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A survey of the undergraduate class provides a telling snapshot of today’s college students.
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80 great years

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Survey results are in, and the Millennial Generation isn’t shy about dishing on everything from school and sex to politics and pop culture.

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RA’CHELL RICHARDS ’15
St. Louis, Mo.
Psychology

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OUR BIRTHDAY GIFT TO YOU

N o time would transform Kansas City more than the year 1933. This university opened its doors, as did the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Kansas City Philharmonic (now the Symphony). The depths of the Great Depression only spurred the citizens of this frontier city to think bigger, investing time, resources and energy into what are now cultural icons of today’s metropolis.

As we celebrate UMKC’s first nine decades, we wanted to give you two gifts. One is a look back at our past. Turn to the center of your magazine to find a romp through the last 80 years. It’s certainly not a comprehensive history, but we hope you will enjoy the highlights and memories.

Our other gift is this issue, filled with and dedicated to our current student body. We asked them to tell us who they are, and nearly 1,300 undergraduates responded with personal stories and opinions on everything from religion, politics and money to their relationships with their parents. Major thanks to the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, which assisted in the development and administration of the survey — modeled on an undergraduate survey conducted by Dartmouth College. Many thanks also to the Office of Institutional Research for its help in executing the survey and providing the analysis of responses.

We hope you will be surprised and inspired by those following in your footsteps. Happy birthday to UMKC and cheers to the more than 100,000 graduates of the past 80 years.

LISEN TAMMEUS

Readers respond to the Spring issue.

Alma mater pride
I just finished reading my Spring 2013 issue of Perspectives and wanted to share how impressed I am with the magazine. I currently serve as the department chair of Biology and Environmental Health at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo., and recently returned to the Hospital Hill campus with my undergraduate students.

While my time at UMKC was a fundamental part of my professional career, I now have the unique opportunity to share with my students the many wonderful opportunities UMKC provides after graduation is complete. I am proud to be a Roo and am grateful for the professional and personal achievements where UMKC played a key part.

— Jennifer [Craze] Dennis, B.A. ’02

Art mismatch
I had this wonderful warm and fuzzy feeling while reading the interesting article about pets and their relationships with owners (“Puppy love”), until I read the sidebar “The Wide World of Pets.” Silhouettes of six common pets were shown; unfortunately two of the silhouettes don’t match the labels. Someone should be reminded that graphics should involve not only artistic ability, but also a basic reality check.

— Shirley Koch, B.A. ’66, M.A. ’71

Mascot’s origin
I enjoyed the “Puppy love” story in the last issue of Perspectives, however, I was surprised that you didn’t mention in “Kasey revealed” that the UMKC Debate Team’s lack of a mascot in the 1930s was a reason that Kasey the Kangaroo was picked to be the university’s mascot.

— Amy Foster, B.A. ’07

Remembering Megan Cramer
It’s quite striking to me that there was absolutely no mention of Megan Cramer (J.D. ’94) and her passing from the nationally covered Country Club Plaza explosion in the spring issue. She was a UMKC student and one of the founders of the UMKC Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance in 1990. I’m astounded that no public notice was mentioned in the “Passings” section.

— Reese Aaron Isbell, B.S. ’92

The UMKC family was deeply saddened by the death of Megan Cramer. Although the magazine had already gone to print, a story about Megan and her legacy was featured on UMKC’s homepage at info.umkc.edu/news/remembering-megan-cramer.

OVERHEARD

» People on campus had some interesting things to say the last few months. Here’s what made our ears perk up.

I grew up on a farm. I learned to play the piano for fun as a young person. I did not pursue my music studies as you have and never would have dreamed that I would be standing before you today, an honorary doctor of music.

—SHIRLEY HELZBERG, The Shirley and Barnett Helzberg Foundation, Honorary Doctorate of Musical Arts ’13; Conservatory of Music and Dance Commencement address

It’s a real privilege to speak at UMKC tonight. The school raises money to help students whose parents kick them out for being gay. Bravo.

—ARI SHAPIRO, National Public Radio White House correspondent; The Next LGBTQ Generation: The New Normal event

I am fascinated with the history of Kansas City and our roots.

—RICARDO KHAN, Tony Award winner who directed and co-wrote “Kansas City Swing”
Twice as nice: Campus opens two new buildings

Ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 1 will celebrate openings.

In addition to all the new freshman faces, there are new spaces on the Volker campus this fall.

