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[MU task force examining programs, looking at possible cuts](#)

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A task force at the University of Missouri is working to examine every academic program and will ultimately make recommendations to the provost's office on which programs could possibly be cut.

The Task Force on Academic Program Analysis, Enhancement and Opportunities was formed in June 2017. It's comprised of 15 faculty members, along with co-chairs Dr. Cooper Drury, Associate Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Matthew Martins, Faculty Fellow of Academic Programs.

Currently, the task force is working on an analysis strategy that will be used to evaluate programs. They have three main objectives: look for programs that need to be invested in, identify programs that could be consolidated or combined and identify which programs the university can no longer support.

"Often what happens I think at any institution, but especially at universities, is that you get programs that have been around for a really long time and they maybe made a lot of sense 30 years ago but maybe they don't make sense now. And that doesn't mean that they should be cut—but maybe they don't make sense in their current configuration," Dr. Drury said in an interview with ABC 17 News.

After the task force develops an analysis strategy, members will look to the university community for feedback.

"We won't be making any recommendations in this first report that we're working on right now. It purely is the 'this is how we're going to evaluate programs,' and then we'll go out to the campus and talk about that. There will be an opportunity for stakeholders around the campus to say 'wait a minute you forgot about this—or we feel this item on the list is the most important.' Then, we will start going back and doing the evaluation," Dr. Drury said.

"I think the most important thing that we're going to have to do as a group is to actively engage with the campus. The full campus community," Dr. Martens added. "The real work I think of this group is getting out, getting feedback and ideas from faculty, staff, from students from alumni from leaders on campus. So, whatever recommendations this group ends up with, it's almost a certainty that there are folks on campus who will not be pleased with some of this. That's just a natural part of this process. But it's really important for us to make sure that we can say that everybody had an opportunity to provide input and ideas."

Students were happy to learn that their opinions will be heard.

"That's something I would really appreciate because if we're going to be on the receiving end of these budget cuts then we need to be able to say, 'this is going to affect our program in this way or maybe this is something that we can modify and make work a little better.' If the funds have to be cut then maybe we can streamline the process a little more," Mary Hales, a graduate student in the fine arts division, said.

The co-chairs also acknowledged that there will likely be backlash, but they hope to minimize it by being as transparent as possible.

"My hope is that when people understand the process that we're following and how much input we're trying to get, the backlash will be mitigated at least," Dr. Drury said.

"Any time that we talk about a recommendation to inactivate a program or change a program, that affects a lot of people who've put in a lot of hard work over the years," Dr. Martens said, adding, "But that doesn't mean it's not a decision that needs to be made"

The task force is planning to gather feedback throughout the fall semester. Their final report is due to the provost on January 15.

University leaders say they will begin making decisions on program investments, consolidation and cuts in the spring.



Local Law Firm Requests Records from Boone Hospital, MU Health Care

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Over a year later, graduate student group, UM seek summary judgment

MICHAEL CALI

COLUMBIA — More than a year after the MU Coalition of Graduate Workers sued the UM System Board of Curators over the right to unionize, attorneys for both are seeking to have the case decided by summary judgment rather than bench trial.

According to court documents, all parties must have their motions submitted by Oct. 30, and responses from both sides will continue to be submitted into the new year. After that, they will begin oral arguments before Boone County Circuit Judge Jeff Harris.

"I would anticipate we will have a ruling by this time next summer," Eric Scott, co-chairman of the coalition, said in an email, "though of course the legal system tends to work at a deliberate pace."

The suit filed in May 2016 claimed that MU graduate student workers' right to collectively organize is being violated by the University of Missouri System's decision to not recognize their union, according to court documents.

"We want a legally binding contract that guarantees security and stability so nothing like the insurance crisis that happened at the beginning of last year can happen again," coalition outreach officer Joseph Moore said in a previous *Missourian* interview.

Scott said he prefers not to speculate on the outcome of the suit but believes they have a strong case for why graduate students should be considered employees and thus able to unionize.

"We would be perfectly happy to move on from this long and expensive legal battle and spend more of our time and energy on making the University of Missouri a more just and democratic institution for its workers," Scott said in an email. "It could be accomplished instantly by the Board of Curators recognizing CGW as the exclusive representative of the graduate employee body."

