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### Veterans Center members honored with public service award



#### PUBLIC SERVICE

Two MU people recognized with high honors

Two [MU Veterans Center](http://veterans.missouri.edu) members were [honored Monday](http://munews.missouri.edu/news-releases/2012/0123-mu-student-staff-member-receive-honorary-public-service-award-from-u-s-department-of-defense/) in Memorial Union with the [U.S. Department of Defense](http://www.defense.gov/)'s Outstanding Public Service Award for their commitment and dedication to veterans on campus and in the community.

Carol Fleisher and Dan Sewell were influential in creating and expanding the [Veterans Center](http://veterans.missouri.edu), a campus office that helps veterans make the transition from military to civilian life.

Fleisher, director of the MU Veterans Center, worked closely with Sewell to develop the office. She said he is an example to those veterans who worry they cannot pursue an education after serving their country.

"Not only did Dan make it, but he made sure everyone else made it," Fleisher said.

After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Sewell returned to Missouri in 2007 to attend MU. As an undergraduate, he put together a two-credit hour course to assist veterans in transitioning to civilian and university life and started MU Veterans Week.

— *Trevor Eischen*

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### **MU's pedometer program creates some serious walkers**



**WALKING MAN** Bill Lamberson, a professor of physiological genetics, makes exercise a priority of his daily life. Keith Montgomery photo

#### **KING OF STEPS**

Bill Lamberson has walked about 11,000 miles while wearing his pedometer

A million steps? Way cold. Three million steps? Now you're warm. Seven million? Warmer still. When it comes to walking, nobody's as hot as Bill Lamberson.

Among the 144 University of Missouri employees participating in the [Healthy for Life Million Step Pedometer Program](http://www.umsystem.edu/curators/wellness/physical_activity) ([http://www.umsystem.edu/curators/wellness/physical\\_activity](http://www.umsystem.edu/curators/wellness/physical_activity)), which rewards people for improving their health through walking, Lamberson has tallied a record 19 million steps.

He's walked about 11,000 miles since joining the program four years ago. That's equivalent to walking west from Columbia to Tibet in the Himalayas — more than half way around the world.

Visit [CAFNRnews](http://cafnrnews.com) (<http://cafnrnews.com>) to [read the complete story](http://cafnrnews.com/2012/01/walking-man/) (<http://cafnrnews.com/2012/01/walking-man/>) by Randy Mertens

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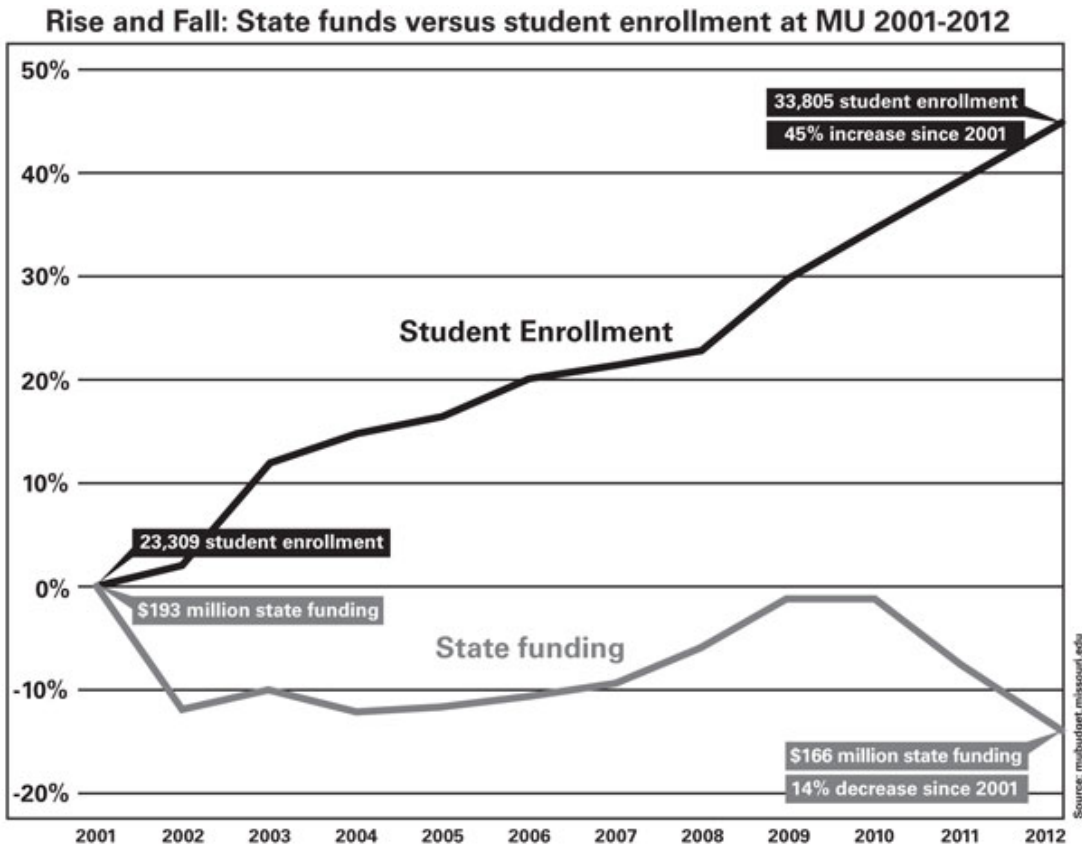
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BY THE NUMBERS

