

MISSOURI SOUTHERN

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Division of Student Affairs Board of Governors Report June 9, 2016

Spencer Bartlett Awards

In May, Student Affairs was proud to present the Spencer-Bartlett Respect Awards to four graduating MSSU seniors. The 2nd place winners receiving awards of \$1,200 were Jasmin O'Connell and Benjamin Starkey. The 1st place winners receiving awards of \$2,200 were Taylor Jo Williams and Josh Turner.

Dining Services Contract – The University has selected Fresh Ideas, of Columbia Missouri, as the new Dining Services Vendor. They will take over catering, residence hall dining service, and retail operations as of July 1, 2016. Improvements include: an additional meal plan for residence hall students, Wing Street options for the Pizza Hut venue and more.

First Year Experience

- **Southern Welcome**
 - 582 freshman have enrolled to date in 3 Southern Welcome sessions
 - 5 Southern Welcome sessions are left this summer
 - 363 new transfer students have enrolled to date

Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit – MSSU hosted this one-of-a-kind event on May 19 & 20, 2016. In attendance were over 360 participants, from New York to California. The keynote speaker was Dr. Leonard Marcus, from the Kennedy School of Public Policy at Harvard University. In addition, FEMA conducted a national webinar from MSSU, “The Road to Resilience” featuring the mayors and city managers from disaster-affected communities including Greensburg, Kansas; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Moore, Oklahoma; Minot, North Dakota; Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and Joplin, Missouri. The panel was moderated by Beth Freeman, Regional Administrator for FEMA Region VII (Kansas City).

Green Dot Bystander Training

Staff from Student Affairs attended the Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program training in Columbia, Missouri. This program trains people about sexual assault and domestic violence on college campuses, primary and secondary schools, and communities. It develops and offers training for preparing bystanders to intervene in situations to help prevent sexual assault and domestic violence. Staff from University Police, Residence Life, and Project Stay participated in the training.

University Police Department

- UPD is in the process of purchasing another vehicle from the Carthage PD.
- UPD investigated six incidents on campus in May; assisted 5 sick/injured individuals; and had a total of 718 calls.

Student Success Center (SSC)

- MSSU has received word from the College Reading & Learning Association's (CRLA) International Tutor Training Program Certification team, that the Student Success Center has been approved for Level III (Master Tutor) certification. MSSU currently holds Levels I and II.
- Dr. Plucinski and Dr. Johnson, members of the biology faculty, presented a poster presentation entitled "SI on a Shoestring" at the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Conference in May. The session highlighted the collaborative approach of offering supplemental instruction to MSSU students. This project highlighted the Kinesiology Department's innovative approach to funding SSC tutors in Anatomy & Physiology 1.
- MSSU tutor Ben Starkey was featured in the May 2016 edition of the National College Learning Centers Association's newsletter. Ben graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2016. The United States Navy will gain one of our best as Ben has been accepted into the NUPOC (Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate) program. He will attend officer development school first, followed by nuclear engineering school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ben will ultimately be working as a nuclear reactor engineer in Washington, DC.

Upward Bound

- Summer College Simulated experience has started – 58 high school students are attending the 5-week CSE
 - Students who qualify at the end of the 5 weeks will go on a week-long cultural trip to Nashville, July 11-15
- Process for writing for the current grant renewal has begun and we are trying to write for an additional Upward Bound Math and Science program
- Two of UB's graduating seniors were in the top 10 of their high school class (Brett Madsen 8th at Carthage and Hannah Ward 1st at Carl Junction)
- Of the 22 graduating seniors – 13 will attend MSSU; 3 will attend Crowder; one each will attend MU, MO S&T, University of Tennessee, and UMKC; one is entering the military; and one is undecided.

Residence Life

- As of June 8, 815 students have completed housing contracts for the Fall Semester
- Currently there are a few openings in the apartments for females, and about 60 openings for males in Blaine.
- Gockel and Stone Halls will be offline this summer to allow new counters, sinks, and lighting to be installed. McCormick Hall had new carpet installed in hallways in May.

Bursar's Office

- Summer account balances are due by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 9
- Fall account balances are due by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 30
 - 7-pay payment plan available through June 20 (2nd payment due July 1)

- 6-pay payment plan available through July 20 (2nd payment due August 1)
- 5-pay payment plans available through due date (2nd payment due September 1)
- 4-pay payment plans available through due date (2nd payment due October 1)

Advising, Counseling, & Testing

- Advising
 - Student Affairs staff conducted an Enroll-A-Thon for the 1,266 students that were not enrolled at that time. 173 students were enrolled for Fall 2016 over the two-day event.
 - Advising ACTS majors – 581 points of contact
 - Advising non-ACTS majors – 267
 - Spring 2016 Lion Alert referrals – 697
- Counseling
 - April 8-May 31 – 129 counseling sessions (1crisis)
- Testing
 - Testing lab in Webster 114 should be finished this week
 - Gross revenue generated from April 8-May 31 through our computer/internet based testing - \$4,001