During the university’s events surrounding Founders’ Week (see page 32), UMKC will host a special ceremony to celebrate its newest structures — the Henry W. Bloch Executive Hall for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and the Miller Nichols Learning Center.

The state-of-the-art Executive Hall for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, built with a $32 million gift from Henry Bloch, stands adjacent to the current Bloch School building and houses graduate, executive and entrepreneurship programs.

BNIM Architects designed the new building to maximize “experiential learning.” Tables and chairs in the fully wired classrooms are on wheels, allowing students to roll easily into groups for collaboration, while design, behavioral, prototyping, finance and innovation labs offer spaces for active learning.

The Hall’s three-story atrium is the social hub of the building, with a tiered amphitheater and giant 16-screen video wall. Three Skylights also flood the hall’s atrium with natural light.

Farther east on 51st Street, the Miller Nichols Learning Center also has become a hot spot on campus. A dramatic, south-facing glass lobby seamlessly links the $18 million addition to the Miller Nichols Library.

Inside, the Center houses the university’s first large seating spaces — a combined 460-seat lecture hall and two 120-seat classrooms — allowing UMKC to accommodate a 23 percent increase in enrollment.

A 350-seat auditorium known as the Jeannette Nichols Forum draws students and community members for lectures and other events.

“Two projects are tipschopia to meeting our enrollment growth goal of 20,000 students by 2020,” said Chancellor Leo E. Morton.

“They do far more than just give us more room. These are state-of-the-art facilities that will make our campus even more attractive to prospective students and demonstrate our commitment to this community as Kansas City’s university” — Gail Borelli, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.

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HOSPITAL HILL HAPPENINGS »

Housing for Hospital Hill

Construction plans under way on $29.3 million apartment project to open in 2014.

Housing will include:
- 240 bedrooms
- 196 parking spaces
- A fitness center
- A meeting space
- Courtyards with barbecue grills and outdoor tables

SCHOOL APPOINTS NEW DEAN, CHANGES NAME

After a three-month search, nationally acclaimed educator Ann Cary was named dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Cary, who served as director of the Loyola University New Orleans School of Nursing, succeeds Lora Lacey-Haun, who served as dean since 2004.

“Her experience and leadership in nursing and health care education will help guide the school into the future as it continues to evolve and expand to meet the demand for health professionals,” says Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Carl Hackett.

Earlier this year, the school also added Health Studies to its name to reflect the growth of its offerings. The school has expanded beyond nursing programs to meet broader health care needs — Stacy Downs,
Bold new roster

WHO: Kareem Richardson, new head coach of Roos men’s basketball
WHERE: The Roos’ season tipoff is Nov. 1 against Rockhurst University at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.
WHAT: For the men’s 2013-2014 schedule, visit umkc Kangaroos.com.

Changing a culture

New coach Kareem Richardson looks to revitalize Roos basketball.

Basketball fans can look for a ferocious, pressing defense and a speedier style of play when the UMKC Roos take the court for their first season in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

If that’s reminiscent of the most recent NCAA tournament, it’s no accident. New head coach Kareem Richardson was an assistant on the Louisville team whose stellar defense helped it win the national title in April.

And while the WAC features a faster, more “athletic” style of play, the biggest change Roo fans will see will be cultural, Richardson said.

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He says he’s hoping to generate an even higher level of alumni passion for the program.

“We’ve added an alum, Spencer Johnson — UMKC’s all-time leading rebounder — to the staff. When you get an alum on staff who has total belief in the program and in the community, that can only help us to create a winning culture, which is what our alumni expect and deserve.”

Several highly touted recruits will be among the new faces next season, including two Kansas City-area players: Frank Williams and Martez Harrison. Both are rated as three-star recruits by rivals.com.

“We do want to keep players with local ties here, and have people in the community recognize the guys out on the floor,” Richardson says. “But ultimately we want the best, highest-character kids we can find, no matter where they come from.”

Coming off a national championship season, Richardson says he intends to lay the groundwork for an NCAA Tournament berth at UMKC. It’s a special feeling he wants to relive and share with the players and fans.

“You hear people talk about a surreal feeling. I never understood what they meant. Now I do,” Richardson says.

And he says he believes a similar feeling can build here.

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Roos open a new chapter in its athletic history by entering the Western Athletic Conference.
We recently asked our students — the digitally savvy, super tweeters and texters, app joiners, "privacy what?" Millennial Generation — to weigh in and tell us about, well, themselves.