Decline in state funding over past two years



MU has had to do more with less state funding due to higher education budget cuts since 2001.

As MU's student population has risen, state funding to the university has fallen over the past 10 years. From 2001 through fiscal 2012, state funding to MU dropped 14 percent, while student enrollment increased 45 percent, MU budget and enrollment records show.

The contrast between rising student enrollment and state funding cuts came into sharp focus after Gov. Jay Nixon, BA '78, JD '81, unveiled on Jan. 17 his agenda to balance Missouri's budget, which is projected to have a \$500 million shortfall for fiscal 2013.

Nixon's \$23 billion proposed agenda includes funding cuts to public colleges and universities of at least 12.5 percent. Funding for four-year higher education schools would be slashed by \$99 million. MU's share of the cut would be about \$21 million.

A review of MU enrollment and state appropriations since 2001 shows the university has been educating more students despite cuts to its funding.

In 2001, MU student enrollment was 23,309, and state funding was \$193 million. By 2005, the head count had jumped to 27,003, while funding had shriveled to \$170 million.

FISCAL YEAR	ENROLLMENT	STATE APPROPRIATIONS
2001	23,309	\$193 million
2002	23,667	\$169 million
2003	26,124	\$174 million
2004	26,805	\$168 million
2005	27,003	\$170 million
2006	27,985	\$171 million
2007	28,253	\$175 million
2008	28,477	\$182 million
2009	30,200	\$189 million
2010	31,314	\$189 million
2011	32,415	\$179 million
2012	33,805	\$166 million

Source:  
MU Budget Office

After a modest increase in state funding from 2006 to 2009, funding for the last two fiscal years has fallen from \$189 million to \$166 million. Meanwhile, student enrollment continues to rise. Fall 2012 enrollment is projected to increase again, according to preliminary data from MU Admissions.

Harry Tyrer, chair of Faculty Council, said that among the results of decreased state funding have been hiring non-tenured faculty rather than tenured faculty, cutting back on building maintenance, and not filling vacant staff and faculty positions.

The UM System is also pulling from its money reserves, or “rainy day funds,” Tyrer said.

Tyrer said years of state-imposed caps on tuition have been particularly detrimental.

“The last two [Missouri] governors have put caps on tuition increases, but caps in tuition increases have not been replaced by General Assembly funding,” Tyrer said.

MU is trying to offset the rise in enrollment and cuts in state funds by increasing tuition and out-of-state enrollment, since those students pay higher fees than in-state students, Tyrer said.

But the UM System’s decision last year to increase tuition and fees — to an average of 5.5 percent, while MU increased tuition by 5.8 percent — came at a price.

Months after the increase, Nixon announced that the UM System’s allocation would be cut 8.1 percent, compared to other Missouri public colleges and universities’ cut of 7.1 percent.

Todd McCubbin, executive director of the Mizzou Alumni Association, said the alumni are doing their part to influence state politicians to lessen the funding cuts.

“They’re engaged in grassroots efforts by writing and making phone calls to elected officials to share good news about the university,” McCubbin said. “When we see proposed cuts like this, our alumni are very concerned.”

Student leaders are concerned, as well.

Corbin Evans, MU senior and legislative director of Associated Students of the University of Missouri, said that the UM System has “shouldered a large amount of the impact from the recent economic downturn and are now to the point where further cuts are affecting the quality of education offered on the four campuses.”

“The efficiency measures have been pushed to the limit,” Evans said.

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### **Free flu shots today for UM health plan enrollees**

#### **FIGHT THE FLU**

Clinic at Hearnese Center offers shots from 8 to noon

Flu season is here in all its runny-nose, dry-cough glory. But [Healthy for Life \(http://wellness.missouri.edu\)](http://wellness.missouri.edu) has your back.

