

DECEMBER 2019

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## STUDENT FOCUS

### Student Selected as a Candidate for the Minority Fellowship Program



**Sandra Sanon**, a second-year student in the Marriage and Family Therapy specialization of the Human Development and Family Science graduate program, has been selected as a candidate for the Minority Fellowship Program through the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist (AAMFT) Research Foundation. Sandra will receive the following benefits from the Minority Fellowship Program: AAMFT training opportunities and enrichment experiences, significant educational stipend, travel support to MFP Training Events, and travel support to the AAMFT Annual Conference.

Sandra is interested in researching intimate partner and family violence and understanding how exposure to intimate partner violence affects African American youth. In addition, she will examine how they understand and adjust after these experiences. Sandra is looking forward to the hands-on training and workshops. She is also excited about the opportunity to learn from other minority fellows in order to provide culturally informed care and services to minority populations.

### Student Recognized for Academic Excellence

**Jacalyn Leake**, a second-year student in the Marriage and Family Therapy specialization of the Human Development and Family Science graduate program, was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi. Phi Kappa Phi recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engages the community of scholars in service to others.



The graduate student organization, Central's Council on Marriage and Family Therapy (CCMFT) was able to provide funding to Jacalyn to attend the 2019 AAMFT annual conference from August 29th to September 1st in Austin, Texas.



The graduate student organization, Central's Council on Human Development and Family Science (CCHDFS), was also able to provide funding to Jacalyn to attend the 2019 National Council on Family Science (NCFR) annual conference from November 20th to 23rd in Fort Worth, Texas. She enjoyed attending AAMFT and NCFR as it was her first experience with national conferences. Being able to see research and other academic work presented at the conferences was amazing, and she was able to connect her thesis research to other presentations at the conference. Her thesis topic examines a large gap in the literature, and it was exciting to get to learn from and meet others interested in similar research.



## Collaborative Learning Opportunity

Crisis & Disaster Management (CDM) paired with the Exercise Science program and the Johnson County Ambulance District for a collaborative disaster simulation on October 21st. The exercise involved a live-action role play of violence between two rival groups at a soccer match, resulting in injuries to players. Exercise Science students provided immediate aid prior to emergency personnel arriving on scene, with CDM students setting up an incident command center and managing the scene. The CDM students are enrolled in a practicum for Special Events that involves planning for and responding to emergencies that occur at a variety of large events. This exercise provided real-world experience for all students in responding to and managing a crisis scene. [Read More](#)

## Events Management Students Tour Powell Gardens

The students in our Events Management class (HM 3825), in our BSBA in Events Marketing and Management degree program, recently went to Powell Gardens to tour their event facilities and meet with their Events Manager, Hannah Kloster.



HM 3825 students and Hannah Kloster. Keira Solon, class faculty member, is not pictured.



## Marketing Students Have Successful Wisconsin Conference

**Coleman Anstine, Luke Krings, Tess Belknap, Alex Deke, and Eric Melgar** attended a marketing conference in Wisconsin on October 4th. Luke Krings placed second in the Digital Marketing competition. Tess Belknap placed fourth in the Sales competition.

## PR & Big Data Student Connects the Dots

In her blog post, Thinking Analytically in a Creative PR World, public relations major and big data minor **Emma Honn** paints the picture that results when we join big data for analytical purposes and critical strategy that drives the public relations industry. [Read how she does it here.](#) Emma was one of a very few who were selected by Sprint as a summer 2019 intern. Her ability to join big data to PR strategy served her well.

