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## UM Connection | Spring 2023

### Update from Interim Chief Engagement Officer Chad Higgins

Happy spring! Over the last several months I have had the opportunity to meet with all the retirees associations' leadership committees. The Four Campus Retiree Association Leadership Committee are great advocates for all UM System retirees. I look forward to our continued partnership on UM System initiatives.

Our office, along with Missouri Office of Broadband Development, are working on several projects that you might be able to help with. There is information on Missouri Internet Survey, which we encourage all of you to take, as well as information on the new Missouri Digital Asset Map below.



Chad Higgins, Interim MU  
Vice Chancellor for  
Extension and Engagement

The University of Missouri Extension is conducting a [research survey](#) in cooperation with the Missouri Office of Broadband Development that will be used to guide state internet expansion and training efforts. It is critically important that we hear your voice, and it only takes about six minutes to complete. [Get started with the survey here.](#)

The purpose of the [Digital Access Map](#) is to collect and catalogue digital assets around the Subr2 -heq1 38.173 -1.571 T

## In Memoriam

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Miner Retirees Association

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UMSL Retirees Association



The Spring Luncheon had an important additional purpose beyond the social interactions and interesting conversation. We recognized the major contributions, made in retirement, by one faculty and one staff retiree. Dean Emerita in Nursing, Nancy Mills, was honored with the 2023 Retired Faculty Recognition Award, presented to her by Denis Medeiros for her many broad contributions across multiple academic units, UMKCRA and the Emeritus College. He presented to James Wanser, retired from the Testing Service, the 2023 Retired Staff Recognition Award for his continued contributions to LGBTQIA causes, to Midtown city governance and Historic Kansas City.

UMKCRA also honored four undergraduate students with the Going for Excellence Scholarship: Isabel Muziva, Nikki Hahn, Tengis Ochirbat and Kale Marie Michael. Sushil Koirala, a Pharmacy graduate research student, received the Leo J. Sweeney Scholarship in Aging for aging-related research. We expect to see him report his research progress in January 2024 just like Maya Bauhn and Payton Wolff, recipients of the 2022 Aging Scholarships, did at the Breakfast Program earlier this year, on February 7, 2023.



Pictured: Curator Williams, Awardees Nancy Mills and Jim Wanser, presenter Denis Medeiros, scholarship recipients Izabel Muziva, Nikki Hahn and Tengis Ochirbat

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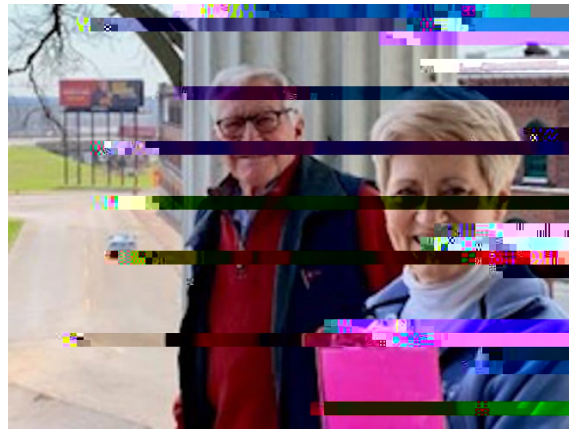
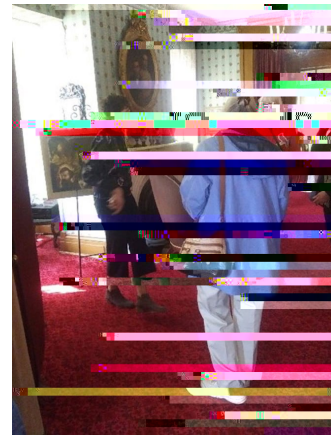
## UMSL Retirees Association updates:

Welcome to the UMSL Retirees Association 2023 spring



Members participated in a very interesting tour on March 30 of the

Chatillon–DeMenil Mansion in Benton Park. The home was constructed, starting in 1848, for the pioneer Henry Chatillon, and then enlarged to its present form by prominent St. Louis businessman Nicolas DeMenil from 1855 to 1863. The house now serves as a house museum. Its nomination to the National Register of Historic Places described the DeMenil house as the finest example of Greek Revival architecture in the Midwest. The tour was followed by a lunch at the historic Lemp Inn. Additional outings are planned for later in the semester.



Our chapter worked with the UM system in February and March to participate in the sending of post cards to new faculty and staff retirees from all four University of Missouri campuses. To date, 12 retirees have opted in to receiving membership information for the UMSL Retirees Association.

Our annual business and social membership meeting luncheon will be held on June 9 at the Glen Echo Country Club. Dr. Chris Spilling, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic & Community Development, will speak to members about our upcoming campus building moves and renovations as well as the celebration of the university's 60th anniversary. We will be voting on our slate of officers and chairs at the meeting and hearing more about our Retiree of the Year (ROTY) nominations.