Today the program will hold a flu shot clinic for faculty, staff and students as well as their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in a UM health insurance plan.

Free flu shots from 8 a.m. to noon will be given at the Hearnese Center, said Blaine Snow, program manager for Healthy for Life, the T.E. Atkins UM Wellness Program.

Participants must be at least 12 years old.

Please arrive with your Coventry insurance card and completed flu vaccine form, downloadable at [wellness.umsystem.edu](http://wellness.umsystem.edu).

For those not enrolled in a UM health insurance plan, the cost is \$15. Healthy for Life accepts cash or check.

Participants do not need to make appointments for the flu shot clinic.

#### **Who should get a flu shot?**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests that certain people get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications, or because they live with or care for people who are at high risk for developing flu-related complications. This group includes:

- Pregnant women.
- Children younger than five years old, but especially children younger than two years old.
- People 50 years old or more.
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions such as diabetes or heart disease .
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including health care workers and caregivers.

#### **Some people should not be vaccinated without first consulting a physician. They include:**

- People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs.
- Children younger than six months.

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NATIONAL HONOR MU physician Michael LeFevre jokes with patient Bernadine Ford. LeFevre, who heads the clinical activities of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, was elected to the Institute of Medicine, the health branch of the National Academies of Science. Shane Epping photo

#### LEFEVRE FEVER

MU physician's honor is hot news nationally

Michael LeFevre is a nationally respected expert on health policy, but to his young patients, he's the doctor who can quack like Donald Duck.

It's a good mix of talents for the family-medicine physician recognized in October with membership in the prestigious Institute of Medicine, the health branch of the National Academies of Science.

LeFevre should have suspected the honor was coming. He's co-vice chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a position largely considered a launching pad for the IOM.

Task force members study medical problems that affect large parts of the population. Using scientific evidence, they make recommendations for preventive care on important health issues such as prostate tests and breast cancer.

Similarly, LeFevre serves as a member of the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure, which updates recommendations for treating high blood pressure.

With the pressures of high-visibility responsibilities, LeFevre maintains a can-do attitude about his workload and the realization that IOM membership means more service.

Visit [Mizzou Wire](http://mizzouwire.missouri.edu) (<http://mizzouwire.missouri.edu>) to [read the complete story](http://mizzouwire.missouri.edu/stories/2011/mike-lefevre/index.php) (<http://mizzouwire.missouri.edu/stories/2011/mike-lefevre/index.php>) by Nancy Moen

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### **Celebration of Chinese culture**

Last Friday evening at Jesse Hall Auditorium, the MU Confucius Institute and China Society for People's Friendship Studies presented "Chinese Culture & Art Night." The audience was treated to sixty-five middle school students from Beijing performing folk music, ethnic dance, Peking opera and martial arts. Most of the performances in the show have received awards from different international competitions around the world. Photos by Rachel Coward





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#### EMERGENCY MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Safety programs for students, staff and faculty

In spring 2007, the Virginia Tech University campus was a war zone as the gun-wielding English major Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people before taking his own life.

The aftermath of the Virginia Tech shooting caused many colleges and universities nationwide to prepare and teach staff, faculty and students on what to do if a shooter overtook the campus, a bomb threat occurred or some other dangerous situation unfolded.

In August 2007, MU put into place its emergency mass notification system, which alerts people by email, text message and [MU Alert \(http://mualert.missouri.edu\)](http://mualert.missouri.edu) of a campus threat or unusual situation. Last December, the MU Police Department sent the emailed emergency notification to students, faculty and staff to ask them to avoid University Avenue Garage, where [a man had apparently committed suicide \(http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2011/dec/30/suicide-victim-was-respected-lab-employee/\)](http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2011/dec/30/suicide-victim-was-respected-lab-employee/) that morning.

“The incident at Virginia Tech made people start looking at increasing communication efforts to get valuable information out to the community,” said MUPD Sgt. April Colvin.

Colvin encourages everyone on campus to [enroll in the university’s emergency mass notification system \(http://mualert.missouri.edu/resources/notification-system.php\)](http://mualert.missouri.edu/resources/notification-system.php) in order to get emergency voice and text messages on their cell phones or through their campus email account.

“Because many active shooter incidents are over before law enforcement arrives, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation,” Colvin said.

But don’t expect the information always to be instantaneous. “Sometimes it is going to take awhile to get the information out until we can determine what is actually occurring,” she said.

#### **Handling an immediate threat**

But what if someone is trying to break through your door? In other words, what if the threat is immediate?

First call 9-1-1 if you can, Colvin said. But if the intruder is about to attack, you might want to take action.

