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# Perspectives

The University of Missouri-Kansas City magazine



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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 1,500 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.

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Communication Studies



## 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 (Crane) 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](http://info.umkc.edu/news/remembering-megan-cramer).*

## Can we quote you on that?

*Perspectives* welcomes letters to the editor. We want to hear what's on your mind, so drop us a line. Letters appearing in the magazine may be edited for space and clarity.

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## 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"



HOSPITAL HILL HAPPENINGS »

# Housing for Hospital Hill

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



Housing will include:

- 245 bedrooms
- 196 parking spaces
- A fitness center
- A meeting space
- Courtyards with barbecue grills and outdoor tables

- The Beacon Hill project on the east side of Troost Avenue between 24th and 25th streets will feature apartment-style housing, similar to Oak Place Apartments on the Volker campus.
- A walkway will tie the new housing to the core of Hospital Hill, which includes UMKC's schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Health Studies, and Pharmacy.
- UMKC's master plan calls for student housing near Hospital Hill to grow enrollment in its health professions schools and to boost other life science activities in the area.
- City leaders have encouraged student housing to help revitalize Troost Avenue and surrounding neighborhoods and attract restaurants and stores to the area.



## 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 Gail 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

# Twice as nice: Campus opens two new buildings

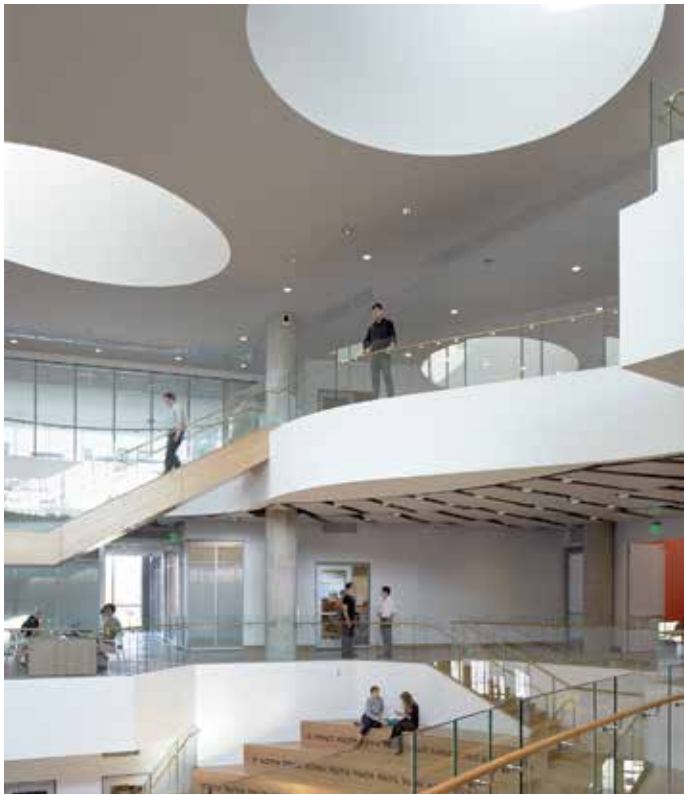
Ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 1 will celebrate openings.

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 400-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. "These two projects are linchpins 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

**Picture perfect** See the library's expansion at perspectives.umkc.edu.



The Bloch School's Executive Hall for Entrepreneurship and Innovation houses graduate, executive and entrepreneurship programs.



» **Big boost.** In June, the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation pledged \$20 million toward the creation of a downtown arts campus for UMKC.

» **It's all about goals.** UMKC has partnered with Sporting Kansas City, making UMKC Sporting KC's only university partner. On Oct. 18, fans will be treated to more than 10,000 giveaway items during UMKC Night at Sporting Park.

» **Top regional ranking.** In August, UMKC was one of 155 colleges to make the Princeton Review's "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region."

» **No trash talk.** With an 86 percent recycling rate, UMKC ranked No. 1 in the RecycleMania competition, in which more than 260 campuses vied for the title.

» **Fundraising success.** The UMKC Alumni Association raised a record-breaking \$200,000 in scholarship support for students in April through its awards luncheon.

» **Listen live.** K-R00 Radio received its music license during the spring semester; listen online at k-roo.org.





## 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 [umckangaroos.com](http://umckangaroos.com).

FACE TO FACE »

# Changing a culture

New coach Kareem Richardson looks to revitalize Roos basketball.

**B**asketball 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.

"The style of play will be more up-tempo, especially on the defensive end. We'll be pressing more, trying to create turnovers," he says. "In the short term, we want to establish our culture of being a defensive-minded team that takes care of the backboards. Over the long term, the goal is to cultivate that culture into conference championships."

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](http://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.

"There are schools that are not from BCS conferences, but compete at the highest level. They give programs like ours hope."

—John Martellaro

# Taking a WAC at it

Roos open a new chapter in its athletic history by entering the Western Athletic Conference.



**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD //**  
**Location:** Bakersfield, Calif.  
**Founded:** 1965  
**Home of the:** Roadrunners  
**Colors:** Blue and Gold  
**Miles from UMKC:** 1,594



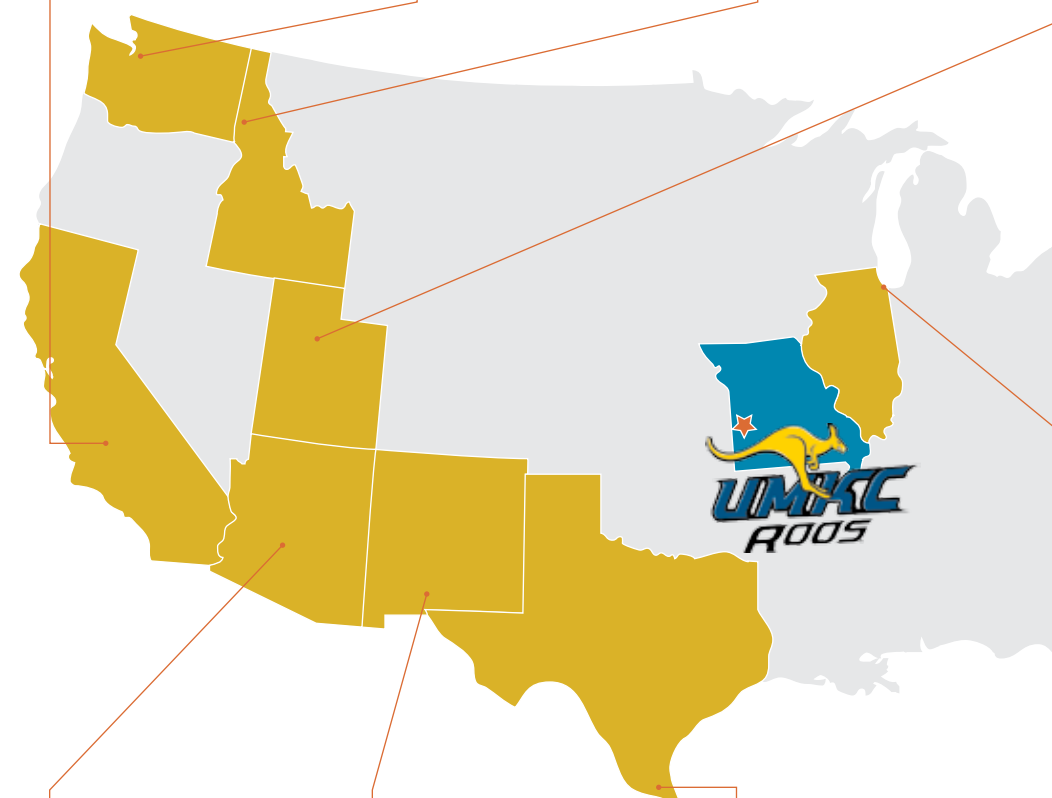
**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY //**  
**Location:** Seattle, Wash.  
**Founded:** 1891  
**Home of the:** Redhawks  
**Colors:** White and Scarlet  
**Miles from UMKC:** 1,850



**UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO //**  
**Location:** Moscow, Idaho  
**Founded:** 1889  
**Home of the:** Vandals  
**Colors:** Silver and Gold  
**Miles from UMKC:** 1,624



**UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY //**  
**Location:** Orem, Utah  
**Founded:** 1941  
**Home of the:** Wolverines  
**Colors:** Gold and Green  
**Miles from UMKC:** 1,096



**GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY //**  
**Location:** Phoenix, Ariz.  
**Founded:** 1949  
**Home of the:** Antelopes  
**Colors:** White and Purple  
**Miles from UMKC:** 1,245



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY //**  
**Location:** Las Cruces, N.M.  
**Founded:** 1888  
**Home of the:** Aggies  
**Colors:** White and Crimson  
**Miles from UMKC:** 915



**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICA //**  
**Location:** Edinburg, Texas  
**Founded:** 1927  
**Home of the:** Broncos  
**Colors:** Green and Orange  
**Miles from UMKC:** 1,048



**CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY //**  
**Location:** Chicago, Ill.  
**Founded:** 1867  
**Home of the:** Cougars  
**Colors:** Evergreen and White  
**Miles from UMKC:** 510



## Fast facts

» By making the move, players will spend less time traveling, with more trips by air rather than by bus.

» UMKC's deal with the WAC includes bringing the WAC men's basketball tournament to Kansas City for two consecutive years.

» The WAC is the sixth-oldest among the nation's 11 Division I-A conferences.

» The WAC has sent at least two men's basketball teams to the NCAA Tournament in 24 of the past 29 seasons.



# LISTEN UP!

» Millennials share their perspectives on everything from school and work to sex, politics and pop culture.

PHOTOS BY DAN VIDETICH



**MARISA HAMM-MALANOWSKI '13**  
Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Law

**W**e recently asked our students — the digitally savvy, super tweeters and texters, app lovin', "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

**DORNIECE N. FERGUSON '13**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Communication Studies



**MARICCIA SPEARMAN '13**  
Platte City, Mo.  
Pre-Med, Chemistry  
and Psychology

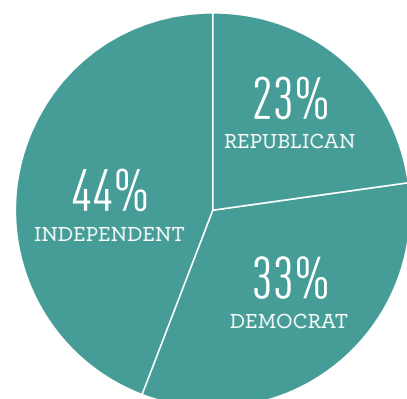
**CALEB M. FILES '15**  
Knob Noster, Mo.  
Political Science and  
Communication Studies

**ANNA RIFFE '14**  
Beaver, Okla.  
Mathematics

**NICK JONES '13**  
Independence, Mo.  
Spanish

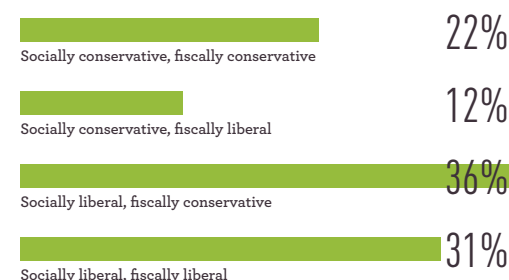


# POLITICAL AFFILIATION

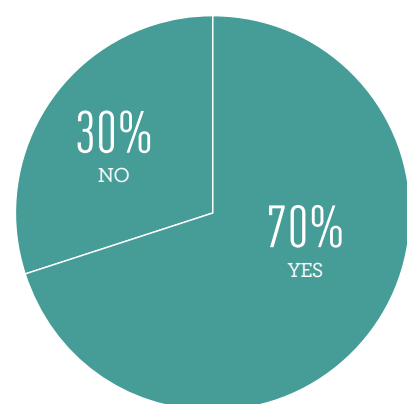


A higher percentage of men (51%) than women (40%) call themselves independents.

# HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE YOUR POLITICAL VIEWS?



# DID YOU VOTE IN THE LAST ELECTION?



51

percent believe  
ABORTION SHOULD  
REMAIN LEGAL.

33

percent believe  
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
SHOULD CREATE A  
SHORTENED PATH  
TOWARD CITIZENSHIP  
FOR ILLEGAL  
IMMIGRANTS.

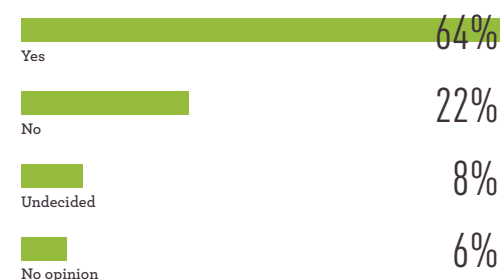
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percent believe  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
SHOULD BE REQUIRED  
OF ALL U.S. CITIZENS.

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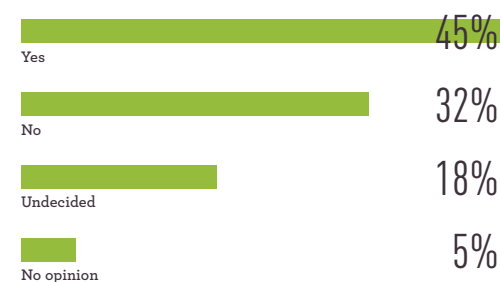
percent believe  
MILITARY SERVICE  
SHOULD NOT BE  
REQUIRED.