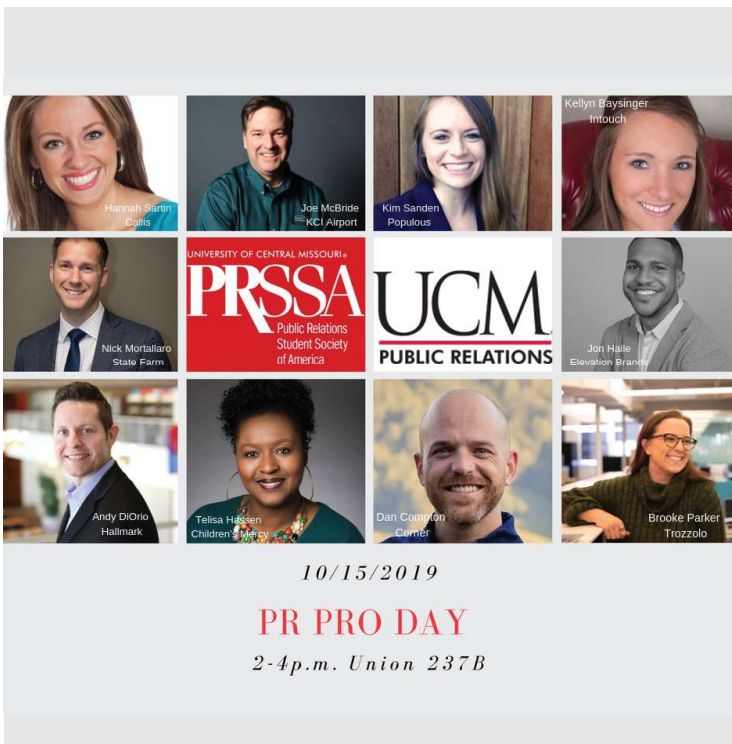




## PRSSA Hosts Ten at Annual PR Pro Day

The Robert Kendall Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America brought 10 professionals to the UCM campus on October 15th to meet and network with students. Representatives from Callis, Cerner, Children's Mercy, Elevation Brands, Hallmark, Intouch, Kansas City Aviation Department/KCI, Populous, State Farm, and Trozzolo volunteered their afternoons to spend time with UCM students. The pros responded to PRSSA and student attendee questions, offering professional advice and insights. They also spent one hour talking to students in roundtable sessions.

"Everyone who came, and we had students from all kinds of majors, had the opportunity to learn about the professional landscape and get face-to-face time with any pro they wanted to meet. We are grateful to the pros who invest in UCM students each year and happy to host this annual event. Connections are where it's at," said Kylee Julian, PRSSA president.



## ROTC Cadets Ceremonially Retire 1877 Flag for Permanent Display at Museum

With help from UCM's Army ROTC cadets, the McClure Archives and University Museum is taking a step toward making an important artifact with ties to the Harry S. Truman family available for public viewing. Before any efforts are taken to frame the flag, Amber Clifford-Napoleone wanted to ensure a proper retirement and folding in accordance with military protocol. Dressed in military uniforms, several cadets showed up the morning of September 6th to properly fold the flag into a tri-corner shape, exposing only the blue field with stars. It was then presented to Clifford-Napoleone. She will now take steps to ensure it is enjoyed by members of the UCM campus and archives-museum visitors for generations to come.

[Read More](#)



Clockwise from lower left, Cris Melgar, Gunner Ryals, Adam McClain, Thomas Reinhardt, Matt Lorraine, Max Mays, and Kathleen Henning.



## Thankful Thursday

Thankful Thursday was a fundraiser created by the Missouri Innovation Center Association of Student Social Work (ASWS) student group, in partnership with Apex Aleworks in Independence, Missouri. Guests enjoyed an evening of games and prizes and raised over \$500 for Pro Deo Youth Center in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Pro Deo Youth Center provides after-school and Friday-night programming for teenagers in grades 9 through 12. They also collaborate with the UCM Social Work Program to provide volunteer hours for social work major students. Thank you to the sponsors and guests for a successful event!

## 2019 Take Back Your Time Day

“Do Good. Be Good.” was the theme for the 2019 Take Back Your Time Day. This is a student-focused and student-led annual event held by the Social Work program that recognizes that life can get pretty stressful, and because of this, we lose track of ourselves and our community. Activities outside of the union were both educational and fun. A panel of speakers with careers in human services and community support programs discussed what it means to “Do Good. Be Good.”



## FACULTY, STAFF, AND RESEARCH

**Dr. I. Joyce Chang presented** “There’s an App for That: Evolving Technology and Family Science” at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 20th.

**Dr. Adriatik Likcani was appointed** by Governor Mike Parsons to serve on the State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists. [Read More](#)

**Dr. Ryan Peterson presented** “Sibling Impact on Sexual Identity Disclosure During Emerging Adulthood” at the 9th Conference on Emerging Adulthood for the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA). The international conference was held in Toronto, Canada, from October 10th to 12th. Drs. Adriatik Likcani and Allison Rayburn were coauthors on the presentation.

**Dr. Angela Collins (Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Criminology) was invited to be the keynote speaker for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) induction ceremony on October 26th.** The NSCS is the nation’s premier organization for academic excellence and the only honor society to recognize outstanding achievement among first- and second-year students. Dr. Collins shared “Things I Wish I Had Learned Sooner” with the new members, including how to find your passion, how to turn negativity and frustration into passion, and how to find a hobby outside of work. She concluded by encouraging students to pursue their passion throughout life.

