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## **Missouri proposes 5.5 percent tuition increase**

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The University of Missouri system is proposing an average 5.5 percent tuition increase for in-state undergraduates in the next academic year.

University curators will consider the proposal at a meeting Thursday and Friday in Columbia. The planned increase meets the goal of keeping any tuition hikes below 10 percent.

For the first time, the proposed increases vary among the system's four campuses. They vary from 4.7 percent at the St. Louis campus to 6.6 percent at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.

The Columbia campus wants a 5.8 percent increase, while the Kansas City campus is recommending a 4.8 percent increase.

Required student fees would be raised by equivalent amounts. Tuition has remained flat at the system's campuses the past two years.

## ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

# Board set to increase tuition in University of Missouri system

BY TIM BARKER [tbarker@post-dispatch.com](mailto:tbarker@post-dispatch.com) 314-340-8350 | Posted: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:05 am

**University of Missouri students are likely to be facing tuition increases of 4.7 to 6.6 percent next year, based on recommendations university leaders will be asked to consider this week.**

The Board of Curators for the four campuses will meet Thursday and Friday in Columbia and are expected to end a two-year freeze on in-state tuition rates. It will also mark the first time that each campus will have a different level of rate increase.

"We wish we could continue to hold the line on tuition and fees as we have for the past two years," Steve Owens, the system's interim president, said in a release.

But with an expected 7 percent cut in state higher education funding, the system will be dealing with a \$42 million shortfall, even with the tuition increase.

The proposal calls for the following increases in tuition and fees:

- 4.7 percent at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 4.8 percent at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
- 5.8 percent at the University of Missouri-Columbia.
- 6.6 percent at the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

The two-year freeze was the result of an agreement with Gov. Jay Nixon that kept higher education cuts relatively low. But last year, Nixon said he would not be able to make the same deal, freeing state campuses to raise rates.

At the same time, Nixon has also said he hoped tuition increases across the state would be modest — and no more than 4 percent.

Nikki Krawitz, the system's vice president of finance, said the system has not heard anything from the governor's office on the proposed rates. "I think they recognize that the four-year institutions have different missions," Krawitz said.

Late Tuesday, Nixon's office released a statement from the governor stressing the need to keep college affordable: "This request should receive careful scrutiny when the board convenes later this week. College affordability is a value we must protect here in Missouri."

Curators also will be asked to approve increases in room and board rates. Based on the most common plans, rate increases would range from 2.8 percent at Missouri S&T in Rolla to 8.3 percent at UMSL. Mizzou's rate will go up 4 percent under the proposal.

A vote on these rates, as well as numerous fees related to the individual campuses, is expected Friday morning. They would take effect in the summer.

On Monday, the presidents and chancellors of Missouri's community colleges said they have agreed to seek tuition increases at or below \$5 a credit hour next year.



## **UM officials make tuition recommendation**

By Janese Silvey

University of Missouri System administrators are recommending that tuition and required fees at MU increase by an average of 5.8 percent next school year.

That includes a 6.5 percent increase in undergraduate in-state tuition, bringing the per-credit-hour rate from \$245.60 to \$261.60, a \$16 increase.

Curators are meeting in Columbia on Thursday and Friday to discuss and set tuition rates. If they approve the recommendation, UM officials will have to get permission from Higher Education Commissioner David Russell to increase the rates beyond inflation without a penalty in state aid.

Additionally, enrollment fees are increasing across MU's schools and colleges. Those increases are based on special needs of individual schools and colleges, said Nikki Krawitz, vice president of finance. For instance, the Missouri School of Journalism is looking at an \$18.60 increase, or 44.9 percent increase, to support the technology "needed in order to bring journalism into the 21st century," she said. "We get no funding for those special equipment costs" from the state.

Gov. Jay Nixon has recommended a 7 percent cut to higher education, which equates to about a \$29 million cut for the UM System.

The tuition and fee increases will generate about \$30 million, Krawitz said. While that cushions the state cut, UM administrators say they're facing a \$72 million shortfall from expected increases in expenses.



## MU curators to weigh tuition hike

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COLUMBIA, Mo. — The University of Missouri System will recommend to the board of curators an average 5.5 percent increase in tuition and required fees for in-state undergraduate students.

