dinner on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 4:45 PM at Zeno's Motel & Steak House in Rolla. Guests will arrive, mix and mingle, then be served a 5-course meal while observing an entertaining presentation on etiquette by Career Opportunities Center Director, Lea-Ann Morton.

Honor's Academy



HONORS ACADEMY STUDENT TO TRAVEL TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ROLLA, Mo. - Jill Hecht, a sophomore in chemical engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla, has wide-ranging scholastic achievements, including an interest in history. This fall she will expand that interest to create a paper and poster she will be presenting at the National Collegiate Honors

Council conference to be held Oct. 31 – Nov. 4 in Denver, Co.

Hecht got involved in the UMR Honors Academy as a freshman and that is how she first learned of the research conference. As an honors student she is required to take 15 hours of honors credits in addition to her standard chemical engineering curriculum. As part of her honors requirements, Hecht is enrolled in Dr. Diana Ahmad's class "Age of Jefferson and Jackson" this semester and is creating a paper and poster that examines the ways 19th century views of domesticity have remnants in today's society. She will be present the same poster and paper at the conference at the

end of October.

Hecht compares the idea of True Womanhood (also known as the Cult of Domesticity) of the 1800s to the idea of the Soccer Mom of today. Advice books and ladies magazines from the 1800s suggested that women be pure, pious, domestic, and submissive. Hecht says she can see traces of that in today's soccer moms.

"Soccer moms have been led to believe by the media and also by their own sex that a woman's place is behind that of a man's and that a woman's only job is raising her children in today's constantly moving society," says Hecht.

Authors of advice books and magazines of the 1800s coined the phrase

"Cult of True Womanhood" but Hecht coined her own term, "Cult of the Soccer Mom."

"To me the similarities between the two groups spoke volumes, so it made sense to make the soccer moms a cult as well. I think a lot of people see soccer moms as a type of clique or order in society."

"I'm really excited about presenting at the conference," Hecht says. "It's slightly intimidating to know that I'll be one of just a few people representing the UMR Honors Academy, but I know that my friends and family here at UMR will be supporting me."

"It's great working with Jill," says Ahmad. "I know her poster and paper will be awesome."

LISTEN TO ME YE SCURVY DOGS: TALES OF THE BEST PIRATES



In honor of International Talk Like a Pirate Day, the UMR Honors Academy hosted a seminar on September 18 "Listen to Me Ye Scurvy Dogs: Tales of the BEST Pirates," by UMR Historian Dr. Diana Ahmad. Approximately 80 students heard historical accounts of female pirates, some of the most successful pirates in history. It was an entertaining and educational presentation, complete with costumes and treasures.



Freshman Engineering Program

The Freshmen Engineering Program is once again working with the UMR Corporate Development Council (CDC) to have alumni come back to campus and give a presentation covering "soft skills" subjects such as Time Management, Ethics, and Professionalism, to the 950 freshmen students enrolled in the 8 sections of the Freshmen Engineering 10 course. The intent of this presentation is to have the students hear from a successful alumni/alumnae that there are important skills they need to develop and refine in addition to the technical courses they are taking at UMR. Dr. F. Scott Miller, Associate Director of the Freshmen Engineering Program is on the Faculty Partnering Subcommittee of the CDC, and last year arranged for representatives from Brinkmann Constructors in St. Louis and Black & Veatch in Kansas City to speak to the FE 10 classes. Planning will continue at the October meeting of the CDC to increase the number of corporations participating, and explore the possibility of adding additional subjects that the CDC members feel will benefit the students.

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Upcoming Events

For Faculty

October 18

Inspired by Writing Art Show and Reception, 3:00 - 6:00 PM, 113 Campus Support Facility

October 31

Undergraduate Advising Office - Fall Open House, 11:00 - 1:00 PM, 106 Campus Support Facility

November 5

The UMR Undergraduate Advising Office: Mission, Purpose & Services, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, Carver/Turner, Havener Center

November 8

What Do You Wish You Had Known About Teaching?, 2:00 - 5:00 PM, St. Pat's Ballroom A, Havener Center

Don't miss the Academic Advising Luncheon Series!

Please Join Us on **November 5, 2007** from **12:00 - 1:00 PM** in the **Havener Center** to learn about the services offered by the new Undergraduate Advising Office.

~ Lunch will be served ~
To RSVP, contact gillman@umr.edu

For Students

October 18

Inspired by Writing Art Show and Reception, 3:00 - 6:00 PM, 113 Campus Support Facility

October 21

Honors Academy Etiquette Dinner, 4:45 PM, Zeno's Motel & Steak House, 1621 Martin Springs Drive, Rolla, MO

October 29

Honor's Seminar - Salem Witch Trials Special Lecture, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Havener Center

October 31

Undergraduate Advising Office - Fall Open House, 11:00 - 1:00 PM, 106 Campus Support Facility

November 1

Voyager Seminar - Discover Research, 5:00 PM, South TJ Hall

November 13

2007 NCHC Conference Report & Student Presentations, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Ozark Room, Havener Center

November 15

Voyager Seminar - Take the Torture Out of Testing, 6:00 PM, South TJ Hall

November 27

Honor's Seminar - Discover Undergraduate Research, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, South TJ Hall

TIMELINE FOR EMAIL AND WEB CHANGES RELATED TO THE NAME CHANGE

When UMR becomes Missouri S&T on Jan. 1, 2008, the change will significantly affect all campus email systems and websites. Prior to that date, all email and web addresses will officially change from "umr.edu" to "mst.edu."

For example, "joeminer@umr.edu" will become "joeminer@mst.edu" and "http://helpdesk.umr.edu" will redirect you to "http://helpdesk.mst.edu").

However, some changes will occur before Jan. 1. All students, faculty and staff will see the following changes to University email addresses and websites.

Outgoing Email (from UMR/Missouri S&T):

- **Present – Dec 20, 2007:** All sent email will appear to recipients as originating from "@umr.edu"
- **Dec 21, 2007:** All sent email will appear to recipients as originating from "@mst.edu"
 - ✓ **Action Required:** Please notify your email contacts prior to Dec. 21 about your email address changing. They will receive email from your @mst.edu address.

Incoming Email (to UMR/Missouri S&T):

- **Nov 1, 2007 – July 31, 2008:** Both @umr.edu and @mst.edu will function. You will only need to check one mailbox to view all email sent to your UMR or your Missouri S&T email addresses.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** All email sent to @umr.edu will not be delivered.

Websites:

- **Nov 1 – Dec 20, 2007:** Both umr.edu and mst.edu domains will be fully functional (e.g. "helpdesk.umr.edu" and "helpdesk.mst.edu" will both be valid URLs in your browser Address bar).
- **Dec 21, 2007:** All umr.edu websites will redirect to mst.edu.
 - ✓ **Action Required:** Please change your UMR website bookmarks to reflect the change in URLs.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** All umr.edu websites will no longer function.

Specific questions can be addressed to the IT Help Desk at (573) 341-HELP or by submitting an online Help Request at <https://help.umr.edu>.