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NEW CENTER A ribbon cutting for the Clinical Research Center took place Sept. 27. Participants included, from left, Bill Hervey, chamber ambassador; Rob Duncan, MU vice chancellor for research; Jerry Parker, associate dean for research; Robert Churchill, medical school dean; Jamal Ibdah, medical school senior associate dean for research; William Steinman, director of the new center; Tom Trabue, ambassador chair of the Columbia Chair of Commerce; and Dennis Lynch, chamber ambassador. Justin Kelley photo

MU HEALTH CARE

The center encourages interaction among scientists of various disciplines

MU Health Care leaders unveiled Sept. 27 the Clinical Research Center in the School of Medicine and the University Hospital.

The research center's physical location in both the medical school and hospital suggests its goal: to build a better bridge between clinical medicine and biomedical medicine to improve patient care.

"The center is one more step in our growth," said Deborah Pasch, executive director of University Hospital.

Conceived of about five years ago, the Clinical Research Center is part of a \$5 million hospital renovation project. Before its opening, clinical medical studies usually took place in doctors' offices and in a dedicated room on the hospital's seventh floor. The center's opening in a wing on the fifth floor means clinical trials now have a dedicated area.

Clinical trials will test the safety and effectiveness of medical treatments, such as those involving drugs, types of exercise, diets and mental-health therapies. Many trials will be Phase 1 drug tests, where healthy inpatient volunteers are given medicine to see how the body processes it.

The center is strategically designed to encourage interaction and the sharing of ideas among scientists. It boasts meeting rooms, lounge areas and a general laboratory where scientists can interact.

"The center will galvanize research," said William Steinmann, director of the research center. Patients, meanwhile, will benefit from access to cutting-edge treatments before they are widely available elsewhere, he said.

Besides an inpatient Phase 1 unit, the research center has five inpatient beds and three outpatient exam rooms. There is also a metabolic kitchen for nutrition studies and to prepare meals for inpatients, and an exercise room equipped with aerobic machines to test fitness.

Scientists from various disciplines will use the center, Robert Duncan, MU vice chancellor for research, told about 60 gathered at the ribbon cutting. Training programs for physicians wanting to contribute to clinical research will also be available.

"Engineers could test new orthopedic devices in the center's exercise facilities," he said.

"Agriculture scientists could study new diets using the metabolic kitchen. Investigators involved in successful animal studies across MU could make the leap to human testing by using the center's Phase 1 clinical trials unit."

Duncan pointed to the center's potential for effecting medical innovation.

"It is exactly the type of critical infrastructure we require to transform discoveries made across campus into new products and services for patients," he said.

"We will be more competitive for grants, contracts and commercialization efforts that bring significant resources and recognition to our campus and community."

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ACADEMIC DIVERSITY

Diversity programs must use scientific data to improve, lecturer says

A University of California professor posed tough questions at a lecture Sept. 27 on how to retain underrepresented minority groups in the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and math).

John Matsui, director and founder of UC Berkeley's Biology Scholars Program, told about 25 faculty and staff in the Bond Life Sciences Center that achieving racial, socioeconomic and gender diversity within STEM is not a cookie-cutter proposition.

"It's not like opening up a new Kentucky Fried Chicken," Matsui said. "It's not a chain approach where the secret formula will work here, here and here."

Since 1992, the Biology Scholars Program at Berkeley has helped underrepresented minorities — mostly African-American and Hispanic students, many of whom were women — develop the tools to be successful in STEM programs.

In its first five years at Berkeley, 60 percent of underrepresented minorities in the program graduated with a degree in biology (within STEM's science field) — about the same rate and with equivalent GPAs as Asian and white students, according to statistics provided on the UC Berkeley website.

The program has since graduated about 2,750 underrepresented minority students.

Nationally, however, after decades of efforts, the pool of underrepresented students remains small.

"How do we break the cycle?" Matsui asked during the lecture.

That's a question that Matsui wrestled with this past year as part of a special advisory committee to the National Institutes of Health, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the National Science Foundation.

One of the problems, he said, is that the science community has a rigorous, peer-reviewed approach to conducting research, but it doesn't apply the same rigor to operating diversity programs, often based on anecdote and conventional wisdom.

"Diversity work should be data-driven," Matsui said. "We need to look at outcomes. We need to do good science."