The university has come a long way since the entering class of 1933. More than 100,000 students have come and gone, and while it’s fun to reflect back on what’s been, we thought it was high time to focus on the 10,626 students who currently make up our thriving undergraduate student body.

To learn what drives them and defines them, Perspectives asked students to participate in an anonymous online survey. Nearly 1,500 students weighed in, answering a 50-plus questionnaire on everything from love and finances to their parents and future plans. We discovered their favorite TV shows and their preferred musical genres and even tapped into their greatest fears.

In addition to the survey, we interviewed nearly 60 students from all disciplines to gauge their perceptions on where they are and where they’re going. And even after 80 years, a common thread continues to tie our current students to the entering class of 1933 — the dream to succeed.

We hope you’ll enjoy getting to know the next generation of Roos as much as we did.

–Kara Petrovic
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I want to be as influential as Steve Jobs.

TOLUJAY HUGGINS ’14
St. Peter, Minn.  
Business Administration

39 percent say their parents never give them money.

80 percent would like to have children someday.

NIGARISH NAWAZ ’15
Kansas City, Mo.  
Pre-law

DANIELLE PAINTER ’14
Liberty, Mo.  
Health Sciences

Wiegers

80%

20%

Have you ever lied to your parents about your grades in college?

Not enough

8%

Just enough

83%

Too involved

9%

How often do you discuss the following topics with your parents?

FINANCES

10% Never

42% Occasionally

48% Frequently

POLITICS

26% Never

48% Occasionally

26% Frequently

DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

38% Never

49% Occasionally

13% Frequently

YOUR SEX LIFE

73% Never

23% Occasionally

5% Frequently

YOUR GRADES

7% Never

37% Occasionally

56% Frequently

How involved are your parents in your life?

COME OF AGE
What do you wish your parents understood about you?

- My personality
- That college is stressful
- How busy I am with school and work
- That I am mature enough to make my own decisions
- How hard I am trying
- How much I appreciate them
- That I need more financial support
- My need for independence
- How stressful it is to work full-time and go to school
- How different college is now from when they attended
- I think my parents understand me better than most
- My career choices
- How my faith drives my decisions

If you have kids someday, what will you do differently from your parents?

- Nothing, I had great parents
- Allow them to have more freedom
- Encourage them to find their own passions
- Give my children more of my time
- Be more understanding of their choices and less overprotective
- Discipline differently
- Raise them in a loving and stable environment
- Find the balance between being their friend and a parent
- Start a college fund for them
- Talk to them openly about sex
- Love them unconditionally
- Not push a certain religion
- Support them financially
- Listen, love and nurture their dreams
- Work less
- Educate them more on the real world
- Let them make their own decisions
- Be more open-minded with them about life
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Success doesn’t come easy. You have to work for it.

RYAN UMOREN ’15
Kansas City, Mo.
Criminal Justice

ADRIENNE B. HAYNES ’13
Peoria, Ill.
Entrepreneurial Law

NATE VANDERPOOL ’16
Blue Springs, Mo.
Business Administration

DO YOU HAVE A JOB OUTSIDE OF SCHOOLWORK?

- 5% No
- 17% Yes, less than $10,000
- 26% Yes, $10,000–$30,000
- 15% Yes, $31,000–$60,000
- 16% Yes, more than $60,000
- 14% No

IS YOUR JOB ON CAMPUSS?

- 85% Yes
- 15% No

HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK DO YOU WORK AT YOUR JOB?

- 16% 5–11 hours per week
- 15% 12–21 hours per week
- 20% 22–40 hours per week
- 26% 41–60 hours per week
- 15% More than 60 hours per week
- 9% No

39% Think being well paid is less important than doing what they love.

10% Think being well paid is more important than doing what they love.

50% say being well paid is equally important to doing what they love.

39% keep a budget to track where their money goes, but say they are not very good at it.

Which is more true about your finances?

- 57% I’m never in debt
- 43% I’m always in debt

Will you graduate with debt?

- 25% No
- 14% Yes, less than $30,000
- 29% Yes, $30,000–$60,000
- 16% Yes, $61,000–$90,000
- 16% Yes, more than $90,000

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What I’ve learned about myself so far is that I still have a lot of growing up to do.

KELSI WASHINGTON ’16
St. Louis, Mo.
Mechanical Engineering

ABDULLAH ALFIRAH ’17
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Computer Science

WHAT IS MOST ESSENTIAL OR IMPORTANT WHEN SELECTING SEXUAL PARTNERS?

