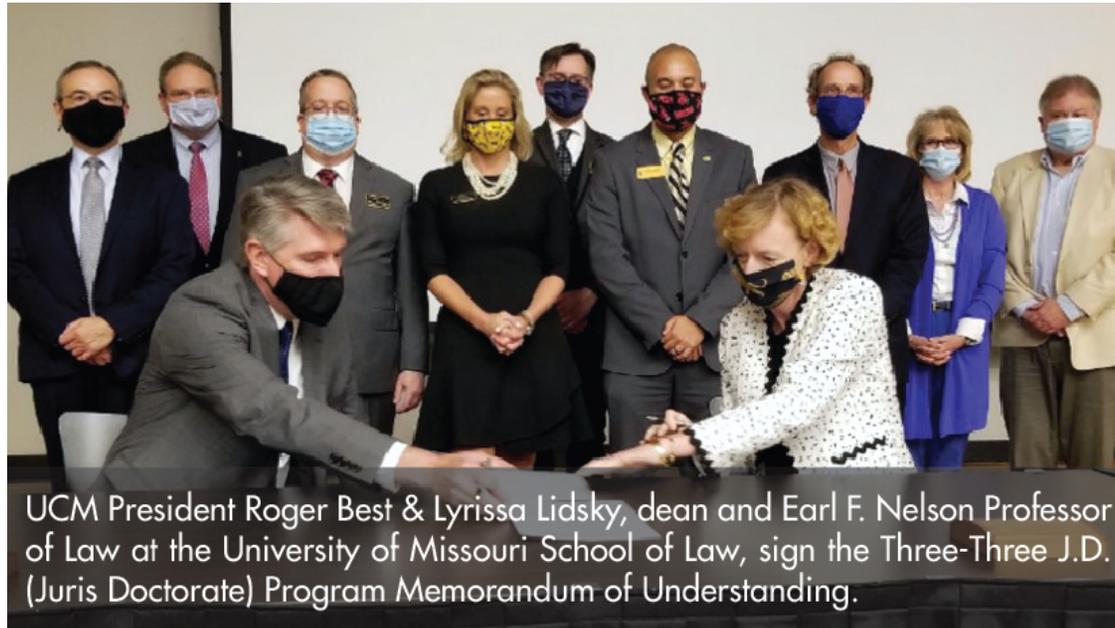


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OCTOBER 2020 NEWS AND EVENTS



UCM President Roger Best & Lyrissa Lidsky, dean and Earl F. Nelson Professor of Law at the University of Missouri School of Law, sign the Three-Three J.D. (Juris Doctorate) Program Memorandum of Understanding.

MU Agreement Creates Faster Pathway to Law Degree at Less Cost

Students pursuing a career in law now have a pathway to help expedite their career goal thanks to a cooperative agreement between the University of Central Missouri and the University of Missouri School of Law.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing this new opportunity for students was signed during a ceremony on September 24 in the Elliott Student Union auditorium. It makes possible a nonexclusive partnership between MU's law school and UCM to jointly offer the Three-Three J.D. (Juris Doctorate) Program. It enables high-caliber, highly motivated students to enter the three-year MU law school program after completing their junior year at UCM, thereby reducing their academic journey to becoming a lawyer by one year. After completing first year law courses, students utilizing this pathway will then have their UCM degree conferred.