# SHOULD GAY MARRIAGE BE LEGALIZED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES?



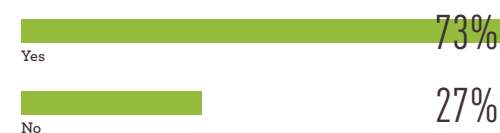
Both women (66%) and men (61%) support legalizing gay marriage.

# DO YOU SUPPORT THE DEATH PENALTY?



The death penalty was the issue with the most undecided respondents.

# DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER WORK?



40% volunteer 1–3 hours per month  
18% volunteer 4–6 hours per month  
16% volunteer more than 6 hours per month

Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100 percent.  
Students pictured are not necessarily those who responded to the survey.

JOSH MELLEMA '14  
Liberty, Mo.  
Biology

JIAOJIAO ZHANG '13  
Fuyang, China  
Business Administration

68

percent believe  
PEOPLE ARE  
INHERENTLY GOOD.

BRITTANY JONES '14  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Communication Studies

# DO YOU BELIEVE IN A GOD?

71%  
YES

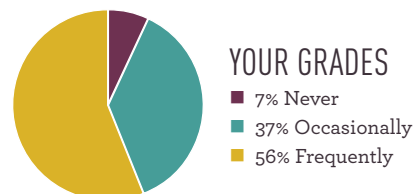
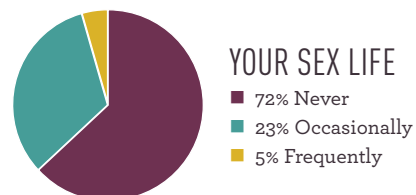
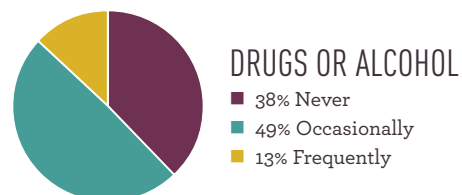
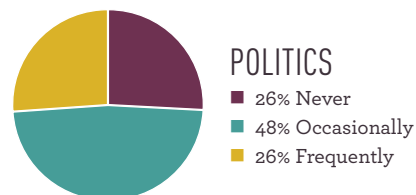
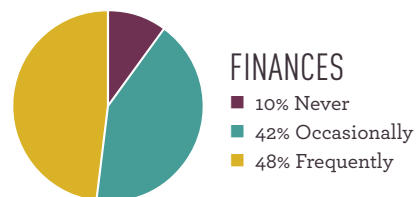
16%  
NO

13%  
NO, BUT I BELIEVE IN  
A HIGHER POWER

35% attend religious services regularly.



HOW OFTEN DO YOU DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WITH YOUR PARENTS?



HOW INVOLVED ARE YOUR PARENTS IN YOUR LIFE?



I want to be as influential as Steve Jobs.

TEEJAY HUGHES '16  
St. Peters, Mo.  
Business Administration



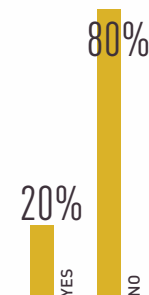
80  
percent  
WOULD LIKE TO  
HAVE CHILDREN  
SOMEDAY.

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



39

percent say  
THEIR PARENTS NEVER  
GIVE THEM MONEY.



HAVE YOU EVER LIED TO  
YOUR PARENTS ABOUT YOUR  
GRADES IN COLLEGE?

DANIELLE PAINTER '14  
Liberty, Mo.  
Health Sciences





What do you wish your parents understood about you?

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



**COURTNEY GIBSON '16**  
Liberty, Mo.  
Early Childhood Education

**EVERYTHING!**



**DEFRANCIS YOUNG '15**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Accounting

A smattering of students' responses from the online survey.





Success doesn't come easy.  
You have to work for it.

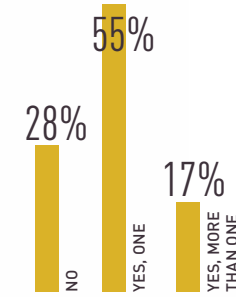
RYAN UMOREN '15  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Criminal Justice



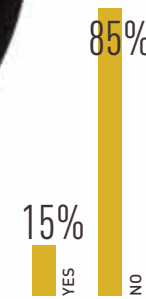
16

percent  
ARE AFFILIATED  
WITH A GREEK  
ORGANIZATION.

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



DO YOU HAVE A JOB OUTSIDE  
OF SCHOOLWORK?



IS YOUR JOB ON CAMPUS?

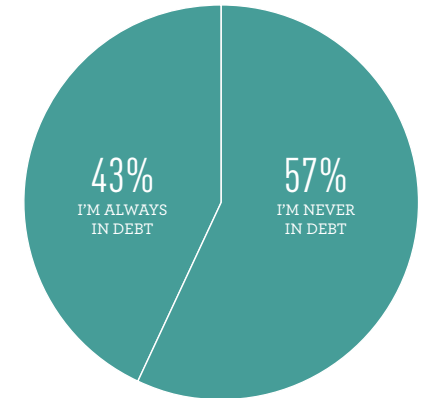
NATE VANDERPOOL '16  
Blue Springs, Mo.  
Business Administration



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



WHICH IS MORE TRUE ABOUT YOUR FINANCES?



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

39

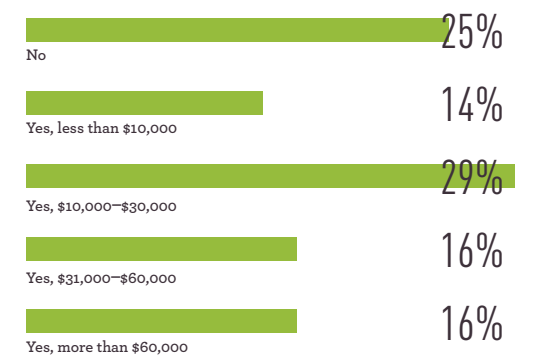
percent  
THINK BEING  
WELL PAID IS  
LESS IMPORTANT  
THAN DOING WHAT  
THEY LOVE.

10

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

WILL YOU GRADUATE WITH DEBT?