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Intelligence was more important to men (23%) than women (13%).

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8% of women vs. 15% of men admitted to using recreational drugs.

DO YOU SMOKE?

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19% of men vs. 81% of women smoked.

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I’m optimistic about the future because God has bigger plans for me than I have.

HYANGHAN DANIEL JOO ‘14
Seoul, South Korea
Political Science

5 TOP TV SHOWS
- Big Bang Theory
- Grey’s Anatomy
- The Walking Dead
- Breaking Bad
- How I Met Your Mother

DO YOU PLAN TO GRADUATE FROM UMKC?

YES 6%
NO 94%

IF I CAN’T COMMUNICATE ELECTRONICALLY...

- I dig out my pen and paper 14%
- I talk 82%
- I don’t communicate at all 4%

WHAT ELECTRONIC DEVICE COULD YOU NOT LIVE WITHOUT?

- Personal computer/Laptop 28%
- Cellphone 67%
- iPod 3%
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45 percent of men
62 percent of women

STILL SEND HANDWRITTEN LETTERS OR GREETING CARDS.

IF YOU COULD GO BACK, KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW NOW, WOULD YOU STILL CHOOSE TO ATTEND UMKC?

YES 77%
NO 23%

HOW DO YOU RANK YOURSELF INTELLECTUALLY COMPARED TO YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS?

- I’m in the middle of the pack 50%
- I’m in the top 46%
- I struggle to keep up 4%

26 percent have cheated on an exam or assignment.

71 percent know other students who have cheated.

WHAT MUSIC GENRE DO YOU LIKE BEST?

Favorite artists overall included Coldplay, John Mayer, Mumford & Sons, Taylor Swift and Justin Timberlake.

IF MY TIME AT UMKC SO FAR HAS BEEN...

Better than expected 40%
Just as expected 44%
Worse than expected 16%

23% NO
77% YES

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STILL SEND HANDWRITTEN LETTERS OR GREETING CARDS.

IF YOU COULD GO BACK, KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW NOW, WOULD YOU STILL CHOOSE TO ATTEND UMKC?

YES 77%
NO 23%

HOW DO YOU RANK YOURSELF INTELLECTUALLY COMPARED TO YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS?

- I’m in the middle of the pack 50%
- I’m in the top 46%
- I struggle to keep up 4%

26 percent have cheated on an exam or assignment.

71 percent know other students who have cheated.

WHAT MUSIC GENRE DO YOU LIKE BEST?

Favorite artists overall included Coldplay, John Mayer, Mumford & Sons, Taylor Swift and Justin Timberlake.

IF MY TIME AT UMKC SO FAR HAS BEEN...

Better than expected 40%
Just as expected 44%
Worse than expected 16%

23% NO
77% YES

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IF I CAN’T COMMUNICATE ELECTRONICALLY...

- I dig out my pen and paper 14%
- I talk 82%
- I don’t communicate at all 4%

WHAT ELECTRONIC DEVICE COULD YOU NOT LIVE WITHOUT?

- Personal computer/Laptop 28%
- Cellphone 67%
- iPod 3%
- iPad 2%

- Our favorite response: “It would be difficult to physically survive without a stove, otherwise I could literally survive without all the items listed above.”

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DAN MORENO '14
Mexico City, Mexico
Communication Studies and Spanish

Knowing that I’m so close to my dream and will be able to help out my family makes me happy.

SANTINO LEWIS '16
St. Louis, Mo.
Information Technology

Since college, I have learned that I am more outgoing than I ever thought.

STASHA LUDWIG '16
Kansas City, Mo.
Nursing

The biggest lesson I've learned is that it's OK to fail. Tomorrow is a new day.

ZOË SABIDO '16
Kansas City, Mo.
Nursing

Do what you love doing, and do it better than anyone else is doing it.

LANDON BERRY '15
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Secondary Education-History

I hope to graduate from college with honors.

MARY RUSSELL '16
St. Louis, Mo.
Nursing

Not knowing the future frustrates me. I want to know what I’m going to do now.