And after 40 years of funding diversity interventions, one thing science groups have is data. "We need to identify, scale and disseminate the practices that work well," Matsui said.

But Matsui stressed that successful programs can't be copied outright. Universities need to carefully adapt model programs to their own specific situations.

Matsui's lecture comes on the heels of MU's receiving a five-year \$3.1 million grant renewal from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, a branch of the National Institutes of Health. The grant will fund undergraduate research for more than 50 underrepresented students in Mizzou's Exposure to Research for Science Students (EXPRESS) program.

Linda Blockus, MU director of undergraduate research, said the lecture, sponsored by MU's Mentor in Residence program, was an opportunity for faculty, administrators and academic advisers to begin a dialogue about student diversity and retention.

"Unless as a country we figure out how to make sure all the unrecognized talent out there is being nurtured, we're going to fall short in terms of a scientific workforce," Blockus said.

"I think that's the responsibility of a state-funded institution: to make sure all students who want to pursue science have the opportunity and resources to do so."

— Erik Potter

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Press Advisory Committee members announced at Faculty Council

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI PRESS

Advisory members include faculty from all four campuses

Committee members appointed to advise on the direction of Missouri Press were revealed at the Faculty Council meeting Sept. 27 in Memorial Union.

The committee includes faculty from all four campuses, Missouri Press authors, a former press managing editor and the executive director of the Missouri Humanities Council. The first meeting will be in comming weeks.

The Press Advisory Committee:

- · Craig Roberts, MU professor of plant sciences
- Rebecca Johnson, MU nursing professor
- Gary Ebersole, history department chair at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC)
- Michael Murray, professor of broadcast journalism at the University of Missouri–St Louis (UMSL)
- Mark Fitch, associate professor of civil engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology.
- Steve Moehrle, chairman of the Intercampus Faculty Council and an associate professor of accounting at UMSL
- · Wilma King, director of MU's black studies program
- · Becky Stafford, chair of the MU Staff Advisory Council
- Kristofferson Culmer, president of the MU Graduate Professional Council
- Mel George, UM System president emeritus
- · Geoff Giglierano, executive director of the Missouri Humanities Council
- · Jane Lago, former managing editor of Missouri Press
- · John Fennell, associate professor of journalism at MU

• Gary Kremer, director of The State Historical Society of Missouri, and editor of several Missouri Press history books published between 1991 and 2004

• Susan Flader, professor emerita of history at MU, who wrote *Exploring Missouri's Legacy: State Parks and Historical Sites* (Missouri Press, 1992)

· Mary Barile, associate director of the MU Office of Grant Writing and

Publications and author of The Santa Fe Trail in Missouri (Missouri Press, 2010)

The ad hoc members are:

- · Jim Cogswell, MU director of libraries
- Michael O'Brien, dean of the MU College of Arts & Science
- Dean Mills, dean of the MU School of Journalism
- Richard Wallace, MU chancellor emeritus
- Deborah Noble-Triplett, UM System assistant vice president of academic affairs.

Committee members will meet with Chancellor Brady J. Deaton and UM System President Tim Wolfe.

Also at the meeting, council members continued to discuss forming a faculty committee that would perform a "root cause analysis" of how officials decided to close Missouri Press.

Council wants to discuss "shared governance, what it means and how it impacts all levels of the university," Faculty Council Chair Harry Tyrer said.

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University of Missouri researchers study young women's views on health, nutrition

LOOKING GOOD

College-age women believe society rewards attractiveness, study finds

It's fine that university students care how they look. The danger is that many female students are prioritizing their appearance above health, according to researchers at the University of Missouri.

María Len-Ríos, an associate professor of strategic communication; Suzanna Burgoyne, a professor of theater; and a team of undergraduate researchers conducted the study, presented in August at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Chicago.

The purpose was to learn how young women view their bodies and how they feel about media messages aimed at their demographic.

Utilizing focus groups that included college-age women and men and mothers of college women, researchers discovered how women think about eating and nutrition.

The disturbing find was that women are concerned about their weight but not about what they eat.

"During our focus group conversations, we learned that young people don't think about nutrition when it comes to eating," Len-Ríos said. "They think more about calorie-counting, which isn't necessarily related to a balanced diet."

Researchers want to open a dialogue about conflicting societal messages regarding weight, values and healthful choices.