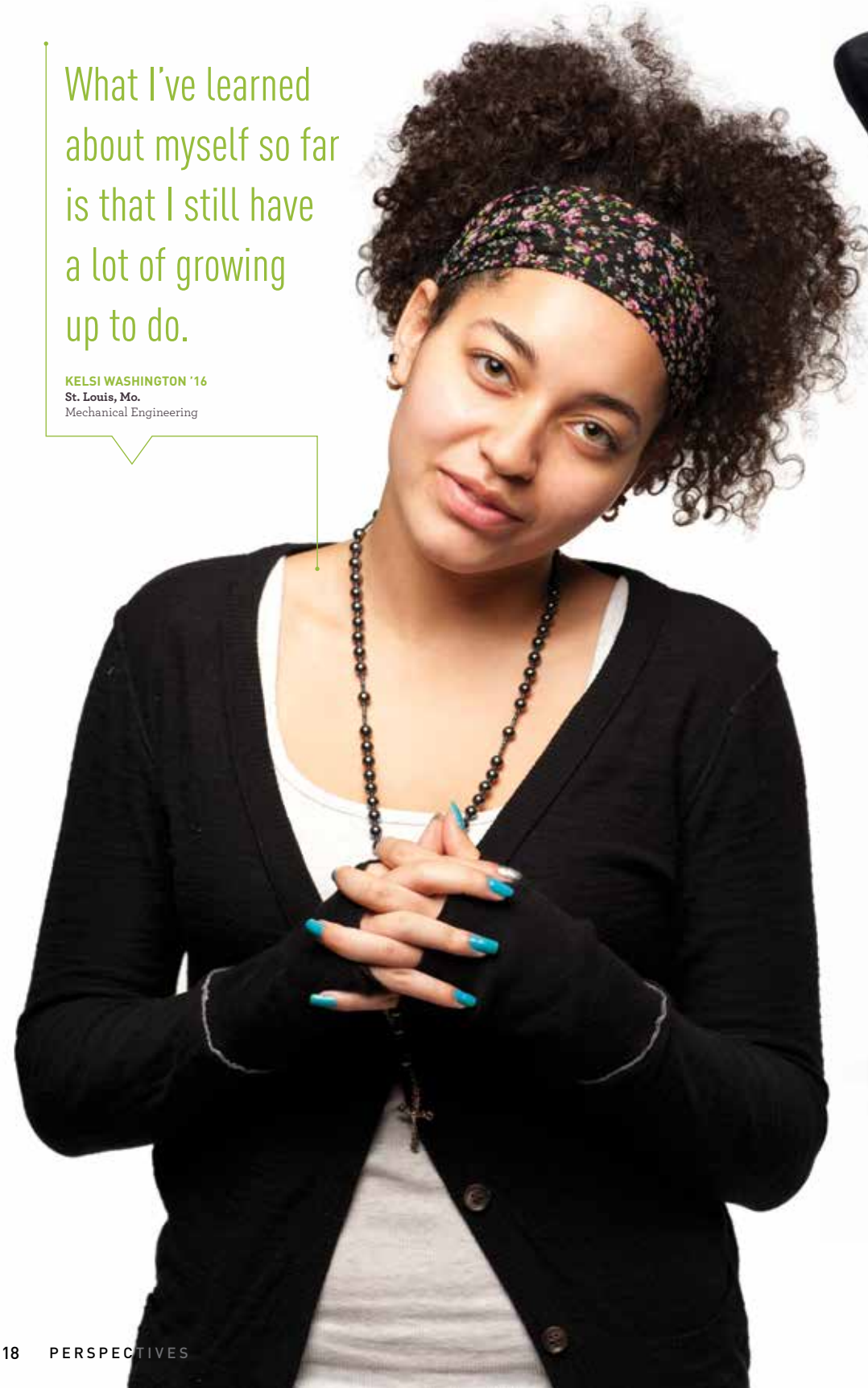


HOW OFTEN DO YOU EXERCISE?



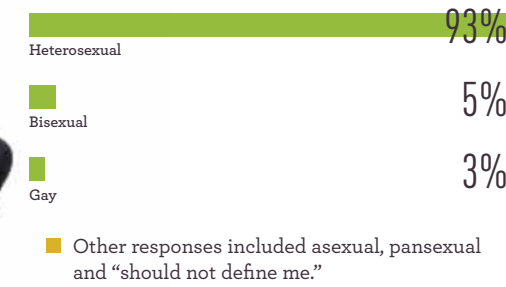
What I've learned about myself so far is that I still have a lot of growing up to do.

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

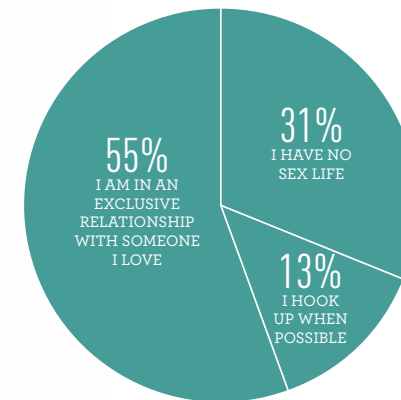


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Computer Science

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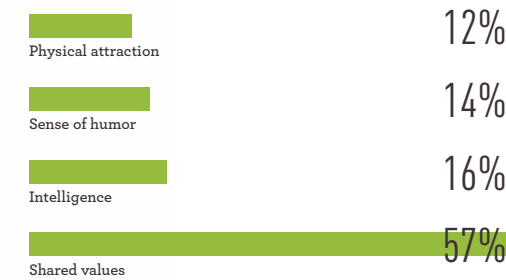


WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOUR SEX LIFE?



- More women (60%) than men (48%) say they are in an exclusive relationship.
- More men (23%) than women (8%) claim they hook up.

WHAT IS MOST ESSENTIAL OR IMPORTANT WHEN SELECTING SEXUAL PARTNERS?



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

84

percent  
HAVE BEEN IN  
A COMMITTED  
RELATIONSHIP.

21

percent  
HAVE BEEN  
UNFAITHFUL WHEN  
IN A COMMITTED  
RELATIONSHIP.

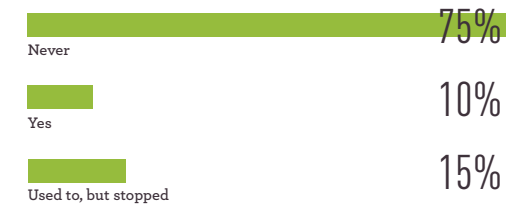
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BE SMART THAN  
ATTRACTIVE.

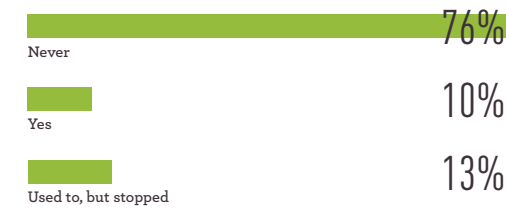
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percent  
WOULD TRADE  
A FEW IQ POINTS  
IN RETURN  
FOR IMPROVING  
THEIR LOOKS.