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as president of the UMSL chapter this year. Our board members have been dedicated to serving the membership and campus whenever possible. As such, we have been involved in a wide variety of activities and been able to work with many friends and new acquaintances across the campus and system. Thank you to all who made our year always interesting and meaningful.

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## Miners Retirees Association updates:

The Miner Retirees will complete our 2022-23 year with the annual picnic potluck on Monday, May 8, at Lions Club Park. Members can arrive any time after



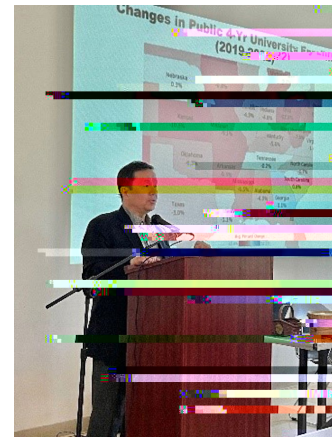
4:00 p.m. to eat at 5:00. We'll provide grilled hamburgers and hotdogs plus soft drinks. Members are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Retirees who have not yet authorized UM to allow their contact information to be shared with us can connect by visiting myHR and selecting My Personal Details. You can update your contact information and click the box for UM Employee Data to opt in so we can reach you.

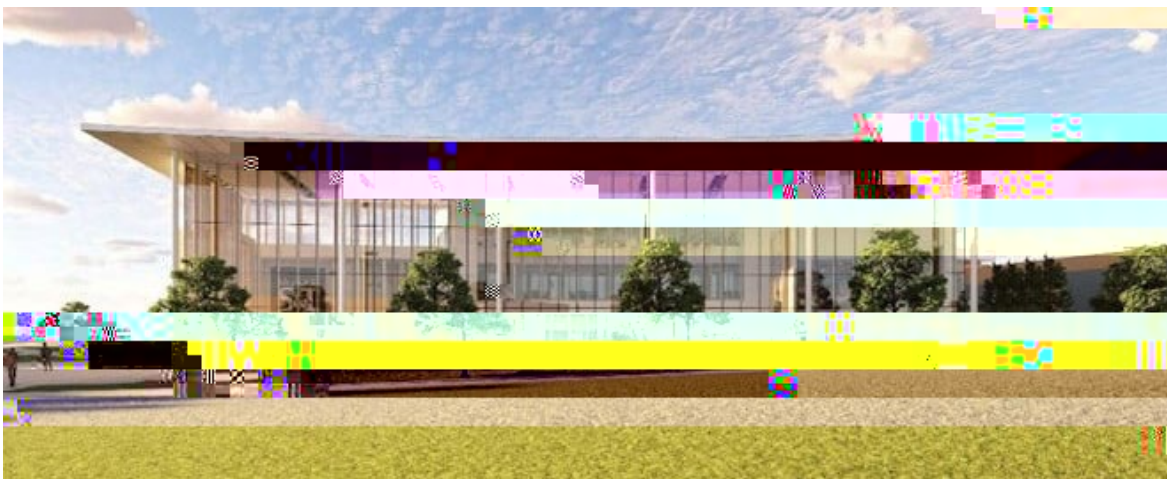
Membership in the Miner Retirees is \$10/year with the first year being free. Each membership is defined as the former employee and their spouse/partner. We usually meet the second Monday of each month during the school year at [The Centre](#) where there is ample parking. Lunch is catered by [Argyle Catering](#). Speakers tend to be from campus to keep us up to date.

S&T chancellor Dr. Mo Deghani joined us again at our April meeting. The main speaker was Dr. Mun Choi, president of the UM System and chancellor of UM-Columbia. His update noted that at all four UM campuses expect increased enrollments this fall. He commented that Missouri S&T seems to always have construction cranes dotting the skyline.

President Choi invited the retirees to the Welcome Center groundbreaking that was the next morning with the Board of Curators ([view the master plan for the Welcome Center](#)). It will be located on the site of the former power plant, between a new underground parking garage and Toomey Hall, which houses [Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering](#). The underground parking garage will be accessed from the roundabout at [Tim Bradley Way](#) that opened last fall.



UM System President Mun Choi discussing enrollment changes by state at the April S&T Retirees meeting.



S&T Welcome Center from the South Lawn

Miner Retirees officers are:

- President: Greg Harris





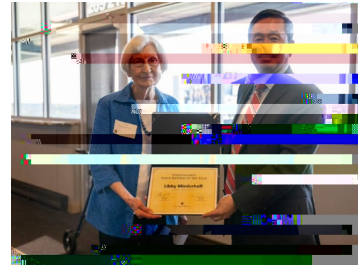




David Leuthold, Faculty  
Retiree of the Year and  
President Choi



MURA members enjoying the  
reception



Libby Miederhoff, Staff Retiree  
of the Year and President  
Choi

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