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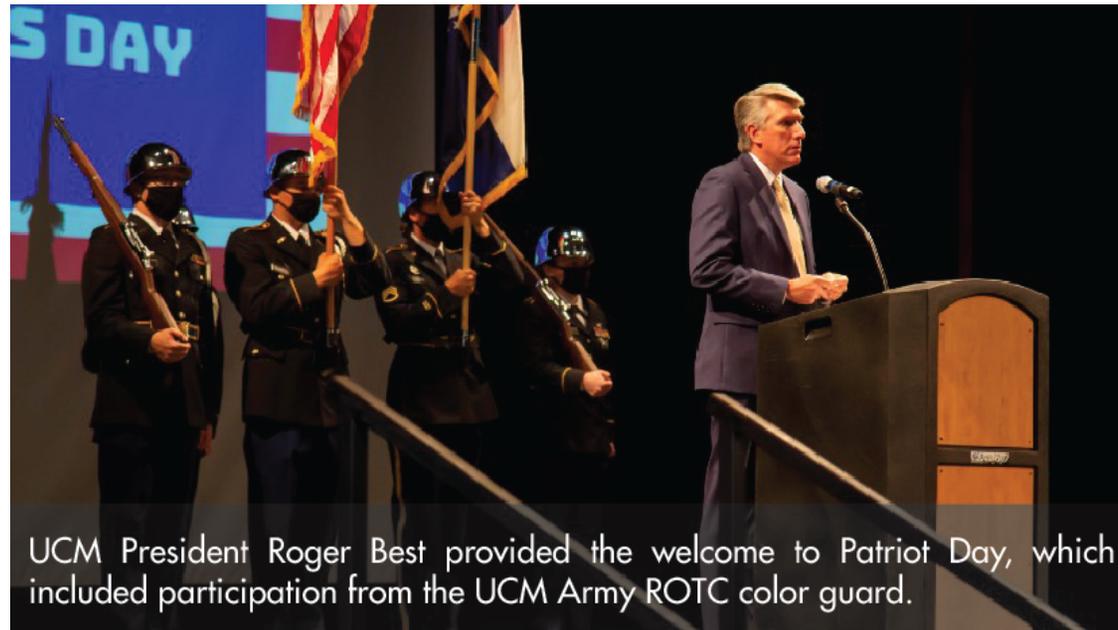
Harmon College Professional Edge Program

The Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies has officially launched the Professional Edge program.

The Professional Edge program was created to help students fill the gap between college and career. In this program, students will gain skills through hands-on experiences that will set them up for success in the professional world. By combining curricular and co-curricular engaged learning experiences, students will graduate better prepared for the workforce and have a competitive edge against the competition.

An overview of the program along with a Q&A Session occurred on Tuesday, September 15. Those with a Harmon College major, undecided majors, faculty members, and anyone else who works with these students were welcome to attend.

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UCM President Roger Best provided the welcome to Patriot Day, which included participation from the UCM Army ROTC color guard.

2020 Patriot Day Ceremony Recalls the Tragic Events of 9/11 That Forever Changed Lives

While terrorist acts that occurred September 11, 2001 on American soil still live vividly in the minds of many United States citizens, whose lives were forever altered on that date, a younger generation that includes college students may one day look at 2020 as a year that changed their lives. That message was part of a speech by **Army Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gareth Young**, who presented the Patriot Day remarks in Hendricks Hall.

Young, who is also an adjunct professor in Military Science and Leadership, spoke at an event that was initially planned for the university quadrangle, but was moved indoors due to inclement weather. The university Office of Military and Veterans Services coordinated the annual Patriot Day ceremony, which included the UCM ROTC color guard, participation by members of the UCM Department of Public Safety, and the Warrensburg Fire Department. Other local emergency responders and active duty military and veterans also attended and were recognized at the closing of the program.

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STUDENT FOCUS



Megan Bradley received her Master of Arts in Accountancy in August 2020 and immediately began working for KPMG, LLP in Washington D.C. as a Federal Audit Associate.

Wade Brewer, a student in the Master of Arts in Accountancy program, accepted an audit position with the Financial Services Business Unit of KPMG, LLP's New York City office. The Financial Services Unit serves the Banking,

Investment Management, and Real Estate Industries. Wade will begin his new job in July 2021.



Freshman from Olathe Serves Community Through Fire Department Student Resident Program

Guy Hosford, a University of Central Missouri freshman crisis and disaster management major from Olathe, Kansas, began his college education residing at a local fire station as part of the innovative student resident program sponsored by the Warrensburg Fire Department. The program helps Hosford to reduce his educational

cost and gain valuable job experience while also serving the community.

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RISE Proposals

The events management students are developing proposals for the event that they will plan and execute for RISE Community Services. In class on September 16, the students pitched six different event ideas to the Event Coordinator and Communications intern from RISE. From among the six ideas, RISE chose two events that they would like to see further developed: a virtual talent show and a virtual paint-a-long/mural creation event.

