



Golden Alumni Memory Book

Classes of 1970 and 1971

Produced by the Office of Alumni Engagement at
the University of Missouri-St. Louis.



Dear Golden Alumni,

On behalf of the UMSL Alumni Office and Alumni Association, congratulations on a significant milestone – the 50th anniversary of your graduation from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Even though we were not able to gather in person due to COVID-19 precautions, we were grateful to celebrate with many of your classmates virtually this Spring for a joint reunion of the classes of 1970 and 1971. That day was filled with laughs, memories, and conversations remembering your time at UMSL.

Your classes made significant accomplishments over the past 50 years in industry, science, medicine, education, law, military service and more, and they are a great source of pride for your alma mater.

We thank each of you who took the time to submit information for this memory book. The pages capture your life journeys filled with professional achievements and lives well-lived. We hope you will enjoy the book and continue to connect with your fellow alumni.

Congratulations again on the 50th anniversary of your graduation!

Jennifer Jezek-Taussig
Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Engagement
University of Missouri-St. Louis





Class of 1970



**Joyce
Grandberry
Buck**

Children: three and two grandchildren

High School: Sumner High

Career:

I started my career teaching 2nd grade; 4th grade; basic skills; math teacher; instructional specialist and elementary principal. I trained adults in the OASIS program to help children in reading and language arts for a while.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Meeting the different people on campus.

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Doris Trojack (science) & Dr. Littleton (Sociology). They both had a love for teaching and it was evident in their delivery of the content.

Professional honors, awards or achievements:

Multiple recipient of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers", I Believe in Normandy Award, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Award

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: I am the President of the Board of Christian Education in my church, Lane Tabernacle CME. I am the travel coordinator for Bayer Y. I enjoy line dancing and going to the gym.

Comments for classmates: After graduating from UMSL, I spent 39 years doing something I loved: teaching. Now I am enjoying my retirement.

Gerald Buretta

Spouse: Stephanie Ann Buretta (Deceased)

Children: Two sons and three granddaughters

High School: McBride High School

Alumni Relatives: Stephanie Ann Buretta, 1970 Sociology, Wife

Career:

V.P. & Controller at David & Sons, Inc.: Promotion to V.P. & Controller and finally promoted to CEO to run the company.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? The expansion for the buildings and parking lots so we could operate more efficiently.

Who was your favorite professor?

Dr. McKenna in Economics who taught me the effects of economics and how it affected my life and the life of others.

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About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Have volunteered for Fresno PBS, retired to Henderson, NV. Have traveled to 40 foreign countries and visited all continents.

Comments for classmates: I lost my Bride of 52 years in 2021 and so gentlemen, treat your Bride like a Queen with love and respect and she will make you feel like a King!



**Sherry
Caldwell
(Gaston)**

Spouse: Dennis Wayne Caldwell

Children: two sons and one grandson

High School: Riverview Gardens

Career:

Worked in and retired from the technical services as a project/program director for several firms including MasterCard and FireStream WorldWide. Moved to Colorado and worked in the highest visitor in the National Park Service.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Running for Miss UMSL

Who was your favorite professor/person?

Barb (Fritz) Purvis- was an Alpha Xi sister and worked with at Busch Stadium during our college years- also I had a professor of Philosophy- don't remember the name- that opened my mind to the different religions of the world.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: Was in Who's Who in Colleges and Universities while at UMSL.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Alpha Xi Delta, Angel Flight

Julie Connors (Vogler)

Spouse: Michael Patrick Connors

Children: five and two grandchildren

High School: Rosati-Kain High School

Alumni Relatives: Michael Patrick Connors, Business 1972, Husband

Career:

I taught Typing and Shorthand in Red Bud, IL. Then I was a stay-at-home mom for 20 years. I became a substitute teacher and went to St. Louis University to earn my Master's in Educational Leadership. I taught Computer Applications at my alma mater for 4 years. I left there to become Principal at a small Catholic school in Hillsboro, MO. I am now retired.



On Campus:

What is your fondest UMSL Memory?

Methods of Teaching Business Classes held in the old country club building.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: My volunteer work is at my parish, Assumption Catholic Church, Mattese.



**Michael
Corry**

Spouse: Carol Corry

Children: Two and four grandchildren

High School: Normandy

Career:

U.S. Army, Brown Shoe, The Todd Organization, Special Education Foundation; Retired Consultant

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Chartered Life Underwriter, President of the Todd Organization, President of the AALU; UMSL Certificate of Autism.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Graduating in 4 years while working 35 hours a week.

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Wong.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: V.P. of the Special Education Foundation and the Board of Caring Solutions, Coach Adult with Disabilities Basketball Team.

Comments for classmates: I was lucky that UMSL provided me an excellent education that I could afford. I appreciated going to college with so many others with the same work ethic I had. It served me well in my business career and now as I help individuals with disabilities.



**Richard
Dagger**

Spouse: Barbara Ann (Duepner) Dagger

Children: Two and two grandchildren

High School: Jennings

Career:

Professor of Political Science; I went from UMSL to graduate school at the University of Minnesota (Ph.D. 1976) and have taught at Arizona State (1976-2008), Rhodes College (2008-2010), and the University of Richmond (2010- May, 2021).

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On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Making life-long friends, including the Great Hendini and the young woman who eventually married me, through the UMSL Current (which she named).

Who was your favorite professor? Peter Fuss, Philosophy professor, for his scholarly direction and teaching style

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: UMSL Current: reporter, news editor, editor.

About You:

Professional honors, awards or achievements: E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Chair in the Liberal Arts, University of Richmond. Author of two books with Oxford University Printing Press; coauthor of a textbook on political ideologies.

Current activities and/or hobbies: Adjusting to retirement, which begins about the time of the reunion.

Comments for classmates: Stay safe, be well, and root for the Cardinals.



Linda
Finkes
(Bagley)

Spouse: Michael James Finkes

High School: St. Thomas Aquinas

Alumni Relatives: Michael James Finkes, 1973 BS Chemistry & 1978 MS Chemistry, Husband. Stephen Finkes & Debbie Winkleman, brother- and sister-in-law.

Career:

Attended Florissant Valley CC and got an associate's in Legal Technology. Worked for 30 years as a Surety Bond Claims Manager; retired in 2008.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: At the time (in the 70's), I was one of a very few women to hold a position as a Surety Bonds Claims Manager.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? The UMSL chorus went to NYC and Washington D.C. with the St. Louis Symphony and sang at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: University Chorus



About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: I have been a member of the St. Louis Metro Singers since 1978 and served on their Board of Directors for 12 years. I also am a Master Rosarian and am still an officer of the Rose Society of Greater St. Louis.

Comments for classmates: My husband and I helped my father design and actually built our home with our hands in 1980. I researched my Irish heritage and traveled to Ireland, visited cousins and my grandmother's childhood home. In 2012, I obtained my Irish citizenship.

Cheryl Goehler

Spouse: John F. Bohney

High School: McCluer High School

Career:

Computer Programmer, IT Auditor

Professional honors, awards or achievements: CIA- Certified Internal Systems Auditor, CISSP- Certified Internal Systems Security Professional

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory?

My optimism the first day that I enrolled.

Who was your favorite professor? My first calculus instructor, who was in the process of earning her PhD in mathematics, emphasized the need to complete each assigned daily exercise and checking the results with the correct answer in the back of the textbook, made the difficult possible. This same approach when applied later helped in my life situations.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: My husband and I enjoy supporting the Danforth Science Center for hope of clean environment for future generations.

Comments for classmates: Life has been a learning experience, I am now better at setting boundaries. identifying and accepting weaknesses, and trying to be kinder. As we probably have discovered by now first-hand, growing old is not for the weak.

Rita Gram

Spouse: Richard Kay Gram

Children: Two and one grandchild

High School: University City Senior High School

Career:

I was an elementary school teacher and a school principal.

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Professional honors, awards, or

achievements: Docent: Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL. Board Member and chair of Docent Council. Volunteer, Dali Museum, St. Petersburg, FL. Avid traveler (foreign and domestic). Sailor, Painter, and Reader of many books.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL Memory? Walking the campus.

About You:

Comments for classmates: UMSL gave me the opportunity to earn a degree and work in a field I loved.

Elise Leaks Harmon

Spouse: Joel Clarence Harmon

Children: Two and five grandchildren

High School: Charles Sumner High

Career:

Retired educator, Middle and High schools.

Professional honors, awards, or

achievements: Awarded district/ school teacher of the year, earned a Master's in reading education, served on UMSL Alumni Board, chaired departments at two schools, elected President of American Women's Club in Amsterdam, served in leadership roles in several community organizations.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Falling asleep while "studying" in the library...that unflattering picture of me actually made it into a yearbook.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Association of Black Collegiates (ABC).

Who was your favorite professor/person?