DO YOU SMOKE?

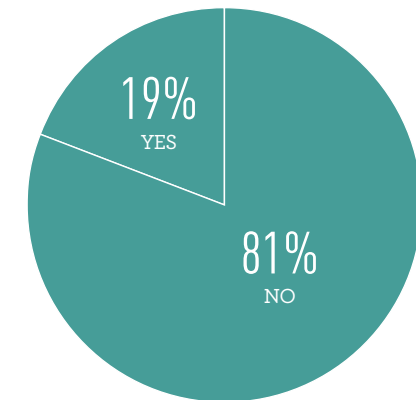


DO YOU USE RECREATIONAL DRUGS?



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

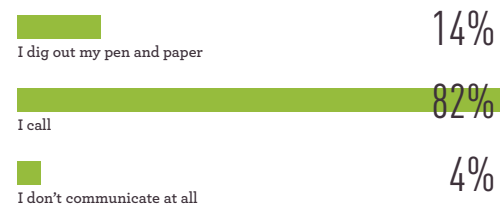
HAVE YOU EVER USED DRUGS THAT WERE PRESCRIBED FOR SOMEONE ELSE?



Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100 percent.  
Students pictured are not necessarily those who responded to the survey.



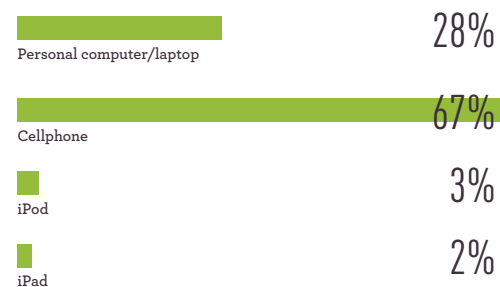
## IF I CAN'T COMMUNICATE ELECTRONICALLY...



45 vs. 62

percent of men percent of women

STILL SEND HANDWRITTEN LETTERS  
OR GREETING CARDS.

WHAT ELECTRONIC DEVICE COULD YOU  
NOT LIVE WITHOUT?

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

## COUNTRY

## FAVORITE MUSIC GENRE

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

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

94%

YES 94%  
NO 6%

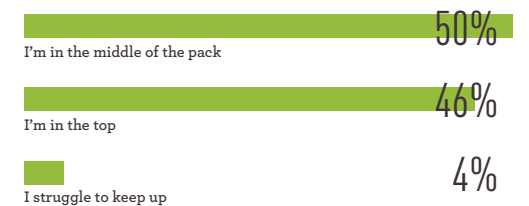
DO YOU PLAN TO GRADUATE  
FROM UMKC?



## TOP TV SHOWS

- Big Bang Theory
- Grey's Anatomy
- The Walking Dead
- Breaking Bad
- How I Met Your Mother

GEORGE PALOMARES '17  
Grandview, Mo.  
Pre-dental Hygiene

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

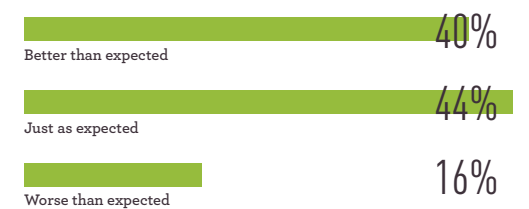
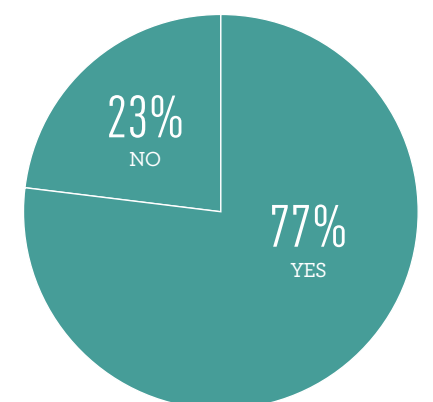
26

percent  
HAVE CHEATED  
ON AN EXAM OR  
ASSIGNMENT.

71

percent  
KNOW OTHER  
STUDENTS WHO  
HAVE CHEATED.

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

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



Adversity inspires me.

**BRIAN GIBSON '15**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Pharmacy

It drives me crazy when people are late. I hate myself whenever I'm late to work or a meeting.

**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.

**SANTONIO LEWIS '16**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Information Technology

I hope to graduate from college with honors.

**MARY RUSSELL '16**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Nursing

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

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

**KAITLIN OHDE '13**  
Liberty, Mo.  
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 CULLINS '16**  
Fayetteville, Ark.  
Elementary Education

Whatever I do in life, I just  
want to be helping people.

**RODA MOHAMUD '16**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Chemistry

I admire my father.

**ANDRAYA JOHNSON '16**  
Kansas City, Kan.  
Psychology

If I could change one  
thing about myself, it  
would be my height.

**JERRID AIMONE '15**  
Trenton, Neb.  
Law

Making other people  
laugh makes me happy.

**CHRISTSENIQ COLLINS '15**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Nursing

I hope to be a physician in 10 years.

**EDWARD LEIVA '14**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Biology

It drives me crazy when  
people text and walk.  
It's dangerous.

**PATRICIA BARRA '14**  
Grain Valley, Mo.  
Elementary Education





Sushi makes me happy.

STEFFANIE LONG '14  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Elementary Education

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

GIRESHBABU YEMPARALA '14  
Guntur, India  
Computer Science

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

KIM ABEYTA '16  
Lee's Summit, Mo.  
Flute Performance

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

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

NICK LUKE '14  
Independence, Mo.  
Entrepreneurship and Liberal Arts

I don't get enough sleep.

KEMORA WILLIAMS '16  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Elementary Education

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

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

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

LOISHA ROBINSON '15  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Criminal Justice





## UMKC's undergraduate student body

10,626

students are  
UNDERGRADUATES  
out of 16,019 in the total  
student body.