KAITLIN ENDE '13
Liberty, Mo.
Psychology

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Psychology
Best advice I ever received was you cannot solve problems with the same level of thinking that created them.
MARK BREHM ’13
Overland Park, Kan.
Social Work

Personal mantra: Don’t count yourself out until you try.
BRITTANY COLLINS ’16
Fayetteville, Ark.
Elementary Education

Making other people laugh makes me happy.
CHRISTSENIO COLLINS ’15
Kansas City, Mo.
Nursing

If I could change one thing about myself, it would be my height.
JORDI LOPEZ ’15
Trenton, Neb.
Law

Whatever I do in life, I just want to be helping people.
RODA MOHAMUD ’15
Kansas City, Mo.
Chemistry

I admire my father.
ANDREYA JOHNSON ’16
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EDWARD LEIVA ’14
Kansas City, Mo.
Biology

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Elementary Education
You have to go through something in order to get to something.

**LOISHA ROBINSON ’15**
Kansas City, Mo.
Criminal Justice

Missing my parents and friends back in India makes me sad.

**GIRESHBABU YEMPARALA ’14**
Guntur, India
Computer Science

Kansas City is a special place, and I’m excited to be part of such a vibrant and thriving entrepreneurship community.

**NICK LUCE ’14**
Kansas City, Mo.
Entrepreneurship and Liberal Arts

I’ve learned that if I don’t apply myself, I won’t do as well as I’m able to.

**NATALIE THOMAN ’15**
Holt, Mo.
Nursing

My biggest accomplishment was serving in the U.S. Navy.

**JEREMIAH KOCH ’16**
Kansas City, Mo.
Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

Playing the flute and piccolo for operas or musicals is my dream job.

**KIM GREY ’16**
Le’s Summit, Mo.
Flute Performance

I don’t get enough sleep.

**KEMORA WILLIAMS ’16**
St. Louis, Mo.
Elementary Education

Sushi makes me happy.

**STEFFANIE LONG ’14**
Kansas City, Mo.
Elementary Education

Sounding Off
UMKC’s undergraduate student body

**Gender**
- Female: 67%
- Male: 43%

**Ethnicity**
- Asian: 6%
- Black/African American: 17%
- Caucasian: 62%
- Hispanic/Latino: 5%
- Multiple Race/Ethnicity: 6%
- Non-Resident International: 4%

**Top 5 States for Out-of-State Students**
1. Kansas
2. Illinois
3. Texas
4. Nebraska
5. California

**Top 5 Counties in Missouri**
- Jackson
- Clay
- St. Louis
- Platte
- Cass

**Top 5 Foreign Countries**
- Saudi Arabia
- China
- Kuwait
- South Korea
- Vietnam

**Undergrads by School**
- Arts and Sciences: 43%
- Bloch School of Management: 13%
- Conservatory of Music and Dance: 4%
- Biological Sciences: 6%
- Computing and Engineering: 8%
- Dentistry: 1%
- Education: 6%
- Medicine: 3%
- Nursing and Health Studies: 12%
- Pharmacy: 1%
- University College: 3%

**24 years old average age**

**43%**

**24 average ACT score**

**3.21 average GPA for students living on campus**

**79 percent are enrolled full time in 12 or more credit hours**

**92 percent of first-time students receive financial aid**

**I’m optimistic about the future. I don’t settle for less.**

**Eric Bradley ’14**
San Diego, Calif.
Business Administration

**10,626 students are undergraduates out of 16,019 in the total student body.**

**24 students live on campus.**

**1,400 students live on campus.**

**More chat**
Read more of what our students are saying at perspectives.umkc.edu.
Class notes
2010s
Riddick Dan (B.S. ’12, Computing and Engineering) was honored in June with the Champions of Change award by President Barack Obama in a ceremony at the White House. He’s also co-founded three startup companies and made key breakthroughs on health apps for cellphones.

Pianist Kairy Kosheva (D.M.A. ’10, Conservatory) and dancer Molly Wagner (B.F.A. ’07, Conservatory) performed J.S. Bach’s Goldberg Variations in White Recital Hall on the Volker campus.

Steven Lueck (Ed.Sp. ’10, Education) has been named principal of St. Mary’s school in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Nareong Prangchongroj (D.M.A. ’10, Conservatory) received a Guggenheim Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. In addition to working as a free-lance composer, he is currently teaching at the Community Music and Dance Academy of the Conservatory of Music and Dance. He is also the founder of the Thailand International Composition Festival in Thailand.

Matt Varon (B.A. ’10, Arts and Sciences) was recently honored for research into Alzheimer’s disease and other related conditions as aging. Varon, a third-year medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, received the Nancy and Ronald Reagan Alzheimer’s Scholarship Fund Award.

Josie Villa (M.S. ’11, Arts and Sciences) was hired at BARC Analytics as a pattern analyst. A long-time crime analysis unit volunteer, Villa works with the Shawnee, Kan., Police Department as its full-time, embedded BARC analyst.