Fellow mom student and life-long friend, Margaret Williams.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Since graduation, had one more child, our son; taught in public middle school and high schools in St. Louis, MO; Fort Bend County, TX; the International School in Amsterdam, NL; and Vallejo, CA; remained married over 53 years, travelled to all seven continents. I volunteer in political party activities; was girl and boy scouts troop leader, serving on Board of Directors of two community organizations- president secretary, treasurer in different years; life-long reader; family genealogist; active grandmother and great-grandmother.

Comments for classmates: Stay active; stay involved; our communities need us!



**Judy
Hatcher
(Jackson)**

Spouse: John A. Hatcher

Children: Two and two grandchildren

High School: Incarnate Word Academy

Alumni Relatives: John A. Hatcher, 1971 BA English, Husband; John N. Jackson, 1976 M.Ed., Brother

Career:

Pre-School and Elementary (Primary) Teacher,
Substitute Teacher

Professional honors, awards, or

achievements: Received a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Chapman University in 1988.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Working with other students in the Library...a fun and friendly environment! Sitting on the hill at Bugg Lake...nice place to relax.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or

other UMSL activities: Workd in the Library for 4 years, participated in the moving of the Library from the original in the old Country Club Clubhouse to the new building.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Right after graduation I taught in the Ferguson-Florissant School District, married in 1971, left teaching in '72, had two children, lived in St. Louis until 1976, moved to mid-Missouri and left there for California in 1979 and now live in the high desert of Southern California where we came for my husband's job (Air Traffic Controller). We raised our sons here, our older son passed away a year ago and our other son is living in a beach town a short drive away.

I have been a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 2002. In the last few years I have joined two other lineage groups: Daughters of Indian Wars and U.S. Daughters of 1812. These organizations give me many opportunities to serve the community, especially currently serving military personnel and veterans. We have annually attended the Utah Shakespeare Festival for many years. We enjoy traveling within California to the National Parks, many beaches and also the Hollywood Bowl!

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**Susan
Sander Honich
(Antalick)**

Spouse: Theodore M. Honich

Children: Two daughters and eight grandchildren

Career:

Aenta Life Insurance provided me with the training after graduation from UMSL in the field of Life and Health Insurance. Ten years there and then twenty-four with Trustmark Insurance led me to establishing my own Agency with the emphasis on about 70 employer groups for their employee benefits programs. Along the way a good amount of Medicare, Life insurance and Individual insurance has made it a rewarding career which I continue in today. I have been LPRT (Leading Producers' Round Table) every year since 2007.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: I have been active with UMSL including 13 years on the Alumni Board of Directors, serving as President 2011-2013.

I was honored with the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award in 2011. I continue to be most grateful to UMSL and my insurance professional involvement with NAHU for making a difference in my life and many others.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Homecoming activities and Angel Flight- sponsored activities on and off campus.

Who was your favorite professor? David Ganz- Dean of Student Affairs- an example of dedication to one's profession.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Air Force Angel Flight- Four years, Flight Commander- Junior Year.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: I remain active in our church, and volunteer activities

Comments for classmates: Like so many others I am most grateful that UMSL was there when a college education was a difficult hill to climb. It was affordable, available without travel to another area and provided a treasured education and identity to the St. Louis region.



Michael Hughes

Spouse: Glenna Magsam Hughes

Children: Two and two grandchildren

High School: St. Louis U. High

Alumni Relatives: Joan Hughes-McCarthy,
1973 Education, Sister.

Career:

UMKC Law School, J.D 1974; St. Louis City Counselor's Office, 1975-2004; Armstrong Teasdale Law Firm, Of Counsel, 2004-2008; RSSC law firm, Of Counsel, 2008-2012; St. Louis County Counselor's Office, 2012-2019.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: Trial Lawyer with well over 100 jury trials and numerous appellate cases. Attorney Manager in charge of Litigation at St. Louis City Counselor's Office, and later Attorney Manager in Charge of Litigation at St. Louis County Counselor's Office. Was a speaker at several seminars including a Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys Seminar on Theory of Winning, and two Medical Malpractice Trial Tactics Seminar sponsored by UMKC Law School. Two articles published in professional journals. The Municipal Attorney and St. Louis Bar Journal.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Spending time at the UMSL Library.

Who was your favorite professor? Professor Gene Burns.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Volunteer at parish St. Vincent de Paul Society for over 30 years. For several years was the Treasurer and later for several years was the President. Now that I am retired during the pandemic, I have assisted with grandchild's virtual Kindergarten and then Hybrid Kindergarten.

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**Richard
Kannapell**

Spouse: Fidela T. Docena

High School: McBride

Career:

Just after graduating from UMSL, I went to University of Missouri-Columbia and earned an MBA. I spent over 30 years in the hotel industry first as a sales manager, ten Director of Sales, then Director of Marketing for Marriott and then Hilton.

I became a Regional Director of Sales for Columbia Sussex and Dolce and VP of Sale for Holland America's Hotel division. I have worked for TravelClick/Amadeus for over 12 years as a Customer Success Manager, 10 years full time and for the past 2 years, part-time.

Professional honors, awards, or achievements: HSMAI St. Louis Chapter-President, 1985; Certified Hotel Sales Executive- 1988; MPI San Diego Chapter-Board of Directors, 1992-1993; TravelClick President's Club- 2011; TravelClick Newcomer of the Year- 2009; TravelClick 100% Club- several years.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Friends I met at Newman Club and participation in Newman Club activities.

Who was your favorite professor? Dave Ganz- Dave was an excellent instructor and was always encouraging. Dave helped me keep a positive attitude.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Newman Club, Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, Intramural Sports.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: High school equivalent program instructor- 1970; St. Vincent de Paul Society- Phoenix (2001-2007); San Jose (2007-2010) & Pleasanton (2010-2012). Have volunteered for several food banks throughout the years.

Boyd Kasten

Spouse: Cherie Kasten

Children: Two and five grandchildren

High School: Lutheran Central

Career:

Retired.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Education.



**Joyce
Katz**

Spouse: Edward Katz (deceased)

Children: Three, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

High School: Irvington (NJ) High School

Career:

Taught one year at Black Jack School (3rd grade), Hazelwood District; 20 years at Bellerive School (6th grade), Parkway District; one year at Northeast Middle School (6th grade), then retired.

Professional honors, awards, or achievements: MS education, Washington U. (magna cum laude), 30+ hours in various College-level courses (certificates of completion)

On Campus:

Who was your favorite professor?
Dr. Lagorio (Medieval English Literature).

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:
Webmaster for American Association University Women, Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch, much domestic & foreign travel, music, crafts and fine needlework.

Comments for classmates: I am grateful for the quality of my education at UMSL. I was an evening student for 3 years, and a day student for 2. My children (ages 2-5) often had to go to class with me (and they took notes). My daughter still tells people these many years later that she went to college before she went to nursery school.



**Edward
Kleinert**

Spouse: Edward Katz (deceased)

Children: Three, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

High School: Irvington (NJ) High School

Career:

Clinical Associate Professor, New York University

Professional honors, awards or achievements: The Columbia University Alumni Medal

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? The Lake.

Who was your favorite professor?
Professor Touhill

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Kenneth Knarr

Spouse: Paula Lumetta Knarr

Children: Two and two grandchildren

High School: Normandy

Alumni Relatives: Paula Lumetta Knarr, 1973 Education, Wife; Michael Knarr, 1976 Business, Brother.

Career:

Drafted Army, worked for USDA Forest Service administration, Section Head on National Disaster Team for 20 years.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: MBA 83 Anderson School, U of NM.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Mrs. Minor and Dean Fans keeping the Current Staff quiet...

Who was your favorite professor? Dean Ganz. He treated me well and mentored me when needed.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Current Business Manager, Student Govt. School of Business rep, TKE.

About You:

Comments for classmates: Thank you UMSL for giving me a chance in higher education. Thanks to Doug Sutton. Rich Dagger, Mary Collier, Barb Dagger, Jack Connors, the late Marty Hendin, my wife Paula, and so many others that made the Current Staff such a great experience

Nancy Koch (Kovell)

Children: Three grandchildren

High School: Normandy

Career:

Elementary teacher; enjoyed teaching Pre-K and Elementary children.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? All of the friendly classmates.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Enjoy traveling and swimming in my pool and at the beach.



John Koenig

Spouse: Angela T. Koenig

Children: Three, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

High School: St. Louis Prep South

Alumni Relatives: Mary Jo Rhoda, Daughter

Career:

Clinical Laboratory Scientist, Barnes Hospital. Worked in Clinical Chemistry at Barnes-Jewish Hospital for 38 years after graduating. My last 29 years there I was Technical Supervisor in Special Chemistry and Toxicology. After retiring from there I worked 3 years as a security supervisor part-time at Scottrade Center, then went back to Laboratory at St. Clare Hospital and worked in Chemistry, Hematology and Blood Bank.

Professional honors, awards or achievements:

I have long been a member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). I served on the ASCLS Board of Directors for 6 years and during,

I also served as ASCLS Scientific Assembly Coordinator and for my work with the SA's I received an ASCLS Board of Directors Award. On the ASCLS state level I served 4 terms as Missouri State President and was named Member of the Year twice and on the Region level, I was awarded the Rho Sigma Distinguished Service Award twice.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Choosing one memory is tough because I have so many great memories. I guess my best memory at UMSL is where I met my wife and we have been married for 50 years

Who was your favorite professor?