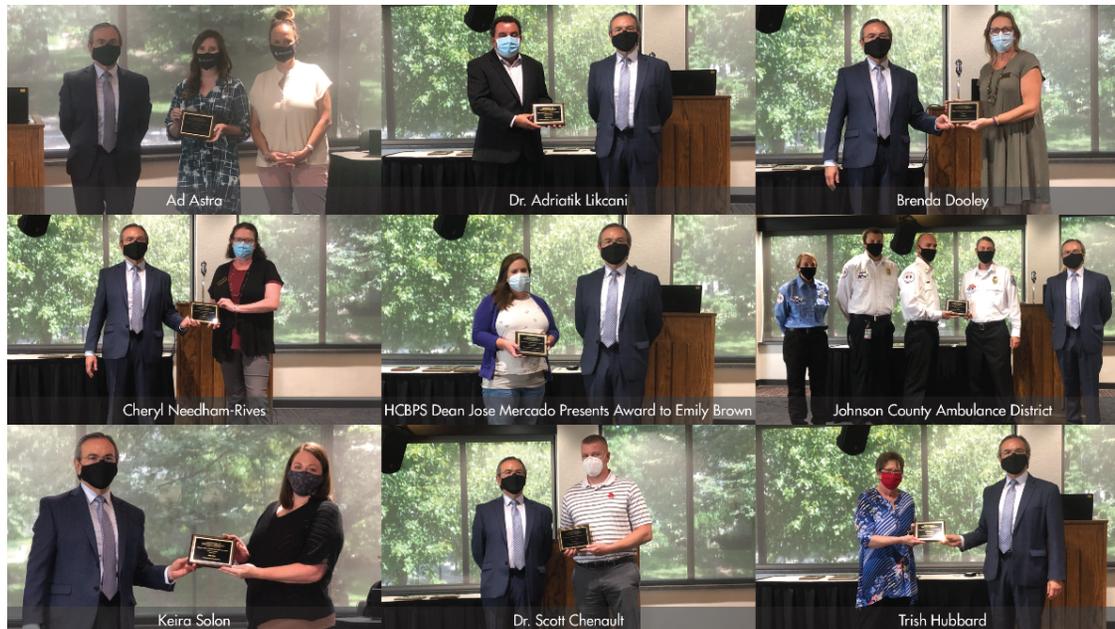
The events management students will continue to refine the details of both events throughout the course of the semester. They delivered the final event proposals on September 18. At the conclusion of the final events proposal presentations, RISE will choose which event will be executed by the Advanced Events Management students in the Spring.



CMPA Graduation Ceremony

The Central Missouri Police Academy held the graduation ceremony of Class 1 (part-time) on September 18. The graduating class presented **Director Tim Lowry** a plaque for the dedication and contributions of the CMPA instructors.

FACULTY, STAFF, AND RESEARCH



Harmon College PIECES Core Value Awards

The Harmon College PIECES Core Value Awards were presented during the first college meeting of this academic year. The **P**rofessionalism and Integrity Award, in recognition of outstanding faculty and staff members who demonstrated service to the University or profession that exemplifies trust, respect and integrity, was presented to **Dr. Adriatik Likcani** and **Trish Hubbard**. The **I**nnovation and Application Award, in recognition for exceptional contributions to the Harmon College by alumni and external partners, was presented to the **Johnson County Ambulance District**, **Emily Brown** from Recovery Lighthouse, **Ad Astra**, Missouri Army National Guard, and Worlds of Fun. The **E**xcellence Award, in recognition of outstanding faculty members who have substantial contributions in the areas of teaching, scholarly activity and professionally-related service, was presented to **Dr. Joyce Chang** and **Dr. Jaimee Hartenstein**. The **C**ommunity Award, in recognition of an outstanding faculty or staff member who has demonstrated exemplary professional cooperation and service above self, was presented to **Brenda Dooley**. The **E**ngagement Award, in recognition of outstanding scholarship by a faculty member, was presented to **Dr. Jennifer Carson**. The **S**tudent Focus Award, in recognition of outstanding teaching, was presented to **Cheryl Needham-Rives** and **Keira Solon**. The Strategic Goal Award, in recognition to outstanding recruitment and retention initiatives, was presented to **Dr. Scott Chenault**.