2000s
Eugene Arekiasamy (B.S.E.E. ’00, Computing and Engineering) was promoted to vice president of technology and professional services at DataSuite Inc., a leading supply chain management company.

Lyndel Brenten (M.B.A. ’02, Management) has been elected mayor of Liberty, Mo.

Lee Cross (J.D. ’07, Law) has been named executive director of the Kansas City Chorale.

Karen Hester (J.D. ’07, Law) was nominated to the board of directors of the Kansas City Board of Education.

Lyndell Brenton (B.A. ’08, Arts and Sciences) was honored for research into conditions related to aging.

Colleen Johnson Moore (M.D. ’96, Medicine) is a new medical partner and vascular surgeon at Cape Thoracic and Cardivascular Surgery, part of the Saint Francis Medical Center of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Kelly McAndrew (M.F.A. ’98, Arts and Sciences) led the ensemble cast of Atlantic Theater’s new play, God Television, in New York City.

Michael Rader (J.D. ’09, Law) was nominated to the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon. Rader is a partner with the Kansas City law firm of Bartimus, Frickleton, Robertson & Gorny.

Stephanie Dutton (M.P.A. ’92, Management) has been appointed to the board of directors of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Pittsburgh affiliate, for the 2013–2014 fiscal year. Dutton is chief operating officer and vice president of medical oncology services for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Cancer Center.

Dwight Frizzel (M.F.A. ’89, Arts and Sciences) and his collaborator, Michael Henry, created a chamber opera entitled “Dawrin” that premiered April at Union Station in Kansas City, Mo.

Ingrid Stolzel (B.M. ’95 and D.M.A. ’99, Conservatory) was appointed director of the International Center for Music at Park University. Stolzel is a composer and educator who teaches at Park University in Parkville, Mo., as an adjunct professor of music theory.

Mary F. Weir (B.A. ’91, Arts and Sciences) has been named associate circuit judge for the 14th Judicial District. Weir also is an adjunct professor in the School of Law.

1990s
Francine Blume (B.A. ’81, Arts and Sciences) has been named vice president of 1 L programs at Cultural Vistas, a nonprofit organization that facilitates professional exchanges for programs and services for visitors coming to the United States seeking learning opportunities.

Charles Bruffy (M.M. ’88, Conservatory) and the Kansas City Chorale won a Grammy for best vocal performance for the chorale’s most recent recording, Life & Breath – Choral Works by Rene Clausen. Bruffy has three Grammys.

Patrick Campbell (B.A. ’84, Arts and Sciences) was appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon to be a circuit judge for the 16th Judicial District. Since 2006, he has been family court commissioner for Jackson County, presiding over domestic bench trials and managing dockets.

Dennis Crocker (B.M. ’85, Conservatory) has been named vice president of academic affairs for Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

The Hon. Anthony Rex Gabbert (B.A. ’80, Arts and Sciences) was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon.

Mary F. Weir (B.A. ’91, Arts and Sciences) has been named chief financial officer of Olathe, Kan.-based Heart to Heart International, which works to improve global health through initiatives that connect people and resources to a world in need.

Pianist Peter Lemonds (D.M.A. ’92, Conservatory) was honored as the 2013 Educator of the Year by the American String Teachers Association-Georgia Chapter. Lemonds is part of the Duluth High School faculty, where he is co-director of orchestras and is the lead teacher for school orchestras across the school district. He is also a cellist and conductor who has performed internationally.

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Celebrating 80 years

UMKC stands on 80 years of extraordinary education and tradition. Alumni and friends are invited to keep the tradition alive by joining us for Founders’ Week (formerly known as Homecoming), Sept. 28–Oct. 5.

FOUNDERS’ WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, Sept. 28
Concert of Music and Dance
Wind Symphony Concert
The Sirens begins at 8 p.m. in Helzberg Hall at Kaufman Center for the Performing Arts.

Sunday, Sept. 29
Regalia Run/Walk and Kangaroo Hop
8 a.m., 5K run/walk and kids Kangaroo Hop and family block party; for more information, visit gp.umkc.edu/regaliarun.

Monday, Sept. 30
Career Expo, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., W. Bloch Executive Hall for Computing and Engineering
Commemoration Day
Tuesday, Oct. 1
Go umkc.edu/regaliarun.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

campus Open House
Scholled tours of campus from 2–5 p.m.