Dr. Armbruster was my favorite professor and I always admired how he could relate to all the chemistry students.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Newman Club Pep Club.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: I am still active with ASCLS on the state, regional and national levels. Until recently I served on the ALCLS Consumer Information Team answering questions on the American Association of Clinical Chemistry website concerning laboratory questions. I am also active in community theater and in my church I am active in choir, liturgy, and the Knights of Columbus.

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**Patricia
Marino
(McFarland)**

Children: Two and six grandchildren.

High School: Corpus Christi High School

UMSL Relatives: Colleen Ann McFarland,
Voice and Music.

Career: Retired Educator.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: MA English. Many awards since graduation in education and scholarship. University Scholar at UMSL. Received scholarships to travel abroad studying Spanish and culture in Spain and L.A.

On Campus:

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Holt, my advisor and the Foreign Language Dept. professors.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Moved from St. Louis area in 1972. Lived in Michigan, Kansas, Virginia and NC. Worked in accounting, and teaching Spanish.

I traveled extensively to Spanish-speaking countries and all over the world with my husband who was in the railroad industry. Before Covid, volunteered giving tours at a local museum, in the schools, and in my church. Traveled all over the world.

David Matter

Spouse: Bobette Lee Matter

Children: Two and three grandchildren

High School: Affton

Career:

High School Teacher; taught in the Ladue School District for 41 years: American History, Government and Politics and Current and Contemporary Issues.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: Earned a Master's in Secondary Education at Washington U. Received National Geographic Association's national award for the teaching of Economics and Government. Wrote, developed, and implemented 4 social studies courses for Ladue High School.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Sitting in what was the student lounge/commons chatting with instructors who stopped by.

Who was your favorite professor? Tom (?) taught course titled "Community Politics". Taught me the value of local and state politics and how to incorporate computers in political research.



About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Teaching/facilitating the Lifelong Learning course American Politics through Washington U. Serve on the ESSE Health Committee Doctor and Patient Relations. Served on several state and local political election committees including MO US Senate, MO State House of Reps, and local board elections.

Comments for classmates: Graduating from UMSL showed me the importance of local institutions and the never-ending need for the continued growth and strength of those institutions.

Charles McCoy, Sr.

Spouse: Mary Jane McCoy

Children: Four and six grandchildren

High School: CBC

Alumni Relatives: Chris McCoy, 1972 Econ, Brother; Tom McCoy, Business 1974, Brother

Career:

Teaching Thought Field Therapy (TFT) & Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT); working with Jack Canfield & Roger Callahan to learn TFT. Teaching and running small businesses.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: President of the Coalition on Addictions (Part of the NCADA). Teaching and raising my children.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Protesting the Vietnam War with other students and how some of our professors were very supportive.

Who was your favorite professor? A young woman teacher for Calculus I & II. Very patient and understanding.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Alpha Phi Omega President, Newman Club and ran on the track team.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Substitute teaching in two school districts and helping my wife in her garden.

Comments for classmates: Please respect others and listen to what they have to say without prejudging. Be a caring person.

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Timothy McLaughlin

Spouse: Connie J. McLaughlin

Children: Two and two grandchildren

High School: Ritenour

Alumni Relatives: John Ryan, Cousin

Career:

IT sales evolving into CyberSecurity Management.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: CISSP and CRisk certifications.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Student Union.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Student Union Board Board, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.



Thomas O'Hare

Spouse: Linda K. O'Hare

Children: Two and five grandchildren

High School: Duchesne High School

Alumni relatives: Linda K. O'Hare, 1973
BS Education, Wife

Career:

Real Estate Consultant, Keller Williams
Realty STL- Commercial

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Meeting my
Linda, my wife of 50+ years.

Who was your favorite professor? Dean
Donald Driemeier, Finance; Prof. Dave
Ganz, Accounting.

**Student organizations, clubs, sports or
other UMSL activities:** UMSL Golf Team,
1969 & 1970

About You:

**Professional honors, awards or
achievements:** MBA, Finance, St. Louis
University. Currently Chairman, Missouri
Baptist Children's Home- Foundation,
served previously on the MBCH Corporate
Board.



Previous chairman of several committees in the Commercial Division of the St. Louis Realtors Association.

Current activities and/or hobbies: Married for 50+ years, two children. Son was on the 1998 US Olympic Short Track Speed Skating, Daughter won several US National Titles in Short Track Speed Skating, drafted into the US Army after graduating from UMSL serving in the 650th Military Intelligence Group, Mons, Belgium, HQ of NATO. Nine+ years of commercial lending as VP, 45+ years in the real estate business; residential, commercial, investment & development. Business Brokerage, tax consulting, commercial loan packing, etc. Traveling around the world. Enjoy golfing, hiking, traveling. Active in church work, church outreach service and mission trips.



**Jack
Payne**

Spouse: Joyce Elaine Payne

Children: One daughter, two grandsons, and one great-granddaughter

High School: Waterloo West in Waterloo, Iowa

Career:

Purchasing Agent- Missouri Pacific RR
Director International Operations- Asia - Union Switch & Signal Divn WABCo
Director of Marketing Cubic Western Data.
Vice President Marketing Sales & Service- ABEX Corp and Standard Car Truck Corp.
President Rail Scale Inc.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Grinding through Calculus.

Who was your favorite professor? Vince D'Antoni - Corporate Finance.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Evening college rep to student council.

About You:

Comments for classmates: Evening College credit load of 9-12 credits in the BS/BA specialty while working full-time 45+ hours per week was a grind. Had to help each other; ended up learning as much or more from each other as we did from class.

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**Bernard
"Bernie"
Piel, Jr.**

Children: Three and four granddaughters

High School: St. Louis Preparatory Seminary

Career:

Antitrust Trial Attorney, Federal Trade Commission, Wash. DC; Senior Attorney at Law Offices of Bernard W. Piel, Jr., Tulsa, OK and St. Louis, MO. I was the youngest and quickest to receive my GS-13 pay grade at the FTC.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Dean's List and Honor Roll at both UMSL and the University of Tulsa, College of Law. BFA in Painting and Printmaking at the San Francisco Art Institute after study at the Lyme Academy of Fine Art. Was one of six from a graduating class (1999) that sold our art at the Senior Art Exhibition. Won SFAI scholarship in 1998 or 1999 for my painting work.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? My International Economics professor and one other gentleman who taught me Comparative Asian Politics. Sorry I cannot remember their names.

Who was your favorite professor? My International Econ prof instilled a love of international business and economics. It was because of him that I became an attorney with the FTC in Washington, DC, and later had business clients in Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, Chile, and to a small extent in Northern Mexico.

About You:

After my retirement from the practice of law, I became very active in Catholic parish, St. Bernard's R.C. Church where I've served as an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, a Server, and lector; additionally I served as Senior Navigator being elected by my fellow Knights of Columbus. However following an illness, I have curtailed my work with my parish. I enjoy travel to NY to spend time with my children, grandchildren, friends, and relatives in NY. The only other activity I did that was extracurricular to my law career was local theater and my crowning moment was to act in American Indian Theatre's World Premiere of "FOOTPRINTS IN BLOOD".

The last play I performed in was a Shakespearian production performed in the Tulsa Performing Arts Center and was about 5 years ago.

Comments for classmates: My only comment would be that I was amply rewarded with unforgettable memories and friends because I did not allow negativity to darken my day.



**Philip
Riek**

Spouse: Sharon L. Riek

High School: Southwest High School

Career:

Went into the Army as an officer for training and was then assigned to a Headquarters based in St. Louis, Went into sales and worked in the Medical Equipment and Supplies calling on Hospitals and Physicians for over 30 years. Stayed in the Army Reserves until I retired as a Lt Col. in 1996. Became a Real Estate Broker in 1986 owning my my brokerage. Received and offer in Medical Sales to transfer in Cincinnati, OH. Was there for three years and moved to Florida and established my Real Estate License and became a Licensed Real Estate Instructor.

Professional awards, honors or achievements: Army- Meritorious Service Medal; 5 Army Commendation Medals; 9 Army Achievement Medals and numerous Certificates of Appreciation. Awarded "Reserve Officer of the Year" by Chapter 30, Reserve Officers Association. Awarded by Florida Realtors the "Education Individual Achievement Award" and 9 "Distinguished Service Award" by the Pinellas Realtor Organization.

Honored as a Real Estate Instructor to specialized Military Courses; Certified International Property Specialist Courses; At Home With Diversity , 12 Real Estate Designations and Certifications. Honored to be a research consultant to National Association of Realtors and Mississippi Association of Realtors. Have served or presently serving on local, state and national Real Estate committees and boards.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? The basketball team winning tournaments and traveling to Springfield, and Kansas City, MO.

