



## Remember When

UMKC med students participated in the Jan. 18, 1972 groundbreaking for the School of Medicine building. The building officially opened in August 1974.

Join us in celebrating the UMKC School of Medicine's 50th Anniversary with a Throwback Thursday series! Check out recent throwback memories from fellow alumni Mary Anne Jackson, M.D., '78, and Bob Batterson, M.D., '87, on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). We can't wait to hear your stories and see your images of life as a med student at UMKC (and maybe laugh a bit at the fashions over the years).

Send your throwback to Kelly Edwards at [edwardske@umkc.edu](mailto:edwardske@umkc.edu), then take a trip down memory lane by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Also, watch for upcoming information on the School of Medicine's Golden Jubilee, an event to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.



### Message from the Dean

The UMKC School of Medicine is full of fresh faces as we welcome new classes of students to our Physician Assistant, Anesthesia Assistant and M.D. programs.

[The dean's message](#)



### Lifetime of Achievement

Michael Weaver, M.D., '77, is honored for his career as an emergency medicine physician, developing services for abuse victims and reducing health disparities.

[Advocate for victims of abuse](#)



### Dedication to Community Service

Todd Beardman, M.D., '96, receives the Kansas City Medical Society's 2021 Community Service Award.

[Vaccinating our community](#)



### Improved Access to Mammography

Amy Patel, M.D., '11, is recognized for her efforts in providing Missouri women with better access to breast imaging through expanded mammography legislation.

[A support for women's health](#)



### Chief Patient Officer

The American Cancer Society has hired Arif Kamal, M.D., '05, as its first Chief Patient Officer to lead its patient support vision and strategic plans to improve the lives of cancer patients and their families.

[Cancer patient advocate](#)



### Alumni Author

Dana Suskind, M.D., '92, has written a new book that looks at the neuroscience of early childhood development and how it can guide us toward a future where every child can fulfill their potential.

[Exploring childhood development](#)