Blue Roo Day
Career Expo, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Swinney Recreation Center

Thursday, Oct. 3

The Sketchbook Project: A Global Art
Library Hours
Lecture by Steven Peterman, founder 10:11:11 a.m., IX Theatre, Miller Nichols Library
The Sketchbook Project
Mobile Library
Interactive public event, 2–8 p.m., University Playhouse Mall, Walter campus

Friday, Oct. 4
Women’s Soccer Game
7 p.m., Durwood Soccer Stadium

Saturday, Oct. 5
Athletic Sport Clinics
Kids’ clinic, led by the women Kangaroo soccer players, 3–5 p.m. at Durwood Soccer Stadium

UMKC Men’s Soccer Game
7 p.m., Durwood Soccer Stadium
To see additional events, visit info.umkc.edu/leadersweek.

City area. Dunn is mayor of Leawood, Kan.

Steven Edwards (B.S.E.E. ’78, Computing and Engineering) will begin his work as CEO of Black & Veatch in early 2014. He is executive vice president of Black & Veatch, where he has worked for 35 years.

Victoria Lynn Schultz (B.M. ’75, Conservatory) performed as harpist for the Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten with the Central Florida Master Choir in December 2012. She currently is on staff at Walt Disney World as a harpist and pianist in Orlando, Fl.

Richard Stack (J.D. ’77, Law) is the author of Grave Injustice: Unearthing Wrongful Execution and was recently interviewed on C-SPAN Book TV. He is an associate professor in the Communications Studies Department at American University in Washington, D.C.

Steven Young (D.D.S. ’71, Dentistry) is chairman of the board of the American Dental Education Association. Young has spent 36 years on the faculty of the College of Dentistry at the University of Oklahoma in Norman and has been dean for the last 12 years.

1960s
Former U.S. Ambassador Allan J. Katz (B.A. ’69, Arts and Sciences) will teach as a distinguished professor in the Department of Public Affairs at Henry W. Bloch School of Management and in the Department of Political Science at the College of Arts and Sciences.

Appointments
Devon A. Cancilla, Ph.D., was appointed vice provost for online and distance learning. He previously served as dean, business and informatics, at American Sentinel University, an online college in Colorado.

Ann Cary, Ph.D., was named dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies. Before coming to UMKC, she was director of the Loyola University New Orleans School of Nursing.

Passings
Elywn S. Brown, professor emeritus (Medicine), died May 4.
Paul J. Bryant, professor emeritus (Arts and Sciences), died March 24.
Milton G. Hehr, professor emeritus (Conservatory), died Aug. 26.
Charles D. Miles, professor emeritus (Biological Sciences), died April 6.
Harris George Mirkin, professor emeritus (Arts and Sciences), died May 30.
Marian Petersen, professor emeritus (Conservatory), died April 19.
William A. Strickland Jr., former dean (Pharmacy), died June 21.
Raymond G. Williamson, professor emeritus (Arts and Sciences), died June 18.

FACe TO FACe »

India’s Walt Disney
Alumnus created country’s most popular cartoon.

Raj Chilakalapudi (M.S. ’97) can’t even remember the number of times network executives rejected his idea for a cartoon series about a cheerful, intelligent little boy named Chhota Bheem.

Chilakalapudi, the founder and CEO of Green Gold, India’s leading animation company, pitched the first Chhota Bheem pilot in 2004. When it was rejected, his team revamped the show. Their second pilot was ready the following year, but was also rejected. They revamped it again. And again, and again, never losing hope.

Chilakalapudi and his team saw what the network executives didn’t — that children would fall in love with the show’s fast pace, bright colors and frequent songs. They’d admire Chhota for using his strength to protect those in need.

When the series finally did get picked up, it was a happy accident. The station had originally signed a different cartoon, but it fell behind in production, leaving the station to call Green Gold.

That phone call was the start of a mutually beneficial relationship, Chilakalapudi says. Not only did it save the struggling animation studio, but it gave the station a wildly popular cartoon.

Soon after it debuted in 2008, Chhota Bheem became India’s top animated show, with more than 150 aired episodes to date. Since its first episode, the show has spun off several short animations and, recently, two full-length feature films.

“The rest is history,” Chilakalapudi says. “We just kept on working.”

With that, Chilakalapudi’s interest in the legendary animator grew. Later, while working at the Miller Nichols Library, he stumbled upon a few books about Disney and spent his off-hours poring over those books, taking in every detail.