Who was your favorite professor? David Ganz and Stephanie Kreis who were positive role models and mentors.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Student Programming Committee, College Republicans, UMSL Band

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Past Chairman of Pinellas International Council; Served on numerous committees for Florida Realtors, Pinellas Realtor Organization and Greater Tampa Association of Realtors. Past President and Treasurer of Pasco Kennel Club; Past Vice President of Clearwater Kennel Club; and Board Member of the Florida Classic Park. Have traveled to Belgium for business. I have hosted several International Trade Real Estate Trade Missions from Realtors from Europe, Central and South America.

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**Diane
Rogers
(Denney)**

Spouse: Richard Thomas Rogers

Children: Four by marriage and two grandchildren by marriage

High School: Southwest High School

Career:

Professor of Education and Department Chair at Fontbonne University, Lindenwood University, St. Louis Community College-Forest Park, and Missouri Baptist University training future educators of Special Education and Remedial Reading.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Doctorate of Education from St. Louis University; Distinguished Alumna Award- Harris-Stowe State University; Certifications in Elementary Education; Learning Disabilities, Behavior Disorders; Remedial Reading; Psychological School Examiner; Core Curriculum; English 6-8; Social Studies 6-8; and Intellectual Disabilities; Maintained in addition a private practice working with persons with reading issues ages 6 through 60 years of age

On Campus:

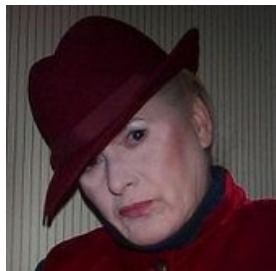
Fondest UMSL memory? Evening Classes after working a full-time job at St. Louis State Hospital as Director of the Adult Education Department, summer practicums in Remedial Reading at St. Vincent's Home for Children.

Who was your favorite professor? The entire full-time instructional staff of the Reading Department at UMSL was wonderful. Each professor had their own unique strength. Dr Burnett, the Chair of the Department, was outstanding.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Board of Directors service on Family Advocacy Community Training- F.A.C.T.; Judevine Center for Autism; St. Louis Lord's and Ladies Charitable Foundation; Current Board positions include the Clayton Garden Club, St. Louis Wednesday Club, and EarthDance Farm and School; Volunteer at Central Church as a Lay Shepherd; Travel throughout all of Europe; South America, the United Kingdom and Mexico. Hobbies include the attending live theatre and the study of holistic health.

Comments for classmates: My Master's Degree at University of Missouri provided a strong foundation for my career in education as well as my doctoral study at St. Louis University



**Mary
"Donna"
Ross**

Spouse: E. Earl Ross, Jr.

Children: One

High School: Smith-Cotton HS, Sedalia, MO

Career:

Formerly: high school English, speech and debate teacher in the Parkway District.

Since retiring from teaching, I now enjoy a second career as a writer of historical fiction with a touch of humor. Under my pen name, Fedora Amis, I have three traditionally published books on the shelves: *Jack The Ripper in St. Louis*, *Mayhem at Buffalo Bill's Wild West* and *Have Your Ticket Punched by Frank James*. Currently, *See President McKinley or Die Trying* is with my engineer and will soon be released as an audiobook--narrated by me.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: In addition to awards for writing, I am a member of three Halls of Fame: Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri, National Speech and Debate Association, and Smith-Cotton High School

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? I was most grateful that UMSL made it possible for me to earn a Master's degree in evening and summer classes.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: I am president of Greater St. Louis Sisters in Crime. In this role, I can share my two great passions- teaching and writing

Comments for classmates: It's a grand thing to live a long life filled with the broadened vistas a fine education makes possible.

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John Schuster

Spouse: Janet Maria Schuster

Children: Five and ten grandchildren

High School: Wichita High School West

Career:

Employed at Cerroflow Copper Product starting in August 1970 and retired in November 2005. Started as analytical chemist, promoted to senior chemist and retired as Director of Laboratory & Tube Mill Products.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: ASTM Award of Appreciation

On Campus:

Who was your favorite professor?

Dr. Lawrence Barton.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Mayor of the City of Glendale, Chairman of St. Louis County Boundary Commission, President of St. Louis County Municipal League, President of Mayors of Small Cities.



Jerry Seabaugh

Spouse: Jan R. Seabaugh

Children: One and foster to grandchildren

High School: Missouri Military Academy

Career:

23 years landscaping and tree farming, 20 years auto maintenance as manager and later claims adjuster, 12 years (my golden years) as a guy who puts stuff away at a big box store.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Manager of the Year at Valvoline Instant Oil Change in the Columbus, OH region.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? A marketing professor my senior year told us someday we would be sitting in our yard with kids having a cook out. But at 22 I couldn't see such a thing (not cool). Then there I was 13 years later doing exactly that! Smart man he was.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Arnold Air Society.

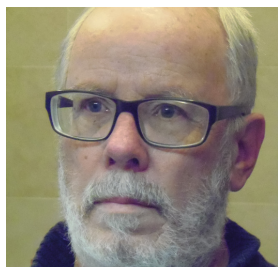


About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Planning committees at church. Hobbies: woodworking and later in life I rekindled my love of harmonic playing. Oh yea, happily married for 46 years and counting.

Comments for classmates: Never made it big, but made it!



Douglas
Sutton

High School: Normandy High School

Career: Journalist.

On Campus:

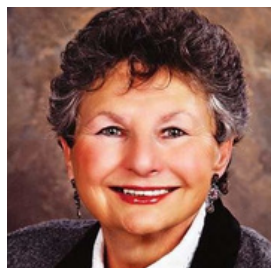
Fondest UMSL memory? The 4 years on the Current newspaper and the life-long friends I made there.

Who was your favorite professor?
American History Professor Prim.

About You:

Right after graduation, two years (1970-72) US Army; graduate degree in journalism at Columbia University in New York (1973).

Moved to Europe in 1974 and in various career positions as a journalist lived in Munich, Vienna, Hamburg, Cork (Ireland), and Berlin. Now retired and living in a Bavarian lakeside town 30 miles south of Munich. Over the years I have supported and occasionally coached at German baseball teams, both in Hamburg and in Munich.



Rita
Swiener

Children: One, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

High School: University City High School

Career:

Clinical Psychologist and Professor of Psychology

Professional awards, honors or

achievements: 1. Woman of Achievement - 2010 2. Distinguished Alumni Award UMSL - 2017 3. 1st Distinguished Alumni Award - Psychology Dept. UMSL - 1992 4. Swiener Hall for homeless women- Call for Help, Inc. Edgemont, IL 5. President of the Board of Directors Call for Help for six terms. 6. President of the Illinois Community College Faculty Association 1979 7. President of Local 3912 - State Community College 1977-1994.

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8. Community Service Award - 2012 - Commerce Bank
9. Unsung Hero Award - Jewish Light - 1992
10. Inducted into the University City High School "Hall of Fame" - 2002
11. Outstanding Faculty Award - first one given by St Louis Community College at Wildwood to an adjunct faculty member 2000.
12. Chaired the Articulation Committee for IL for community colleges to universities and helped write the first articulation agreement 1993-1996. .

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Getting recognition and funding for the Evening College Council as the Evening College Student Government Association.

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Joy Whitener - Dean of Evening College. He asked me to start a student association for Evening College and helped me find potential members. His guidance taught me how to organize and go after what you want against all odds. To get recognized as an official group, Dr Driscoll said we had to get approval of over 50% of the evening college students (not those voting, but those registered as evening college students).

Our group did it and got over 80% of Evening students to vote. Learned that "against all odds" means you may have to work a little harder and smarter.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities? 1. Founder and President of the Evening College Council
2. Founder of the Psychology Alumni Association
3. Editor of the Evening Tide
4. Psi Chi
5. Student Representative on the Admissions Committee

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: While a student at UMSL, I started a group called Santa's Helpers to give gifts to needy children at Christmas. Started there with one family referred by my adjunct math teacher - this year we served 1,132 families.

I started teaching at State Community College right out of grad school and stayed there until they closed the college in 1996.

I also was adjunct professor at St Louis Community College from 1993 to 2002 and Adjunct at Webster University since then. I am starting my 54th year as the Executive Director of Santa's Helpers, Inc. - a 100% volunteer organization. Hoping to start cruising again this year - been on over 30 cruises.



Richard Toarmina

Spouse: JoAnn Toarmina

Children: Two, Steven and Jenni, and three grandchildren, Pella, Richard, and Josephine.

High School: Normandy

Career:

Sales representative in the footwear industry for more than 47 years: Buster Brown for 13 yrs, Bass Shoe Co. for 7 yrs., Famolare for 2 yrs. H.H.Brown Shoe Co. for 6 yrs., Skechers for 3 yrs., Sales Manager for Dockers Division of Genesco 3yrs. and Clarks of England Mens Division for 16 yrs.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Salesman of the Year Buster Brown Shoes, Salesman of the year Bass Shoe Co., Salesman of the Year two times for Clarks of England.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Graduation.