**Dr. Jaimee Hartenstein presented a workshop** titled “Custody Arrangement Decision Making Model: Assisting Parents with Custody Decisions” at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts on November 2nd in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Jennifer Varriale Carson, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, and Noah Turner, UCM CJC alum, have been elected to the Board of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division on Terrorism and Bias Crimes.** Dr. Carson is the Executive Counselor, and Mr. Turner serves as a student member. ASC is an international organization whose members pursue scholarly, scientific, and professional knowledge concerning all aspects of crime and delinquency. Each year the Society hosts an annual meeting for the exchange of ideas; Dr. Carson presented her paper titled “A Comparative Analysis of Terrorism by Firearm” at the meeting November 15th.

**Dr. Gregg Etter, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, and several colleagues appeared in the September 2019 issue of ACJS Today, a publication of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.** Their article, titled “Dual-Enrollment Classes in Criminal Justice and Their Possible Effects on College and University Criminal Justice Programs” looks at the number of community colleges in the country offering dual credit and how it impacts four-year programs.



**Dawn Anderson, Assistant Professor of Accountancy, received the 2019 Outstanding Educator Award** from the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants at an awards celebration held on November 7th at Arrowhead Stadium. This award honors the contributions of accounting professors who demonstrate a dedication to lifelong learning, involvement in curriculum development, research and publication, contributions to the CPA profession, and commitment to the effective development of incoming professionals.



## Harmon College Advisory Council

The recently established Harmon College Advisory Council met to review the college strategic plan. The members of the advisory council provide advice, guidance, and support to the dean to assist the Harmon College faculty, staff, and students in achieving the college's mission and fulfilling its vision. Council members are Marshall Abney, Senior Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer, Central Bank; Dawn Bell, Project Management, Development Center, City of Lee's Summit; Doug Bennett, Partner and National Director of Accounting Standards, BKD; Jami Benson, Vice President, Strategic Integration, Technology at State Street; John Edmiston, Attorney at Law; Wade Eyerly, CEO, Education Insurance Corporation; Mary Lee Guthrie, Director of Development, Kansas City Repertory Theatre; Carrie Hutcherson, Executive Vice President/Chief Credit Officer, F&C Bank; Matt Lotspeich, Owner, Lotspeich Automotive; Joshua Means, President, Western Missouri Region, Equity Bank; Julie Ohlms, Account Manager, Frost Supply; and Allison Sims, Senior Commercial Relationship Manager, Intrust Bank.

## 2019 UCM Distinguished Alum Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Pat Cavanaugh

During his visit to UCM, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Pat Cavanaugh stopped by and helped the push-up crew celebrate a Mules touchdown!



Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Pat Cavanaugh graduated from UCM with a bachelor's degree in political science. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps through UCM's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), where he was a charter member. His career in the military included 11 years in Germany, three years in Korea, and completion of several war zone assignments in Iraq, Bosnia, and Kosovo. Gen. Cavanaugh also went on to earn a master's degree in communications from the University of Northern Colorado and pursued extensive additional officer training in the military. He retired from active duty from the U.S. Army in 2002 with many military decorations and awards, concluding his military career as the commanding general of both Fort Gordon in Georgia and the U.S. Army Signal Center.



## Accountancy Advisory Board

The School of Accountancy Advisory Board met on November 21st at the Missouri Innovation Campus in Lee's Summit, Mo. Topics included recruitment and retention, trends in the profession, curriculum, and data analytics. The Accountancy faculty appreciate the dedication of the Advisory Board members to our program and our students.



## 2016 UCM Distinguished Alum Speaks to Students

**UCM 2016 Distinguished Alum Adrian Andrews spoke to a standing-room-only group of students on October 11th.** He spoke about his experience with the U.S. Secret Service as well as his current position as Assistant Vice Chancellor of Security at Texas Christian University. Mr. Andrews has been a supporter of the Criminal Justice and Criminology program for many years, hosting students on field trips to federal agencies, as well as speaking on campus several times.

## CDM Guest Lectures

**Ray H. Chang, Ph.D., and Joel M. Billings, Ph.D.,** visited the Crisis and Disaster Management program on October 29th. Both are faculty at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide. Dr. Chang provided a guest lecture on his current research projects to CDM Research Issues students, including the implementation of Incident Command Systems (ICS) and how citizens prepare for earthquakes in Oklahoma and Taiwan. Both provided information regarding career pathways and graduate education to a student roundtable session, as well.



Pictured, from left: Mr. Jeff Hartle and Dr. Dianna Bryant of UCM; Dr. Ray Chang and Dr. Joel Billings of Embry-Riddle.



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