The lead attorney for the curators on this case did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday morning.



UMKC Chancellor Leo Morton leaving a year earlier than announced

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University of Missouri-Kansas City Chancellor Leo Morton announced Wednesday he would leave the school in October to return to his business roots.

Morton, who has been UMKC's chancellor since 2008, said in May that he wouldn't retire until after the 2017-18 academic year.

"I still have several major projects that I want to complete before I retire," Morton said three months ago.

But a university announcement released Wednesday said Morton, 71, has accepted the position of chief operating officer at [DeBruce Companies](#), a multibillion-dollar Kansas City company. He also will serve as chancellor emeritus of UMKC.

"This is a unique opportunity for me to put my skills and experience to the highest and best use in service to a community I love, so I have moved up my scheduled retirement from UMKC to seize the day," Morton said in a statement.

"I wouldn't be comfortable doing this if I did not have the utmost confidence in the UMKC leadership team to provide strong direction and management of the university in the interim. Kansas City's university is in very capable hands."

The university has appointed Barbara A. Bichelmeyer, UMKC provost and executive vice chancellor, to serve as interim chancellor.

Morton's business career included stints at Aquila, AT&T Microelectronics, Bell Laboratories, General Motors and Corning Glass.

He was serving as president of the UMKC board of trustees when Gary Forsee, at the time University of Missouri System president, tapped him in July 2008 to step in as interim chancellor. Five months later, Morton was named chancellor.

During his tenure at UMKC, Morton presided over a time of significant growth in enrollment and the physical campus, including construction of the Henry W. Bloch School of Management which was at the center of a UMKC scandal over the submission of false data when applying for rankings and awards from national organizations.

The Star reporters investigated the wrongdoing at the business school and uncovered it in a 2015 story, resulting in the university being stripped of top 25 rankings.

Over the years, [Morton has been praised by many as a champion for UMKC](#).

"In his nine years of leadership, Chancellor Morton's impact on UMKC and Kansas City has been stellar on so many levels," University of Missouri System President Mun Choi said in a statement.

“We accept his departure with mixed feelings — regret that he won’t be with us as long as we hoped, but also with much gratitude for all that he has accomplished in his time at Kansas City’s university.”

Choi called UMKC “a university on the rise” and said he was looking forward to what the university will accomplish in the future.

Morton’s announcement comes months after the university announced the elimination of roughly 30 jobs and other budget cuts because of reduced state funding. Bichelmeyer, appointed provost by Morton in 2015, has been a key player in shepherding the university through those difficult budget times.

“For two years, I have had a front-row seat to observe how to provide effective, dedicated leadership for Kansas City’s university,” Bichelmeyer said in a statement.

“As both a member of the UMKC community, and a Kansas Citian, I am profoundly grateful to Leo Morton for both his service, and his example. Our university enjoys a level of civic support that few urban research universities can match. That is the keystone of Leo’s legacy.”

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Bichelmeyer named interim chancellor at UMKC

NO MU MENTION

By THE TRIBUNE’S STAFF

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Barbara Bichelmeyer, provost of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, will be the interim chancellor while the university searches for a replacement for Chancellor Leo Morton, UM System President Mun Choi said Wednesday in a news release. Morton in May announced he would retire Tuesday.

Bichelmeyer, a Kansas City native, was appointed UMKC provost by Morton in June 2015. Morton on Wednesday announced he would accept the position of chief operating officer at DeBruce Companies, a small firm handling the investments of Paul DeBruce. Morton also will be chancellor emeritus of UMKC. Bichelmeyer was an administrator at Indiana University

before taking her job at UMKC. The news release stated that Choi will meet with faculty, staff, alumni and supporters to discuss the search for a permanent UMKC chancellor.



UMKC Chancellor Leo Morton To Depart Early

By ELLE MOXLEY

Outgoing University of Missouri-Kansas City Chancellor Leo Morton will be leaving earlier than expected, UM System President Mun Choi announced Wednesday.

In May, Morton, who has led UMKC since 2008, announced his intention to retire in spring 2018. But on Tuesday, Morton told Choi he would leave in October. Morton has been offered a job as chief operating officer at Kansas City-based DeBruce Companies.