Who was your favorite professor? Bob Carmody, Marketing Professor, was instrumental in introducing me to the footwear industry and representing Brown Shoe Company in the Buster Brown children's division.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: President, Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity; Marketing Club.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Volunteered for the Obama campaign in 2012, introduced Ashley and Dr. Jill Biden to our group of volunteers in Huntersville, NC 2012. Volunteered at the Democratic National convention 2012. Have volunteered for Stacy Abrams, and Senator Jon Ossoff in Georgia 2020.

Ronald West

Spouse: Jarinporn West

Children: One daughter

High School: O'Fallon Technical High School

Career: Social Service Program Manager

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Making Dean's List my last semester.

Career:

Interviewed by American Red Cross on Campus last semester. Had 40 year career with American Red Cross. 24 of those years in the Service To Armed Forces program with overseas assignments totaling 13 years in Viet Nam, Thailand, Croatia, Bosnia, South Korea, Germany and Iraqi. 16 years in various management positions in U.S. Retired in 2011.

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A timeline for the Golden Graduates

Compiled by Mike Moll, Class of 1971

Please enjoy this timeline of news and cultural events, presidents and celebrations, that have occurred during the lifetimes of our Golden Graduates.



Year	Birthday	President	Events:
1948	1	1 Harry Truman	Israel recognized by UN. Babe Ruth dies. Truman defeats Dewey.
1949	1	Harry Truman	Play--South Pacific. NATO. TV Lone Ranger.
1950	2	Harry Truman	Senator Joseph McCarthy. Korean War began. Census: 150 million.
1951	3	Harry Truman	22nd amendment--2 terms for president. I Love Lucy.
1952	4	Harry Truman	TV dinners. Jackie Gleason Show.
1953	5	Truman / Eisenhower	Korean War ended. McDonald's. Marilyn Monroe. Corvette.
1954	6	2 Dwight Eisenhower	Salk polio vaccine. Brown vs. Board of Education. U.S. highway system.
1955	7	Dwight Eisenhower	Vietnam War. TV-Davy Crockett, Gunsmoke. Rosa Parks. James Dean dies.
1956	8	Dwight Eisenhower	Cold War. Elvis Presley. Don Larsen perfect World Series game.
1957	9	Dwight Eisenhower	Pat Boone. Sputnik. West Side Story. JFK--Profiles in Courage.
1958	10	Dwight Eisenhower	Elvis joins army. Hoola hoops. Ford Thunderbird.
1959	11	Dwight Eisenhower	Alaska & Hawaii became 49th and 50th state. Ford Edsel. Ben Hur.
1960	12	Dwight Eisenhower	Sit-ins. U-2 incident. Kennedy-Nixon debates. Play--Camelot.
1961	13	Eisenhower/Kennedy	JFK: "Ask not...." Bay of Pigs. Twist. Alan Shepard in space.
1962	14	3 John Kennedy	John Glenn orbits the earth 3 times. Cuban missile crisis.
1963	15	Kennedy/Johnson	Kennedy assassinated. Bob Dylan. King--I Have a Dream.
1964	16	4 Lyndon Johnson	Beatles on Ed Sullivan. Cigarettes cause cancer. Civil rights act passed.
1965	17	Lyndon Johnson	Great Society. Medicare. Vatican Council. HUD. Watts riot. Unsafe at Any Speed.
1966	18	Lyndon Johnson	Pole vaults 17 feet. Miniskirts. Project Gemini. NOW. Military draft.
1967	19	Lyndon Johnson	First Super Bowl. Detroit race riots. PBS. The Graduate. 25th amendment.
1968	20	Lyndon Johnson	ML King killed. Bobby Kennedy killed. Chicago pres. inauguration. 2001.
1969	21	Johnson / Nixon	Neil Armstrong walks on moon. Woodstock. Manson. Smothers Brothers.
1970	22	5 Richard Nixon	Kent State. Census: 200 million. Jimi Hendrix & Janis Joplin die. Silent Majority.
1971	23	Richard Nixon	Pentagon papers. 26th amendment. Jesus Christ Superstar.
1972	24	Richard Nixon	Nixon visits China. Watergate. Mark Spitz.
1973	25	Richard Nixon	VP Agnew resigns, replaced by Gerald Ford. Secretariat. Arab oil embargo.
1974	26	Nixon / Ford	Nixon impeached & resigned. Patty Hearst. Hank Aaron 715th HR. Nixon pardoned.
1975	27	6 Gerald Ford	Vietnam War ended. Attempted assassination. VCR.
1976	28	Gerald Ford	Bicentennial. Legionnaires disease. All the President's Men.
1977	29	Ford / Carter	Roots. Elvis dies. Disco. Star Wars. Saturday Night Fever.
1978	30	7 Jimmy Carter	Mr. October. Jonestown massacre. TV--Dallas. Billie Jean King.
1979	31	Jimmy Carter	Hostages at Iranian embassy. Three Mile Island. Chrysler bailout.



Year	Birthday	President	Events:
1980	32	Jimmy Carter	U.S. Hockey wins Olympics. Mt. St. Helens. John Lennon shot. Prime rate 21.5%.
1981	33	Carter / Reagan	Hostages released after 444 days. RR assassination attempt. Space shuttle. IBM PC.
1982	34	8 Ronald Reagan	USA Today. EPCOT. First artificial heart. Tylenol.
1983	35	Ronald Reagan	Sally Ride. Grenada. Cable TV. A Nation At Risk.
1984	36	Ronald Reagan	Geraldine Ferraro. Agent Orange. L.A. Olympics. Thriller. Born in the U.S.A.
1985	37	Ronald Reagan	Bhopal, India. Pete Rose breaks Ty Cobb record. Chris Evert.
1986	38	Ronald Reagan	Shuttle Challenger explodes. First poet laureate.
1987	39	Ronald Reagan	Oliver North. Robert Bork. Jim & Tammy Bakker. Stock market drops 508 points.
1988	40	Ronald Reagan	Jimmy Swaggart. Stealth bomber. Movie--Big.
1989	41	Reagan / Bush	Exxon Valdez. S&L crisis. Simpsons.
1990	42	9 George H.W. Bush	Saturn cars. Home Alone. Hubble Telescope. Census: 248.7 million.
1991	43	George H.W. Bush	Operation Desert Storm. Apartheid ends. Rodney King. Thelma & Louise.
1992	44	George H.W. Bush	Mall of America. Ross Perot. TWA bankruptcy. NAFTA.
1993	45	Bush / Clinton	Beanie Babies. Waco--Branch Davidians. Jurassic Park.
1994	46	10 Bill Clinton	Tonia Harding & Nancy Kerrigan. OJ Simpson. Baseball strike.
1995	47	Bill Clinton	Oklahoma City Bombing. Ebay. Michael Jordan returns to NBA.
1996	48	Bill Clinton	Prince Charles & Diana divorce. Nintendo 64. Atlanta Olympics.
1997	49	Bill Clinton	Princess Diana dies. Tiger Woods. Titanic.
1998	50	Bill Clinton	Clinton impeached. Monica Lewinsky. Google. Mark McGwire.
1999	51	Bill Clinton	World Population 6 billion. Jack Kevorkian. Columbine.
2000	52	Bill Clinton	Disputed presidential election. Y2K. Senator Hillary Clinton. London Eye.
2001	53	Clinton / Bush	World Trade Center, Pentagon attacked. U.S. invades Afghanistan. Anthrax.
2002	54	11 George W. Bush	Kmart bankruptcy. Dept. of Homeland Security. No Child Left Behind.
2003	55	George W. Bush	U.S. invades Iraq. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.
2004	56	George W. Bush	Janet Jackson Super Bowl. Prison for Martha Stewart.
2005	57	George W. Bush	Hurricane Katrina. You Tube. Disneyland 50 years old.
2006	58	George W. Bush	Barry Bonds. Saddam Hussein dies. E-Coli.
2007	59	George W. Bush	Steroids in baseball. Housing bubble. iPhone.
2008	60	George W. Bush	Great recession. Bank bailout. Rod Blagojevich.
2009	61	Bush / Obama	Great recession. Michael Jackson dies. Sully.
2010	62	12 Barack Obama	Affordable Care Act. Deepwater Horizon. Justin Bieber. Census: 308.7 million
2011	63	Barack Obama	Gabbie Giffords. Japan Tsunami. Bin Laden killed. Occupy Wall Street.
2012	64	Barack Obama	Sandy Hook. Hunger Games. Hurricane Sandy.
2013	65	Barack Obama	Boston Marathon bombing. Government shutdown. Twitter. Edward Snowden.
2014	66	Barack Obama	Ebola. Robin Williams died. Ferguson, MO.
2015	67	Barack Obama	Paris terrorist attack. Migrant Crisis in Europe. VW emissions.
2016	68	Barack Obama	Hillary Clinton. Brexit. Cubs. Donald Trump & Billy Bush.
2017	69	Obama / Trump	Neil Gorsuch. Solar Eclipse. Confederate monuments. NFL anthem protests.
2018	70	13 Donald Trump	Immigration. Brett Kavanaugh. Sears bankrupt. California wildfires.
2019	71	Donald Trump	Blues win Stanley Cup. Hong Kong protests. Fire at Notre Dame Cathedral.
2020	72	Donald Trump	President impeached. Covid-19 Pandemic.
			No or reduced audience for sports.
2021	73	14 Trump / Biden	January 6 Riot. Covid-19 Pandemic continuing. First Female VP.