Those experiences helped make him who he is today, he says. “It took me a long time to figure out what to do, but it all started at UMKC,” he says. “UMKC played a very, very important role in my life.”

Chilakalapudi and Green Gold have come a long way since the days of rejected pilots. Today, Chilakalapudi enjoys a level of success that once looked unreachable. More than once, he has rejected buyout offers.

For now, his sights are set on growth. “So far, Green Gold has been India’s Disney,” Chilakalapudi says, “but I would like to take it to the international level.”

Toontastic
Rajiv’s top five movies for inspiration

1 The Lion King
2 Tarzan
3 Kung Fu Panda
4 The Jungle Book
5 The Incredibles

GREEN GOLD’S HIT SERIES FEATURES INDIA’S FAVORITE CHARACTER, CHHOTA BHEEM.

—Kristin Pettu
Looking back

Student from first class reflects on time at UKC.

Even at age 97, Jane (Marshall) Campbell frequently finds herself reminiscing about the University of Kansas (UKC), UMKC's predecessor. As a student in the entering class of 1933, Campbell says her time at the university remains one of her fondest memories.

"The university has always held a special place in my heart," she says. "It's hard to believe that it's been 80 years since its founding."

Whenever she feels the urge to recall her time at UKC, she pulls out the scrapbook her mother compiled. Within the book's tattered bindings are pictures and news stories about UKC's first years.

Campbell's father, John. A. Marshall, a prominent Kansas City businessman during the late '20s, worked with the city's Chamber of Commerce and local officials on the university's establishment.

"My parents wanted me to obtain an education. However, when I was ready for college we were in the midst of the Great Depression and money was tight," Campbell says. "My father was a huge supporter of the university, because he knew it would bring advantages to the city and provide me with a well-rounded education."

While most of Campbell's friends attended the University of Kansas or the University of Missouri, she attended UKC, which was within walking distance of her family's home.

By happy coincidence, the university was ready to open its doors at the same time Campbell was ready to start her education. Although her father had a vested interest in the university, Campbell says he didn't realize it would be ready in time for her to join the first class. He was pleased she stayed close to home.

Upon entry at UKC, Campbell was interested in pursuing medicine. But with a limited number of women in the medical field, she opted to pursue a degree in home economics, as her mother believed it would be too difficult for her to find work after graduation.

"My home economics degree was a good decision though, because I got a job right out of college," she says. "It was very exciting to come back and see so many people I knew," she says.

And although Campbell hasn't visited Kansas City since her brother John's death in 2003, she continues to keep a close eye on the university. In 1983, she visited campus to celebrate the university's 50th anniversary.

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Campbell says her time at the university remains one of her fondest memories.

"It's been amazing to see the school's transformation over the years and its impact on the community." She says her favorite memories are of the faculty, who all held Ph.Ds in their selected fields. She also recalls the student-led walkout during the spring of 1934 in which students protested the firing of two professors.

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After Cook's death in 1983, Campbell remarried and spent the next 21 years traveling across the United States in a motorhome with her husband, Douglas.

Campbell, a student from the entering class of 1933, enjoys browsing through a scrapbook filled with stories about University of Kansas City's opening.
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FROM THE ARCHIVES »

It’s a suite setup

A look at the evolution of UMKC’s housing.

It goes without saying that today’s student housing is a far cry from 40 years ago. And while housing for the Millennial Generation is equipped with the same amenities they’ve grown up with — technology, privacy and the common conveniences of the 21st century — some things remain the same … late-night laughs and unforgettable memories.

by KARA PETROVIC

1. On the heels of World War II, out-of-town students and cadets occupied Epperson House until the four-story Men’s Residence Hall, commonly known as Cherry Street Hall, opened in 1957 to accommodate 270 students.

2. Each room in the “modern” air-conditioned Cherry Street Hall was equipped with twin beds, desks and chairs, as well as bookshelves and lamps. But students even then were required to supply their own bed linens and towels.

3. Women invaded Cherry Street in 1958. An alarm system on the outside of the entry door protected the 21 women who occupied the fourth floor. Women were expected to be in their rooms by 11 p.m. Sunday–Thursday and by 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

4. Although radios and electric clocks were allowed in the rooms in the 1950s, television sets were not. However, the university provided TVs in the hall’s lounge areas for recreational purposes.

5. Students now choose between Oak Street Hall and Johnson Hall (5), which offer semi-suites with private baths, or Oak Place Apartments (6), which provide the luxury of apartment-style living at an affordable price.

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