Curators will discuss and vote on this topic during their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday and Friday in Columbia.

Recommended increases among the university's four-campus system range from 4.7 percent at the University of Missouri-St. Louis to 6.6 percent at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. The Columbia campus is recommending an increase to its tuition and required fees of 5.8 percent, while UMKC is recommending an increase of 4.8 percent.

This is the first time tuition and fees on each campus will be decoupled, allowing campuses to recommend increases based on their particular needs, including their individual market and economic circumstances.

Interim President Steve Owens said in a news release that the proposed 7 percent cut in state appropriations will leave about a \$42 million shortfall. He said state support per student has dropped 28 percent, from \$10,462 to \$7,510 in the last decade.

Northwest Missouri State and Missouri Western State universities have not yet met about tuition increases, but presidents from both institutions have said they are likely.

## COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

# UM System recommends 5.5 percent tuition increase

By Alex Keckeisen

January 25, 2011 | 7:44 p.m. CST

**COLUMBIA — The tuition freeze at the University of Missouri System's four campuses is all but certain to end this year.**

**The administration is asking the UM System Board of Curators for a 5.5 percent average increase for in-state undergraduate students. Curators will meet later this week to consider the request.**

The Columbia campus is asking for a 5.8 percent increase, which would provide a \$13 million increase in revenue. Tuition and fees at MU would increase to \$8,993 for a student taking 28 hours over two semesters, up from \$8,500 during the current school year.

Other campuses are asking for increases of between 4.7 percent and 6.6 percent. This would be the first year for the system's four campuses to be decoupled, allowing each to recommend increases based on specific needs.

“We've tried to keep those [increases] at the lowest levels possible,” said Nikki Krawitz, vice president for finance and administration.

Yet, the UM System is expected to provide a certain level of quality for students, she said.

“If we are going to recruit and maintain faculty, keep buildings in good shape and make programs available to them, it requires a tuition increase of this size,” Krawitz said.

The increase would take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year in July.

The news comes on the heels of Gov. Jay Nixon's State of the State address, in which he recommended a 7 percent decrease in appropriations — \$10.4 million — to the Columbia campus. That leaves the state's flagship campus with a \$32 million budget gap before the curators finalize any tuition and fees increase.

If the tuition increase is approved, MU still must close a \$17 million shortfall in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget. A variety of options are on the table, said Todd Mackley, assistant director of budgeting.

Departments may be asked to cut budgets, as they were last year, he said. In addition, maintenance repairs can be further delayed. MU currently has a maintenance backlog of \$511 million.

All four UM System campuses are seeking tuition increases, with Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla asking for the largest — 6.6 percent. The University of Missouri-St. Louis is recommending a 4.7 percent increase, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City is requesting 4.8 percent.

The budget is not usually set this early in the year, said Christian Basi, associate director of the MU News Bureau. But because the rate of the tuition increase is above that of the consumer price index, the UM System must apply for a waiver to the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

“We have to plan the best we can for next year,” Basi said. “It’s good to have something like this set ahead of schedule.”

Curators will consider tuition and fees increases on nonresident undergraduate students, graduate students and various professional schools at this week’s meeting.

The two-year tuition freeze was an agreement between Nixon and former UM System President Gary Forsee in exchange for retaining a consistent level of state funding.

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## David Steward nominated to University of Missouri board

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**SCHOOL BUSINESS:** St. Louis business leader **David Steward**, founder and chairman of the international company, World Wide Technology, was nominated today by Gov. **Jay Nixon** to serve on the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

The board oversees the operation of the four-campus University of Missouri system.

Steward's company, which he founded in 1990, is a leading provider of technology products, services and supply chain solutions to customers around the world. Since he began the company, it has grown to more than 1,400 employees and more than \$3 billion in sales. It was number 201 of 223 companies that were on last year's Forbes list of America's Largest Private Companies.

Steward currently serves on the executive advisory board of Nixon's "Strategic Initiative for Economic Growth," which is a process to set goals and plans to transform Missouri's economy over the next five years. Steward also is the author of a book on the importance of faith and values in business, "Doing Business by the Good Book: Fifty-Two Lessons on Success Straight from the Bible."