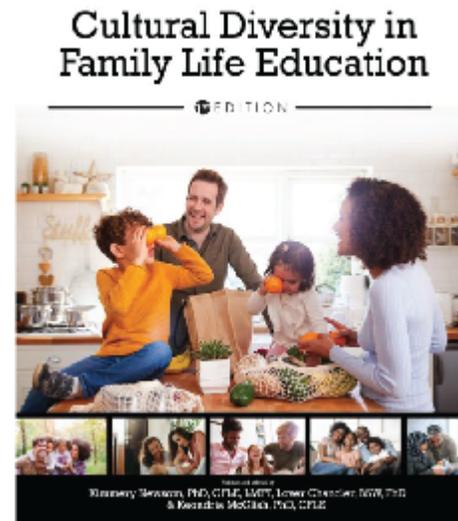
Dawn Anderson and Don Wengler, Assistant Professors of Accountancy, co-authored an article titled “An Evaluation of Methods for Teaching Auditing Students Auditor Independence Compliance Rules.” The article was published in *Research on Professional Responsibility and Ethics in Accounting*, Volume 23.

The Child and Family Development Program welcome Dr. Maxine Notice this fall. Dr. Notice is an Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy/Child and Family

Development. Dr. Notice joins us this fall semester and she comes to us as a postdoctoral research fellow from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy is from Antioch University with specializations in interracial couples and multiracial family dynamics.

Dr. Lover Chanler, co-authored the textbook, *Cultural Diversity in Family Life Education* (1st Edition) with Kimmerly Newsom and Keondria McClish.

The book helps students improve their understanding of the specific cultural, language, and social and economic nuances of particular people and families. Equipped with this knowledge, readers develop the competencies required to be successful within the family science discipline.



Dr. Yeok'il “Eddie” Cho and Dr. Sherri DioGuardi, Criminal Justice faculty, co-published “Strain, Negative Emotions, and Cyber Violence Among South Korean Juveniles: A Mediation Analysis” in the *Journal of Children and Youth Services Review*.

Dr. Sherri DioGuardi had the following contributions published in *The Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*: (1)

“Pardons for women who kill” and (2) “Sentencing disparity for women who kill.” Dr. DioGuardi also had the following chapter published in the book, *Society, Ethics & the Law* (D. A. Mackey & K. M. Elvey, Eds.): “Introduction to Ethics and the Common Good.”



Crisis & Disaster Management Adjunct faculty Candace “Candy” Adams attended the [45th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop](#) July 12 - 15, 2020. This virtual workshop brought together federal, state, and local mitigation and emergency management professionals, along with not-for-profit, humanitarian organizations, and private sector agencies to work towards alleviating the impacts of disasters.



Dr. Dianna Bryant and Dr. Lynn Urban attended the [22nd Annual FEMA Emergency Management Institute Higher Education Symposium](#) June 1 - 4, 2020. The

virtual event featured sessions on emergency management pedagogy and curriculum, presentations by FEMA administrators, and updates on symposium membership.

Dr. Jaclyn Brandhorst, Assistant Professor of Business Communication, recently published an article for the National Communication Association's newsletter May 2020, Volume 56, Number 2, about supporting the mental health of students on college campuses entitled "[Combatting Mental Health Stigma on College Campuses.](#)"



MAJ Brett Risner (Ret.) is a new Senior Military Science Instructor for the ROTC program. He provides support for all classes and all cadets in the program. Mr. Risner entered the Army in 1992 as an Infantryman and later served as a Combat Medic. He Commissioned as a Medical Service Corps Officer in 1998 and has held numerous leadership positions including Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer, and Brigade Operations Officer. A few highlights of his service include deployment overseas to Kosovo and Japan, civil support operations in response to natural disasters, and numerous awards and decorations including the Army Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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ALUMNI, ADVISORY, AND GIVING

Harmon College Advisory Council Meet in a Virtual Session

On September 30 the Council was provided a college update, the members shared information about how the pandemic has impacted their work and personnel hiring practices, and the members are working together on ideas on how they can better partner and contribute to Harmon. Four new members were introduced at the meeting: **Wade Eyerly**, Founder/CEO, Degree Insurance Corporation, **Griffin Gatewood**, Director, Process Compliance at Smart Warehousing, **Adam Maddox**, Manager Financial Services at Prudential Advisors, and **Shawn McCutcheon**, Senior Vice President at PNC.

Hallmark Executive and UCM Alum Sabrina Wiewel on Campus

Students, faculty, and staff were invited to attend a presentation by UCM alum **Ms. Sabrina Wiewel**, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, Hallmark Cards, Inc. on Thursday, October 1. Ms. Wiewel discussed marketing strategy at Hallmark Cards, Inc., shared secrets to having a successful career, and answered questions from the audience. This event was sponsored by the UCM student chapter of the American Marketing Association and the UCM Marketing Program.

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