“Morton presided over a period of significant growth in enrollment, the university’s most successful capital campaign, creation of a strategic plan for diversity and inclusion, and a successful campaign to advance UMKC’s Downtown Campus for the Arts,” Choi wrote in an email to UM System employees.

Choi went on to say he would request that the Board of Curators appoint Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer as interim chancellor.

“Provost Bichelmeyer has been here as our chief academic officer for several years now,” UMKC spokesman John Martellaro said. “In a lot of ways, there will be changes in the operations, but not rolling down to the level that it’s going to be noticeable in the classroom.”

Bichelmeyer acknowledged that the transition comes at a time when cuts to higher education funding have created uncertainty for the UM System. More than 200 people were laid off systemwide in May, including 30 at UMKC.

“This is one more major change at a time when we are experiencing significant challenges at UMKC,” Bichelmeyer wrote in an email to staff on Wednesday.

In June, Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens vetoed legislation that would have provided matching dollars to build a \$96 million downtown arts campus after university officials – probably sensing a shift in political winds – announced they would not pursue state funding for the

project. UM System Curators are expected to take up alternative funding mechanisms at their meeting next month. *Editor's note: KCUR 89.3 is licensed by UMKC.*



Bichelmeyer Named UMKC Interim Chancellor

By SARA SHAHRIARI

University of Missouri System President Mun Choi named an interim chancellor to the University of Missouri-Kansas City today.

Barbara Bichelmeyer will serve as interim chancellor of UMKC effective August 15, when Chancellor Leo E. Morton retires. Bichelmeyer is currently provost and executive vice chancellor at the university.

Morton has been chancellor since 2008, and he announced his retirement in May.

“I have every confidence in Provost Bichelmeyer and her ability to lead UMKC to new heights, despite some of the challenging times currently facing higher education,” Choi said in a statement released by the UM System today.

Bichelmeyer’s appointment will be in effect until a new, permanent chancellor is named.

THE ST. LOUIS AMERICAN

Danger looming nationwide, not only in Missouri

EDITORIAL

We believe the Missouri NAACP State Conference was justified in issuing a travel advisory for people traveling (or living) in Missouri who are concerned about civil rights. Nimrod Chapel, the president of the conference and a trial attorney, first issued the travel advisory to pressure Governor Eric Greitens to veto Senate Bill 43, which weakens workplace protections for women and minorities. If enacted, the law would require plaintiffs to prove claims of discrimination are “the motivating factor” in an action by an employer; existing law says the plaintiff has only to prove discrimination was “a contributing factor.”

Chapel compiled a longer list of concerns and grievances than this “Jim Crow law,” as he called it. Tory Sanford died in a jail cell, though he was never arrested after running out of gas when he traveled into the state. **University of Missouri students met with racist attacks when they stood up for their rights (while the University of Missouri System spoke in favor of SB 43).** State Rep. Rick Bratton argued that homosexuals are not human beings, according to his faith. The Missouri attorney general recently reported that black drivers in Missouri are 75 percent more likely to be stopped and searched than white drivers.

The list, of course, could be much longer and should include at least two more items. As the ACLU of Missouri noted in applauding the travel advisory, Missouri is one of only seven states in the nation with only one abortion clinic, and new restrictive laws governing women’s constitutional right to an abortion pushed by Greitens will open the state up to more legal challenges. Missouri also is a state where your fellow citizens can pass a law mandating higher minimum wages in your city, then Republican legislators from out-state and a Republican governor can eliminate those wage hikes, literally taking money out of the wallets of tens of thousands of people. (Note that Chapel appointed to his state NAACP executive committee an attorney, Jane Dueker, who was paid to help defeat the minimum wage hike.)

As for the national NAACP endorsing the travel advisory, its new interim national president Derrick Johnson and the national board made this a national story and exposed this retrograde piece of legislation and other troubling developments in this state. However, just as Ferguson was about more than Ferguson, bills like SB 43 and the erosion of civil rights protections in Missouri are part of a dangerous national trend that certainly impacts, say, Mississippi (where

Johnson previously led the NAACP state conference) and Maryland (where the NAACP advised its members to travel this summer for their national conference).