Steward will represent the Second Congressional District on the board. The governor has nominated him for a term that would end on Jan. 1, 2017. The nomination will be subject to confirmation by the Missouri Senate.



## **St. Louis businessman named to university board**

**Posted: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 5:35 pm**

**Gov. Jay Nixon has appointed the founder and chairman of a St. Louis-based technology company to the University of Missouri Board of Curators.**

The nomination of David L. Steward, of St. Louis, to the nine-member board was announced Tuesday. The appointment requires Senate confirmation.

Steward is the chairman of World Wide Technology Inc., a privately held company he founded in 1990. The company now has more than 1,400 employees providing technology products and services.

The Board of Curators oversees the four-campus University of Missouri system and has one member from each of the state's congressional districts. Steward, a Republican, lives in the Second Congressional District and would serve a term expiring in 2017.



## Nixon appoints St. Louis businessman to UM Board of Curators

By Janese Silvey

A St. Louis businessman has been nominated to serve on the University of Missouri System's Board of Curators.



David Steward

David Steward, a Republican, would replace David Wasinger on the nine-member board. If confirmed by the Missouri Senate, Steward will serve a term ending Jan. 1, 2017.

Steward said he's excited to bring a fresh perspective to the board. In 1990, he started World Wide Technology Inc., which provides technology products and services. The company has more than 1,400 employees and does more than \$3 billion in sales. "I'm hopeful the entrepreneurial spirit I've lived the last 20 years will be a tremendous value," he said.

His background meshes with UM's focus on economic development. Former President Gary Forsee highlighted the need for the four-campus system to take research from the lab to the marketplace, a mission interim UM President Steve Owens has vowed to continue.

Steward said he hopes he can provide expertise in that area on the board.

"Our whole country is changing, and we need the ability to adapt to that change," he said. "In that environment, it is going to be important for the university to address it in order to be relevant and more competitive globally."

Steward is a graduate of the University of Central Missouri, formerly Central Missouri State University. He said he has always been interested in education and "improving the lives of people and children. The generation to come is very important to me."

Steward said he wasn't expecting Gov. Jay Nixon to nominate him to the board, but he's excited about the opportunity. He said he's most looking forward to talking to and understanding the next generation.

"David Steward is one of this country's leading entrepreneurs and will bring a background of tremendous business experience and success to the Board of Curators," Nixon said in a news release announcing the appointment.

Steward is also the author of "Doing Business by the Good Book," which promotes Bible lessons in business.

He has made political contributions to both Democrats and Republicans. He gave \$5,000 to re-elect Nixon, a Democrat, and \$5,000 to state Auditor Tom Schweich, a Republican. Steward also contributed \$2,000 to Sen. Rob Schaaf, R-St. Joseph, and \$2,500 each to state Treasurer Clint Zweifel and Attorney General Chris Koster, both Democrats.

Tribune reporter Rudi Keller contributed to this story.

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## Campus Chatter

**Janese Silvey**

### **Steward brings diversity in more ways than one**

By [Janese Silvey](#)

Sometimes when breaking news happens on deadline, you just pick up the phone and make a call without doing much homework first.

That happened today when I got the news that David Steward has been appointed to the Board of Curators. I had no idea who David Steward was, only that he started a technology company that's grown quite successful -- and that just from Gov. Jay Nixon's press release.

So when we were chatting on the phone and talking about the unique skill set he'll bring to the board, I had no idea just how unique of a perspective Steward will bring. I didn't even realize he was black until we hung up and I found his photo.

University faculty members and others associated with the system have been asking Nixon to appoint a more diverse board. Of course, that doesn't simply mean appointing minorities, it also means appointing women, folks from a variety of work experiences and from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds (still working on that one). Why is it important to have a board made up of more than just rich, white men? Well, because that board represents a four campus system made up of all types of students and professors and staff members. The board should reflect that unique population.

After deadline, I did more searching for info about Steward.

I found a 2005 article from the St. Louis American that shared a glimpse into his childhood in Clinton, Mo. The story, by Malaika Horne, told about how Steward, at age 10, was the first student to crossover and integrate into the school system there after desegregation. Threatened by the KKK, Steward's school experience was a success, thanks to his father and other men who pulled all-night vigils.