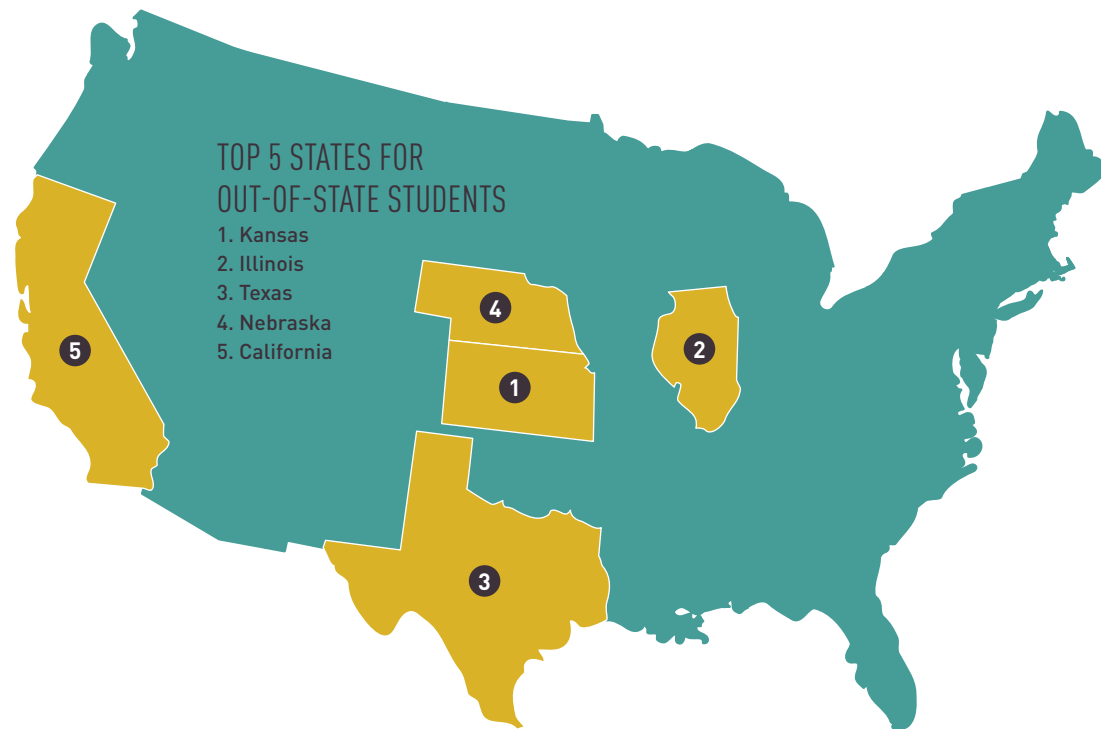
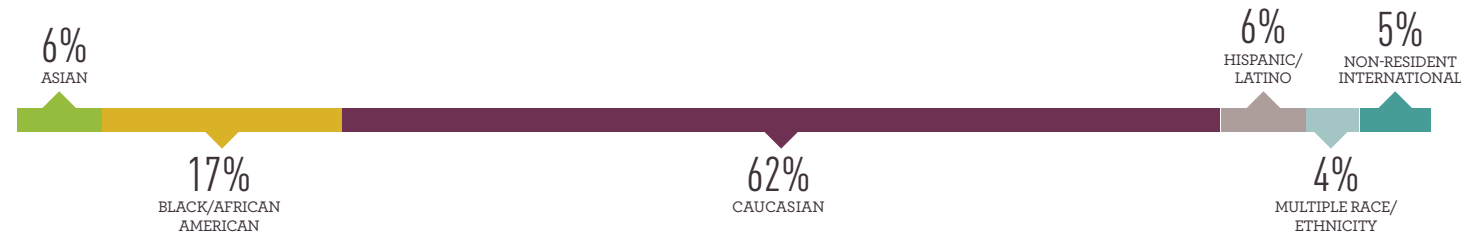
### GENDER