"We receive so many conflicting messages from news reports and advertising about how we should eat, how we should live and how we should look," Len-Ríos said.

"Some participants said they realized images of models are digitally enhanced, but it doesn't necessarily keep them from wanting to achieve these unattainable figures.

"This is because they see how society rewards women for 'looking good.' "

In addition to surveying focus groups, researchers conducted interviews with nutritional counselors who cited lack of time and unhealthy food environments as reasons why college-age women aren't eating nutritionally.

"Eating well takes time, and, according to health professionals, college students are overscheduled and don't have enough time to cook something properly or might not know how to prepare something healthful," Len-Ríos said.

The research contributed to *Nutrition 101*, a play by MU theater doctoral student Carlia Francis that premiered last spring. During the performance, characters disclose their insecurities about their bodies, deprecate other women's bodies and discuss nutrition choices. Organizers hope to resume the play in coming months.

"Body image is a sensitive topic, and the play helps open discussions about how individuals view themselves and how media messages influence their self-images," Burgoyne said.

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Retiring during economic boom could cause financial hardships for retirees

PERSONAL FINANCE

Financial expert recommends retirement during economic downturns

The recent economic downturn and volatile financial markets have drastically reduced the retirement accounts of many current and future retirees. In a new study, a University of Missouri financial expert has found that many Americans choose to retire when the economic markets are peaking, an action that can, ironically, cause major problems for the long-term financial stability of retirees.

"Potential retirees often will first meet their targeted retirement savings goals during an up market and will be tempted to retire at that point," said Rui Yao, an assistant professor of personal financial planning in the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

"The problem with this strategy is that the economy runs in cycles, meaning that after a peak, the market will take a downturn," Yao said. "People who have retired shortly before an economic downturn run a serious risk of losing a significant portion of their retirement savings, which will shorten the longevity of their retirement income.

"This could result in many retirees outliving their retirement savings and facing financial hardships toward the end of their lives," he said.

Yao recommends that potential retirees hold off on retiring immediately upon reaching their target savings goals, particularly during an economic boom. She says that potential retirees should retire during an economic downturn, as long as they have saved enough to be comfortable. That way, she says, once the markets recover, retirees' savings will increase above their initial target goals, which will create an adequate financial cushion for future economic downturns.

In the study, which was published in the *Journal of Personal Finance* and funded by a grant from Prudential Insurance Company of America, Yao examined data from the Health and Retirement Study, which is a national biannual survey conducted by the University of Michigan.

The study reviewed the financial and retirement statuses of more than 4,000 households with retirement-age Americans from 1992 to 2008. Yao found that the probability that retirement-eligible Americans chose to retire increased as the number of consecutive

up-market years increased. Every 1 percent increase in market returns increased the probability of retirement by more than 2 percent.

Yao also found that working Americans with a retired spouse were more likely to retire than all other household types, including those with a working spouse and those without a spouse. Yao said this trend could also create potential financial problems.

"It makes sense that many married couples would want to retire around the same time," Yao said. "However, if both spouses decide to retire close to the end of an up market, the household would have little to no cushion should their retirement portfolios be affected by an economic downturn."

Ultimately, Yao believes these findings show the need for retirement planners, employers, and financial educators and practitioners to help pre-retirees better understand the challenges they face in order to reduce the likelihood of financial problems after retirement.

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Emeriti faculty honored, given status certificates at summer event



HONORING FACULTY From left, Nancy Molavi, associate teaching professor emerita of French, and husband Kaye talk with Flore Zepir, professor and chair of romance languages, and Michael O'Brien, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, prior to the start of the emeriti luncheon July 30 in Memorial Union. Nicholas Benner photo

CELEBRATING FACULTY

Many retired faculty stay on part time

Twenty-four recently retired faculty members were honored July 30 in Memorial Union's Alumni Faculty Lounge. Chancellor Brady J. Deaton and Provost Brian Foster presented status certificates for their decades of service.

Though some emeriti will break ties with the University of Missouri, many others continue as part-time faculty.

"You have helped us get to this point," Deaton told them, "and I know how much you continue to help this university. Thank you for what you have done, and thank you for what you continue to do."

Among faculty honored at the University of Missouri Emeriti Luncheon were William Bondeson, professor emeritus of philosophy; Nancy Molavi, associate professor emerita of romance languages; Douglas Grouws, research professor emeritus of learning, teaching and curriculum; and William Miller, professor emeritus of nuclear engineering.