The Christian Broadcast Network's 700 Club also [profiled](#) Steward. According to that story:

Though his family had few material possessions, David believes he inherited considerable wealth from his parents because they taught him what was important: treating people right. David recalls homeless people stopping by the house. "No one was ever turned away," he says. "I saw

faith in action." David also remembers his mother giving her last dollar to the church. "I knew it was seed to be sown with the expectation of a harvest," says David. These principles of sowing and reaping have stayed with him for his entire life.

The story goes on to talk about Steward's use of Bible principals in making his business, World Wide Technology a success. CBN says:

Two of the most important lessons David teaches are the following: (1) good leadership is love – "I love my employees and show them through my actions," he says; and (2) blessed to be a blessing – serving others and doing good for others is the bottom line. David's hope is that the corporate world picks up his book and that it directs them to the Bible. "This is the milk that gets people excited about the prosperity God has for their lives. If it directs them to the Word, then mission accomplished."

Here's another blurb about him.

Steward's appointment is subject to Senate confirmation, but given his Republican stamp and religious views, I doubt he has trouble snagging approval from the GOP majority.

Steward said the appointment surprised him, but he's looking forward to the challenge.

"I've always been interested in improving the lives of people and children," he said. "The generation to come is very important to me."

## COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

# St. Louis businessman nominated for open UM System curator seat

By Lindsay Roseman

January 25, 2011 | 6:34 p.m. CST

**St. Louis businessman David L. Steward was nominated Tuesday to fill one of four open seats on the UM System Board of Curators.**

**Steward would replace David G. Wasinger and serve through Jan. 1, 2017.**

Gov. Jay Nixon said in a press release after the nomination that Steward's strong business background would make him an excellent fit with the curators.

"I am pleased to nominate him to serve on the board of one of the nation's pre-eminent university systems," Nixon said.

Steward is the founder and chairman of World Wide Technology, an international provider of technology products and services. The company was recognized on the 2010 Forbes list of America's Largest Private Companies.

Steward also serves on the executive advisory board of Nixon's Strategic Initiative for Economic Growth and is the author of "Doing Business by the Good Book: Fifty-Two Lessons on Success Straight from the Bible."

He said Tuesday that he hopes to bring his passion for children and education to the curators.

"One of the things I've had in my life is I've had great people — teachers, coaches and people who cared enough about me to give me their very best," Steward said. "So giving support to those teachers and leaders and our system is extremely important."

Steward graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a bachelor's degree in business administration and an emphasis in industrial organization.

The experience he has gained prepared him for the position, he said, but he recognized that "first and foremost is the big challenge to replace some very, very big shoes."

Although he built a successful business, he said he's learned the most from his failures.

"It's taught me a lot about obviously what not to do, and to make some changes in order to improve the way in how we did things and bring value to our customers and partners we work with," Steward said. "I think I bring that level of experience."

With 27 years of business experience, Steward said he believes the relationships and partnerships he's built over the years will make a difference on the board.

He said he would bring that level of experience to the curators.

"What better place to bring those relationships than to the University of Missouri System?"



## Engel redux

### The status of the project

By Henry J. Waters III

On Jan. 9 in this space I noticed the “strange” case of Greg Engel, the University of Missouri engineering professor who lost control of his project and is under pressure from colleagues and academic officials to leave the faculty.

I said I could not judge Engel’s fitness for office but that the fact 18 fellow faculty members signed a petition calling for his tenure to be revoked was highly unusual, and I went on to discuss the institution of university tenure.

The editorial stimulated a lengthy rebuttal printed in these pages Sunday from several MU faculty members associated with the American Association of University Professors who argued Engel was getting a raw deal and it’s not that unusual for academic officials to pressure faculty to line up against an out-of-favor person like Engel, hinting the faculty signing the ouster petition were threatened into doing so by academic superiors, a serious charge.

As stated in the Jan. 9 piece, I can’t judge Engel’s fitness, but one thing is clear: The controversy puts his project in jeopardy.