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**William
Atwood**

Spouse: Jean Ann Atwood (Deceased 2020)
Children: Three sons and one granddaughter.
High School: Woodland High School,
Lutesville, MO

Career:

Retired from Archer Daniels Midland, Ameren,
and Be Mac Transport Company: I was a
terminal manager at Be Mac Transport for 16
years, worked at Illinois Power for 17 years,
ending as Purchasing Manager, and finishing
at Archer Daniels Midland for 6 years.

**Professional honors, awards or
achievements:** Certified Purchasing Manager
(NAPM)

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Walking from class
on a beautiful September day in 1969
listening to the Mets win the World Series.

Whos was your favorite professor? Cant
remember any names but enjoyed virtually all
of them.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Finance Officer, Rochester, IL, American
Legion Post

Comments for classmates: I enjoyed my
time at UMSL and am proud of the MS
degree I earned there.

Lee A. Buchshacher

Spouse: Mary Veronica Buchshacher
Children: Three children, seven
grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.
High School: O'Fallon Technical High
School
Alumni Relatives: Mary Veronica
Buchshacher, BS Math, Wife

Career:

Marketing & Advertising Executive, Active
Duty U.S. Marine Corps, radio and TV
broadcaster, civilian employee federal
government in marketing and advertising.
Retired since 2011.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Life Teaching Certificate 7-
12 grades UMSL MA Degree Human
Resources Management, Pepperdine U
State Commander, Tennessee American
Legion.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Four years to get
a degree and five years to find a parking
spot.



Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Edet Etuen, Poly Sci. He was an immigrant from Biafra and shared many personal antidotes of living in Africa vs. USA.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Chairman, Al Capp Young Americans for Freedom Member, Young Republicans Luther Club

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Post Commander, American Veterans (AMVETS) Memphis Lay Minister in Lutheran Congregation and on Church Council

Comments for classmates: Today, I am retired and enjoying life. I live just outside of Memphis. I play golf and tennis and enjoy swimming in my pool. I married my high school sweetheart and fellow UMSL grad, Mary.

Rexford Caruthers

Spouse: Anna Maria Caruthers

Children: Five children and four grandchildren

High School: University City

Career:

Businessman, sales and marketing

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? The campus; that such a wonderful place existed for the students that had modest finances.

Who was your favorite professor/person? Charles Dougherty: an excellent human being, learned yet modest.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Family, work, then retirement and more family. The usual.

Comments for classmates: I attended Washington University or two years, SLU for two years, and UMSL for two years; my fondest memories are with the latter.



Gladys "Nicky"
Coccojari
(Wessel)

Spouse: Victor Coccojari

Children: One son

High School: Jackson High School

Alumni Relatives: Kenneth Orr, 1971
Economics, ex-husband

Career:

Government lawyer

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: A case on which I was lead agency counsel was argued at the Supreme Court (and the Government prevailed).

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On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Playing bridge at the student center, hosting dinners in my off-campus apartment over the beauty shop on Natural Bridge.

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Marcus Allen; his humanity and humor and sheer love of life.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Russian Club.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Graduate school at SUNY-Binghamton; married 1972, worked in New York City in social science until 1975, when my son was born; divorced 1980, attended law school in 1986. I worked as a lawyer in private practice until I ran away in 1998 and served in the Peace Corps in the Republic of Moldova. I met my husband there, and we married in 2000. In 2006, I became an attorney-advisor at the Department of the Interior, where I am still employed. I serve as the vice-president and on the social ministry board of my Lutheran congregation. When I retire at the end of the year I plan to travel and volunteer for social service organizations assisting.

Comments for classmates: We were coming of age at a time of great social change, and were fortunate to be at a University that encouraged thought and welcomed a wide variety of people ("the jocks and the "freaks".)

I am sorry to have lost touch with so many of the friends I made at UMSL. "Friends are as companions on a journey, who ought to aid each other to persevere in the road to a happier life." Pythagoras.

Edward "Eddie" Dafflitto

Spouse: Karen Christine Dafflitto

Children: Three sons and seven grandchildren

High School: Augustinian Academy

Alumni Relatives: Karen Christine Dafflitto, 1973 BS Elementary Ed., Wife.

Career:

Teacher, Middle School and Gifted, currently substitute teaching.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Elementary (k-8) Teaching Certificate, Gifted Teaching Certificate, Masters Degree in Education (Master's Thesis was published.), Hazelwood Building Teacher of the Year, Project Lead the Way Gateway to Technology Certification (University of Illinois), Initiated SAIL (Gifted) Overnight Trips to various historic and significant sites including Washington DC.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? People and activities at the Newman Center.



Who was your favorite professor? Dr.

Larry Lee gave me not only a love and understanding of Geology, but also an incredible model of how to teach.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Newman Center, Sunday Morning Football, Coed Softball and "Texas" Volleyball.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: I taught for forty years in middle school and gifted education, primarily in Hazelwood School District. I also coached elementary and freshman high school soccer. I also ran grounds crews at apartment complexes, did some landscaping and worked in the camera department at Sears. Since retiring, 10 years ago, I have been substitute teaching in Hazelwood, Parkway and several parochial schools. My wife, Karen, and I have been married for 49 years and have 3 sons and 7 grandchildren, 5 of them under 8. I've been involved in various volunteer activities with my parishes, past and present, from being on the Parish Counsel to cutting grass. My wife and I are looking forward to our next trip to DC to see our son and his family and visit more of the hundreds of things to see there. I've always been involved in gardening and landscaping. I'm an avid bicycle rider and hope to ride the entire Katy Trail some day soon. I have been involved in Martial Arts most of my life and teach a weekly Kenjutsu (Japanese swordplay) Class.

John Doisy

Spouse: Charlotte Jane Doisy (Ketchum)

Children: Two children and one grandchild

High School: Webster Groves High School

Alumni Relatives: Charlotte Jane Doisy, 1970 Business Administration, Wife.

Career:

Food Science and Technology: 1970-1972 Lab Technician then Food Chemist Ralston Purina 1972-1974 M.S. Food Science, University of California, Davis Held many volunteer positions in the Institute of Food Technologists starting in 1973. 1974-1975 Asst. Quality Control Mgr. Basic Vegetable Products 1976-2012 Production Services Manager, Quality Control Manager, Quality Control Director, Technical Director for Sensient Dehydrated Flavors, LLC. Retired in 2012. Charlotte Ketchum (now Doisy) married in 1972. Celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary next year! I enjoyed basketball (city leagues) for many years and now play tennis 3 times a week.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: UMSL degree 1971 Inventor U.S. Patent No.3991221 while at Ralston Purina M.S. Food Science & Technology and President of the Food Tech Club, University of California, Davis. Advanced HACCP Manager Certification, 2008.

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On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Meeting my wife at the UMSL library.

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Armbruster - a great role model and communicator.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Basketball on the blacktop courts

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Treasurer - senior group, assistant church treasurer, tennis, bridge, travel (U.S. and Europe)

comments for classmates: Congratulations to all UMSL 1970-1971 graduates!



Thomas
Grelle

Spouse: Rita Beth Grelle

Children: Two sons and two granddaughters

High School: Rosary Catholic High School

Career:

Corporate Accountant: Various levels of accounting and management positions at 4-5 different companies.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Time spent with friends and Fraternity Brothers.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, Accounting Club, and Marketing Club.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Various church activities and organizations. Travels through U.S, Europe, and Mexico.

Comments for classmates: Best wishes to all fellow alumni and good friends.

Frances Johnson

Spouse: Thomas Arnold Johnson

Children: Two children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren

High School: Beech Hill HS in TN

Career:

Instructor: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide & Instructor: Muroc Joint Unified School District. Now Retired.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: 1 term as President of the Muroc Teachers Association Past and current member of California City's Senior Citizen Housing Committee.



On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Dr. Hamlin of the English Department who played with my sons in the hallway during a summer session when no babysitter was available and the unseen maintenance crew who watched over our cooler lunch outside the library under a shade tree.

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Hamlin who remained a family friend long after graduation.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Over the years I have served on various committees for First Baptist Church of California City.

Comments for classmates: You cannot always anticipate or predict when or where your education will open doors for you. You can only know it will happen and rest assured that you are capable of meeting those challenges.