24

years old  
AVERAGE AGE

### ETHNICITY



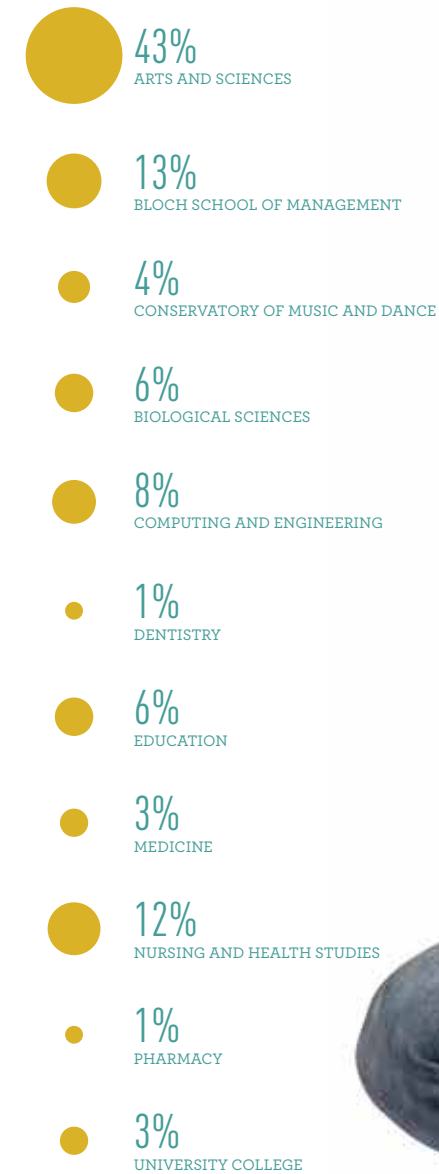
### TOP 5 COUNTIES IN MISSOURI

- Jackson
- Clay
- St. Louis
- Platte
- Cass

### TOP 5 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

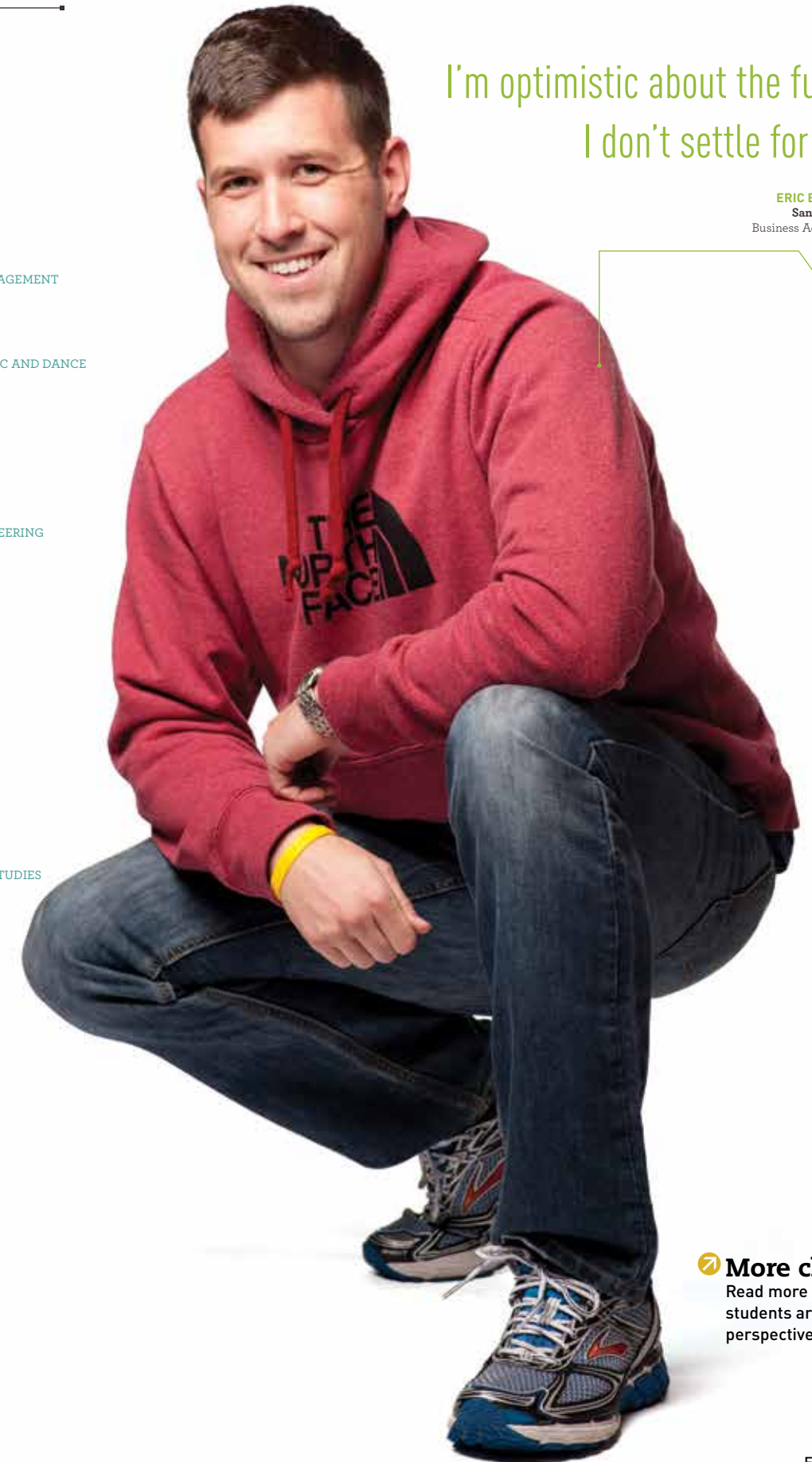
- Saudi Arabia
- China
- Kuwait
- South Korea
- Vietnam

### UNDERGRADS BY SCHOOL



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

ERIC BRADLEY '14  
San Diego, Calif.  
Business Administration



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Read more of what our  
students are saying at  
[perspectives.umkc.edu](http://perspectives.umkc.edu).

24

average  
ACT SCORE  
*The national average is 21.*

1,400

students  
LIVE  
ON CAMPUS.

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.



Class notes

2010s

**Riddhiman Das** (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 Koshoeva** (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.

**Narong Prangcharoen** (D.M.A. '10, Conservatory) received a Guggenheim Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. In addition to working as a freelance composer, he is currently teaching at the Community Music and Dance Academy of the Conservatory of Music and Dance. He is 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 conditions related to 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 BAIR Analytics as a pattern analyst. A longtime crime analysis unit volunteer, Villa works with the Shawnee, Kan., Police Department as its full-time, embedded BAIR analyst.

2000s

**Eugene Arokiasamy** (B.S.E.E. '00, Computing and Engineering) was promoted to vice president of technology and professional services at DataSource Inc., a leading print supply chain management company.

**Lyndell Brenton** (M.B.A. '02, Management) has been elected mayor of Liberty, Mo.

**Lee Cross** (J.D. '07, Law) has been selected by his peers to serve as the Kansas Association for Justice's 2013-2014 membership chair. Cross is the founder and managing member of the Cross Law Firm LLC in Westwood, Kan.

**Sascha Groschang** (B.M. '04, Conservatory) and **Laurel Morgan Parks** (B.A. '04, Conservatory) are members of the band The Wires. They recently released their latest album, *Alternative Strings*.

**Karen Hester** (L.L.M. '02, Law) has been named executive director of the Center for Legal Inclusiveness, a nonprofit organization in Denver, Colo., that works to advance diversity in the legal profession by educating and supporting private and public sector legal organizations.

**Diana Kander** (B.A. '02, Arts and Sciences) spoke at an

entrepreneurship conference, Big Omaha, where she compared nurturing startups with young children.

**Husam Nawas** (M.D. '05, Medicine) has been selected to write about orthopedic surgery in the International Association of Healthcare Professionals' publication, *The Leading Physicians of the World*. Nawas works at the St. Louis Orthopedic Institute in St. Louis, Mo.

**Gerald Nevins** (M.B.A. '09, Management) was profiled by CNN for his work as an entrepreneur. He is one of three co-owners of a frozen cocktail bar, Snow & Co., which opened in Kansas City in 2011. The partners opened their business when they were getting their MBAs at UMKC.

**Gregory Parker** (D.M.A. '00, Conservatory) is a professor of music and chair of the Department of Music at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. He previously served as chair of the Department of Music at Chowan University in Murfreesboro, N.C.

**Eric Rasch** (B.L.A. '08, Arts and Sciences) has been named operations manager for the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza in Silver Spring, Md. He also is pursuing a master's degree in public leadership with a specialization in multisector management from George Washington University.

**Joseph Seabrooks** (Ph.D. '01, Graduate Studies; Ed.Sp. '96, M.A. '95 and B.A. '93,

Education) was awarded the 2013 Ace Award for Diversity from the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Seabrooks is president of Penn Valley, a member of the Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, Mo.

1990s

**Brian Campbell** (M.A. '97, Education) was named Lee's Summit (Mo.) R-7 School District 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year. Campbell is a broadcasting/speech and theater teacher at Summit Lakes Middle School.

**Irene Caudillo** (M.P.A. '90, Management) was named chief program officer at El Centro Inc., where she oversees programs in Kansas City, Kan., and Johnson County, Kan. El Centro provides educational, social and economic opportunities for Hispanic families.

**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. '98, Arts and Sciences) and his collaborator, Michael Henry, created a chamber opera entitled "Darwin" that premiered April at Union Station in Kansas City, Mo.

**Carole McArthur** (M.D. '91, Medicine) received the TWAS Award from The World

Academy of Sciences for the Developing World. The award is given to internationally renowned scientists for capacity building, especially for diagnostic technology, in the developing world.

**Jacqueline Miller** (D.D.S. '91, Dentistry) was named to the list of Top Dentists in St. Louis, Mo., by *STL* magazine. Miller has practiced orthodontics for 20 years at Tri-County Orthodontics.

**Colleen Johnson Moore** (M.D. '96, Medicine) is a new medical partner and vascular surgeon at Cape Thoracic and Cardiovascular 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, *Good Television*, in New York City.