Engel’s project earned a \$2 million earmark that required approval from the Navy to develop an electromagnetic launcher. Since then he has been accused of mishandling the paperwork and was relieved of its management. Now he refuses to work on the project, requiring others to scramble to pick up the pieces.

An outsider might assume his colleagues have some reason to criticize Engel, but it’s also clear the department and the university will benefit if the project goes forward. It’s beyond my ken to know which side should bear most blame for the standoff, and obviously both sides are stubborn, but is there no way to work things out so the research can continue?

Engel has a strong position. It is his research and his project, and he is tenured. He has irritated others in his department, but are his alleged sins too serious to reconcile? At this stage, with the battle lines so starkly drawn, who knows?

If reconciliation is impossible, does the project disappear? That’s quite a big price to pay in a pissing contest. Can somebody up there knock a few heads together?

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## **UM names interim to chief of staff role**

Interim University of Missouri System President Steve Owens has tapped Kathy Miller to be chief of staff on a permanent basis.



### **Kathy Miller:**

Named permanent UM chief of staff

She has been serving as interim since July, when David Russell left the position to become Missouri's higher education commissioner. Miller spent 15 years as a secretary for the system's Board of Curators and had hoped to retire before former President Gary Forsec asked her to step in temporarily.

Miller's current salary is \$90,000.

The chief of staff serves as the UM custodian of records and is supposed to make sure the university is in compliance with the Missouri Open Meetings and Records Law.

## **Mizzou waits on Mitchell and Richardson**

By MIKE DeARMOND

**Two high-profile Missouri athletic recruits — Tony Mitchell in basketball and Sheldon Richardson in football — could take until March 14 to enroll at the University of Missouri and still be eligible in their respective sports this spring.**

“As long as a student was admitted and enrolled as a full-time student and met all NCAA requirements, they would be eligible to practice and compete,” Kim Humphrey, MU’s athletics certification officer and assistant to the Vice Provost of Enrollment, told The Star on Tuesday.

Neither Mitchell nor Richardson has been confirmed as academically eligible. Tuesday was the last day to register for full spring semester classes at MU.

But Humphrey said anyone meeting enrollment qualifications — athletes and non-athletes — could enroll only for the final eight weeks of the semester at Missouri.

“If a student were to try to register tomorrow for a class, they can register for any class that has not started yet,” Humphrey said. “The majority of those are the second eight-week classes.”

Full-time student status would be needed for Mitchell to be eligible to practice or play, and for Richardson to take part in spring football drills.

“It would be difficult to fill a full schedule,” Humphrey said of the late-registration option. “Not impossible, but it would be difficult. I don’t know that we’ve ever seen it.”

On Monday, MU basketball coach Mike Anderson said he did not know when, or if, the NCAA might rule on Mitchell’s eligibility.

The Star previously reported that the NCAA has ruled Mitchell ineligible and the case was on appeal. MU officials have neither confirmed nor denied that report.

Richardson, a defensive lineman, signed with Missouri in 2009 but did not qualify academically and went to the College of the Sequoias in California.

## Tiger Spot artist Paul Jackson sues MU



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In a 2006 photo, artist Paul Jackson looks at his “Tiger Spot” mosaic on the University of Missouri campus. After years of wrangling over the damaged artwork, Jackson has filed a lawsuit against the university in federal court.

By [Andrew Demey](#)

The cracking, crumbling mosaic in front of Ellis Library on the University of Missouri campus has been a source of headaches for university officials and local artist Paul Jackson for nearly a decade.

But the troubles entered a new chapter last week as Jackson filed a lawsuit against the university in federal court, arguing his rights under the Visual Artists Rights Act had been violated by the university’s treatment of the glass-tiled “Tiger Spot” mosaic.

According to court documents filed Wednesday in the U.S. District Court of Western Missouri, Jackson argues the university has “distorted” and “mutilated” the once-heralded mosaic, which portrays a tiger’s face.

“This lawsuit, though regrettable, is necessary,” Jackson said in an e-mail. “I have tried for years in good faith to negotiate a solution with MU administrators, to no avail. MU’s previous offers to move the mosaic or have me sign my rights away ranged from insulting to ridiculous.”

MU officials did not respond to requests for comment before deadline. In the past, the university has cited weather as the cause of damage to the mosaic.