Richard
"Dick"
Jung

Spouse: Janice Anderson

Children: Two children

High School: St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South

Alumni Relatives: Thomas & Donald Jung, Brothers

Career:

Biographer, The Mike Kirst Biography Project; Head of School, The Bullis School, Potomac, MD; Head of School, The SEED Public Charter School, DC; Executive Director, The Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington (AISGW); Principal, The John Burroughs School, St. Louis

Professional honors, awards or achievements: Delivering the UMSL Commencement Address, December 2018 to the School of Education and Social Work School ; Awarded Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from UMSL, December 2018

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Instant coffee out of vending machines in the basement of the old Country Club and taking "Major British Writers" course and several others from John Onuska.

Who was your favorite professor? John Onuska, a spectacular Shakespeare and Milton teacher.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Volunteer activities for UMSL: 2009-2015: Member and Chair of Pierre Laclède Honors College Leadership Council, 2014: Become Member of Chancellors Council, Founders Dinner Key-Note Speaker; 2015: Funded the Jung-Anderson Endowed Scholarship for an entrepreneurial education student in the Honors College;

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2017: Honors College Dean Search Committee, Co-Chair Academic Affairs Committee of Chancellor's Council; Member of Executive Committee; Member of Nominating Committee; 2018: December: Commencement Speaker and Honorary Doctorate Recipient • 2019: October: UMSL Alumni Event at Cosmos Club Redux intro Interim Chancellor Kristin Sobolik • 2019: October-present: Planning the start of a UMSL in DC internship program, starting summer of 2022.

Currently working two with two other D.C. area UMSL alumna/us, the Chair of UMSL's School of Arts and Science and Honors College on developing a "UMSL Summer Internship/Fellows Program in D.C."

Comments for classmates: Get involved and support UMSL. It could much enhance your sense of purpose and joy in life. It has for me.

Joseph S. Laukemper

Spouse: Susan V. Laukemper

Children: Three and six grandchildren

High School: Mound City

Alumni Relatives: Susan V. Laukemper, 1971 Education, Wife; Lita Gail, 1968 Education, Sister; Maggie Ann Laur, Master's of Business, Daughter.

Career:

Hired as a trainee with Chrysler upon graduation, promoted to district manager, worked there 3 years, joined family business in 1974, built a very successful auto dealership. Retired in 2016. Serving as mayor of Mound City, currently.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: Current mayor of Mound City, Former board member of MADA, Awarded best of five star dealers by Chrysler, Board member of NWMEF, President of the Waterfowlers Hall of Fame, Past president of local Kiwanis Club, Ducks Unlimited, Chrysler Jeep Ad agency

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Being a teammate to a really good bunch of winning basketball players and enjoying playing the game for fun.

Favorite professor/person? Coach Chuck Smith. He took an interest in players after graduation, and visited in me in my hometown twice over my business career, in NW Missouri.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Basketball team inducted into UMSL Sports Hall of Fame

Comments for classmates: As a basketball player, I split my classes from day and evening school. Our professors were captains of St. Louis business, gave me an extraordinary education.



**James
Longo**

Spouse: Mary Joan Harwood

High School: De Andreis High School

Career:

Chair of the Education Department,
Washington and Jefferson College.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: I served as the Fulbright Distinguished Department Chair of the Gender and Women's Studies Program at Alpen Adrian University in Austria, have authored eight books.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory: The folks at the Newman Center, Bugg Lake, plus the swimming pool and main building from the old Country Club are my best memories of UMSL.

Who was your favorite professor?

Professor Putnam was the best history professor and history teacher I ever had. His Russian History class was spectacular. He was a masterful storyteller and lecturer.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Newman Center

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: I taught in public schools, got my masters degree from Webster University and my doctorate from Harvard University. I've written several books and been lucky enough to teach in Austria, Brazil, and Costa Rica and been a Fulbright Scholar and travel abroad with my wife. I was a founding board member of the Fulbright Alumni Association of Pittsburgh.



**Frank
Marre**

Spouse: Rosemary Elizabeth Marre

Children: Two

High School: Mercy High School

Career:

Physician Executive.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: Doctorate Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Master Degree in Evaluative Clinical Science from Dartmouth Medical School, Board Certification in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Fellow American Osteopathic College of Preventive Medicine, Associate Administrator of Medical Affairs PeaceHealth, Assistant Medical Director of Clinical Improvement,

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Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, District Medical Director, Group Health Cooperative, Associate Vice President of Clinical Programs, Priority Health, Chief Medical Officer, Veterans Integrated Service Network Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Working in the lab with Dr. Babcock.

About You:

Current activities and or hobbies: Site Steward for the Department of Natural Resources Nature Preserves, Sierra Club Political Committee.



**Michael
Moll**

Children: Two sons

Career:

CPA; RubinBrown CPAs, coal industry, worked at Washington U and Vanderbilt, bank CFO, a division of Catholic Charities.

Professional honors, awards or achievements: CPA; MBA from Washington University.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Watching the biology students swim in Bugg Lake.

Who was your favorite professor? Dave Ganz. Just a nice man.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: 5 marathons, half iron man triathlon (when I was younger). Enjoy time at Lake of the Ozarks. Volunteered on a couple of not-for-profit boards. Read.

Comments for classmates: When I went to UMSL, tuition was \$165 per semester with student activity fee of \$15. I could not afford the \$25 for parking, so I parked about a mile west of campus on Natural Bridge across from McDonalds and walked to campus in all kinds of weather. Too bad many kids today cannot afford today's college tuition.

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check out the
timeline of events that
have taken place in
your lifetimes,
curated by Mike!
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Janice "Jan"
Heberer
Niehoff

Spouse: Greg Niehoff

Children: Two sons (+2 daughters-in-law)
and four grandchildren (3 boys and 1 girl)

High School: Southwest High School

Alumni Relatives: Greg Niehoff, 1971 BA
Husband; Karen Heberer, 1982; Jean
Niehoff Steele, 1986 Sister-in-law.

Career:

Retired Elementary School Teacher
(Preschool, Kg. & 4th Grade).

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Serving the
University with Angel Flight.

Who was your favorite professor? Sorry,
I don't remember her name. She taught
Teaching Math in Elementary Schools. She
made teaching math fun (jumping the
number line, putting sets in buckets, etc.). I
used her examples and told my students
about her each time I taught those
concepts.

**Student organizations, clubs, sports or
other UMSL activities:** Angel Flight-
several positions including Commander;
Student Affairs; and worked in Certificate
Files in the Admin.Building.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Accompanied my husband, Greg, as he served
in the USAF for 22 years: moving to Tacoma,
Washington, Aviano, Italy, San Antonio, Texas,
Newport News, Virginia, and Springfield, VA. I
taught preschool, kg., and 4th grade in Texas
and Virginia, served as a Ruling Elder, served
as lay leader for adult and youth religious
retreats (Emmaus & Chrysalis), and served as
a Christian clown. I enjoy crafting, researching
genealogy, traveling, taking care of our
grandchildren, and attending their activities.

Comments for classmates: Please stay safe
and hug your loved ones. Know what a blessing
you are!



Gregory "Greg"
Niehoff

Spouse: Jan Niehoff

Children: Two children and four grandchildren

High School: Brentwood High School

Alumni Relatives: Jan Niehoff, 1971
Elementary Education, Wife.

Career:

Spent 22 years in the United States Air Force,
three years with Xerox Business Services and
17 years in Human Resources positions in
various Dept. of Defense
organizations/agencies.

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On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? The old Administration Building where it all began!

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Air Force ROTC Arnold Air Society.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Play bass guitar, love to travel, research family genealogy and spend time with our grandchildren.



Harry Orf

Spouse: Karen Michelle Orf

Children: Five

High School: Cleveland HS, St. Louis

Alumni Relatives: Steven Orf

Career:

Senior Vice President of Research, Massachusetts General Hospital: Received Ph.D. in Chemistry from Harvard, join Army Reserve, joined faculty at Harvard, then moved to Harvard Medical School and Mass General Hospital as Director of Molecular Biology. Spent a year in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 as a COL and Nuclear Medical Officer with the 804th Medical Brigade.

Then built Scripps Florida and served as its VP for Scientific Operations for eight years. Then came back to MGH as SVP for Research in 2012, which is my current position.

Professional awards, honors or achievements:

1971: American Institute of Chemists Medal for Scholastic Achievement, 1972-1974 Harvard University Academic Scholarship; 1973 Harvard University Prize for Excellence in Teaching Chemistry, 1973-1974 Richard P. Sanger Fellowship in Chemistry; 1986: Army Achievement Medal, US Army; 1987: Army Commendation Medal; 1989: Army Commendation Medal - First Oak Leaf Cluster; 1991: Meritorious Service Medal, Commandant's List for Exceptional Academic Performance, Command and General Staff College; 1994: Distinguished Alumni Award, UMSL; 1996: Partnership Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education, Massachusetts General Hospital- Timilty Middle School; 1997: American Hero Award, US Department of Education and City of Boston; 2002: Meritorious Service Medal - First Oak Leaf Cluster; 2004: Bronze Star Medal (for service during Operation Iraqi Freedom); 2005: Education Recognition Award, Palm Beach County School District; 2005: Legion of Merit Medal; 2006: "See the Light" Award Honoree, Matthew Forbes Romer Foundation; 2010 Weaver H. Gaines Award for Outstanding Leadership, BioFlorida; 2012: Honorary Sc.D. Degree Recipient, UMSL.