“The dynamics of an active threat situation are different from a robbery or hostage situation,” Colvin said. “In active threat situations, all they want is to take people’s lives. In those situations, you have to assume that if they come through the door, they are going to kill you.

“When you are faced with the decision to hide or die, or fight and possibly live,” she continued, “it is an easy answer in my book as to which one I am going to do. If I am fighting, I have a better chance of surviving the incident.”

Throw everything you can at the intruder, including cell phones and books, Colvin said. “Move in on them while you are throwing things and use your body weight to drop with them to the floor so you can bind up their head, arms and legs,” Colvin said.

#### **Be aware of surroundings**

Colvin advises the campus community to be aware of what is going on around them.

“Most of us work in offices with routines set in motion,” she said. “You become familiar with what is unusual in your area. When you see things that are unusual, do not be afraid to report it to the police department immediately so we can do something about it. A lot of times you can head things off at the pass if you pay attention to what is going on around you.”

## Citizens’ Response to Active Threat

For hands-on experience in reacting and responding to violent intruders, students, faculty and staff can enroll in MUPD’s free class called Citizens’ Response to Active Threat Incidents. The four-hour class is offered monthly 5:30–9:30 p.m. at MUPD, 901 Virginia Ave.

In the class, instructors talk in-depth about lessons learned from the April 20, 1999, Columbine (Colo.) High School shooting and the April 16, 2007, Virginia Tech shooting.

[Enroll online \(http://mupolice.com/rad\)](http://mupolice.com/rad) or call April Colvin at 882-5925.

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### **The Weekly Staff Meeting: Deborah Ratliff**



**Name:** Deborah Ratliff

**Work Place:**

[College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources \(http://cafnr.missouri.edu\)](http://cafnr.missouri.edu)

**Title:**

Executive staff assistant

**Years at MU:**

12

**Hometown:**

Shelbina, Mo.

**Favorite authors:**

Robert Heinlein, Spider Robinson, Carl Sagan

**Favorite Musical artists:**

Gram Parsons, Brad Ratliff, Jimmy Buffett

**Favorite Quote:**

“Learners inherit the future; those finished learning find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists.” — Eric Hoffer, philosopher



**Undergraduate/graduate education:**

BS (psychology) from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). MA (library science) from MU.

**What are your current job duties?**

Whatever it takes to make the place run better. Examples: I remind people what we need to do or deliver to remain in compliance with rules and regulations. I perform hiring duties for faculty and staff. I prepare promotion and tenure dossiers, schedule annual reviews, assist with required periodic management reports, involved in visa and permanent residency application support; edit journal articles and grant proposals for professors, staff and students; and assist anyone who needs help with anything.

**What is your favorite part about working at Mizzou?**

I love the fact that Mizzou is a research university. The possibilities for learning are infinite and collaborations across disciplines can lead to interesting and exciting new results.

CAFNR has an amazing group of administrative staff who meet periodically, and we all know we can turn to the others for help.

**What do you enjoy most about your job?**

Learning.

**If you weren't doing this for a living, what would your dream job be?**

Working in an academic or a medical school library.

**How do you spend your time away from the university?**

I putter in the yard, planting fruit trees and bushes and pulling up sprouted acorns.

I'm a librarian at heart, and have been since I was 10. I have way too many books, always reading or giving books away.

I have collected witch memorabilia for about 40 years, and family members suggest I may be a "pack-Rat-liff."

I enjoy riding passenger on motorcycles, although I try to remember the adage: "There are two types of motorcycle drivers: those who have dumped their bikes, and those who will."

**What do you consider the most rewarding aspects of your job?**

It is very cool to be paid for learning. I really enjoy visiting with our international students, exchanging information and laughing over our mutual mistakes. I tell them if I visit their countries, they can reciprocate.

**What is most demanding/challenging about your job?**

Finding enough time to do everything I want or need to do. There's never enough hours.

**How do you meet those challenges?**

Try to minimize distractions, work smarter, prioritize and chip in to help others with their tasks so that when I need assistance, I can depend on the team to help me.

**Is there an achievement you've been recognized for as an employee at MU?**

It was very special to be the recipient of CAFNR's Above and Beyond Award after being nominated by a co-worker. If your co-workers recognize you, it means a lot. Also, when I finished my master's degree, my boss at the time recognized how hard I worked for five years. I was so proud of the supervisor and me, because as I walked across the stage in cap and gown, there was a pay increase waiting on the other side. It is good to remember that no one receives a degree by himself or herself.