We encourage the NAACP and anyone motivated by this story to prepare themselves for a version of SB 43 and additional restrictions on abortion rights coming to a state legislature near you. Republicans now control both chambers in 32 states (covering 61 percent of the U.S. population), including 17 with veto-proof majorities. Many are pushing selfish, short-sighted policies that exploit white angst about an increasingly diverse America at the expense of the creative forward-thinking needed to move the country in a more progressive direction. Democrats control the legislature in just 13 states (covering 28 percent of the country's population), and only five of those chambers have veto-proof majorities. Republicans now control the governor's office in 33 states, covering 60 percent of the population.

Chapel rightly focused on the state where he has a leadership role, but this state is not unusual in its inhospitality to the rights of blacks, women and gays. In a nation ruled by Donald Trump, with Jeff Sessions as attorney general, it is not only in Missouri where travelers should, as Chapel urged in the travel advisory, be "aware of looming danger." As Carol Anderson, author of *White Rage*, argues, Trump aims "to turn the politics of white resentment into the policies of white rage – that calculated mechanism of executive orders, laws and agency directives that undermines and punishes minority achievement and aspirations." This travel advisory could reasonably be extended nationwide. The anger and outrage directed at Missouri by the NAACP has many valid targets in many states, and we have much hard work to do if we are going to preserve respect and protection for civil rights throughout this country.



Missouri Community College Association names new President/CEO

Jefferson City – Brian Millner was named President/CEO of the Missouri Community College Association, effective September 1.

Millner will lead the association in its efforts to advocate and provide professional development for Missouri's 12 community colleges and nearly 2,000 members.

"MCCA is excited to welcome Brian to the team," Jeff Pittman, MCCA Chairman and Chancellor of St. Louis Community College said. "Brian's experience in higher education and economic development will be a tremendous asset to Missouri's community colleges."

Millner formerly served as Chief of Staff at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and as legislative director for the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

“Community colleges are critical to developing Missouri’s workforce and growing the state’s economy,” Millner said. “I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to serve the community colleges and to help as they make a positive difference in our state.”

Millner holds a masters of public affairs from the University of Missouri-Columbia Truman School of Public Affairs. He currently lives in Columbia with his wife and two daughters and also coaches high school soccer in Ashland.

Millner succeeds Rob Dixon, who was appointed as Acting Director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development on July 1.

About the Missouri Community College Association

The Missouri Community College Association is a statewide organization through which Missouri’s community colleges work together to advance common agendas. MCCA brings the state’s 12 colleges together for advocacy, professional development, information, and collaboration.

About Missouri’s Community Colleges

Missouri’s community colleges specialize in workforce development and provide associate degrees and certificate programs. They serve as Missouri’s lead institutions in delivering postsecondary technical education in partnership with area vocational technical schools.



Leading eclipse expert found her own path in the stars

Watch the story: <http://www.komu.com/news/leading-eclipse-expert-found-her-own-path-in-the-stars>

COLUMBIA - Angela Speck is obsessed with the coming total solar eclipse. She co-chairs the national task force on the event and spends her days planning and promoting what's to come.

Since she was a child in Bradford, England, space has called to her and the sky has demanded her attention. She would often walk around her childhood home at night and just look up at the stars.

It was the era of the Apollo space missions.

“We were learning a lot,” Speck said. “There were things on the news, and there were all sorts of angles on being able to get into space.”

Starting at age 5, she wanted to be an astronaut. But, as she grew up, she changed her mind: sound engineer, architect, actress. They all seemed appealing.

“With the exception of actress, all of those involved physics, so it never really caused any problems for me,” Speck said.

Education was always a priority in the Speck household. While her parents struggled financially, they always made sure there was money to fully support their children’s education.

“So we might not have had the same toys and things as everybody else, but we always had books and were able to do educational trips,” Speck said.

She believes her parents’ support of academia played a large role in where she is today.

“I don't think I appreciated it at the time, I don't think I realized how important it was and I don't think I realized what sacrifices they made to make it so they could afford for us to do things,” Speck said.

In addition to making sure she did well in school, Speck's parents wanted her to be a student of the world.