On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Doing chemistry research and teaching and doing it with people who became lifelong friends.

Who was your favorite professor? Charles Armbruster- inspiring teacher and caring human being.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Various Boards related to my current job, mentor former military personnel getting by into civilian life, and enjoy golf and bowling when time permits.

Comments for classmates: Special thanks to Dr. Lawrence Barton for his dedication to both the Chemistry Department and our chem alumni!



**Barbara Purvis
(Fritz)**

Spouse: Alan Purvis

Children: Three daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren

High School: Cleveland HS, St. Louis

Career:

Early Childhood Special Ed- Early Intervention Specialist, retired from National Center on Deaf-Blindness.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: I feel like my biggest career achievement has been having the opportunity to learn from families, educators and colleagues and then share what I've learned with other families, educators and colleagues as a service provider, teacher, trainer and presenter.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Card games, deep discussions and volleyball in and outside the clubhouse, between (and sometimes instead of) classes

Who was your favorite professor? Dr Doris Trojcek - How to Teach Elementary Science. It was a great introduction to multi-sensory teaching and learning and laid a great foundation for my later work with young children with multiple disabilities.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Alpha Xi Delta- Secretary (I think) and President.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Graduated in June, married in July! We lived in Pasadena Hills, just down Natural Bridge from UMSL, and I taught in the Normandy School District at Jefferson Elementary School. Then came raising three daughters (one "gifted", one adopted from Bangladesh and one with intellectual disabilities), helping start the Normandy food pantry, involvement in social justice issues (it was the 70s you know),

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working as a Christian Education Director while taking non-degree courses at Eden Theological Seminary, moving to Kansas City (1988), then to Las Vegas (1994) and back to Kansas City (2001). I got my Masters in Early Childhood Special Ed at UNLV and since then have worked with infants and toddlers with complex health and learning challenges, including as an Infant Development Specialist in two neonatal intensive care nurseries. I'm retired from the National Center on Deaf-Blindness, a federally funded program helping to improve educational outcomes for children with combined vision and hearing loss and provide training and support to their families and teachers. Both my family life and my work have made me a strong advocate for individuals with disabilities and those who support them. I'm still married to Alan and we love to travel, collect art, and share good food, good wine and good conversation with each other, new acquaintance and old friends. Right now I'm volunteering at a little Presbyterian Church that provides diapers, formula and clothing to babies and parents who need them. Since becoming fully vaccinated I've also been volunteering twice a week at a local vaccine clinic. It's been great to feel helpful after nearly a year feeling pretty helpless because of the pandemic!

Michael J. Quinlan

Spouse: Kathryn M. Quinlan

Children: Two daughters

High School: McBride

Career:

Organizational Development; I developed business with major corporations with my interpersonal skills developed at UMSL

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Vince

Schoemehl talking about becoming Mayor of St. Louis; Saul Alinsky speaking at UMSL; Senator Tom Eagleton visiting our class; Al Fleischmen visiting the Political Science Club,

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Putnam, creating a passion for history.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Pre-Covid, we traveled throughout the world.

Comments for classmates: Be proud of your UMSL heritage!

Carol Lynn Siegel

High School: University City High School

Career:

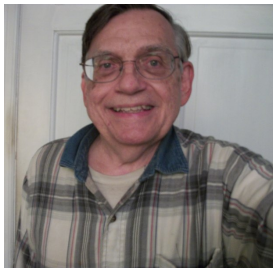
High school math teacher and tennis coach: I taught high school mathematics for 29 years at Southwest High School, St Louis Public Schools, and Parkway South High.



I also coached Women's and Men's Varsity Tennis with both school districts for a total of 50 years. I served as director of the Parkway Summer Tennis Program for 38 years.

On Campus:

Who was your favorite professor? Dr. Susan Hartman, history teacher. We became very good friends and played tennis for many years. She was a very strong role model for me. She showed me how to be a respected teacher and be friends with your students. She was such an expert in presenting her lessons. Her students actually felt that they lived in the history she presented.



John Sona

Career:

Computer Systems Programming: I worked at BJC Healthcare for over 35 years before retiring.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Computer programming, the library, the swimming pool outside and friends.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Enjoyed trips with Richmond Heights and Brentwood after retiring.

Donald Staten

Spouse: Linda M. Staten

Children: Four and five grandchildren

High School: McBride

Alumni Relatives: Jennifer (Staten) Huddleston, 1994 Education, Daughter

Career:

Manager Technical Services; Manager Mobility: Initial career was as involved in financial analysis and mathematical modeling, Then migrated into Information Systems and Network Communications including Mobility.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Managed the design and construction of several data centers and communication networks and the technological improvement thereof.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory: Studying in the old "clubhouse" building.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Retired and enjoying family life.

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Comments for classmates: Just that I am appreciative of the education that I recieved at UMSL and than k you to all that made that possible. It was also a pleasant experience witnessing the growth and development of the institution.



**Eric "Rick"
Stream**

Spouse: Ellen Taylor Stream

Children: Four and four grandchildren

High School: Kirkwood

Alumni Relatives: Don Stream, 2005 Master's; Roger Stream, 1973 Business; Scott Stream, 1978 Business; Brothers.

Career:

Currently Republican Director, St. Louis County Board of Elections; 1971-75: U.S. Naval Officer, Dept. of Defense Budget and Program Manager; 1977-2006: Missouri State Representative; 2006-2014: Chairman, House Budget Committee; Unsuccessful candidate for St. Louis County Executive 2014; Kirkwood School Board Director; 1992-2004: President 2 years.

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: Kirkwood Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award for 50 years volunteer service - 2018; Kirkwood High School Alumni Hall of Fame - 2019.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? I took an Astronomy class in my last semester (spring '71). It was so interesting looking at the stars in the planetarium in Benton-Stadler. After graduation, I went into the Navy, attending Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport RI. One of the classes there was celestial navigation where we learned how to shoot the stars at dawn and dusk to determine our position at sea, just as Columbus had done it nearly 500 years earlier. This was before any electronic navigation and GPS. I became the navigator on my ship. I had a terrific 4 years in the Navy, and met a wonderful young woman who has been my bride for over 45 years.

Who was your favorite professor? I

can't remember any names, but there weren't any bad ones. I usually engaged in political debates with some of them.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies:

Married to Ellen in 1976. Every year since 1964 (except for the 4 years in the Navy), I have volunteered in Kirkwood, starting as a Khoury League baseball coach when I was 15, replacing my dad who had died the year before.

My volunteer service is: 40 years in the Kirkwood School system; 45 years in my two churches; 30 years on Veterans activities and programs; 25 years coaching in youth sports; many other civic efforts. Lifelong resident of Kirkwood.



Victoria "Vicki" Valle

Children: One and three grandchildren

High School: Xavier

Career:

Higher Ed Administration; first job in undergrad admissions at UMSL led to an over 40-year career in Enrollment Management all over the USA.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Finishing.

Who was your favorite professor/person? Valerie Logorio

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Founding member (Vice President) Association of Black Collegians (ABC)

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Chairman of Board of Trustees, Village of Glen Echo Park, MO, for the past 7 years.

Ronnie Weeks

Spouse: Deborah K. Weeks

Children: Three and three grandchildren

High School: Northwest HS of St. Louis

Career:

Chief of Police, Retired: After graduation in 1971, I went to work as an underwriter for an Insurance company. In 1976, I attended police academy. Hired as a patrolman. Over the years, I was promoted through the ranks to Chief Police, retiring after 38 years of service.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? Graduation 1971.

Who was your favorite professor?

History Professor.

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: Member of Board of Directors of local Ambulance District.

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Margaret Williams (Smith)

Spouse: Melvin E. Williams, Sr

Children: Eight and twenty-two grandchildren

High School: Beaumont High School

Career:

Teacher, now retired (4 years as a principal). Taught at Beaumont and Visual and Performing Arts High Schools before being the principal of West Side Christian Academy. I missed teaching and went to University City High School where I taught from 1990 through 2009 (Volunteer in a Freshman program for 3 years.).

Professional honors, awards or

achievements: I coached/mentored the Beaumont High School Majorettes for a number of years, taught high school law courses and coached award winning Mock Trial teams, especially at U- City where the teams went to Missouri State Mock Trial Competitions several times. I was School District of University City 2008 Teacher of the Year and 2009 Missouri Teacher of the Year.

On Campus:

Fondest UMSL memory? The opening of the metal build for Student Activities building and the closing of the old golf building. Also the opening of a new library.

Student organizations, clubs, sports or other UMSL activities: Member of The Black Student Union (first organized while I was a student).

About You:

Current activities and/or hobbies: I am active with my church, West Side M B Church; my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta-St. Louis Alumnae Chapter; and with my community Fountain Park-Lewis Place organizations fighting for a cohesive, safer community that is not run over by developers; but that works cooperatively with developers and residents to create a better community for everyone.



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