During the presentation, Marian Minor, professor emerita of physical therapy, was honored for her cutting-edge research involving osteoarthritis patients.

Through the mid 1980s, most health professionals advised osteoarthritis patients to reduce activity to the affected joints.

"Marian was one of the few people at that time to study what would happen if people with arthritis exercised," Kyle Gibson, chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at the School of Health Professions, said during his remarks.

Minor's arthritis research asked new questions about the relationship between exercise and joint function. Traditionally, rest was prescribed for people with arthritic joints. The assumption was that exercise would add to joint damage and pain. But her studies showed that was not the case.

Today, health professionals commonly recommend conditioning exercises for people with osteoarthritis, the most common joint disorder that affects half of those 55 and older.

"It was fun to be a rebel in the world of arthritis research," Minor, 69, said at the luncheon.

Since her 2010 retirement, Minor has remained active with the University of Missouri System wellness program and is director of the

Central Missouri Regional Arthritis Center, one of seven programs in Missouri with state and federal funding that helps arthritic patients.

Donna Otto, teaching instructor emerita in the School of Nursing, retired May 31. Currently she's a part-time clinical instructor for the MU online nursing program. Full retirement for Otto is like the horizon on a foggy sea — it's out there somewhere, but indefinite. "It's so fun," Otto, 62, said of her job. "It's not like work. I love it because you know you are making a difference in people's lives."

Otto's nursing students appreciate her dedication. In 2008, she received an Honor Tap from Mystical 7, a student-led secret honor society that follows university values (one of the seven was a nursing student). Last April, the fourth floor of Galena Residence Hall was named the Otto House. Students worked for two years with Residential Life and campus officials behind the scenes to make it happen.

At the emeriti luncheon, Otto said she would gladly offer career advice and instruction to the Galena nursing students. "But I don't do laundry," she joked.

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Scientist invents clog-free ink jet after inspiration from human eye

BIOMIMICRY

Invention might make printers less wasteful

Clogged printer nozzles waste time and money while reducing print quality. University of Missouri engineers recently invented a clog-preventing nozzle cover by mimicking a feature of one of the five senses.

"The nozzle cover we invented was inspired by the human eye," said Jae Wan Kwon, associate professor in the College of Engineering. "The eye and an ink jet nozzle have a common problem: They must not be allowed to dry while, simultaneously, they must open. We used biomimicry, the imitation of nature, to solve human problems," Kwon said.

A paper documenting the invention was published in the most recent Journal of Microelectromechanical Systems.

Kwon uses a droplet of silicone oil to cover the opening of the nozzle when not in use, similar to the film of oil that keeps a thin layer of tears from evaporating off the eye. On the surface of the human eye, eyelids spread the film of oil over the layer of tears.

However, at the tiny scale of the ink jet nozzle, mechanical shutters like eyelids won't work, as they would be stuck in place by surface tension. Instead, the droplet of oil for the nozzle is easily moved in and out of place by an electric field.

Kwon said this invention could make home and office printers less wasteful. To clear a clogged nozzle in most ink jet printers, a burst of fresh ink breaks through the crust of dried ink that forms if the machine isn't used constantly. But this burst wastes a lot of ink. Kwon's invention is more efficient.

"Other printing devices use similar mechanisms to ink jet printers," Kwon said. "Adapting the clog-free nozzle to these machines could save businesses and researchers thousands of dollars in wasted materials. For example, biological tissue printers, which may someday be capable of fabricating replacement organs, squirt out living cells to form biological structures. Those cells are so expensive that researchers often find it cheaper to replace the nozzles rather than waste the cells. Clog-free nozzles would eliminate the costly replacements."

Similarly, rapid prototyping systems used by engineers and product designers emit streams of liquid plastic through nozzles like those on an ink-jet printer. The thick, sticky liquid used in the devices can make it necessary to replace the whole nozzle when they become clogged. These specialty printer parts can cost thousands of dollars.

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Veterans Center helps former military personnel adjust to student life



STARS AND STRIPES The University of Missouri honored the military veteran campus community and their families at the Patriot Day Barbecue Sept. 11 on the Francis Quadrangle. The American flag was raised high for the event. Nicholas Benner photo

FROM SOLDIER TO STUDENT

"A degree means a life," faculty veteran says

The number of military veterans attending the University of Missouri continues to tick upward. For the fall semester, 356 veterans using the Veteran Affair's GI Bill for education are enrolled, said Carol Fleisher, director of the MU Veterans Center. That's up by 29 percent from last spring. In addition, the MU Veterans Center serves dependents of veterans, taking the total number of students served by the Veterans Center to nearly 650.