“Social justice has always been a part of my life,” Speck said. “My parents named me after Angela Davis.”

She was never sheltered from what was going on in the world, good or bad.

Her first trip abroad was to Paris, when she was eight years old. As her family was wandering around Moulin Rouge, she saw a woman and told her father how pretty the woman looked, and that was when her father explained prostitution to her.

“When I ask a question, I get an answer, I wouldn't get fobbed off,” Speck said.

She also frequently went to demonstrations with her family, beginning her fight for social justice, a battle that she still carries on today.

“Going to those things, you learn a lot, because it's not just your parents you're interacting with, you're interacting with a whole lot of people,” Speck said.

In her teenage years, Speck began taking advanced courses to prepare herself for college.

In 1989, she left Bradford with eyes on a university in London, 200 miles away, which was far by British standards.

“From Bradford, you can only really go about 300 miles and then you fall off the island,” Speck said.

Speck's first college astronomy class was a junior-level course. She now teaches the same material at MU, but students must have two semesters of prerequisite courses to even get in.

Speck graduated in 1992 with a degree in astrophysics and went to work in research and development for a small company that produced air cleaners, ionizers and other things with fans and filters

“There aren't many jobs you can do with a physics degree that don't require a higher degree,” Speck said. “This was one where they wanted a physics degree, but they were also interested in some creativity.”

Speck returned to University College London to get her doctorate in astrophysics. One of her favorite experiences was a field observation trip to the Big Island of Hawaii. She was 14,000 feet off the ground, staring through a world class telescope at the sky, with a volcano exploding below her.

“It's the best sky I had ever seen,” Speck said.

It was during graduate school Speck met her "other half," Alan Whittington, a fellow scientist who now chairs the geology department at MU.

The two moved to the United States in 1999 in search of clear skies and permanent jobs.

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois was their first home as they became Fighting Illini doing post-doc research at the University of Illinois.

“I was living in central London, my husband was living in central Paris and we both moved to central Illinois and it was a culture shock, in a big way,” Speck said.

When it came time to find a permanent job, Speck demanded one thing. 'I don't want to stay in the midwest, I don't want to be here anymore,' she told herself.

She changed her mind when she and her husband were both offered positions at the University of Missouri.

"We got the best combined deal," she said.

Speck said she initially had reservations about Columbia but has come to realize it is "really nice."

"I'm not at all sad to be here," she said.

Speck said she and her family can always find things to do.

"There is lots going on. It's arty. There's quirkiness. It's not just a boring little town," she said.

A lot has changed since she and her husband arrived, including their family. The couple have had two boys, Xander, 13, and Hamish, 10.

"Both boys, both obnoxious. They're both pretty smart," Speck said.

Speck and Whittington mirror a lot of the same methods Speck's parents used while raising her. They are not afraid of being honest with their children, as long as they know the answer to the boys' questions.

One morning, when her children were much younger, they were listening to NPR in the car, and one asked her what a suicide bomber was. She could not answer the question.

"I get what it is and what they do, but I don't understand why," Speck said.

Speck said she thinks many parents might not want their children to hear such things, but she believes having an open conversation is necessary.

"There are spaces where it is uncomfortable, but you don't grow unless you step outside of your comfort zone and that is true for everybody, whether you are an adult or a child," Speck said.

She and her husband also have taken their children to demonstrations on campus to let them experience that for themselves.

"They understand that this is part of life, I think that exposure to that is really important," Speck said.

Speck and her family are also drawn to Columbia's art community. Every year they go to Art in the Park and buy at least one piece.

Displayed on one of the shelves of Speck's book shelf are a two blown glass art pieces. One the couple got as a wedding present and the other they got from Art in the Park.

Speck said the way light interacts with glass is "really interesting."

"My husband studies glass. Glassware is always going to be popular in this house," she said.

Speck sits in front of two of her favorite glass pieces as she says it.

"These are the project that the fourth graders do every year, the stained glass window," Speck said. "Both of the ones behind me, Xander worked on."

Light shines through the glass panes and colors the room.

"Color is just everything, I love color," Speck said.

It's one of the things she thinks about when she looks at the sky.

"I am really interested in how we use color as a way to figure out what is going on."