**What others say about Deborah:**

"Deborah is a go-to person who, if she doesn't know the answer, will not let the issue rest until she has tracked down an answer for you. She volunteers her time, energy and expertise afterhours and on weekends for special CAFNR events and can be counted on to show up with a cheerful and positive attitude while carrying out her duties. She's among the last to leave at the end of an event.

“When you look up ‘dependable’ in Webster’s, you’ll find a picture of Deborah Ratliff.” — Beverly Spencer, executive staff assistant, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

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There's still time to [submit your nominations \(http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/chanceaward.html\)](http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/chanceaward.html) for the 2012 Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Awards. But you better hurry since the deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

This is your chance to nominate an exceptional MU staff employee for the awards.

Here is a rundown of the awards to be given out May 14:

- Four [Chancellor's Staff Awards \(http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/chanceaward.html\)](http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/chanceaward.html): one each in category of administrative/professional, office/secretarial, crafts/maintenance and technical/paraprofessional;
- [Barbara S. Uehling Award for Administrative Excellence \(http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/barbara.html\)](http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/barbara.html);
- [Mick Deaver Memorial Award \(http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/mickd.html\)](http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/mickd.html);
- [Mizzou Alumni Association Award for Alumni Relations Excellence \(http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/alumni.html\)](http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/alumni.html).

Visit the [Staff Advisory Council website \(http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu\)](http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu) to learn more.

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### Haggard steps down from Board of Curators

Judith Haggard resigned Jan. 17 as a member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators for personal reasons, UM System News reported.

In 2007, Haggard was appointed to the board of curators by Gov. Matt Blunt. She served as curator chair in 2010, advocating for the growth of a system-wide, coordinated effort to expand learning opportunities to new and existing students.

“Judy’s passion and enthusiasm for higher education will be greatly missed,” board chair David Bradley said in a statement. “She made it a personal mission to ensure that the University of Missouri remains in the top tier in both research and education and that our campuses provide an affordable education to the state’s citizens so they are equipped with the tools to become contributing members of society.”

Haggard said after her resignation, : “It has been an honor to work on behalf of the four campuses of the University of Missouri System. I am grateful for the privilege to have served the state in this capacity.”

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## Retirement plan vendor selected

During a board meeting late last year, the UM Board of Curators approved Fidelity Investments as its administrator to manage the defined contribution portion of the new retirement plan for new employees, as well as its voluntary tax-deferred investment program.

Through moving to a master administrator, the University will still provide employees with investment options, and it will also reduce administrative fees by more than half, expand employee services and allow the University to have a more structured, comprehensive retirement approach that benefits employees' retirement savings goals.

For information on the move, visit [umsystem.edu/totalrewards](http://umsystem.edu/totalrewards) (<http://umsystem.edu/totalrewards>).

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### **eLearning offers feedback to faculty**

Are you an MU faculty member concerned about the quality of your course or materials for last fall's semester? Constructive feedback is close at hand.

ET@MO has a six-month-old service for eLearning instructors called Quality Course Peer Reviews, online at [asket.static.missouri.edu](http://asket.static.missouri.edu). The service is available to MU faculty members who want thoughtful, structured feedback on their online or hybrid courses.

Quality Course Peer Reviews are offered on a voluntary basis and intended to provide helpful, constructive feedback in the interest of improving learning outcomes in eLearning courses. The review is not intended to evaluate or grade anyone.

For more information, visit [elearning.missouri.edu \(http://elearning.missouri.edu\)](http://elearning.missouri.edu), or [asket.static.missouri.edu \(http://asket.static.missouri.edu\)](http://asket.static.missouri.edu).

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### Six chosen for MU athletics Hall of Fame

Six former student-athletes have been selected for induction into the MU Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame. They are:

- Ben Askren, wrestling from 2004 to 2007;
- Don Chadwick, football from 1956 to 1958;
- Tom Heckman, baseball from 1978 to 1981;
- Max Scherzer, baseball from 2004 to 2006;
- Russ Sloan, football from 1958 to 1959;
- George Williams, men's basketball, track & field and tennis from 1920 to 1921.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Carly Northup in the Tiger Development Office at [tsfevents@missouri.edu](mailto:tsfevents@missouri.edu) (<mailto:tsfevents@missouri.edu>).

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### Missouri S&T names new chancellor

Cheryl B. Schrader, associate vice president for strategic research initiatives and former engineering dean at Boise State University, has been selected as the next chancellor of Missouri University of Science and Technology, [UM System officials announced \(http://www.umsystem.edu/stories/schrader\\_missouri\\_st\\_chancellor\)](http://www.umsystem.edu/stories/schrader_missouri_st_chancellor) Jan. 19. Schrader will begin serving as chancellor April 2.

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