Veterans are discovering an accommodating atmosphere at Mizzou, which was recently named a veteran-friendly university by the magazines *G.I. Jobs: Your Guide to Post-Military Success and Military Times EDGE.*

Much of the credit goes to the Veterans Center's efforts to help student-veterans succeed. Opened in 2008, the center has assisted more than 800 Mizzou students using VA education benefits, Fleisher said. The center also serves MU employees who

are veterans.

"MU cares about our veterans and is honored by their presence on our campus," Fleisher said. "They bring tradition, focus, experience and a positive attitude that compliments MU's campus environment. We are intent in making their academic careers successful."

Alex Waigandt, an associate professor of education, school and counseling, is a Vietnam veteran decorated with three Purple Hearts. Using the GI Bill, he earned his bachelor's of science and master's at MU, and his doctorate at the University of Oregon.

"For veterans seeking help, I think MU does an excellent job," Waigandt said.

The Veterans Center, located in Memorial Union, assists student-veterans with class registration and employment preparation; helps them maximize their benefits and apply for grants and scholarships; and directs them to additional resources on campus. Some of those resources are through health services, Student Financial Aid, the Office of Cashiers, Disability Services and the Student Success Center. The center defines "veteran" as "anyone who has or ever has worn the uniform," Fleisher said.

The center also helps former soldiers feel comfortable in their new environment, where they typically are several years older than their classmates and have vastly different life experiences.

Robert Canine, a health sciences junior, is adjusting to campus life after 11 years of Army service, including two tours in Iraq. Canine is a bilateral amputee.

"MU has been more than accommodating to me," he said. "At first, the university was a little overwhelming, but the Veterans Center has made things easy. Whatever you need, they'll either take care of it for you or point you in the right direction."

Canine recently interned with Welcome Home, Inc., a local shelter for homeless veterans, and plans to intern at the state Capitol during the spring semester. He hopes to open a prosthetics business in Columbia after he graduates.

"The professors and the Veterans Center really care about their students and want them to succeed, and the campus is very accessible for people with disabilities," Canine said.

John Picray traveled to exotic places such as Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore during his four-year U.S. Navy career. He's now enrolled in MU's anthropology program. The Veterans Center has guided him through his G.I. Bill benefits, and he's met other student-veterans through the Missouri Student Veterans Association.

"I was living off my savings and had no support system until I walked into the Veterans Center," Picray said. "I immediately felt at home. I was expecting apathy, so to find people who really go out of their way to help veterans is a testament to the character of the university."

Student-veterans have also turned for support to faculty and staff outside the Veterans Center. Oftentimes veterans feel that only another veteran can understand what they are going through.

Waigandt often gives advice to former soldiers weighed down by the university's social and scholastic demands. "I always tell them, 'Keep your eye on the brass ring,' " he said.

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- Kate McIntyre, with additional reporting by Mark Barna

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SOLDIER TO STUDENT

Online courses a draw for veterans

For the fourth consecutive year, the University of Missouri has made the Military Friendly Schools list compiled by Victory Media, a communication company for military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

The list honors the top 15 percent of American colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace U.S. military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"MU was one of the first schools in the nation to create a full-service, one-stop shop to help our veterans transition from the military to academics," said Carol Fleisher, director of the MU Veterans Center. "We are very pleased to receive this award and to be recognized for our work in assisting our veterans."

In 2008, MU became one of four universities in the nation vto have a full-service center for veterans, military personnel and veteran employees. The center has taken the lead in facilitating veterans' transition to and from active duty and from the military to academia.

MU's breadth of online offerings also makes the university an attractive option for military personnel. More than 80 degree and certificate programs are available either all or partially online, and 10 to 15 new offerings are planned for the next year.

"Mizzou is adding to the already long list of degree and certificate programs resulting in more options for active duty and on-base personnel and veterans," said Gera Burton, Mizzou Online co-director. "The courses are taught by the same faculty who teach on campus, but the flexible format of online courses allows students to stay in their home communities and meet family and work commitments."

"Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools shows Missouri's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, director for *G.I. Jobs* magazine and vice president of Victory Media.

"As interest in education grows we're thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

The Military Friendly Schools list was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VAapproved schools nationwide. The results were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by *G.I. Jobs*.

— Josh Murray

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Jim Frech, left, and Bo Calvert of Frech Paving remove a manhole cover on Stewart Road Tuesday in preparation of the road's scheduled opening Oct. 12. Remaining work on the road includes filling holes, repaving and installing parking meters. Stewart Road closed in late September 2010 for upgrades at the Power Plant, including the 100 percent biomass boiler that is scheduled to begin operation in December. Nicholas Benner photo

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The Weekly Staff Meeting



Photo by Rachel Coward

Loriana Tisher

Work place: Trulaske College of Business
Title: Director, Professional Development Program
Years at MU: 8
Hometown: Placentia, Calif.
Favorite food: Trout
Favorite movie: The Dead Poet's Society
Favorite book: The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown
Favorite music: Country, Christian rock, pop

Favorite sport: Football

Favorite vacation spot: Monterey, Calif.

Undergraduate/graduate education: BS (applied math) from UCLA; SM (management) from MIT Sloan School of Management

What are your current job duties?

Providing strategic leadership for the Professional Development Program in the Trulaske College of Business. We bridge the gap between industry and academia by providing opportunities for students to develop skills and professional competencies through internships, workshops and exposure to business development tools.

• What is your favorite part about working at Mizzou?

I love interacting with students and really enjoy teaching. And I get to serve with an amazing team. It is also stimulating to meet with alumni to hear how we can better prepare our students by improving our processes.

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

A journalist or writer. I find people fascinating and it would be great to create word pictures.

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

Hanging out with friends; country and contra dancing; working out, hiking, biking, swimming, reading, cooking and cheering for Mizzou sports teams.

• What is most rewarding about your job?

Knowing you have made a difference in the life of another person.

• What is most challenging about your job, and how do you meet those challenges?

One word: Balance. Balancing short and long term roles. Balancing urgent versus important. Balancing work versus home. This requires planning, setting boundaries and discipline.

• What others say about Tisher:

"Loriana has brought a new level of professionalism to her position. She is very detailed and a pleasure to work with."

- William H. Griffin, adjunct instructor in management in the College of Business

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Pharmacy opens in Student Center

Mizzou Pharmacy has opened at 1207 Student Center, the southeast corner of the first floor.

The pharmacy will operate the same as MU Health Care's eight other pharmacies in Columbia. Prescriptions can be filled there for faculty and staff under the myChoice Health Plan.

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Professor receives mentor award

Lloyd H. Barrow, a professor of science education, received this past summer the Graduate Faculty Mentor Award. Barrow advises doctoral and master's students in the College of Education.

"It is important for me to be an effective listener before I provide advice, to understand what their long-term goals are so we may figure out the smaller goals that will need to be accomplished to achieve all their objectives," Barrow said.

" 'Caring,' 'student-centered' and 'knowledgeable' were words that appeared again and again in his nomination packet," said Lee Wilkins, faculty fellow with the Graduate School.

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First School of Nursing Porter award given

Sherri Ulbrich, assistant professor at the Sinclair School of Nursing, was named this past summer as the Dr. Rosemary T. Porter Faculty Scholar, which honors Dean Emerita Rosemary T. Porter. She spent 29 years at the school as a faculty member, associate dean and dean, retiring in 2008.

"Sherri is an excellent role model for clinical decision-making, has a vast knowledge base related to the theory and practice of nursing, and teaches students to use evidence and know about best practices in caring for patients," said School of Nursing Dean Judith Miller.

The \$100,000 endowment, which became fully funded last spring after a five-year campaign, is the result of nearly 200 donations. Ulbrich will receive the Porter award for the next three years.

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Walk to prevent suicide

A 5-mile walk to bring awareness to suicide prevention will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 14 beginning at Fulton State Hospital, 600 E. Fifth St., Fulton, Mo.

Proceeds for the "Out of the Darkness" walk go to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

To register, contact Judy Stiefvater at 573-592-2037, or email her at judy.stiefvater@dmh.mo.gov. Register online at <u>outofthedarkness.org (http://outofthedarkness.org)</u>, or beginning at 11 a.m. on day of walk.

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