**Michael Rader** (J.D. '99, 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.

**Ingrid Stolzel** (B.M. '95 and D.M.A. '09, 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 appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon to be an associate circuit judge

for the 16th Judicial District. Weir also is an adjunct professor in the School of Law.

1980s

**Francine Blume** (B.A. '81, Arts and Sciences) has been named vice president of J-1 programs at Cultural Vistas, a nonprofit organization that facilitates professional exchange 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; J.D. '90, Law) 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** (D.M.A. '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.

**Bud Jeffress** (B.S. '84, Management) was 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.

**Peter Lemonds** (D.M.A. '82, 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 also is a cellist and conductor who has performed internationally.

**Matt Mallinson** (B.S.P. '83, Pharmacy) was elected mayor of Sugar Creek, Mo. He owns The Medicine Shoppe in Independence, Mo.

**Patrick McCown** (M.B.A. '83, Management) and McCownGordon Construction has been named the Business Philanthropist of the Year as part of the 2013 Nonprofit Connect Philanthropy Awards. McCown has been CEO of McCownGordon Construction since 1999.

**William Moulden** (M.A. '87, Education) was named the 2013 Christa McAuliffe Outstanding Teacher by the Prince George's County Public Schools committee. Moulden is a science teacher at Samuel Ogle Middle School in Upper Marlboro, Md.

**Giselle Stancic** (B.M. '83, Conservatory) of San Jose, Calif., published her award-winning music mystery, *The Paganini Curse*.

Whatever  
you've been  
up to, we  
want to hear  
about it.

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**John Scott Shepherd** (B.A. '84, Arts and Sciences) is creator and executive producer of *Save Me*, which premiered on NBC in May. He also authored the book *Henry's List of Wrongs* and screenplays for Tim Allen's *Joe Somebody* (2001) and Angelina Jolie's *Life or Something Like It* (2002).

**R. Christine Stallings** (B.B.A. '87, Management) was appointed Grundy County prosecuting attorney by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon.

**Tom Todd** (D.D.S. '84, Dentistry) was awarded the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Missouri State Alumni Association. He is a dentist in Mountain Grove, Mo.

1970s

**Peggy Dunn** (B.A. '72, Arts and Sciences) has been elected chair of the board of directors at Truman Medical Centers. Truman Medical Centers is a two-hospital, not-for-profit health system in the Kansas

# 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**  
**Conservatory of Music and Dance Wind Symphony Concert**  
*The Planets* begins at 8 p.m. in Helzberg Hall at Kauffman 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 [go.umkc.edu/regaliarun](http://go.umkc.edu/regaliarun).

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**  
**Commemoration Day**  
9:30 a.m., official ribbon cutting for the Miller Nichols Learning Center and the Henry W. Bloch Executive Hall for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (read more on page 5), and a ceremonial re-signing of the university's original charter.

**Campus Open House**  
Scheduled tours of campus from 2–5 p.m.

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

**Thursday, Oct. 3**  
(National Student Day)  
**The Sketchbook Project: A Global Art Library Grows**  
Lecture by Steven Peterman, founder; 10–11:15 a.m., IX Theatre, Miller Nichols Library

**The Sketchbook Project Mobile Library**  
Interactive public event, 2–8 p.m., University Playhouse Mall, Volker 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/foundersweek](http://info.umkc.edu/foundersweek).

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 harpist and pianist in Orlando, Fla.

**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

**Elwyn 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 (Education), died April 25.

**William Q. Wu**, professor emeritus (Medicine), died June 18.

## FACE TO FACE »

# India's Walt Disney

Alumnus created country's most popular cartoon.

**R**ajiv 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.

## Check it out

To learn more about India's No. 1 animation service, visit [greengold.tv](http://greengold.tv).

All along, 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 in the Indian animation space," Chilakalapudi said.

Chilakalapudi received the School of Computing and Engineering's 2013 Alumni Achievement Award in April, and during his visit to campus, he shared his journey of success with an audience of SCE students, faculty and staff.

After his speech, Chilakalapudi played a clip of the cartoon on the classroom's projection screen. The audience of adults sat captivated by the bright, action-packed cartoon that played out before them. Sure, there was a language barrier, but jokes were universal.

The scene came full circle. Years ago, when Chilakalapudi attended UMKC, he recalled being at a friend's house when the friend's child was watching *The Lion King*. Although he'd always considered himself "too manly" for cartoons, Chilakalapudi said he couldn't take his eyes off the screen. He was an adult, drawn to the movie's bright colors and artistic animation.

It was part of an interest that had been snowballing since he first arrived at UMKC. It was during his campus tour that he first learned Walt Disney had penned the original Kasey Kangaroo.



Green Gold's hit series features India's favorite character, Chhota Bheem.

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 years 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."

—Kristin Pitts

## Toontastic

Rajiv's top five movies for inspiration





FACE TO FACE »

# 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 City (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.

**Watch it** See a video of UMKC through the decades at perspectives.umkc.edu.

"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



Jane Campbell points to herself in a picture taken outside of Dickey Mansion (now Scofield Hall) during the University of Kansas City's official dedication on Oct. 1, 1933.

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.

Among the 250 students in UKC's inaugural class, Campbell says she had the opportunity to meet a lot of people and make new friends. Between attending class in Dickey Mansion (now known as Scofield Hall) and the carriage house and spending countless hours in the mansion's greenhouse for lab work, she also found time for social activities.

She says her favorite memories are of the faculty, who all held Ph.D.s 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.

"I was a real rebel, but it was exciting," she laughs. "My father was just happy I didn't make the paper."

After two years at UKC, Campbell transferred to the University of Kansas to finish her studies.

"My mom wanted me to go away for growth," Campbell says. "KU was so different from UKC. The classes at KU were bigger and it didn't have the same feeling of closeness. I enjoyed my time at KU and had some really good professors, but most of the professors I had at UKC were better."

After graduating from KU, Campbell began working for a local gas service company. She moved to Texas two years later after marrying Albert Cook, an officer in the Navy. After being stationed in Texas, California and Virginia, the couple settled in Arlington County, Va., with their three children. After the children were grown and her husband's retirement, they ended up in Clarke County in Virginia.

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.

Even throughout her travels, Campbell returned to Kansas City often to visit family and the university. In 1983, she visited campus to celebrate the university's 50th anniversary.

"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 UMKC.

"I hardly recognize it now," she says. "It's been amazing to see the school's transformation over the years and its impact on the community."

Now as the university celebrates its 80th anniversary, Campbell says she's been looking through her scrapbook more than usual.

"I pulled it out recently and shared it with my son who was visiting," she says. "I look back at my time at UKC very fondly. It was exciting to be part of that first class. I may not have graduated from UKC, but it remains a very special place to me." —Kara Petrovic

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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.



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

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