In 1999, Jackson, an MU alumnus, began work on the mosaic, and the project was unveiled in 2001 for that year’s Homecoming. According to a previous Tribune article, the project was financed with more than \$192,000 in donations.

Since August 2007, the pockmarked mosaic has been shrouded with a tarp, and efforts to repair or move the mosaic have been unsuccessful.

According to court documents, Jackson argues that days before the unveiling of the mosaic — during a period of heavy rains — the university removed a tent shielding the nascent concrete, despite “strong protest” from Jackson. The concrete did not set and cure properly. After that, people were allowed to walk over the structure. Jackson also claims the university did not provide adequate security, and the mosaic became the target of vandalism.

Jackson claims the university’s installation of concrete bollards also aided in the mosaic’s decline. The bollards were installed with the help of a Bobcat rigged with a concrete jackhammer, the vibrations of which Jackson said caused further damage.

According to court documents, the university told Jackson in March that it would not repair the mosaic. In the lawsuit, Jackson is asking for the university to resume repair efforts and for damages in excess of \$75,000.

Under the Visual Artists Rights Act, an artist is given the right to protect his or her reputation from the mutilation or distortion of his or her work. By not taking care of the mosaic on its property, Jackson argues, the university has damaged his “honor.”

In an interview, Jackson said the Tiger Spot troubles have ruined his reputation in Columbia and that he now must find work outside the city. He said he was once told by a city official that because of Tiger Spot, it would be a “waste of time” for him to throw his name in the hat for city art projects.

“It’s hard as an artist not to work in the town you live in,” Jackson said.

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# THE MANEATER

## Tiger Spot artist files lawsuit against MU

*The damaged mosaic on Lowry Mall has been covered with a tarp since 2007.*

**By Jared Hogan**  
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Paul Jackson, the artist behind the Tiger Spot mosaic that has been covered by a tarp on Lowry Mall since 2007, announced he has filed a lawsuit against MU in a press release Tuesday morning.

"This lawsuit, though regrettable, is necessary. I have tried for years in good faith to negotiate a solution with MU administrators, to no avail," Jackson said in the release. "MU's previous offers to move the mosaic or have me sign my rights away ranged from insulting to ridiculous. I do not believe the University has been dealing in good faith with regard to this project."

Jackson said the lawsuit "stems from what happened when MU took over possession of this magnificent work of art, known as Tiger Spot."

The press release also cites public damages to the artist's reputation as reason for the suit.

"University newspapers, MU libraries, and student government ridiculed the work, and the artist, blaming the expenses on me and causing damage to my honor and reputation," Jackson said. "The actions of the University and its officials violated several provisions of United States federal law. That is why the lawsuit was brought, and why this case deserves to be heard in federal court."

The full text of Jackson's statement is as follows:

This lawsuit, though regrettable, is necessary. I have tried for years in good faith to negotiate a solution with MU administrators, to no avail. MU's previous offers to move the mosaic or have me sign my rights away ranged from insulting to ridiculous. I do not believe the University has been dealing in good faith with regard to this project. The lawsuit stems from what happened when MU took over possession of this magnificent work of art, known as Tiger Spot.

The Tiger Spot mosaic was carefully planned, privately financed, and meticulously assembled and installed. The materials, location and methods used were appropriate and approved by the University. Unfortunately the concrete and mastic used were never allowed to cure properly. The artist's wishes and specifications were not followed.

Traffic of all types was allowed to pummel it, and vandalism allowed to occur repeatedly. Meanwhile, University publications were printing and creating a narrative which vilified and cast aspersions on the artist, the materials, and the methods used.

I donated all my time, energy and resources to the project, as did a huge number of volunteers. A sixteen-month restoration period was undertaken, at the end of which University officials sent a large concrete-breaker to install a pole-and-chain barrier around the perimeter of the mosaic. We begged MU officials to stop the destructive jackhammering, to no avail. Subsequently, all the restoration work, and more was destroyed. The giant jack-hammer and the bollards, cost the project over \$30,000 dollars. I led an effort to

raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for construction, maintenance and repair, which was funneled through MU. They have never given me a proper accounting of where that money went.

