UCM Foundation Appoints New Directors to Board

WARRENSBURG, MO (July 29, 2014) — The University of Central Missouri Foundation Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of three alumni to join its board, enhancing its ability to deliver mission-drive results that create greater learning opportunities for UCM students.

“With the board’s collective and individual leadership, we are continuing to implement our strategic plan with the ultimate goal of becoming one of the strongest fundraising programs among our national peers,” said Jason Drummond, vice president for alumni relations and development and foundation executive director.

The new board members, who began their terms July 1, are:

- Tim Doke of Fort Worth, Texas, a 1974 Central Missouri communication and political science graduate, who is the senior vice president of community engagement at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. He was honored in 2002 as the UCM Distinguished Alumni and as the Public Relations Society of America’s Professional of the Year. His 30-year career in strategic communications, public affairs, marketing and media includes senior executive positions with American Airlines, Dell, Alaska Airlines, Brinker International and Freescale Semiconductor.

- Anand Mehta of Alpharetta, Ga., earned an MBA from UCM in 1975 and is senior vice president and CFO of financial services and assistant treasurer for Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Brought up in a middle class family in India, he learned from his parents that hard work, ethics and higher education were the gateway to success in life. His career has involved progressively greater responsibilities in the areas of financial management, strategic planning, accounting, budgeting and forecasting, auditing, risk management, grants and contracts management, and information systems.

- Bill Westhoff of Plymouth, Minn., a 1969 UCM economics graduate, is principal of Lakeview Investment Advisors, LLC., which he founded after working more than 30 years within the investment,
insurance and finance industries. His experience includes 26 years with American Express where he became senior vice president of global investments, followed by several years with Minnesota Life as its president and chief investment officer. He met his wife, Ruth, when they both attended UCM.

The UCM Foundation was founded in 1979 as an IRS 501(c)(3) organization to attract and administer philanthropic gifts that advance the University of Central Missouri. The foundation strives to grow a vibrant, integrated resource development program that fosters a culture of philanthropy, benefiting students and helping the university achieve greater regional, national and global distinction. The foundation has nearly more than $50 million in total assets and in fiscal year 2014 generated some $5.3 million in total gifts.

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