When Speck first got to MU there was barely anything resembling an astronomy department, not even an upper level astronomy program.

"I developed the astronomy program, it now exists. I have to make sure we have courses offered and people to teach them." Speck said.

Despite being known for her knowledge about the upcoming solar eclipse, her research is not related.

"It's actually more of a hiatus in my research," Speck said.

Her academic focus is the dust that forms around stars.

"Knowing what the dust is allows you to understand a whole lot more and it allows you understand how planets form and how life forms," Speck said.

She wants to understand what the stardust is, what it is made of, what its crystal structure is and what impurities it has.

"I'm Interested in all of that and trying to understand what impact that dust has on its environment and what roles determine what forms, and we should be able to then infer what happened back in time."

Outside of her actual research and job, Speck is active in the university community.

She played a large role in the protests on campus as the Faculty Council Chair of Diversity and Enhancement Committee.

"I was doing a lot of work on supporting minority students on campus," she said.

Speck said her work with the eclipse relates back to her love for social justice.

“The eclipse has turned out to be this thing that fits between my love of science, my love of teaching and outreach to the public and my social justice work,” Speck said. With the eclipse being seen, at least partially, by the entire nation, Speck sees it as a very leveling event, very inclusive.

“There is an opportunity to engage in inner cities, in poor rural communities, in all sorts of places,” she said.

As the co-chair of the American Astronomical Society’s national task force she wants people to be exposed to science, much like she was growing up in the age of the space race.

“We want to inspire some kids the way that Apollo inspired my generation,” Speck said

Speck says she wants to show students that science is an “awesome” and “viable” career. But there is something there as well for those who don’t want to make it a job.

“We also want to make fans. We don’t need everyone to be a scientist, but we do need the majority of people to understand science and to care about science,” Speck said.

Speck said she’d like to see people get into science as much as sports. She said likes to watch and understands football, but will never play it.

“I care about the players, I care about what’s going on. But, I’m never going to play it and that’s kind of the sort of fandom that science needs,” Speck said. “We need to have a situation where people may not be doing science but, they have an appreciation for it.”

She sees the eclipse as a way to draw more people into science.

Ironically, Speck has never seen a total eclipse before herself. She had moved to Illinois by the time one crossed Britain in 1999.

Speck will be busy during the eclipse here, but doesn’t plan to miss the moment of totality.

“I just want to take everything in. All of it,” Speck said. “And I don’t want anyone to bother me in those three minutes.”

Once it’s over, Speck may turn her attention to writing a book, but that won’t be her first priority.

“Ya, I’m going to sleep a lot in the fall,” she said.

MISSOURIAN

FROM READERS: MU student confronts Alzheimer's disease in her family

LAUREN SMOTKIN

Lauren Smotkin is a senior journalism student at MU and recently interned at the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Missouri.

Every fall, all across the United States, you'll find a sea of people holding promise flowers to the sky for the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's opening ceremony. Bright orange, blue, yellow and purple flowers sit proudly in hands raised high. Each color holds a different meaning.

Those who hold an orange flower show their support for the cause and vision of a world without Alzheimer's. A yellow flower signals someone is caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. Purple means you've lost someone to Alzheimer's. Blue means you're currently battling the disease yourself.

"A lot of times the disease makes you feel very helpless and alone," said Paige Ondr, a Walk Specialist for the Alzheimer's Association in Columbia. "But at the Walk you can see all those purple flowers and know you're not alone going through this."

Before 2012, Clare Morrison, a sophomore at MU, walked with her family to honor her late grandmother who died of Alzheimer's before Clare was born. Clare said the opening ceremony has always been her favorite part of The Walk to End Alzheimer's in the 9 years she's participated. However, the ceremony does have a melancholy feeling to it.

“It makes me kind of sad,” Morrison said. “because I remember the first year my mom was holding a blue flower instead of a purple one.”

Alzheimer’s disease is normally seen as an issue exclusive to older adults. But, in 2012, when Clare was only 15 years old, her 52-year-old mother, Colleen Morrison, was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer’s. Early-onset diagnosis applies to those who develop symptoms of Alzheimer’s before the age of 65 and only occurs in about 5 percent of those with the disease.

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