The mosaic is a glass-and-mortar creation whose value had been estimated at a million dollars. MU used my name again and again in a negative light in connection with the project, which is illegal under federal law. I am, or was, honored as a "Distinguished Alumnus" in 2002 by MU. It pains me that I have to hold MU accountable for their regrettable actions, but I am left with no choice.

MU brought in an expert(twice) to say the mosaic was incorrectly built but never allowed him to speak to me. University newspapers, MU libraries, and student government ridiculed the work, and the artist, blaming the expenses on me and causing damage to my honor and reputation. The actions of the University and its officials violated several provisions of United States federal law. That is why the lawsuit was brought, and why this case deserves to be heard in federal court.



## Med school grant puts focus on kids' health

The University of Missouri School of Medicine this morning unveiled a five-year plan to strengthen Boone County families.

Project LAUNCH, which stands for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health, will be funded with a \$3.25 million grant from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded to Laine Young-Walker, the school's chief of child and adolescent psychiatry. The MU School of Medicine was one of six 2010 recipients for the competitive grant.

LAUNCH has already started work with the formation of a wellness council made up of representatives from more than 20 organizations that work with children and families. The project is expected to serve more than 1,200 children ages birth through 8 and their families in several different areas, Young-Walker said.

LAUNCH won't replace existing programs but rather provide financial assistance, training and other resources to expand existing organizations. For instance, LAUNCH won't create a new home visitation program but will instead help Parents As Teachers, Head Start and First Chance for Children professionals already making those house calls reach more families.

LAUNCH also aims to help pediatricians better assess children's behavioral, mental and social development. Once trained, primary physicians and family doctors will be better equipped to refer families to other resources if they detect problems, Young-Walker said.

LAUNCH will hire mental health consultants and a social worker to help parents deal with mental problems or substance abuse, Young-Walker said. "You have to have the families involved," she said. "The focus is on the child, but the family is an integral part of this."

LAUNCH is not targeting any specific type of family, though Young-Walker said she hopes to reach all types of families, such as grandparents raising grandchildren and those from various socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds.

Having the LAUNCH program pull together existing groups to better coordinate efforts is an "exciting opportunity" for MU, said Hal Williamson, vice chancellor of MU Health Care. "We'll reach kids who need help, we'll reach them sooner, and we'll reach them with the right resources at the right times."

LAUNCH will be housed out of Young-Walker's office in the Missouri Psychiatric Center.

Changes at the center, including physical renovations and new delivery methods, have created an environment that can better support LAUNCH's efforts, Director John Lauriello said.

"I am proud that MU psychiatrists are providing leadership for this project and that the efforts of Boone County Project LAUNCH will support access to higher quality care and evidence-based programs for young children and their families," he said. "By working together with state and community partners, we will improve and expand access to a wide variety of services."

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## COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

# MU's School of Medicine receives grant for children's mental health

By Chelsea Arnold

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**COLUMBIA — MU's School of Medicine received a \$3.25 million grant to fund LAUNCH, a project meant to work at preventing mental health problems in children in Boone County.**

**The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded the grant to Laine Young-Walker, the school's chief of child and adolescent psychiatry, the school announced at a news conference Tuesday morning.**

LAUNCH stands for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health. Though the emphasis is on mental health, the project will strive to improve physical, emotional, social, cognitive and behavioral development services.

The project's more than 20 partners will serve families through home visits and mental health consultations, among other efforts. Young-Walker said the project partners will work with primary care physicians to help identify children who need services.

LAUNCH's partners include the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Child Care Aware of Missouri and Head Start.

Hal Williamson, the vice chancellor of the MU Health System, said the five-year grant will help "prepare children to thrive in school and beyond."

With the resources from the grant, "we'll reach (children) sooner with the right resources at the right time," he said.

MU is one of six organizations to receive funding for the project in the U.S. this year, said Robert Churchill, the dean of the School of Medicine.

The announcement coincides with Columbia Mayor Bob McDavid's declaration of Jan. 24-30 as the Week of the Emotionally Healthy Child in Columbia. Activities this week include seminars for parents and training for child care providers, according to [showreaction.org](http://showreaction.org).